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Wednesday 25th September 1902

A meeting of The 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. and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider proposals (if any) for plot of building ground in Chapel Lane

Present Messrs James J Gorman Chairman presiding
Patrick Tierney
Joseph Roche
David Murphy
and
John Grace

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payment was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Joseph Roche and John Grace and the following Paying Order directed to be issued.

No 85 M J Gorman — Petty Cash £19-6-0

A proposal was received from Patrick Kearney for one heap of Manure at 13/=. and it was ordered that it be accepted if Mr Kearney increase his offer to 14/=

The following Correspondence was read:-

New Ross 24th September 1902

Dear Sir,

I beg to offer the sum of £1-5-0 per Annum (paying all taxes) with a lease of 75 years for the plot of building

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ground situated in Chapel Lane and advertised by you a second time

Yours faithfully
Andrew Cullen

The Presiding Chairman
New Ross Urban District Council

Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr Grace

That the plot of building ground situate in Chapel Lane New Ross, be let for building purposes, on a lease for seventy-five years to Mr Andrew Cullen at the Annual rent of one pound five shillings, he paying, in addition to this rent, all rates and taxes.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be instructed to prepare lease, of same, it being understood that Mr Cullen would pay the expense of doing so.

An application was received from James Morris for a new lock on the door of his house, and it was ordered that Patrick Keacy be directed to put on one, and also to repair the door of house occupied by John Kahy Wm St.

An acknowledgment of the resolution of Congratulation of Pope Leo XIII, forwarded to Mr Ring for transmission, was received.

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19 North St
New Ross 24th Sept 1902

Dear Sir

We are sending you the Minute Book as directed, made from Irish Manufactured Paper, by Messrs Armstrong Heckld of Dublin

Yours truly
Horan Bros

The Invoice of same which amounted to £1-3-6d also received.

The Clerk stated that he did not order the book, but only asked them to quote the price of one manufactured from Irish paper.

The Members considered the price rather high, but an Order was passed accepting the book, the Clerk to write to Messrs Dollard for a quotation for a similar book, with a view to obtain a reduction in the price quoted by Horan Bros.

Roslercon New Ross
September 23rd 1902

Gentlemen

We beg to draw your attention to the Water Channel outside our premises in Roslercon. Portions of the Channel have Sunk, and water remain in the hollows, and after a time becomes offensive. We would feel obliged by your Kindly having this matter seen to at your convenience

Yours &c
P. & O'Gormans

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Ordered

That the Town Surveyor have the necessary repairs carried out on this Channel.

New Ross

23rd September 1902

Dr Dr Flynn

New Ross

Dear Sir

In answer to your favour. I very much regret I have been unable to attend your Council's meeting owing to illness. I enclose Doctor's certificate. I may also mention that I was from home during part of the Summer and consequently could not be at your meetings

Yours truly

Arthur J Doyle

Priory Place New Ross

To certify that I was in Medical attendance on Dr Arthur Doyle of Priory Place New Ross from August 24th 1902, and subsequent week. He was suffering from severe gastric attack and was confined to bed by my directions.

Garrett A. Hickey

L.R.C.S.I.

Proposed by Dr Murphy and
Seconded by Dr Roche

That Dr Doyle's explanation, and reason assigned for his absence from meetings of the Council for six Months, be

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deemed satisfactory and approved of.

Passed Unanimously

An application was received from Mr George W. Carr for 1/2 Income Tax on Yards on Quay, in which he stated that Mr Dickenson directed him to apply to the tenant, who if entitled to do so, can deduct it from the rent

Ordered

That the clerk write to Mr Dickenson informing him of the application, and stating, that before replying to the Collector, the Council would like to hear from him on the matter.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Street Committee held on the 16th Inst were read. And On the Motion of Mr Grace, Seconded by Mr Kenny, the recommendations of the Committee were approved of and adopted.

The Local Government Board wrote acknowledging receipt of letter relative to Railway and Harbour Guarantees in the Urban District of New Ross.

The Clerk stated that the collector had informed him that the Trustees of Houghton Hospital had refused to pay rates on the Half Annual Rent of the Hospital grounds recently purchased by them from the Reps. of

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Stephens, and it was ordered that the Council's Solicitors be asked to advise whether the Trustees are liable for the rates.

The clerk also stated that Mrr. Keogh would require some timber to repair the pump in Wm St. and it was Ordered that whatever quantity he requires be procured.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 8th October 1902

Arthur J Doyle

Monday 6th October 1902

Monthly Meeting day. No attendance of Members.

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 8th October 1902.

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Wednesday 8th October 1902

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this day at 5.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business of the Committee for the Quarterly and stated Finance meeting of the Council

Present Messrs J.B. Deane
John L. Deane J.P.
and
John Grace

Mr Lawton Collector attended and submitted Abstract of Poor Rate collected and outstanding for half year ended 30th September.

The Committee examined in detail the list of uncollected Rate and recommended that sums amounting to £19.16.10½ be cancelled as irrecoverable, and that sums amounting to £4.18.10½ be carried forward to next collection. They also examined a number of bills submitted by the Clerk: after which they prepared their report and adjourned

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Wednesday 8th October 1902

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at 6 O'Clock P.M. to transact the Quarterly business of the Council, pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, for Quarter ending 30th September 1902 viz to consider the Quarterly Report and Recommendations of the Town Surveyor, and applications for new works, if any.

Present Messrs David Murphy presiding
John Grace
Martin J Delaney
and
J.D. Deane

The Minutes of previous Quarterly Meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs John Grace and Martin J Delaney, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 86	Margaret Roche,	Limestones	£21-12-0
" 87	" Thomas Byrne,	Superintendence of Workmen to 30th Sept^r	3-10-0
" 88	" James Barron	Poundage on Poor Rate collected & Lodged	21-10-9
" 89	" James Gannon	Street Maintenance	12-9
" 90	" Peter J Williams	Do	4-4
" 91	" Philip Kelly	Palace Do	1-8-6
" 92	" Same	Same	8-0

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

Gentlemen

Allowing for wear and tear the streets and roads are fairly good and show a steady and gradual improvement. The High Hill, Bullawn, and part of Irishtown have been filled and formed with broken stones from the surplus arising out of the excavations for Irishtown Sewer.

There is a good supply of broken limestones for Winter maintenence in the depots at Rolleston, Gordon Quay, Windmill Lane, Town Wall, Greywell and Roderon.

The Streets for which Mr Philip Kelly is Contractor are practically worn down altogether, and the supply provided up to date for the Winter maintenence is not one-tenth the proper quantity.

I would recommend the Council to pass (£2) two pounds in addition to the £9. already passed for completing the Concrete footpath on the High Hill, by doing so I am assured a Contractor can be had to continue the Concrete path in front of the Augustinian Church and put some steps at the end for approach to the level of Chapel Lane

Your Obedient Servant

Thomas Byrne

The Newbridge Urban Council

The following are his recommendations as to Proposals for Payments. Viz:-

To Pay

James Gannon	Arnestown New Ross	12. 9
Repr. J Williams	Mount Elliott New Ross	4. 4
Philip Kelly	Palace New Ross	1. 8. 6
Same	Same	8. 0

To Defer

Philip Kelly	Palace New Ross	3. 8. 6
Same	Same	1. 15. 7
Same	Same	8. 0
Same	Same	2. 0. 0
Same	Same	1. 15. 7

To Strike Off

Philip Kelly	Palace New Ross	3. 8. 6
Same	Same	1. 15. 7

Proposed by Martin J Delaney and
Seconded by John Grace

That the report of the Town Surveyor and his recommendations as to proposals for Payments be approved of and adopted, and the payments recommended by him be made

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr Grace

"That the Amount allowed at the Quarterly meeting held on the 9th. July for the completion of the footpath

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on High Hill be increased to £11, the footpath to be extended about 30 yards instead of 18, as originally intended.

Ordered

That advertisements be issued inviting tenders for the construction of about 30 yards lineal of concrete footpath, and flight of concrete steps on High Hill in continuation of existing footpath, according to specification to be prepared by the Town Surveyor. Tenders to be considered at an adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council to held on Wednesday 22nd " October at 6 Oclock P.M.

A discussion took place in reference to the manner in which Mr Kelly is carrying out his contract and resulted in the following resolution being

Proposed by Mr J Doheny and

Seconded by Mr M J Delaney viz:-

"That our Solicitor be instructed to prosecute the contractor Kelly for the non-fulfilment of his contract on the Main Road within the Urban District being 235 perches between Brazils Gate and the Urban Boundary in the Irishtown and 61 perches between the cross of the Irishtown and the Houghton Hospital"

Passed Unanimously

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The Clerk was directed to explain to the Solicitors that the County Council contributed half the expense of the Maintenence of the Main Road portion of this Contract, and to ascertain whether, under these circumstances, the Urban Council could take proceedings against the Contractor without the consent or concurrence of the County Council.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 22nd October 1902

D Murphy

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Wednesday 8th October 1902 -

A meeting of the 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 and other Acts connected therewith

Present Messrs Arthur J. Doyle J.P. presiding
James Bolger
Patrick Gannon
Patrick Tierney
John Grace
David Murphy

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs John Grace and Patrick Gannon and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 93— C W Carr a/c furnished for Limestones £3.2.0
" 94 " Same Insurance premium on Shokel 18.0
" 95 — Joseph Freeman a/c furnished - Pane of Glass - 2.4
" 96 " James Bailey " " printing &c 1-16-3
" 97 " Half Firm Quarters Salary as Sanitary Officer to 22nd Sept. 4.13.9
" 98 " Same Petty Cash 22.7.1
" 99 " Patrick Rodger Councils portion of Wages as Caretaker of Cemetery to 6th inst. 1.4.0
" 100. John J Browne Commission on Collections 4.0.1
" 101 " Secretary Co Council Quarters demand to 30th Sept. 276-5.5
" 102. Wm Cunningham a/c for Limestones 1-5-6

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No 103 — Browne & Nolan a/c furnished 18.2

Loans a/c

No 104 — Graves & Co Ltd Waterford, balance of amount of £200 assigned by Mr Baillie, contractor, after deducting cost of completing Contract 161.3.8

" 105 — Munster & Leinster Bank. amount assigned by Mr Baillie Contractor. 200.0.0

The following Correspondence was read:-

New Ross October 6th 1902

Dear Sir

I would feel much obliged if your Comcil would kindly permit the public gas lamp in Robert St near the Church gate, to be placed on one of the piers of the entrance gate. In that position it would light Robert St equally well and throw some light on the Church grounds, which would be a public advantage. Kindly bring the matter before the next meeting of your Comcil, and Oblige

Yours faithfully
Michael Kavanagh P.P.

Ordered

That the consideration of the foregoing letter be adjourned to next meeting, the members of the Council to be summoned to consider it.

A letter was received from Messrs J Fitzsimon & Son advising the despatch of new section of sweeping machine.

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Inland Revenue Office
Waterford 30th Sept. 1902

Dear Sir

Yesterday at about 4 P.M. I was leaving Newross for Waterford by Cycle. When I had proceeded some way on the bridge I suddenly found myself precipitated upon an iron chain that had been placed across the thoroughfare with the purpose I presume of warning passengers as to the swing portion of the bridge being open. Providentially I escaped personal injury but my cycle was damaged. My purpose at present is not to complain of personal loss, but to protest against the gross carelessness and mismanagement that allows the the public to be exposed to dangers of this kind. The bridge was not open at the time and there was consequently nothing to make me suspect the presence of a barrier, and the chain being absolutely unattended by any of your men, I received no warning until, when too late, a fellow passenger cried out. It appears to be most defective management that permits one danger to be interposed in order to protect the public from another. If a barrier is necessary why should it not be one that can be easily seen before it is too late to avoid an accident. In any case the barrier, whatever its description, should not be left without an attendant. And some intimation should be given at the entrance to the bridge that the road is obstructed further on. It may be in this instance that your employees have neglected their instructions. If such is the case they deserve severe

punishment, as Carelessness of this kind is certain some day to lead to serious accident

I am Yours faithfully
R. A. Collins
Supervisor Inland Revenue

The Secretary
District Council New Ross

The Clerk stated that on receipt of this letter he wrote Mr Collins informing him that the Council had no control over the bridge, and he was now directed to inform him that the matter was being brought under the notice of the person in charge of the bridge with a view to prevent a similar recurrence of such accident.

The Town Surveyor was directed to draw Mr Roughs attention to it, and to suggest that the chain be painted white, so that it might be more easily seen by passengers, or be raised more off the roadway.

Offices New Ross
1st October 1902

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of 29th ult inquiring whether the Trustees of the Houghton Hospital are liable for rates on half the Annual Rent of the premises recently purchased by them, in our Opinion these premises are used in Connection with the Hospital and are practically part of it, and as the rent having been purchased by the occupiers has ceased to exist the premises are exempt from rating altogether

No Order made

Yours very truly
Bolger & Leahy

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A quotation was received from Messrs Dollard for a Minute Book at 13/6, and there was no Order made in reference to it.

Office of National Education
Dublin, 1st October 1902

Sir,

As the period of service of the School Attendance Committee for the Urban District of Newbridge will terminate on the 31st December next, I am to request that you will have the goodness to furnish on the enclosed form, at your earliest convenience, particulars as to the persons appointed by the Urban Council acting as the Local Authority under the Irish Education Act 1892, to be members of a new Committee from the 1st January 1903.

The required particulars should be supplied before the 30th November.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
A. N. Hamilton Secretary

Ordered

That the members of the Council be summoned to attend next meeting to elect five members of a School Attendance Committee

A letter was received from Mr Dickenson stating that the Income Tax was paid on the Yards on Quay.

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A proposal was received from Mr. E. P Browne Creacon for six leaps of hammre at 15/6 and On the motion of Mr Gannon seconded by Mr Grace it was accepted.

The following reports were read:-

Finance Committee

October 8th '02

We have examined Collector's Abstract of uncollected Poor Rate for half year ending 30th September 1902 and recommend that Sums amounting to ~~£19-16-10½~~ be cancelled as irrecoverable and Sums Amounting to £14-18-10¾ be carried forward to next Collection. We recommend for payment the following Apts.

Mr Jeremiah Roche	£1-12-0
E Wolcarr	3-2-0
E Wolcarr	18-0
Joseph Freeman	2-14
James Bailey	1-16-3
Wm Cunningham	1-5-6
Browne & Nolan	18-2
M Flynn	4-13-9
M Flynn Petty Cash	22-7-1
James Barron	21-10-9
P Bolger	1-4-0
John Browne	4-0-1
County Council	276-5-5
Thomas Byrne	7-10-0

We recommend that the Apt of "Pople" be returned as the rate charged is excessive. We recommend that the Solicitors of the Provincial Leinster Bank

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Waterford be paid the sum of £200, and Messrs Graves & Co Ltd the sum of £161-3-8 being balance of amount assigned by Mr Bailey to them on foot of his Contract.

Signed J Sheam
John Grace
J Dolan

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Gannon

"That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted"

Passed Unanimously

Town Surveyor's Report

Gentlemen

The paved water table in Rosbercon has been taken up and relaid, the grating at the end of footpath was removed from the corner and re-built in a position so as to be out of the crossing.

I was speaking to Mr Martin Engineer re line of Sewer pipes from above Railway Crossing, he promised to get the Contractor to lay them before the bad weather sets in.

John Keogh has the pump in Wm St erected but left the covering in of the top for the Council to do. This week being wet, and the ground soft, I am getting stones spread at the Priory St ens and John St. There are three men breaking limestones and one

Mann in yard Henry St breaking some of the stones that were quarried there for use in back streets.

The lower part of William St needs doing up badly; if some of the rubbish and shingle could be had out of the quarry adjoining, it would be convenient, and suit the purpose.

The Engineer for Enniscorthy Sewer made, I believe a final inspection and put the pipes under a second water test on Saturday last the 4th Inst. I would recommend a few metal street traps be provided

Thos. Byrne

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr Grace

That the report of the Town Surveyor be adopted, and that six metal street traps be ordered from the Wexford Engineering Co, same size as quoted in their letter of 22nd July at 24/- each.

Passed Unanimously

The consideration of the letter of August 6th received from the Wexford Co Council in reference to the paling on the diverted road at Rosbercon, and which was adjourned for the attendance of Mr Dean, was taken up. Mr Dean stated that the letter gave the substance of the discussion which took place at the meeting of the County Council in reference to the matter. It appeared that the Railway Co would have to maintain this road in proper condition, and also the fences, in perpetuity, this being the case the Council would not, at any future time be obliged to build a proper protecting wall. The meeting being of opinion that no further action could be taken by the Council in the matter, there was no order made

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Proposed by J B Hearn and
Seconded by Patrick Gannon

That the Water Rent Book
for water rent ending 31st July 1903 be signed, and that
the seal of the Council be affixed to same

Passed Unanimously

In accordance with the foregoing resolution the water
rent book was signed by the Chairman, and before J. B.
Hearn, and Patrick Gannon, and sealed and countersigned
by the Clerk.

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 22nd October 1902

J. B. Hearn

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Wednesday 22nd October 1902

An adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at 6 Oclock P.M. to consider tenders for the construction of the Continuation of footpath on High Hill pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

Present Messrs David Murphy presiding
Martin J Delaney
James B Deane
and
William Murphy

The Town Surveyor and Mr Andrew Cullen were also present.

The following was the only tender received:-

Gentlemen,

I Andrew Cullen Church St New Ross propose to make about thirty yards lineal of concrete footpath, and flight of concrete steps on High Hill in continuation of existing footpath (in accordance with the Specification prepared by the Town Surveyor) as set forth in the Proposal made at the Quarterly Meeting of the Urban District Council held at the Tholsel New Ross on the 8th October 1902, and numbered one. And I undertake to perform the same in all respects in strict Conformity with and within the time specified in the Specification which I have read, and to the Satisfaction of the Town Surveyor for the sum of £11-0-0 And I propose Mr Michael Kelly of 47 South St New Ross and Mr Bryan Hennessy of South St New Ross as my sureties for the due and faithful performance of the Contract.

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Given under my hand this 22nd. October 1902

Andrew Cullen

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr Wm. Murphy

"That Mr Andrew Cullen's
proposal for the construction of 30 yards lineal of
Concrete footpath, and flight of Concrete steps on
High Hill in Continuation of the existing footpath (in
accordance with the specification prepared by the
Town Surveyor) be accepted, and his Sureties approved of."

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr Hearn and
Seconded by Mr Delaney

"That the Town Surveyor
procure a grating, and pipes, for the landing
referred to in the specification"

Passed Unanimously

"The Meeting adjourned

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Wednesday 22nd. October 1902

A Meeting of Thurlbau District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and Other Acts connected therewith, also to consider an application from Canon Kavanagh to have the public lamp in Robert St. near the Church gate, placed on one of the piers of the entrance gate; also to elect members of a School attendance Committee for period commencing 1st January 1903.

Present Messrs J. B. Hearn Presiding
Patrick Gannon
John Meehan
Martin J Delaney
David Brophy
and
William Brophy

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Wm. Brophy, and Patrick Gannon, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:- Mc Firm - Petty Cash

A discussion took place respecting the paling on the new road at Rosbercon, and the following resolution, in reference to it was

Proposed by Mr Gannon and
Seconded by Mr Delaney

That in consequence of the very elevated

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position of the diverted road at Rosleeson, this Council is of opinion that the wooden paling at present in use on it is not a sufficient protection to the public, and we request the County Council to call on the D. W. & W. Railway Co. to build a permanent protecting wall there and thus prevent accidents"

Proposed Unanimously

Ordered

That a copy of the foregoing resolution be sent to the County Council.

The following correspondence was read:-

Offices
New Ross 22nd Oct. 1902

Re Philip Kelly's Contract

Dear Sir

It appears to us from all the information submitted to us in this matter, that the Co Council is the proper body to sue Mr Kelly for his default but before expressing any definite opinion we would require to see the Contracts themselves under which the work was to be done

Yours very truly
Colfer & Gethin

Ordered

That the Clerk write to the Secretary of the County Council asking for a copy of Mr Philip Kelly's Contract for the Maintenance

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of the roads referred to, as this Comcil require in connection with proceedings they are about to take against Mr Kelly for non-fulfilment of his contract. And that he also inform the Co Surveyor of the intended proceedings against Mr Kelly.

Offices Newross 22nd October 1902

Urban Council to Cullen

Dear Sir

From what we know of the premises intended to be leased to Mr. Cullen we think the map supplied to us is somewhat inaccurate, and before proceeding further we wid be glad if you instruct the Town Surveyor to call on us to-morrow so that we may explain our views to him

Yours very truly
Colfer & Fethin

Ordered
That the Town Surveyor call on Messrs Colfer & Fethin as requested.

A beautiful Ornamental card, bearing the vote of Congratulation recently passed to the Holy Father by the Council, was received from Fr King, and it was ordered that it be framed, and that the Clerk acknowledge receipt of it, and thank Fr King for having sent it.

A letter was received from Messrs Derrygoeather Lee asking if the Comcil had yet decided to purchase a Fire Escape, or if there was any

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further information they could give in reference to it

Ordered

That a meeting of the Fire Engine be held on Friday at 10.30 Oclock A.M. to Consider specification and Estimates received for Fire Escape.

Head Office 9 College Green
Dublin 15th October 1902

The Clerk
Urban District Council
Newross

Dear Sir,

Re Rate Collectors Bonds

I shall thank you to kindly let me have a list of the balances of the Collections that may be outstanding for the half year ending 30th Inst. as I desire to press the Collectors to have same lodged forthwith. Should the warrant have been issued for the whole year, I presume that the Collectors are required to collect from each ratepayer by the end of the first half year, at least a moiety of the rates due for the whole year. And accordingly it is a list of such amounts now overdue that I desire to have, which please note

Yours truly
John Antonio
Sub Manager

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Ordered

That the Patriotic Assurance Co be informed that the Borough Rate Collector, for whom they are surety, is not required to close his collection, or lodge a moiety of the rate by the 30th Sept. His collection is only closed once in each year Viz 31st March, and under those circumstances the list asked for cannot be furnished.

Letters were received from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland enclosing Posters for distribution announcing an Industrial Conference to be held at Cork, on 22, 23, 24th Inst. also Cards of Admission. The clerk stated he had the posters posted about town, and there was no further order made on them.

An application was received from the Local Government Board for a returns of the Receipts, and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities of the Council to the 31st March 1903, for the purpose of preparing the Annual Returns of Local Taxation, and the Clerk was directed to furnish the required particulars.

The application received from Canon Kavanagh at last meeting, to have the lamp in Robert St removed from its present position and placed upon on of the piers of the entrance to the new Church was next considered and it was

Proposed by Mr Gannon and

Seconded by Mr Delaney

That the Gas Co be asked to have

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the public lamp in Robert St. adjacent to the entrance of the New Church, removed from its present position and placed on one of the entrance piers, the present lamp to be substituted by an Ornamental One suitable for the altered position, a design and price list of same to be submitted to next meeting of the Council

Ordered

That the Gas Co be directed to cause this lamp, and the one in the centre of Robert St. as well as the one in Drury St. at the entrance to the Augustinian Church, and the one inside the Church grounds on High Hill side, to be lighted up to 11 O'clock on Nights of full moon, on which nights it is understood they are not at present lighted.

The following report of the Town Surveyor was read:-

22nd October 1902

Gentlemen,

The work of maintenance and cleaning is being carried out by three men and one horse and man. There are three men breaking limestone by agreement, and one man on day work. For the next three months or so, a second horse will be needed on street maintenance. I employed a mason to cover over the Pump well in Wm St, repair the Gas wall in Henry St. to dress limestone kerbing for Wexford St path, and to build catch pit and set

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grating above Messrs Cherry's Roslercon. I got a few uneven flags in pack of bridge approach. Roslercon re-set. there are more that need overhauling and re-setting. I intend getting the footway in Wexford St made up as far as the Kerbing on hands will go. If the town horse could be put to break limestones, or other urgent work, that might be required, after the streets had been cleaned, it would be an advantage until another horse is provided. The cleaning or metalling of the new road at the Foundry Roslercon is not being attended to by the Railway Co or their Contractors

I am Obedient Servant
Thomas Byrne

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Delaney "That the report of the Town Surveyor be adopted, and the employment of the mason for the works referred to be approved of"

Agreed Unanimously

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor employ a temporary horse and man for three months, on the most reasonable terms, per week, he can obtain them

Ordered

That he have the use of the Town horse for street maintenance purposes whenever he is not engaged by the Street Inspector at cleansing

Ordered

That the Clerk write to the Engineer of the D W & W^d. Railway Co

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requesting him to cause the diverted road at Roberson, recently Constructed, to be cleaned up, and put in proper and suitable repair for traffic.

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr Gannon

That the following be appointed members of the School Attendance of the Urban District of Newross for the term Commencing 1st. January 1903. Viz

Very Revd. Canon Kavanagh P.P. D.D.
Very Revd. Canon Keatley D.D.
Revd. Thomas Quigley C.C.
Wm. Cherry Surgeon General, and Mr J. B. Hearn

Passed Unanimously

The Clerk submitted the list of arrears due by weekly tenants and stated that "Notice to Quit" had been served in the case of John Whitty and Ellen Murphy both of whom had since made a payment on their arrears. Further proceedings were in consequence of the payments having been made, directed to be stayed, the Sureties of Whitty to be Notified. There was no Order made respecting the arrears due by any of the other tenants.

Mr Gannon referred to the practice which existed of having papers &c swept out on the streets at night, and at other times. And the Street inspector was directed to caution traders against depositing them on the streets, except in the morning before

the Car goes around.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 5th November 1902

James J. Gorman

Friday 24th October 1902

A Meeting of the Fire Engine to be held this day at 10.30 Clock A.M. to transact business of the Committee, and consider Estimate for Fire Escape, and advisability of purchasing same.

Mr James J. Gorman Chairman of the Council, Was the only Member who attended. He directed the Clerk to summon the Members of the Council to Consider the matter at Next Meeting

James J. Gorman

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Monday 3rd November 1902

Monthly meeting day. No attendance of Members. The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 5th November 1902.

Wednesday 5th November 1902

A Meeting of The 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. And other Acts incorporated therewith, to consider estimates for Fire Escape, and advisability of purchasing one, also to sign Poor Rate Collectors Warrants for half year ending 31st March 1903.

Present Messrs James J. Gorman Chairman presiding
Joseph Roche
Patrick Tierney
and
David Murphy

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and Signed

The Treasurers Authority for making payments &c signed by the Chairman and before Roche and Tierney and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

Mr Firm Petty Cash £21-10-10

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The following Correspondence was read:-

New Ross- November 4th 1902

Dear Sir Sirs,

I have duly received your favour informing me that your Council had kindly consented to the removal of the Robert St gas lamp, and to the erection of a handsome new lamp on one of the piers of the Church gate. For this concession I must ask you to convey to the Council my sincere thanks. You are no doubt aware that by the kind permission of the Landlord- Col Cotterlan- I have been enabled to widen Robert St and greatly improve this main thoroughfare to the town. I have also removed the intolerable nuisance there by conveying it in a covered Sewer, and built two walls, where required on the North and the South sides of that street. And in a few days hence- when Mr Cullen is ready I'll have the heaps of stones removed, and the new wall properly coped. The plastering and dashing of same cannot be done until next March. I hope you will call the attention of your Council to the necessity of good footpaths, and Water Channels on each side of this street with occasional gratings in St Michael St. to catch the surface water when heavy rain falls. The present narrow pathway alongside the houses in Robert St. would also require to be widened and properly finished.

This being a County Road, and for the public benefit, half the expense would I think be borne by the County Council. I confidentially trust, your Council will see the Urgency of having this work done as soon

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as possible

I am Yours faithfully
Michael Kavanagh V.P.

Ordered

That Canon Kavanagh be informed the making of the footpaths can only be dealt with at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council but that arrangements would be made to have it brought forward then

Offices Ferbane 5th Novr 1902

re Philip Kelly's Contract

Dear Sir

In further reference to your letter of 9th October we are clearly of opinion that the County Council is the proper body to proceed against Mr Philip Kelly for his default in carrying out his Contract for the repair of the roads in Creeton and for the Urban Council. We suggest that the matter should be brought under the notice of the County Council with a request to take proceedings

Yours Very truly
Colfer Hyethin

As the meeting of the County Council was held on Tuesday 4th Inst. and another meeting would not be held for a considerable time, this Council decided not to communicate with the County Council (as suggested by Messrs Colfer Hyethin) for the present as the

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Contractor might carry out his contract in the meantime.

A letter was received from J. J. Shannon Engineer of the D. W. & W. Railway Co. saying that he had written to the resident Engineer at Newbridge to have the metalling and clearing of the diverted road at Roshercon attended to at once.

A Notification was received from the gas Co of their intention to open the streets in Priory St. and Main St for the purpose of cleaning the gas supply pipe.

A letter was received from the Ballymena Urban District Council asking the Council to adopt a resolution similar to one forwarded by them, and which dealt with legislation for town tenants, but to consideration was adjourned to next meeting, the members of the Council to be summoned to consider it.

A proposal was received from Henry & John Camblin for two heaps of manure at 14/= and it was accepted, as was also one from Henry & Whitty Camblin for two heaps at 14/=.

County Council offices
Court House Wexford
29th October 1902

Sir,

I enclose copy of Mr Philip Kelly's tender. If you are proceeding against him, the original will have to be produced and some one from this Office must attend with it

Your Obedient Servant
W. H. Gaw

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The Clerk stated that he had handed over the tender to Messrs Colfer & Gething as directed at previous meeting. As an order was made in reference to this matter, upon the reading of Messrs Colfer & Gethins letter, there was now no further action taken.

A Notification was received from the General Accident Assurance Corporation Ltd Perth, that the premium on Mr Barrons Bond would become due on the 8th Inst, and if not paid within fifteen days the guarantee would become void.

Ordered

That the Clerk draw the attention of Mr Barron to this matter.

New Ross
5th November 1902

Dear Sir

A few days since the Revd Superior Christian Bros asked me as Secretary to the Technical Committe to mention to you the Necessity of having a public gas lamp erected on the wall near the New Technical School. Perhaps you will bring the matter before the Meeting of your Comcil this evening.

Yours faithfully
Edward Long

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Ordered

That the consideration of the foregoing letter be adjourned to next meeting, the Members of the Council to be summoned to consider it.

Ordered

That Messrs Hartigan Bros. and Mr Doyle, be requested to remove the hoardings owned by them in Robert St

Dr Roche drew attention to the dirty state of Roberton on Sunday, the heaps of road scrapings not having been removed.

The Street Inspector was called before the Meeting and questioned as to why he allowed the street to remain in that condition and after some discussion he was severely cautioned, against neglecting his duty in this respect in the future.

In reference to the signing of the Warrants for the collection of the Poor Rate for half year ending 31st March 1903, the following was

Proposed by Dr Roche and

Seconded by Dr Dunphy Viz:-

That the Warrants for the collection of the Poor Rate for the half year ended 31st March 1903 be signed by the Chairman, and two Members of the Council, and that the seal of the Council be affixed to same, and that they be countersigned by the Clerk

Passed Unanimously

In accordance with the foregoing resolution the Warrants were signed by the Chairman and Messrs Joseph Roche and Patrick Feeney and

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Sealed and Countersigned by the Clerk.

The Clerk reported that Mrs Colfer had given up the key of Mrs Elmes' house in William St. and it was ordered that the Town Surveyor report upon the condition of the house to next meeting of the Council.

The Street Inspector reported that ploughs are left in the Channels on week days in North St. South St and Quay St and are dangerous to people walking on the footpath and to horses and cars.

Ordered

That traders who exhibit ploughs on the streets or footpaths be requested to remove them, and to discontinue placing them there, as they are a source of danger to the public.

Town Surveyor's Report

5th November 1902

Gentlemen,

I got some additional flags taken up and re-set in Roberton and some broken flags replaced by new ones. Last week being wet and sloppy necessitated a great deal of cleaning, and the removal of the mud on the principal streets and leading roads. Limestone metalling has been put out on the Bregoole and Newtown roads, North St, Quay St, part of Neville St and from

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the Three Bullet Gate to the Rask turn. The Boheen road has been cleaned also the gripe where the nuisance flows out from Pett Bailey's premises adjoining. I have a man on day work breaking metalling for the Boheen.

Metalling is being broken in Roskeen (two men), Robert St, Iron Well, and Yard on Quay.

Since last Meeting Mrs Roche delivered three loadfuls of limestones. Subject to your approval I put a day to Keilthy for the Holyday, he is a good workman and deserving of it. I have Mr Hartley's horse at work during the past week, same rate of pay as last Winter.

Your Obedient Servant
Thomas Byrne

To New Ross Urban Council.

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Roche

That the report of the Town Surveyor be adopted, and that Keilthy be allowed a days pay for the Holy day.

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 12th November.

D. Murphy

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Wednesday 12th November 1902

A Meeting of the Urban District Council to be held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and Other Acts connected therewith, also to consider Estimates for Fire Escape, and advisability of purchasing one, also a resolution from Ballymena Urban Council relative to Legislation for town tenants, and an application to have a gas lamp erected on the wall near the New Technical Schools, and to transact the financial business of the Council, this being the stated Finance Meeting

Messrs Wm. Murphy, Joseph Roche and Patrick Tierney were the only Members who attended up to 8 Oclock, when the meeting was formally adjourned, owing to a quorum not having attended, to Wednesday 19th Novr.

After the meeting had been formally adjourned Mr David Murphy attended.

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Wednesday 19th November 1902

An adjourned Meeting of the Urban District Council was held this day at 7. 30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and Other Acts connected therewith, also to consider Estimate for Fire Escape, and advisability of purchasing one, And an application to have a Gas Lamp erected on the wall near the New Technical School, and to decide upon the position to which the Pump in Charles St will be altered, also to transact the Finance business of the Council adjourned from last Wednesday.

Present Messrs David Murphy Presiding
Joseph Roche
John Grace
Patrick Tierney
And
~~Patrick Tierney~~ Martin J Delaney PT

Before the transaction of any Sanitary business took place the following resolution of sympathy with Mr Wm Murphy on the death of his Mother-in-law was

Proposed by Mr Tierney and
Seconded by Mr Delaney Viz

"That we tender to Mr William Murphy, and Mrs Murphy and their immediate relatives and friends our sincere sympathy and condolence on the death of Mrs Murphy's Mother, the late Mrs Nolan Brandling an old and very respected inhabitant of the town". Passed Unanimously

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Ordered

That a copy of the resolution be sent to Mr Murphy, Mrs Nolan Jnr. And Mr Patrick Gannon.

The Minutes of previous meeting, and of adjourned meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs John Grace, and Joseph Roche, and the following Paying Orders were directed to be issued Viz:-

No 108	By J Sheehan Half years Salary as Asst Off of Health to 30th Sept		7-10-0
" 109	John Colin Quarters Pension as Town Clerk ending 6th Inst		12-10-0
" 110	John Harrington a/c furnished for Oilcloths		1-7-0
" 111	Morris Bros Stationery &c		3-8-6
" 112	Graves & Co a/c furnished for Bricks, Cement &c		2-7-11
" 113	Patrick Foraday Herberr Asst on limestones to 30th Sept		18-8
" 114	John J Browne for acting as substitute for Town Clerk on Vacation		1-10-0
" 115	Patrick Bolger Councils portion of Wages Caretaker of Cemetery to 3rd Inst		1-4-0
" 116	John J Browne Commission on Collection to 10th Inst		6-8-6
" 117	Thos Rourke Salary as School attendance Officer to 10th Oct		12-10-0
" 118	John Colin " Secretary " Committee to 10th Oct		2-10-0
" 119	Technical Instruction Committee Amount of rate collected to 12th Inst		12-19-8
" 120	Do Mary Bradley a/c furnished for Sundries		3-3
" 121	Drapstrm Petty Cash		23-4-1
" 122	John M Walsh a/c fur for Advertising		2-5-3

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123	Mr	James Fitzsimons & Son	a/c furnished section of sweeping brush	£ - 15-0
124	Mr	Cashier Bank of Ireland	Instalment of Irishtown Sewer Loan	5-16-6
125	"	Same	Same	16-7-10
126	"	Same	Labourers Dwellings	49-19-4
127	"	Same	Housing of Work'g Classes	64-18-8

The Street Inspector reported that the roof was blown off one of the sheds in Mrs Gilmore's Yard Irishtown, and the matter was referred to the Street Committee.

An application was received from the Gaelic League for permission to suspend a centre gas branch from the ceiling of the Tenant Right Reading Room, and to remove the centre table, the work to be done at the expense of the League.

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr Roche

"That the permission asked for by the Gaelic League be granted"

Passed Unanimously

The Clerk reported that Sergeant Mc Donagh, the Council Inspector of Explosives, had been transferred to another station, and it was ordered that application be made to the Police Authorities to have another Constable appointed in his stead.

A Notification was received from the gas Co of their intention to open the street outside Mr Dunphy's establishment on Quay for the purpose of examining the service pipe, and there was no order made upon it

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The Clerk reported that the key of Mrs McCrea's house was surrendered on 17th inst. and the rent paid to that date, and the key of house on Dullaun occupied by Patrick Steacy, was given up on this date leaving arrears of rent amounting to 14/= due on it. There was no Bond in this case.

He also reported that Mr Martin Travers refused to sign the Bond in the case of Ellen Murphy, and she was ordered to procure another surety; also that Mr Edward Whitty, for whom Mr Delaney was surety, but who had withdrawn with the permission of the Council, had not yet entered into a Bond, and that rent amounting to 14/= was due.

Ordered

That Mr Whitty be informed that if he is not prepared to enter into a Bond with two sureties, and submit them names to next meeting of the Council, proceedings will be taken to obtain possession of the house.

In the case of Michael Callaghan, upon whom "Notice to Quit" was served, the Clerk stated that he had paid 10/= Off the arrears and also the weeks rent. And he was directed to inform him that the arrears is not reduced to within four weeks rent by Monday 24th inst. proceedings will be continued to obtain possession of the house, and also that all the arrears must be paid off within four weeks.

He was also directed to inform all those tenants who owe Mr

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four weeks next, that the arrears must be cleared off within one month.

In reference to the hoardings in Robert St and Michael St which were not removed in accordance with the order of the Council, the following resolution was

Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr Delaney Viz:-

That our Solicitors be instructed to take proceedings against Messrs Hartigan Bros., and Alicia Doyle to compel them to remove the hoardings from Robert St and Michael St, if the Council have power to compel their removal.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That they be directed to remove them from the wall of the Council's yard in Henry St.

That the attention of the Constabulary be directed to the conduct of some youths who assemble under the lamp in South St. at the Corner of Michael St, with a view to prevent them from congregating there.

That Mr Denis Hartnett be asked to explain the cause of the delay in bringing the Fire Engine, to the scene of a fire which occured in Roscrea recently, as the Council understand a very considerable time elapsed after word was sent to him before the Engine reached the fire.

A proposal was received from Mr Simon Cleary for two heaps of manure at 14/- each and it was accepted.

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A proposal was also received from Mr Maurice Murray for heap of road scrapings in Newtown at 8/=, as was also one from Mrs Ashford for road scrapings in Roberson at 4/6, and from Michael Rice for heap in Doheen road at 5/=, And on the proposition of Mr Feeney, seconded by Mr Roche they were accepted.

John Lahy Wm St wrote drawing attention to some very necessary repairs that required to be done to the doors and windows of his house, And the Clerk stated that P Lacey had got orders, about two months ago to do this work.

The Town Surveyor was now directed to get the repairs carried out on the house as soon as possible.

A resolution received from the Cashel Urban District Council, calling attention to the necessity of smaller Municipal bodies acquiring powers for the compulsory purchase of unoccupied lands, &c., On the motion of Mr Delaney, seconded by Mr Roche, adopted.

A proposal was received from Edward Broaders for the tenancy of the house in Wm St, lately occupied by Mrs McCrea, And offered James Hogan, And William McCabe, of Kearney St as his sureties.

Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr Delaney

"That Edward Broaders be accepted

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A tenant of the house in Wm St belonging to the Council, which was lately occupied by Mrs McCrea"

Passed Unanimously

A proposal was received from Patrick Roche of Chapel Lane for the tenancy of the house on Bullmon, lately occupied by Patrick Stacey, and offered as surety for the payment of the rent, Mr Patrick Fitzgerald Quay St.

A proposal was also received for the same house from James Fleming of Church Lane, who offered Peter Murphy South St as his surety.

Proposed by Mr Grace and
Seconded by Mr Roche

"That Patrick Roche be accepted as tenant"

Passed Unanimously

The following was read:-

31 Molesworth St
Dublin 18th November 1902

Colonel Cottenham's Estate
re Lease New Ross Post Office

Dear Sir,

We are acting for Colonel Cottenham in reference to this Lease and would feel obliged if you could send us a copy of the Resolution of your Council by which they resolved not to question the right of Colonel

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Mr Lotteham to demise to the Post office that portion of his property which lies between the buildings, as they now exist, and Charles St in New Ross

Yours faithfully
Irene Reily Hedge

The Clerk, Urban Council
New Ross

Ordered

That Messrs Irene Reily Hedge be informed the Council passed no such resolution.

As there was no meeting of the Finance Committee held previous to the meeting of the Council the bills submitted were examined by the Council and it was proposed by Mr Delaney and seconded by Mr Grace that they be paid, see list entered at commencement of minutes.

Passed Unanimously

The following reports of the Town Surveyor were read:-

November 12th 1902

Gentlemen,

During the week metalling has been put out in patches on Michael St. and part of Robert St. South St. from the Sisters Corner to the Crossing at St Catherine's Church has been sheeted almost the full width, and Priory St. between the end of Priory Lane and Wm St has been treated similarly.

The West side of John St for about two-thirds the width

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has been coated, and the Waterford road from Mr Doyles yard to the Junction of the New road has been sheeted with metalling the entire length. The cleaning of streets and roads has been fairly attended to. Nothing has yet been done about cleaning or metalling the diverted road in Roslorcan by Railway Co.

The Company seem to have no regard for the convenience of the public. During the heavy rains of Monday and Tuesday, the street opposite the Railway Station was flooded by the water bursting up through the covering of the Sewer. I have no information as to when the pipe Sewer is to be laid by the Railway Co. The Engineer has so often promised to get it put in hands, and as many times failed that he will not say when it is to be started.

I would strongly advise that limestone metalling be spread over the filling that was put on the Irishtown between the Cross and Fair Gate, this can be done out of the monies stopped from the Contractor

Your Obedient Servant
Thos Byrne

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr Grace

"That the report of the Town Surveyor be adopted, and that the limestone metalling be spread on the Irishtown as recommended by him

Passed Unanimously

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Town Surveyors Report 19th November 1902

Gentlemen

The following streets and roads have been metalled during the week, South St from Charles St to Crossing at St Thomas's, part of Robert St, part of Wexford St the Greywell Road, the Bridge Quay, and from the bridge to the Leonards at Rawyards Land. I am also getting material spread on the Bohelen Road. The scraping has been attended to, and as far as possible removed off the sides.

Mrs Roche delivered one loadload of limestone.

I got a loadload of sand for general purposes which is put in the yard Henry St.

The Concrete footpath on High Hill in continuation of old is completed. It will be necessary to lay 15 yards lineal of 4" pipe to convey the water from grating to Quarry. Mr A Cullen asks 30/- for doing this.

Keilthy being the only Man without oilskins I got a Suit Costing 8/- so that he could work during the wet weather.

I got the house lately occupied by Mrs Clinch cleaned Out. In my Opinion before it is fit for occupation, the old fireplace and grate should be taken down and re-built.

Your Obedient Servant

Thomas Byrne

Ordered

That the report of the Town Surveyor be adopted and the ordering of the oilclothes for Keilthy be approved of.

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That the advisability of laying the pipe drain from grating to Quarry, as well as the repairing of house lately occupied by Mrs Blues, be referred to the Street Committee

Ordered

That a meeting of the Street Committee be held on Friday 21st Inst at 10 O'clock A.M. to transact business, and inspect the shed in Mrs Galavin's yard at Appleton, a house in Wm St lately occupied by Mrs Blues, to decide position to which pump in Charles St is to be altered, And report as to whether a public lamp requires to be erected near the New Technical School

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 26th Nov. 1902

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Wednesday 26th November 1902

A Meeting of The Urban District Council to be held this day at 7.30 O'Clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith also to Consider Estimate for Fire Escape, and advisability of purchasing one

Present Messrs John S Hearn J.P.
Patrick Tierney
and
David Murphy

A Quorum not having assembled up to 8 O'Clock the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 10th December 1902

Monday 1st December 1902

Monthly Meeting day. No attendance of Members. The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 10th December 1902

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Wednesday 10th December 1902

A meeting of The 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. and Other Acts connected therewith Also to Consider advisability of purchasing Fire Escape, Select lamp for Robert Street, also a proposal by Mr. John Sheam J.P. to have the lamp over the gate of the Old Church removed to a position on other side of Street opposite Messrs Galavans Gateway; That the light at Tholsel corner be altered to an Incandescent light; and a lamp placed outside Mr. Fitzgeralds premises to light the Street opposite, and that permission be asked from Mr. Fitzgerald to place a bracket on his house; Also to Consider an application from Mr. Fitzgerald for permission to erect a Porch outside of his door and windows in Quay St.

And to transact finance business, it being the Stated Finance meeting of the Council.

Present Messrs. J. G. Dooley Presiding

" John Grace

" Patrick Tierney

" M. J. Delaney

" L. B. Hearne

" David Murphy

" Joseph and Roche

Minutes of previous Meetings was read & Signed

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The Treasurers Authority for making payments was Signed by the Chairman and Messrs John Grace and Joseph Roche. And the following paying orders directed to be issued by.

No 128 New Ross Gas Co Amt of Contract Summer Lighting £24-1-11

" 129 Thos Martin 2 quarters Contract ending 5th Dec 8-6-6

" 130 Andrew Cullen Repairs to Thotsel 1-9-3

" 131 John Tobin 2 quarters pension as P.S. to 6th inst. 3-2-6

" 132 John Browne Commission on Collection to 8th inst 2-19-2

" 133 Patrick Bolger Councils portion of wages to 1st inst 1-4-0

" 134 M. J. Flinn 2 quarters Salary as Town clerk to 5th inst 25-0-0

" 135 Sanc Petty Cash — — 40-16-6

" 136 James Barron Poor Rates — — 1-3-10

" 134 Wm Cunningham a/c for mineral for Limestones 3-16-6

The following correspondance was Read

New Ross Dec 10th 1902.

Dear Sir,

Our costs against the Council for the half-year ending 30th Sept last amount to £14-15-4 of which £4-0-0 is cash outlay and £10-15-4 is for professional charges. If taxed they will come to about £16 we think. but if settled without taxation we would be willing to accept £14 so as to save the trouble & expense which taking so small a bill

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would involve.

Yours Very Truly
Colfer & Gethen

The items of cost will reach you in course of to-morrow

L & G

M. J. Finn Esq
Town Clerk New Ross

Resolved that the permission of the Local Government Board be asked for the payment of this bill without being taxed, and that they be informed that the Bill of costs for half-year ending Sept 1900. was increased on taxation also that they be asked to sanction payment. ~~they also beg to ask Local Government Board to kindly sanction payment~~ of the following bills of costs by

Bill for half-year ending 31st March 1901 Amt £4.18.4
Same " " 30th Sept 1901 " 5.14.4
Same " " 31st March 1902 " 9.11.8

Which they made without having them taxed as the amount of each was so small they did not consider it necessary and they also feared it might be an increase on taxation

E. J. Finn
Town Clerk

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31 Molesworth Street Dublin

25th November 1902.

Dear Sir,

Re Lease, New Ross Post-office

Referring to your letter of the 20th inst. We understand that your Council passed a Resolution in Reference to this Matter on the 9th April 1901.

We would feel obliged if you could send us a copy of this Resolution.

We believe that Colonel Tottenham agreed to the Removal of the pump to another position to be pointed out by your Council.

Perhaps you would Kindly clear the matter up for us.

Yours faithfully

Mooney Reilly & Lloyd

M. J. Flinn Esq.
Clerk of Urban Council. Tholsel
New Ross

The clerk replied giving the information asked for.

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Wexford 25/11/02

Wm. H. Ivins,

Clerk of the Urban Council

New Ross.

Dear Sir,

Replying to yours of the 21st Inst. We regret delay to the Gully Traps, but we are pleased to say they will be forwarded on Saturday or Monday at latest,

Yours truly

Wexford Engineering Company Ltd

R. St. Kerr Secretary.

Royal Irish Constabulary

Dist-Insp.rs office

New Ross 23. 11. 1902.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 22nd inst and to inform you that the matter referred to shall have attention

Yours faithfully

J. A. Davis

Dist Insp.r

M. J. Ivins Esq.

New

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Southst Nov. 26th 1902

To the Chairman New Ross

Urban Council

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen

I thank you very Sincerely for your Kind Vote of Sympathy & Condolance passed to me at your last meeting on the death of my Aunt

Yours faithfully

No orders made. Patrick Gannon

North st Nov. 29th 1902.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 21st inst. received in due course. You will Kindly Convey to your Council my Sincere thanks for Resolution of Sympathy & Condolance adopted at their meeting on 21st inst Re lamented death of my Mother-in-law late Mrs Rowlett. &

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Yours &c

Wm Murphy

M. J. Lyons Esq

No orders made

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Estate office New Ross
26th November 1902.

Dear Sir,

= Col Fottenham's Estate =

I shall be glad to know if the County Council has approved of the Resolution passed by the New Ross Urban Council authorizing the proposed Post-office building to be built flush with the Charles street frontage

Yours faithfully
Hugh R Hamilton

The Secretary
New Ross Urban Council

The clerk stated that he called on ~~Capt.~~ Hamilton and informed him that the Council did not apply to the County Council for their approval as they were satisfied that the County Council had not control over place referred to, and this was approved of by the meeting —

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Technical Instruction Committee

New Ross Urban District

New Ross Dec 2nd 1902

Dear Sir,

My Committe are having a Book Press made for the Reception of their Books and documents And they direct me to ask your Council to be so good as to Accommodate it - in the Council Chamber - if there is Sufficient Room.

It was Suggested should leave be given that the Press might take the form of a Single bay in addition to the Structure Standing at the right hand side as one enters Room

Kindly bring the application before your Council & oblige

Yours faithfully

Edward Long Secretary

M. J. Finn Esq

Town Clerk

Ordered that the Consideration of the applcation be adjourned to next Meeting the members of the Council to be Summoned to Consider it, And also that the Clerk have definite particulars - respecting the Safe for Office purchased Some time ago and which Mr. Harbrick was to Repair.

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New Ross 26th Nov. 1902.

Dear Sir,

In Reply to your letter of the 22nd inst I wish to State the Reason of the delay in bringing the Fire Engine to the Seen at the Recent fire, was that I was unable myself to attend personally to the matter. but I lost no time in providing a ~~Suitable~~ Substitute. I understand that the men around the Engine refused to draw it or work it unless they Knew who was going to pay them. this caused Sum delay. They afterwards consented when a promise was given that they would be paid. I might mention that Mr. Doyle paid them out of his own pocket. I understand one of the Comeillers was Standing by but took no active part though I have always seen Gentlemen of the Comeil on Such occassions most energetic in rendering every Assistance in their power; I would like to bring under your Notice that my contract with your Comeil is Simply for Keeping the Engine in Repair not to attend fires. but I have always willingly given all the assistance I coued on every occassion of a fire

I am yours faithfully

Thos Hartrick

Adjourned for next meeting —

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Fitd = No 1 Letter from P Roche Bullavon: ordered that the Town Surveyor get the necessary work done.

Fitd = No 2 Letter from Wm Fitzgerald Re Sorch:

Ordered that a meeting of Street Committee be held on Friday 12th Inst at 11 o'clock Am. to Consider Application and report upon Same to next Meeting of the Council the members to be Summond to Consider it.

Fitd

No 3 Letter from Local Government Board.

Dublin 5th December 1902.

No 168/M/1902

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward herewith a copy of a Form which the Board request may be used in future for the purpose of the Statement Showing the condition of collection of the poor rate in your district.

This Return should be made up to the last Saturday of each month, commencing on the 29th of November 1902. The Board accordingly request that hereafter you will have the goodness to furnish them with the particulars required by the heading of the form on Monday following the last Saturday of each month.

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I am, Sir

Your Obedient Servant

J. R. Barlas

Assistant Secretary

To the Clerk of-

each Urban District Council

Town Referred to Received,

Ballina New Rose Nov. 26th. 1902.

Gentlemen,

The House I got possession of- on last Wednesday night- is in very bad State. The Windows are all broken and the Chimney pieces are all taken away altogether. When it rains the house gets flooded on account of yard being in such a bad State. The Shores are all stopped Nothing will pass through them. I would be greatful if something could be done soon as possible as it badly needs it-

Yours Respectfully

Pat Roche

Referred to Surveyor. to do what is necessary to be done,

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Quay Street-New Ross 1st Decr 1902.

Dear Sir,

I beg to apply for liberty to erect a Porch outside of my door and window in Quay st. for the purpose of Shelter from easterly & cold wind. The Shop is very exposed and it is difficult to stand it in Winter time I will be very grateful if you will give me your permission to erect it

Yours truly
Patrick Fitzgerald

To the Presiding Chairman
& Members of the New Ross Urban Council

P.S. I enclose plan Showing what I Request

Ordered. That a meeting of the Street Committee be held on Friday 12th inst at 11 o'clock a.m. to Consider application and Report upon Same to next Meeting of the Council. the Members to be Summond to Consider it.

31 Roleswork st Dublin 29th Nov 1902

Dear Sir,

Re Lease New Ross Post-office. We have received your letter with copy of Resolution passed by your Council. for which we are obliged

M. J. Furlong Esq.
Urban Council Office
New Ross

Yours faithfully
Rose Keily & Lloyd

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"No order mad on letter"

Letters were received from Gas Company. Notifying their intention to open ground at Messrs Jones bro. new office R.A. Kenny's South Street and also at Wm. J. Morans Quay street. No order made.

Letter received from Valuation office acknowledging receipt of Valuation lists.

Letter from Lane dated 6th December 1902. That Revision would visit District 15th inst.

Clerk stated that he had given public notice of the intended Revision by placards posted about town. and the meeting approved of this.

A tender was received from Wm. J Wyse for two heaps of manure at 14/- per heap and it was ordered to be accepted.

Inspector of Explosives
New Ross Urban
District

Royal Irish Constabulary
District Insp^rs office
New Ross 27th November 1902

Sir,

With reference to former correspondence re above Subject. I have now to inform you. that Sergt Wm madden New Ross. has been appointed Inspector of Explosives for New Ross Urban District

Yours faithfully
J H Dand
Dist Insp.

Wm. M. J. Finn
Clerk Urban Council New Ross

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Letter Re Explosives.

Proposed by Mr. Delany-

And seconded by Mr. Roche. That Serg.t John Madden be appointed Inspector of Explosives for new Rural Urban District. Passed unanimously.

Report of Street Committee.

Friday November 21st 1902.

The undersigned members of Street Committee met this day and inspected Shed in Mrs Galavan's yard at Wicklow. We found the Roof blown off the house and damaged to some extent. We Recommend that it be repaired and replaced on the house. And that some slates be put on Roof of dwelling house.

Lamp near New Technical School

As there is a lamp near the entrance gate in Maiden Lane and another in convent yard we do not feel justified in recommending another lamp there.

We Recommend that a pipe drain be laid from new grating outside convent Gate to Quarry to Convey Surface water.

That the foot-path at William St Old Houses be Repaired by Gravel or Sand, and some mortar Set at foundation of Houses.

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Report of Street Committee Continued

= Slums in Charles Street =

We Recommend that it be altered to West side of Open Space adjoining Messrs Furlong's Store.

That walls of old houses in Barrack Lane on East side and Archway into Trenches court be Repaired.

Signed Martin J Delany —

D Murphy —

Ordered. That Report of Street Committee be adopted and Recommendations made by them be Carried out;

That Town Surveyor get Mr Cullen to construct piped drain from New Grating to Quarry provided he is willing to do it for a Sum not exceeding £1-10-0 and that he Serve Notice on owner of dangerous premises in B. Lane Requiring him put them in proper Repair or Remove them,

= Town Surveyors Report 26th November 1902 =

New Ross Urban District

Town Surveyors Report. 26th November 1902.

Gentlemen,

The work of metalling and the cleaning of the Streets and Roads is being carried out. Some hard filling was put out on the Wexford Road in continuation of that which was done early in the year. The limestone Kerbing and filling & forming of portion of the footpath in Wexford Street is done = I am short of Kirkstone

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And latterly very little limestones were delivered to Select-Suitable Kerbing out of = I employed a mason to set the Kirbing, owing to the wet time little could be done; I got the drain from the trap in footway at Bridge outside Mr. Doyles Store opened and cleaned as far as the connection with the drain coming out from Mr. Doyles premises, this latter, was quite full of tough mud is now cleaned as far as the railing at the ~~Rear~~ River Side of bridge Approach

It will be necessary to clear Sewer to the out-let at Quay front = The drain from Mr. Doyles is choked also. The Repairs to Leahy's house Williamstreet two latches and ~~Repairing~~ Rehang back door are done; I have a notice filled for Col Tottenham's Agent, Under Town's Improvement Act 1852 — Requiring him to take down Same or Repair two houses in Barrack Lane and two on the Ballaun which are dangerous to the public

Your Ob. Servant.

Thomas Byrne

To the Newross Urban Council

Orderd. That Report of Surveyor be adopted

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= New Ross Urban District =

Town Surveyor Report 10th Decr 1902.

Gentlemen,

The metalling of the Streets was attended to until the dry and frosty weather set in. The foot path in Wexford Street is completed with the exception of the paved Channel. I am getting filled up and formed a further portion of the Wexford Road. The Sewer opposite Mr. Doyle's Store on Bridge Quay had to be opened up and cleaned about 10 Quay front. The Sewer was choked with thick Sediment up to the covering flag. Some of the covering flag was broken near the Quay front which was the cause of the Stoppage.

A drain at corner of the Dispensary in Mary Street owing to its being stopped caused the water during the late rains to come thro the gable wall of the Dispensary I got it opened, cleaned and Recovered. The paving has yet to be done = The grating in Marsh Lane was taken up, the connection with Sewer cleaned a brick catchpit built and the grating reset. The Sewer taking the Surface water at the junction of the Greywell and College Road had to be opened and cleaned and the broken covering flags replaced by new ones.

I Submit Some particulars as to the measurement and approximate cost of foot-way to New Church Road at

Thos Byrne

To New Ross Urban Council

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Town Surveyors Report- Continued

James Murphys house Bullawn: One new back door. One lock and latch and flag Sill. Front-door. Glazing- Owing to defective glazing much of the glass is loose and some broken. Kitchen grate wants fretting & backing Kitchen chimney piece.

It was decided to wait until fine weather

= Broaders "Elms" House William st-"

The interior wants cleaning and lime washing. back door secured and some protection on the windows while vacant No order made

= General = The houses require yard walls and a privy and ashpit to each.

Thos Byrne 12/1/02

The Town Surveyor submitted particulars as to the foot-way to New church Robert-St. The matter was deferred until Quarterly meeting.

The Clerk reported that Mr. David Hunt-, who had not attended a meeting of the Council for over Six months, called, and stated that his absence from the Meetings was due to the recent death of his wife and he hoped the Council would regard this as a Sufficient-reason for his non attending.

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Proposed by Mr. Grace and
Seconded by Mr. Delany-

That this Council declare the reason assigned by Mr. David Hunt for his non-attendance at the meetings of the Council for the past six months, by the recent death of his wife, a valid reason, and that we hereby approve of it

Passed unanimously

The Clerk also reported that Mr. Richard. J. Thorpe had not paid a years rent last September or since, as ordered by the Council and he was directed to be informed that same must be paid on or before 1st January 1903.

It was ordered that J. Hayden and Charles Cooney be accepted as Sureties for Mrs Ellen Murphy's house in place of Martin Travers who refused to sign bond

Ordered - That M Callaghan be required by Collector to pay 6d per week extra that is 2/3 per week, until arrears due by him be paid off: and the order as to the other tenants be not altered. the clerk to Report at next meeting if any of them have been carried out.

The clerk reported that Edward Whitty did not submit any Sureties as ordered at previous meeting

No order made

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Report of Finance Committee

Your committee met today and recommended the following payments viz.

New Ross Gas Co - - - - -	£24-1-11
Thos Martin 2 quarters contract ending 5th Decr	0-6-6
Andrew Cullen Repairs to Pholsch - - -	1-9-3
Jno Mc Tobin 2 quarters pension as S.S. 0 56-4	3-2-6
Jno Mc Brown Commission on collection to 8th	2-19-2
Patrick Bolger Council portion Wages 1st	1-4-0
M J Flinn 2 quarters Salary as Town clerk to 5 Decr	25-0-0
Petty Cash - - - - -	40-16-6
Jas Barron poor Rates - - -	1-3-10
Wm Cunningham Limestone - - -	3-16-6

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Roch

That the Report of Finance Committee be adopted and above payments made.

The consideration of purchasing a Fire Escape was adjourned to next meeting.

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The Designs of ornamental Lamps for Robert Street. Submitted by the Gas Company were considered. Some were designs of Lamps manufactured by a London firm, one of which they seemed to approve of. Whilst one was by Curtis & Son Dublin. The meeting agreed to ask the Gas Co. to ascertain if Messrs Curtis & Co Dublin would manufacture a Lamp Similar in design to one they approve of in Catalogue of London manufactores, before deciding on the Selection, As if possible they prefer to support Irish manufactures

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 17th December 1902.

Chas L Stears

A Meeting of the Street Committee was held this day Friday 12th December 1902. at 11 a.m

To transact business and consider an application from Mr. Fitzgerald for permission to erect a Porch outside his house in Quay st. The following Members attended

Messrs Martin J. Delany
" James B. Hearne
" L. J. O'Gorman
" Joseph Roche
" David and Murphy

Town Surveyor and Mr. Fitzgerald was present. And Committee questioned the latter in reference to it. after which he

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he retired. ~~Committee questioned the latter respecting~~
Committee having considered Mr. Fitzgeralds
application. decided to recommend Council. to permit
him to erect Porch outside his house in Quay Street.
Width of same not to exceed 5 feet. nor length 19 feet.
at an annual Rent of one Shilling per annum per
frontage foot. He to pay all legal expenses in connection
with same. and Submit before commencing to build
the final plan of same for approval of the Council.

The Committee also considered the most
Suitable place to erect a lamp in North Street. whether
by bracket fixed to Mr. Fitzgeralds house or pillar
from foot-path. but came to no definate decission
Considering it better to inspect the place at night-
time. This the members of Committee undertook
to do. and report to Council next meeting.

They also agreed to inspect at Night the
proposed position upon which the lamp over the
entrance gate of the Old Church is to be re-erected

Meeting adjourned

John J Hearn

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A Meeting of The 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, and other acts connected therewith, also to consider an application from the Technical Instruction Committee for permission to place a press in the Council Office, an application from Mr Fitzgerald for permission to erect a Porch outside his house in Quay St, a letter from Mr Hartrick relative to Care of Fire Engine, a proposal by Mr John Stearn to have the Lamp over the gate of old Church removed to a position on the other side of the street opposite the Rev Galavans gateway, also that the light at Tholsel Corner be altered to an incandescent light, and a Lamp placed outside Mr Fitzgerald's premises to light the street opposite, and that permission be asked from Mr Fitzgerald to place a bracket on his house, also to consider advisability of purchasing Fire Escape, and consider an application from the Gaelic League to receive a deputation to consider advisability of forming a Joint Committee of the Council and the League for the purpose of waiting on Dr Kavanagh with a view to obtaining the old Church for the town, same to be vested in the Urban Council.

Present Messrs John Stearn J.P. presiding
Martin J Delaney
Patrick Tierney
David Murphy
James B Stearn

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Joseph Roche
and
James G Dooley

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Joseph Roche and James G Dooley and the following Payment Order directed to be issued viz:-

No 138 Mc Gann Petty Cash £12.14.3

At this stage Mr J O'Kennedy stated that the deputation from the Gaelic League were in the Tenants Right Reading Room and were anxious to come before the meeting. Accordingly the following letter was read

Gaelic League
New Ross 12/12/02

Mr Mc Gann

Dear Sir

At a Meeting of the Gaelic League Committee held on the 11th inst it was proposed by P Murphy, seconded by J O'Sullivan and passed Unanimously

(1) That a deputation of the Committee meet the Urban Council to confer with them on the subject of the Council taking over the old parish Church.

(2) That the deputation consist of Very Revd Dr Kenna

Messrs J O'Sullivan, P Dunphy, P Byrne, John Murphy, D Byrne and J Murphy Aen Lec.

(2) That the Gaelic League deputation meet in Tenant Right Room at 8 Oclock on Wednesday 14th inst

John O'Donohoe
John and Murphy Aen Lec.

The following deputation from the Gaelic League attended Messrs P Byrne, John Murphy, John St. O'Sullivan, John Murphy Loick St, Patrick Dunphy and Michael Byrne South St.

Mr O'Sullivan stated the object for which the deputation attended namely to ask the Urban Council to appoint a committee, to form a joint committee, with that already appointed by the Gaelic League, to wait on Dr Kavanagh to ask him to hand over the old church to the town to be vested in the Urban Council it being understood that the Gaelic League were to have suitable accomodation in it.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was

Proposed by J D'Arcy and
Seconded by James G Dooley Viz:-

"That the request of the deputation from the Gaelic League be granted Viz:- that the Urban Council appoint the following members as a committee to form a joint committee with the committee appointed by the Gaelic Committee to wait upon Canon Kavanagh with a view to ask him to give the old Church to the town to be

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vested in the Urban Council, and providing suitable accomodation therein for the Gaelic League, and that the respective Committees report the result of the interview with Canon Kavanagh to the Urban Council and the Gaelic League Committee"

Passed Unanimously

The following Correspondence was read:-

Quay St
Kenmare 17th Dec. 1902

The Presiding Chairman
Urban Council
Kenmare

Dear Sir

I understand the Street Committee have recommended that I get permission to erect the porch outside my premises in Quay St. the width of same not to exceed five feet nor length 19 feet at a rent of a shilling per foot of frontage, And I presume their recommendation will be approved of by the Council. For this Kind recommendation I feel deeply grateful to the Committee and also to the Council for the Kind manner in which they received my application. I am very sorry however to be compelled to trouble you again to ask you to kindly extend the frontage space to 5 feet 4 in or 5 feet 6 inches (the latter if at all possible)

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As I find on consulting Dr James Connolly whose letter I enclose, that the space allowed (5 feet) after deducting from the space for two small pillars which I propose to erect at each side of door, would hardly admit a fairly large cask. This would be a very serious inconvenience to me, And I sincerely trust You will kindly see your way to grant my application, for which of course I am willing to pay an increased rent should You so desire.

Again thanking You for your kindness

I am Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Thomas Fitzgerald

Fitzgerald's Porch

Approval of County Council obtained 11th July 1902.

Date rent Charged from

Proposed by Dr Feeney and
Seconded by Dr J. L. Keane

"That the report of the Street Committee in reference to Dr Fitzgerald's application be adopted, with the amendment that the width of Porch be five feet six inches, instead of five feet, subject to the approval of the County Council.

Passed Unanimously.

Courthouse
Wexford December 15th 1902

Sir

I am requested that You will bring before the Council at their next meeting, the necessity of lodging a quarter of the Annual demand of the County Council. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter. Yours faithfully R. W. Pigott.
County Secretary

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Ordered

That the Secretary of the County Council be informed that a Quarter's Demand will be paid at each stated Finance meeting of the Council to be held on 14th January 1903.

Irish Education Act 1892

Office of National Education
Dublin 10th December 1902

Sir

The Local Authority of the Urban District of Newross having appointed one half of the School Attendance Committee for the place for the period of three years from 1st January 1903, the Commissioners of National Education have under the powers conferred upon them by the Act 1892, decided that the remaining half shall consist of the following persons Viz:-

1- Peter a Pope. 2 Revd James Brady C.C.
3- Very Revd J Canon Holohan P.P. 4. P Bolger J.P.
5- Martin Doherty.

The Entire Committee will consist accordingly of the following members:- Viz; appointed by Local Authority
Very Revd M. Canon Kavanagh D.D. South St Newross
Very Revd R. Y. Headley D.D. Rosbercon Newross
Revd Thomas Quigley C.C. South St Newross
Wm Cherry Cregwell. James B Deane Philcomb Newross

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Appointed by Commissioners of National Education:-
Peter A Pope P.P. Newcastle, Revd. James Reardy C.C.
Very Revd. J Canon Holohan P.P. Roscrea, P Bolger P.P.
and Martin Doherty Newcastle

The Committee being thus now complete, the Members should be summoned to meet as soon as possible after 21st inst to carry on the Operation of the Act

I am, Sir
Your obedient Servant.
A. K. Hamilton
Secretary

The Clerk
Urban District Council
Newcastle

No Order made

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr J. Keane J.P.

"That the committee to form a Joint Committee with the Gaelic League for the purpose of Waiting on Dr Kavanagh in reference to the old Church, consist of six Members of the Council, and that the following be appointed Messrs J.D. Keane, Joseph Roche, James G Dooley, John Grace, Patrick Gannon, and David Dempsey."

Passed Unanimously

A proposal was received from Pierce Hendrick Butterbridge for one heap of manure at 13/- and it was ordered to be accepted, the manure to be cleared in 14 days

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A proposal was also received from Dr Martin Hennessy Power for three heaps at 13/= per heap and it was ordered to be accepted.

A proposal was received from Maurice Kehoe Kyleen for two heaps of manure, one at Bunnen Lane, and one at the top of Doheen all at 10/= that is 5/= each, and it was ordered that the one at Bunnen Lane be given to him at 5/=, the other being already disposed of to Michael Rice.

The following report of the Town Surveyor for week ending to-day was read:-

Gentlemen,

A large quantity of Metalling has been put out on Robert St, Louch St, John St and on Greywell Road. The filling and forming the surface of the Wexford road has been continued for a considerable distance in the direction of the Urban Bounds. Owing I suppose to the bad weather very little limestone are being delivered. I got Mr A Cullen to lay the pipe drain on High Hill for 30/=, the limit allowed by the Council. I got a man from him to do some repairs to the roofs of the houses at Pair Gate, and some on the Bullaun houses. Notice has been served on Colonel

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Tottenham's Agent re dangerous houses on Pullman Ln and Barrack Lane. I pointed out to Mr Deane's rent collector (Mr Dehan) the dangerous condition of the wall in Frenchs Court and also a wall in Brennan's Lane that is much overhanging. Mr Deane will be in town on Friday next when the usual notice will be served on him. The new gratings in the Irishtown should be cleaned oftener than they have been and the side paths kept free from mud and manure heaps.

Thomas Byrne

Ordered

That the report of the Town Surveyor be adopted, and the obtaining of the loan from Mr Cullen, to repair the roofs of the houses be approved.

That the Town Surveyor get the loose slates and dangerous Eave sheets removed off the house in Rosbercon occupied by Mary Ann Kenny

That the Street Inspector getting the gratings of the New Sewer at Irishtown Cleaned.

The application from the Technical Instruction Committee to place a Press in the Office was considered, and it was Ordered that they be informed the Council could not accede to the application but that it may be placed in the Tenant Right Reading Room.

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The Clerk reported that the design of ornamental lamp approved of at last meeting was registered and could not be manufactured in Ireland.

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dooley

"That an ornamental lamp similar to design of Messrs Doulton & Co Ltd London and lettered "C & Co," as submitted by Messrs Co, be erected by the Gas Co. on one of the new piers in Robert St. instead of the one already ordered to be altered to that position, at price quoted for copper lamp Viz:- £5-5-0 and 30/- extra for fixing

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr John Stokes

"That a pillar lamp be erected in South St directly opposite the entrance to Messrs James Galavin & Sons yard on the opposite side of the street, to be lighted instead of the one at present over the entrance gate of the old Church, the latter not to be lighted after the new one is erected"

"Passed Unanimously"

Ordered "That the Town Surveyor forward his estimate and tracing of new footpath in Robert St. to the County Surveyor

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Proposed by Mr Dooley and
Seconded by Mr Murphy "That a new pillar lamp be erected on the Welsh side of Dorth. nearly opposite Mr Fitzgerald's premises, the exact position to be pointed out by the Street Committee, and that the Thorsel lamp be fitted with an incandescent burner, instead of the three at present in use on it, provided the Contract price for lighting of same be reduced from a three burner light to a one burner"

Passed Unanimously

The Clerk reported that Mr Kentrick informed him it would cost nearly £7/0 to repair the safe, purchased some time ago, and the meeting considered this too much to expend on it.

As it was considered probable there would be no meeting of the Council on the 27th inst (Christmas Eve) and there would not be money enough on the Clerk's hands to pay the Labour bill until the following meeting, it was

Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr Dooley "That a Paying Order for £12.14.3 be issued to the Clerk it being the amount of the weekly bill paid on 10th inst"

Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 27th December 1902

James J Brennan

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Wednesday 24th December 1902

A meeting of the Urban District Council to be held this day at 7.30 O'Clock to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts Connected therewith.

As no member attended up to 8.15 the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 31st December

James O'Gorman

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Wednesday 31st December 1902

An adjourned meeting of the 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, and other acts connected therewith

Present Messrs James J O'Gorman Chairman presiding
Patrick Tierney
Martin J Delaney
and
David Murphy

The Minutes of previous meeting, and of adjourned meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs David Murphy and Martin J Delaney, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued. Viz:-

No 139 — Jn Timm, Petty Cash £22.2.0

A letter was received from Messrs Colfer and Gethin relative to removal of Hoardings, and it was ordered to be referred to the Finance Committee.

A letter was received from the Newross Gas Co, stating that they intended opening the ground outside Father Quigley's, South St for the purpose of examining the gas supply pipe.

No Order Made

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An application was received from Mr Tyndall of Ballyanne for payment of one years rent of yard in Henry St. And it was referred to the next Finance meeting of the Council, Mr Tyndall to be informed that it would be paid then.

An application was received from Messrs Joseph Freeman, and Robert Quinn South dated 29th Dec. 1902 for a new footpath, concrete Channel and three trapped gratings on right hand side of Robert St from Mrs Whites corner to West pier & entrance to new Church, And it was ordered to be referred to the Quarterly meeting, copy of it to be furnished to the Secretary of the County Council.

A letter was received from Messrs Colfer and Gethin enclosing the original lease dated 22nd. August 1902, of the yard in Henry St.

Ordered

That the clerk acknowledge receipt of same.

The following resolution, relative to the adjustment of the yearly rents was

Proposed by David Murphy and

Seconded by Martin J Delaney. Viz:-

"That our Clerk have all the yearly rents adjusted in accordance with the Local Government (Ireland) acts, and that he obtain the assistance

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of our Solicitors in doing so"

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Martin J Delany and
Seconded by Patrick Tierney

"That our employees
Scanlon, Cahill, Whitty, Walsh, Keilthy, Broaders, Glynn,
and Mrs Brien, be allowed 5/- each for extra cleaning
of streets, &c during Christmas week."

Passed Unanimously

"The following was read:-

Local Government Board
Dublin 18th December 1902

No 68,438:1902
New Ross Urban District.

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 11th inst
relative to the Bill of Costs furnished to the New Ross Urban
District Council by their Solicitor. I am directed by the
Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they will
raise no Objection to the payment of the Account for the half
year ended the 30th Sept. 1902, without taxation provided that
the Council are prepared to Satisfy the Auditor as to the
reasonableness of the items charged therein.

With regard to the bills of costs furnished by the Solicitor for
the half years ended the 31st March 1901, the 30th Sept. 1901
and 31st March, 1902 I am directed to state that, the payments
of these bills having been made without taxation, the matter

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will come under review by the Auditor in due Course

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant

A. M. Devanie

Secretary

Ordered

That this letter be referred to the next

meeting of the Finance Committee.

The following report of the Street Committee was read:-

December 12th 1902

We the following members of the Street Committee inspected

house on Jones's Hill the property of Urban Council and

Concur with Town Surveyor that said wall requires to be

built Newly & cost not exceeding £10

James J O'Gorman

Martin J Delaney

David Murphy

Proposed by Mr Tierney and

Seconded by Mr Delaney

That the report of the Street

Committee be adopted, and the work recommended by

the Committee be carried out

Passed Unanimously

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The Clerk reported that the Town Surveyor did not call to the Office during the past week, nor send in his weekly report this date.

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor be asked to explain why he has not furnished his usual weekly report to this meeting of the Council

That payment of his Salary for week ending to-day be deferred.

Ordered

That John Kough make a key for the Engine Room, to be kept by the Clerk, in case the Engine might be required, before the key could be obtained from the Caretaker or Street Inspector, and that one be also made for outer door of Gholsel.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 14th January 1903

James P Harmon

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Moonday January 5th 1903

Monthly Meeting day.

No attendance of Members.

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday

14th January 1903.

Wednesday 14th January 1903.

A meeting of the Finance Committee

was held this day at 5 Oclock P.M. to transact

business of the Committee for the Quarterly, and Stated

Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present Messrs John Sheane, J.P. J.D. Sheane,

and James J Glynnan.

The Committee considered the letter received from

Messrs Colfer & Fethin relative to the removal of Hoarding

in Robert St. and decided to recommend the Council

to ask the owners of the Walls, Mr Sheehan, and Mrs

White, to Co-Operate with the Council, in having them

removed. They also considered the letter received from

the Local Government Board, relative to the payment of

Messrs Colfer & Fethins bill of Costs, and examined all

the items in the bill, and decided to recommend its

payment as they considered the Charges fair and

reasonable. The Clerk stated that he had some doubt on his mind

as to whether the Council were correct in raising the cost of maintaining

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the streets, and the Town Surveyor's Salary, by means of the Poor Rate he being of opinion that those Charges should be included in the Borough Rate in accordance with Section 46(2) of The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and suggested that the Opinion of the Council's Solicitor be obtained on the matter, and the Committee authorized him to ascertain from the Solicitor, by which rate those Charges could be legally raised. The Committee examined a number of bills presented for payment, particulars of which appear in their report, and having recommended payment of them, prepared their report, and adjourned.

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Wednesday January 14th 1903

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at 6 O'Clock P.M. to transact the business of the Council pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 and other Acts incorporated therewith Viz:- To consider the Quarterly Report and Recommendations of the Town Surveyor, and applications for new works if any, also an application by Messrs Joseph Freeman and Robert Quinn of South St. and Rose's to have constructed two-hundred and eighty-one yards superficial of Concrete footpath on the right hand side of Robert St. leading from South St. to the New Roman Catholic Church, at an estimated Cost of £70-5-0 three hundred and seventy-eight feet (9 in wide) granite Kerbing and Concrete Channel at an estimated Cost of £40-0-0, and three trapped gratings at a Cost of £15-0-0.

Present Messrs James J Gorman Chairman presiding
James R Deane
John T Deane
and
Patrick Sidney

Messrs Joseph Freeman and Robert Quinn were present in support of their application for the new footpath in Robert St

The Town Surveyor was also present.

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The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs James B Skeam, and Patrick Dierney, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 140 James Gannon Street Maintenence 12.9

" 141 Messrs J Williams Do 4.4

" 142 Philip Kelly Do 8.0

" 143 Same Do 2.0.0

" 144 Same Do 1.0.0

" 145 Andrew Cullen Constructing footpath on High Hill 11.0.0

" 146 Mrs Margaret Roche Limestones Ending 31st Dec 02 26-8-0

The following report of the Town Surveyor for Quarter ending 31st December 1902 was read as follows:-

New Ross Urban District

Town Surveyor's Quarterly Report ending 31st December 1902

Gentlemen,

During the Quarter the work of maintenence was carried on continously as has already been notified in my ordinary reports. I have nothing to add save that I endeavoured to do such works as would shew a continued improvement.

The Contractor for the Irishtown has shown a little but not much improvement. I submit Cost and would recommend the flagged footway to the New church be passed Conditionally. My Estimate is £125- half to be a District, and half a County Charge.

Yours Obediently

Thomas Byrne

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The following are his recommendations as to Proposals for Payments

To Pay

James Gannon	Arnestown	12.9
Repr. J Williams	Dromut Elliott	4.4
Philip Kelly	Palace	8.0
Same	Same	2.0.0
Same	Same	1.0.0
Andrew Cullen	Church Lane	11.0.0

To Defer

Philip Kelly	Palace	3.8.6
Same	Same	1.15.7
Same	Same	8.0
Same	Same	3.8.6

To Strike Off

Philip Kelly	Palace	1.15.7
Same	Same	15.7

Proposed by Dr Tierney and
Seconded by Dr John Keane

That the Report of the Town Surveyor, and his recommendations as to Proposals for Payments, be approved of, and adopted, and that the payments recommended by him be made.

Passed Unanimously

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The following application was read:-

County of Wexford } We Robert Quinn of South St
Urban District of New Ross } New Ross, and Joseph Freeman
of South St New Ross, do certify that in our Opinion it
is Necessary to make Two Hundred and Eighty-one
Yards, Superficial of Concrete footpath on the right
hand side of Robert St leading from South Street to the
New Roman Catholic Church, and situate in the town
of New Ross, Barony of Bantry, and County of Wexford
aforesaid, also Three hundred and Seventy-eight feet
(9 inches wide) granite Kerbing and concrete Channel
together with Three trapped Gratings &c, and we propose
that the expense of said work shall not exceed One
hundred and Twenty-five pounds (£125) and shall
be defrayed by the said Urban District of New Ross, and
the County at Large in equal Moieties; and we make this
application pursuant to the provisions of the Statute 61/62
Vic Cap 37 and the several acts incorporated therewith.
Dated this 17th day of March 1896.

Urban District Council
New Ross

Robert Street footpath from Corner of Mrs Whites house,
South St, to West pier of entrance gate to New Church.

116.0 × 9-0 = 116 Yards 19.0 × 9.0 = 19 Yards; 146.6 × 6.0 = 98 Yards
36.0 × 4.0 = 16; 49.0 × 6.0 = 32; Total 281 Yards @ 5/= £70.5.0
378 feet (9in wide) granite Kerbing and Concrete Channel 40.0.0
3 trapped gratings &c 15.0.0
£125.5.0

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In connection with the foregoing application, the following letter was received from the County Surveyor.

County Surveyor's Office
Wexford 12th January 1903.

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 7th inst. enclosing copy of applications for a concrete footpath in Robert St. I have examined the place and consider the estimate is high, and that the path exclusive of the kerbing &c should not cost more than 4/= per superficial yard, instead of 5/= as estimated

Yours truly
Henry Webster
County Surveyor

To
The Town
Clerk of Urban Council

Proposed by Dr J. Deane and
Seconded by Dr O'Gorman

"That the application of two ratepayers, asking for a footpath in Robert St. leading to the New Church, be granted with the alteration contained in the Town Surveyor's report substituting flagging for concrete, the cost not to exceed £35. half to be a District Charge, and half to be a county at large Charge"

Passed Unanimously

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Ordered

That the Clerk write to the County Surveyor and inform him that the Council have substituted a flagged for a concrete footpath, and the Town Surveyor is of opinion that a flagged one cannot be constructed for 4/= per superficial yard.

A letter was received from Mr Philip Kelly, Palace, asking for payment for works executed by him in connection with the Board

No Order made

That the Meeting adjourned

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A Meeting of The Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to recommend to the Governors of Trinity Hospital, a fit and proper person to be Nominated, at a meeting to be held on the 17th " January, for admission to that Institution, and to transact the Finance business of the Council, this being the stated Finance Meeting of the Council

Present Messrs James O'Gorman Chairman
" Patrick Feeney
" David Murphy
" Joseph Roche
and
James Delaney

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read & signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Joseph Roche, and J Delaney the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 147 ~ James Power Hedge Line Cod &c £1.10.9
" 148 " John Comick Repairing Jaw & gate 7.6
" 149 " James Connolly, Gravel 3.0
" 150 " John Kough Repairs to Property &c 3.17.0
" 151 " Andrew Cullen Making drain 1.10.0
" 152 " Same repairs to house property 2.3.9

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No 153	Andrew Cullen	removing portion dangerous house	3. 0
" 154 "	Joseph Sheeran	a/c furnished, diet &c,	2. 10
" 155 "	Insp. Trim.	Quarters Salary, as E Sl Officer	4. 13. 9
" 156 "	Same	Petty Cash	26. 16. 0
" 157 "	John Hegan	Keeping Town Clock in Repair	4. 4. 0
" 158 "	Browne & Nolan	Stationery	11. 9
" 159 "	Charles Dickenson	Half years rent of Yard on Quay to 1st November 1902	5. 0. 0
" 160 "	P. M. Egan	Half years rent Charge of Commons to 1st Nov.	10. 8
" 161 "	A. A. Tyndall	Half years Rent of Yard in Henry Street due the Misses Whitcham 1st Sept. 02	5. 10. 0
" 162 "	Cashier Bank of Ireland	One Years rent Charge due Land Commission	12. 11
" 163 "	Secretary Co Council,	Quarters Demand ending 31st December 1902	276. 5-5
" 164 "	Wexford Engineering Co	a/c fire for Jetty traps	10. 4. 0
" 165 "	Matthew Hutchinson	a/c furnished	4. 6
" 166 "	John J. Browne.	Commission on Collection	5. 19. 10
" 167 "	Patrick Dolger	Councils portion of Wages as Caretaker of Cemetery	1. 4. 0
" 168 "	Colfer & Gethin	Coats for Half year ending 30th Sept. 02	14. 0. 0
" 169 "	Thomas Byrne	Superintendence of Workmen for 3 mos ending 31st December 1902	7. 10. 0
" 170 "	Same	Office & Stationery for 6 mos	1. 10. 0
" 171 "	John Harrington	Oilclothes per a/c	14. 6
" 172 "	Dr Hickey	Supt. Int. Med. Off of Health 2 yrs Salary to 2nd Nov. 02	7. 10. 0
" 173 "	Wm. Baird,	Final Instalment on a/c of Irishtown Sewer as per Certificate No 2 Loans a/c	143. 2. 0

John L Keegan

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The following Correspondence was read:-

Gaelic League

New Ross 14th March 1903

Dear Sir,

We have been directed by our Committee to apply to your Council for the sole use of the Tenant Right Reading Room. The services of an Organizer and Teacher of Irish have been secured by our Committee at a considerable outlay and hence it becomes a necessity to secure the sole use of a room in town in which to hold classes every night. Trusting your Council will see their way to grant our request and so help on the good work in which we are all interested.

We Remain Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

J J O'Donohoe
T Murphy
} Hon Secs

Ordered

That the Consideration of the foregoing letter be adjourned to next Meeting, the Members to be summoned to Consider it.

An application was also received from the Secretary of the New Ross National Teacher's Association, asking for the use of the Room, for an hour on Saturday evening, in which to hold a Meeting, and it was granted.

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Local Government Board
Dublin 10th January 1903

No 5/M6/1903

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to draw your attention to their letter of the 10th June last, No. 75/M6/1902, on the subject of financial relations between the Urban District and the County; and I am to state, for the information of the Urban District Council, that by Section 13 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902, the words "two years" have been substituted for the words "one year" in Section 3 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1901.

It is therefore to be noted that the time within which the Urban District Council may make an application under the Local Government Act of 1901, as amended by the Act of 1902, for a revision of their financial relations with the County will expire on the 16th August 1903.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
A. M. Swaine
Secretary

The Clerk of the
Urban District Council
Arklow

There was no order made on this letter, it being understood that on a previous occasion the Council decided not to make any claim for re-adjustment of their financial relations.

The Local Government Board also wrote enclosing a copy of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1902.

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The Local Government Board also wrote asking for a copy of the notice of all rates made in the Urban District for the year ended 31st March last, and also a copy of the similar Notice with respect to the rates for the Current financial year.

The Clerk stated that he had copies of the Notice referred to, forwarded to the Board, as requested, and this was approved of.

New Ross Gas Company
January 3rd 1903

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of 22nd Dec. last, I am directed to say that the Gas Co has ordered the lamp you mention for New Church, and it will be fixed as soon as received.

As we think there may be some difficulty attending the other Changes required, we have directed our Manager to attend Next Meeting of your Council, and he will be happy to explain matters

Yours faithfully
David Hunt
Secretary

D Hunt Esq
Clerk Urban Council
New Ross

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Mr Kirkham, Manager of the Gas Co, attended and explained the difficulty of altering the lamp at the Chapel to "Incandescent" instead of Ordinary burner lamps, owing to the frequent breakage of Mantles &c and after some discussion it was agreed that it be not altered to an incandescent.

A certificate was received from Dr O'Connor that John Walsh, one of the Councils workmen, was suffering from Rheumatism, and was unfit to work, and it was ordered that he be paid his wages in full for the present.

The following was read:-

In pursuance of the provisions of the Scheme settled by the High Court of Chancery for the regulation of the Charity called the Trinity Hospital New Ross, I hereby give you Notice that Colonel Charles George Bettenham D.L. as representing the Heirs of Thomas Gregory Esq deceased, and James Edward Galavin Esq the Donor, being the governing Body of the said Charity will meet on Saturday the 17th day of January instant, for the purpose of Nominating one fit and proper person to fill up a Vacancy in the said Hospital

Dated this 8th day of January 1903

Thomas Boyd

Treasurer and Secretary to said Hospital

In Connection with the foregoing the following was read:-

High Hill New Ross 14-1-03

Gentlemen,-

I humbly beg leave to apply to you for admittance

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into the Trinity Hospital. I am a poor widow for the last twenty-five years. I am descended from an old and respectable family formerly tenants of Mr Cottenham. I applied fifteen years ago but did not succeed. Many gentlemen of the town signed an application for me, at the time, and I have waited since, trusting at some future time, I might succeed as I am growing old and unable to maintain myself. Trusting in your goodness

I am Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servant

Mary Ryan

The Clerk submitted a list of the applications received from time to time, and, after some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr David Murphy and

Seconded by Mr Tierney

That Mrs Mary Ryan 41 Gt

Hill be recommended for Nomination to the Governors of Trinity Hospital for admission to that Institution

Passed Unanimously

On the Motion of Mr Roche it was ordered that the Clerk write to the District Inspector of Constabulary, and ask him to kindly give instructions to his men to prevent the footpaths of the principal streets being obstructed by persons who assemble in groups and engage in conversation thereon, to the obstruction of foot-passengers.

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Town Surveyor's Report 14th January 1903.

Gentlemen,

Owing to the severe frost little could be done in the way of repairs, the men and horses are however doing work so as to be prepared when the thaw comes on.

I am getting some good field stones from Mr Redmond, Doheen, carted out on the road. the price is 1/= per computed ton. Stones were quarried on the Wexford road for filling some that remain I got carted to the Doheen.

Limestones are required for future repairs and are much needed at present as all the breakers are idle. If I had a supply, which is difficult to get, I could be prepared much better for such break as may occur after the frost.

I am Obediently

Thomas Byrne

Ordered

That the report of the Town Surveyor be adopted, and the purchase of the field stones from Mr Redmond at 1/= per ton be approved of.

Report of Finance Committee

At the Meeting of the Finance Committee held in the Office this day at 5 Oclock P.M. we examined the following Accs and recommend their payment –

James Power & Co	New Ross	£1-10-9
John Connick	Do	7-6
James Connolly	Do	3-0
John Kough	Do	8-17-0

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Andrew Cullen	New Ross	£1-10-0
Same	Same	2-3-9
Same	Same	3-0
Joseph Freeman	do	2-10
Dr Flynn	do	4-13-9
Same	Same (Petty Cash)	26-16-0
John Egan	do	4-4-0
Browne Nolan	Dublin	11-9
Charles Dickenson	do	5-0-0
P.M. Egan	Kilkenny	10-8
A.H. Tyndall	New Ross	5-10-0
Cashiers Bank Ireland		12-11
Secretary Colonial	Wexford	276-5-5
Wexford Engineering Co	do	10-4-0
M Hutchinson	New Ross	4-6
John J Browne	do	5-19-10
Patrick Bolger	do	1-4-0
Colfer & Fethin	do	14-0-0
Thomas Byrne	do	7-10-0
John Harrington	do	14-6
Dr Garret A Hickey	do	7-10-0
Mrs Roche Ballyanne	do	26-8-0
Wm Laird	Dublin	do	143-2-0
		550-19-2

Your Committee recommend that a Safe be purchased for the use of the office, cost not to exceed £10-0-0, and that the Clerk be directed to obtain locally tenders for same.

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The letter of Messrs Cooper & Fethni re hoardings was read. We recommend that the owners of the walls to which the objectionable hoardings are attached be requested to co-operate with the Council for their removal. We considered the items in Messrs Cooper & Fethni's bill of Costs reasonable and have recommended its payment without taxation; less the Amount which they offered to remit.

We recommend that our Solicitors be instructed to proceed at once against Mr Thorpe for one half years rent in accordance with the resolution of the Council, that the tenant should pay one Years Rent, he having now only paid one half years rent.

James O'Gorman

J Bolearn

John L Hearn

Ordered

That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted, and the payments recommended be made, also that quotations be asked for Safe for Office as recommended by Finance Committee.

Proposed by J.B. Hearn and
Seconded by Mr Roche

"That our Solicitors be instructed to obtain possession of the house occupied by Michael Callaghan, unless he pays the arrears of rent, and Costs incurred up to the present in full"

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 28th January 1903

John L Hearn

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Thursday 15th January 1903.

An election of five Urban District Councillors took place to-day to fill vacancies caused by the retirement by rotation, of Messrs David Murphy, John Grace, Arthur J Doyle, and Patrick Fanning, (previously disqualified) for New Ross Ward, and for David Hunt for Rosbercon.

The following were duly nominated

For New Ross Ward

David Murphy proposed by John O'Sullivan Seconded by J J O'Gorman
John Grace " " Same " " Same
John O'Sullivan " " James J O'Gorman " " John Grace
John Murphy " " Same " " John O'Sullivan
John Fanning " " Patrick Kelly " " D Hennessy
John Hand " " James Hogan " " J Meehan

The polling resulted as follows:-

John O'Sullivan 392, David Murphy 378, John Grace 296, John Murphy 274, John Hand 166, and John Fanning 52

For Rosbercon Ward

Patrick Dunphy proposed by P Forrestal Seconded by James Murphy.

The Returning Officer declared Messrs David Murphy, John Grace, John O'Sullivan and John Murphy duly elected Councillors for the New Ross Ward, and Patrick Dunphy for the Rosbercon Ward of the Urban District of New Ross.

John J Kent

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Friday January 23rd 1903

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 James. J. O'Gorman Chairman presiding
William Murphy
John Murphy
John Grace
James Beame
Patrick Dunphy
David Murphy
Patrick Tierney
John O'Sullivan
and
James G Dooley

Proposed by J Beame and
Seconded by David Murphy

"That James. J O'Gorman be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year"

Passed Unanimously

The chairman having taken his declaration, the Meeting proceeded to consider the advisability of electing a Vice-Chairman, and after some discussion it was decided not to elect a Vice-Chairman

The Meeting adjourned.

John J Keogh

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Wednesday 28th January 1903

A meeting of the 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. and Other Acts Connected therewith, Also to Consider An application from the Gaelic League for the sole use of the Tenant Right Reading Room, a Notification from the Secretary of Trinity Hospital that the Governors have Nominated Mrs Eliza Nelson for admission to that Institution, and to formally re-appoint a Technical Instruction Committee.

Present, Messrs John. S. Deane J.P. presiding
John Murphy
James Dickson
Patrick Greaney
David Murphy
John O'Sullivan
Patrick Dunphy
Joseph Roche
William Murphy
and
Patrick Gannon

The Minutes of previous Meeting, and of Annual meeting, were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Patrick Gannon and Patrick Dunphy and the following Paying Order directed to be issued viz:-

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No 1714 — By Jas Timm, Petty Cash, £22-6-9

"The following Correspondence was read:-

R.I.C. Newross

Co Wexford 22nd January 1903

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 20th inst relative to Obstruction by groups of persons of the footpaths of this town, and request you to inform the Urban Council that I have directed the special attention of my men to this matter

Your Obedient Servant

J. H. Davis

Dist Insp.

Mr Roche stated the Obstruction seemed as much as ever on Sunday night last, and contended there was no improvement. He also referred to the conduct of boys, which he witnessed, on Sunday evening, who were in Mr Harrington's Hall door, and who frequently dipped canes, or sticks, in the mud of the street, and besmeared foot passengers who passed by. He was also informed that the door posts of several persons were wantonly cut.

Ordered

"That the Clerk call on the District Insp. again and put those matters complained of before him, with a request from the Council, that he will give directions to have the necessary means adopted to prevent a recurrence of them.

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A circular was received from the Automobile Club 119 Piccadilly. London W. concerning the Gordon Bennett Cup Race, which it was proposed to hold in Ireland during the year 1903. In order to have it held in Ireland it will be necessary that an Act of Parliament should be passed authorising the suspension of certain rules and regulations affecting Automobiles during certain hours on a specific day. And asking the support of the Council in the matter.

Ordered

That our Chairman, on behalf of the Council, sign an undertaking that they will support the passing into law of such a Bill, provided safeguards be taken to prevent Accidents to the public.

A notification was received from the New Ross Gas Co of their intention to lift a flag outside Mr Ryle's South St. for the purpose of repairing gas supply pipe.

A discussion took place, upon the reading of this letter, relative to the manner in which flags are re-set by the gas Co. and others, and it was

Ordered

"That the gas Co. and others who are in the habit of raising the flags of the footpaths of the town be informed that they cannot in future interfere with the footpaths by taking

up, or re-setting the flap without previously notifying the Town Surveyor of their intention to do so, that they may be re-set to his satisfaction".

Town and County Club
New Ross January 22nd 1903

Dear Sir

I beg to draw the attention of the Urban Council to the fact that the workmen quarrying the roadway beside my — in Wexford St have gone in so close to the foundation of my boundary wall as to make it almost inevitable that the wall will fall down.

If this happens the consequence will be very serious as a new foundation will have to be built. I can scarcely believe that this was done with the knowledge of the Council, and I feel confident that when their attention is drawn to the matter they will direct it to be set right

Yours truly
Arthur J Alexander

Ordered

That the matter be referred to the Town Surveyor.

A letter was received from the London & Newcastle Tea Co, Charles St New Ross, stating that one of the flags in the footpath, opposite their premises, was in a dangerous position, and was causing an Obstruction.

The Clerk reported that it was repaired since the receipt of the letter.

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Offices New Ross
19th January 1903

Gentlemen.

I beg to notify to you that Colonel Charles George Cottenham D.L. as representing the Heirs of Thomas Gregory, and James Edwd. Galavan Esq J.P. the Master of Trinity Hospital, being the Governing Body of said Hospital at their meeting held on the 19th inst appointed Eliza Kelson being a person duly qualified to fill the vacancy in said Hospital.

Thomas Boyd
Secretary to said Hospital

Proposed by Dr Wm Dempsey and
Seconded by Dr Tierney

"That this Council assent to the Nomination, by the Governing Body of Trinity Hospital, of Eliza Kelson for admission to that Institution"

Passed Unanimously

An application, signed by a number of inhabitants of the town, was received from Catherine Doreen, recommending her for admission to Trinity Hospital.

A letter was also received from Mrs Doreen stating that she was over two years in the Hospital, but had yet received no pension, and asking the Council to recommend her to the Governors.

Ordered

"That her application, and recommendation, be placed

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with the other applications received, that it may be considered with them, when the next vacancy occurs."

Greenwich Road
London Jany 26th 1903

Sir

In view of the numerous fires that have occurred within the past week in Irish Towns, including Londonderry, Drum, Armagh, Tipperary, Waterford and Antrim, we think it is probable that Dom Admiral may desire to examine the arrangements at present provided for dealing with fires, and if it is found necessary to provide additional appliances, we shall be pleased to submit special quotations for the supply of same. Meanwhile we enclose herewith, one or two of our illustrated lists which may be useful for reference, and may mention that we have done very good "Exchange" Fire Engines, both for steam and manual power which we are in a position to offer at favourable prices.

Probably the best course would be to authorise our sending a competent Officer of our Private Fire Brigade to inspect the present arrangements and Fire Brigade, with a view to reporting on the whole subject, which we could undertake at a Nominal Charge

Yours faithfully,
Merryweather Nos

In conjunction with this letter, the one received sometime ago from Mr Hartrick in which he stated it was not his duty to take out the Engine to a Fire, was considered, and after considerable discussion it was — —

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Proposed by Dr William Murphy and
Seconded by Dr Tierney

"That the Fire Engine and appliances be placed in sole charge of the Town Surveyor, and that he be directed to have it taken out and tested, on as early a date as possible"

Passed Unanimously.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Technical Instruction Committee asking to have a Committee re-appointed, and also asking the use of the Urban Council Office for the holding of the Meetings of the Committee.

Proposed by Dr Wm Murphy and
Seconded by Dr Tierney

That the following be elected a Technical Instruction Committee for this Urban District for year 1903/4 Viz:-

Very Revd Canon Kavanagh P.P. Very Revd John Hunt O.S.A. Messrs David Murphy, Joseph Roche, Martin McCarney, John O'Sullivan, James J Glynnan, James R Deane, Andrew Cullen, Henry Ellis and John Cahill.

Passed Unanimously

An application was also received from the Secretary of St Stephen's Cemetery Committee asking for the use of the Office

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on the last Saturday of each month for about an hour, in which to hold the meetings of the Committee.

Granted.

The Clerk reported that the owners of the walls, to which hoardings were attached, declined to interfere in their removal, and after some discussion, the matter was referred to a meeting of the Street Committee to be held on Tuesday 3rd. February.

The Clerk also reported that the period for which Mr Hartley's horse was temporary employed had expired on the 22nd. Inst. And it was ordered that the Town Surveyor be authorized to continue him in the employment of the Council, for sometime longer, as he still required his services.

Proposed by Mr Tierney and
Seconded by Mr D Murphy

That the following be appointed on the Committees for year 1903/4 Viz

Finance Committee

Messrs James B Dean
John L Dean J.P.
William Murphy
David Murphy
James J O'Gorman
John Grace

Street Committee

Messrs Martin J Delaney, John O'Sullivan, Patrick Gannon,
James B Dean, Joseph Roche, D. Murphy and J. G Dooley

Passed Unanimously.

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The Clerk reported that possession of the house occupied by Michael Callaghan had been taken up, and there was rent due amounting to £1-9-3, for the payment of which Dr Patrick O'Connor Deputy Sheriff was directed, and it was ordered that the Clerk make application to him for it.

The following report of the Town Surveyor was read:-

28th January 1903

Gentlemen,

The Bridge has been entirely coated with metalling and the footways gravelled. North St has had a large centre sheet put in, this I may remark is the second sheeting. Patching where required has been done on the streets generally. The streets in Rathcroan have been also attended to. All the broken limestones are used up. The two boatloads that were delivered lately are being broken (and those on the Green are being broken) by Kelly, whom I have still employed on day work. The cleaning of the streets has been fairly looked after.

I am Obediently
Thomas Byrne

Ordered

That the report of the Town Surveyor be adopted, and the temporary continuance of Kelly in the employment of the Council be approved of.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 11th February 1903

James J O'Connor

Wednesday 11th February 1903.

A meeting of the Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider a notice of motion by Mr Roche Viz:- That any resolution passed by the Council prohibiting the exclusive letting of "The Tenants Right Reading Room" be rescinded, and the application of the Gaelic League for the use of it be granted also to consider tenders for Office Safe, and transact the Finance business of the Council, this being the stated Finance meeting.

Present Messrs James J. Gorman Chairman presiding.
William Murphy
John Murphy
James. D. Deane
John O'Sullivan
Joseph Roche
David Murphy
and
Patrick Gannon

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making Payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Joseph Roche, and David Murphy, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 175	Thos. Boyd, one years rent of William St, due Col Totenham to 29th Sept 02	£	3.18.6
176	" Same " of Brighton " same		18.6
177	Dr Oleomor One years Salary as Ho. Off. (Roslercon Ward) to 28th Dec 02		1.0.0
178	G. W. Barr Income Tax on house and property year 1902/3		11.3.1

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No 179	"	"	John Redmond for field stones	10-0
" 180	"	"	John Dolin Quarters pension as Town Clerk to 6th Inst.	12-10-0
" 181	"	"	R.W. Morris - Picture Frame &c	3-0
" 182	"	"	Mr Cussen Collr of Inc Revenue Income Tax	1-18-1
" 183	"	"	Mr Flynn Expenses of Returning Officer	20-18-8
" 184	"	"	Same Petty Cash	29-6-4
" 185	"	"	John J Browne Commission on Collection to 11th Inst	3-19-6
" 186	"	"	Patrick Bolger Councils portion of Wages to 26th Jany	1-4-0

The following Correspondence was read:-

New Ross February 11th 1903

The Chairman

Urban Council New Ross

Dear Sir,

I most respectfully beg leave to apply to the Urban Council for permission as a tenant to occupy a house now vacant in Folly No Lane. The house in which I am living at present is unfit for habitation & freely admits the wind and rain, so I trust you will consider my application on this behalf. I am a labourer and am working with Mr Andrew Cullen New Ross at present

Yours truly

James Doyle

Ordered

That James Doyle be accepted as tenant of house in Folly-No-Lane subject to his giving good security for the payment of the rents

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and signing usual "Form of application"

New Ross 11th February 1903

Gentlemen

I shall feel obliged for the use of Lower Room for the holding of an Auction of property on to-morrow - the terms as usual

Yours faithfully
Patrick Dolan

Ordered

That the application be granted

New Ross Trade & Labour Association
Febry 8th 1903

To The New Ross Urban Council

At a Meeting of the above, Mr Patrick Browne presiding the following resolution was passed; Resolved:- "That we the members of the New Ross Trade and Labour Union, dissolve the present association and join our forces with the Gaelic League, Having no further use of "The Tenant Right Reading Room" we resign our right thereto, and wish to return thanks to the Council on our leaving the room for their kindness in placing it at our disposal during the period of our Organization

Yours Respectfully
Laurence Harney

Ordered

That the surrender of the tenancy of "The Tenant Right Reading Room" by the trade and labour Association be accepted.

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A letter was received from Dr W.J. Hearn Sol. dated 2nd Inst. asking permission to open a portion of the ground, by the Hotel, in Maiden Lane, and it was granted.

County Council Offices
Court Ho Wexford
4th February 1903

Fitzgerald's Porch

Dear Sir

With reference to the letter received from you under date 6th January 1903, as to the application by Dr Fitzgerald to erect a porch outside his door And window in Quay & New Ross, I have to state that at the meeting of My Council on the 3rd Inst. on the motion of Dr Furlong, seconded by Dr J.A Doyle a resolution was adopted Consenting to the erection of the proposed porch on the terms of the recommendation of Dom District Council

Yours truly
W.H Pigott
Secretary Co Council

Permission to erect the Porch granted at meeting held on 17th Dec 1902 - See folio 79.

The Clerk stated that Dr Fitzgerald called on him and desired him to ask the Council what number of years, lease they would give him of the space referred to. And in reference thereto it was, Proposed by Dr J.B Hearn and
Seconded by Dr Roche
That Dr Thomas Fitzgerald be granted a lease for seventy-five years of that portion of the

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flagway in Gray St. already specified by the Council, on which to erect a Porch, upon the terms already agreed to by the Council.

Passed Unanimously

Courthouse Wexford

February 4th. 1903

Footpath Resolution

Dear Sir

I beg to inform you that your letter on this matter was considered by my Council at Yesterdays Meeting and it was decided to postpone the subject for three months

Yours truly,

W. A. Pigott

In reference to this matter, Mr Hearn stated that he had to leave the meeting of the Co Council, in order to catch the mail train to Dublin, before it came on, and he could not say why it was postponed. He had a conversation with the Co Surveyor respecting it, and he believed it would have been passed by the Co Council. He now undertook to have any necessary formalities complied with, so that it will come before the next meeting of the Co Council at which it will be supported by him; and this was considered satisfactory by the meeting.

Chilcomb New Cross

January 29th. 1903

Dear Sir

It is very difficult to find out who is responsible for the keeping in proper repair, the road leading from Chilcomb Avenue to Roseveon. Should it be in your charge, I beg to call your attention

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to the truly disgraceful state it is in. For over two years it has not been fit either to walk or drive on, and the past few months it has been worse than ever. On a dry day it is all hills and hollows, and on a wet day covered inches deep with mud.

Yours truly

Connie Boyd.

The Clerk stated that he written to Miss Boyd saying that the matter would be brought before next meeting of the Council, and in the meantime the attention of the Town Surveyor would be directed to it.

Mr Dean stated that it had been improved lately and there was no order made on the letter.

Ordered

"That the Clerk write to the Secretary of the D.W & W.R. Railway Co. asking them to have the footpath reinstated on the diverted road at Rosbercon, without further delay, as the want of this is a serious inconvenience to the public."

"That the Clerk also write to the Secretary of the Kilkenny County Council asking what steps if any, his Council has taken to compel the Railway Co. to substitute the paling, constructed by them on the diverted road at Shanbogh, and other places on the line, by a permanent wall, and what assurance, if any have they received from the Railway Co that same will be done.

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A letter was received from Messrs Kennycutter Mc Ltd respecting the purchase of a Fire Escape, which they had quoted for last Year, and the matter was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs John J. Hearn, J.B. Hearn, David Murphy and the Chairman.

A Medical Certificate was received from John Walsh in which Dr Leamon certified that John Walsh was suffering from Rheumatism, and unable to work, And it was ordered that he be paid his weekly wages in full for the present.

A discussion took place relative to the non-attendance of the Town Surveyor to his duties, and resulted in the following resolution being

Proposed by Mr J Roberts and
Seconded by Mr Roche Viz:-

"That in order that the duties of The Local Surveyor may not at any time in future remain unattended to, owing to the Local Surveyor absenting himself without permission it is hereby arranged that our Local Surveyor be requested to sign an agreement foregoing from his Salary the sum of £1 (one pound) per week and that the Street Committee be empowered to employ a substitute at the rate of £1 per week during the Local Surveyors Absence, and in the event of the Local Surveyor not acceding to above arrangement that the Clerk be directed to inform the Local Government Board of his unauthorized absence".

Passed Unanimously

The following is the Copy of Agreement referred to in the foregoing resolution

I agree to attend at the Urban Council Offices daily at the

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hour of 10 a.m. and to enter in a book, for the purpose, briefly the work likely to engage my attention for that day and I agree to forego from my Salary for the remainder of that week or any subsequent week a sum at the rate of £1 per week calculated from the day I absent myself without permission, or without producing a doctor's Certificate, and that the Amount stopped be paid by the Street Committee to a temporary substitute, who is to continue to act at my expense until I resume attendance at the Office as above and discharge my duties as usual.

Signed

Date—

It was agreed that at the conclusion of the business, the meeting would be adjourned to Friday 13th Inst. for the purpose of having this agreement entered into.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction asking for the names, addresses and occupations of the members of the Technical Instruction Committee recently elected for the Urban District of New Ross, and the Clerk was directed to furnish the particulars asked for.

A Paying Order was received from the Secretary of the Wexford County Council for £32.12.2 being for Maintenance of Main Roads, and one for £2-10.0 for Maintenance of Roadway of New Ross Bridge, and £3.7.6 for Bridge Contract, per Mr Redmond, and

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they were directed to be lodged to the Credit of the Council.

A proposal was received from Mrs Mary A Whitty Camblin for six heaps of manure at 13/=, and from Mrs Mahon Shallows Park for two heaps @ 14/= each, from Thomas Kinsella Camblin for two, or three heaps @ 13/= each, And on the motion of Mr Roche, seconded by Mr Dean, the foregoing proposals were accepted.

A proposal was also received from Mr John Redmond Woodland, for some manure which was raised by his land, at 5/= And it was ordered to be accepted.

"The following of which notice has been given, at previous meeting, was

Proposed by Mr Roche and

Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

That the resolution passed by this Council on the 18th Dec. 1901 retaining the use of the Tenant Right Reading Room for the use of the public, be rescinded, and that it be let to the Gaelic League at a weekly rent of sixpence, subject to this Council retaining the right to grant the temporary use of same to any person whom they may approve of, and that John O'Donohoe and John Murphy be accepted as tenants"

Passed Unanimously

Mr O'Sullivan, as Hon Secretary of the Inchicore Boat Club applied for the use of the Large Room on Tuesday 10th March for the holding of the Annual Meeting of the Boat Club, And on the motion of Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Dunphy it was granted.

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Proposals for the Supply of three dozen of brushes were received from Brs Harry Molloy, Dwyer Bros, Matthew Hutchinson, Patrick Hunt, and John Doyle.

Samples were received from each.

The Meeting examined the Samples, and decided to order 1½ Doz marked No4, @ 28/= per doz, and, 1½ Doz from Bros Dwyer Bros @ 24/= per doz. Those marked No4 @ 28/- per doz to be supplied by Br Hutchinson.

Tenders were received for the supply of a Wrought Iron Fire Proof Safe according to specification, from Bros John Doyle at £7.15.0, Bryan Hennessy at £7.7.0, Matthew Hutchinson one at £9.10.0, and £9.5.0, and Dwyer Bros £9.0.0.

Proposed by Br J Bolton and
Seconded by Br Roche

"That the proposal of Br Bryan Hennessy for the supply of a Fire Proof Safe according to specification be accepted at £7.7.0"

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Br Keane and
Seconded by Br Roche

"That the bills submitted by the Clerk, as entered at the Commencement of these Minutes, be paid, the Finance Committee having examined them and recommend their payment"

Passed Unanimously

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The Clerk stated that Edwd Whaty, tenant of Council, called and stated that he would provide security for payment of his rent, And it was Ordered that no further proceedings be taken respecting obtaining possession of house.

The Meeting adjourned to Friday 13th. February 1903 at 8 Oclock P.M. to consider matter in connection with proposed arrangement to be made with Town Surveyor.

James J Norman

Friday 13th. February 1903

An adjourned Meeting of the Council was held this day at 8 Oclock P.M. to consider arrangements proposed to be made with the Town Surveyor to ensure the proper supervision of workmen engaged in road maintenance, And transact whatever business may be necessary in connection therewith.

Present Chrpn James J Norman Chairman presiding

James B Dean

Patrick Gannon

William Dunphy

John O Sullivan

John Dunphy

and

Patrick Dunphy

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting, as well as, the resolution

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And copy of proposed Agreement with Town Surveyor, which are entered on Minutes of last Meeting.

The Clerk stated that he had forwarded both to the Town Surveyor, And informed him that he was required to attend this Meeting for the purpose of giving effect to the resolution.

After some discussion it was

Proposed by Dor J Bateman and

Seconded by Dor J Murphy

"That the Local Government Board be informed of the unauthorized absence of the Town Surveyor from his duties and that a copy of the letter dated 11th Inst. written by the Clerk to him at the direction of the Council, be enclosed, also a copy of the agreement which the Council was willing to accept from the Town Surveyor rather than undertake the unpleasant duty of demanding his dismissal, and that the L.G.Board also be informed that the Town Surveyor failed to attend the adjourned Meeting to which he was summoned by order of the Council."

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 18th Febry to consider the question further and make whatever arrangements may be necessary

James J O'Gorman

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Wednesday 18th February 1903.

An adjourned Meeting of the Council was held this day at 6 Oclock P.M. to consider Matters in Connection with the Town Surveyor, and make whatever Arrangements may be considered Necessary to ensure the proper Superintendence of the Workmen engaged in Street Maintenence.

Present Messrs James Roberts presiding

John O'Sullivan

John Murphy

and

David Murphy

There was no communication received from the Local Government Board in reply to Resolution passed at last Meeting, copy of which had been forwarded to them, beyond an acknowledgment of it.

After some Conversation relative to the superintendence of the Workmen it was

Proposed by Mr J Roberts and

Seconded by Mr John O'Sullivan

"That Mr Byrne be suspended as a Town Surveyor, and Inspector of Workmen engaged in Street Maintenence, and that the Members of the Council be summoned to appoint a temporary Substitute at the next Meeting of the Council on Wednesday next 25th Inst"

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the services of Mr Hartley's Man and horse, which is the temporary employment of the Council, be dispensed with from

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this date"

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 25th February 1903

James J Gorman.

Wednesday 25th February 1903

A Meeting of The Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other acts connected therewith, also to consider advisability of inviting a deputation from the Harbour Board, Board of Guardians, Chamber of Commerce, and Commercial Club, to meet a deputation from this Council for the purpose of appointing a Committee to wait on the Directors of the Railway Co to ask them to connect New Ross by a Spur line with Durkestown or Campile Station on the Fishguard and Rosslare line, to recommend to the Governors of Trinity Hospital two fit and proper persons to be nominated by them for admission to that Institution also to appoint a person to temporarily Superintend and direct the men engaged in Street Maintenance

Present before James J Gorman Chairman Presiding

David Murphy

James Pokeare

Patrick Tierney

and John O'Sullivan

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The Minutes of previous Meeting and of adjourned Meetings were read and Signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and before David Murphy and John O'Sullivan and the following Paying Order directed to be issued viz:-

No-184 Mc Firm, Petty Cash, £24-7-6

The following Correspondence was read:-

Local Government Board
Dublin 24th February 1903

No 11,096:1903
New Ross Urban District

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst, relative to the duties of the Town Surveyor of New Ross Urban District, and I am to inquire whether the Urban District Council have made any arrangements with the Wexford County Council, as to the maintenance of the main Roads within the Urban District

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant

A. R. Barlas

Assistant Secretary

Ordered

That the Local Government Board be informed that the Council have not entered into any definite arrangement with the County Council, but are paid by the County Council half

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the cost of maintenance at a rate per perch agreed to by both Councils.

Local Government Board
Dublin 24th February 1903

No 11,096,1903.

Newross Urban District

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. relative to the suspension of Mr Byrne from the Office of Town Surveyor in the Newross Urban District, and with reference thereto, I am to inquire whether the Town Surveyor has been suspended with a view to his dismissal from Office. I am at the same time to point out that if such be the case, the approval of the Local Government Board will be necessary under Section 7 of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, as amended by the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act 1872, and that the Board will require to have before them a statement of the grounds on which the Town Surveyor is dismissed is sought

I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant
A. M. Swaine
Secretary

Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be

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deferred to an adjourned meeting of the Council to be held on Friday 3rd Inst at 11.30 Oclock, and that the Town Surveyor be directed to be present at the meeting.

South St

25th February 1903

Dear Sir,

For the information of the Urban Council, I have to inform you I am sufficiently well to resume my duties. I regret my illness was such as to unfit me to perform the duties of my Office in the satisfactory manner I should desire for a couple of weeks past

Yours truly

Thomas Byrne

Town Surveyor

Dr Griffin

Town Clerk

Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be also deferred to the adjourned meeting to be held on 3rd Inst.

A circular letter was received from the Local Government Board relative to overdue accounts, stating the Board have decided that on and after the 1st April next they will not make orders granting extensions of time for payment of debts out of the Poor Rate except in Cases in which it is clearly proved to their Satisfaction that there was reasonable cause for not making application for the payment, and if the debt was not paid for not taking legal proceedings for recovery of the amount

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within three months after the expiration of the half-year in which the debt was incurred or became due.

No Order Made

Notice was received from J A Baker Esq Auditor that he would attend at the Council Office on Friday the 20th March at 11 O'Clock for the purpose of Auditing the a/cs of the Council to the close of the last Financial Year.

Ordered

That Notice of Audit be published in The New Ross Standard.

An application was received from Mr John Doyle Quay St to have his premises registered for the sale of Mixed explosives and on the motion of Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Sullivan they were ordered to be registered.

A report of the Wexford County Council in reference to the Estimate of Rate for year 1903/4 was submitted to the Meeting but there was no Order made upon it.

A Sealed Order was received from the Local Government Board dealing with the admission of representatives of the Press to Meetings of the Council and it was ordered to be filed in the Office for reference

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A letter was received from the Secretary of the Automobile Club, London W. enclosing copy of a Petition to Parliament with a view to the passing of a Short Bill to enable the Gordon Bennett Cup to be held in Ireland, which he asked to have signed and the Seal of the Council attached to it.

Proposed by Dr. Heron and
Seconded by Dr O'Sullivan

That the Petition be signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council, and that the Seal of the Council be attached thereto

Passed Unanimously

It was accordingly signed by the Chairman and sealed

A Notification was received from the Gas Co of their intention to open the ground in Rosherveen near Dr Ogormans to search for leak of Gas. No Order made.

D. W. & W^d. Railway Co

Dublin 21st February 1903

Dear Sir

With further reference to your letter of 13th inst I have now received a report from our Engineer in which it is stated that the Contractors have finished about 200 yards of the footpath on Bretton, and are pushing on with the work to complete the path. Some delay took place owing to the necessity of allowing time for the Embankment approaches to settle, but no time will now be lost in finishing the work

No Order made

Yours faithfully
M. A. Keogh

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A copy of the address of the Gavan Duffy Funeral Committee to the Irish People was received in which the Secretaries asked those who desire to co-operate with the Committee, formed for the purpose of taking charge of the remains, and of paying the last honours to the Dead Irishman, to communicate their names, and transmit their subscriptions as soon as possible to the Lord Mayor, or Hon Officers of the Funeral Committee.

Proposed by Dr O'Sullivan and

Seconded by Dr Murphy

That we the representatives of the Ld Borough of Newross heard with particularly keen regret the death of Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, our first Nationalist Member in an English Parliament; that we hail with approval the proposal to inter his remains in Cherished Irish Soil, and that we promise to give the Movement our fullest support.

Passed Unanimously

The following was read:-

In pursuance of the Scheme settled by the High Court of Chancery for the regulation of the Charity called the Trinity Hospital Newross, I hereby give you notice that Colonel Charles George Bettenham D.L. as representing the Heirs of Thomas Gregory Esq deceased, and James Edwd Galavin Esq the Master, being the Governing Body of the said Charity, will meet on Wednesday the 4th day of March next evening for the purpose of Nominating two fit and proper persons to fill up the vacancies

in the said Hospital.

Dated this 16th day of February 1903

Thomas Boyd

Treasurer & Secretary to said Hospital

The New Ross Urban District Council

The Clerk submitted the list of names of persons who had applied to be recommended to the Governors for admission and it was

Proposed by Dr Hearn and

Seconded by Dr Dempsey

That Mrs Ryan, widow Coach Pt. Lane be recommended to the Governors of Trinity Hospital for admission to that institution"

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by the Chairman and

Seconded by Dr O'Sullivan

That Mrs Cowen be also recommended for admission to that Institution

Passed Unanimously

The following report of the joint Committee appointed to interview Dr Kavanagh in reference to the disposal of the old Church was read:-

The joint Committee appointed by the Urban Council and Gaelic League of New Ross to wait upon Canon Kavanagh with the view to have the old Church vested in the Urban Council and used for public benefit. met Canon Kavanagh at the Urban Council Offices on 21st Inst at 4.30 P.M. Canon Kavanagh expressed the great

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pleasure it would afford him to have the building used for the advantage of the town, but considered it would be out of his power as a trustee, to transfer the property unless a sum equivalent to its market value was paid for it. The deputation then explained that as the proceeds of Old Church would be devoted towards liquidating the existing debt on the New Church, it was only a matter of the Subscribers to the New Church fund assenting to the necessary portion of the next Annual Collection being segregated as the purchase money of the Old building and then devoted to the New Church Fund in liquidation of its debt to enable the trustees without incurring any liability, to transfer the Old Church building in accordance with the wishes of the town.

After some discussion Canon Kavanagh consented to call at an early date a Meeting of the Subscribers to the New Church Fund, and submit the proposal for their consideration. The deputation having thanked Dr. Kavanagh for the kindly manner in which he received their views then withdrew.

Ordered

That the consideration of the foregoing report be adjourned to next Meeting, the members to be noticed to attend.

The Street Inspector reported that the shaft of the sweeping machine got broken and required to be plated, and it was Ordered that John Rough repair it.

The consideration of the appointment of a Committee to wait on the Directors of the Railway Co to ask them to cancel

Kilrossa, by a short line, with Dunkerstown, or Campile. Station, on the Fishguard and Rosslare line was adjourned to next Meeting, as was also the appointment of a person to superintend workmen

The Meeting adjourned to Friday 27th Inst. to consider letter from L.G. Board re Town Surveyor &c

L. S. Hearn

Friday 27th February 1903

An adjourned Meeting of the Council was held this day at 11.30 Oclock a.m. to consider a letter received from the Local Government Board relative to the suspension of the Town Surveyor, and transact whatever business may be necessary to ensure the proper supervision of workmen engaged in road maintenance

Present Reps. James J O'Gorman Chairman presiding
John O'Sullivan
William Murphy
Patrick Dunphy
John L Hearn J.P.
J B Hearn
and
John Murphy

The Town Surveyor was also present

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Wednesday 27th February 1903

The Chairman read the letter received from the Local Government Board dated 24th inst, which is entered on the Minutes of the previous Meeting, and also the letter received from Dr Byrne, which is entered on same Minutes.

Dr Byrne undertook to sign the Agreement, as entered on the Minutes of the 11th inst, copy of which had been sent him, in which is to be embodied the following resolution which was

Proposed by Dr J D Kearns

Seconded by Dr O'Sullivan and unanimously adopted

Viz:- "That the Clerk be empowered to temporarily suspend the Town Surveyor, and appoint his substitute on any occassion he may find the Town Surveyor absent himself from the Office at the appointed hour, or, if present the Clerk may deem it advisable that the Town Surveyor should not perform his duties."

Ordered

"That the suspension of the Town Surveyor be removed, he having undertaken to sign the agreement, in which is to be embodied the foregoing resolution, And that the Local Government Board be informed of this, in reply to their letter of the 24th inst, And also that he has undertaken to sign the Agreement, copy of which has already been sent them, together with the resolution, copy of which is to be forwarded to the Board.

A discussion took place, relative to the appointment of a person to act as substitute for Dr Byrne whenever necessary, and it was ordered that the Council be summoned to make the appointment at each Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday, March 11th 1903.

L. S. Kearns

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Wednesday 11th March 1903.

A meeting of the Urban District Council was held this day at 11.45 A.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider appointment of Committee to wait on Directors of Railway Co in reference to connecting New Ross with Kilkenstown or Campile, to consider report of Joint Committee appointed to wait on Dr Kavanagh with a view to have old Church vested in Urban Council for the benefit of the town, to appoint a suitable person to act as substitute for Town Surveyor whenever necessary.

Present Messrs J.B. Dean presiding
John Murphy
John O'Sullivan
and
William Murphy

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs John O'Sullivan, and John Murphy and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued. Viz:-

No 188	Secretary for Council Quarters Demand ending 31st inst	£	276-5-5
" 189	New Ross Gas Co a/c from 15th Sept to 15th Dec 1902		81-1-0
" 190	Moran Bros Printing & Stationery		1-2-8
" 191	William Cunningham Limestone a/c per a/c furnd		3-0-11
" 192	Matthew Hutchinson a/c furnished for brooches &c		2-12-4
" 193	Staff Firm Quarters Salary as Town Clerk ending 5th inst		25-0-0
" 194	Same Petty Cash		23-5-0

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Do 195 —	Dwyer Bros	a/c furnished for bricks	£	1-18-0
" 196 —	Joseph Freeman	" —	for oil &c	9-10
" 197 —	Jno M. Corcoran		Advertising	4-0
" 198 —	John M. Walsh		Do	4-0
" 199 —	Joseph Dolland		a/c furnished	10-11
" 200 —	Thos Martin		Do	6-6
" 201 —	Patrick Dolger	Councils portion of Wages		1-16-0
" 202 —	John J Browne	a/c for Stamps furd		18-3
" 203 —	Land	Commission		2-14-10
" 204 —	John Dolan	Quarters Superannuation to 6th Inst		3-2-6

The following Correspondence was read:-

Rd 12 710: 1903
New Ross Urban District

Local Government Board
Dublin 6th March 1903

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd Ultimo, relative to the suspension of the Town Surveyor of New Ross Urban District, and in reply, I am to state that the Board consider that the Urban District Council would do well to take legal advice as to the validity of the resolution passed by them on the 3rd Ultimo in this matter, and as to the best course to be adopted under the circumstances

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant

H. M. Swaine

Secretary

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Ordered.

That in reference to the foregoing letter the Council's Solicitors be asked to advise-

1 — Whether the Council had power to suspend, and reinstate the Town Surveyor.

2 " Whether they could delegate the power of suspension to the Clerk.

3 — Whether the Town Surveyor, in the event of the Council appointing a temporary substitute under the Agreement, copy of which is to be submitted to them, could afterwards repudiate it, and claim his Salary which had been witheld and paid to his substitute.

Jn 13,035: 1903.
New Ross Urban District

Local Government Board
Dublin 6th March 1903.

Sir/
"

With reference to your letter of the 28th Ultimo with enclosure, relative to the preparation of the Estimate of Rate in the New Ross Urban District, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to draw your attention to the terms of Section 46 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, from which you will see that the expenses of the Urban District Council incurred in fixing the Demand of the County Council, or in connection with the Poor Rate, are to be defrayed out of the Poor Rate. It is essential that the demands for Poor Rate should show approximately the rates in the £ required to raise the Amounts for

(a) County-at-large Charges
(b) Union Charges
(c) Seperate Charges.

The expenses of the Urban District Council under the Towns Improvement Act, the Public Health Act, or in Connection with Services transferred to them under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898

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are to be defrayed out of the general town rate to be assessed under Sections 60 and 62 of the Towns Improvement Act as Amended by the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1901, Section 4. As regards the form of Rate Book to be used by the Urban District Council, I am directed by the Board to forward herewith, a copy of a Rate Book prepared in this Department, which the Board consider will, with adaptations, meet the requirements of the New Ross Urban District Council

I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant
H. McSwaine
Secretary

Ordered

That the foregoing letter be referred to the Council's Solicitor.

Local Government Board
Dublin 9th March 1903

Sir

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ult. relative to the maintenence of main roads in the New Ross Urban District; and in reply, I am to state that, subject to the terms of the Town Surveyor's appointment, which presumably indicates the duties to be performed by him, it appears to the Board that it would be incumbent on that Officer to superintend and direct workmen engaged in metalling the roads and streets under the control of the Council

H. McSwaine
Secretary

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As it was stated the accounts in which the payment made to the Town Surveyor, for Superintendence and direction of workmen engaged in street maintenence, would soon be audited there was no order made on this letter, pending the decision of the Auditor on the matter.

Office of Clerks
4th March 1902

Gentlemen

I beg to notify to you that Colonel Charles George Tottenham D.L. as representing the Heirs of Thomas Gregory and James Edward Galavin Esq. J.P. the Master of Trinity Hospital being the Governing Body of the said Hospital at their meeting held this day appointed Eliza May, and Catherine Cuneen as being persons duly qualified to fill the vacancies in said Hospital

Thomas Boyd
Secretary to said Trinity Hospital Charity

The Urban District Council
Clerks

Proposed by John O'Sullivan and
Seconded by William Murphy

That this Council hereby Assent to the appointment by the Governing Body of Trinity Hospital, of Eliza May and Catherine Cuneen, for admission to that Institution

Passed Unanimously.

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A Sealed Order was received from The Local Government Board amending the General Regulations under the Locomotives on Highways Act 1896. And it was Ordered to be filed in the Office for reference.

A letter was received from The Local Government Board stating that they consider the Council should take steps to ensure that the Collection of the Poor Rate should be closed before the 31st Instant.

Ordered

That the Rate Collectors be directed to close their Collections as soon as possible before the 31st Inst.

The Patriotic Assurance Company
Head Office 9 College Green
Dublin 10th March 1903

The Secretary
Urban District Council
New Ross

Dear Sir Re Rate Collector's Bonds

With reference to the Bonds issued by this Company to your Council, I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me have replies to the undermentioned queries at your earliest convenience

Yours faithfully
Bernard H. O'Reilly
Manager

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(1) Whether warrants are issued for the whole year or for each half year?
(2) Bundage Paid?
(3) If any rates were outstanding at the close of the last half-year's collection has the total of same since been lodged?
(4) Whether any arrears were brought forward into the current warrant for collection?
(5) Are the receipts written in your office and handed to the collectors or are blank receipts issued to the Collectors to fill up?

Ordered

That the Clerk supply the required information to the Manager of the Patriotic Assurance Company.

Offices
New Ross 11th March 1903

Dear Sir

Mr Thomas Fitzgerald of Quay St called upon us recently with reference to a lease which we understand the Urban Council have promised to give to him of a portion of the flagway in front of his house. Before advising Mr Fitzgerald we wish to know whether the Council require us to act for them in the matter

Yours truly
Wolfe & Gethin

Ordered

That Messrs Wolfe & Gethin be informed that the Council require them to act for them in the matter.

The Town Clerk of Waterford wrote forwarding the following copy of a resolution unanimously passed by his Corporation and asking the Council to adopt it. Viz:-

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"That in view of the vital importance of the legislation promised or foreshadowed in the present Parliament to the industrial, commercial and financial interests of Ireland, we deem it essential that the United Irish Parliamentary Party should have the assistance of those patriotic representatives who have proved their capacity to serve Ireland faithfully and effectively in the past; that our fellow-citizen, Dr Thomas Sexton, has repeatedly shown a statesmanlike grasp of many of the questions now approaching solution, more especially those involving financial issues affecting every class of the community, we, the Corporation of his native city, urge it upon him as a patriotic duty, once more to accept the responsibilities of an Irish representative and assist in the statesmanlike work, that it now seems possible to achieve for Ireland; and that we respectfully suggest to Dr John E Redmond M.P. Chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party, and the Irish constituencies, that the earliest opportunity should be availed of to secure the return of Dr Sexton to Parliament."

Proposed by Dr John Dr Murphy and
Seconded by Dr Sullivan

That the foregoing resolution

be adopted by this Council

Passed Unanimously

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Kilkenny 27th February 1903.

Dear Sir

The Secretary of the County Council of Kilkenny has handed me your letter to him of the 13th inst. and in reference thereto we beg to say that proceedings are pending both in Chancery and the Court of Kings Bench at the suit of the County Council against the Dr and Wd Railway Co to compel the Company to do certain works on their line from Newross and Waterford for the protection and convenience of the Public

Yours Very truly
James Poe Hon

Ordered

That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the Hon Poe Hon for the information contained in their letter.

An application was received from George Brown North Ch for a renewal of Licence for his Gunpowder Store, situate at Maiden Lane Newross, and of his Registered Premises situate at North St Newross, for the sale of gunpowder and Mixed Explosives, and on the Motion of Dr Sullivan seconded by Dr Wm Murphy both applications were granted.

A communication was received from the Commissioner of Valuation notifying the despatch of the revised Valuation lists for 1903, relating to the Urban District, as well as a copy of Instructions issued under The Valuation (Ireland) Acts.

The Clerk stated that the lists had been received and the necessary

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Notices published

A circular letter was received from the Secretaries of The Irish Industrial Conference asking the Council to appoint delegates to attend the Conference to be held in the Royal University Earlsfort Terrace Dublin on Wednesday 15th April 1903 at 2 P.M.

No Order made.

Proposed by J. D. Evans and
Seconded by Wm. Brimley

That this Council Approve Of the Old Church being retained for the public benefit, but in view of a public meeting being convened for the 22nd inst. to Consider best means of disposal of the building this Council at present prefer not to express an opinion as to the most advisable authority in which the property should be vested.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor have all the ruts in the streets filled with Metalling as soon as possible.

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Report of Finance Committee

11th March 1903.

Com Committee met this day at 11 Oclock and recommend for payment the following Accts (see list at commencement of minutes) We recommend that the Collectors of Rates be directed to close their Collections at once

Wm. Murphy
J. D. Keane

Ordered

That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted, and the payments recommended by them be made.

The following report of The Town Surveyor was read.

11th March 1903.

Gentlemen

Considerable damage has been done to the property of the Council by the late storm. The South Wing of the Fish House will require to be Newly Slated, owing to the difficulty, if not impossibility of providing slates to match the old. Mrs Rochfords on High Hill suffered also. If the Council would think of slating the front of this house with slates to correspond with adjoining houses built by Mr A Cullen, the old slates could be used on Thomas Walls stable which was greatly damaged also. Some shoots were blown off the front of the New houses Wm St. The roof of Mrs Galavins house lost some slates and tiles, and a portion of the gable wall fell down.

The work of maintence chiefly consisted of cleaning the surface and water tables on Roheen road, putting out metalling on same, getting stones broken, cleaning Wexford St, cleaning and metalling

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Greywell Road, removal of mud scrapings, levelling out approach to Christian Brothers Schools, spreading furnace ashes for binding over same and the cleaning of choked gullets at Fair Gate and at Drake's Neville St.

The cleaning of the Irishtown should be better attended to, the channels are seldom cleaned so that the new gully traps are often choked. Priory Lane is in a bad way, the mud should be cleaned off and provision made for metalling it, in the first instance with good local stone and afterwards with limestone, if the season permits.

Stones could be quarried in Corr our Yard Henry St, or a better description could be had at Endowed School.

I was asking Cahill about starting to pave the channel in Wexford Str alongside the footway, he states he would not be able to do it at present.

Corr Obedient Servant.
Thomas Byrne

Ordered.

That the South side of the Tail House be newly slated.

That Mrs Rochford's house be repaired and that tenders for same be invited, the work to be done in accordance with a specification to be prepared by the Town Surveyor.

That the roof of Mrs Galavin's house, and the house itself be repaired by the Town Surveyor, who

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is also to have new shoots put on the lances in William St, which the ones already on were blown off.

That the Channels of the Irishtown be cleaned and also the surface of Priory Lane.

A discussion took place relative to the quarrying of stone in Henry St Yard, or Endowed School, but no order was made on the matter.

The appointment of a substitute for the Town Surveyor if necessary, as well as of a committee to wait on the Railway Co was adjourned

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 25th March 1903.

James J. O'Gorman

Wednesday 25th March 1903.

A meeting of The 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, and other Acts connected therewith.

No Member of the Council attended, and the meeting was adjourned, by the Clerk, at 8.15 PM, to Thursday 26th March 1903, at 7.30 P.M.

James J. O'Gorman

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Thursday 26th March 1903.

An adjourned meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith.

Present Messrs James J Glorman Chairman presiding
John Dunphy
Patrick Dunphy
James Kehoe
David Dunphy
Patrick Tierney
John Grace
Martin J Delaney
and
Patrick Gannon

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs John Grace and Patrick Gannon, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 205— In aid from Petty Cash £19-5-3

The following certificate was received from Dr. O'Connor

John Walsh is suffering from Paralysis and is unfit to work. Signed Wm. O'Connor

March 20th 1903.

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Ordered

That John Walsh be paid his wages with the exception of the shilling allowed him for turning the water cocks on Sundays, which in future, is to be paid to Scanlon, who now performs that work.

Proposed by J. D. Deane and
Seconded by Martin J. Delaney

That Wm. Scanlon be paid one shilling per week in addition to his present wages for turning water cocks on Sundays, same to be deducted from John Walsh as he does not now perform that work."

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That in future the wages of William Scanlon be charged to the water account, as his whole time is almost occupied in attendance on the water cocks.

The following correspondence was read:-

Offices
Newross 24th March 1903

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 19th inst. with regard to the validity of the order of 9th February last removing the suspension of the Town Surveyor in our opinion this order is bad. We do not mean the Council have no power to remove the suspension of Mr Byrne but we are of opinion that if they remove the suspension at all it must be done unconditionally and not as part of an agreement such as was made on this occasion. We also very much doubt whether the

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Council have the right to depute to you the power of suspending Mr Byrne and appointing his substitute. Mr Byrne is an Officer within the meaning of The Local Government Act and cannot be dismissed from Office without the sanction of the Local Government Board, but the Council are his Masters, and in our opinion they may dismiss him themselves or reinstate him themselves. The agreement between Mr Byrne and the Council is in our opinion irregular and without binding effect.

Yours very truly,
Colfer Hyethin

Jn° Finn Esq
Clerk of Council
Kells.

Proposed by James B Kearns and
Seconded by John Murphy

That the suspension of the Town Surveyor which was removed conditionally by resolution of the Council on 9th inst be hereby absolutely removed.

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by James B Kearns and
Seconded by John Murphy

That the Town Surveyor be informed that the Council require him to attend some time during each day at the Offices of the Council and enter in a book for the purpose a short account of the work engaging his attention and

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the Clerk be directed to report to the Council any violation of this rule by the Town Surveyor"

Passed Unanimously

Fair Gate New Ross
February 11th 1903

Gentlemen

"I beg to inform you that the rain is coming in the roof of my house. I would be very thankful if you would get the necessary repairs done on it, as soon as possible as it is very dispreadle in its present state

I remain, respectfully
James Steacy

Ordered.

That the Town Surveyor get the house repaired as soon as possible.

Inistown New Ross
March 19th 1903

Gentlemen.

I beg leave to draw your kind attention to my house which is in a very bad state, and unless you see after it at once I am sorry to inform you I shall be compelled to leave it

Yours truly
Mrs Galavin

An order having been made at the Sanitary Meeting respecting this house, and is entered on the Sanitary Minutes there was now no further Order made.

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A circular was received the Secretaries of the United Irish League asking the Council to appoint two delegates to attend the National Convention of the League to be held at the Mansion House Dublin On the 14th and 15th of April

Ordered

That the Members of the Council be summoned to attend Next Meeting to appoint two delegates to represent the Council at the Convention.

The following report of the Town Surveyor was read:-

26th March 1903.

Gentlemen -

"The Streets and roads have been gone over and patched with Metalling where needed most, some Set remains to be done, but owing to the bad weather the limestones cannot be got in. There is something better than a half boatload left unbroken on the Windmill Lane by Patty Reily who was unable to finish them. I could get them broken for 15/-. There has been nothing done about removing the Drock off Priory Lane. A drain at the Commencement of the Greywell road was opened and cleaned.

The gullet at Byrne's Corner Drishtown is choked causing furrows to be cut in the street owing to the water overflowing the channel. For some time past the Drishtown Street and Drongawer Lane have been neglected. Some cleaning & patching is being done by the Contractors to-day. The pipe drain is laid in street opposite the Railway, by the Railway Company

Above where they stopped, the old drain is choked, owing in my opinion to the break down where the rails crossed the street.

I submit Specifications for repairs to Fish house and Mrs Rochford's house Chapel Lane. There is no ashpit or privy in the yard of this house

Thomas Byrne.

Ordered

That the report of the Town Surveyor be adopted and that he get the stones in Windmill Lane broken at the price named 5/-

The Specifications for the repairs to Fish House, and house of Mrs Rochford Chapel Lane were also submitted to the meeting and on the motion of Br Dean, seconded by Br Feeney, were unanimously adopted, and the Clerk was directed to issue advertisements inviting tenders for the repairs to the houses, in accordance with the specifications, same to be considered at next meeting of the Council, to be held on 8th April.

The Clerk reported that the arrears of rent due by Michael Callaghan, for the payment of which Br Patrick O'Connor was responsible under his Bond was not yet paid, and that Officer was directed to request Br O'Connor to have the amount paid without further delay otherwise they will be compelled to take proceedings under his Bond.

The Meeting inspected the new Safe delivered by Br Hennessy and approved of it.

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The Clerk reported that Hartnett's Contract for the care of the Fire Engine and hose expired on the 31st inst. and asked if advertisements be issued for someone to care it, it having been directed to be placed in charge of the Town Surveyor at a previous meeting. After some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Deane and

Seconded by The Chairman

"That the Fire Engine be placed in the charge of the Clerk, and that he be authorized to engage men, to assist those in the employment of the Council in having it tested occassionally"

Passed Unanimously.

John S Hearn

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 8th April 1903

Monday 6th April 1903

Monthly meeting day. No attendance of Members. The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 8th April.

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Wednesday 8th April 1903.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at 6 O'Clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to "The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 and other Acts connected therewith, to consider the Quarterly Report and recommendations of the Town Surveyor, also his Annual Estimate for maintenence of Public Works, and applications for New works, if any, and to confirm a resolution adopted at last Quarterly Meeting, to construct a New footpath in Robert St.

Present Messrs John S Hearn J.P. presiding
John O'Sullivan
Patrick Dunphy
John Sheehan
and
John Murphy

Dr Thomas Byrne J.P. was also present.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John O'Sullivan and Patrick Dunphy, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 1 —	Margaret Roche	a/c for Limestones to 31st March 1903	£14.8.0
" 2 —	James Barron	Commission on Collection	21.13.4
" 3 —	James Gannon	Road Maintenence	12.9
" 4 —	Peter J Williams	Do	4.4
" 5	Philip Kelly	Do	8.0
" 6	Same	Do	8.6

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The following report of the Town Surveyor for Quarter ending 31st March 1903 was read:-

Gentlemen,

The past Quarter being exceptionally wet, the men and horses were continually employed metalling and cleaning the streets and roads in the hands of the Council, and owing to the attention they received, and the large quantity of material used up the streets are showing a great improvement. A further portion of the road in continuation of Wexford street has been filled and metalled. Very little work or attention has been paid to the College Road or Irishtown by the Contractor. Of course you are aware this is a main road partly maintained by the County. I submit Estimate for Maintenence of Streets for year ending 31st March 1904.

The cost of making a new footpath in Robert St comes before you again.

I am Obedient Servant

Thomas Byrne.

The following are his recommendations as to Proposals for Payment Viz:-

To Pay

James Cannon	Arnestolon	New Ross	12-9
Repts of Williams Bt Elliott		Do	4-4
Philip Kelly	Palace	New Ross	8-0
Same		Same	8-6

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To Defer

Philip Kelly Palace Newtoss £3.8.6; £1.15.7; 8/= and £3.8.6

To Strike off

Philip Kelly Palace Newtoss £1.15.7 and £3.0.0

Proposed by Mr Meehan and
Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

That the report of the Town Surveyor, and his recommendations as to Proposals for Payments be approved of and adopted, and that the payments recommended by him be made.

Passed Unanimously

Estimate for maintenence of Streets and roads for Year ending 31st March 1904

296	perches,	Philip Kelly's Contract	@	2/4	=	£34.10.4
64	"	" " "	@	6	=	1.12.0
34	"	James Gannon's Do	@	1/6	=	2.11.0
35	"	Rep. Williams Do	@	6	=	17.6
7/4	"	Urban Council (Main roads)	@	4/=	=	14.16.0
361	"	do	do	@	7/=	=	126. 7.0
396	"	do	do	@	4/6	=	89. 2.0
709	"	do	(District)	@	3/=	=	106.7.0
155	"	do	do	@	1/6	=	10.6.8

Roscrea

170	"	Urban Council	(Main roads)	@	5/=	=	42.10.0
146	"	do	do	@	3/6	=	25.11.0

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Forward £45-4-10-6

113 Perches (Urban Council) District @ 9 = £4-4-9

458-15-3

New Works

Half Cost of flagging Robert St say 60-0-0

518-15-3

C/F

By half cost of main roads, say 130-0-0

£ 388-15-3

Thomas Byrne

Town Surveyor

6th April 1903

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor's Estimate be approved.

Proposed by Mr Meehan and

Seconded by Mr Murphy

"That the resolution passed at the last Quarterly Meeting of the Council agreeing to Construct a footpath in Robert St, in accordance with specification submitted to that Meeting, subject to the approval of the County Council, who is to pay half the cost of same, be, and is hereby approved of"

Passed Unanimously

The following report of the Street Committee was read:-

A Meeting of the Street Committee was held on Friday the 3rd April 1903 at which the following Members attended Viz:-

Messrs J.W. Hearne and John O'Sullivan

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Dorr Committee, after inspecting the roads and streets for which Dorr Philip Kelly is Contractor inspected the footpath in Wexford St and the recent filling and Metalling Carried out for the improvement of this street. We recommend that Cement Concrete be substituted for the water table instead of the paving stones already provided in the estimate. We visited Priory Lane and recommend that nothing further be done with the surface until the filling over the Sewer has had sufficient time to settle and consolidate.

Dorr Committee recommend the District Council to inform the County Council that the Contractor Kelly is doing little or nothing with his contract within the Urban District and in Consequence the roads in his charge have worn very considerably and that some action should be taken by the County Council to have these roads put in proper order, as the District Council should not take them over in their present condition on the expiration of his Contract July 1904

J B Hearn
John O Sullivan

Proposed by Dr Dunphy and
Seconded by The Chairman

"That the report of the Street Committee be adopted

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

"That a copy of that portion of it referring to Contractor Kelly be forwarded to the County Council"

"The Meeting adjourned

R Thompson

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Wednesday 8th April 1903.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this day at 5-30 Oclock P.M. to transact business for the Quarterly and Ordinary meeting of the Council.

Present Messrs John Stearne J.P.
and
James Askearn.

The Committee examined the Poor Rate Collector's Abstract of Uncollected Poor Rate, and recommended that sums amounting to £44-17-2 be carried forward to next Collection, and sums amounting to £15-12-9½ be cancelled. They also examined a number of bills submitted to them, which they recommended for payment, and having prepared their report, adjourned.

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Wednesday April 8th 1903

A meeting of the Dewkes 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, and other Acts connected therewith, also to ~~appoint~~ two delegates to attend the National Convention of the United Irish League to be held in Dublin on the 14th and 15th inst. to consider advisability of selling or leasing Council's interest in Mrs Galavin's house at Inishtown and to transact the financial business of the Council this being the stated Finance Meeting.

Present Messrs John Sheehan J.P. Presiding
David Murphy
John Sheehan
Martin Delaney
Joseph Roche
Patrick Dunphy
John O'Sullivan
and
James B. Means

The minutes of Previous Meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Joseph Roche and John O'Sullivan and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 7	Bryan Hennessy	Safe for office as per Tender	£7.7.0
" 8 "	James Galavin	Use of furnished	1.0.3
" 9 "	Robert Costello	Erecting new water closet	15.10.0
" 10 .	Technical Instruction Committee	rate Collected to 31st ult	18.11.4
" 11 .	Dr Storm	Quarters Salary as E.S. Officer to 22nd ult	4.13-9

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No 12	John. D. Walsh	Advertising per a/c furnished	7. 0
" 13	James Power & Co	a/c furnished for Lime, Coal &c	19. 5
" 14	Andrew Cullen	Carpenter Work	2. 7. 8
" 15	Thos Byrne	D.I. Superintendence of Works &c	7. 1. 0
" 16	John Keogh	Smithwork	1. 10. 0
" 17	Drafting	Petty Cash	19. 18. 5
" 18	J. J. Browne	Commission on Collection	4. 1. 1
" 19	Jonas Hardwick	Carting Fire Engine and rip 2 Jobs &c	4. 0. 0

The following Correspondence was read:-

The Patriotic Assurance Co
9 College Green
Dublin 27th March 1903

The Secretary
Urban District Council
New Ross

Re Rate Collector's Bonds

Dear Sir,

Referring to mine of the 10th inst. as I have not yet been favoured with a reply, I herewith enclose copy, and shall thank you to let me have the information desired therein by return of post to avoid the cancellation of any of the Bonds without reasonable cause. Should the replies to Questions 3 or 4 of the enclosure be in the affirmative kindly in addition let me have answers to the undermentioned Queries.

Yours faithfully
Bernard H. O'Reilly
Manager

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The Clerk stated that the replies referred to were forwarded immediately after last meeting, the date on which that letter was written.

Ordered

That the Manager of the Patriotic Assurance Co be informed that the Council have no objection to reply to any reasonable questions affecting the Collector for whom the Company is surety, but they decline to afford them any information respecting their Collectors for whom the Company is no way responsible.

General Valuation Office
Nos 6 & 7 Ely Place Dublin
3rd March 1903

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 30th inst forwarding Valuation Appeal of the D W & W. Railway Co. and to state that the matter will receive early attention

I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Alfred J. Beckett
Chief Clerk.

No Order Made

An application was received from the Local Government Board for a return, in duplicate, of the names of the several Officers employed by the Urban District Council, and the Clerk was ordered to furnish the required particulars.

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A letter was received from James Keilthy asking for an increase of 1/- per week in his wages, as he had to be on the town same time as the other men.

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr Deehan

"That James Keilthy be placed on the permanent staff of the Councils workmen, and that he get 13/- per week as long as required"

Passed Unanimously

Iron Work

Marsh Lane 21st March 1903

Gentlemen

I propose to keep the Fire Engine in repair for one year and to attend all fires for that period for the sum of six pounds sterling

Your Obedient Servant
Jonas Hartnick

Ordered

"That Mr Hartnick be informed that this matter was decided at last meeting of the Council"

A circular letter was received from the Local Government Board relative to existing Accounts Order, prescribing the manner in which the yearly and half yearly Accounts are to be closed, And the clerk was directed to comply with the order of the bd Board.

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Bronkstown
31st March 1903

Dear Sir

I have this day returned the books per rail.
Please note memo re amount due by Byrne for rates.
When report is published I would be obliged for copy of paper for reference

Yours faithfully
J. A Baker

The Clerk read the memo referred to, which directed the Comm^l to deduct the sum of £1-19-0, being amount overcharged Mr Byrne at last Audit, from next payment of Salary due to Mr Byrne if he would not in the meantime lodge the Amount.

The Clerk also stated that Mr Byrne directed him to inform the Comm^l that he intended to communicate with the Local Government Board with a view to having the surcharge remitted, and the meeting decided to allow the matter to stand over pending a communication from the L.G.Board.

Messrs John Murphy, and J.J O'Donohoe, Hon Secretaries of the Gaelic League, wrote agreeing to become tenants of the Tenants Right Reading Room.

Mr James Connolly, wrote asking permission to open the ground on the Quay, and the flagged pathway outside Messrs Finlan Bros and Mrs O'Donohoe's premises, to enable him to lay new drains from them to the main, And it was granted, Mr Connolly to be responsible for any accident, and to replace the flagging to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor.

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The following copy of a resolution received from the Ballymoney Urban District Council was on the proposition of Mr Delaney, seconded by Mr J. B. Deane, unanimously adopted and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Mr French M.P. Viz:-

"That the Imperial Parliament be petitioned to bring in a Measure whereby holders of terminable leases in Towns will, on the expiration thereof, in Cases where the Landlord seeks to have the rent increased be entitled to compensation for all buildings erected, and improvements effected by the tenant or his predecessor in title."

A letter was received from R. G. Allinson Wm M.I.C.E. stating that he had, in conjunction with another Engineer, a Scheme in Contemplation for supplying certain Irish Towns with Electricity either for lighting or traction or both, and asking an expression of Opinion from the Council, as to what support they would be likely to receive from towns of say 5,000 inhabitants and upwards.

Ordered

That the Clerk inform this gentleman the Council will be very pleased to support them in lighting the town by means of Electricity provided they can compete with the local Gas Co whose Charges are at present considered very high.

Arising out of the foregoing Order, a Statement was made that the Dublin Gas Co had made a substantial reduction in price of gas to

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consumers, and some members were of opinion that the Kew Gas Co ought to be asked to reduce their price also.

After some discussion the following resolution was

Proposed by Br Delaney and

Seconded by Br J Bolger

"That in view of the very substantial reduction in the price of gas made by the Dublin Gas Co to consumers this Council is of opinion that the Kew Gas Co should grant a similar reduction, and they request them to revise the existing Contract price of the Public Lighting of the Town and grant a reduction on same for the remainder of the period covered by the Contract which expires on the 15th September next"

Passed Unanimously

Letters were received from the Gas Co stating that they intend opening the street, and probably raising some flags outside the premises of the late Br Hutchinson, and Br Freeman for the purpose of repairing the gas supply pipe, and also outside the Royal Hotel in order to repair a leak in pipe.

No Order made

An application was received from Bro O'Donohoe Kilmacud Kew Rds for the pipe water, which was granted.

To The Urban District Council Kew Rds

Gentlemen

I propose to do the work on gen house in Chapel Lane, and also the work on Fishhouse according to Specification for the following Amounts. For work on Chapel Lane House £16-18-0

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For work on Lighthouse £7. 5. 0. Hoping to be favoured with your Orders.

I am faithfully
Andrew Cullen

Not Accepted. Tender considered too high.

That Surveyor get both houses repaired as soon as possible.

A series of resolutions, dealing with the rating laws in their relation to new buildings, were received from Strabane Urban District Council, and on the proposition of Mr J. Kearns seconded by Mr O'Sullivan were adopted.

Mrs Galavin's House - Irishtown

Street Committee Report

Your Committee visited and inspected the above house and offices. We recommend that what remains of the roofs of the old sheds, and dangerous portions of the walls on South side be taken down and any useful material to be removed. We directed the Surveyor to have repaired, as soon as possible, the slating of the dwelling house and return building, and to have the breach in gable re-built.

John O'Sullivan
James J O'Gorman
M J Delaney

Proposed by Mr David Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Joseph Roche

That the work recommended by the Committee be carried out by the Surveyor, and that he get the

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Zinc Sheets on Bros Galavins house fixed on Thos Walsh's stable until it can be properly repaired.

Town Surveyor's Report 8th April 1908.

Gentlemen,

Metalling has been put out on the Wexford road over the portion that had been recently made up, the scrapings on the sides having been removed and heaped. One boat of limestones was delivered by Bro Roche and is being broken. The flagging outside Mr Dempsey's in North St was taken up and the defective flags replaced by new ones. Mr Dwyer wants a couple of flags set at his shop door.

There is a trapped grating much wanted in Sugarloaf lane at end of the Post Office. The slater engaged to repair the houses in Irishtown was unwell for some days. I expect him to be at work to-morrow. Mr A Cullen is about building some houses on the North corner of Church Lane. A portion of the old wall projects about four feet beyond the front of adjoining house. If the new work was set back it would improve the line of street at this end. The cost of a 4" pipe drain from W.C. in Market as proposed to be made would be about £4.

Ordered

That a new flag be set at Mr Dwyers premises.

That a trapped grating be placed in Sugarloaf lane

That the Clerk write to Mr Hamilton asking him, on behalf of Col Tottenham, to give the portion of grounds

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referred to in the report for the purpose of widening the Street, And that the Consent of Dr Cullen be also Obtained; the Convict being willing to give a small portion instead.

The Meeting decided Nil to lay the piped drain from the New W.C. at present.

Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee have examined the accounts and recommend payment of the following &c.

Margaret Roche Limestone	£14. 8. 0
James Barron Commission on Collection	7. 13. 4
Bryan Hennessy Office Safe	7. 7. 0
James Galavin Use of Furnished	1. 0. 3
Robert Costello Erection of W.C. per Contract	15. 10. 0
Technical Instruction Committee Rate Collector	18. 11. 4
Wm Finn Do Salary as C.C. Office	4. 13. 9
John. W. Walshe Advertising	7. 0
James Power Use of Jaunting Car	19. 5
Andrew Cullen Carpenter Work.	2. 7. 8
Thos Byrne Superintendence &c	7. 1. 0
John Keogh Smithwork &c	1. 10. 0
Wm Finn Petty Cash	19. 18. 5
J. J. Browne Commission on Collection	4. 1. 1
James Hartrick One Year Contract for Fire Engine	4. 0. 0

We are pleased to find Mr Barron has made a very good

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Collection, and within the time appointed.

The Abstract of Uncollected Poor Rate was also submitted. from which it appeared that the Committee recommended that sums Amounting to £4-17-2 be Carried forward to next Collection and Sums Amounting to £15-12-9½ be Cancelled as irrecoverable.

Proposed by Cor Delaney and
Seconded by Cor Sullivan

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted, and the Payments recommended by them be made, also that the sums of outstanding Poor Rate recommended by the Committee be Cancelled, and the remainder Carried forward to next Collection.

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Cor Delaney and
Seconded by Cor J B Keane

That Messrs J J O'Gorman, Chairman of the Council, and Patrick Dunphy, be appointed delegates to represent the Council at the Irish National Convention to be held in the Rotunda Dublin on 14th and 15th Inst.

Passed Unanimously.

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor get a temporary shed erected in the yard of the Council, in which to place the Mud Cart and sweeping machine.

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The following letter was read and considered in Committee.

Offices Ely Co
8th April 1903

Dear Sir

Re Lease to Thomas Fitzgerald

Referring to yours of 4th Inst. before preparing this lease we think it right to bring under the notice of the Commissioners the peculiar nature of the transaction.

As we understand the matter Mr Fitzgerald requires the lease to enable him to enlarge and improve his premises. But he is only a yearly tenant, and if the lease is carried out the result will be that part of his house will be held on yearly tenancy and part on lease. This is a state of affairs which we think the Council should not be a party to creating as it may hereafter involve Mr Fitzgerald, and possibly the Council in serious legal complications.

Yours Very truly
Cooper & Fethin

Ordered

That Mr Fitzgerald be informed that legal difficulties exist in the matter of letting or leasing of portion of footpath, and that the permission given him must be rescinded.

The Clerk asked which of the papers he would have the Auditors Report and Abstract of Accts published in, as it might be necessary to have same published before next meeting.

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of the Council.

It was agreed that same be published alternately in both papers, the next Report to be published in "New Ross Standard" at a cost not exceeding that Charged on last occassion by "The Free Press" Viz £1-4-0

Ordered

That Mr Andrew Cullen make a stand for Office Safe

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 22nd April 1903

James J Sparrow

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Wednesday 22nd. April 1903

A meeting of The Newcastle Urban District Council was held this day, at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and other Acts Connected therewith.

Present Messrs James J Gorman Chairman Presiding
Martin J Delaney
Patrick Dunphy
John Stevens J.P.
Patrick Tierney
Patrick Gannon
and John O'Sullivan

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Patrick Gannon and Patrick Dunphy and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 20— Jas Finn Petty Cash £2-2-7

The following Correspondence was read:-

Town Hall Newcastle
9th April 1903

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter relating to erection of Porch and very much regret that any difficulty should exist in the matter now. I understand it is chiefly on account of the base

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and I wish to state, that I am quite willing to become a yearly tenant of the portion of footway given me at the rent fixed by the Council, and to give an undertaking in whatever form they wish that I will surrender to them quite and peaceable possession of it whenever required by them. I sincerely hope they will not withdraw the possession so kindly given me to build it as I require some protection to my shop very badly especially in Winter. I desire also to take this opportunity of thanking the Council for the kind manner in which they dealt with me in this matter

Yours faithfully
J. Fitzgerald

Mr. M. Flynn
Clerk of Urban Council
New Ross

After some discussion the following "Notice of Motion" respecting this matter was handed in by Mr John O'Keane J.P. Viz:-

"On the 6th May 1903, I will propose that the resolution of the Council passed at meeting of the 11th February granting a lease for 45 years to Mr Fitzgerald of portion of the flagway in Quay st be rescinded"

It was agreed that the resolution passed at meeting of the 17th December 1902. granting him permission to erect the porch outside his premises in Quay, subject to certain conditions, as recommended by the Street Committee be allowed to stand.

New Ross Union
Clerk's Office 30th April 1903

Dear Sir,

I enclose two resolutions, passed on Saturday last by the

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Council of Ida Rural District and I am to request you to be good enough to bring them under the notice of your Board.

Truly Yours
P. A. Pope
Clerk to the Council.

No1 — "That we hereby direct the attention of The New Ross Urban Council to the fact that the road diversion on the Waterford Road is too narrow and that we call on them to request the Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company to widen the road diversion leading between Chilcomb and Ballynea"

Proposed by Mr Kearns and
Seconded by Mr Murphy

That we request the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company to widen the diverted portion of the Waterford road leading between Chilcomb and Ballynea"

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

"That a copy of the foregoing be sent to the Railway Co.

No 2 — "We hereby request the County Councils of Wexford and Kilkenny, and the New Ross Urban District Council to take the necessary steps to have the present Bye-Law regulating the propelling of steam and traction engines across the New Ross Bridge

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changed, so as to allow propelling of engines by steam across said Bridge in future at not more than two miles an hour."

Ordered.

"That the Ida Rural District Council be informed this Council cannot approve of the proposed alteration in the existing Rye Laws as they consider them necessary for the proper protection of the Bridge"

New Ross & Ltd

New Ross April 17th 1903

Dear Sir

In answer to your letter of 13th inst the Company are not in a position to alter the existing Contract, but hope to be able to reduce the price next tender to the satisfaction of your Council

Yours faithfully

David Kent

Secretary

No Order made.

Mr French M.P. wrote acknowledging receipt of resolution re holders of terminable leases in towns and stating that the matter would receive his attention in the House of Commons.

Solicitor's Department, General Post Office.

8th April 1903

Proposed New Post Office New Ross

Dear Sir

With reference to the proposed lease by Col. C. G. Tottenham to H. M. Postmaster General of premises at New Ross a resolution was passed by the Urban District Council of New Ross on 9th April 1902

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giving permission to the P. O. Authorities to extend the frontage of the proposed New Post Office in Charles st New Ross, so that it should be in line with the adjacent buildings, subject to the removal of the pump and the re-erection of it in a suitable place to be pointed out by the Council, the permission to be subject to the approval of the County Council. It was arranged in correspondence with Col Pottenham and the representatives of the Post Office that the former would pay the cost of removal of the pump. Will you please say if steps are being taken for its removal, and if the place at which it is to be re-erected has been pointed out by the Urban Council to Coll Pottenham? Please also say if the permission given by the Urban Council has since been ratified by the County Council, as required by the resolution of April 1902.

Yours faithfully
Edward R Dale

Jas J Timmins Esq
Town Clerk
New Ross

It was agreed that the pump be re-erected in Back Lane, adjacent to Messrs Furlongs' store, as recommended by the Street Committee, the pillar of same to be fixed to the wall of the store provided Messrs Furlong give permission, and that the Clerk call on Mr Jeffares their Agent, and ask him to obtain the permission of his firm.

In the event of Messrs Furlong refusing to grant the required permission it is to be re-erected about four feet distant from the wall.

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The Meeting being satisfied that it was not Necessary to obtain the Approval of the County Council to the permission granted by the Council to extend the proposed buildings as specified in the resolution passed on the 9th inst April it was

Proposed by Mr Keane and
Seconded by Mr Dunphy

That the sentence "This permission to be subject to the Approval of the County Council" contained in the resolution of the 9th inst April, granting permission to the Post Office Authorities to extend the line of frontage of the proposed New Post Office be expunged from the resolution, and that the necessary permission be granted without this Condition.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the Solicitor to the Post Office be informed of the alteration in the resolution, and of the selection of the site for the re-erection of the pump.

Mrs Nancy Ryan wrote thanking the Council for recommending her for nomination to the Governors of County Hospital for admission to that Institution.

County Council
Wexford April 14th 1903

Dear Sir

I have received your letter with reference to the condition of the roads for which Mr Philip Kelly is Contractor. I shall bring your Communication before the next Meeting of my Council. I have furnished copy to the County Surveyor
No Order made

Yours truly Edw Pigott Secretary

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The Patriotic Assurance Company
9 College Green
Dublin 15th April 1903

The Clerk
Urban District Council
Kenmare

Re Road No 2846 - J. J. Browne

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 31st Ult. and 13th Inst. in reply to which I beg to say that I have never asked you for any information in connection with the Collectors Bonds guaranteed by this Company, and I shall be glad to have replies to the Communications sent you, having regard, however, to the half year ending 31st Ult. and not 30th Sept last.

Yours faithfully
Bernard A O'Reilly
Manager

9 College Green
Dublin 21st April 1903

The Secretary,
Urban District Council
Kenmare

Dear Sir, re Rate Collectors Bonds

I shall thank you to kindly let me have a list of any rates outstanding for the financial year ending 31st ult. according to the books at the last date of checking, giving the date of return, Names of collectors, and total Amounts, in order that I may be in a position

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to write the Collectors to complete same forthwith. Should you know of a reasonable cause for any of the Collections not being now closed I shall be glad if you will Kindly let me have your advice

Yours faithfully

Edmond St. O'Reilly

Manager

The Meeting directed the outstanding Amounts of Borough Rate, at close of collection, to be furnished, and suggested that Mr Browne obtain the Bond of some other guarantee Society.

The Gas Co wrote stating that they intend opening the road in Rosbercon at end of Bridge for the purpose of repairing a broken main pipe. No Order made

A letter was received from the Rights And Privileges Committee of the Cyclists' Touring Club relative to a Bye Law relating to Covered vehicles recently adopted by the Hull Corporation, but there was no Order made on it.

An application, signed by a number of inhabitants of the town, was received from Elizabeth Rutter widow asking the Council to recommend her to the governors of Trinity Hospital for admission to that Institution, and it was ordered to be placed with similar applications that it might be considered when the next vacancy occurs in the Hospital

A certificate was received from Dr Hennon that James Keilthy of Inistown one of the Councils workmen was suffering from Pleurisy since the 18th April and was unfit to work, and it was ordered that he be paid his wages in full.

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The Clerk reported that John Walsh had not yet resumed work, and it was agreed that he also be paid his wages in full for the present, and that he produce a Medical Certificate at next Meeting of the Council

The following report of the street Committee was read:-

April 20th 1903

The following members of the street Committee Viz Jas J O'Gorman, David Murphy, J D Kearns & John O'Sullivan visited the site of the proposed new houses about being built on the Corner of Church Lane, and High Hill and are glad to report to the Council that the new line of frontage in Church Lane will with the sanction and permission of Mr Hamilton and Mr A Cullen be set back on a line with the front of Mr Howlett's houses. In consideration of the above we recommend that Mr Cullen be granted permission to bring out the line of frontage on High Hill by two feet on the North East Angle of plot

Signed James J O'Gorman
John O'Sullivan
David Murphy

The Clerk stated that he submitted a sketch of the place, prepared by the Town Surveyor to Mr Hamilton, and he approved of the granting of the plot referred to signifying same by endorsement on the sketch, now submitted to the Meeting. He also saw Mr Cullen and he agreed to the alteration to be made provided the Council pay the expense of Amending his lease if same is necessary.

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Proposed by Br. Dearn and
Seconded by Br. Dunphy

That the recommendation of the Street Committee respecting the extension of the line of footage of Br. Cullen's New houses on High Hill be adopted and that the Council consent to pay any expense incurred by Br. Cullen in having lease Amended should same be necessary

Passed Unanimously

The Surveyor Of Roads, Wexford, wrote asking for a return of Accounts of the Urban Council for year ended 31st April for the purpose of the Income Tax Assessments for the current year and it was ordered that they be furnished as soon as possible.

Auditor's Report for year ending 31st March 1902

Ironbridge 31st March 1903

Copy
No 19,686:1903

New Ross Urban District

Gentlemen

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of New Ross Urban District for the financial year ended 31st March, 1902, and transmit herewith two certified Copies of the Abstracts. The Rates levied for the period amounted to 5/1 in the £, 3/10 being in respect of Poor Rate and 1/3 for general Urban purposes. The former appears to have been considerably in excess of the Councils requirements, as there remained a surplus of £700 after paying the County Council the full amount

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of their demand for the year in addition to the final quarterly instalment of the previous year.

The Rent Collector should endeavour to reduce some of the Arrears shewn in the rental of the yearly tenants, as he may be held personally liable should any loss be sustained through want of diligence on his part in the Collection. The sums ascertained to have been collected by the ex Rent Collector and which were not lodged by him to the Council's Account Amounting to £95-6-1, have been made good and are included in the receipts under the several heads. The Accounts were submitted for Audit by the Town Clerk in a satisfactory manner

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen
Your Obedient Servant
J. A Baker

The Local Government Board
Dublin

The Meeting Considered the report very satisfactory, and ordered that the attention of the Rent Collector be directed to the paragraph in the report referring to him.

The following is a copy of the Abstract of Receipts and expenditure for that year :—

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Local Government (Ireland) Acts, 34 & 35 Vic., Cap. 109, 61 & 62 Vic. Cap 37.

ABSTRACT of the Accounts of the New Ross Urban District Council for the Financial Year ended the 31st March, 19____
showing the Receipts and Expenditure under the several heads during that period.

RECEIPTS.

Nature of Receipt.		Amount. £	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in favour at the close of last Financial Year Rent Collector Treasurer		305	8	4/4	305	8	10
RATES.	General Town Rates	460	10	4 1/4			
	Poor Rates	2219	17	10			
	Other Rates, viz.:—Public Health Rate including 1d. in the £						
	(a) under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction						
	(b) (Ireland). Act 1899	118	13	5 3/4			
	Government Bounty in lieu of Rates	10	9	6			
					2809	11	2
RENTS.	From Corporate Estate	312	3	4			
	„ Artizans' Dwellings	130	14	11			
	„ Water Undertaking	60	12	"			
	„ Light Undertaking						
	„ Town Hall and other properties	47	13	5			
					551	3	8
GRANTS.	Contribution to Sanitary Salaries (L.G. (I.) Act, 1898, sec. 58 (2) (b))	40	14	4			
	Estate Duty (Probate Duties, &c., Act, 1888, sec. 3 (1) (c))	66	"	3			
					106	14	7
FEES AND TOLLS.	Burial Ground						
	Markets and Fairs						
	Baths and Washhouses						
	Pier and Harbour						
	Car Licences and Sundries						
FINES.	Town Court	9	19	"			
	Petty Sessions Court	30	"	3			
	Sanitary Offences						
	Library and others						
					39	19	3
LOANS.	General Town Purposes, viz.:—						
	(a) for Housing of Working Classes ...	1400	"	"			
	(b) for ...						
	Sanitary Purposes, viz.:— ...						
	(a) for ...						
	(b) for ...						
					1400	"	"
MISCELLANEOUS.	Contributions from other local authorities, viz.—						
	(a) from County Council for road maintenence ...	162	16	5			
	(b) from Sales of manure ...	55	10	6			
	Surplus from Sale of Dog Licences	10	13	9			
	Domestic Scavenging, Sewer and Water Connections, Road Openings, &c. Bridge Contract ...	16	17	6			
	Other Receipts	3	17	9			
					249	15	11
Balance to Account of next Financial Year							
TOTAL, ...				£	5462	13	5

EXPENDITURE.

Nature of Expenditure.	Amount. £	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance against at the close of the last Financial Year						
GENERAL TOWN CHARGES. Paving and Repairing of Streets, Wages, &c. ...	461	2	7			
Scavenging and Watering of Streets, Wages, &c. ...	195	2	8			
Public Lighting, including Wages, Lamp-posts, &c. ...	245	9	11			
Building Improvements, or Demolition of Ruinous Buildings		15	"			
Law and Election Expenses	122	13	"			
Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	40	18	5			
Rents and Taxes	61	5	3			
Fire Brigade	22	18	2			
Town Hall, Public Library, ~~and~~ Park and other Property	74	3	"			
Technical Acts Instruction, expenses						
Irish Education Acts, „	31	2	2			
Artizans' Dwellings, Maintenance and Repairs ...	4	10	2			
Salaries, Collectors' Fees, and Superannuations ...	311	10	6			
Repayment and Interest on Loans for Town Purposes	172	7	11			
Other Expenses, viz.:—(a) Office including Fire Attendance &c	28	6	10			
(b) Auditing Accounts and Atty bash	37	19	"			
				1810	4	7
SANITARY CHARGES. Sewers, Construction, Maintenance Repairs, Wages, &c.	43	1	6			
Waterworks „ „ „ „	35	7	6			
Lighting Works, „	4	1	11			
Baths & Washhouses „						
Disinfecting and Ambulance	7	14	5			
Fever Hospital						
Salaries and Superannuations	87	10	3			
Repayment and Interest on Loans for Sanitary Purposes						
Other Expenses, viz.:—(a) Burial Ground including Wages	8	2	"			
(b) Law costs ...	27	1	6			
Miscellaneous Postage &c 11/, Printing and Advertising £4.4.7	14	5	8	227	14	9
POOR RATE CHARGES. Money Supplied to County Council on Demand ...	1434	2	8			
Cost of Preparing and Collecting Rate	82	5	5			
Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	1	13	6			
				1518	1	7
LOANS EXPENDITURE. For General Town purposes, viz.:—						
(a) Housing of Working Classes ...	1200	"	"			
(b) ...						
For Sanitary Purposes, viz.:—						
(a) Sewerage ...	24	4	"			
(b) ...						
				1224	4	"
Due by Rent Collector			6			
Due by Treasurer	682	8	"			
Balance to Account of next Financial Year				682	8	6
TOTAL, ...			£	5462	13	5

CERTIFICATE OF THE AUDITOR.

I certify the foregoing to be a true Abstract of the Receipts and Expenditure of the New Ross Urban District Council for the Financial Year ended the 31st day of March, 1902.....

Dated this 30 day of March 1903

J. A. Baker Auditor.

CERTIFICATE OF THE CLERK.

I certify that the particulars given above have been correctly abstracted by me from the Books of Accounts of the New Ross Urban District Council.

Dated this 24th day of March 1903

M. J. Finn Clerk.

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Town Surveyor's report 22nd April 1903.

Gentlemen,

Two lighter loads, and two gabbard loads of limestones were delivered and carted to the depots, and some men are always breaking them. The grass on the sides of footpaths and watertables on the Cregwell and Waterford roads has been removed. The flagging has been repaired outside Messrs Murphy and Roche's in North St. and a couple of strong flags have been set in the footway to Railway station Roskeen to replace broken and dangerous ones covering the outlet for surface water. A strong cast iron trapped grating has been set at end of Super No 2 Lane to replace defective one.

I had a slater and boy employed for the first fortnight making good the damage to the slating and lime sheets of Messrs Walls Stable. The Eave sheets blown off the new houses in William St were replaced by new ones, all the sheets were gone over and tied with Copper wire. Some adjusting and stop ends were fixed to valley sheets. I am getting a coat of paint on sheets of roof and here. The sheets to the houses built in 1880 would need a coat of paint also. The roofs of the falling in sheds in yard of Messrs Galavin's house have been taken down and the stones and rubbish removed. The old galvanized covering and some of the timbers were removed to yard on Quay.

Thomas Ryan

Proposed by Mr Dean and
Seconded by Mr Murphy - That the Report of the Town Surveyor be adopted, and that he get the Eave sheets referred to painted.

Passed Unanimously

It was agreed that the Gas Co be requested to continue to light the lamp in North St opposite Cooper's Lane, until the 15th of May.

Wednesday 22nd April 1903 (Minutes Cont'd)
As three week would intervene between this meeting, and the second Tuesday in May, the date upon which the next meeting would, in the Ordinary Course be held, and as this period of time was considered too long to elapse before a meeting, it was decided to adjourn to Wednesday 6th May.

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 6th May 1903.

Thos L Kearns

Monday 4th May 1903
Monthly meeting day. No attendance of members. The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 6th May 1903.

Thos L Kearns

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Wednesday 6th May 1903

A meeting of the 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, and other Acts incorporated therewith, also to consider following Notice of motion served by Mr John Stearn Viz "On the 6th May I will propose that the resolution of the Council passed at meeting of the 11th February granting a lease for 75 years to Mr Fitzgerald of portion of the flagway in Quay be rescinded.

Present Messrs John Stearn JP presiding
Joseph Rocke
Patrick Tierney
John Murphy
William Murphy
and
Patrick Gannon

The minutes of previous meeting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payment was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Joseph Rocke and John Murphy and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

Messrs Grimm Petty Cash £6-2-6

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

Kilkenny County Council
Courthouse 5th May 1903

Dear Sir

I am directed by the Kilkenny County Council to forward

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Wednesday 6th May 1903. (Minutes contd.)

on the following copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by them at their Quarterly Meeting on the 22nd ult.

Proposed by Mr J G Dooley

Seconded by Mr J Farrell and unanimously resolved

"That Traction Engines with threshing Mill or empty waggon be allowed to cross the New Ross Bridge slowly under steam instead of at present stopping at end of Bridge until 18 or 20 men be collected to haul Engine be across and that the following Committee of this Council Viz- Mr Dooley and Mr J Farrell and the County Surveyor Consult with the Wexford County Council, and the New Ross Urban Council to draw up Bye Laws governing the use of the Bridge by Traction Engines"

Kindly bring said resolution under the Notice of Your Council

And Oblige

Yours faithfully

George R Morris

Sec to Co Council

As this matter was dealt with at the previous Meeting of the Council on a resolution from the Ida Rural District Council there was no order made upon it.

The D. W. & W. Railway Co wrote acknowledging receipt of letter re road diversion between Chilcomb and Ballyneal and stating that same would have attention.

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31 Molesworth St
Dublin 30th April 1903

Dear Sir,

Colonel Cottenham to Postmaster General

Referring to your letter of 23rd inst. to Mr Hamilton in this matter we would be obliged by your informing us if Messrs Fortlong's permission has been obtained to the re-erection of the Pump at the spot agreed on, and if not, whether it has been re-erected in the laneway adjoining Messrs Fortlong's store

Yours faithfully
Crane Kelly & Lloyd

The Clerk stated that in reference to this matter he saw Mr Jeffares, Messrs Fortlong's Agent, and submitted a map showing the proposed position in which the pump was to be re-erected, and he communicated with Messrs Fortlong, and they have agreed to permit it to be fixed to the wall of their store provided the permission of the Landlords is obtained.

As these premises were in Chancery, the Meeting was of opinion that it would occupy too long to obtain the requisite permission, and they decided to have the pump erected at the Council's risk, to be removed afterwards if the Landlords objected

The Clerk also stated that he informed Messrs Crane, Kelly & Lloyd that the necessary permission had not yet been obtained

The New Ross Gas Co wrote stating that they intend opening the road and lifting a flag outside Mr Denis Murphy's Quay St.

No Order Made

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Solicitors Department

24th April 1903

Proposed new P.O. New Ross

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 23rd inst, and note that a site for the re-erection of the pump has been selected and that the portion of the resolution of the 9th April 1902 relating to the approval of the Co Council of the permission given by the Urban Council to extend the frontage of the proposed new building has been rescinded

Yours faithfully
Edwd R Bate.

No Order Made.

31 Molesworth St
Dublin 4th May 1903

Colonel Cotteham to Postmaster General

Sir

We have received your letter in this matter, for which we are much obliged, and hope to hear from you when Messrs Furlong have communicated with you

Yours faithfully
Crowe Keily & Lloyd

Ordered

That they be informed that Messrs Furlong have agreed to the re-erection of the pump close by their wall.

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A proposal was received from Mr. Thomas Hogan, per the Town Surveyor, for some road scraping on Windmill road for 4/=, and it was ordered to be accepted.

A certificate was received from Dr. O'Connor that John Walsh was suffering from Rheumatism and is unfit to work, It was agreed that he be paid his wages

Dr. O'Connor also certified that James Keilthy was suffering from Pleurisy and was not yet fit to resume work, but he would probably be all right next week. Ordered. That he be paid his wages for this week.

He also certified that Michael Cahill was a patient in the infirmary. Disease Hæmetesis. and it was ordered that he also be paid his wages.

A sealed Order was received from the Local Government Board fixing the Amount of fee for Auditing the Accounts of the Council for financial Year ending 31st 1902 at £6-6-0 and it was referred to the next Finance Meeting of the Council.

An application, signed by a Number of inhabitants of the town was received from Margaret Connolly Widow asking the Council to recommend her to the Governors of Trinity Hospital for admission to that Institution and it was Ordered to be placed with similar applications that it may be considered when the next Vacancy occurs.

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A letter was received from R.G. Allison Wm acknowledging receipt of Order of the Council respecting his scheme for lighting the town by electricity.

The following resolution, received from the Galway Urban District Council, was unanimously adopted viz:-

"That owing to the heavy taxation imposed upon the Ratepayers of Galway, we the Members of the Galway Urban Council, would respectfully call upon our Borough and County Members to move in the proper quarter to make it compulsory on owners of waste property, and old ruins in our city, as well as in other towns and cities in Ireland, to contribute for same in order to relieve the ratepayers, from the heavy burthen they have to bear. In Galway there are numerous sites which would be purchased for building purposes but the owners will not sell, and we believe that if an Act were passed compelling to pay rates on those sites it would be a means of inducing them to sell."

The following resolution, received from the Edenderry Town Commissioners, was also unanimously adopted and a copy, viz:- That we are in sympathy with the promoters of the Bill for the redress of the undoubted grievances of the town tenants of Ireland which it is intended to introduce to the House at an early date. As it concerns the welfare and prosperity of the Country, and that Copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Members of Parliament for this County, the Leader of the Irish Party

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and the Clerks of the Town Commissioners in Leinster"

A resolution was also received from the Tullamore Urban Council, relative to the exclusion of Town Parks, and Evicted tenants from the Land Bill, and calling upon the Irish Parliamentary Party in, insist upon those questions being dealt with in the present Land Bill.

Two Paying Orders were received from the County Council for £30-12-2 for road maintenence, and £4-10-0 for maintenance of 20 perches of Bridge and they were ordered to lodged to the credit of the Council.

A proposal was received from Messrs Dwyer Bros for the supply of 1 Doz Buckets for use in connection with the Fire Engine. Samples were submitted one @ 18/- and one at 16/- per Doz. and it was ordered that 1 Doz at 16/- per doz be purchased for Fire Engine use, and ½ Doz for General use. And that they be painted, and the initals of the Council be painted on them by Mr Freeman It was also ordered that he paint the stand for the new safe, the wainscotting of the Water Closet, and the door of the Engine Room.

In pursuance of Notice of Motion it was

Proposed by Mr Hearn and

Seconded by Mr Gannon

"That the resolution of the Council passed at Meeting of the 11th February, granting a lease for 75 years to Mr Fitzgerald, of portion of the flagway in Quay st be rescinded"

Passed Unanimously

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Town Surveyor's Report 6th May 1903.

Gentlemen,

There are five men at work breaking limestones for metalling. There are about 160 tons in the depots broken, and in process of breaking - There was a good quantity delivered during the month of April. The slater and attendant were at work cleaning and painting the lane sheets and down pipes of William St houses, repairing the roof of Mrs Rochford's house, Chapel Lane and hacking the old mortar off the front. The South end of the Fish House was being stripped and re-slated, the old slates being used as far as possible, and the deficiency made good with new slates, the hip coverings laid in cement and the inside of slating rendered. Some of the old rendering requires to be repaired. The entire roof was cleaned down and defective slating on same, and the public closet made good. The roof of the ventilator I got made secure by iron straps, as it was almost blown off by the storm. There are new windows made for Mrs Rochford's which will be put in and the front plastered as soon as possible. The horse was engaged banking stones to depots, and carting some shingle filling for making up the old road in Roslercon opposite Dr Boyd's entrance. The late heavy showers damaged the surface of Robert St, Michael St, and the hill of Roslercon owing to the street gratings being choked. The Sewer at the foot of William Street burst up owing to the heavy rain. It has been opened, cleaned and re-covered. When the slater is employed it would be well to get the gutters of the

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That Tholsel cleaned and the roof overhauled. If some rubbish filling could be procured at the Endowed school it would be well to have some carted to the lane in Roslereon. It would be well also if some of the rock in the yards in Henry St were quarried for William St. This would be a good time to get in a few boatloads of St Emlins gravel

Thomas Byrne.

Ordered.

That the rendering of the Fish House be repaired and that the Engine house be repaired and whitened.

That two trapped gratings be fixed in surface channels one at head of Priory Lane, and one in upper Henry St near Ball alley Lane

That the gutters of the Tholsel be cleaned and the roof overhauled, and that some of the rock in Henry St be quarried for William St.

The Surveyor suggested that the water from the roof of the Tholsel might be conveyed into the cistern for flushing purposes, as the town water did not now ascend to the cistern, and after some discussion he was directed to give an estimate of probable cost of same, at next meeting of the Council.

Ordered

That a few boatloads of St Emlins gravel be procured.

Mr Dempsey drew attention to some flags in the streets that required to be re-set and the Town Surveyor was directed to see Mr Cullen to repair them as soon as possible.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 13th inst May 1903

L. B. Keane

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Wednesday 15th May 1903-

A Meeting of the Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts Connected therewith, also to Consider Estimate of Poor Rate for Financial Year ending 31st March 1904

Present Messrs James. B. Hearn presiding
John Murphy
Joseph Roche
David Murphy
and
John O'Sullivan

The Minutes of previous Meeting were signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs John Murphy and David Murphy and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 22- Cashiers Bank of Ireland- Instalment of Irishtown Sewer Loan due Commrs. of Public Works £25.17.6
" 23- Same Instalment of Loan No 1 scheme 50-15-1
" 24 " " " No 2 scheme 63-18-5
" 25- M. J. Meehan Half years Salary to 1st inst 7.10.0
" 26- Local Government Board Auditing accounts 6.6.0
" 27- John Dobin Quarters Pension as Town Clerk 12.10.0
" 28- Wm. Cunningham a/c furnished for limestones 12.0.0
" 29 " James Connolly " " Mortar 1.9.0

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Nov 30	John J Browne	Commission &c furnished	£2.17.6
" 31	Patrick Rodger	Wages as Caretaker of Cemetery	2.14.0
" 32	Canon Kavanagh	School Attendance Committee Expenses	16.18.0
" 33	Jno J Finn	Petty Cash	14.17.4

The following Correspondence was read:-

Court House

Wexford 7th May 1903

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 13th ult. complaining of the manner in which Philip Kelly was carrying out his contract in the Urban District, I have to state that at the Quarterly Meeting of my Council held on the 5th inst. Mr Webster received instructions to prosecute Philip Kelly if he considers such a course necessary.

Yours truly

W. A. Pigott

Sec Co Council

No Order made

Courthouse

Wexford May 7th 1903

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that at the meeting of my Council on the 5th inst. the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Councillor Deane seconded by Councillor Peacocke:-

"That the application of the New Ross Urban District Council to construct a new footpath leading to the New Church New Ross be acceded to, and that the amount contributed by the County

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Council be £62.10.0 and be a County at Large charge

Yours faithfully

H. W. Pigott

County Secretary

Ordered

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

Offices

Kells 13th May 1903

Hearn -v- Baird and Urban Council

Dear Sir,

This Case will be listed for hearing before the Vice Chancellor on Saturday next the 16th Inst. but we are informed that it is practically certain the Case will not come on until the 2nd or 3rd June. In the meantime however we have to inform you that Senior Counsel has directed that you and Mr Byrne the Town Surveyor must attend the hearing to be examined as witnesses and that you must produce the Minute books and all documents in your possession as Town Clerk relating to this drainage Contract. As the Case is not likely to be reached this week your immediate attendance in Dublin will not be required but you and Mr Byrne should be prepared to go to Dublin on any day after 1st June

Yours very truly

Colfer & Gethin.

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Ordered

That the Town Surveyor and Clerk attend at the hearing of the Case as directed by Counsel.

A proposal was received from James Conway Timeraamy for four heaps of drammie at 13/= and from Kelly Carolitty for eight heaps at 13/= and the Clerk was directed to inform them that they can have them at 13/= per heap.

Town Surveyor's Report. 13th May 1903

Gentlemen,

There were no limestones delivered during the week. Three of the men have the limestones they had in hands broken and are waiting for more. I am promised a couple loadloads before the end of the week. What do you of arranging to get some from Ballymacar? I am getting some rubbish carted from Charles St to make up the old road in Rosheroon. I am getting the surface channels about the Chapel of Rosheroon repaired where defective.

There are two or three trapped gratings, and connecting drains required for the hill of Rosheroon to prevent the surface of the road being torn up. The repairs to rendering of Fish House and sheds of Weighbridge has been done and the walls of Engine house cleaned and limewashed. The roof of Shobel has been overhauled.

The roof of Shobel has been overhauled.

The cost of taking the rain water from roof into Cistern of W. b including overflow would be about £2-0-0

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The slating, rendering and Cement covering to hips on South end of Stirk House including making good defective slating on the remainder of roofs Cost £5.3.0.

I am getting Wash made up to whiten the outside walls of same. The public closet wants need a cleaning up. I asked Mr Martin, engineer of the D W & W Railway Co to get same repair to the diverted portion of the Waterford road, and he promised to see about it. That portion between the pill bridge and the junction of the old road requires a great deal of filling and Rettelling to bring it to a uniform grade.

Thos Byrne

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor get the water from roof of Thobel conveyed into cistern of Water Closet.

That William Scanlon have the public closet and Surroundings cleaned daily.

That our Solicitors be instructed to prosecute the D. W & W Railway Co for not keeping the diverted portion of the Waterford road in proper repair.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Roche

That the Quarterly meetings of the Council for the Financial year ending 31st March 1904 be held

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upon the following dates subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

For Quarter ending 30th June 1903, on Wednesday 8th July 1903.
" " " 30th Sept. 1903 " " 14th October 1903
" " " 31st Dec. 1903 " " 13th January 1904
" " " 31st March 1904 " " 13th April 1904
at 6 Oclock P.M."

Passed Unanimously

The following report of the Finance Committee was read:-

We recommend the following sums for payment viz:-

Commissioners of Public Works	£25-17-6
Same	50-15-1
Same	63-18-5
R Sheehan	7-10-0
Ly Board	6-6-0
John Dobin	12-10-0
Wm Cunningham	12-0-0
James Connolly	1-9-0
J J Browne	2-17-6
Patrick Rolger	2-14-0
Canon Kavanagh Chairman School Attendance Committee	16-18-0
Petty Cash	14-17-4

We recommend adoption of Estimate of Poor Rate submitted by the Clerk and that a rate for same of 3/2 in the £, consisting of County at Large Charges at 1/3¼ in the £ and Union Charges at 1/10¾ in the £ be levied for the service of the financial year ending 31st March 1904 Signed J B Stearne
Dunsley

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Proposed by Dr Roche and
Seconded by Dr O'Sullivan

"That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted, and the Expenditure recommended by them be made"

Passed Unanimously

The Clerk submitted his Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1904, from which it appeared that a Poor Rate of 3/2 in the £ consisting of County at Large Charges at 1/3¼ and Union Charges at 1/10¾ in the £ would require to be struck.

After some discussion it was

Proposed by Dr O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Dr John Murphy

"That the Estimate of Poor Rate for the year ending 31st March 1904 now before us amounting to £ in the £ be adopted and that Notice of our intention to make a rate on Wednesday June 10th be published"

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 27th May 1903.

J. B. Kearn

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Wednesday 27th May 1903

A Meeting of The 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, and other Acts connected therewith also to consider, and if approved of, adopt Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1904.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Presiding
David Dunphy
John Dunphy
Joseph Roche
and
Patrick Dunphy

The Minutes of previous meeting were signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John Dunphy and David Dunphy and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-
No 34 – Wm Flynn Petty Cash

The following Correspondence was read:-

Local Government Board
Dublin 23rd May 1903

No 29876/1903

Sir.

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, and, in reply, I am to state that the Board have approved of the dates fixed by the New Ross Urban District Council for the holding of their

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quarterly Meetings Viz:- 8th July 1903, 14th October 1903
13th January 1904, and 13th April 1904

I am Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
A. R. Parlon
Assistant Secretary

No Order Made

Local Government Board
Dublin 16th May 1903

No 4/86/1903
Miscellaneous
Sir,

Adverting to previous correspondence relative to the Collection of Poor Rate in the Urban District of New Ross, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that you will be good enough to forward to this Department a Return showing the state of the Collection to the latest possible date.

"If the Collection for the service of the half year ended 31st March last is now closed, a note in red ink to that effect should be made at foot of the Return

I am Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
W. M. Lorraine
Secretary

The Clerk stated that the information asked for had been forwarded to the Local Government Board.

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Messrs Irvine Keily & Lloyd wrote acknowledging receipt of letter informing them that Messrs Furlong has consented to the re-erection of the pump in Charles St by the wall of their store.

A communication was received from the Registrar of Petty Sessions Clerks stating that the surplus of monies arising from the sale of Licenses for the Urban District of New Ross amounted to £14-9-7 and same had been lodged to the credit of the Council.

The following Medical Certificate was received from Dr. O'Connor

To certify that John Walsh is suffering from Rheumatism and is still unfit to work

Wm. O'Connor

M.O.H Probem

New Ross May 25th 1908

The Clerk stated that John Walsh called on him and desired him to inform the Council that, owing to the state of his health, he saw no prospect of being able to resume the duty he was engaged in previous to his illness, and hoped the Council would be able to make some arrangements which would enable him to remain out of the workhouse he having been considerably over thirty years in the employment of the Town Commissioners and Council. After some discussion it was

Proposed by J Keane and
Seconded by Patrick Dunphy

"That John Walsh's wages in future be only eight shillings per week, and that the Town Surveyor place him at work suitable to his age, and state of health"

Passed Unanimously

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A letter was received from the Newbridge Gas Co stating that the intend Opening the ground in Kentish outside Mrs Douglas's Yard (Entrance to Hill School) for the purpose of repairing gas supply.

Some discussion took place as to the manner in which the flags of the footpaths do be re-set, and it was Ordered that the Gas Co be informed that in all cases in which they do not properly re-set the flagging it will be done by the Council at their expense, if upon the defect being made known to them it is not at once properly set.

A proposal was received from Edwd Browne Esq, Creaven for five heaps of manure at 13/= per heap and it was ordered to be accepted; As was also one from Pl Grace Charlfield for one heap of manure at 13/= per heap

A proposal was also received from Wm Lawler for heap of manure at Rosbercon (on School road) at 8/= and it was accepted.

Wm Whitty, Carnblin, offered 12/6 per heap for eight heaps and the Clerk was directed to inform her she could have them at 13/= per heap.

Wm Dunphy referred to the large number of tramps which frequent the town, especially on fair days, and after some discussion the Clerk was directed to wait on Wm Davis D.I. R.I.C. and ask him to use his best efforts to deal effectively with them.

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Town Surveyor's Report - 27th May 1903

Gentlemen,

Two loadloads of limestone were delivered during the past fortnight. One of them is being broken and the second one is being carted to the depot. The old piece of road near Chilcomb is filled and fairly formed. The paved water tables are being repaired now and again as occassion offers.

Some loose stone have been collected and removed off the roads. The channels in Irishtown and upper portions of the town should be kept clearer so as to prevent the gratings getting choked in case of a heavey shower of rain falling.

The Water tables of College Road are dirty and altogether untidy.

Thomas Byrne.

A discussion took place upon the difficulty of procuring a sufficient quantity of stone for metalling, during which it was suggested that the Council should purchase a boat of their own for drawing them, but some of the members were of opinion that it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to get men to work the boat, and it was ordered that two Competent men be advertised for to work the boat, it being understood that if they could be obtained, the advisability of purchasing the boat would be considered.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 10th June 1903

James J. O'Gorman

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Monday June 1st 1903.

A Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held this day at 12 O'clock, Noon, to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith.

No attendance of members.

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 10th June 1903.

Wednesday June 10th 1903

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held this day at 6.30 O'clock P.M. to transact business - consider rough Estimate of Borough Rate &c -

Present Messrs James J Glynnan
and
David Murphy

The Committee had under consideration the Estimate of Borough Rate for year ending 31st March 1904 from which it appeared that a Borough Rate of 9/= would be required for the service of the year ending 31st March 1904, and they decided to recommend the Council to adopt the Estimate. They also examined some bills presented for payment, and having prepared their report, adjourned.

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Wednesday June 10th 1903

A meeting of the Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to strike a Poor Rate, and consider Estimate of Borough Rate for year ending 31st March 1904.

Present Messrs James J Glynnan Chairman presiding

John O'Sullivan

John Murphy

Patrick Dempsey

and

David Murphy

The Minutes of previous meeting were signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making Payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John O'Sullivan, and John Murphy, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 35 -	John Keogh. Amount of a/c furnished	£14-11-6
" 36 -	John Dolan Quarters Superannuation as Ex Officer to 5th Inst	3.2.6
" 37 -	Thomas Martin Cleaning Chimneys for Quarter ending 5th	6.6
" 38 -	John J Browne Commission	1.8.4
" 39 -	St Stephens Cemetery Committee Caretakers Wages	1.4.0
" 40 -	Mr Flynn Petty Cash	19-18-0

The Clerk stated that Michael Cahill, one of the Councils workmen was ill, and not working, and Dr Kenmore informed that he would not be able to resume work for a long time. He desired to know if his wages would be paid in full, and on the proposal of Mr David Murphy, seconded by the Chairman it was Ordered that he be paid his full wages for the present

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Wednesday 10th June 1903.

The following report of the Finance Committee was read Viz—

Our Committee met this day at 6.30 P.M. We recommend payment of the following bills—

John Keough £14-11-6 — John Tobin £2-2-6

Thomas Martin 6-6 — John J Brown £1-8-4

St Stephens Burial Board £1-14-0 — Petty Cash £19-18-0

We have examined Estimate of Borough Rate which including Sanitary Rate, and rate for Local Government Act purposes (hitherto Collected with Poor Rate) amounts to 9/= in the £, made up of Borough Rate 8, in the £ Rate for Local Government Act purposes - Viz Maintenance of Streets, Construction of New footpaths 10 in the £. and a Sanitary Rate of 6d in the £ which includes 1d in the £ under the Technical Instruction Act of 1899, and also Annual Statement of loan for Irishtown Sewer amounting to £57-6-5. We have examined very carefully the estimated items of Receipts and Expenditure for year, and regret we cannot recommend a lesser rate. We have deferred the Abstract of uncollected Borough Rate, as well as bill received from Surveyor to Next Meeting of Committee.

James J Glynnan

David Murphy

Proposed by John Murphy and

Seconded by John O'Sullivan

That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted and the payments recommended by them be made

Passed Unanimously

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The Estimate of Borough Rate was also submitted to the meeting and it was

Proposed by John Dunphy and
Seconded by John O'Sullivan

"That the Clerk's Estimate of Borough Rate now before us be adopted, and that Notice of our intention to make a Borough Rate of 2/= in the £ be published

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by John O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Patrick Dunphy

That we make a Poor Rate of 2/2 in the £ for the financial year ending 31st March 1904, on the property situate within the Urban District of Wexford 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 Sept. 1903, and the second on or before 31st March 1904. That Public Notice be given of said rate having been made by printed placards and by Advertisement in "Free Press"

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr David Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Sullivan

That we tender to Mr Martin J Delaney, a respected and Valued Member of this Council, and his immediate relatives and friends our sincere sympathy and Condolence in his sad bereavement occasioned by the death of his daughter, and that this meeting do adjourn without transacting any business, except that of an urgent nature which demands immediate attention"

Passed Unanimously

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Ordered

That a copy of the foregoing resolution be sent to Mr Delaney

In pursuance of the resolution, the Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 17th June 1903.

James Sherman

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Wednesday 17th June 1903

An adjourned Meeting of the Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to "The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854" and other acts Connected therewith which had been adjourned from previous Meeting.

Present Messrs James J Glynnan Chairman presiding
Patrick Gannon
John Murphy
Patrick Dunphy
John Deehan
and
John Sullivan

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John Sullivan and Patrick Dunphy and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:- M. J. Finn — Petty Cash £8.13.5

The following Correspondence was read:-

D & W Railway Co
Westland Row Station
Dublin June 10th 1903

Dear Sir

With further reference to your letter of 29th April last, regarding the road diversion at Chilcomb, inquiries have been made, and it appears that the diversion in question has been completed

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in the manner, and to the width, prescribed by the Act of Parliament, and is, in fact, wider than the old road, with which it Connects. Under these circumstances I do not understand on what ground your Council ask that the road should be widened, and think that the Resolution, of which you have sent me a copy, must have been adopted under some mis-apprehension as to the facts.

I am
Yours faithfully
R. F. Keogh
Secretary

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor report upon the matter to next meeting of the Council and that he give the respective measurements of the Old and New roads.

An application was received from Henry Allen Barrack Lane for the position of boatman as advertised for by Council

A letter was also received from Mr John Kenny, Campile stating that he had a fully equipped boat of 25 to 30 tons for Sale which he would dispose of for a reasonable price.

In Connection with the foregoing letters the following one received from Mr J. B. Hearn was read.

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Chilcomb House
New Box Wednesday Evening

Dr J Firm Esq
Dear Sir

I am informed you have received applications for the position of boatmen under the Council and that Harry Allen is one of them. From enquiry I have made he is the best to be obtained. He is not a person for whom I would buy a boat, but the Council being in a different position and badly needing a better means of procuring stone I would be in favour of the following course.

I Advertise for a boat for the Council suitable for drawing limestone and dredging sand from the River.

II - Inform the applicants that the Council will not make a selection until the boat is obtained, and that the Council is now proceeding to advertise for one having satisfied themselves that boatmen can be engaged.

I am sorry I will not be at home this evening to attend the Council Meeting

Yours faithfully
J R Dean

This letter is not for publication

J.R.D.

Ordered

That the Members of the Council be summoned to attend Special Meeting to consider advisability of purchasing a boat for the use of the Council.

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Wednesday 17th June 1903

The Father Murphy Memorial Committee
St Patrick's Hall
Arklow June 9th 1903

Dear Sir

On Sunday 28th Inst we purpose unveiling the statute to Fr Michael Murphy and we beg to invite you, and through you the members of your Board, and the people of New Ross to attend and Co-Operate with us in honouring the memory of this heroic priest and patriot and the gallant men who fought and fell with him for Faith & Freedom at the battle of Arklow on the 9th of June 1798

Yours faithfully
John Doyle
Hon Sec

The Chairman
Town Commissioners
New Ross

The Chairman expressed his intention of being present on the occasion and the Clerk was directed to inform the Hon Secretary of this.

A certificate was received from Dr O'Connor the Council's workmen was suffering from Debility and was unfit to work. It was stated that he had been engaged at light work in the mannre yard for the past three days.

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It was ordered that he be paid his wages in full.

The Clerk reported that Edward Broaders was sick and it was agreed that he be paid his wages.

The Secretary of the Technical Instruction Committee wrote stating that he had been directed by his Committee to ask the Council to be good enough to adopt Contents of annexed document to date and sign same as prescribed, and return to him.

Viz:- The New Ross Urban District Council, acting as Local Authority under the Technical Instruction Acts, 1899 and 1901, and under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act 1899, are of Opinion that the following subjects of instruction, which are not included in the branches of Science and Art with respect to which grants are at present made by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, are forms of Instruction required by the Circumstances of the District and request they may be sanctioned by the Department:-

(1) Machine Knitting (2) Shirtmaking (3) Dressmaking (including Home Sewing and Cutting Out) 4 Needlework embroidery and Crochet. (5) Cookery (6) Commercial Grammar (7) (Commercial Geography) (8) Commercial Correspondence (9) Manual Instruction (10) Commercial Arithmetic and Office Routine.

Proposed by Mr Dunphy and
Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

"That the foregoing document be signed by the Chairman and Countersigned by the Clerk"

Passed Unanimously

The document was signed in accordance with the resolution.

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Wednesday 17th June 1903 (Minutes Continued)

Proposed by John O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Patrick Dunphy and Resolved
"That the Rate Books and Collectors Warrant
for Sinn Roiety of Poor Rate for the service of the
financial year ending 31st March 1904 be signed and
sealed and Countersigned by the Clerk."

Passed Unanimously

In accordance with the foregoing resolution the rate books
were signed and sealed.

The Town Surveyor reported that three boatloads
of limestones were delivered during the fortnight, one boatload
remains to be carted to depot. Three men are engaged breaking
the stones. Owing to the loss of a horse by Mr Hogan I
was a couple of days without the service of one. The horse
and man were some days watering the streets, removing
sweepings &c. A new grating has been set in the paved channel
above the Chapel of Rosbercon. It has been reported to
me that the chimney flues of the new houses have not
been cleaned since the houses became tenanted. I understand
there is no contract for keeping them clean.

Some of the sash lines of the windows are broken this is
not unusual in new houses. The lines should be renewed
where defective. Flynn has been engaged lately repairing the
paving of defective water-tables. It would be well to make an
Order that he should be employed altogether on roads works.
I am not sure that he will be able to resume work.

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If I am to keep him on the books for payment an order should be made authorising me to do so.

Thomas Byrne

Ordered

That the paragraph in reference to Flynn be referred to the Street Committee, who are to meet at 11 O'clock on Friday to consider matters in Connection with the cleansing &c of the streets.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 24th June 1903.

James J Norman

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Wednesday 24th June 1903

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 and other acts connected therewith also to consider advisability of purchasing a boat for carrying limestones &c

Present Messrs James J Glennon Chairman presiding
Patrick Gannon
John O'Sullivan
David Murphy
John Murphy
and
John Sheehan

The Minutes Of Previous Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John Sheehan and John O'Sullivan and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 42 - Mr Flynn Petty Cash £1-11-0
" 43 - Same Quarter's Salary as Town Clerk to 5th inst 25-0-0

Mr Martin J Delaney wrote acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed by the Council at a recent Meeting on the death of his daughter, and thanking the Council for same.

A Certificate was received from Dr. Glennon that Edwd Broaders of Jones Hill has been suffering from Excema & Debility and has

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been unfit to work during the week past. He having now resumed work there was no order made.

A tender was received from Br James Conway Limerany for four heaps of manure at 13/= and on the motion of Br Gannon seconded by Br O'Sullivan it was accepted.

The following Resolutions, adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Dublin at a meeting held on the 8th June 1903 were received:-

"That in the opinion of this Council the Law relating to Compensation for Criminal Injuries in Ireland is inequitable, and imposes upon the ratepayers unnecessary burdens from which English and Scotch ratepayers are free, and that we call upon Parliament to repeal the Code"

No Order Made

"That this Council considers legislative action is urgently required to remedy the grievances under which Town Tenants labour, and Urges upon the Government the necessity of passing a Town Tenants Act giving Compensation for improvements, fixing fair Rents, Compelling the ground Landlord to pay his equitable share of the burden of taxation"

Proposed by Br Gannon and
Seconded by Br D Murphy

"That the foregoing resolution be adopted, and that Copies be sent to Sir Thos. J. Esmonde, Peter J. French Esq and the Chief Secretary"

Passed Unanimously

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Wednesday 24th June 1903 (Minutes Contd.)

A letter was received from the Local Government Board asking for a Return showing the state of the Collection of the Poor Rate up to and including the last Saturday in May. The Clerk stated he had written to the Local Government Board on the matter.

An application was received from Thomas Butler Church Lane New Ross for the tenancy of one of the Council houses in Tully No. Lane recently occupied by Michael Feaney

Proposed by Mr David Murphy and

Seconded by Mr Gannon

That Mr Butler be accepted as tenant for house lately occupied by Michael Feaney.

Passed Unanimously

Technical Instruction Committee

New Ross Urban District.

24th June 1903

Dear Sir

I am directed by my Committee to ask you to request your Council to be good enough to adopt the resolution as below and let me have same

Yours faithfully

Edwd Long Secretary

Resolved - "That we the New Ross Urban Council, acting as Local Authority under the Technical Instruction Acts, 1899 and 1901, and

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under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction Ireland act 1899. approve of the substitution on Form S 146 adopted at our meeting on the 17th ult. of the subject "Shorthand" for Commercial Grammar (item 5 on said Form"

Ordered

That the foregoing resolution be adopted

The consideration of the advisability of purchasing a boat was adjourned to next meeting

Ordered

That the Clerk's Salary for Quarter ending 5th inst, which was overlooked at Finance meeting, be paid at this meeting.

That advertisements be issued inviting proposals for the cleansing, and keeping free from soot, or other matter, the chimneys of twenty houses situate on William St.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 8th July 1903

J. A. Dooley

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Monday 6th July 1903

Monthly meeting day. No attendance of Members. The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 8th July.

Wednesday 8th July 1903.

A meeting of the Finance Committee to be held this day at 5.30 Oclock, to transact business of the Committee for the Quarterly, and Ordinary Meeting of the Council. No Member of the Committee attended.

Wednesday 8th July 1903.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was to be held this day at 6 Oclock P.M. to consider the Quarterly Reports, and Recommendations of the Town Surveyor and applications for New works, if any, to arrange for Construction of New footpath in Robert St, and Consider advisability of Constructing a drain in the upper portion of Michael St.

No Member of the Council attended up to 7.15 Oclock, and the Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 15th July 1903 at 6 Oclock P.M.

P Dunphy

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Wednesday 8th July 1903.

A fortnightly and adjourned monthly meeting of the Council was held this day at ½ 30 o'Clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other acts connected therewith & consider advisability of purchasing a boat.

Present Messrs James J Dooley presiding
Patrick Dempsey
John O Sullivan
and
Joseph Roche

The following was read:-

House of Commons Library
30th June 1903.

Dear Mr French,

You remember a resolution passed by the New Ross Urban Council some time ago relative to tenants in towns. Enclosed is a question and reply on the subject.

Yours faithfully
Peter J French

Question & Reply referred to

Mr French — To ask the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, whether he is aware that the holders of terminable leases in towns are subject to eviction, or increase of rent, without any compensation for buildings or improvements made at their expense; and whether he can hold out any hope of introducing a Bill to deal with this matter at an early date.

Reply of Mr Wyndham — I cannot hold out any hope of legislation

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in the direction suggested."

The Accountant of the D W W & Wm Railway Co wrote, asking for a copy of printed notice of Rates made by Council, for year ending 31st March 1904, and it was ordered that same be sent.

Mrs Margaret Donovan wrote stating that the floor of her kitchen was in a very bad condition, the tiles being all broken, and asking to have it repaired, and it was ordered that the Town Surveyor report upon its condition to next meeting.

A proposal was received from Thomas Martin to keep the chimneys of twenty houses on W^m St (the new houses) free from soot &c for the sum of 30/- per year and offered as his sureties James Hogan Drury St and Matthew Hutchinson North St, but consideration of same was adjourned to next meeting.

The Commissioner of Valuation wrote acknowledging receipt of "list of Tenements requiring revision in the Urban District of New Ross

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 15th July 1903.

P Sinnott Chairman
15/7/03

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Wednesday 15th July 1903.

An adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at 4 Oclock to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and the act amending the same, also to Consider the Quarterly Report and Recommendations of the Town Surveyor, and Applications for new works, if any, to make arrangements for the construction of the new footpath in Robert St, and consider advisability of Constructing a drain in the upper portion of Michael St.

Present Messrs Patrick Dempsy, Presiding.
David Dempsy
John Grace
Joseph Roche
John Dempsy
and
John O'Sullivan

The Minutes of the previous Quarterly Meeting, and the adjourned one, were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making Payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John Grace and David Dempsy, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 44	James Gannon Arklestown	12.9
" 45	Repairs Williams Int Elliott	4.4
" 46	Philip Kelly Town Palace	1.8.6
" 47	Same Same	8.0
" 48	Mrs Margaret Roche Ballyanne	28.16.0

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"The following Report of the Town Surveyor for Quarter ended 30th June 1903 was read Viz:-

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Gentlemen

"During the Quarter, provision for the Writer's maintenance of the streets in the providing of material has been advanced as much as possible. There is a fairly good stock in the several depots, but the more that could be got in the better.

The Contracts held by Messrs James Gannon and the Repr. of Mr John Williams terminate with the present quarter.

I regret to report the Contracts held by Mr Philip Kelly are not satisfactorily maintained.

The application for the footway to the New Church in Roberts St will be brought forward for final approval

"Thomas Rynne

13th July 1903

To The New Ross Urban Council

"The following are his recommendations as to Proposals for Payments Viz:-

"To Pay

James Gannon	Arnestown	12.9
Repr. John Williams	Ard Elliott	4.4
Philip Kelly	Palace	1.8.6
Same	Same	8.0

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To Defer

Philip Kelly, Palace £3-8-6, £1-15-7, 8/= and £2-0-0

To Strike Off.

Philip Kelly, Palace £3-8-6 and £1-15-7

Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That the report of the Town Surveyor, and his recommendations as to Proposals for Payments be approved of and adopted, and that the payments recommended by him be made.

Passed, Mr Roche dissenting.

"The Meeting proceeded to consider advisability of inviting tenders for the Construction of the new footpath in Robert St which had been approved of, and confirmed by the Comcil, and had also been approved of by the Co Comcil, who agreed to pay half the estimated Cost of Construction.

After some discussion it was
Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr David Murphy

"That advertisements be issued inviting tenders for the construction of the new footpath in Robert St, the tenders to be considered at an adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Comcil to be held on the 29th inst. at 7 o'clock P.M. and that the Surveyor prepare a specification of same immediately."

Passed Unanimously

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Ordered

That the Town Surveyor report upon the condition of the road in Roberton leading from the Bridge to Dawyjames Road, especially that portion at the level Railway Crossing, and the best means to put it in a proper state of repair".

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 29th inst at 7 Oclock P.M.

Patrick Dunphy 21/10/03

Wednesday 15th July 1903.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held this evening to transact business for the Quarterly and Ordinary Finance meeting of the Council. Also to consider the abstract of uncollected Borough Rate.

Present Mesrs David Murphy
and
John Grace

The Committee examined the abstract of Uncollected Borough Rate and recommended that sums amounting to £18-16-11 be Cancelled and sums amounting to £9-6-0 be carried forward to next Collection.

They also examined a number of bills submitted for payment and having prepared their report adjourned

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Wednesday 15th July 1903.

An adjourned meeting of the 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 and other Acts connected therewith, and to make a Borough Rate for year ending 31st March 1904

Present Messrs Patrick Dunphy presiding
David Dunphy
John Grace
Joseph Roche
John Dunphy
and
John Sullivan

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John Grace and David Dunphy and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

1049	-	Dwyer Bros Buckets	£1-4-0
" 50	-	Rt Flynn Quarters Salary as Ex. Officio	4-13-9
" 51	-	Same Petty Cash	28-15-5
" 52	"	John J Browne Commission	3-2-9
" 53	-	Charles Dickenson Half year's rent of yard on Quay to 1st May	5-0-0
" 54	-	P. A. Jeffares Insurance	2-3-6
" 55	-	Thos Byrne Superintendence &c	7-14-6

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The following correspondence was read:-

Dungarvan
July 15th 1903

Dear Sir,

Please inform the Urban Council that I will undertake to clear their quarry at Dungarvan and Quarry the stones and put them out on the Quay at 1/3 per ton.

Yours faithfully
Michael Hunt

To
Jas Flynn
Clerk of Council

Proposed by Mr David Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Roche

That the Council's Quarry at Dungarvan be opened, and the stones of it be used on the streets, and that the proposal of Michael Hunt be accepted, provided he enter into a Bond to have, at all times, a sufficient quantity, say thirty or forty tons, of stones quarried and delivered on the Quay so that their boatmen can always have them ready to load

Passed Unanimously

A proposal was received from William Kehoe Larkin for two heaps of manure at 13/- per heap and it was ordered to be accepted.

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The Commissioner of Valuation forwarded a supplemental list of cases requiring revision which had been furnished to the Department by the Wexford Co Council Secretary, together with other cases in E.D. Newtownbarry Rural, with a request that should the Council consider such revisions necessary, the cases would be included in the list to be forwarded as soon as possible.

list of Cases

	Occupier	Immediate Lessor.	Valuation	
13a-	J.J. Kehoe	Thomas Shea	£12.0.0	Buildings to be revised
"b	Michael Dillon	Do	3.10.0	
"c	— Dooley	Do	3.10.0	
-d	John Dunne	Do	3.10.0	

Ordered

That the Council are of opinion that these Valuations require to be revised.

The Local Government Board wrote asking for a return of Receipts, Expenditure &c for year ended 31st March, also a return showing amount of rates realized by, water rate levied for domestic, and public purposes, and a copy of the Notice of all rates made in the Urban District for the current financial year.

The Clerk was directed to furnish the required particulars.

The Gas Co wrote stating that they intended opening the ground outside the Centre of one of the new houses in Priory St. and also outside Nos Augusts in South St for the purpose of repairing

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the supply pipe

Proposed by John O'Sullivan and
Seconded by John Grace.

"That we now make the following rates that is to say (1) a Borough Rate under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, at one shilling and six pence in the £, and a Sanitary Rate under the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878, at the Annual Rate of sixpence in the £, the said Sanitary rate to include one penny in the £, for the purposes of Technical Instruction, under the provisions of the Agriculture and Technical (Instruction) Ireland Act 1899."

Passed Unanimously

Finance Committee's Report

The Finance Committee met this day at 7 O'Clock and examined a number of bills and recommend payment of the following viz:-

Margaret Roche	£28.16.0
Dwyer Bros.	1.4.0
Saffrin	4.13.9

Petty Cash £8-15-5, J J Browne £3-2-9, Charles Dickenson £5-00
P.A. Jeffares £2-3-6, Thomas Byrne £7-14-6, Wm Whitty £1-0-0.

We have examined Abstract of Borough Rate, and recommend £9-6-0 be carried forwards as recoverable and £18-16-11¼ to be

Cancelled as irrecoverable.

John Grace
David Murphy

Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted, and the payments recommended be made. Also that the sums recommended by the Committee, of outstanding Borough, be cancelled and those recommended to be carried forward to next collection, be carried forwards.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor report upon the Condition of the house occupied by Mrs Margaret Donovan Tolly Volane, and Mrs Roche Bullawn, to next meeting of the Council, and that he get the house lately occupied by Mrs Glues repaired.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 22nd July 1903

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Wednesday 22nd July 1903.

A Meeting of the Newtown Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 O'clock, to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other acts connected therewith also to consider advisability of purchasing a hearse.

Present Before James J. Glynnan Chairman presiding
John Dunphy
Patrick Dunphy
and William Dunphy.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Before John Dunphy and Patrick Dunphy and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 56- In favour From Petty Cash £1-6-2

The Clerk reported that the Town Surveyor had not yet prepared the Specification of the New footpath in Rolestick or given it to him (Clerk) in Consequence of which he was unable to issue the advertisements inviting tenders for its Construction, which were to be considered at adjourned Quarterly Meeting to be held on 29th Inst. It would not now be possible to have tenders in time for the adjourned Meeting even if Specification was ready next day. He also stated that the Town Surveyor did

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not attend the Office, and enter in Book the work at which them in his charge were engaged, since last meeting of the Council, nor did he report upon house situate in Foley, Ho Lane, and Bullawn as ordered at last meeting.

Ordered

That the members of the Council be summoned to consider at next meeting, the failure of the Town Surveyor to comply, with the orders of the Council made at last meeting.

The Clerk also reported that the amount surcharged against Mr. Byrne by the Auditor, and which at last audit he directed to be deducted from his Salary, if it was not paid in the meantime, was not yet lodged.

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor be informed that if the amount of the surcharge is not lodged within two weeks from this date, a sum of 10/- will be deducted each week from his Salary until the amount of the surcharge is paid off.

The Clerk stated that Mr. P. J. Roche Woodville had purchased the yards on the Quay, occupied by the Council, and would require possession as soon as possible.

The premises had been advertised for sale but no tenders were received and it was ordered to be advertised again.

For the reason stated at Sanitary meeting, no further business was transacted.

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 5th August 1903.

James J. Sherman

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Monday 27th July 1903

A meeting of the Street Committee was held this day at 5 O'Clock P.M. to transact business and Consider advisability of Contracting for the maintenence of the Newtoss Bridge, the existing Contract having Expired.

Present Messrs J.D. Kearns
and
David Murphy

The Committee decided to recommend the Urban Council to tender for the maintenence for three years and eleven months, from the 31st July 1903 the roadway over Newtoss Bridge including about 20 perches of the roadway and footpath of the Kosheen side of the Bridge for the sum of £24. They also recommended that the Town Surveyor be requested to have the grass removed from the Quay and Streets.

The Meeting adjourned

James J Kearns

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Wednesday 29th July 1903

An adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held this day at 7 Oclock P.M. to consider Tenders for the Construction of the new footpath in Robert St, pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898

Messrs John O'Sullivan and John Keehan were the only Members who attended.

The Clerk stated that in consequence of not having received the specification for the footpath, from the Town Surveyor, he could not issue Advertisements, inviting Tenders for its Construction, and consequently he did not summon the Members of the Council to attend the adjourned meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 12th August 1903.

Thursday 30th July 1903

A special Meeting of the Council, called on requisition signed by five Members, was to be held this day at 11.30 Oclock A.M. to take steps to surrender the tenancy of the Lands on the Quay to Mr R. Roche.

Mr John Keehan was the only Member who attended

A Quorum not having attended the Meeting was adjourned.

James J Gilsenan

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Monday 3rd August 1903.

Monthly Meeting day. No attendance of Members. The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, 5th August 1903.

James J O'Gorman

Wednesday 5th August 1903.

A Meeting of The Kells Rural District Council was held this day at 7. 30 Oblock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith. Also to Consider what action should be taken respecting the failure of the Town Surveyor to Comply with the Orders of the Council, and to sign the Borough Rate Books.

Present Messrs James J O'Gorman Chairman presiding

Joseph Roche

Martin J Delaney

John Grace

Patrick Dunphy

Wm Dunphy

David Dunphy

John O'Sullivan

and

John Dunphy

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

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The Specification for the new footpath in Roberts received from the Town Surveyor this evening was submitted to the meeting and approved of.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John F. Murphy and John Grace and the following Paying Order directed to be issued

No 54 — Mr Jas Trim Petty Cash £1-3-10

The following Correspondence was read:-

Woodville Newtown

1st August 1908.

Dear Sir

I am greatly inconvenienced for want of getting possession of the yard. I think if you knew how much both loss and inconvenience I am at in consequence that you would rather facilitate giving it than stand on a matter of form. I want to get a stone built in the centre of the yard by about 50 feet long and 8 feet wide, but owing to the nature of the ground being so soft I must get an Engineer to leave it for Piles to get driven under the walls. I cannot get this done until the manure is removed, and I would even contribute a couple of pounds towards removing it, although I believe I am by far the largest ratepayer in Newtown. It is a matter for consideration whether the spending of a couple of pounds on the question and thereby increase the sale of six or seven thousand barrels of barley, giving increased employment, together with the advantage of having so much more money spent, than if spent in Waterford, Wexford, or Kilkenny

Yours truly P J Roche

The Chairman
Urban Council

Wednesday, 5th August 1903. (Minutes Contd)

It was agreed that possession of the Yard be given over to Mr Roche as soon as the manure can be disposed of, and cleared out of it. And it was ordered that Mr Colgan be instructed to sell it by Public Auction on as early a date as possible, and to inform intending purchasers that it must be cleared out of the yard within a week.

It was also ordered that Mr Roche be informed that the Council will give him possession of the yard as soon as possible.

A proposal was received from Mrs Mary A. Whitty Enniskillen for four heaps of manure @ 10/- per heap, and from James Conway for four heaps at 11/-, but an order having been made directing manure to be sold by Auction the proposals were not accepted.

A proposal from Thomas Neill Ryleen for heap of manure in Runeen Lane at 7/6 was accepted, as was also one from Edward T Browne of £2.5.0 for heap on Quay.

A letter was received from the Secretary to the Harbour Commissioners requesting the Council to have the manure removed from the Quay, and the Clerk was directed to inform him that it was sold this evening, and would be removed as soon as possible.

Michael Hunt Dungarvan wrote saying that he had a boatload of stone on the Quay at Dungarvan quarried, and would have about thirty or forty tons on the Quay always.
It was agreed that they be drawn up and broken for the

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streets as soon as possible.

To The Chairman & Gentlemen
Urban Council, Newtons

Gentlemen

I propose to deliver on the Quay of Newtons to the Urban District Council, stones from their Quarry at Dungarvan, at the rate of 1/= per ton actual weight, the stones to be quarried by them and delivered on the Quay erected by them at Dungarvan.

Patrick Carroll
Raheen
Rosbercon.

Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr Grace

"That the proposal of Patrick Carroll to deliver stones from the Quarry at Dungarvan at 1/= per ton actual weight be accepted"

Passed Unanimously

A letter was received from the Patriotic Assurance Co asking whether the balance of Borough Rate outstanding on 31st March was since lodged or written off, and the Clerk stated he had informed the Manager that portion of it had been written and the remainder carried forward to next Collection.

An application for Income Tax Amounting to 15/10, and 14/2 was received and it was ordered to be referred to Finance Committee

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New Ross

5th August 1903

Dear Sir

For the information of the Council as to the reasons of my being absent from the meeting referred to. In the first place I was not aware that a meeting was to be held on the night in question, and in the next place I was too unwell to do such business as required much thought and study. If the Council were at any inconvenience at my absence I very much regret it.

Yours truly

Thos Byrne

Wm Trim

Town Clerk.

Specification for footpath enclosed herewith.

A lengthened discussion took place respecting the action which ought to be taken by the Council in relation to the Town Surveyor and resulted in the following been

Proposed by Mr Roche and

Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

"That the Council do not deem the explanation given by the Town Surveyor satisfactory"

Passed Unanimously

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Town Surveyor's Report 5th August 1903.

Gentlemen,

I could not up to this obtain the slates I intended to get to put up the pipes &c for conveying the water from the roofs into the cistern; he promised to be with me to-morrow or next day without fail. The street at the railway crossing at Rosheen has been improved as far as the pathway is concerned. The two gratings above the crossing are choked with dirt and the catch-pits cannot be cleaned owing to the description of grates set there without taking up the stone frames and gratings and re-setting them again. The branch drains from those gratings are probably choked, so that in rainy weather the water flows over the roadway at this particular point and lodges in the hollow of the road where the rails cross. I would recommend the railway Company to be required to at once remove the present gratings and to build proper catchpits and set over some gratings that can be opened and cleaned. With regard to the repairs required to the kitchen floor of Mrs Donovan's house at the Hair Gate the patching can be done in Cement for about 10/-. The tiling of kitchen is all cracked into very small pieces but still they are firm in the floor. Should the Council desire to lay a new floor altogether it would be better do so with new tiles than with cement, although the tiling would be twice as costly as the Cement. The cost of the tiling would be about three pounds. At present there are three men breaking limestone, two of the boatloads in hands will be completed in a day or two. A large quantity of old granite blocks I had removed from the yards on the Quay, carted to the Town Wall, and broken there into metalling. The late heavy rains did much damage to the hilly roads. I got some of the damages in hand at repaired. At present

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William St is being repaired. The limestone, as they came in were delivered at the Depots. Between the times Drew were engaged cleaning and removing the scrapings off the roads and streets and cleaning and removing the stuff out of the water tables.

Thomas Byrne.

No Order Made

The Clerk reported that Michael Cahill was still sick and not working, and it was Ordered that he be paid his wages for the present in full.

There was no proposal received for the cleaning and keeping free from dust the Chimneys of the twenty new houses belonging to the Council in William St.

Proposed by Cor David Murphy and

Seconded by Cor Dunphy

"That the proposal of Thomas Scanlon, received at Meeting of the 8th July, for keeping the Chimneys of those houses free from dust and other matter for the sum of 20/- per Annum from the 1st August 1903 be accepted"

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 12th August 1903

James J. O'Gorman

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Wednesday 12th August 1903

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 O'clock P.M. to transact Financial and Ordinary business of the Council, this being the stated Finance Meeting, pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith.

Present Messrs James J Gorman Chairman presiding
John Grace
John Dromphy
Patrick Dromphy
Joseph Roche
John O'Sullivan
William Dromphy
John Sleams Jr.
Martin J Delaney
and
David Dromphy

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & signed

Immediately after the signing of the Minutes the Clerk stated that no Members attended the adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held at 7 O'clock, but the meeting was not adjourned by him, as it would be necessary to fix a date to receive tenders for the Construction of the new footpath

Ordered

That tenders be invited for the Construction of the New footpath to be considered at an adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the

Wednesday 12th. August 1903 (Minutes Cont'd.

Council to be held on Wednesday 19th. Inst.

The Treasurer's Authority for drawing Warrants was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John Grace and William Murphy and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued viz.

No 58- Transfer from Loans a/c to Current a/c £42. 3-6

59- Wm. Baird retention money due on Sewer Contract £103-18-0

60 - Matthew Hutchinson Amount of a/c furnished 2-1-11

61 - Dr Ffrm Postage a/c for Year ending 31st July 1903 1-19.3

62 - G W Carr Income Tax 4.7-4

63 - J J Browne Commission on Collections 1.0.0

64 - John Dolin Quarter's Superannuation to 6th Inst. 12.10.0

65 - James Barron Poor Rate 1-0.7

66 - Petty Cash 8.5.2

67 - Joseph Dolland a/c furnished 5.17-0.

68 - P.J. O'Keeffe Rent Charge due Kilkenny Corporation 10-8

The following Correspondence was read:-

Offices
New Ross 12th August 1903

Dear Sir,

Dr Joseph W Deane of Longraigue has communicated with me through his solicitor Dr Hearn in reference to the Great Brankel premises which he holds from the Council under lease at the Annual rent of £12. Dr Deane states that the Net rent which he receives from the undertenants do not amount to as much as the rent which he pays the Council

and he is desirous of surrendering his lease to the Council.

We think it possible that if the Council accept the surrender they may sustain some loss by the transaction, but on the other hand if the Council refuse to accept the surrender there is, in our opinion nothing to prevent Mr Deane from transferring his interest under the lease to another person who may be a very bad mark for the next and this would probably entail a greater loss. We think Mr Deane would be reluctant to resort to this expedient, but he may be driven to do so, if he is not permitted to surrender the premises. We therefore suggest to the Council the prudence of accepting a surrender of the lease from Mr Deane, and dealing with the matter as to themselves in future

Yours Very truly
Colfer & Gethin

To
Town
Clerk of Urban Council
Rosslare

Ordered

That the Members of the Council be summoned to attend next Meeting to consider the foregoing letter.

Mr P Roche J.P. wrote thanking the Council for their kindness in undertaking to clear the manure out of the yards on the Quay as soon as possible.

A proposal was received from Mr Jeffares, Rochestown, for heap of road stuff at Roheen-na-Slaun at 10/6 and it was ordered to be accepted.

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A proposal was accepted from Bridget Cullen Bullawn, for the tenancy of a house in Folly Lane at the weekly rent of 1/9. lately occupied by Patrick Connors on the motion of Mr. David Murphy seconded by Mr. Delaney.

County Surveyors Office
Wexford July 29th/1903.

Dear Sir,

I find that the amount shall have in hand for the Creywell to Beandlins road in the Urban District will be £11-14-6 (including the Current Quarter). I shall be glad to hear from you if your Council will expend this money.

Yours truly
H Webster

Ordered

That the County Surveyor be informed the Urban Council will expend the money on the road.

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee recommend payment of the following accts. Viz:-

Matthew Hutchinson	£2-1-11
Wm. Baird	103-18-0
Griffiths Postage	1-19-3
G W Carr	4-7-4
Joseph Dollard	5-17-0

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John J Browne £1-0-0
John Tolin 12-10-0
Rent Change 10·8
James Barron Rent Rate 1·0·7
Petty Cash 8·5·2

That Sanction of Local Government Board be asked to Salary of Secy of the Stephens Burial Board.

That £42 3·6 to Credit of Capital in Loans a/c be transferred to Current a/c.

That all tenants owing over two weeks rent be served with Notice to Quit if rent is not paid

John Keane
D Murphy

Proposed by Br John Murphy and
Seconded by Br Roche

That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted and the payments recommended by them be made

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the Clerk get the floor of Mrs Donovans house repaired

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 19th August 1903.

James Dunphy
19/8/03

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Wednesday August 19th 1903

An adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at 7 O'Clock P.M. to be to consider Tenders for the Construction of the new footpath in Robert St pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898

As no Members attended up to 7.35 the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 26th August 1903

Wednesday August 19th 1903

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this day at 7.30 O'Clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and other Acts Connected therewith, also to Consider a proposal of Mr Deane to surrender the Lease of the Meat Market.

Present Aldermen Patrick Dempsy presiding

John Dempsy
Joseph Roche
John Grace
William Dempsy
John O'Sullivan
and
John Sheehan

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Aldermen John Dempsy and John Roche and the following Paying Order was issued in favour of Town Petty Cash £13-9.1/4

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The following Correspondence was read:-

Local Government Board
Dublin 15th August 1903.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 13th inst, relative to the suspension of the Town Surveyor of Newcastle Urban District, and with reference thereto, I am to state that the sanction of the Board is not required to the suspension of the Town Surveyor. I am to add that the Town Surveyor cannot be removed from Office without the approval of the Local Government Board, and, if the Council have his dismissal in view, they should pass a resolution dismissing the Surveyor from Office subject to the Board's approval, and at the same time, ~~and at the same time~~ furnish the Board with a full statement of the reasons for their action

I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant
A. N. Parlas
Assistant Secretary

The Clerk Urban Council

Local Government Board
Dublin 15th August 1903

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst, relative to the suspension of their Surveyor by the Newcastle Urban District Council, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that, pending a final decision on the case

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Newcastle Urban District

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of the Town Surveyor. the Board Consider that the Urban District Council should temporarily employ a qualified engineer to discharge the duties of the Town Surveyor's Office

I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant
A. F. Parlas
Assistant Secretary

Ordered

That the Members of the Council be summoned to attend next meeting to Consider letter received from the Local Government Board relative to the suspension of the Town Surveyor, and advisability of passing a resolution dismissing him, also of appointing a qualified person to act as temporary substitute.

An application was received from Messrs Molloy & Sullivan Quay St. and James Dixon Quay for the pipe water, and it was ordered to be supplied to both, and that the Street inspector open the ground to enable them to connect with the Mains as soon as they are prepared to do so.

A Medical Certificate was received from Dr. Meehan that Michael Cahill, one of the Councils workmen was not in a fit state to be removed to Hospital, the Nature of his disease being Paralysis.

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Ordered

That Michael Cahill be paid his wages in full for the present.

A proposal was received from Thomas Doyle Drumgarret Bridge for one heap of road scrapings at Greywell Depot for 10/=. And it was ordered to be accepted.

A supplemental List of Valuations, received from Commissioner of Valuation, which required revision, together with Copy, received from Rate Collector. Viz "Building Site in Charles St leased to the Postmaster General To be exempt" was submitted to the meeting, and it was ordered that the Commissioner of Valuation be informed that the Council are of opinion the premises ought not to be exempt

A letter was received from Thomas Butler Holly Ho Lane asking to have something done with the drain adjoining his house as in heavy rain the house gets flooded And the range also wants to be repaired.

Ordered

That the matter be referred to the Sanitary Committee.

The Clerk reported that Dr. Cherry had ceased to be a Member of the School attendance Committee, through non-attendance at the Meetings, and the Committee desired the Council, as Local Authority, to elect a Member in his stead, he having been elected previously by the Council.

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Ordered

That the members of the Council be summoned to attend next meeting to elect a Member of the School Attendance Committee.

The Clerk reported that he engaged Edward Doyle to break a loadload of Dungarvan stones at 2/= and this was approved of.

He also stated that Patrick Hennebery would not break them for less than 2/=

Omission

A draft lease of Building grounds in Chapel Lane, agreed to be leased to Mr Cullen, was submitted to the meeting for approval, and was adjourned, as was also the consideration of accepting surrender of Mr Deane's lease of Meat Market.

J S Hearn

Ordered

That advertisments be issued inviting proposals from persons willing to break the limestone and Dungarvan Quarry stones, at 2/- each per loadload.

The Clerk was directed to write to the Railway Co, and ask them to immediately remove the present gratings, set lug them above the level crossing at Rosbercon, and to build instead proper catchpits, and set over same, gratings that can be opened and cleaned.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 26th August 1903

John S Hearn

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Wednesday 26th August 1903.

A Meeting of The 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 and other Acts Connected therewith also to consider proposals for the lighting of the Public Lamps of the Town, and the supply of horse and car for one year; and a letter received from the Local Government Board relative to the suspension of the Town Surveyor, also advisability of dismissing that officer subject to the approval of the L.G. Board, a proposal of Mr Deane to surrender lease of meat Market and to approve of lease of building site to Mr Cullen, and elect a Member of the School attendance Committee

Present Alepo John J. Deane J.P. presiding
John O'Sullivan
Martin Delaney
John Grace
Joseph Roche
John Meehan
David Dromgoole
and
John Dromgoole

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read & signed

The Clerk stated that no Member of the Council attended the adjourned Quarterly Meeting to be held at 7 O'clock and it was now ordered that it be further adjourned to Wednesday 9th September 1903 at 7 O'clock, and that tenders be invited for the construction of the new footpath in Robert St, to be considered at that Meeting.

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The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Dr. John O'Sullivan, (Dr. Keane having retired from the meeting when the Specification of Dr. O'Brien was brought forward) and Messrs John Murphy and David Murphy, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 70- Dr. J. Finn Petty Cash £8-14-10

Proposed by Dr. David Murphy and
Seconded by Dr. John Keehan

"That the suspension of the Town Surveyor be removed"

On a poll being taken there voted

For; Messrs D. Murphy, Grace, Keehan and Delaney 4

Against- Messrs John Murphy, O'Sullivan and Roche 3

The Chairman declined to vote and declared the resolution passed.

The following was read

New Ross 26th August 1903

Gentlemen,

For some time past Dr. Comical has charged the five Shillings for the use of the smaller room Pholeon the occassions of holding Auctions of property. As I require the use of room only for about half an hour each time I consider the Charge somewhat high. I may mention that for some time previous to the establishing of the Workmen's Club I had always the

free use of the room for the purpose of similar sales only. Under these circumstances I would respectfully ask the consideration of the Council to the propriety of reducing the charge.

Yours faithfully
Patrick Bolger

Proposed by Br Delaney and
Seconded by Br O'Sullivan

"That Br Bolger be allowed the use of the Tenant Right Reading Room for the sale of property in future at two shillings and six pence"

Passed Unanimously

A letter was received from the D W & Wd. Railway Co acknowledging receipt of order of the Council respecting the Gratings at Rosherea and it was ordered that the Town Surveyor call upon Br Bratton the Company's Engineer and inform him of the particular kind of gratings which the Council require to have erected.

An application was received from Francis Cody for the tenancy of No 16 house in William St, but as it was not yet vacant there was no order made upon it.

A proposal was received from Br Thomas Hogan Granny St for the supply of a smart man and horse for one year at 19/= per week, and named as his Sureties Brs Michael Walsh Mt Elliott and Michael Dunphy Irishtown.

A proposal was also received from Brs Philip Hartley Michael Mc Dermott for the supply of a good smart man, and horse for

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one year at 2/- per week, and offered as his sureties
Messrs Patrick Dromphy Quay and James Sutton Mandlin

Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr David Dromphy

"That the proposal of
Mr Thomas Hogan for the supply of a good smart
man, horse and car, for one year at 19/- per week be
accepted"

Passed Unanimously

August 26th 1903

Dear Sir,

I enclose tender for Public Lighting. We have included
in this tender a lamp to take the place of the one formerly in
Allen's Arch which has had to be removed on account of preparation
of site for new Post Office. Will you please let us know the
position your Council would wish this lamp to be re-erected in

Yours faithfully
David Hunt
Sec Gas Co.

The following Tender was enclosed

Winter Lighting

from 15th September 1903 to 15th April 1904

HH lamps to be extinguished at 11 O'Clock P.Ms at £1-18-3 per lamp

1H lamps to remain lighting all night @ £3-1-11 per lamp

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The above lamps not to be lighted on the nights of full moon, that is, two nights before, the night of the full moon, and two nights after.

15 lamps to remain lighting on nights of full moon at 7-6 per lamp.

These lamps to be extinguished at 11 Oclock P.M.

Summer Lighting

from 15th April 1904 to 15th September 1904

15 lamps to remain lighting all night save nights of full moon at £1-2-6 per lamp.

The lamp at the Pholce to be changed at £5-12-6 per annum

As form foot burner will be used, sample of which I send pod. The illuminating power of the gas will be similar to last contract

Yours faithfully
David Hunt Secretary

Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr Dempsey "That the tender of the gas co for the lighting of the public lamps for one year be accepted"
Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr Roche "That Mr John Fegan be elected a Member of the School attendance Committee of the Urban District"

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Proposed by Br O Sullivan and
Seconded by Br John Dromgoole

"That the draft lease of the plot of building ground in Chapel Lane, to Br Andrew Cullen be approved of"

Passed Unanimously

J. B. Keane

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 2nd September 1903

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Wednesday 2nd/d September 1903.

An adjourned Meeting of the Council was held this day at 7.30 O'Clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider the proposal of Mr Deane to surrender the Lease of the Meat Market, and to sign the Borough Rate Books.

Present Alderman J Deane presiding
John Grace
William Murphy
James G Dooley
Martin J Delaney
John Meehan
and
David Murphy

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed.

The following Paying Order was directed to be issued Viz:-

No 71- In favour Petty Cash £9-9-5

The following Correspondence was read:-

Offices
New Ross 2nd/d Sept/r 1903

re Meat Market

Dear Sir/

"Referring to our letter of 12th/h Current we beg to say that Mr Deane, Mr Deane's Solicitor, wrote us to-day as follows:-

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"Please inform the Urban Council that if they do not agree to my proposal at to-nights meeting I intend taking another course and let them deal with the new tenant".

We take this to mean that Mr. Deane will assign the Lease to another person if the surrender is not accepted.

We return the lease of 10th. March 1831, which you left with us, and which appears to have been superseded by the lease of the 11th. July 1831 for 91 years from 29th. September 1830, now in Mr. Deane's custody. With regards to your statement that you thought there was a more recent lease, this may be so, but pending your search for it, Mr. Deane may assign the lease of July 1831

Yours Very truly
Colfer & Fethin

Proposed by Mr. Dooley and
Seconded by Mr. Delaney

That we hereby accept the surrender of Mr. Deane's Lease of the Meal Market.

Passed.

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Offices
New Ross 2nd Septr 1903.

The Urban Council to Andrew Cullen

Dear Sir

We enclose the lease and Counterpart of the premises in Chapel Lane for execution by the Council. The lease and Counterpart will be executed in the same manner as the lease of the Henry St premises, the written directions for which we sent you on 30th August 1902. Mr Cullen has already executed the lease and Counterpart, and when the Council have also done so, return the documents to us to be stamped.

Yours faithfully
Colfer & Gethin

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr Grace

That we hereby execute the Lease of the plot of building ground in Chapel Lane to Mr Andrew Cullen, and that the Corporate Seal of the Council be affixed thereto, and that it be signed by the presiding Chairman, and two Members of the Council and Countersigned by the Clerk.

Passed Unanimously

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution the Lease and Counterpart, were duly signed, and sealed, and Countersigned by the Clerk, the signatures being witnessed by Mr Byrne Town Surveyor.

A letter was received from Mr Patrick Colger thanking the Council for reducing the Amount Charged for use of Tenant Right Reading

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Room for Property Sales to 9/6.

Harbour Commissioners' Office
Quay New Ross
2nd. Sept. 1903

Dr. Stamm
Clerk of Comal

Dear Sir.

At a Meeting of my Board on this date an application was before them from the Grand Canal Co. to have light put on the New Ross Bridge. Where they require the light is on the second arch on the Kilkenny side of the Bridge. I have been directed by the Commissioners to see if your Comal will shift one of the Bridge lamps to the position indicated by Grand Canal Co.

Yours truly,
John Kenny
Secretary.

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor confer with the Harbour Master respecting the proposed alteration and report to next Meeting of the Comal

Proposals were received from Messrs Thomas Lally Elys wdks, George Allen Wm. Ah. and Michael Culleton

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Charleton Hill for the tenancy of house No 20 William St. and on the Proposition of Mr Delaney, seconded by Mr Wm. Murphy, the proposal of Thomas Lally was accepted. his surety being Miss Kate Plummer Postmistress New Ross.

An application, signed by several inhabitants, was received on behalf of Catherine Cullen of Murrayth, asking to be recommend by the Council for admission to Trinity Hospital, and the application was directed, with the other applications, to be submitted to the meeting when they are being Considered on the occasion of the next vacancy

A letter was received from Fegan thanking the Council for electing him a Member of the School attendance Committee

An application for the position of Street Sweeper was received from John O'Sullivan Murrayth.

There being a vacancy for a man owing to James Flynn being now engaged at Street repairing, it was ordered that O'Sullivan be employed temporary at 13/- per week, and to be engaged in Cleaning yards of Councils houses for the present

The temporary employment of Jeremiah O'Shea @ 13/- per week was also approved of.

A Copy of a sealed Order was received from the Local Government Board in reference to the holding of half yearly instead of Quarterly Meetings of the Wexford Co Council, but there was no Order made upon it

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County Surveyor's Office
Wexford 29th August 1903.

Dear Sir.

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst. stating that your Council agrees to expend the money held on the Greywell road; the amount is £11-14-0.

I hope the repairs will be started without delay

Yours truly
Henry Webster
County Surveyor

To J. Frin
Clerk of Urban District Council
New Ross

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor have the work done as soon as possible.

Proposed by Cor Dooley and
Seconded by Cor Keehan

That the Borough and Sanitary Rate Books for year ending 31st March 1904 be signed, and sealed, and that the warrants for the collection of said rates be signed, and sealed, by the Chairman, and two Members of the Council and Countersigned by the Clerk.

Passed Unanimously

In accordance with the foregoing resolution the rate

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books were duly signed and sealed.

A copy of revised instructions, prepared by the Local Government Board, with regard to Provisional Orders proposed to be obtained by Local Authorities under The Public Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878 to 1900, the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts, 1890 to 1896, and the Local Government (Ireland) Acts, 1898 to 1902, was received, and ordered to be retained in the Office for future reference

There were two proposals received for the breaking of limestones, at Dungamstown Quarry Stones, and it was agreed that 20/= be allowed for breaking of Quarry stones, and 24/= for limestone per loadload, the work be done by those already in the habit of breaking them for the Council.

Offices
Athy 2nd September 1903

Re Quarrying at Dungamstown

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of 28th August we are not aware of any means by which the Council can protect themselves from liability against accidents to persons not in their employment from blasting operations carried out on their behalf by a Contractor for the purpose. The only thing open to them to do for their protection is to enter into a contract with them that he will indemnify them against all such liability and get a bond from him and two

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Solvent Sureties in a Sufficient Amount to give effect to the indemnity. We observe that the resolution of the Council required Hunt to enter into a Bond to have, at all times, a sufficient quantity of Stones quarried and delivered on the Quay, but we have not received any instructions to prepare this document

Yours Very truly
Colfer & Fethin

Griffin
Town Clerk.

The Clerk stated that as Hunt was now using blasting powder in the Quarry, he at the suggestion of a Member of the Council, consulted their solicitor as to the liability of the Council in Case of accident. The Solicitors upon was submitted to the adjourned Meeting held on Friday evening to consider a letter from Messrs Colfer & Fethin relative to Baird V Hearn and Council and that Meeting agreed to have the men working in the Quarry removed and also the boatmen, and approved of ascertaining their liability in Case of accident to third parties.

The Meeting now approved of the Solicitors being Consulted and also of having the men working in the Quarry removed. They did not, however, consider it necessary to remove the boatmen, nor to require Hunt to enter into a Bond to protect them against injury to third persons, or to have a sufficient quantity of stones at all times quarried and delivered on the

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Quay. They directed the Clerk to ascertain from some insurance Company (the Patriotic being named) what the rate of premium would be for insurance against accident to third persons.

The Clerk stated that Mr. Kent called to the office and asked to be supplied with two planks 20 feet long by 9 inches wide for use in the Quarry and it was ordered that he get the two planks required.

Town Surveyor's Report 2nd September 1903.

Gentlemen

Mr. Martin, engineer D W & W. Railway promises to provide, as soon as possible, suitable street traps for Roscrea. I drew his attention to the gate posts at the crossing projecting so far on the foot paths. He states the road will be wider than that provided by the Company's Act of Parliament. There is a boatload of fine gravel delivered on the Quay for the bridge footpaths. I think it would be as well to have it spread at once, or would you wish to have it carted to yard for use later on. About 30 feet of Covered drain in Wexford St was opened cleaned and re-covered.

The Roscrea road has been cleaned also part of the Quay and some metalling spread in South St.

The paving of water tables, gratings and inlets to Sewer on the hill of Roscrea were cleaned up. Two boatloads of stone from Drumgoolan Quarry were carted to the Town Wall. Mr. Kenneberry will have

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one of them broken by Saturday last

Thomas Byrne

Ordered

That the fixing of the street traps by the Engineer be attended to by the Town Surveyor

That the gravel be carted to the yard

That the Clerk ascertain, if possible, whether the Railway Co are empowered, under their Act of Parliament, to encroach upon the footpath as they are doing.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 9th Sept.

Martin J Delaney

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Monday 7th September 1903

Monthly Meeting day. Low attendance of members. The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 9th September 1903.

Wednesday 9th September 1903

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council to be held this day at 7 O'clock P.M. to transact the Quarterly business of the Council pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 viz:- Consideration of Tenders for the construction of the New footpath in Roche St -

At 7.45 the following members of the Council were present, the Meeting not having been adjourned in the meantime.

Messrs Martin J Delaney presiding
William Murphy
Joseph Roche
and
John Murphy

There were no tenders received for the construction of the footpath.

Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr Murphy

That advertisements be

re issued inviting tenders for the construction of the Newfortpark in Rolleston Dh, and should no tender be received to arrange for its construction by the Council should same be deemed advisable.

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 16th Sept.

J P Barry

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Wednesday 9th September 1903.

A meeting of The Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 O'Clock to transact business pursuant to The Town Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts Connected therewith

Present Messrs Martin Delaney presiding
John Murphy
Joseph Roche
William Murphy
and
David Murphy.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Joseph Roche and John Murphy, and the following Rating Orders were directed to be issued Viz:-

No	72	Secretary Co Council	£307-8-9
"	73	Gas Co a/c from 15th Dec to 15th April	86-5-2
"	74	Thomas Martin Quarters Contract	6-6
—	75	Mr Flynn Quarters Salary as Town Clerk	25-0-0
—	76	Do Petty Cash	11-2-0
—	77	John Colein, Quarters Pension	3-2-6
—	78	John J Browne Commission on Collection	3-7-4
—	79	St Stephens Cemetery Committee.	3-18-0
—	80	Andrew Cullen a/c furnished	4-0-4
—	81	Michael Hunt Dungarvan	4-19-2

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82 - Patrick Carroll Freight &c £5-15-0
83 John Falconer Subscn to L.G. Review 15-0

The Clerk stated that he had obtained The D, W & W.R. Railway (New Ross and Waterford Extension) Act 1901, and did not see anything in it empowering the Company to encroach on the Footpath at Rosbercon, in erecting the gates for the Level Crossing, as they are doing, nor was it likely, they had power under Act of 1894, as it was the Act of 1901 empowered them to Construct the Level Crossing.

Ordered

That the Clerk obtain a copy the Act of 1894, and that the members of the Council be summoned to Consider the action of the Railway Co in erecting the piers of the gates on the footpath.

That the attention of the County Surveyor be also drawn to the matter

That the Clerk also draw the attention of the Railway Co to the encroachment on the footpath, and request them to have the gate pillars re-erected in such a manner as not to obstruct the free use of the footpath by passengers.

The Clerk also reported that Michael Cahill, one of the Councils Workmen, who was sick for sometime, died on Monday, and it was Ordered that his daughter be paid

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his wages in full up to this date (Wednesday)

2nd The following Correspondence was read

New Ross

9th September 1903

The Chairman & Gentlemen New Ross Urban Council

Gentlemen,

I respectfully beg to apply for an increase in my poundage for collection of Poor Rate to 10. The amount I receive at present is very small considering the difficulty which there is in collecting the Rate owing to the occupier being liable for payment of same. Receipts have now to be issued for each rating, which means that the work is greatly increased in comparison to what it was under the old system. I have of course endeavoured to discharge the duties of my position to the best of my ability in the interests of all concerned and have never returned any rate as uncollectable which could, under any circumstances, be obtained. Under the circumstances I trust the Council will kindly see their way to comply with my request

I am Gentlemen

Your obedient Servant

James Parron

Ordered

That the Consideration of the foregoing application be adjourned to meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday 23rd. Inst. the members to be summoned to attend that meeting to consider it.

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Wednesday 9th September 1903 (Minutes Contd.)

Belle Vue
New Ross 9th Sept. '03

Dear Sir

We hold a lease from the Sovereign and "Free Burgesses" of New Ross for the house now occupied by Miss Alice Crowley at the foot of William St. facing Priory House. With a view to making further improvements would the Urban Council kindly forego us by extending the term for another hundred years?

The present lease will expire in about thirty-five years.

Yours Very Truly
R. De B. Sanderson
Agent for
Thomas & Jones Bellevue

Re Form

Ordered

That the consideration of the foregoing application be adjourned to meeting of the Council, to be held on Wednesday, 23rd. Inst. the members to be summoned to attend that meeting to consider it.

A proposal was received from James Hanlon Draper for the tenancy of one of the new houses in William St. about to be vacated by Mrs Byrne, but as the Council had not yet obtained possession of it, there was no order made

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beyond ordering it to be kept with the other applications which will be considered when the house is vacant.

A proposal was received from Br Philip Hartley Michael St. for the supply of a smart active man, with a good horse and Cart at 3/5 per day, for twelve months from the acceptance of the tender. And offered as his sureties Bros Patrick Murphy, Quay, and James Sutton Mauldin.

A similar proposal was received from Br Thomas Hogan Mary St @ 3/4 per day, but did not name any Sureties for the performance of the Contract.

A discussion took place as to whether the proposal should be considered, there being no sureties named in it, and the majority of the Brethren present were in favour of it being considered, believing it was an omission on the part of Br Hogan not to name them. Ultimately, it was

Proposed by Br John Murphy and
Seconded by Br Roche

"That the proposal of Br Hogan be accepted, subject to him providing sureties to be approved of by the Council"

Passed Unanimously Br D Murphy dissenting on the ground that the tender was informal

A quotation for the supply of Street Names, in black and English Characters, was received from Bros R. Grant & Sons 17 Charlemont Mall Dublin but there was no order made upon it.

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Report of Finance Committee

At a Meeting of the Finance Committee held on September 9th 1903, the following accounts were recommended for payment Viz:-

County Consal Demand	£30-8-9
Thomas Martin	6-6
Gas Co	86-5-2
Re Firm	25-0-0
Michael Hunt	4-19-2
Andrew Cullen	4-0-4
Patrick Carroll	5-15-0
John Falconer	15-0
John J Browne	3-7-4
St Stephens Cemetery Committee	3-18-0
Petty Cash	11-2-0
John Dolan	3-2-6
	£ 455-19-9

William Dempsey
David Dempsey

Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr John Dempsey

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted, and the payments recommended by them be made.

Passed Unanimously

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Town Surveyor's Report 9th September 1903

Gentlemen

Owing to the wet weather I could not get the grating in Bridge St replaced by a metal trap.

Regarding the traps and connecting drains with the main Sewer proposed for Granger and Bridge St, these streets being main roads, half the Cost Should be a County-at-Large Charge, therefore Our Webster County Surveyor Should be apprized of Your intention, and an application in the usual manner to be sent to the County Council. In My opinion the same applies to any additional traps You intend to put down in the Smithtown as they are all for the purpose of carrying off the surface water.

The taking in of the rain water for supplying the cistern of W. C. in Hotel would not be easily effected owing to the cistern being fixed against the wall, all the Cutting through the wall for the overflow should be done from the outside, and if carried out in this manner the overflow would be a nuisance to adjoining house. What I would recommend is that a cistern be placed in the cellar under the W. C; let the town water flow into it and be pumped up to the Cistern over W. C. this would be simplest and best.

I have got from the Engineer: D W & W Railway photographs of traps to replace those at Roberson, in My Opinion the one he selects, is too small and would get choked quickey owing to the amount of sand that is washed down in heavy rain. Mr Martin is willing for you to provide and fix whatever trap you consider most suitable and he will

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pay the cost. I think it would be advisable that a Committee should meet and consider the foregoing matter.

I have a plasterer and boy doing up the front of Mrs Rockford's, Chapel Lane, and if Gen wish I might be able during the coming week to get the small range set in the two houses in Holly No. Lane.

I was without the service of a horse for a couple of days.

There are two loadloads of stone and one of gravel on the Quay to be removed.

I got an additional man to break Metalling for the Street

Thomas Byrne

That a conversation with the Harbour Master re light on bridge. He seems to think existing lamp will do if Coloured glass is put in

J.B.

Ordered

That a new grating be put down in Conduit Lane instead of the one at present there.

That a Meeting of the Street Committee be held on Friday to Consider the matters referred to in the report of the Town Surveyor.

That the Surveyor see the Secretary of the Harbour Commissioners respecting the light required by the Canal be-

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on the Bridge.

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor prepare for next meeting of the Council, an estimate of the probable cost of repairing Horse on Jones's Hill, occupied by the late Mrs Elmes.

Ordered

That Patrick Carroll be authorized to purchase from the D W Vale Railway Co. two planks 30 feet long, for use in the Drumgarstown Quarry, he to make the best bargain he can with the Company, also a license

It was also ordered that tenders be invited for keeping free from Seeds, or other obstruction, the Chimneys of twenty six houses, from the date of acceptance of tender.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 16th " September 1903

J Gorry

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Wednesday 16th September 1903.

An adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at 7 O'Clock to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, - to Consider tenders for the Construction of the new footpath in Robert St, and, should no tender be received, to arrange for its construction by the Council, should same be deemed advisable.

Present Messrs James. G. Dooley presiding
Joseph Roche
John O'Sullivan
David Murphy
and
William Murphy.

The Town Surveyor was present, as was also Mr Andrew Cullen.

A proposal was received from Mr Andrew Cullen, Builder, Church Lane Newross to Construct the new footpath in Robert St in accordance with the Specification for the sum of £124, and offered as his sureties Messrs Patrick J. A. Delaney, Brighton Newross, and Nicholas Nolan Brighton Newross.

Proposed by Mr David Murphy and
Seconded by Mr John O'Sullivan
That the tender of
Mr Andrew Cullen to Construct the new footpath in
Robert St Newross, according to the specification, for

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the sum of one hundred and twenty-four pounds
sterling be accepted

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr David Murphy and
Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

That he be allowed until
the first of December to complete the work.

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting adjourned

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Wednesday 16th September 1903.

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 and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider what action should be taken respecting the encroachment by the Railway Co on the footpath at the Level crossing in Rosbercon.

Present Messrs James G. Dooley, presiding
Joseph Roche
John O'Sullivan
David Murphy
William Aird Murphy

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, Messrs Joseph Roche, and John O'Sullivan, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:- No 84 In favour Petty Cash £14-4-2

The Clerk submitted a copy of The D W & W Railway (New Ross and Waterford Extension Act 1897) ordered at last Meeting to be procured, and after some discussion it was—

Ordered

That Messrs Wolfe & Hyethin be asked to inform the Council whether they have power to prevent The D. W & W Railway Co from

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erecting the pillars of the gates at the level crossing in Rosbercon, on the footpaths, or whether they can compel the Company to remove them.

The following Correspondence was read:-

Office
New Ross 16th Sept 1903

re Meat Market

Dear Sir

We now enclose you surrender (in duplicate) of the Meat Market premises from Mr Deane to your Council.

Please have both documents executed by the Council and then returned to us. The form of execution is the same as that prescribed for execution by the Council.

Yours faithfully
Colfer & Gethin

Proposed by Mr William Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Roche

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the surrender of the Lease of Meat Market by Mr Deane to Council, and that it be signed by the Chairman, And two Members of the Council and Countersigned by the Clerk"

Passed Unanimously

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution the surrender (in duplicate) was duly signed and sealed, the signatures being witnessed by Messrs Thomas Byrne Town Surveyor, and John J Browne, Rate Collector.

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The Secretary of the D W & W. Railway Co wrote acknowledging receipt of letter relative to gate pillars on footpath at Roberton

A post card was also received from the County Surveyor stating that he would be in New Ross on Wednesday and would look into the same matter.

An application was received from the Secretaries of the Gaelic League for the temporary use of the Large Room, Hobel, for the occasional holding of Gaelic League Classes during the Coming Winter. They will be prepared to vacate the room, should the Council require its use for any special purpose.

Ordered.

That the Consideration of the foregoing application be adjourned to next meeting, the Members of the Council to be summoned to consider it.

Mr. Thomas Hogan wrote offering sureties Michael Walsh Kat Elliott, and Michael Dempsy Inishtown as sureties for the supply of horse cart for street work, accepted at last meeting and they were approved of.

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New Ross
16th September 1903.

Dear Sir"

Will you kindly obtain the instructions of your Council, at their meeting this evening, as to what I am to do respecting rates and arrears of Rates on premises in Mary St. lately occupied by Mr Hickey. The house is vacant for a long time, but the yard, store, and garden are occupied by him. Mr Hickey states he will pay, when the valuation is revised. I will be glad to know how to deal with it when closing my collection for half year ending 29th inst.

Yours faithfully
James Barron

Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr Wm. Murphy "That the Pro. Coller & Gethin be asked to advise the Council whether Mr Hickey is liable for the Borough and Poor Rates assessed upon these premises"

Passed Unanimously

"Town Surveyor's Report 16th Sept" 1903

Gentlemen,

Two metal Street traps were set in Bridge St and one in Conduit Lane to replace the old ones and the paving &c made good around them. A boatload of gravel was carted to yard and the Stones for metalling carted to depots.

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The house occupied by Mrs Rochford is under repairs, the front has been roughcast, and windows frames and sashes put in. Concrete Window Sills and shoots to front.

I got 2 open ranges with the necessary bricks and mortar sent up to the two houses in Folly House Lane occupied by Cullen and Butler. I engaged Martin Cullen (tenant) to set them.

Mr Webster was here on inspection today, he is satisfied with the Selection of gully grating for Rosbercon made by the Street Committee. The engineer of the Ry. Coy, will order them at once and have them Set.

Mr Webster does not seem to consider the enchroachment to be very great at the level crossing in Rosbercon. He would like to have the roadway above Ry Station filled and metalled to form the Surface Convex.

The yard in Henry St. wants cleaning up badly and a new gate to entrance.

I had to get a hammer for the use of Flynn about the grates & general jobbing I herewith Submit cost of repairs required to house in Wm. Street lately occupied by Mrs Elmes.

Thomas Byrne

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The Estimate referred to in the Report amounted to £20-1-0, It was agreed that Larger windows be put in the house, and an ordinary grate instead of a range, And it was Ordered that the Town Surveyor prepare a Specification of the work and submit same to next Meeting of the Council.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 23rd Sept. 1903

P. P. Keane

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Wednesday 23rd. September 1903

A Meeting of The 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, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider an application from Mr James Barron, Poor Rate Collector, for an increase in his poundage to 10 in the £; an application from Thomas. B. Jones for an extension of the lease, for one hundred years, of property in Priory St. which expires about 25 years hence, also an application from the Gaelic League for the tenancy of The Large Room Stokes, and take the necessary steps to obtain the use of a Band.

Present Messrs J.R. Adams Presiding
Martin J Delaney
John Murphy
John Grace
Patrick Dunphy
Joseph Roche
David Murphy
John Meehan
and
John O'Sullivan

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Joseph Roche and John O'Sullivan And the following Paying Order directed

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to be issued 9½-No 85 - Mr J Finn - Petty Cash £12-18-5

The following Correspondence was read 9½:-

Offices Arklow
23rd September 1903

Re Dublin, Wicklow, & Wexford Railway

Dear Sir

"With reference to the Query Contained in your letter of 18th Inst, is it not a fact that the Council came to some arrangement with the Railway Co in this matter, and if so, we should like to be fully informed of the particulars of it before advising the Council as to their rights, and we should also like to see any Correspondence that took place between the Council and the Company on the subject

Yours very truly
Colfer & Fethin

Ordered

That the Clerk furnish all those particulars to Messrs Colfer & Fethin.

An application was received from Michael Curran to have the gable end of his house, room door, and stairs, repaired as they were in a very bad state.

Ordered

"That the Town Surveyor report upon their condition to next meeting of the Council

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New Ross Waterford Extension

D. W & W R Railway

Dublin 18th. September 1903

Dear Sir

"Referring to your letter of the 10th. inst. on the subject of the position of the level crossing gates at Rosbercon, our Engineer informs me that the pillars have been erected so as to give a clear width of 29' 10" for the road. This gives ample room for the footpath, but as the one on the South side is little used, it is suggested that a 3' 6" or 4' path should be formed at the side next the station, leaving the remainder for the roadway. Your Council will understand that to move back the pillars of the gate, as suggested in your letter, would entail the use of lengthened gates, and the removal and re-construction of a great deal of work provided in connection with the level crossing.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
for T Keogh
Secretary

To Town Clerk
Thos. New Ross

The Consideration of this letter was adjourned pending the advice of their Solicitor as to the right of the Company to erect the gate posts on the footpath. And the Clerk was directed to acknowledge of the letter and to state that the matter was being considered by the Council

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A letter was received from Mr James Kavanagh, Kenille &, asking to have the footpath outside his premises repaired, and it was ordered that the Town Surveyor get it repaired.

Mr Jno Colfer Hathin wrote, acknowledging receipt of Surrender of Meath Market duly executed.

Ordered

That a new trap be fixed in Church St opposite Mr Jeffares' house instead of the one there at present.

A letter was read from "The Patriotic Assurance Company" addressed to Mr P. A. Jeffares, their agent stating that "the Directors cannot see their way to issue policy against risk to men engaged in blasting Operations only, but if the Council come to propose the whole of their employees the matter will be further entertained"

The Meeting did not consider it necessary to insure all their workmen, and directed the Clerk to ascertain if other Assurance Companies would insure those working in the Drogheda town Quarry.

The application of Mr James Barron for an increase in his poundage from 9 to 10, the Consideration of which was adjourned from Meeting Of 9th inst, was considered, and it was Proposed by Mr Meehan "That his application be granted", but the proposition was not seconded and the matter, consequently, fell through.

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The application of Br. Sanderson, on behalf of Br. Thomas K. Jones Bellevue Cottage, for an extension of a lease of plot of ground at East of William St. upon which the house occupied by Miss Crowley is built, for one hundred years from date of expiration, which will be about thirty-five years hence, was considered and after some discussion it was

Proposed by Br. Delaney and
Seconded by Br. Murphy

"That Br. Sanderson be informed that the Council consider they have not sufficient information before them, at present, to enable them to comply with his request, considering the number of years the lease has still to run. If however he gives them particulars of the improvements he contemplates carrying out on the property, and also say if he is willing to pay an increased rent, and how much, the matter will be further considered"

Passed Unanimously

The application of the Gaelic League for the tenancy of the Large Room, Gholsel, adjourned from previous meeting was considered and it was

Proposed by Br. Grace and
Seconded by Br. O'Sullivan

"That the Large Room, Gholsel, be let to the Gaelic League at a weekly rent of

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Stapleneee, they to pay for the gas consumed by them, and to be prepared to surrender the norm on any occasion it is required by the Council or Chairman

Passed Unanimously

The Clerk stated that Mr Harding informed him that if a proposal was made by the Council to rent the yard on the Quay, lately in the occupation of Mr Hunt, for the purpose of storing gravel, mortar &c in, and name the rent they would be willing to pay, for it, it would be considered by Colonel Tottenham.

Ordered

That the Consideration of this matter be referred to the Street Committee, who are to meet at 11 O'Clock on Friday, 25th Inst, and if they consider it suitable, that they be empowered to rent it, at a rent not exceeding six Pounds per annum.

Town Surveyor's Report. 23rd September 1903.

Gentlemen,

The two ranges ordered for houses in Holly-Horse Lane have been set, and the Arch over Fire-place in another house repaired. Concrete floor has been laid in Donovan's house. Some repairs to the shoots, and slating of houses in Church Lane have been done.

The sidewalls, covering flags, and paving of sewer in Quay st have been repaired for about ten feet below the large street gratings.

Some metalling in patches has been put out in Quay st,

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Church Lane, South Side and Quay.

There are three loadsof stones on the Quay, which require to be delivered in the depots. A second horse would be required for a week or so. A loadload of limestones was carted to depot near Barrymore Lane.

There will be a quantity of fairly sound rock needed for filling. I believe an arrangement could be made for a small sum to get stones in the Quarry in Kearney St adjoining Church Lane

Thomas Coyne

Do Kenefick Esq Urban Council.

The front wall of a small house in Bewley St is unsafe and dangerous, a portion has fallen into the street. I served Notice on the owner, Mr Benjamin Cooke, to take down, repair or secure the premises.

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by the Chairman

"That the report be adopted, and the matter of the quarrying of stones in the Quarry in Kearney St be referred to the meeting of the Street Committee"

Passed Unanimously

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The Town Surveyor also submitted a Specification of
of the repairs, in accordance with the Estimate received
from him at last Meeting, of the house in Wm St lately occupied
by Mrs Elmes and it was also
Proposed by Mr Smyly and
Seconded by The Chairman

"That the Estimate of
the Town Surveyor, and Specification of the repairs
necessary to be done to house in Wm St lately occupied
by Mrs Elmes, be adopted, and that advertisements
be issued inviting tenders for the repairs, same to be
considered at an adjourned Meeting of the Council
to be held on Wednesday 7th October"

Proposed Unanimously

The Clerk was granted ten days leave of absence, to be
taken so as not to inconvenience the business of the Office,

The Meeting adjourned Wednesday 30th Sept. 1903

J Smyly

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Wednesday 30th September 1903.

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock PM. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts Connected therewith.

Present Messrs John Sheam J.P. Presiding
Jmas G Dooley
Jmas Breen
John Murphy
John O'Sullivan
John Grace
Patrick Gannon
Patrick Dunphy
and
David Murphy

The Minutes of Previous Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority was signed by Mr Dooley, who presided at the end of the meeting, Mr John Sheam having retired when the Correspondence in Sheam V Baird was about being Considered, and Messrs Patrick Gannon and Patrick Dunphy and the following Paying Order was directed to be issued Viz:-

No 86- Messrs Petty Cash £14-1-7

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A proposal was received from Kirk Boyd Chilcomb for all the road scrapings in Kesteven at 3/- per load and it was ordered that the proposal be accepted

The following application was received :-

Ironbarnes

Gentlemen

I beg to apply to you for the shilling lately taken off my wages. Hoping you will see your way to grant it to me.

I am Gentlemen
Your Obedient Servant
James Flynn

Proposed by Mr Farmer and
Seconded by Mr Grace

That James Flynn's wages be increased by one shilling per week

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That Edward Broadbent be supplied with a suit of Oilclothes.

Town Surveyor's Report 30th September 1903

Gentlemen

I got a good deal of metalling put out on the streets this week in sheeting and large patches. Some cleaning

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Wednesday 30th September 1903

On the Quay, Greywell road, Newtown, and the roads in Rosbercon and Wexford road was carried out.
When the chip sweepings are removed, Mr Redmond should send the men in his charge to clean the streets in sloppy weather. Many of the street traps got choked after last night's rain, the water flooding the streets.

Mr Jeffares complains that damp is showing through the stone wall since the pump was fixed there, the channel and lane about the pump are dirty and should be kept clean. A tenant (Jno Dunbar) of one of the houses in Folly Ho Lane, called my attention to the water lying in his yard owing to the sewer being choked, it requires opening and cleaning. 100 stones are being delivered from Dungarvan Quarry – only one load-load since last Monthly Meeting.

I got a man to break a load of limestones at the Dispensary depot in Rosbercon; the stones being unusually large he expects the old price 26/- for them. I am of opinion he will earn it. I called to see what is required to Curran's house Dullaman. A step ladder stairs is needed to replace the old one. There is a slight separation between the front and back walls which need pointing; the gable, and front and rere walls were apparently never properly connected. Curran complains of some drops coming through the roof, but I could see no slates off. He also wants a pair of arches in front bedroom. The Street Committee did not meet to examine the yard on Quay or Quarry in Quarry St

Thomas Rogers

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Ordered

That the consideration of the report of the Town Surveyor be adjourned to next meeting.

The Clerk reported that the Insurance Company, for which Mr Gethin, is Agent, also refused to insure the men engaged in blasting, or Quarrying stone, in Dungarvan Quarry, but there was no Order made on the matter

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 7th October 1903.

Monday 5th October 1903.

Monthly meeting day. No attendance of Members. The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 7th October 1903.

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Wednesday 7th October 1903

A Meeting of The Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider tenders for the repairs of the house in William St lately occupied by Mrs Glues.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan presiding

James Dineen
Patrick Dunphy
John Grace
Joseph Roche
John Dunphy
and
David Dunphy

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers Authority was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Joseph Roche and John Dunphy and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 85 — M J Flynn — Petty Cash £4.7.2

The consideration of the Town Surveyors Report read at last Meeting, and adjourned, was taken up, and with reference to paying 30/- for breaking loadload of limestone at Dispensary Depot in Roskeen it was Ordered that the price fixed by the Council (24/-) be adhered to.

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Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr David Murphy

"That the repairs to Curran's house, recommended by the Town Surveyor, be carried out by that Officer"

Passed Unanimously

Ordered.

That a meeting of the Street Committee be held on Thursday, 8th Inst, at 11 Oclock a.m. to inspect Yard on Quay, lately occupied by Mr Hunt, to ascertain if it would be suitable for Comal, also Quarry in Mary St.

The following correspondence was read:-

46 Belle Vue Road

Ramsgate

29th September 1903.

Dear Sir

I have your letter of 26th Inst with enclosed Lease. Your Council ask me two questions which I will answer as fully as I can, and if they want any further information I will only be too pleased to let them have it.
(1) As to the improvements - I would suggest that the Members of the Council would look across the street from Mrs Brownlows and see, within twenty yards, what improvements we have made there, and if this does not convince them of our desire - if it is not frustrated - to go on on the same lines, I will

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authorize Mr Connolly to show you, on behalf of the Council, his books, so far as they concern us, which will prove that we have spent over £100 a year for past two or three years on property in Newtons. This is where we have property in fee, and before doing Mrs Crowley up in same way, and in the way I wish to see it, I must have an extension, with your Council's permission.

(2.) I would prefer to pay a fine on renewal of lease, as I think this is mixed way. To raise the rent on an improving tenant is not the sort of treatment one would expect from your Council especially as the rates are likely to be higher owing to the water scheme. If they would give me 100 years in all I would be quite satisfied. If the Council would make some arrangement to form the basis of an agreement I would endeavour to meet them, having regard to the interest of my principal. Hoping for some more favourable letter than your last one

I am Very truly
Robt. de. B. Anderson
Agent for
Thomas H. Jones

Ordered

That the consideration of the foregoing letter be adjourned to next meeting, the members of the Council to be summoned to consider it.

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A letter was received from Mrs Gadaven, Irishtown, a tenant of the Council complaining of the bad state of repair in which her house was, And it was Ordered that the Town Surveyor report upon its Condition to next Meeting.

An application was received from Mr Edwd. Doolan Shanbough, for permission to use the Council's Quarry at Duiganstown, to bank six or seven boatloads of stones, And he would guarantee not to interfere with the workmen, or boats belonging to the Council. but the Meeting refused to grant him the permission, as they were of opinion that it would interfere with their own workmen, to allow him to use the Quay.

Jeremiah Corbett offered a rent of fourpence per week for the Scales on the Quay, And it was ordered that same be accepted.

Two tenders were received for repairing the house in William St. lately occupied by Mrs Clinch, according to the specification prepared by the Town Surveyor, and approved of by the Council. Viz:- James Connolly who proposed to do the work for £4 4s. And offered Joseph Freeman South St as Surety.

Patrick Leacy South St proposed to do it at £2-10-0 And Offered Messrs John Doyle Quay St. And Edward Walshe South St as his Sureties -

Proposed by

Wednesday 7th October 1903. (Minutes Contd)

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr David Murphy That the
proposal of Patrick Leacy to repair the
house in William St for the sum of £22-10-0
be accepted

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That Mr Leacy enter into a Bond in the
sum of £30, the Clerk to obtain a form of Bond.

A Paying Order for £98-8-4 was received from
the Chief Secretary's Office being Estate (formerly Probate)
Duty grant for Year ending 31st March last and it
was ordered to be lodged to the Credit of the Board.

Town Surveyor's report 7th October 1903.

"There are no stones for Metalling being delivered
lately. A couple of loads of limestones that were on the
Quay have been carted to depots, and are being broken.
"The Metalling of the street is being attended to, also the cleaning
as far as one man can attend to it, and the scrapings
removed to depots.

Mr Benjamin Cooke, on whom I served Notice on
account of a dangerous house of his, has had the house repaired
and made secure. If you arrange about getting stones out of the

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Quarry in Kearys (Colonel Tottenhams) the owner a start is made the latter in order to provide filling for Brightown and other streets requiring it.

Thomas Byrne

Town Surveyor

As an order had been made at an earlier portion of the Meeting referring the question of the Quarry to a Meeting of the Street Committee, there was no order made.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 14th October 1903

Thursday 8th October 1903

A Meeting of the Street Committee was to be held this day at 11 Oclock A.M. to inspect Land on Quay, lately occupied by Mrr Hunt, to ascertain if it would be suitable for Council, also Quarry in Kearys

No member of the Committee attended

The Meeting was adjourned.

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Wednesday 14th October 1903.

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 other Acts connected therewith — Consider the Town Surveyor's Quarterly Report and Applications for New Works if any.

Present Members David Murphy presiding

John Grace
John O'Sullivan
Patrick Dunphy
William Murphy
John Murphy
and
Martin Delaney

The Town Surveyor was also present.

Owing to the death of Mr Tierney, a Member of the Council, it was agreed that no Quarterly Meeting business be transacted, and it was ordered that _____ the Meeting adjourn to Wednesday 21st October at 6 O'Clock P.M.

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Wednesday 14th October 1903

A Meeting of the Urban District Council was held this day at 4.30 O'Clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts Connected therewith, also the financial business of the Council, this being the stated Finance Meeting, also to consider an application from Mr Sanderson, on behalf of Thomas Byrne for an extension of the Lease of property in Priory St.

Present Members David Murphy presiding
John Grace
John O'Sullivan
Patrick Dunphy
William Murphy
and
Martin J Delaney
and
John Murphy

Owing to the death of Mr Tierney it was agreed that only the financial business of the Council be transacted. Accordingly it was

Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That the accounts recommended for payment by the Finance Committee be paid"

Passed Unanimously

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Members John Grace & John O'Sullivan and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued viz:-

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Nov 88 -	Secretary Co Council	£207-8-9
" 89 -	Patrick Leacy	6-13-0
" 90 -	Dr Hickey	7-10-0
" 91 -	Drugs from Petty Cash	12-8-0
" 92 -	Same	4-13-1
" 93 -	Same	4-13-9
" 94 -	John J Browne	18-7-4
" 95 -	Committee St Stephens Cemetery	1-4-0
" 96 -	Patrick Carroll	3-11-0
" 97 -	John Keogh	18-9
" 98 -	Technical Instr Committee	9-15-8
" 99 -	Michael Hunt	2-19-6
" 100 -	Margaret Roche	14-8-0
" 101 -	Joseph Freeman	19-4
" 102 -	Graves Ltd	6-19-6
" 103 -	W & T Hartnett	2-2-6
" 104 -	James Barron	18-16-1
" 105 -	E O Carr	1-2-0
" 106 -	Same	18-0
" 107 -	Kirwan Bros	8-8-1
" 108 -	Thrash Dis-infector Co Ltd	2-7-6
" 109 -	Mallen Ltd	2-5-0
" 110 -	Joseph Dollard	5-11
" 111 -	Thomas Byrne	7-2-0

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Proposed by Bro Dunphy and
Seconded by Bro Delaney

"That we tender to Bro Tierney, and her immediate relatives, our sincere sympathy, and condolence, on the death of her husband, Bro Patrick Tierney, who was for many years a valued, and highly esteemed member of this Council, and that this meeting adjourn without transacting any further business as a mark of respect to his memory"

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That a copy of the foregoing resolution be sent to Bro Tierney, and Bro John Buchan

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 9th October 1903.

Patrick Dunphy
21/10/03

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Wednesday 21st October 1903

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this day at 7 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 – to consider Town Surveyor's Report and Recommendations for payments, and applications for new works, if any.

Present Messrs Patrick Murphy presiding
John O'Sullivan
John Murphy
Martin J. Delaney
Joseph Roche
James D. Deane
David Murphy
and
William Murphy

The minutes of adjourned Quarterly meeting were read and signed.

The following report of the Town Surveyor for Quarter ended 30th September 1903 was read Viz:-

Gentlemen

"The roads and streets maintained by the Council are in fairly good order. A large quantity of Metalling has been put out during the past Month and more. The Contractor for the College Road and Irishtown has so far made no provision for the upkeep of these streets during the Winter. I must therefore strike off his deferred payment, and defer the Current ones.

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"The Railway Co should be notified to Untal up the Newline of road in Roberton, Portions of it are bad, and the whole wants cleaning.

Your Obedient Servant
Thomas Byrne

"The following are his recommendations for payments.

"To Pay

James Gannon Arnestown 4-3

"To Defer

Philip Kelly Palace £3-8-6, £1-15-7 and 8/=

"To Strike Off.

Philip Kelly Palace £3-8-6, £1-15-7, £2-0-0 8/=
Repts. Willicans Mount Elliott 1-5

A lengthened discussion took place respecting Mr Kelly's Contract, Mr Roche contending that he earned some money under his contract and that he should be paid it. Eventually it was Ordered that the Consideration of the Surveyor's Report and Recommendations for payments be adjourned to Wednesday 28th Inst, and that a Meeting of the Street Committee be held on Thursday 22nd Inst at 11 Oclock A.M. to inspect Mr Kelly's Contract and report upon its condition to adjourned Quarterly Meeting to be held on 28th Inst.

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Wednesday 21st October 1903.

Proposed by Dr Dearmund
Seconded by Dr D Dempsey

"That the D. W & W. Railway Co be informed if they do not put the diverted portion of the public road at Roberton in a proper state of repair immediately, the Council will have to take the necessary legal steps to compel them to do so"

Passed Unanimously.

A discussion took place relative to the temporary railing over the Railway Bridge, and approaches, on the Waterford Road at Roberton and it was

Proposed by Dr Dearmund and
Seconded by Dr John Dempsey "That the D W & W. Railway Co be requested to give an undertaking that as soon as the new ground at the road over the Railway at Roberton shall have properly settled that the wooden railing erected there at the two sides of the public road be substituted by a suitable wall and that the Company be informed that unless the Council receive this undertaking they will take immediate steps to have this work carried out"

Passed Unanimously

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Ordered

That the street inspector be directed to have the street gratings cleaned regularly in future

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 28th. October

John J Neary

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Wednesday 21st October 1903.

An adjourned meeting of The Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to "The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider an application, on behalf of Dr Jones for an extension of the lease of property in Priory St.

Present Messrs Patrick Dunphy presiding
John O Sullivan
John Dunphy
Martin J Delaney
Joseph Roche
James R Kearns
David Dunphy
and
William Dunphy

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs David Dunphy, and John Dunphy. and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Vizt- No 112- In favour Petty Cash £13-17-4

The following Correspondence was read

Offices
New Ross 9th October 1903

Re Meat Market Deane to Council

Dear Sir

As Dr Deane has now surrendered the Council are

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entitled to collect the tenants rents for the week ending 3rd inst. We enclose a/c and there will be another weeks rent due & payable on to-morrow. We have written to the tenants informing them of the surrender. We give particulars of the tenancies on the other side, and you should instruct the Collector on the subject

Yours Very truly
Colfer & Cathin

Particulars of Tenancies

1 — Patrick Bailey 1/6 a week payable every Saturday

2 " Patrick Delaney 1/- a week payable every Saturday

3 " Patrick Travers 9d a week payable every Saturday.

Ordered

"That the rents be collected weekly from those tenants

Office
New Ross 14th October 1903
Dublin, Wicklow, Wexford Rly
re well at Rosbercon

Dear Sir

"We have received yours of 13th inst, and in reply beg to say, that the Arbitrator who heard the claims of the persons interested in the property effected by the Railway, gave the following direction in his Award, in reference to the well in question.

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"A concrete reservoir to be formed near the Waterford road and supplied with water from Spring well on Western side of Railway. We think this Award of the Arbitrator will supply water to the public at Rosbercon, and will therefore obviate the necessity of the right of way, but if the people are not satisfied with the provision which has been made for them we fear it is now too late to question the matter, as no objection to, or traverse of, the award was taken within the proper time. For these reasons we also think the Company could not be compelled to erect a foot bridge

Yours Very truly
Lofgers & Fethin

Ordered

That the D W & W^d^ Railway Co be requested to carry out the direction in the Arbitrators' Award respecting the construction of the reservoir.

Offices
New Ross 14th October 1903

D W & W^d^ Railway
Re Level Crossing

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of 10th Ult., we have given the question you submitted to us, careful consideration, and on the whole, we are of opinion that if the space

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between the pillars of the gates of the level crossing, is not less than 24 feet, the Company cannot be prevented from encroaching on the footway. Section 23 of the Company's Act of 1897 provided that the roadway over the bridge, which was then intended to be erected at Rookeron might be of such width as they thought fit but not less than 24 feet and as this section was not repealed by the Act of 1901 we think the provision as to the width holds good with regard to the level crossing.

The construction of these two statutes is somewhat difficult and we have arrived at the above conclusion with some doubt, but if the matter is one of very serious importance we would suggest the prudence of obtaining Counsels Opinion on the subject

Yours very truly

Colfox & Latham

The Meeting decided not to take Counsels Opinion on the matter and there was no further order made on it.

Letters acknowledging the vote of Condolence passed at last Meeting of the Council were received from Mrs Dorney and Mr Meehan

A letter was also received from Messrs Sanderson agent to Mr Thos Jones pointing out improvements which he proposed making on the property for which he applied for an extension of the lease, but the consideration of the application was adjourned to next Meeting.

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The following application was read:-

Inishtown

21st October 1903.

Gentlemen,

I wish to apply for the position of street sweeper. Hoping you will appoint me

And Oblige

Edward Deville.

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr David Murphy

That Edward Deville be employed permanently by the Council at a weekly wage of 13/=

Passed Unanimously.

The Clerk reported that a Vacancy existed on the Council owing to the death of Mr Tierney and the vacancy should be filled, by co-option, within one Month if they did not wish to leave the vacancy exist until January next, when Mr Tierney would have gone out by rotation. After some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That we hereby declare a vacancy exists on the Council owing to the death of Mr Tierney

Passed Unanimously

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Ordered

That Public Notice be given of same, and that the Members of the Council be summoned to attend next Meeting to co-opt a Member in his stead.

The Abstract of outstanding Poor Rate, and Pipe Water Rate for Year ending 31st March, and half Year ending 30th September 1903, which was Considered by Finance Committee, and adjourned from last Meeting was examined and it was

Proposed by Dr Sullivan and

Seconded by Dr John Murphy

"That the amount of Poor Rate, recommended by Finance Committee to be Carried forward to next Collection, for half year ending 30th Sept. 1903, Viz £9-3-1 be brought forward and the Sum of £14-11-6 be Cancelled, and that a sum of 7/6, uncollected water Rate for year ending 31st July 1903 be also Cancelled"

Passed Unanimously

A proposal was received from Convent of the Good Shepherd, Ennistown, for heap of Manure in Drumeen Lane at £3-3-0 and from Mrs Whitney at £2-0-0 and it was Ordered that the proposal of the Convent of the Good Shepherd be accepted.

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An application was received from the Technical Instruction Committee for a lamp to be placed opposite the Christian Brothers Technical School and it was referred to the Street Committee to report upon it.

An application was received from Mrs Harbour Wexford St. for one of the Council's houses in William St and offered Matthew Cooney and Michael Culleton as Sureties. And on the motion of Mr David Murphy seconded by Mr Delaney it was accepted. An application was received from Francis Cody Robert St for a house. He was proposed as tenant by Mr Wm. Murphy but the proposition was not seconded.

An application from John Haslam for the tenancy of a house in Tolly's Lane was accepted.

The following reports of the Town Surveyor were read:-

Two boatloads of stones from Dungarstown Quarry and one boatload of limestones were delivered this week.

The men and horse employed on Street maintenence were engaged metalling the streets, cleaning and removing the scrapings and carting stones to the depots.

Three men are employed breaking

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stones.

The earth covering over the pipe sewer inside the boundary wall of Quarry at the head of Maiden Lane has been opened to the bed of the pipes. There is a small stream of water running down by the pipes, thence though an opening under the boundary wall when the opening is securely built up with Cement Concrete and an outlet made for the water that may collect inside I have no doubt it will prevent further flooding of the Hotel.

There are some slates off Mrs Galavan's house, it would be well ask Mr A. Cullen to send a man to repair the roof and also make up the breach in gable. There are sufficent stones on the ground.

I got a large branch of a tree removed off the road at Newtown that was blown down on Saturday night last.

Thomas Byrne

There was no order made respecting the repairs to Mrs Galavin's house, and the Meeting Considered the report respecting the flooding of the Hotel Satisfactory

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In this report for the 21st inst he recommended that a strong cast iron box be provided to replace the stone plug over the drain water cock at Thirsk Cross, but it was agreed that a stone plug be got.

He also stated that he would require an additional man and horse to assist in Carting Street Detailing and he was ordered to obtain one on the best terms he could. He also reported that, in his opinion, the principal cause of the flooding of the Hotel was stopped by cement Concrete inside the Quarry Wall at the head of Lower Maiden Lane. It was necessary to open the ground for examination at the corner of the Loyal Hotel behind the manhole, this has been done and cleared out to the rock and below the concrete bed on which the brick manhole is built.

Mr Cullen is awaiting instructions from the Council before he proceeds further with the work.

As there was no order made respecting this matter at the Sanitary Meeting there was no order made now

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 28th October 1903.

John S Dean

Wednesday 28th " October 1903

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this day at 7 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to The Local goverment (Ireland) Act 1898 and other Acts connective therewith, to consider Town Surveyors Report and Recommendations for payments, also report of committee in reference to Mr Kelly's Contracts.

Present Messrs John S. Hearn J.P. Presiding
Patrick Dunphy
John O Sullivan
John Meehan
John Murphy
John Grace
Joseph Roche
David Murphy
and
William Murphy

The following report of the Street Committee was read :-

22nd " October 1903

Your Committee met this day & inspected the main roads forming Mr. Philip Kelly's contract and the depot where the metalling is usually stored. The surveyor did no injustice to Mr Kelly in stating he made no provision for the Winters maintenance, except about a cartload of stones can be

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deemed a sufficient supply, and this was being put out where we got to the Irishtown. We therefore approved of the Surveyors report.

The College road, Mountgarret Lane and Irishtown are worn down so very much that we recommend the Council not to take over the maintenance of these roads when the present Contract terminates without a sufficient Sum being allowed by the County Council to put them into proper repair.

We recommend the Council to approve of and have the following works carried out:- 1 To remove portion of the rock in the recess on the side of the College road in order to form a depot and use up the material for filling the roads.

2 To take up and replace by new paving the worn portion of the channel in Irishtown opposite Mrs Campbell's.

3 To build a brick-in cement catch pit and sit in the surface channel a fully grating and pipe connection with the manhole on the Bullawn to lessen the Quantity of water at present directed to the Quarry.

4 To build a nine inch

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cement concrete wall about five or six feet high at end of upper Maiden Lane as a protection and to prevent Small Stones &c being washed into the grating.

5 To consider the utility of erecting a gas lamp to light the street and approach to the Manual School.

6 To inform Mr Hamilton we are Satisfied to pay a monthly rent for the yard on the Quay near Priory Lane at the rate of £7- per year with liberty to use the old tanks for depositing road and Street cleanings and to pay 3d per ton for stones taken from the Quarry in Mary Street.

Ordered

That number one recommendation stand over until road comes into hands of Council

No 2 that surveyor notice contractor to have it done

No 3 Surveyor get this done

No 4 Surveyor get this done

Ordered

That the clerk inform the Technical instruction Committee that the Council

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cannot comply with their request for the erection of a lamp outside the Christian Bros. Technical school.

Proposed by Mr Meehan &
Seconded by Mr Dunphy

That this Council agree to accept from Colonel Tottenham a monthly tenancy of the yard on the Quay near Priory Lane at the rate of £1- per year with liberty to use the old tanks for depositing road and street cleanings and to pay 3d per ton for stones taken from the Quarry in Mary Street.

Yard on Quay.

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr Dunphy

That the report of the Town Surveyor made at the Quarterly meeting held on the 21st Inst and his recommendations as to Proposals for payments be approved of and adopted, and what the payments recommended by him be made.

Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned James J. O'Gorman

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Wednesday 28th. October 1903

A meeting of the 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, and other acts connected therewith, also to consider an application from Mr Saunderson, on behalf of Mr. Jones, for an extension of the lease of property in Wm St, to elect a member of the Council instead of Mr. Tierney, deceased; and consider a letter from Mr. Cummins relative to rent paid for property which he contends he did not hold from Council, also to sign the Poor Rate Books for second moiety of Poor Rate.

Present Messrs John S. Hearn J.P. presiding
Patrick Dunphy
John O'Sullivan
John Meehan
John Murphy
John Grace
Joseph Roche
David Murphy
and
William Murphy

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

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The treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Patrick Dunphy and John Murphy. and the following paying order directed to be issued No 113 James Gannon & D Street maintenance 4.7 M.J. Finn Petty Cash £12.11.11

The following corospendence was read;-

Local Goverment Board
Dublin
24th October 1903

Sir

I am directed by the Local Goverment Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th. instant respecting the proposal of the Newross Urban District Council to pay a sum of three pounds and fifteen shillings being a proportion of the salary of the Secretary of St. Stephens Cemetery Committee for the period extending from the 16th. November, 1901, to the 16th. May, 1903; and I am to state that before considering the matter the Board require to be furnished on the

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accompanying form with a statement of the reasons why the claimant omitted to take steps to obtain payment of his account within the prescribed period.

The form, when completed and signed, should be returned to this department.

By order of the Board

M. O'Sullivan

The Clerk
Urban District Council
New Ross

Ordered That the information be furnished

Dublin, Wicklow, Wexford Ry. Co
Dublin 26th October 1903

Dear Sir

With reference to your letter of the 22nd inst. regarding the condition of the diverted portion of the public road at Rosbercon, I should be obliged if you would let me hear at your earliest convenience what exactly it is that your Council complains of. I do not appear to have received any previous complaint from you, with reference

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to the state of this road, but if such has been made to any other department I should be glad to have a reference to your letter.

Yours faithfully
M. F. Keogh
Secretary

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor furnish the required information

26th. October 1903

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd. instant requiring the Company to conotruct a concrete reservoir near the Waterford Road to be supplied with water from the Spring well on the Western side of the Railway, which shall receive attention.

Yours faithfully
M. F. Keogh
Secretary

No Order made

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26th October 1903

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, enclosing copy of a resolution of your Council, with regard to the fencing of the road Diversion at Roscrea. Iam making further inquiries in the matter, and will write you again.

Yours faithfully
M. F. Keogh
Secretary

No Order made

Bewley Street
28-10-1903

To the Urban Council

Gentlemen

I understand you want a man for Street work as I have been in your employment for three months lime washing and I beg to apply for Job.

Yours Obedient
servant
Thomas Scanlon

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Ordered

That Thomas Scanlon be employed by Town Surveyor or Street Inspector whenever a man is required.

An application from William Scanlon for a suit of oilskins was received, and it was ordered that he should be supplied with them

A. Proposal was received from James Shea Millbanks, for a heap of manure @5/=, banked on back road Rosbercon, and it was ordered to be accepted

The following letter received ~~for~~ Mr. Barron from The General Accident Assurance Corporation Limited relative to the insurance of the men blasting in the Quarry at Dunganstown was read.

Perth 12th October, 1903

re proposed Workmens Compensation insurance.

New Ross Urban Council.

We are favoured with yours of the 9th inst. and have pleasure in enclosing herewith a few Workmens Compensation prospectuses and proposal forms. We also enclose a few

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prospectuses in this department specially applicable to Estate Owners and Farmers insurances. From the latter you will see that our rate for Quarry risks is 30/- % for legal liabilities, and 35/- % for joint Benefits, half wages. You will also see the minimum premiums.

We shall be glad to receive a proposal for a policy on either basis.

Yours faithfully
F. Norie - Miller
General Manager

The Clerk stated that he had directed Mr. Barron to have a policy issued at this premium and this was approved of by the meeting.

Ordered

That Mr. Leacy put new locks on both of the doors of passage leading to Clock Tower and a new door on room under stairs of Tholsel.

The Application of Revd Mr. Saunderson on behalf of Mr Jones for an extension of the lease of property in Priory St was considered and after some discussion it was Ordered that Revd Mr. Saunderson be informed that the Council regret they cannot, having regard to the number of years the lease has

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still to run grant an extension of it at present.

The Application of Mr Cummins, in respect of property for which he states he was paying rent to Council, though not in his possession, was brought before the meeting by the Clerk, but was not considered seriously and no order was made.

The election of a member in place of Mr. Tierney deceased was next proceeded with and it was

Proposed by Mr. John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr. Grace

That Mr. Michael Franey North St be elected a member of the Council.

Passed Unanimously

"Town Surveyors Report 28th. Oct 1903

Two horses and men were engaged carting stones to the depots and metalling for repairing the Streets. The Greywell road, School House road Rosbercon and the Boskeen have been cleaned and the scrapings removed off the sides.

One boatload of limestones and

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three from the Dunganstown Quarry were delivered.

Two men are breaking Dunganstown stones

Mr Cullen has in hands the work in connection with prevention of the flooding of the Royal Hotel.

A Sewer for surface water in Rosbercon was broken for a long distance down by Mrs Cherry's garden wall. The stones and earth have been been cleared up. I would recommend a nine inch pipe Sewer be laid instead of repairing the old walls and providing new covering flags for the greater portion of it.

It would be advisable to case the top of the pipes with Cement Concrete. I am informed the Sewer was broken by Mr. J. G. Dooley's engine.

I got the roof of Mrs Galavan's House repaired also the roof of Roches house Bullawn and Shoots to back of Roches & Murphy's

Ordered

That the sewer in Rosbercon be piped with nine inch pipes.

Ordered

That the manure in Henry St yard be sold by Auction

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 4th Nov 1903

James J. O'Gorman

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New Ross Monday 2nd November 1903

A Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held this day at 12 Oclock Noon - to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith

No Member of the Council attended

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 4th Inst.

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Wednesday 4th November 1903.

A meeting of The Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, And other acts connected therewith

Present Messrs James J O'Gorman Chairman presiding
James B Deane
John Murphy
Joseph Roche
David Murphy
Michael Freaney
John L Deane J.P.
John Meehan
Patrick Dunphy
John O Sullivan
William Murphy
And
John Grace

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and Signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Joseph Roche and John O Sullivan and the following Ruling Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 115 — In favour Petty Cash £15-11-2

Mr William Bailey Irishtown applied for a Job at scavenging but the Meeting was of Opinion that a younger man would be more

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Suitable if a vacancy for a man existed, and they declined to engage him.

The following Correspondence was read:-

D W & W^d Railway Co
Dublin 29th October 1903

Dear Sir

With further reference to your letter of the 22nd Inst, my Directors have now had under consideration the request of your Council, for the construction of a wall in substitution for the Post and Rail fence, erected along the public road, where it crosses the Railway at Roberton. In reply I am to refer you to my letters of the 7th February 1902 to yourself and of the 8th of April following to the late Colfer & Gethin, and to say that my Directors regret that they are unable to accede to the request of your Council

I am Faithfully
W J Keogh
Secretary

Ordered

That the consideration of the foregoing letter be adjourned to next meeting, the members of the Council to be noticed to attend, and that the clerk submit to same, all correspondence which took place in reference to this matter.

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Chamber of Commerce
New Ross
4th November 1903.

To The Presiding Chairman
New Ross Urban Council

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the members of the Chamber of Commerce, at their Annual general Meeting held last Monday evening to ask if the Large Room of Rhobel will be permanently let at a fair rent as they understand that it was only temporarily let to its present occupiers.

Yours truly
Joseph Freeman
Hon Secretary

Ordered

That the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce be informed that the room is already occupied.

D W W^d Railway
Resident Engineer's Office
New Ross 30th October 1903

Road Diversion at Roberson

Dear Sir,

With reference to a copy of a letter I have received dated 29th October on the above subject. I have to-day gone over the road with the Down Surveyor, and he has pointed out to me what is required to be done. I understand that the Contractors hope to have the stone here for the necessary metal in

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a weeks time

Yours truly
J. C. Martin

No Order made

Rahora
November 4th 1903

To The New Ross Urban Council

Gentlemen,

"Would you kindly give me two boatloads of stones from Dungarstown Quarry for which I will pay your charge, one this week and one next week

Yours truly
Thomas Dollard

After considerable discussion it was

Ordered

"That Mr Dollard get the two boatloads of stone, delivered on the Quay of New Ross, at 5/= each.

A letter was received from the General Accident Assurance Corporation Ltd. (Dublin Office) stating that the Policy covering men working in the Dungarstown Quarry was prepared at a premium of £1-16-0. And would be forwarded on receipt of that Amount, And it was ordered that they be informed the premium will be paid to their Agent, Mr Barron, on production of the Policy

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The Company also wrote stating that the renewal premium on Mr Barron's Fidelity Bond falls due on the 8th November and it was ordered that Mr Barron be reminded of this

An application was received from Mrs Whitney for the two heaps of manure, at top of Windmill Lane, at 1/- each, if for sale, and if not, two heaps in the yard at 1/- each.
The meeting decided not to sell the ones in Windmill Lane at that price, and as Mr Dolger had been instructed to dispose of the ones in the yard by Auction, the Clerk was directed to ask him to let Mrs Whitney have two heaps at the price offered.

Ordered

That the D W & W^{a} Railway be be asked to issue Market tickets from stations on their line to New Ross, on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday in each week, those being Market days, instead of the days in the week on which they are at present issued.

Ordered

That the Members of the Council be noticed to attend next meeting to consider advisability of asking some of the Railway Companies to connect New Ross, by a spur line, with Burkestown, Ballycullane, or Tethard.

The Town Surveyor reported that the Kilkenny side of bridge approach, part of the Waterford road, and hill of Robercon, also portion of John St have been metalled.

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"The streets have been cleaned and scrapings removed. I have not yet got possession of the yard from Mr Hamilton owing to the pair of gates having to be fixed. I met Mr Martin, engineer of the D W & W. Railway by appointment and pointed out to him what the road requires to make it satisfactory. I also mentioned the matter to-day to Mr Shannon Chief Engineer. I see they have since sent in a quantity of stones, and are having them broken near the Foundry.

Eave shoots and one stack of down pipes have been fixed to three houses at Fair Gate.

There are some of the houses in Wm St (those built in 1880) that require to have front doors repaired and some weather boards removed.

Ordered

"That the Town Surveyor get the necessary repairs done to those houses.

"The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday Nov. 11th 03

P. J. Crumpton 12/11/03

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Wednesday 11th November 1903

A meeting of the Urban District Council to be held this day at 7.30 O'Clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Town Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider a letter from the D.W.&W.R. Railway Co refusing to substitute a permanent wall for the wooden railing on the diverted road at Roslercon, and to consider advisability of asking Railway Co to connect New Ross with Burrestown, Ballycullane, and Fethard.

No attendance of members.

The Meeting was adjourned to Thursday 12th November

P.J. Murphy
11/11/03

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Thursday November 12th 1903

An adjourned meeting of the Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854. and other Acts connected therewith.
Also to consider a letter from D. W + W^d^ Railway to relative to pailing on diverted portion of Rosbercon road, and other matters adjourned from last evening, and also the Financial business of the Council this being the stated Finance meeting.

Present Messrs Patrick Dunphy Presiding
Michael Franey
Martin J. Delaney
David Murphy
John Murphy
and
John O'Sullivan

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Martin J. Delaney and John Murphy and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:

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No 116	Cashiers Bank of Ireland		£64-0-7
" 117	same		48-16-9
" 118	same		25-17-4
" 119	New Ross Gas Co	New Ross	23-2-5
" 120	Patrick Carroll	Shanbough	3-8-0
" 121	Andrew Cullen		3-9
" 122	J. Power & Co		1-9-5
" 123	A. H. Tyndall Esq		5-10-0
" 124	Very Revd. Canon Kavanagh		15-12-1
" 125	Mrs M. A. Corcoran		3-17-6
" 126	John Tobin		12-10-0
" 127	John J. Brown		9-9-3
" 128	M. J. Finn	Petty Cash	16-9-8
" 129	Mr. Michall Hunt	Dunganstown	3-19-4
" 130	Matthew Hutchinson		6-12-3
" 131	N. Harvey & Co		6-0
" 132	Thomas Martin		7-6
" 133	General Accident Assurance Corporation Ltd		1-16-0

The following coresponcence was read Viz:-

D. W & Wd. Railway Co

New Ross & Waterford Extension

Dublin 6th. November 1903

Dear Sir

With reference to your letter of the 22nd. inst, regarding the condition of the diverted road at

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Rosbercon, the matter was considered by my Directors at their meeting yesterday. As already pointed out, no previous complaint had been received from your Council with regard to this road, but our Engineer reported that he had himself given instructions to the Contractors to carry out some repairs, which had, however, been somewhat delayed. This delay is regretted, but the matter has been taken up strongly with the Contractors, and it is hoped very shortly to remove all cause of complaint.

Yours faithfully,
M. F. Keogh
Secretary

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor write to Mr Martin, resident Engineer, on following day, and inform him that if the road is not put in proper repair immediately, the Council will have to take legal steps to compel the Railway Co to put it in repair.

It was also ordered that he draw the attention of the Co Surveyor to it.

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D. W.+ W.d Railway Co
New Ross + Waterford Extension
Dublin 6th Nov 1903

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 22nd ultimo, with reference to the construction of a reservoir near the Waterford road at Rosbercon, was before by Directors yesterday, when instructions were given to our Engineer to have the work proceeded with forthwith.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
M. F. Keogh
Secretary

No Order made

An acknowledgment of the receipt of resolution passed by the Council in reference to the issue of market tickets was received from the D. W.+ W.d Railway Co, and they also stated that the matter would have attention.

A letter was received from New Ross Gas Co stating that they intend opening the road outside Miss Mc.Cabes South St for the purpose of repairing supply pipe.

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New Ross Commercial Club
November 11th 1903

Sir,

Our Committee respectfully beg to apply for the use of the "Large" and the "Tenant-Right" rooms for a Club Dance on next Sunday night week.

Trusting your Council will grant us this favour.

We are

Yours faithfully
N. Kennedy
T. J. Dunphy } Hon Secretarys

When this letter was read, the Chairman stated that the date upon which the rooms would be required was altered, and asked that the necessary permission for their use be given, and that the Club would undertake to give the present occupants. The Gaelic League - a weeks notice of the date upon which they would be required.

Some members thought a definite date should be named in the application which could then be considered; and declined to comply with the request of the chairman. after

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considerable discussion the Chairman, as President of the Commercial Club, and acting on the instructions of the Hon Secretaries, withdrew the Application.

A letter was received from the Dublin Manager of General Accident Assurance Co, stating that they do not appear to have an account open for Mr Barron as agent, and therefore the usual course would be to remit premium.

Ordered

That the premium on the policy covering workmen engaged in Quarrying in Dunganstown Quarry be remitted direct to the Dublin office

The Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, wrote, stating that the Department are pleased to sanction forms of instruction under Section 30 (1) of the Agriculture and Technical (Ireland) Act 1899. for the Urban District of New Ross contained in the resolution of the Council passed by the Council on the 17th June 1903 and that same would be laid before Parliament.

No Order made

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An application was received from Edward Neville, on of the councils Workmen, for a suit of oilclothes, and, on the proposition of Mr. Delaney, seconded by Mr David Murphy, it was ordered that he be supplied with them.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Mr. Franey Viz:-

That the resolution of the Council with reference to their men only opening up the grounds for the purpose of allowing connection to be made with water main be rescinded, and that the Council make the connection, and carry piping as far as the Kerbstone.

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

The following Streets have been metalled during the week: portion of the outer margin of bridge Quay John Street and the Creywell road, Wexford St and the Wexford road and a portion of the College road. The watertables of the College road and the Surface of Mountgarret Lane have been cleaned.

The broken Stone frame and plug

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over Stop cock of water main in Bridge St were removed and replaced by a metal box and hinged cover and the ground made good around same.

It would be well if a similar one were fixed over the stop cock at Tholsel Cross.

The cleaning out of the Streets has been attended to.

Three men are employed breaking metalling.

The Railway Contractors have put out 18 or 20 tons of metal on the Waterford road diversion. they would require a large Quantity to put it in proper order.

Mr. A. Cullen has started laying the Kerbing for new footpath in Robert St.

Mr. P. Leacy is building the gable of house in William Street.

I got the key of the yard on the Quay near Priory Lane.

Ordered

That the report be adopted.

The following resolution authorizing the signing and sealing of Collectors warrants for collection of second moiety of Poor Rate was.

Proposed by John Murphy and

Seconded by Martin J. Delaney

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That the warrants for the collection of the Second Moiety of Poor Rate for year ending 31st March 1904 be signed by the presiding Chairman, and two members of the Council, and Sealed, and also countersigned by the Clerk.

Passed Unanimously

In accordance with the foregoing resolution the warrants were signed by the Chairman and Messrs Martin J. Delaney and John Murphy and Sealed and counter signed by the Clerk

A number of bills, as entered at commencement of minutes, were Submitted to the meeting and examined, after which it was
Proposed by Mr. Delaney and
Seconded by Mr. John Murphy
That the several accounts submitted to the meeting be paid.

Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 25th November 1903

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Wednesday 25th November 1903

A meeting of the Urban District Council to be held this day at 7.30 O'Clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other acts connected therewith, also to consider following "Notice of Motion" by Mr Freaney Viz:-

"That the resolution of the Council with reference to their new only opening up the ground for the purpose of allowing connection to be made with water main be rescinded, and that the Council make the connection, and carry piping as far as the Kerbstone, to consider letter from D. W. & W. Railway Co relative to taking on diverted portion of Roscrea road, and advisability of asking Railway Co to connect with Birr Roscrea, Ballycullane & Fethard by a spur line"

Present Messrs James. J O'Gorman Chairman
Michael Freaney
and
David Murphy

A Quorum not having assembled the meeting was adjourned to Thursday 26th November at 7.30 O'clock P.M.

D Murphy
Dec 11/03

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Thursday November 26th 1903

An adjourned meeting of the 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, and other acts connected therewith. also to consider following "Notice of Motion" by Mr. Freaney Viz:- "That the resolution of the Council with reference to their men only opening up the grounds for the purpose of allowing connection to be made with water main be rescinded, and that the Council make the connection, and carry piping as far as the Kerbstone; to consider letter from D. W.& W.R. Railway Co relative to pailing on diverted portion of Rosbercon road, and advisability of asking Railway Co to connect with Burkestown, Ballycullane, and Fethard, by a spur line".

Present Messrs Patrick Dunphy Presiding
Michael Freaney
John Murphy
John Grace
Martin J. Delaney
David Murphy
and
Patrick Gannon

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs

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Michael Franey and John Murphy and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 134 — M.J. Finn £30 " 11 " 6

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

Secretary's Office
Court House
Kilkenny
21st November 1903

Dear Sir

With reference to the Bye-Laws governing the use of New Ross Bridge Iam directed by the Kilkenny County Council to forward for the approval of the Urban Council of New Ross the following suggested monifications which my Council consider ought be made in said regulations:-

" 1- That the rule prohibiting traction Engines from crossing the Bridge under steam be with-drawn and in its place a rule made allowing these to cross under steam at such a rate that not less than five minutes be occupied in crossing."

" 2- That under no circumstance must a traction Engine draw a waggon, empty or full, after it while crossing."

" 3- Under no circumstances must an Engine have 'Frosters' or spuds" in its wheels while crossing

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the Bridge".

"4- That vessels be prohibited from mooring to any portion of the structure, or from mooring to the warping Buoys (except for the purpose of warping)".

Yours faithfully,
George J. Morris
Sec. to Co. Council.

Ordered

That the consideration of the foregoing letter be adjourned to next meeting the members of the Council to be summoned to attend to consider it.

Ida Rural District
New Ross 19th. November 1903

Dear Sir,

The following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Ida Rural District Council at their meeting held on yesterday, Viz:-

Resolved:-

"That the "attention of the NewRoss Urban "Council be directed to the present " disgraceful state of

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the Waterford "Road from Rosbercon to the "Foundry, and that they be" requested to see to the matter at " their earliest convenience "

Your obedient servant
P. A. Pope
Clerk of the Council

Ordered

That the Ida Rural District Council be informed that this Council have been in communication with the Railway Co for a considerable time respecting the condition of this road and they have now passed a resolution directing legal proceedings to be taken against the Company if it is not put in proper repair within one week.

The following correspondence, which passed between the Town Surveyor, the County Surveyor, and the Chief Engineer of the D. W + W.d Railway Co, respecting the condition of the diverted road at Rosbercon, referred to in the foregoing resolution received from the Ida Rural District Council was read Viz :-

New Ross
16 th " November 1903

Henry Webster Esq
Co Surveyor
Wexford

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Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Urban Council to bring under your notice the very unsatisfactory state of the Waterford Road diversion and to ask that you be good enough to visit it as soon as convenient. I have many times called the attention of the Resident Engineer (Mr. Martin) to it with the view of getting the Contractors to put it in order and keep it clean but with little result.

The entire portion of the road wants metalling up to a uniform gradient and proper cross section, infact although left open for traffic for the past two years it has not yet been properly made.

I happened to meet Mr. Shannon, Chief Engineer, a few days ago and he promised to speak to the Contractors agent to have it put right.

Yours &c
Thomas Byrne
Town Surveyor.

County Surveyors Office,
Wexford 24th November 1903.

Dear Sir

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In reply to yours of the 16th inst. I inspected the Rosbercon Railway road the last day I was in NewRoss. I have written to Mr. Shannon drawing his attention to the condition of the surface of the road and I have received a reply from him stating that he has given instructions to the contractor to repair same.

Yours faithfully
Henry Webster
County Surveyor

NewRoss
23rd November 1903

S. J. Shannon Esq
Chief Engineer, D.W. & W.R. Ry
1 Westland Row, Dublin.

Sir,

Since I was speaking to you 10 or 11 days ago nothing has been done with regard to the metalling or cleaning of the Waterford road diversion, if not put in hands at once the Urban Council will be compelled to take steps to have this portion of the road finished in a Satisfactory manner.

The Railway Company and their Contractors are treating the Council very

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badly in the matter.

The Town Clerk informs me he has received a complaint from the Rural Council on the bad state of this portion of the road.

Would you kindly urge the Contractors to pay attention to it without further delay & oblige.

Yours faithfully
Thomas Byrne
Town Surveyor

D. U. & Wd. Railway
Engineers Office
No 1 Westland Row
Dublin 25th November 1903

Waterford Road Diversion

Dear Sir,

Referring to yours of the 23rd inst, I wrote my resident, Mr. Martin, on Tuesday urging him to get the above road put into repair. I am sending him also copy of your letter and have asked him to press the contractors to carry out the necessary work at

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once and report to me.

Yours faithfully
S. J. Shannon.

After some discussion it was
Proposed by Mr. John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr. Gannon
"That if the D. W & W.y Railway
do do not cause the diverted road at Rosbercon to
be put in proper repair, within one week from
this date, our Solicitor be instructed to take the
necessary legal steps to compel them to do so"

Passed Unanimously

General Valuation & Boundary
Survey of Ireland
6 Ely Place Dublin
20th November 1903

Sir

I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to request that will now forward to this office the Valuation Lists of your District in order that they may be corrected in accordance with the Annual Revision at Present in progress.

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I am

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

A. F. Beckett.

The Clerk stated that the lists had been forwarded, and a letter was read from the valuation office acknowledging their receipt.

Dunganstown

November 24th 1903

Dear Sir

Please inform the Council that there is a large heap of stones quarried now, and I would like to have some of them taken out of the way as I want to get the quarry cleared Mr. Byrne was telling me that the Boatmen said that there was no stones on the Quay. There is always one or two Boatloads of stones on the Quay since we commenced to quarry them.

Yours faithfully

Michael Hunt

It was stated that Dan Dodan was quarring stones

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either in, or near, the Councils quarry in Dungan-
stown, and perhaps using the Quarry, and it
was

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor visit the Dun-
ganstown Quarry as soon as possible and report
whether there are any stones being quarried there,
or the quarry being used by any unauthorized
persons.

No 8 Tollyhouse Lane
New Ross

Dear Sir

I beg to inform you that the firegrate
in my house is burnt out and useless, also the
one upstairs is bad, and wall falling down. I
would feel obliged if you would be good enough
to see to the matters early, as I am very badly
situated on account of them.

I may remark I am living in
the house since it was built about 22 years and
never troubled you before

Yours faithfully
James Carroll

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor get a new

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firegrate put in this house, and any other repairs required done on it.

The General Accident Assurance Co
Perth 23rd November 1903

M. J. Finn Esq.,
Urban Council office,
Tholsel, Newross.

Dear Sir,

re Workmens Compensation insurance,
Urban District Council.

We are in receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. with reference to the above matter, and in reply thereto, the policy we have issued provides the Council with an indemnity in respect of any liability which may attach to them under the Workmens' Compensation Acts, the Employers' Liability Act, and at Common Law, through accidents happening to the three men referred to in your letter.

Yours faithfully
F. Norie-Miller
General Manager

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The meeting considered this letter satisfactory, and there was no further order made.

Town Surveyors Report

The metalling of the Streets, Lanes and roads continues to be carried out.

A quantity of stones shingle has been spread and broken on the north side of Windmill Lane. The Streets have been scraped and the mud removed to depots. Two boatloads of limestones were delevered by Mrs Roche and are being broken. The channels in upper end of Mary Street and Cockpit Lane disturbed by the excavation at the head of the Tanks are being re-paved. I am getting the channel crossing between head of Mary St and Nunnery Lane paved with selected limestones sufficiently strong for cars to pass over.

The collecting and removal of shop and Street Sweepings, together with the loose papers, ashes etc. deposited in the Streets have been carried out as early in the day as possible. It would be advisable that the men and horses start work at 8 oclock in the mornings, say until the 1st of February next.

I have as far as possible stopped the putting out of broken bottles with the shop sweepings and house refuse. In any Bye-Laws you are about framing it would be desirable and lessen

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the cost of scavening to include to have the sweepings and refuse put in proper covered receptacles, as at present on a windy morning the streets are littered over with papers.

James Carroll, Folly House Lane wants an ordinary iron grate to replace the small range in his house which is broken and useless.

I got Mr Andrew Cullen to lay pipes in Sewers from Street traps about Robert Street corner, the old Sewers were choked by brooken flags and Sediment.

I have written Mr Shannon, chief Engineer, D. W & W^d Ry about the state of the Waterford road diversion, I have learned he has written to the Contractors to put it in order. I have also a letter from Mr Webster to the same effect.

P. Carroll is not putting in any stones from Dunganstown lately.

The repairs to the house in William Street are getting on somewhat slowly.

Thomas Byrne

Ordered

That in future the workmen begin

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work at 8 o'clock A.M. instead of 7 o'clock, and work continously until one o'clock when they break off for dinner, resuming at two o'clock.

As there was an order already made respecting the diverted road at Rosbercon, and the house occupied by James Carroll there was no further order made on this report.

The Clerk reported that the Contract for winding and keeping the Town Clock in repair expired on 7th Inst, and it was

Ordered That advertisements be issued inviting Tenders for winding, and keeping it in thorough repair, for five years, from date of acceptance of tender; tenders to be considered at meeting of Council to be held on 9th December.

Mr Browne, Rent Collector reported that Mr Thorpe owed two years rent to 29th September. He applied for payment but received no reply.

Ordered That the Collector see Mr. Thorpe personally and ask him for payment.

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The following resolution of which notice was given by Mr Freaney was proposed by him and seconded by Mr John Murphy Viz:-

That the resolution of the Council with reference to their men only opening up the grounds for the purpose of allowing connection to be made with water main be rescinded, and that the Council make the connection, and carry piping as far as the Kerbstone".

The following Amendment was Proposed by Mr Gannon and seconded by Mr. David Murphy Viz:-

"That the consideration of this matter be adjourned for twelve months"

on the amendment being put there voted

For — Messrs David Murphy, Delaney and Gannon 3
Against " Freaney, John Murphy and the chairman 3

The Chairman gave his casting vote against the amendment which he declared lost.

He then put the resolution, and the voting was the same, but did not consider his casting vote would give sufficient majority to legally alter the order, or resolution, of the Council, regulating the supplying of the water, and declared the resolution "not carried."

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Ordered

That the Town Surveyor get the roof of Mrs Galavans shed, at Irishtown, coated with Naptha.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 9th December 1903

James J Ó Lorcáin

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Wednesday December 9th. 1903

A meeting of the 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, and other Acts connected therewith, to consider a letter received from the D.W.& W^d. Railway Co relative to the pailing on the diverted road at Rosbercon; also modifications, suggested by the Kilkenny Co Council, to be made in the existing Bye Law prohibiting Locomotives from crossing the Newross Bridge, and an application from the Clerk for an increase of salary as Executive Sanitary Officer to £40, and as Town Clerk to £20 per annum.

Present Messrs James J. Gorman Chairman Presiding
William Murphy
Martin J. Delaney
Michael Freaney
John Grace
John Murphy
Joseph Roche
John O'Sullivan
James B. Hearn
and
David Murphy

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

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The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Joseph Roche and Michael Freaney and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No	135	Garret A. Hickey	£7 " 10 " 0
"	136	John Harrington	1 " 4 " 10
"	137	John J. Browne	3 " 19 " 4
"	138	John Tobin	3 " 2 " 6
"	139	N.J. Meehan	7 " 10 " 0
"	140	M.J. Finn	25 " 0 " 0
"	141	M.J. Finn Petty Cash	31 " 12 " 5
"	142	P.J. O'Keeffe	10 " 9
"	143	Cashiers Bank of Ireland	13 " 0
"	144	Thomas Byrne	5 " 0 " 0

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

Forth

Agricultural & Industrial

Association.

27th " November 1903

Dear Sir

At the adjourned Conference held in the Parochial Hall Tagoat, on 18th " November, between the members of the above Association, and the Representatives of the Agricultural Board.-

The Very Revd " Luke Canon Doyle P.P. in the chair, the following resolution was passed Unanimously

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" That the Newross Urban Council be requested to erect a public weigh Bridge near the Streets where the Fairs are held, for the convonience of Farmers wishing to sell their Cattle or Pigs by Live Weight"

Yours faithfully
Edmund Doyle
Hon Secretary

Ordered

That the Industrial Association be informed the Council regret they cannot comply with their request, as they would not feel justified in incurring the expenditure involved in carrying out the undertaking, unless they had some guarantee that, if erected, it would be patronised sufficiently to recompense them for the outlay.

Estate Office,
Newross,
1st December 1903.

Dear Sir,

Col. Tottenham's Estate.

Your Council are using the unoccupied land adjoining Windmill Lane as a manure and refuse depot. I must ask them to cease

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doing so unless they like to rent the place for that purpose.

Yours faithfully
Hugh R. Hamilton

Ordered
That the consideration of this letter be referred to the Finance Committee, and that no more manure be deposited there for the present.

William Street
New Ross

Dear Sir,

Just a few lines to ask you if you be kind enough to settle my rent as I was not aware it was not paying I depended on my wife to do it and she neglected. I did not know anything about it till I got the Notice. So dear Sir I would feel thankful if you will settle as I have a big family and no place to go it would be a poor Christmas box and in future I will pay the rent myself. I will give Mr. Flinn a months rent on Saturday and I promise you 2/6 a week till it is paid dear Sir I have 16/- to pay my father in Law Pat Doyle he owed when I took this house it is all down to me.

John Whitty

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Ordered

That further proceedings against Whitty be stayed upon payment of four weeks rent, and costs of Notice, and an agreement to pay 2/6 per week until the rent is paid off, and the first week upon which he fails to pay this that proceedings be taken for obtaining possession of the house.

New Ross

December 8th 1903

Dear Sir,

Mr Thorpe has instructed me to ascertain from your Council if they are willing to sell to him his holding under the provsions of the Land Act 1903. I would therefore thank you to bring the matter before a meeting of your Council and let me know the result.

Yours faithfully
W. F. Hearn

Ordered

That the foregoing letter be adjourned to next meeting of the Council, the members to be summoned to consider it, and that our Solicitors be asked in the meantime to

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advise the Council, as to their power under the Act, to comply with Mr Thorpes request, and also to inform them that there are two years rent due by this tenant to last September.

Harbour Commissioners office
Quay
New Ross
2nd. December 1903

Dear Sir

At a meting of my Board on this date a complaint was laid before them Re your Councils, men dumping manure on Quay. I have been directed to request you to have the manure removed at once.

Yours truly
John Kenny
Secretary

The Town Surveyor stated that there was no manure deposited in it now by the Councilsmen and it was ordered that Mr. Redmond call upon those who he consider may deposit it there and informed them they will be prosecuted if found doing so in future

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Wednesday December 9th 1903.

D. W & W^d. Railway Co

Westland Row Station

Dublin 28th Novr 1903

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of 27th. instant re Waterford Roads Diversion, which shall have attention.

Yours faithfully

M. F. Keogh

Secretary

The Clerk stated that at last meeting a resolution was passed authorising him to direct the Councils Solicitors to take the necessary legal steps against the Railway Co to compel them to put this road in repair if not done within one week but in consequence of having received that letter stating the matter was having attention, and as this meeting was so near he did not do so. Some discussion now took place on the matter, and the Town Surveyor stated they had since only cleaned it, it was

Proposed by Mr Roche and

Seconded by Mr Grace

That our Solicitor be instructed on to-morrow to take legal proceedings

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to compel the Company to put that road in proper repair.

Passed Unanimously

Irishtown
December 9th. 1903

Gentlemen

I drew the attention of the Town Surveyor, and some members of the Council, to the very dangerous state of the Channel outside my door, With Several large holes, about a month ago, a man crossing it fell from his car was Severally injured. I now respectfully ask you to repair same and remove this danger to the public as soon as possible

Yours respectfully
Bridget Campbell

Proposed by Mr. Hearn and
Seconded by Mr David Murphy

That the Town Surveyor get this, and any other repairs required in the Irishtown done, and also the flagging of the footpath in Rosbercon.

Passed Unanimously

A letter was received from the Local Goverment Board enclosing a copy of the Employment of Children Act, 1903, No Order made

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Proposals for two heaps of manure in Bunneen Lane, from James Mackey Rower who offered £5..10, from Miss Witney who offered £4, and Patrick Kearney who offered 30/-.

Proposed by Mr David Murphy and Seconded by Mr Lyrace.

That Mr. Mackey's tender be accepted.

Passed Unanimously

A Proposal was received from Mr. Edward Browne Creacon for six heaps of Manure at Town Wall at £6, and from Mr Michael Rice Irishtown at £5..5,

Proposed by Mr Delaney and Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That Mr Rice's tender be accepted.

Passed Unanimously

The following tenders for keeping the Town Clock in repair for five years were received Viz:

Quay

New Ross

Gentlemen,

We the undersigned will Wind Regulate

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and keep the Town Clock in through repair for five years for the sum of Four pounds. £4. per annum. Sureties George Moran North St and Luke Dwyer North St.

Zimber Bros

Charles St

New Ross

December 9th. 1903

Re: Contract, Town Clock

Gentlemen,

I respectfully offer to wind regulate and keep in order the Town Clock of New Ross, for the sum of Four pounds and four shillings Stg. per year, for five years.

I am

Yours faithfully

John Hegan

Securities Patrick Bolger Esq J.P. and Saml. Hough Esq.

Proposed by Mr. Wm. Murphy and

Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That Messrs Zimber Bro^{s}.,

tender be accepted.

Mr Hearn proposed that Mr Hegans tender be accepted but the proposition was not seconded.

All the members voted for the acceptance of Messrs Zimber Bro^{s}. tender, including Mr. Hearn

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and it was accordingly declared Unanimously accepted.

Mr. James Harney Mary St appeared before the Meeting and complained of being prosecuted by Mr. Redmond, for selling his fish in Quay St and not on the Quay, as provided by the market Bye Laws, but there was no order made upon it.
Mr Redmond also reported that he had prosecuted him, and it was approved of.

The following Report of the Finance committee was read New Ross December 9th 1903

At a meeting of Finance committee held this evening at 6.30 P.M the following accounts were recommended for payment

Garret A. Hickey	New Ross	£	7	10 . 0
John Harrington	"		1	14 . 10
J. J. Browne	"		3	19 . 4
John Tobin			3	2 . 6
N. J. Meehan			7	10 . 0
M. J. Flinn			25	0 . 0
Petty Cash			31	12 . 5
P. J. O'keeffe Kilkenny				10 . 9
Cashiers Bank of Ireland				13 . 0
Thomas Byrne			5	0 . 0
	Total	£	86	2 . 10

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Eighty six pounds 2/10 stg

William Murphy

J. B. Hearn

Proposed by Mr John Murphy

Seconded by Mr Roche

That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted, and the payments recommended by them be made.

Passed Unanimously

Town Surveyors Report

The metalling and cleaning of the Streets and roads are being fairly attended to. I got some metalling put out on the Urban portion of P. Kellys Contract from the Haughton Hospital to Cross of the Irishtown, and on the main road portion, the surface has been sheeted with metalling from junction of the College road at John St, to Miss White's house, the Water tables and surface have been kept clean, About 20 feet or so of the gullet near the the Cross of Irishtown which was completely choked had to be opened, cleaned, and recovered

Since last meeting three boatloads of limestones and two of Dunganstown stones were delivered. Some were carted to depots and some are on the Quay. Three men are engaged breaking stones.

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I made inquiries of the man who had the Contract for laying the pipe drain at the rere of the houses in Nunnery Lane and he informs me the drain is connected with the main Sewer at the head of Mary St. at the junction provided for that purpose when the Sewer was being laid.

Jas Carroll, tenant of a house in Holly house Lane, is not satisfied with the iron-grate provided for him instead of the old range, he would be thankful if the Council would provide him with a range and set the grate in a bedroom.

I visited and inspected the Bake-houses belonging to Mr T. Hogan, Mrs Thorpe and Mr Edward Walsh, the two first named are under ground and the last is not.

Owing to the Weather being wet or frosty, the galvanized shed in Mrs Galavans yard could not be painted with Naptha. I shall see to get the gable of her house repaired during the coming week.

I attended on Dr Meehan, and with him, made an inspection of the yards and system of drainage at present existing at the rere of the premises in Irishtown, occupied by Mr. P. Hanlon,

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Mrs Stafford, Mr Harrington and the tenant of a small house next Mr Harrington. The houses ~~named~~, and several others above Mr Hanlons, are all drained very insuffiantly though, from yard to yard, and discharges on to the surface channel opposite Mr Harringtons gate, Irishtown.

Thomas Byrne

Ordered

That James Carroll be informed the Council cannot now, have a range set in the kitchen of his house as an iron grate has been supplied in compliance with his previous request.

There was no order made respecting the bake-houses referred to, or the Sewer from the houses in Nunnery Lane.

Proposed by Mr David Murphy
Seconded by Mr Delaney

That the report of the Town Surveyor be adopted

Passed Unanimously

The Clerk stated that Sergt Madden Inspector of weights and measures informed him that the public weigh Bridge required to be adjusted, as it was not weighing accurately. He (Clerk) called on Mr

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Hartrick and asked him to repair it, but he seemed to be neglecting to do so, and the matter was important, as the Council might be prosecuted for not having it accurate.

Ordered

That Messrs W.+ F. Hartrick be asked to repair the public weigh bridge at once, and inform them if they are not prepared to do so without further delay, the Council will have to get it done by some other person, as they cannot permit it to continue in its present state.

Some members referred to the inconvenience caused the public by not having the weigh bridge always available during the day, owing to the absence of the person in charge of it, and the Clerk was directed to draw the attention of Miss A Maher to the matter, and also to ascertain from the minutes when the present letting of the market house, and weigh bridge commenced, with a view to having it re-set.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday December 23rd. 1903

Alf Dooley

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Wednesday 23rd December 1903.

A meeting of The 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, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider an application from Mr W. J. Hearn Solr. on behalf of Mr Richard Thorpe, to the Council to sell his holding to him under the provisions of the Land Act 1903, a letter from the G.S.W.R. Railway Co refusing to substitute the wooden paling on the diverted road at Rosbercon by a wall, and a letter from the Kilkenny Co Council, suggesting certain alterations in the Bye Laws prohibiting Locomotives from crossing the New Ross Bridge.

Present Messrs James. G. Dooley presiding
Michael Freaney
Martin J Delaney
Joseph Roche
Patrick Dunphy
and
David Murphy

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Joseph Roche and Michael Freaney, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:- No 145 – Petty Cash £30-12-2

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Wednesday 23rd December 1903

The following correspondence was read:-

Offices

New Ross 23rd December 1903.

Re Richard Thorpe's holding

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of 11th inst. the Local Government Board are obtaining the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown as to the powers of sale of Urban Councils under the Land Acts, and we think it better to defer advising you, until the result of this is ascertained

Yours very truly

Colfer & Jackman

No Order made. No reply can be given to Mr Kearn's application, on behalf of Mrs Thorpe, until the Council are advised by their solicitor, as to their powers of sale under the Land Acts.

D. W. & W. Railway Co

Dublin 15th December 1903.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 7th ult. I beg to advise you that it has been arranged that commencing with the New Year, market tickets will be issued to New Ross on Thursdays in place of Wednesdays. With regard to Tuesdays, as no markets

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are held on that day except for about six weeks in each year it is regretted that your proposal, as far as that day is concerned, cannot be agreed to.

Yours faithfully
D. F. Keogh
Secretary

The alteration in the day of issue of the tickets was considered satisfactory.

A notification was received from the gas Co. that they intend opening the grounds in Roberton for the purpose of putting in gas supply to Capt Faradays

An application was received from James Keilthy, one of the Councils workmen, for a suit of oil clothes, and it was
Proposed by Cor Delaney and
Seconded by Cor Smithy
"That Keilthy be supplied with a suit of good oil clothes"
Passed Unanimously

It was also ordered that all the men be directed to work overtime, on Christmas Eve, so as to thoroughly cleanse every street and lane in the town for Christmas and the New Year it being understood that they will be paid for same, according to the work done by them.

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Proposed by Mr Roche and
seconded by Mr Freaney

"That the Water Rent
Book for collection of Water Rent for year ending
31st July 1904, be sealed, and signed by the Chairman,
and countersigned by the Clerk"

Passed Unanimously.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution the
Water Rent book was sealed, and signed by
the Chairman and Messrs Joseph Roche, and
Michael Freaney and countersigned by the Clerk.

The consideration of the letter received from the
Kilkenny Co Council, relative to amending the Bye Law
prohibiting Locomotives from crossing the New Ross bridge
under steam, was taken up, but, as there was no letter
received from the Wexford County Council respecting
the proposed Amendment, and as the Meeting was
so small it was agreed to adjourn the consideration
of the matter until a communication would be received from
the Wexford County Council.

The Street Inspector reported that the shaft
of the mud cart got broken during the week, and
it was ordered that he get it repaired by Patrick
Leacy.

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The consideration of the letter received from the D W & W^d^ Railway Co, refusing to substitute the paling on the diverted road at Rosbercon, by a masonry wall was taken up, and the following correspondence, received from Mr Hearn in connection with it was read viz:-

Courthouse

Wexford 22nd December 1903.

Dear Mr Hearn.

I would have sent you a reply to your letter yesterday, but that the County Surveyor had arranged to see Mr Shannon, the Engineer of the Railway Co, and to use what information he could get from him, for the purposes of his reply. I enclose you Mr Webster's answer, and so far as the law of the matter goes he is quite correct. You cannot do anything unless the paling is dangerous, and then you could take the step suggested by Mr Webster. So far as I can remember the words of the Act of Parliament, the Company are bound to provide a "good and sufficient fence", and this would resolve itself into a question of evidence and inference.

Yours Sincerely
E J Frizelle

The following is a copy of Mr Webster's letter, referred to in above:-

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County Surveyor's Office
Wexford 21st Dec. 1903.

Dear Sir Frizelle

I returns Sir Hearn's letter.
From what I can find out about the County
Kilkenny roads the cases are not analogous.
I am informed that the roads upon which
stone walls have been substituted for wooden
railings in the County Kilkenny are road diversions
leading under the line, not over it and therefore
when taken over by the County these fences would
have to be maintained by the County, whereas
the Roscrea road diversions &c lead over the
line, and the fences and roads will have to be main-
tained by the Railway Co. I believe the only way
the Company could be come at would be through the
Board of Trade; but to do this it would be necessary
for the Town Surveyor to certify that the fences are
a danger to the public

Yours Very truly
Henry Webster

After some discussion, it was agreed to defer
the consideration of this matter to an adjourned
meeting to be held on 30th inst.

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The Clerk reported that John Whitty Wm. St. did not pay the four weeks rent as announced, he only having paid 5/= on Monday last, two additional weeks rent having accrued due to that date, but there was no further order made respecting the arrears of rent due by him.

The Clerk asked if it would be necessary that the Rep. Timber Dror. should enter into a Bond to keep the town Clock in repair for five years, their tender having been accepted at last meeting, and it was unanimously decided that it was not necessary they should do so.

Town Surveyor's Report, 23rd Dec. 1903.

Gentlemen,

The Metalling of the streets and roads is being carried out, and as far as possible, the leading roads to the Urban boundary is being kept cleaned. I have a man cleaning the Boolteen. The Wexford road, Neville St. and Rowley St. and Irishtown needs cleaning.

The stones for Metalling are coming in slowly, the weather is somewhat against teaming, and stone-breakers. Five men are engaged breaking Metalling. If possible I should like to keep them at this work for the next month. The letters written to the Railway Co seem to have little effect in getting them to attend to the roads in

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Roberton, dear the old Gormley, as very little detailing was put out since I wrote to the Chief engineer.

Thomas Byrne

The clerk stated, in reply to a member, that the Council's solicitors had been instructed to take legal proceedings against the Railway Co to compel them to put that road in repair, and he was now directed to call upon them and ascertain if the instruction of the Council is being carried out.

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday, 30th Inst.

Patrick Humphries
30/12/03

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Wednesday December 30th 1903

A meeting of the Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M, to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider a letter received from the D. W + W^d^ Railway Co, refusing to substitute the pailing on Rosbercon diverted road by a permanent wall.

Present Messrs Patrick Dunphy Presiding
John Murphy
Joseph Roche
and
David Murphy

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Joseph Roche, and John Murphy, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 146 M. J. Finn Petty Cash £10 .. 10 .. 0

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

Technical Instruction Committee
New Ross Urban District
New Ross 30th .. December 1903

Dear Sir,

My Committee would have pleasure in accepting your Council's offer of the free use of one of their

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oil lamps to light the public place in front of the
Christian Brothers Technical school but for the
fact that they found it would cost too much and
might get broken. Under the circumstances my
Committee are unwilling to take over the lamp
more especially as they have been led to believe
that its lighting would be ineffective.

Iam directed to again apply to your
Council to erect a gas lamp in such a position as
will light the dark area in question. I need
scarcely point out that the application is made
by a Committee of your Council in the interests of
the technical instruction of the youth of the town.
When directed at last meeting of my Committee to
make this request, the Chairman (Canon Kavanagh)
and other members of the Committee present
expressed themselves as strongly anxious that
the request would be granted. Your Council could
scarcely expect the Technical Committee to light
up a public place because it happens to lead
to a school of instruction in which they (the
Committee) are interested.

Iam,

Dear Sir,

Yours truly

Edward Long

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Ordered

That the members of the council be summoned to attend at next meeting to consider this application.

Redan House
Dalkey
Co. Dublin
December 22nd 1903

Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in informing you that I have the honour to represent some influential gentlemen in London who are anxious to invest large sums of money in Irish enterprize principally Electric Lighting.

Iam instructed to inform you that they are prepared to find one Million pounds sterling if necessary for this purpose, for installations from £1,000 upwards. I should esteem it a favour if you would be kind enough to inform me if you would entertain the idea of lighting your municipality, or use power for any purpose such as creameries, mills or traction.

I shall also be pleased if you could let me have particulars of any enterprise that they could be of assistance in, and of any water power in your district.

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These gentlemen are Bona Fide and if you wish you can refer to their Irish Solicitors Messrs Thos. Geoghegan Sons & Co., 122 Stephen's Green W. Dublin.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply.

I remain, Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully
T. H. Walker.

N.B.

I shall have much pleasure in quoting for small installations if desired.

Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be adjourned to next meeting, the members of the Council to be summoned to consider it.

A circular letter relating to the Taxation of Land Values, and a pamphlet containing a report of Conference on the subject, held in Hotel Metropole London on 21st October 1902 was received from the Town Clerk of Glasgow, and it was ordered to be referred to next meeting.

A proposal was received from Michael Breen Camblin

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for two heaps of Manure at 10/= per heap, and it was ordered to be accepted, as was also a proposal from Thomas Kinsella for heap of Manure on Quay at 13/=.

Quay Street

December 28th 1903

To the

Urban District Council

New Ross

We the Undersigned Residence of Quay Street beg to inform you that the Channel outside our doors is dangerous to foot Passengers.

Signed

Doherty Bros.

John Moran

Ordered

That the paving of the present Channel be removed and the Channel be raised with metalling, and that the repaving of it be deferred until a more suitable season of the year.

Some Members referred to the want of repair of portions of the flagging of the footpaths of the town, and also of Rosbercon; and the Town Surveyor stated that he had asked Mr Cullen frequently to repair them, but he was unable to attend to them. It was now

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Ordered

That the Town Surveyor get them done at once, and if Mr Cullen cannot send a mason to do them that he (Town Surveyor) employ some other mason, so as to get them done immediately.

New Ross

29th December 1903

The Secretary of the Urban Council

New Ross

Dear Sir

We the Undersigned beg to draw your attention to the state of the Street outside our premises owing to the water from the Quarry being let down through your yard, causing an overflow on the Street, and the repeated flooding of our establishment. Please bring this matter before your Council, at their meeting this evening, as it should receive urgent attention & oblige

Yours faithfully

C. W. Carr

Thomas Jones & Co

The following letter on the same subject was read

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Priory Street
New Ross
December 30th 1903

Gentlemen

I beg to say that I have been inundated with floods of water from water passing through your yards and into my premises here, the water reached from 1 to 2 feet, and only for my exertions to take the water out of my kitchen as the floods passed by, undoubtedly the water would be 4 feet high. I shall feel Extremely thankful for your kind attention to remedy this Matter. It is an utter shame, and disgrace to have us flooded so often, and all this damp afterwards passing and soaking up through where we have to live, we have had rain enough for the past year but certainly this can be remedied

Yours truly
M. Brereton

It appeared that the flooding was caused by the damming, by boys, of the water in the Quarry on the property of Messrs Tottenham, situate at the East Side of the yard owned by the Council in Henry St, and when a considerable quantity of water would be collected it would be let off, with the result, that the yard, and roadway, would be temporarily flooded, as the drain, or sewer, which, under ordinary circumstances,

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conveys the water to the main Sewer, would be unable to take the extra quantity. The Meeting was of opinion that the Council were also aggrieved, as their yard used to be flooded, and did not consider themselves in any way responsible for the cause of complaint as it originated on the property of another.

Ordered

That Mr Tyndall, agent to the Messrs Tottenham, be requested to take the necessary steps, at once, by diverting the water from the Quarry into some other Channel, or by constructing a proper drain, to convey it to the main Sewer, to remedy the repeated flooding of, and consequent injury to property. Also that the man engaged in the yard keep the Channel through which the water flows, cleaned and, if possible prevent the Quarry from being dammed by boys.

The letter received from the D. W & W^d. Railway Co refusing to substitute the wooden pailing on the diverted road at Rosbercon by a permanent wall, was considered, and after some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and

Seconded by Mr Rocke

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"That our Solicitors be instructed to take whatever legal steps are necessary to compel the D.W+W^d. Railway Co to build a solid Masonry protection wall on the diverted portion of the Waterford road, instead of the wooden pailing at present erected there, if the Council have power to cause same to be done"

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That Edwd. Neville Assist in cleansing the streets on Saturday nights instead of William Scanlon and that he be allowed 1/= for the work, same as the other two men engaged at it.

In reference to the cleansing of the town for Christmas it appeared from the Street Inspectors' labour book that the following men were engaged at extra cleaning for Christmas Viz:-

Jas Flynn, Edward Broaders, James Keilthy, William Scanlon, Valentine Whitty, Edward Neville and John Walsh, and that Mrs Brien washed out office, stairs & rooms of Tholsel.

Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That the men be allowed 5/= each for extra cleansing for Christmas, provided they also clean the town thoroughly for New Year's day, and that Mrs Brien be also allowed 5/= for extra

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cleaning of office &c and that Mr Hogan be also paid for overtime of his horse.

Passed Unanimously

Town Surveyor's Report

Some metalling has been put out during the week on the Wexford road, Nash road, Waterford road, Greywell road and Charles St, and Sand blinding over the stones in Charles St and South St. The men and horses were engaged for some days removing the Mud Scrapings off the sides of Streets and roads.

One Gabbard load of stones from Dunganstown was delivered to day, the delivery of Stones for road metalling has been somewhat Scarce lately, I am in hopes of getting a fair supply within the next week.

I had Mr Hogan's two horses Working overtime on Christmas eve, so as to have the Streets as free from mud etc as possible.

Thomas Byrne

It would be advisable the Street Inspector should see that no machinery, boxes, or goods are put out on the Streets where new metalling has been

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laid down so that it may get fixed as soon as possible

Ordered

That the Street Inspector call upon any traders who may place Machinery, boxes, &c on fresh Metalling on the streets and request them to remove them so that the traffic may pass over the metalling.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 13th. January 1904

James J. O'Gorman

Monday 4th January 1904

Monthly Meeting. No attendence of Members.

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 13th. January 04

Wednesday 13th January 1904

A Meeting of the Finance Committee was held this day at 5 O'clock P.M. to transact business of the Committee for the Quarterly and Stated Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present Mess.rs James J. O'Gorman and Wm. Murphy

The Committee considered a number of bills which were submitted for payment, prepared their report, and adjourned

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Wednesday 13th January 1904

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at 6 O'Clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 - Consider the Down Surveyor's Quarterly Report and recommendations for payments, and applications for new works if any.

Present Messrs James J Gorman Chairman
John Dunphy
David Dunphy
Michael Treaney
William Dunphy
Patrick Gannon
and
Patrick Dunphy

The following Quarterly Report and recommendations of the Down Surveyor were read Viz:-

Report for Quarter ending 30th December 1903.

Gentlemen,

The Streets and roads in the hands of the Council in the district have been constantly under repairs during the quarter and although the season was exceptionally bad the supply of Metalling was kept up. The money allowed by the County Surveyor to be laid out on the Irishtown Contracts, so far, applied to the Cleaning and Maintenance of the College Road and Mongarret Lane. The district Charge of the Irishtown Contract, between the Houghton

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Hospital and the Cross, not having been maintained by the Contractor, I expended the money on it.

Mr Cullen is fairly forward with the flagging of footpath in Robert St. Owing to the difficulty of procuring flags from the Quarries the work was kept back very much.

I am Gentlemen
Yours Obediently
Thomas Byrne
Town Surveyor

11th January 1904

The following are his recommendations for payments.

To Pay

None

To Defer

None

To Strike Off.

Philip Kelly	Palace	£3. 8. 6
Same	Same	1. 15. 7
Same	Same	8. 0
Do	Do	3. 8. 6
Do	Do	1. 15. 7
Do	Do	8. 0

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and Seconded by Mr Treacy "That the Report of the

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Wednesday 13th January 1904.

That Town Surveyor, and his Recommendations be approved of and adopted

Passed Unanimously

That the Meeting adjourned

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Friday 15th January 1904.

An election of four Urban District Councillors took place to-day to fill vacancies caused by the retirement, by rotation, of Messrs James J Gorman, James D Keane, Michael Freaney, and Patrick Gannon as Councillors for the New Ross Ward.

The following were duly nominated viz:-

Messrs John Fanning, Michael Freaney, Patrick Gannon, William Hand, James Bernard Keane, and James J. Gorman.

The polling resulted as follows.

Michael Freaney 319, James J Gorman 231,
Patrick Gannon 215, James D Keane 202,
William Hand 131, John Fanning 88

Mr James G Dooley, the retiring Councillor for the Roberton Ward, was duly nominated for this Ward.

The Returning Officer declared Messrs Michael Freaney, James J. Gorman, Patrick Gannon, and James D Keane, duly elected Councillors for the New Ross Ward, and Mr James G Dooley for the Roberton Ward of the Urban District of New Ross.

J Flynn
Returning Officer

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Wednesday 13th January 1904

A meeting of the Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider an application from the Technical Instruction Committee for the erection of a gas lamp in Maiden Lane to light the dark area in front of their school, also a communication in reference to the lighting of the town by electricity

Present Alderman James J O'Gorman Chairman presiding.

John Murphy
David Murphy
Michael Freaney
William Murphy
Patrick Gannon
and
Patrick Dunphy.

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Alderman John Murphy and Michael Freaney and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 147	Edwd. O'Brien	£3.10.10
148	John Tegan	4.4.0
149	John J Browne	3.4.8
150	Committee of Stephens Cemetery	4.4.0

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No 151 –	Committee St Stephen's Cemetery	£ 5.0.0
" 152 –	E J McCu Weeney	4.4.0
" 153 –	Kelly's Ltd	7-11
" 154 –	Nat Rural Comcil Waterford	11.4
– 155 –	N Harvey Hso	3.4.0
– 156 –	Matthew Hutchinson	17.9
– 157 –	Jn J Finn	4.13.9
– 158 –	Do Petty Cash	26-15-6
– 159 –	Kew Ross Gas Co	71-16-3
– 160 –	Moran Bros	5.18.4
– 161 –	Wm Oleomor	1.0.0
– 162 –	Graves Hse Ltd	8.5
– 163 –	John Keogh	2.2.10
– 164 –	Cooper Kethin	5.0
– 165 –	Patrick Carroll	6.16.0
– 166 –	Michael Hunt Dungarvan	7-18.6
– 167 –	Thomas Byrne	3.5.0
- 168 –	M Curran	1-10-0

The following Correspondence was read Viz:-

Offices Kew Bridge

13th January 1904

Dear Sir,

Re Richard Thorpe

In further reference to your letter of 11th ult there is nothing to prevent the Comal from selling to Mr Thorpe provided the Local Government Board approve of the transaction and to obtain this approval the Comal must satisfy them that such sale would be for the benefit of the Ratepayers. To enable the Local Government

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Board to form an opinion in the matter it would be necessary for the Council to ascertain Dr Thorpe's offer before proceeding further

Yours very truly
Colfer & Lethin

Ordered

That Dr W. F. Hearn, Solicitor for Dr Thorpe, be asked to state what offer his Client is prepared to make for the purchase of his holding

Messrs Hewitt Bros
13th January 1904

Dear Sirs

In reference to your letter directing us to take proceedings against the D. W. & W. Railway Co to compel them to put into proper repair the diverted road over their bridge at Rosbercon and to erect a sufficient fence to this Bridge, we think it right to mention that the proceedings are likely to be expensive, and their ultimate result by no means certain having regard to the fact that the question of the fence has been already before the Wexford County Council who have obtained an unfavourable opinion from Counsel thereon. Under these circumstances we think your Council should authorize us to get Counsel's opinion before incurring expense

Yours very truly
Colfer & Lethin

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Ordered That the Consideration of this letter be adjourned to next Meeting, the members of the Council to be summoned to Consider it.

A letter was received from John Mackesy Ballintubber asking if the Council were willing to sell all the Metal upright in the Brewery yard, and it was Ordered that they be advertised for Sale, tenders to be received at next meeting.

An application, signed by a Number of inhabitants, was received from Mrs Ellen Walsh Priory St asking to be recommended by the Council, to the Governors of Trinity Hospital for admission to that Institution. And it was Ordered to be kept with the other applications, until a vacancy would arise, and be then considered with them.

A letter was received from Jeremiah O'Shea, Goat Hill, stating that he understood the Council required a Man to work at the streets or in the Manure yard, And it was Ordered that Mr Redmond employ him whenever he requires a Man temporarily.

Mr Gannon referred to the defective lighting of portion of Crosslane, opposite New Church entrance, and also of William St And it was ordered that a Meeting of the Street Committee be held on Thursday evening, 14th Inst. to inspect those places and report to the Council as to whether additional lamps are

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required.

The following report of the Finance Committee was read Viz:-

January 13th. 1904

"The Finance Committee met this day at 5 Oclock P.M. and recommend the following payments (see list at commencement of minutes). We do not wish to take any action with regard to Colonel Cottenham's letter and consequently refer it back to the Council for consideration

James J. O'Gorman

Wm. Murphy

Proposed by Dr. John Murphy and

Seconded by Dr. Gannon

"That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted and the payments recommended by them be made, and that the members of the Council be summoned to attend next meeting to consider letter received from Colonel Cottenham

Passed Unanimously.

Town Surveyor's Report

Gentlemen

"Three loadloads of stone from the Dungarvan Quarry and one of limestone were delivered and carted to the depot for dressing. Four men were at work breaking the stone. The covering flags of a gullet across the Boheen road got broken, when opened and examined the gullet was found to be choked with sediment, it had therefore to be all opened, cleaned,

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and removed The Retalling of the Streets
Continues to be attended to.
I employed a man, Dunham to clean some of the
upper streets. It would be well that a few more
were sent to clean the Irishtown, this would require
to be done at regular intervals.
A Gob portion of the footway above the Chapel of
Roberson levelled up with filling carted from
Robert St and topped with gro home screenings.
The footway on the Wexford road was cleaned and
topped with same screenings. Owing to the working
days lieing so few lately Mr Cullen did not get to
send a mason to repair the broken flagging, he
promised to attend to the matter to morrow.

Tho Byrne

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr David Murphy

That the report of the
Town Surveyor be adopted

Passed Unanimously

It was ordered that Mr Redmond get the Irishtown
Scraped and Cleaned, and that he use more diligence
in getting the streets down town Cleaned, and the
Scrapings removed.

The application from the Technical Instruction Cte
for the erection of a lamp to light the dark area in Braiden
Lane, opposite their Technical school, was considered, and
the Secretary having stated that the lamp would only

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require to be lighted on one night in the week it was
Proposed by Dr Freaney and
Seconded by Dr Wm. Murphy.

That a gas lamp be erected in Maiden Lane opposite the Technical school same to be lighted until eleven O'Block On one night of the week only"

Passed Unanimously

The letter received from Dr Walker, Medan House, respecting electric lighting which was read at last Meeting was considered, and it was ordered that he be asked to state what the cost of lighting the town by electricity would be, per annum, and that he be also furnished with all the information possible respecting water power &c of the district.

It was also ordered that the present depot in Robert St be discontinued as such, and that in future "stones be broken in the building grounds in French Court belonging to the Comal.

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 27th January.

P. B. Dean

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Saturday 27th January 1904

The Annual meeting of the Council was held this day at 12 Oclock noon, to elect a Chairman, and if deemed advisable, a Vice-Chairman, for the ensuing year

Present Meprs James J Gorman Chairman presided
" Martin J Delaney
" Michael Freaney
" David Murphy
" John O'Sullivan
and
Patrick Dunphy

Proposed by Mr David Murphy and
Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

"That J Gorman be elected Chairman for the ensuing year"

Passed Unanimously

It was not considered necessary to elect a Vice Chairman.

Proposed by Mr Dunphy and
Seconded by Mr Freaney "That the thanks of the meeting be hereby tendered to the outgoing Chairman Mr Gorman for the effecient manner in which he discharged the duties of the past year"

Passed Unanimously

Mr Gorman having thanked the members for the vote of thanks accorded him, the meeting adjourned. J. J. Gorman

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Wednesday January 27th 1904

A Meeting of the 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, and other acts connected therewith, also to consider a letter received from Messrs Colfer & Gethin respecting the liability of the D.W. & W.R. Railway Co to substitute the wooden pailing on the diverted road at Rosbercon by a permanent wall; also a letter from ~~the~~ Mr Hamilton, agent to Col Tottenham, requesting the Council to cease using the unoccupied land adjoining Windmill Lane, as a manure depot, or to rent it for the purpose.

See next page

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Patrick Gannon and Michael Freaney and the following Paying Order were directed to be issued. Viz:-

No 169- M. J. Flinn Petty Cash £28-8-9

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

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Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding

Martin J. Delaney

Michael Freaney

Patrick Dunphy

David Murphy

John Murphy

Joseph Roche

Patrick Gannon

John and O'Sullivan

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Patrick Gannon and Michael Freaney and the following Paying Order was directed to be issued. Viz:-

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No 169- M. J. Finn Petty Cash £28-8-9

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

Local Government Board
Dublin 15th January, 1904

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward herewith a copy of an order in Council dated the 21st ultimo, fixing a scale according to which the expenses of printing and the remuneration of "existing clerks of Unions, Secretaries of County Councils, Clerks of Councils of Urban County Districts, and Collectors of Poor Rate, in carrying into execution "The Juries (Ireland) Acts," shall be calculated.

The Local Government Board desire to point out that, in the case of a Union extending into two, or more Counties, the Order provides that an "existing" clerk of a Union shall be paid in respect of the whole Union at the rate of £10 per annum, for any number of names up to 100, and ninepence for every additional name.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
H. M. Swaine,
Secretary.

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The copy of the order referred to was enclosed

No order made

County Council offices,
Courthouse, Wexford.
19th. January 1904.

Sir,

I would remind you that the final instalment of the Demand made by my council on the New Ross Urban council in respect of the financial year 1903-4, should be paid by your council at the first meeting for the period ending 31st. March 1904.

Yours Obediently
W. H. Pigott
County Secretary

Ordered

That the County council be informed, an instalment will be paid at next stated ~~stated~~ Finance Meeting of this council, to be held on 10th. February.

Offices, New Ross,
January 20th. 1904.

Dear Sirs,

In consequence of the disgraceful and neglected condition of our flagways I am compelled to draw your attention to the matter.

They are not swept by the householders as they are obliged to do, contractors and others appear to take posses-

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ion of the footpaths by scaffolding &c, and compel the inhabitants to walk out in the street in three inches deep of mud without putting down planks or some artificial footway for the protection of the public.

This morning in South Street I was obliged to walk out through the mud collected by the scavengers in consequence of the footpath being completely obstructed, and it was pitiable to see young children do the same. The weather being so extremely wet it becomes more necessary that the public should be protected.

I saw no Inspector taking any steps to prevent the nuisance or to relieve the inhabitants from the grievance, I have just complained of, and consequently I would respectfully ask the Urban Council to see that the Law is probably enforced.

Yours faithfully
H. G. Hinson

Ordered

That Mr Redmond, Street Inspector, call on all householders, and inform them that if they do not keep the footpaths opposite their premises swept, proceedings will be taken against them to compel them to do so.

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That builders, and those in the habit of erecting scaffolding in the streets, be informed, that in future whenever scaffolding is erected in such a manner as to obstruct the free passage of persons using the footpaths, a temporary footpath at least two feet wide, of planks shall be constructed outside the scaffolding for the use of foot passengers.

Local Government Board,
Dublin: 18th January, 1904.

Sir,

With reference to the first paragraph of their circular letter of the 25th ult. of March, 1903, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that the issue of the new Accounts Order referred to therein has been unavoidably delayed, and that it will not be possible to issue it in time to permit of any changes in the form of the existing accounts being carried into effect by the beginning of the ensuing local financial year.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
H. M. Swaine,
Secretary.

No Order made

A letter was received from the Secretary, Technical Instruction Committee, asking the Council to appoint a Technical Committee for the Urban District for the ensuing year.
Proposed by Mr Freaney and
Seconded by Mr Dunphy

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"That the following be elected a Technical Instruction Committee for this Urban District for year 1904-05 Viz:- Very Revd. Canon Kavanagh, P.P. Very Revd. John Hunt O.S.A. Messrs David Murphy, Joseph Roche, Martin J. Delaney, John O'Sullivan, James J. O'Gorman, James B. Hearn, Andrew Cullen, Henry Ellis, and John Cahill.

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr Freaney and
Seconded by Mr Dunphy

That the following form the Street Committee for the ensuing year Viz:- Messrs Martin J. Delaney, John O'Sullivan, Patrick Gannon, James B. Hearn, Joseph Roche, David Murphy and James G. Dooley.

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr Freaney and
Seconded by Mr Dunphy

That the following form the Finance Committee for the ensuing year Viz:- Messrs James B. Hearn, John S. Hearn J.P. William Murphy, David Murphy, James J. O'Gorman, and John Grace.

Passed Unanimously

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New Ross,

13th. January 1904.

To The Chairman

and Urban Council

New Ross

Gentlemen

I respectfully offer myself as Tenant for the House now vacant in William St, and submit Two solvent Securities for your weekly rent.

Your Humbl Servant

Nicholas Basken

High Hill

New Ross

Securities

1st. Richard Forristal

Estabd Farmer Skandbo

2nd. Michael Bolger

Dealer John St New Ross

The Clerk stated the repairing of the house by P. Leacy was not yet complete, and the Meeting decided to fix the weekly rent and advertise the tenancy.

It was accordingly

Proposed by Mr Gannon and

Seconded by Mr Delaney

That the rent be 2/- per week, exclusive of taxes for which the tenant would be liable.

Passed Unanimously

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Ordered

That advertisments be issued inviting Proposals for it, same to be considered at next Meeting, to be held on 10th February.

The Clerk drew the attention of the Meeting to the fact that Mrs Cullen, Bullawn, is not paying any rent for the house occupied by her, nor was the rent fixed by the Council, and after some discussion it was Ordered, that the members of the Council be summoned to consider, at next meeting, what steps should be taken respecting the non-payment, by Mrs Cullen, of any rent for the house occupied by her.

New Ross

January 27th 1904

Gentlemen,

I beg to report the following weekly tenants owing arrears and would wish to receive instructions regarding the collection of same.

William St

John Hand	18.6
E. Broaders	12.3
J. Whitty	1.7.0
Ellen Murphy	18.6
T. Coghlan	11.3

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Anne Ryan Church Lane 15.9

C. Whitty Fairgate 19.6

Ellen Donovan " 1.4.9

P. Steacy (out of possession) 17.0

Ellen Rochford 11 9

Mr R. Thorpe Ballyroe the yearly rent 95.16.0 due to the 29th of September 1903.

Yours truly,
John Browne.
Collector.

Ordered

That the clerk deduct the weekly rent, together with 6a off the arrears from his wages. (Broaders)

That the clerk see Mr Dinn John St, with whom John Whitty is working, and try to arrange with him for payment of the rent and arrears.

That Edwd Whitty, Fair Gate, be required to enter into a Bond with two sureties for the payment of his rent.

That Mr Bryan Hennessy, who is surety for Ellen Donovan, be requested to pay £1.0.0 on account of the rent due by her.

That the clerk see Mr O'Gorman, with whom P. Steacy is working and ascertain if any arrangements can be made to have the arrears of rent paid.

That Mr Thorpe be informed if he does not pay a half

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years rent within one week legal proceedings will be taken against him.

A Notice was received from the Auditor saying he had fixed Friday 26th Inst for the audit of the accounts for year ending 31st March 1903, and the Clerk was directed to have the necessary notices issued.

Proposals were received for the old Iron and metal pipes, from James Kelly, Bewely St, who offered £1-0-0 for the lot, or 27/6 per ton, Edward Maher Neville St, who offered £1-10-0, and John Mackessy Ballintubber who offered £5 for the lot.

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr Dunphy

That Mr Maher's tender be accepted.

Passed Unanimously

An application, on behalf of Mary Sullivan, Newross, signed by a number of inhabitants was received asking the Council to recommend her to the Governors of Trinity Hospital for admission to that Institution.

Ordered

That this application be considered with the others already received, when the next vacancy occurs.

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A Proposal was received from Edward Browne Creacon for five heaps of Manure at 11/= per heap and also one from John Byrne Camblin for 2 heaps of manure at 11/= per heap, and both were ordered to be accepted.

A Letter was received from the Gas Co stating that they intend opening the road on High Hill, near Monks School for the purpose of fixing lamp to light entrance to Technical School.

Yours truly
H. Kirkham

The following Report of the Street Committee was read
The Street Committee inspected the lighting of Cross Lane and William St and they recommend the following.

Remove the present lamp from the upper part of Cross Lane ~~and William Street~~ to the house opposite the entrance to the New Church and erect a new lamp at the steps leading to new houses in William St.

The Committee strongly recommend the Council to erect a lamp in Wm St to light the 30 new houses. This lamp is very badly needed.

John O'Sullivan
Patrick Gannon
Martin J. Delaney

Jan 19. 1904

adopted
J. B. H.

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Proposed by Mr Hearn and
Seconded by Mr Delaney

That the first portion of the Report be adopted Viz That the present lamp ~~in Cross Lane~~ be removed and that a new one be erected in it, as recommended by the committee.

Passed Unanimously

The following Notice of Motion was handed in I will move at a Meeting of Urban Council to be held on Wednesday 10th February that the Names of Streets of Town be put in Irish over existing English ones and that the names of following Streets be changed Viz:- Robert St to Church St, Charles St to O'Connell St, Barrack Lane to Michaels Lane, William St to Brandon Street.

Proposed by Joseph Roche
Seconded by John Murphy

27th January 1904 J. B. Hearn Chairman

Ordered

That the members of the Council be summoned to consider it at next Meeting to be held on the 10th February 1904.

Ordered That an Estimate be obtained from the Gas Co of the probable cost of carrying out the second portion of the recommendation of the street Committee.

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Town Surveyors Report

The cleaning and metalling of the Streets and roads have been attended to, and assistance given in having the mud heaps removed. Two boatloads of stones from Dunganstown and one of limestones were delivered and carted to depots.

I have two men getting stones and shingle in the Endowed School Quarry and had some of stones carted to Mount Garret Lane to brak for the Bosheen road.

There have been five boatloads of stones broken and put out on the College road and Mount Garret Lane (Irishtown contract), exclusive of a half boatload carted from the Rosberon depot to same.

The paved channel in Quay St directed to be removed has been done, the space filled with shingle and metalled. The repairs to the flagging of footpaths in North St, South St & have been done.

Some filling and metalling have been done in Marsh Lane next Cellar Wall and will require some additional clean broken stones to raise it more.

Robert St requires a lot of broken stone filling to properly form the surface of the Street in the wide part. The stones and shingle can be got at the Endowed School. Before filling, it would be advisable to lay a 4" earthenware pipe across the Street from the trap at the gate to Commercial Hall to take the water from the North Side

Thomas Byrne

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Mr Delaney referred to the footpath leading from Cross Lane to William Street and suggested that some improvement be effected, in it, and Mr Roche thought the wide flag in flight of steps leading to it ought to be removed

Ordered

That the footpath be metalled

Mr Roche referred to the quantity of water which is apparently flowing to waste down Mary St, and suggested that it be diverted into the Upper Tank. After some discussion it was

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor report upon the possibility of having this done, and also the probable cost of carrying out same.

Mr Freaney drew attention to the grating at Mr Jeffares corner, and it was ordered that the Town Surveyor have a new grate put in it.

The letter received from Messrs Colfer & Gethin dated 13th January relative to the refusal of the D. W. & W. Railway Co to erect a permanent wall on the diverted road at Rosbercon was considered, and on the suggestion of the Chairman it

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was ordered that the blerk draw the attention of the Board of Trade to the matter and ask them to interfere and compel the company to erect a proper masonary wall so as to protect the lines and property of persons using the road.

The letter received from Mr Hamilton dated 1st December asking the Council to desist from using the unoccupied land adjoining Windmill Lane for a manure depot, or else to rent it was considered and it was

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor see Mr Hamilton, and ascertain exactly what ground he refers to.

The blerk stated that Miss Molloy called to the office in reference to the water supply main pipe to her premises in South St. The pipe was examined by Mr Hartrick who stated that a new one should be laid from Fountain in Conduit Lane, that Miss Molloy might connect with it, as the existing pipe was so much damaged that it was no use

Ordered

That Mr Hartrick be directed to lay a small iron main pipe provided the cost of doing so does not exceed £2. or £2..10..0.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 10th February 1904

T. L. Keane

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Monday 1st. February 1904.

Monthly Meeting day. No attendance of members. The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 10th. February

J. B. Keon

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Wednesday 10th. February 1904

A Meeting of the Urban District 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 other Acts connected therewith; also to consider a letter received from Mr Hamilton requesting the Council to discontinue depositing manure in the unoccupied land adjoining Windmill Lane, or else rent it; also to consider what steps should be taken respecting the non-payment by Mrs Bullen, Bullawn, of any rent for the house occupied by her; and the following Notice of Motion handed in by Mr Roche Viz:- That the names of streets of Town be put in Irish over existing English ones, and that the names of following streets be changed Viz:- Robert St to Church St, Charles St to O'Connell St, Barrack Lane to Michaels Lane and Wm. St to Brandon St.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding

John S. Hearn J.P.

William Murphy

John O'Sullivan

John Murphy

James J. O'Gorman

Joseph Roche

John Grace

David Murphy
and
Patrick Gannon

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed

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The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs James J. Gorman and Patrick Gannon and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 170	The Secretary Co Council Wexford	£307	8	10
" 171	Patrick Cleere	1	4	0
" 172	M. J. Finn Returning officers Expenses	19	7	5
" 173	M. J. Finn Petty Cash	28	6	0
" 174	John Tobin Quarters Salary as Town Clerk	12	10	0
" 175	Messrs J. Power & Co	0	18	11
" 176	G. W. Carr Income Tax	8	2	7
" 177	John J. Browne	1	9	10
" 178	Thomas Martin Quarters contract cleaning chimneys	7	6	
" 179	P. Leacy	25	9	6
" 180	William Cunningham Granagh	3	16	6
" 181	Michael Hunt Dunganstown	3	19	4
" 182	Mrs Margret Roche	19	4	0

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

New Ross Gas Company,

New Ross, 10th February 1904.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of 28th January last re estimate for Lamp in William St, we propose to fix a lamp at the lower end of new houses to face new pathway recently made to cross Lane for the sum of £5.10.0 This price is exclusive of Lamp column and lamp head, which will be owned by this Company.

Yours faithfully,

David Hunt, Sec

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Proposed by Mr Gannon and
Seconded by Mr Murphy

That the proposal of the Gas Company to erect the lamp in William St be accepted

Passed Unanimously

The Manager of the Gas Co attended, as requested at last Meeting, to afford information respecting the substitution of Incandescent lights for the ordinary light, in the public lamps.
After some discussion it was agreed that the Company be asked to quote the price, per lamp, of having incandescent burners substituted for the ordinary ones at present in use, and also that the Clerk write to the Town Clerk of Enniscorthy and ascertain the cost of having them fixed in that town, and also any other information available respecting them.

Mr Gannon referred to the unclean condition of the footpaths, and it was ordered that the Clerk get notices printed and distributed amongst householders informing them that the Council intend enforcing the 88th Section of The Towns Improvement Clauses Act 1847 in future, and the Town Surveyor, as temporary Street Inspector, was directed to take proceedings against all occupiers who failed to comply with the provisions of the section referred to.

Mr Fleming, Wexford, applied through the Clerk, for permission to to erect a temporary stall on the new footpath in Robert St, at wall of

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Mrs White's house, for the sale of objects of piety during the Mission. after some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr John S. Hearn J. P. and

Seconded by Mr O'Gorman

That no stalls be allowed to be erected in Michael St, or in Robert St lower down than the entrance to Father Prandy's house, and that none be allowed under any circumstances on the south side of Robert St.

Passed Unanimously

The Town Surveyor was directed to point out the place where they might be erected, and to take proceedings against any person who would not comply with the foregoing resolution.

The Clerk reported that he called on John Whitty as ordered at last Meeting respecting the payment of his rent, and arrears, and he promised to pay 2/3 per week until the arrears were paid off. He also said Mr O'Gorman Roberson who stated that Patrick Steacy would pay something weekly off the arrears.

John Hand had not paid any since off his rent nor had Ellen Murphy submitted the names of securities.

Edward Whitty Fairgate, offered Wm. G. Williams Quay a security for the future payment of his rent, but he would not undertake liability for any expenses which might

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be incurred.

Ordered

That Mr Williams be accepted as security for Whitty in an ordinary Bond, and that Whitty be informed he will have to pay 6d per week off the arrears until paid;
That Mrs Ellen be informed she must enter into security for the payment of her rent.

The Clerk stated that Michael Hunt of Dunganstown called to the office and desired him to inform the Council that a protecting railing would require to be put around the Quarry in Dungan-stown, to prevent accident to cattle &c. The Meeting was of opinion that no cattle or other animals had a right to be on the land adjoining the Quarry as it belonged to the Council and it was

Proposed by Mr Roche and

Seconded by Mr O'Gorman

That no fence, or pailing be erected around the Quarry.

Passed Unanimously

New Ross

February 10th. 1904

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter requesting me to submit an offer on behalf of Mr Thorpe for the purchase of his farm from the Council under the Purchase Acts, I am directed by him to offer 20 years purchase upon present rent and such offer to include

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all arrears of rent. This offer places upon the tenant an annuity of £1.. per acre.

Yours faithfully

W. F. Hearn

Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be adjourned to next Meeting the members of the Council to be summoned to consider it.

Report of Finance Committee

Finance Committee met this day (February 10th 1904) and recommend payment of following a/cs

Secretary Co Council	£307.. 8.. 10
Patrick Cleere	1.. 4.. 0
M. J. Flinn	19.. 7.. 5
Do	28.. 6.. 0
John Tobin	12.. 10.. 0
James Power & Co	.. 18.. 11
G. W. Carr	8.. 2.. 7
J. J. Browne	1.. 9.. 10
Thomas Martin	7.. 6
Patrick Leacy	25.. 9.. 6
William Cunningham	3.. 16.. 6
M. Hunt	3.. 19.. 4
Margret Roche	19.. 4.. 0

Signed

John S. Hearn

W. Murphy

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Proposed by Mr O'Gorman and
Seconded by The Chairman

That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted and the payments recommended by them be made.

Passed Unanimously

Annual Estimate and Demand by County Council on Urban District Council.

County of Wexford
Urban District of New Ross

The County Council hereby transmit to the Council of the above named Urban District the annexed Tables, showing (a) the apportionment against the Urban District of sums required to meet the Estimated Expenditure of the ensuing financial year ended 31st day of March 1 and (b) the estimated cash transactions of the County Council for or on behalf of the Urban District Council, in the said financial year. The net sum required from the Urban District Council is the sum of £1386.12.7 being the sum of £1366.19.3 in respect of separate charges.

The County Council hereby demand that the above-mentioned sum of (One thousand three hundred & eighty six Pounds Twelve Shillings and seven Pence) shall be supplied by the said Urban District Council as follows:—

By transferring, at the first Meeting of the Urban District Council, to be held in each quarter of the said financial year, out of the Urban District Fund to the credit of the County Fund

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in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank (being the Treasurer of the County Council) a sum equal to one fourth part of the sum hereinbefore demanded.

Signed by order and on behalf of County Council.

C. H. Peacoke Presiding Chairman

M. Pigott Secretary

Dated this 2nd. day of February 1904

A Statement dealing with the increase in the Rates was also received.

The Clerk stated that the increase in the County Council Demand for this year would mean an increase in the Poor Rate in the Urban District of about 5d in the £. The Union charges alone were £118.9.9 more than last year.

A lengthened discussion took place respecting the increase in the Demand, during which Mr Roche suggested that the Local Government Board be asked to send down Vice Guardians to manage the Expenditure of the Newross Board of Guardians, and dismiss the present Board.

The Chairman thought that the Poor Law Commission Reform Committee would be the proper body to bring the matter forcibly before, and he suggested that Mr Roche be appointed to represent the Council at the Local Inquiry in addition to the members already appointed.

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Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Gannon

That Mr Roche be appointed to represent the Council at the Inquiry in addition to the members already appointed

Passed Unanimously

Mr Roche handed in the following Notice of Motion
At the next Meting of the ~~N~~ Ross Urban Council to be held on 22nd. Febtruary 1904, I will move that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Local Government Board asking them to substitute the present Board of Guardians with two or three paid Guardians on account of enormous increase in the rates.

Ordered

That the members of the Council be summoned to consider it at next Meeting.

Strabane Urban District Council

Strabane,
6th. February, 1904.

Dear Sir

I beg to herewith forward you Copy of a Resolution which was passed unanimously by the above Council at their Meeting on Thursday, 4th. Inst, with reference to the introduction of the Cash on Delivery System by the Postal Authorities, and to request that you will be good enough to place same before your Council, with a view to their adoption of

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same or similar Resolution at earliest possible date.

I am

Yours respectfully

T. B. Kelly. Town Clerk.

Copy of Resolution

Proposed by Mr John M'Colgan

Seconded by Mr Philip Quigley

Resolved

"That we desire to record our most strenuous objection to the introduction of the "Cash on Delivery Post" by the Post Office Authorities in view of the great injury it would be calculated to inflict upon Traders and Shop-keepers in County Towns and Villages throughout Ireland by compelling them to meet the fierce competition of large Mercantile Firms in England, Scotland, and on the Continent, to whom the proposed System would afford an opportunity of disposing of their goods by means of spacious Advertisements, while at the same time exempting them from the ordinary business risks to which local Traders are liable.

That Copies of this Resolution be forwarded to His Majesty's Postmaster General, the Rt Hon. C. H. Hemphill K. C. M. P. Member for this division, and to the various Urban and Rural District Councils and Boards of Guardians throughout Ireland for their adoption.

Carried Unanimously.

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Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr O'Gorman

That this resolution be adopted.

Passed Unanimously

An application was received from Edward Broaders for a suit of oil clothes, and they were ordered to be supplied to him.

The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote asking for the names, Addresses, and occupations of the members of the Technical Instruction Committee recently elected by the Council.

Ordered

That the Clerk forward the desired information to the Department.

A Proposal was received from Thomas Martin to keep the chimneys of twenty six houses free from soot, or other obstruction, for one year, from 1st. February for £1..10..0 and offered Patrick Whitty and James Hogan as his sureties.

Ordered

That Thomas Martin's Proposal be accepted.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Scheme settled by the High Court of Chancery for the regulation of the Charity called the

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Trinity Hospital Newross Hereby give you Notice that Colonel Charles George Tottenham D.L. as representing the Heirs of Thomas Gregory Esquire deceased, and James Edward Galavan Esquire the Master, being the Governing Body of the said Charity will meet on Wednesday the second day of March next ensuing for the purpose of nominating one fit and proper person to fill up a vacancy in the said Hospital.

Dated this 4th day of February 1904

Thomas Boyd

Treasurer and Secretary to said Hospital

Ordered That the members of the Council be summoned to attend next Meeting to recommend to the Governors of Trinity Hospital, a fit and proper person to be nominated by them for admission to that Institution.

An Estimate was received from Messrs Hastrick amounting to £5.1.4 for laying a new inch iron main water pipe in Conduit Lane and Stable Lane, and it was considered too high and the Clerk was directed to ask Miss Molloy to take her supply from South St Main pipe.

Applications were received from Nicholas Cassin High Hill and Richard Wickham Wm St for the tenancy of the house on Wm St recently repaired. The former offered

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Michael Bolger John St, New Ross, and Richard Forrestal Shanbough Co Kilkenny, and the latter Messrs James Walsh South St and James P. Kennedy as Sureties.

Proposed by Mr Roche and

Seconded by Mr Cannon

"That Richard Wickham be accepted as tenant."

Mr John Murphy proposed that Nicholas Cassin be accepted but the proposition was not seconded. Mr Roche's proposition was carried, Mr John Murphy dissenting.

Town Surveyor's Report

I had the men and two horses for a week carting stones from Endowed School Quarry to the Boskeen road, spreading and breaking the stones on the surface of the road, it would take another weeks work to make it fairly right.

Some additional metalling was put out on the college road and Mountgarret Lane. Metalling was also put out on the branch road up by Mr Boyd's on the Waterford road. North St and Quay St. Sam filling and forming the lower part of Michael St with shingle broken on the surface.

A new grating has been set outside Mr Jeffares at the front of Mary St. There was a boatload of limestones carted to the Windmill Lane.

At present there are eight boatloads of stones on the Quay for metalling and as they must be removed as soon as possible additional horses will have to be employed.

I saw Mr Hamilton in his office re the waste ground

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in Windmill Lane, he claims the space on the South side after taking off the width of the Street which I find to be over 30 feet between the houses. The manure and stone depots exceed this by a couple of feet only. On the Town Wall there is one heap of manure on Col Tottenham's ground, a heap that was with others sold some time ago to Mr Rice, but is not yet removed. On the East of Town Wall side the boundary of Col Tottenham's ground as well as I could judge from the office map, and looking at the ground, is defined by a fence and what appears to be the foundation of some houses that existed years ago.

Mrs Carty was from home when I called about permission to take the overflow water from the well in her yard.

Thomas Byrne

Ordered

That the report be adopted, and that the Surveyor be authorized to employ two horses temporarily at a hire not exceeding 5/- per day for each.

That no manure be deposited in future on the portion of the ground, in Windmill Lane belonging to Colonel Tottenham, and that Mr Rice be asked to remove the heap there at present.

A Certificate was received from the Town Surveyor that

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Patrick Leacy had completed the house in Wm St according to Specification.

A Letter was received from the Board of Trade acknowledging of communication respecting the pailing on the diverted road at Rosberon, and stating that same would have attention

The consideration of the Notice of Motion handed in by Mr Roche on 27th January respecting the placing of the names of the Streets in Irish over the English names, and also the changing of the names of some of them was next taken up.

The Chairman explained that if the names of any of the Streets were changed, any resident or owner of property in those streets could obtain an injunction against the Council, and all the members present at the Meeting, would be held personally liable for the costs of same. It would therfore be necessary to obtain the consent of those persons before proceeding further in the matter.

Mr Roche stated that he was unaware of the legal aspect of the matter when he handed in the notice of Motion, and he would now propose that the question of changing the names of the Streets be referred to the Street Committee.

This was Seconded by Mr John Murphy and Passed Unanimously.

Proposed by Mr Roche and

Seconded by Mr John Murphy.

That the names of the Streets except Robert St, Charles St, William St, and Barrack Lane be

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put in Irish, over the English names.

Passed Unanimously

As there is a possibility of the names of those Streets being changed it was not considered advisable to put the names in Irish, over the English ones for the present.

Ordered

That the Clerk obtain an estimate of the cost of having the names put up in English and Irish from the different Carpenters in town.

The Meeting proceeded to fix the rent of the house occupied by Mrs Cullen Bullawn and Mr John S. Hearn proposed that the weekly rent be 2/6, but the proposition, which was not seconded, was withdrawn.

Proposed by Mr Roche and

Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That the weekly rent be one Shilling.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the Clerk inform Mrs Cullen of the rent which has been fixed, and that if she does not pay same the Council will have to take up possession of the house

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The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 21th. February 1904

J. L. Dean

Wednesday 21th. February 1904

A meeting of The Urban District Council to be held this day at ½ 30 o'clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider a proposal from Mr W. H. Dean Solr., on behalf of Mr Richard Thorpe of twenty years purchase for his farm, same to include arrears of rent; to recommend to the Governors of Trinity Hospital a fit and proper person to be nominated by them for admission to that Institution, at their meeting to be held on 2nd. March, also the following Notice of Motion by Mr Roche Viz:- "At the next meeting of the New Ross Urban Council to be held on 21th. February 1904 I will move that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Local Government Board asking them to substitute the present Board of Guardians with two or three paid Guardians on account of enormous increase in the rate."

No Member of the Council attended.

The Meeting was adjourned to Monday 29th. February 1904

J. L. Dean

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Monday 29th February 1904

An adjourned Meeting of The New Ross 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 and other Acts Connected therewith; also the business of Meeting which was to have been held on the 22nd Inst.

Present Messrs James D. Hearn Chairman, presiding.
John O'Sullivan
Joseph Roche
John Murphy
David Murphy
Patrick Gamon
William Murphy
and
James J O'Gorman

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs James J O'Gorman and John Murphy and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:- No 153 - Griffin Petty Cash £28.2.3.

An application was received from Mr James Connolly for permission to erect a hoarding outside the premises of Messrs Molloy & O'Sullivan Conduit Lane, and of Mrs

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Kelly's store Priory St. and to breech a sliding door on the outside of wall. he undertaking to reset the flagging disturbed, properly.

Ordered

That both those applications be granted.

It was also ordered that the Gas Co be directed to fix an incandescent burner on the Newly erected lamp in William St.

A letter was read from the Law Insurance Office, in which the Rotbel is insured, stating that the Workhouse Agency, formerly held by Mr C. W. Carr, had now been placed in the hands of Mr Pope, with whom the Council would in future communicate on any matter relative to the insurance.

No Order made.

The following resolution, received from the Edenderry (No 1) Kings Co. Rural District Council was, on the motion of Mr Roche, seconded by Mr David Murphy, unanimously adopted. Viz:-

"That the local Members of Parliament and Mr J. E. Redmond M.P. be requested to have an Act passed closing all public houses on St Patrick's day, and that no fairs, markets, or meetings of public bodies, be held that day".

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The following Correspondence was read:-

Chamber of Commerce

Newross 24th Febry 1904

The Presiding Chairman

Urban Comal

Newross

Dear Sir

I have been directed by the Council of the Chamber of Commerce to ask your permission to put some Beams under the floor of Reading Room, the work to be done under the supervision and to the satisfaction of your Surveyor.

Yours truly

Joseph Freeman

Hon Sec

Proposed by Dr John Murphy and Seconded by Dr Gannon

"That the required permission be given to the Chamber of Commerce"

Passed Unanimously

The Secretary, Department of Agriculture wrote acknowledging receipt of List of Members of Technical Instruction Committee for ensuing year.

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New Ross Rural District
New Ross 24th February 1904

Dear Sir

I have been requested to inform you, and request you to bring under the notice of the Urban Council that the Rural District Council have appointed a Committee of Clergymen, District Councillors and others to draw up a scheme for consideration as to the proposed adoption of the Public Libraries (Ireland) Acts.

Before the matter comes up for a decision thereon, it is intended to make an application to Mr Carnegie for a grant such as he has given in other places and Districts for the Establishment of Public Libraries. The Committee would be pleased to learn if the Urban District Council could join or assist in making the application or if they would be willing to confer with a Deputation from the above mentioned committee on the subject. We are aware, of course, that if the Urban Council adopted the Act of 1894, they would work independently of the Rural District Committee, and carry on proceedings according to their own views altogether. But if Mr Carnegie knew that the Urban Council would be prepared to establish a Public Library in New Ross, the Chief town of South West Wexford, he would probably, almost certainly, be more disposed to make a liberal grant to each District. If the Urban Council are willing to have a conference with the Committees deputation on the subject will you please inform me of the day and hour they would regard as most suitable

Yours truly
P. Co. Pope Hon Sec

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Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be adjourned to next meeting of the Council, the members to be summoned to consider it, and also the adoption of The Public Libraries Act, and that they be informed same will mean an addition to the rates of 1d in the £

Board of Trade
(Railway Department)
7 Whitehall Gardens
London S.W.
17th February 1904

Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 3rd inst. calling attention to the fencing of a certain bridge over the New Ross and Waterford Extension Railway, I am directed by the Board of Trade to transmit to you, for the information of your Council the enclosed copy of a reply from the Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company to a communication addressed to them from this Department on the subject. I am to add that the matter will be brought to the notice of the Inspecting Officer who may hereafter be appointed to inspect the Railway prior to its Opening for passenger traffic

I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Herbert Jekyll

The Clerk of the Council

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"The following is a copy of the letter referred to:-

New Ross and Waterford Extension Railway

D W & W^{ds} Railway

Dublin 11th February 1904

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 9th inst (R 1584) I am desired to state for the information of the Board of Trade that the fencing of the diverted road referred to by the New Ross Urban Council consists of a strong post and rail fence, similar to that adopted by this and other Railway Companies under like circumstances.

My Directors are advised that the fence is sufficient and suitable, and, moreover, that a wall could not safely be erected at the present time. The road approaches in question are on a newly made up bank, up to sixteen feet in height, and owing to settlement, which will continue for a considerable time, no satisfactory wall could be built. Apart from this temporary difficulty, my Directors submit that no sufficient grounds can be shewn for requiring the erection of a wall in substitution for the existing fence.

I am &c

M. F. Keogh Secretary

Ordered

That the Clerk write to The Board of Trade and thank them for the information contained in their letter, and ask them to kindly notify the Council of the date, upon which the inspection of the line will be made, that the Chairman of the Council may be enabled to call upon the inspector and

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point out to him fully what the Council complain of in the existing fence.

The following resolution, received from the Honorary Secretaries of the Catholic Graduates, and Undergraduates Association, Dublin, was on the Motion of Dr Wm Murphy, seconded by Dr John Murphy unanimously adopted Viz:-

"That we approve of, and adopt the resolution, passed at a General Meeting of the Catholic Graduates, and Undergraduates Association, which demands an immediate settlement of the University Question in view of what is now universally admitted to be the utterly inadequate provision for University Education in Ireland."

Letters were received from Dr Hickey, and Dr Michael Hickey, acknowledging the vote of Sympathy, passed by the Council with them on the occasion of the death of their mother

Proposed by Dr David Murphy and
Seconded by Dr Roche

"That we tender to Mrs Hickey, and her immediate relatives and friends, our sincere Sympathy and Condolence in the great loss she has sustained

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in the death of her dear daughter, whose rare qualities, and accomplished manners endeared her to all her acequaintances"

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That a copy of the foregoing resolution be sent to Mrs Kierney, Dr Keehan, and Mr John Keehan.

New Ross Gas Co
New Ross 23rd February 1904

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of 18th inst, I am directed to say that we will supply suitable lamps with incandescent burners in place of the existing burners and lamps, at an extra Charge of seven shillings per lamp per year and we will deal similarly with the Choked Lamp at an increased price of £2 per year. As regards the maintenence of these lamps, we propose supplying and fixing renewal mantles and Chimneys whenever necessary and charging same to you Council at Cost price

Yours faithfully
David Hunt Secretary

The following was received from the Clerk of the Enniscorthy Urban Council in reference to the lighting of that town —

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Enniscorthy 16th February 1904

Dear Sirs

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst.
The Lamp Pillars, heads, and Burners are all the
property of the Gas Company who also maintain
them. Our Contract is £2-14-0 each lamp, 7/= per
lamp extra for all lamps fitted with No 3 incandescent
burners giving 75 Candle power. The Mantles used
are also extra. The Gas Co erect or remove lamps
to suit the Convenience of the Council free of Charge.

P Shaw
Clerk of Council

Ordered

That the Members of the Council be noticed
to attend Next Meeting to Consider Advisability of using
incandescent burners on the public lamps, and that the
Clerk endeavour to ascertain further particulars from
the Town Clerk of Enniscorthy.

A Communication was received from the Committee,
in Charge of the Arrangements for the St Patrick's
day Demonstration, asking the Council to March
as a body in the procession on that day, and
it was proposed by Mr David Murphy, and
Seconded by Mr Roche - "That the Council
March as a body in the procession on that day"

Passed Unanimously

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The following report of the Collector was read:-

New Ross February 29th 1904

Gentlemen -

I beg to report that I called on Mrs Cullen of the Bullawn New Ross on the 18th February but could not get admittance. I also called on the 22nd inst and saw Mrs Cullen and asked her for rent. She said she would not pay rent, or never did pay any rent.

Rents due by tenants - William St -

John Hand 18/=, John Whitty £1-6-6.

Ellen Murphy 18/3. Anne Ryan Church Lane 17/=, Edwd. Whitty Fair Gate 16/9

Ellen Donovan £1-6-0. James Steacy Bullawn 17/= out of occupation.

John J Browne Collector

A discussion took place respecting the action to be taken regarding those tenants, during which it was stated by the Clerk that Ellen Murphy Wm. St. Mrs Edwd. Whitty Fair Gate had no sureties for the payment of their rent, and that those of John Whitty, were Joseph Knight Bewley St and Patrick Browne. whom the meeting did not regard as satisfactory. Mrs Bryan Kennessy was surety for John Hand and Ellen Donovan.

Ordered

"That our Solicitors be instructed to obtain possession of the house occupied by Mrs Cullen Bullawn"

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Proposed by Cor Hearn and
Seconded by Cor John Murphy

That Notice to Quit be served on John Whitty, and that no settlement be made with him unless he pays £1 Off the arrears and gives two sureties, whom the Council will approve of instead of those he has at present.

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Cor Hearn and
Seconded by Cor Cooke

That Notice be also served on Edwd. Whitty Fair Gate, Ellen Donovan Folly Lane, and Ellen Murphy, William St. and that the resolution of the Council already passed respecting arrears of rent be carried out.

Passed Unanimously.

Ordered

That Cor Bryan Hennessy be applied to for payment of the arrears of rent due by Mrs Ellen Donovan, and John Hand, for whom he is surety; and that he be reminded of his liability for any expense which may be incurred in obtaining possession of the house occupied by John Hand.

The following resolution, received from the Listowel Town Tenants Association, was, on the motion of Cor John Murphy,

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Seconded by Mr David Murphy unanimously adopted Viz:

"That we hereby request the Irish Party
"to include in the amendment to the Land acts
"a clause empowering local authorities to
"purchase grounds rents, either directly or
"from the landlords, on whose estates the towns
"or villages are built, or from the Estates Commissioners,
"and all lands within the area of their
"jurisdiction, as the profits of such transfer,
"instead of going into the pockets of private
"individuals, would tend to the reduction of local
"taxation, giving local bodies the power of building
"artizans dwellings at less expense than at present
"owing to the saving that would be effected in
"the cost of sites, and otherwise using or letting
"for public or other purposes the land thus
"acquired"

Applications were received for the tenancy of the house in William St, lately occupied by Richard Wickham, from James Somers, John Farrell, Catherine Kelly and Nicholas Cassin, and it was proposed by Mr Gannon and seconded by Mr Roche "That James Somers be accepted as tenant"

Passed Unanimously

A Notification was received from the Gas Co of their intention to open the street outside Mr Denis John St to repair a leak in the suppey pipe.

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The Town Surveyor reported that the Metalling and cleaning of the streets and roads have been attended to, and the Road scrapings removed off the streets as soon as possible. The lower part of Michael Street has been raised considerably with stones from the Endowded School Quarry, broken over the surface and topped with sand and furnace ashes.

The surface of the Shiptown Street was cleaned and a quantity of broken stones used to fill in the very bad parts of the surface. The scrapings on Boheen were made tidy and the sides cleaned. I got some loads of stones carted from the Quay to the depot. Two men are getting out stones in Endowded School Quarry. The house on the Pullawn occupied by Mrs Cullen wants looking to badly, the roof, viewing it from the outside, looks as if it will shortly require to be re-slated. I went with Mr Dorgin Engineer to visit the streams at Ballywilliam, Ballinaluna, Drummond and Clodiah on Saturday, 20th inst. Mr James Connolly has without permission of the Council erected a hoarding across Conduit Lane, thereby blocking the traffic in this Lane, except a narrow footway. It will be necessary to put up a privy and ashpit in the yard of the house on William Street lately let to Richard Wickham — Thomas Byrne

Proposed by Dr Gannon and
Seconded by The Chairman

"That the report of the Down Surveyor be adopted, and that the privy and ashpit be erected by him in the yard of the house on William St"

Passed Unanimously

"The proposal of Dr Thorpe to purchase his farm at twenty years purchase, same to include arrears, was considered and after some discussion it was Proposed by The Chairman and Seconded by Dr David Murphy

That Dr Thorpe be asked to re-consider his offer for the purchase of his farm, and that he be informed if a reasonable increase is made in it the Council will favourably consider the advisability of selling to him"

Passed Unanimously

The Notice of Motion handed in by Dr Roche respecting the appointment of Vice Guardians instead of the present Board of Guardians, was withdrawn by him, as owing to the formation of a Ratepayers Protection Association in the meantime he did not consider it necessary to move same.

It was ordered that Wm Byrne D.S. be re-appointed

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Street Inspector until next Meeting at a Salary of 10/= per week.

Proposed by Dr Gannon and Seconded by Dr O'Gorman

"That Dr Henry Ryan of High Hill Newbox, be recommended to the Governors of Trinity Hospital to be nominated by them for admission to that Institution"

Passed Unanimously

J. B. Kearn

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 9th March

Monday 7th March 1904

Monthly Meeting day.

No attendance of Members. The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 9th March 1904.

J. B. Kearn

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Wednesday 9th March 1904

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this day at 6.30 Oblock P.M. to transact business of the Committee for the stated Finance meeting of the Council.

Present Messrs J Dexter, William Murphy and John L. Dearn J.P.

Edward Whitty Fair Gate attended before the committee in reference to the non payment of his rent, as a result of which "Notice to Quit" was served on him.

The Committee agreed to accept 3/ per week, in addition to the rent, as payment of the arrears due by him and he promised to get Mr Wm G. Williams to go security for him for the future payment of his rent.

They also examined a number of bills presented for payment, and having prepared their report, approved.

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Wednesday 9th March 1904

A meeting of the Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith; also to consider a letter received from Dr Pope asking to have a committee of the Council appointed to confer with a committee of the Rural District Council respecting the establishment of Public Free Libraries, and application to Dr Carnegie for a grant for same; also the advisability of adopting The Free Libraries Acts in the Urban District, which would mean an addition of 1d in the £ to the rates, and to consider proposal of the Gas Co to substitute incandescent for ordinary burners, on the public lamps, at an additional charge of seven shillings per Year, and maintain them at cost price

Present Messrs James B Kearns Chairman presiding
" " William Dempsey
John L Kearns J.P.
John O Sullivan
Patrick Murphy
Michael Feeney
Joseph Roche
John Murphy
and
Martin J. Delaney

The minutes of previous meeting were read and Signed.

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The Treasurers Authority for making Payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Michael Feaney and John Brophy and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 184- Jno Gardner C.E. Fees - Inishtown Sewer - £20.15.7

" 185 - Michael Hunt Quarrying Stones 1-19-8

" 186 - Patrick Carroll Freight on Stones 5-2-0

" 187 - Patrick Cleere do 1-4-0

" 188 - John Dolan Do Superannuation to 6.10 3-2-6

" 189 - John Barron Poor Rate 2-5-11

" 190 - Mr Flinn Quarter Salary J. Clerk 25-0-0

" 191 - Do Petty Cash 29-15-5

" 192 - John J Browne Commission 2-11-1

" 193 - Wm Cunningham Limestone 2-11-0

- 194 - Mr Flinn Increase of Petty Cash 5-0-0

The Clerk reported that "Notice to Quit" had been served on John Whitty Wm St. Ellen Brophy Wm St. Ellen Donovan Folly Lane, and Edwd Whitty Fair Gate, and ordered at last Meeting. Since then Mrs Donovan paid 19/6 off the Arrears, and Edwd Whitty attended a Meeting of the Finance Committee and promised to pay 3/ per week off the arrears, and get Mr Wm J. Williams Quay St to enter into a bond for the payment of his rent. John Whitty or Ellen Brophy did not make any definite arrangements for the payment of their rent

Ordered

That the Councils Solicitor be instructed to take up

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possession of the houses occupied by John Whitty and Ellen Dunphy Wm St. and that further proceedings against the other two tenants be abandoned for the present.

The following correspondence was read:-

Offices, Newross

2nd March 1904

Gentlemen,

I beg to notify to you that Colonel Charles George Tottenham D.L. as representing the Heirs Of Thomas Gregory, and James Edward Galavin Esq J.P. the Master of Trinity Hospital, being the governing body of said Hospital, at their meeting held this day, appointed Margaret Connolly, as being a proper person duly qualified to fill the vacancy in said Hospital.

Thomas Boyd

Secretary to Hospital

The Urban District Council

Newross

Proposed by John O'Sullivan and

Seconded by John Stearn J.P.

"That this Council assent to the nomination of Mrs Margaret Connolly for admission to Trinity Hospital"

Passed Unanimously

The clerk was directed to inform the Secretary, that the Council expects, that when the next vacancy occurs the person recommended

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buy them will be admitted.

Board of Trade
London S.W. 4th March 1904

New Ross and Waterford Extension Railway

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Trade to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. on the above subject, and to state that the date of the inspection of the line will be notified to your Council as requested.

I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Herbert Jekyll

No Order Made.

A letter was received from Mrs Caulfield Wm St, stating that she intended to surrender possession of the house occupied by her, on Saturday 12th March, and an application was received from James Cahill, postman, Wexford St, for the tenancy of it.

Ordered

That the tenancy of it be advertised, and that proposals for same be considered at Meeting to be held on the 23rd inst.

A letter was received from the Hon Secretaries of the St Patrick's day Demonstration Committee, informing the Council that the position assigned to them in the procession, was immediately before

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the St Marys Band.

It was agreed that the Council Meet on the Quay, and take their place in the procession.

A circular letter was received from Inspr Treacy and Hanlon North St offering to supply, Sashes, Rosettes, or any other distinguishing badge which the Council might require for the occassion, but there was no order made respecting it.

6 Mary St
Rebecca 2nd March 1904

Dear Sir

As I was security for James Doyle who occupied a house in Folly Lane he having left sometime ago, you will please cross my name off as being Security for the present tenant

Faithfully Yours
L Byrne

Ordered

That Mrs Byrne be informed the necessary steps will be taken to have the present occupant of the house legally accepted as tenant, and that they cannot relieve her of the responsibility under her Deed until they have obtained legal possession of the house.

That the present occupant be informed that if he does not send in a formal proposal for the tenancy of the house and

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give security for the payment of the rent proceedings will be taken against him for trespass

A letter was received from the Local Government Board dated 2nd March 1904 No 11/698, asking whether the provisions of The Public Libraries (Ireland) Act 1855 have been adopted in the Urban District, and if so the date of such adoption.

Ordered

That the Local Government Board be informed the Act has not been adopted in the Urban District.

Dungarvan 2nd March 1904

Dear Sir,

Please let the Comal know that Capt Glascott is willing to send his boat, and boatmen, to draw the stones from their quarry, at the same price as Pat Carroll. There were only two boatloads of stones drew for the last month. Carroll seems to be too busy at the sand, he is not drawing the stones, and I want to have them taken out of the way for to get an opportunity of clearing the Quarry.

Yours faithfully
Michael Kenrick

Proposed by Mr Freaney and
Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

"That Capt Glascott be employed to draw the stones from Dungarvan Quarry, provided he does so at the same rate as Carroll Viz:- 1/= per ton"

Passed Unanimously

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The following report of the Auditor was received from the Local Government Board Viz:-

Monkstown

29th February 1904

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Newtown Urban District for the financial year ended 31st March 1903, and transmit herewith, certified copies of same showing the receipts and expenditure classified under the several heads of account. The rates levied for the period were:- Poor Rate 3/8 in the £, Other Urban rates 1/2.

The corporate estate rental contains several items of arrears which have been carried forward for a great many years, and which, I am informed, there is no possibility of collecting; it would be desirable that these should be carefully reviewed by the Council and such as are irrecoverable struck off. At the same time I would point out that where any loss of this kind should in future arise through negligence of the Collector, or inaction on the part of the Council, I must hold the persons responsible for such loss, personally liable under Section 20 Local Government Act 1902.

A most unwarrantable delay occurred in preparing the rental for audit; this should have been completed within one month from the close of the financial year.

The Collector appears to have waited for the Town Clerk.

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to balance the account which that Officer was good enough to do for sometime after the Collector was appointed. It is most unreasonable to expect that the Town Clerk could continue to do this in view of the large amount of work devolving on his Office, which he so efficiently conducts. I have warned the Collector that if such delays again occur I shall be obliged to take serious notice of it. In the rental of Artizans' Dwellings there are also a number of arrears which the Comal should take immediate steps to recover, having regard to the arrangement whereby the Collector is prohibited from acting without their Orders. I shall be obliged to hold the members of the Comal liable for any loss that may be sustained, provided these matters have been duly reported to them by the Collector.

The various items of receipts set forth on the abstract have been duly accounted for, and the expenditure adequately vouched: the accounts of these were prepared and submitted by the Town Clerk in a satisfactory manner

I have the honour to be

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servant

J. A. Baker

The Local Government Board

Dublin

Ordered

That a meeting of the Finance Committee be held on Wednesday 23rd inst at 6 Oclock P.M. to go into the matters referred to by the Auditor.

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Mrs Feeney, Quay St, wrote acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed by the Council, at their last meeting, on the occassion of the death of her daughter.

A certificate was received from Dr Dwyer that James Keiltly, one of the Council's workmen, was suffering from Bronchial Cattarh, but the Town Surveyor reported that he had resumed work and there was no Order made.

County Surveyor's Office
Wexford 1st March 1904

Dear Sir

The Local Government Board have authorized me to expend all the arrears on Philip Kelly's contract from Greywell to the Urban bounds above the Irishtown. The Amount due to the 31st March will be £11-14-0. Of course I shall be unable to certify for this money unless I am satisfied with the work done by your Council on this road. The road through Irishtown requires considerable repairs

Yours faithfully
A. Webster
County Surveyor.

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In Conjunction with the County Surveyor's letter, the following report of the Town Surveyor was read -

Gentlemen,

I got 100 carts of Stones from the Endowed School Quarry put down and broken on the Irishtown since last Meeting. The Street at the Good Shepherd Convent is very bad, there is no crust whatever on the road, the public have to make their way, as best they can, thro' the Yellow Clay. I got some additional material spread on the Rosheen Road. I got part of the Windmill Lane filled in the centre of the street. Some patching has been done on Quay, Neville St and Roslerton. Some loads of limestones were delivered by Mrs Roche. The yard gate in Henry St was falling asunder. I got it repaired, the bolt re-fixed, and a new padlock. The padlock was broken next day. The cleaning of the streets was attended to, and the mud removed as soon as possible.

Thos Byrne

Ordered

That a Meeting of the Street Committee be held on Friday 11th Inst at 11 Oclock A.M. to consider letter from County Surveyor, report of Town Surveyor, and select depot for broken stones, also to ascertain from officials of Newtown Union if arrangements could be made to have stones broken by the inmates.

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Mansion House
Dublin 1st March 1904

Gentlemen,

A Provisional Committee to promote the holding in Dublin of an Exhibition of Irish Arts, Industries, Manufactures, and Resources, was formed at a meeting recently held under the Presidency of Mr Charles Dawson, Chairman of the Exhibition of Irish Arts and Manufactures 1882.

The Exhibition of 1882, as you are doubtless aware, resuscitated many dying Irish Industries, and revived the, in 1882, rapidly decaying Irish Woollen and Irish paper Manufactures. An Exhibition on similar lines now, it is the conviction of the provisional Committee, and of the Irish Manufacturers whom they have consulted, is sure of permanent benefit to the Country, and greatly extend both the home and foreign trade in goods of Irish Manufacture.

The Committee desire to remind you that the International Exhibition held in Dublin in 1853, besides proving financially disastrous to its promoters, ruined or destroyed many then-existing Irish industries, and led to the dissolution of the Board of Irish Manufacture which had been guiding the Country to industrial prosperity. The International Exhibition of 1865 was also financially a failure and inflicted further injury on Irish Industries and

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Manufactures. A Public meeting will be held at the Mansion House at an early date in support of the project to hold an Irish Exhibition on the lines of the successful Exhibition of 1882.

We shall be glad to receive from your body an expression of opinion in favour of the project and to learn that you will appoint a delegation to attend the meeting.

We are, Yours Sincerely,
Joseph Hutchinson Lord Mayor
William Coffey High Sheriff
Charles Dawson
Edward Martyn
Patrick O'Daly Secretary Gaelic League
Walter Cole Hon Sec Pro Committee

A lengthened discussion took place on the reading of this Circular, Mr Roche contending that an International Exhibition would be more beneficial to the industries of Ireland than a National one, whilst Messrs John and David Dunphy and John O'Sullivan were of a contrary opinion.

Eventually it was

Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr Dunphy

"That the Secretary of the Provisional Committee of the proposed National Exhibition be informed that this meeting expresses its opinion in favour of a National Exhibition"

Passed – Mr Roche dissenting.

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Report of Finance Committee:-

The Finance Committee recommend the following payments (see list at commencement of Minutes) and that the Petty Cash on hands with the Clerk be increased by £5.

William Murphy

James Deane

John Deane

Proposed by Mr David Murphy and Seconded by Mr Wm Murphy

"That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted and the payments recommended by them be made"

Passed Unanimously

It was also Ordered that the balance standing to the Credit of the Loans a/c No 2 be transferred to the Current a/c as Mr Gardiner's bill of fees has to be paid out of the latter, the amount to credit of Loans a/c being insufficient.

"The consideration of adopting The Public Libraries (Ireland) Acts, and the advisability of appointing a Committee to confer with the Committee appointed by the Rural District Council, respecting the establishment of Free Libraries in the District, and the making of an application to Mr Carnegie for a grant in aid of their establishment, was next taken up and after some discussion it was

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Proposed by John L Dearn J.P. and
Seconded by Martin J Delaney

"That this Council do not adopt the Public Libraries (Ireland) Acts, as they are of opinion there are sufficient number of existing libraries in the Urban District to meet the demand for them"

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That Dr Pope be informed of the decision of the Council on the matter, and also that they are not willing to join with the Rural District Council in making application to Mr Carnegie for a grant.

The letter received from the gas Co proposing to substitute incandescent burners on the public lamps, for the ordinary burners, at an increased price, as specified in the letter was considered, as well as the following received from the Clerk of the Enniscorthy Urban Council

Enniscorthy 4th March 1904

Dear Sir Sirs

In reply to your letter of the 1st Inst. I beg to say that our contract is for only eight months of the year at £2.14.0 each lamp. The lamps are lighted from half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise, the five bright nights in each Moon excepted, and the third and fourth nights after full Moon. Lamps

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Lamps to be extinguished at Droomrise.

Yours Faithfully
J. Law.

Ordered

That the Consideration of the matter be further adjourned to next Meeting the Clerk to ascertain in the meantime the price of gas in Enniscorthy to private Consumers.

Ordered

That Mr Byrne D.S. be re-appointed Street Inspector until next Meeting at the usual remuneration.

Ordered

That the Gas Co be requested to have the Lamps in Robert St lighted on the full moon nights up to 11 Oclock P.M.

A discussion took place respecting the manner in which the hall do be obstructed by persons who congregate there, especially on wet days, and after some consideration it was

Proposed by Mr John L'Estrange J.P. and
Seconded by Mr John Brophy

That Notice be posted in the hall of the Tholsel cautioning persons against loitering there and informing them that any one found doing

So, will be prosecuted".

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 23rd March 1904

John S Heavy

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Wednesday 23rd March 1904

A Meeting of The Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oblock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854. and other Acts Connected therewith.

Present Messrs John L. Deane J.P. presiding
Michael Freaney
John Murphy
John O'Sullivan
and
David Murphy

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John Murphy, and Michael Freaney, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-
No 196- In favour of Petty Cash. £3-10-5

The Clerk reported that Mrs Ellen Murphy, and John Whitty both of William St, had given up the Keys of their houses, possession of which was ordered to be taken up at last Meeting. Both owed arrears of rent, and Mrs Whitty asked if the Council would accept the arrears, in weekly instalments, rather than proceed against the securities, but the Consideration of

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the matter was adjourned to a meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on Wednesday 30th Inst at 5 Oblock P.M.

A postcard was received from the Secretaries of Gaelic League Newtown, stating that the postponed procession will be held on Sunday, when the programme arranged for St Patricks day will be carried out.

Ordered

That the premises of the Comical Creek on the Quay as arranged at previous meeting.

A Paying Order for £33-19-10 being Estate (formerly Probate) Duty Grant for year ending 31st March 1904 was received from the Chief Secretary and it was Ordered to be lodged to the Credit of the Comical.

Applications were received from Mr Hearn Hon Sec. John Doyle Quay &c and George Moran Norther for a renewal of the registration of their premises for the sale of Mixed explosives; and from George Moran for a renewal of the license for his gunpowder store in Maiden Lane and on the motion of Mr David Murphy, seconded by Mr John Murphy the applications were granted unanimously.

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The following was received from the Local Government Board:-

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give Notice that in pursuance of the power conferred upon them by the Public Works Loans Act, 1897 (60 & 61 Vict Cap 57, s.1), they have been pleased to direct by their Minute of the 3rd. March 1904, that on loans granted out of the Local Loans Fund, on the security of local rates, subsequently to the date of that Minute, there shall be chargeable in lieu of the rates of interest fixed by the Treasury Minute of the 18th January 1900 the following rates of interest viz:-

Period of Repayment	Rate of Interest
Not exceeding 30 years	3½ per Cent per Annum
" " 30 "	3¾ " " "
" " 40 "	4 " " "
" " 50 "	4¼ " " "

No Order made

A letter was received from Messrs Cooper & Gethin advising the Council as to the payment of rates on the premises in Bramley portion of which is in occupation of Mr Hickey, and the remaining portion in occupation of the Workingmen's Club. They suggested to the Council the advisability of accepting the terms proposed by Mr Hickey.

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Ordered That the advice of the Comrals Solicitors in this matter be carried out.

A Sealed Order was received from the Local Government Board fixing the amount for auditing accounts for Year ended 31st March 1903 at £6.6.0 and it was ordered to be paid at next finance meeting of the Comrcil.

A letter was received from the Local Government Board dated 22nd March 1904 No 41,423/1903 asking for a copy of the Notice of Town Rate made for current financial Year, and the Clerk stated he had forwarded same.

The Town Surveyor reported that Some repairs to the metalling of the streets and roads have been carried out. Additional stones from the Endowed School quarry have been carted to and broken on the Rosheen. Some on the Irishtown and Fair Gate.

Some loadloads of stones have been carted to the depots.

Two lighter loads of stones from Dungarstown were delivered by Mr Glascotts boat. Mrs Roches boat delivered one load of limestones, and Wbeleare one load also.

I got the galvanized shed in yard of Galavins house coated with black varnish

The gate to the yard in Henry st has been injured and the lock

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and staple taken off.

The paving of Conduit Lane has been repaired.

The cleaning of the street and removal of mud Scrapings have been attended to. I got Mr Cullen to lay a concrete water table outside the footpath in Bedford St.

Thomas Pyne

23rd March 1904

Ordered

That the report of the Town Surveyor be adopted, and that the Clerk draw the attention of the police to the breaking of the lock, and injuring of the gate of Henry St Yard.

Quotations were received from John Shaw & Co Glasgow and Robert Costello Waterford for 2" water drain iron piping and it was ordered that quotations be obtained from some local traders, and that it be ordered from whoever will supply it the cheapest.

A letter was received from the Town Clerk Enniscorthy stating that the price of gas to private Consumers there is 5/- per thousand Cubic feet, but if used for gas stoves or ranges the price is Only 4/-.

Ordered

That the Clerk write to the New Ross gas Co and ask them

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to reduce the price of gas for public lighting, and also to private consumers, as the Council observe that the price charged in Newross is in excess of that of any of the other towns of the County.

It was agreed to adjourn the consideration of having incandescent burners placed on some of the public lamps until the next Contract will be entering into with the Gas Co for the public lighting of the town.

Monkstown
29th February 1904

No 12716/1904
Newross Urban District
Committee of Technical
Instruction

Gentlemen

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Newross Urban Technical Instruction Committee for the period ended 31st March, 1903, and I beg to transmit herewith, four certified copies of the Abstract showing the receipts and expenditure from the inception of the account until the close of the financial year

I have the honour to be

Gentlemen
Your Obedient Servant
J. A. Baker.

A copy of the Abstract was also enclosed

No Order Made.

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An application was received from Dr James Connolly for permission to erect a scaffolding outside his own house in Priory St. and it was granted, subject to the usual conditions respecting the erection of footpath.

A proposal was received from A W Dell on behalf of G. W. Bacon & Co Ltd, Map publishers, offering to supply, for me in the Office, a new "Excelsior" Map of Ireland at 9/- and it was ordered that he be directed to supply one at the price quoted.

Newross
23rd March 1904

Re Richard Thorpe

Dear Sir

I forwarded your letter to Dr Richd Thorpe. He is considering the matter and I hope to be in a position to write to you definitely on the subject before Wednesday next.

Yours faithfully
Wm. G. Keane

No Order Made

A Notification was received from the gas Co of their intention to open the road on Quay, outside Mr Kough's Bacon Cellar, for the purpose of repairing a leak.

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The following resolution, received from the Gaelic League Dublin, was, on the proposition of Mr David Murphy, seconded by Mr O Sullivan, unanimously adopted, and a copy of same ordered to be sent to Mr John E Redmond M.P., Mr Peter J French M.P., and the Chief Secretary Viz:-

"That we regard with regret
"and alarm the instructions recently issued to their
"Inspectors by the Secretaries of the Board of Irish National
"Education re Irish as an "extra subject" in the schools;
"and that we appeal to Managers, teachers, and to every
"other Irishman interested in the National Language,
"to protest before the world against the monstrous outrage
"of attempting to proscribe our native language in our own
"schools which, though with grim mockery, are still called
"National".

The consideration of the following suggested resolution, received from the same body, was deferred to a later date, Viz:- "Whereas, if our native language be allowed to die
"we shall lose the strongest mark of Ireland's distinctive
"nationality, the bond that connected us with our ancestors
"will be broken and the way paved for the complete
"Anglicisation of the country; and whereas, we see that
"the truth of this has been grasped by the people and
"that they are working strenuously for the restoration of
"the Irish Language, we now resolve that their work is
"deserving of our hearty support, and towards that end we
"further resolve, that on and after 1st January, 1905, we will

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"Not appoint to any office or position in the gift
" of this Comcil, any person who shall not have a
" knowledge of the Irish Language, that is to say,
" such knowledge as will satisfy a Committee of
" this Comcil chosen for the purpose, or such
" examiner as shall be appointed by said Committee".

An application was received from Catherine Johnson of Reville St. for the tenancy of the house in William St, lately occupied by Ellen Murphy at a weekly rent of one shilling and threepence, and offered Mr Peter Murphy of South St as her surety.
Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Michael Freaney
"That Catherine
Johnson be accepted as tenat of this house"
Passed Unanimously

An application received from Mr John Dunbar for the tenancy of a house in Folly-As-Lane at 1/9 per week, for the payment of the rent of which he offered Mr Andrew Cullen as surety, was ordered to be accepted.

A proposal was received from Mr James Cahill of Wexford St for the tenancy of the house No 3 William St at a weekly rent of two shillings and six pence, and offered Mr James Cannon of Arnestown as his surety.

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A proposal was also received from Mr Michael Dunphy Quay for the same house and he offered Mr P.H. O'Gorman Rosbercon as his surety.

Proposed by Mr David Murphy and
Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

"That James Cahill be
accepted as tenant"

Agreed Unanimously

Mr Dunphy was not proposed

The following resolution was received from the Carrick on Suir Urban Council for adoption Viz:-

"That having had five years experience of the working of the L.G. Act we are of opinion that the Clauses in the Act transferring the payment of the rates from landlords to small tenants require to be amended, inasmuch as they work out to be a great injustice to the Traders and Shopkeepers of our Towns, by exempting the tenement house Landlords from payment of rates on those houses, and the occupiers thereof being unable to pay the rates thereon are consequently returned as uncollectable, with the result that the amount thus short has to be carried to next Assessment, and the rates on the shopkeepers thereby unjustly increased by the unpaid taxes formerly and justly paid by the Landlords of those houses. We therefore confidently call upon the

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Government to amend the Act so as to compel the Landlords to pay the rates as heretofore for all tenement houses of and under £4 Valuation, and thereby protect our struggling traders from this very gross injustice"

Proposed by Cor David Murphy and Seconded by Cor Freaney

"That the foregoing resolution be adopted, and a copy sent to our County Members of Parliament, and the Chief Secretary"

Passed Unanimously.

The following report of the Street Committee was read:-

A Meeting of the Street Committee was held on the 11th inst at the Urban Council Office Present Messrs John O Sullivan, David Murphy and J.D. Deane, and the following recommendations were made viz:-

I That the Denny Street manure yard be used in future, half for stones, and the remaining half for manure and that the manure in this half be always disposed of before this portion get filled up.

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II. That the depot on Greywell road be used in a similar manner

III. That a depot for stones be selected in Rumeen Lane and another in Irishtown.

IV - That the Town Surveyor ascertain from Dr Hamilton on what terms he would let the quarry in Drang Ch for the purpose of quarrying and breaking stones in it.

V - That the Council inform the Co Council that they propose taking such steps, as they may be advised, to compel the Co Council to expend such a sum upon Dr Kelly's Contract within the Urban District as will put his roads in a proper state of repair before they are taken over by the Urban Council in July next and that the Urban Council is informed this expenditure will amount to about £800.

VI. The Committee cannot yet make any recommendation in reference to getting stones broken by the inmates of the Union

J D Kearns
David Murphy
John O'Sullivan

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Proposed by Dr John Dempsey and
Seconded by Dr Freaney

"That the report
of the Street Committee be adopted"

Passed Unanimously

Dr John Dempsey referred to the imperfect lighting of Server St, on the West side from Charles St to the Pinkel, and after some discussion the matter was referred to the Street Committee.

The clerk stated that a painter in town was willing to supply notice boards for street names, paint same, and print the name of the streets in Irish, and English, for two shillings each.
The meeting directed the clerk to inform him to send in a proposal in writing when it would be considered.

The clerk also reported that a man called to the Office and stated there was great danger of children, when playing on the plot of building ground belonging to the Council, in William St getting hurt by animals that are allowed to trespass on it, and asked that the Council kindly take steps to keep the animals out of it

Ordered

That a printed notice be posted there informing

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the public that any animals found trespassing on it will be prosecuted.

The following was considered in Committee:-

The Clerk stated that the Chairman of the Council, called to the office on to-day, and directed him (Clerk) to bring the following telegram, received by him on Yesterday from the High Sheriff, before the meeting this evening, as he would be unable to be present at it, owing to having to leave town:-

Chairman Urban Council

New Ross

"Am attending meeting citizens Waterford regarding
"King's reception. If you care send your sympathy
"objects of meeting shall be happy to convey them"

High Sheriff Co Wexford

c/o Town Clerk

Town Hall Waterford.

A prepaid reply form was also received.

The Chairman suggested that the following reply be sent should the meeting approve of it:-

"Your wire addressed to the Chairman was handed to me
"to-day with a request that it be laid before the Council at
"its meeting to-night, as he had to leave home for a few days.

I am directed by the Urban Council to say that they have learned with pleasure of the coming visit of the King and Queen to Waterford, and trust their Majesties will continue to visit Ireland frequently in the future

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and thereby bring about a better and happier understanding between the two countries to their mutual advantage"

Ordered

That a copy of the foregoing reply be sent to the High Sheriff.

Dr John Murphy had left when this order was made.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Finance Committee be held on Wednesday 30th Inst at 5 Oclock P.M. to consider arrears of weekly and yearly tenants, referred to by the Auditor in his report, and this meeting adjourn to that evening at 7.30 Oclock to consider report of Finance Committee, and Estimate of Poor Rate, and transact business.

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 30th Inst accordingly.

J. D. Kearn

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An adjourned meeting of The Newross 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, and other acts connected therewith, also to consider advisability of cancelling old arrears of weekly and yearly tenants.

Present Messrs J.B. Hearn Chairman presiding
David Murphy
Joseph Roche
John Murphy
and
Michael Freaney

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and Signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs John Murphy and Michael Freaney and the following Rating Order directed to be issued Viz:- 1st 1904 Dr Sundries, Petty Cash £16-6-8

The consideration of improving the public lighting of South St was adjourned to next Meeting the members of the Comcil to be summoned to attend.

An application was received from Mr Thomas Ashe Quay, for permission to take in the pipe water, and it was granted; the Street Inspector to Open the ground to enable Mr Ashe to Connect with the main water pipe as soon as

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he is prepared to do so.

The following Correspondence was read:-

Kilmannock House
Arthurstown Waterford
24th March 1904

The Clerk
Urban Council
Dewross

Sir,

I write to thank you for your letter of Yesterday conveying to me an expression of pleasure on behalf of your Council in regard to the visit of their Majesties to Waterford. Will you please express to the Council my thanks for their most courteous reply to my telegram? When attending the meeting called by the Mayor of Waterford to organize the ceremonies of their Majesties reception, I was able to inform the Mayor that I hoped to be able to hand him evidence that Dewross and Wexford are both, through their elected municipal representatives in sympathy with the objects of the meeting. Most unfortunately the assurances of this sympathy did not reach me before the termination of the meeting, but I have since received them and I have taken the liberty to forward copies to the Mayor. Assuring you Sir, that I most heartily join with your Council in their hope that their Majesties will continue to visit Ireland frequently in the future

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and thereby bring about a better and happier understanding between the two countries to their mutual advantage

I am Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

Gerald J Barret Hamilton

High Sheriff of County Wexford

A lengthened discussion took place upon the reading of this letter, but there was no order made.

Mr John Meehan wrote acknowledging the vote of sympathy passed by the Council with him on the death of his niece Miss Feeney and thanking the Council on behalf of Dr Meehan and himself.

The general secretary of The United Irish League wrote, requesting to have delegates appointed to attend a convention of the League to be held in the Mansion House on the 21st Inst. and enclosed admission cards.

Ordered

That the appointment of delegates be adjourned to next meeting, the members of the Council to be summoned to attend same.

The Secretary of the County Council wrote acknowledging receipt of the resolution passed at last meeting of the Urban Council in reference to Philip Kelly's Contract, and stating that same would be brought before the next meeting of the County Council.

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A letter was received from the Secretary of the Irish Fiscal Reform League, enclosing the following copy of a resolution, which the League hoped would be adopted by the Council at an early date Viz:-

"That we consider the present Conditions of"
"Free Trade in these Countries prejudical"
"to the material interests of Ireland, and absolutely"
"destructive to the prospects of success of the"
"scheme of peasant proprietary to which the"
"Country is committed.
"That we desire to impress upon the government"
"the need for such a tax upon foreign manu-"
"factured goods, and agricultural produce, as"
"may encourage the increase of tillage and the"
"Irish Cattle trade, and preserve the struggling"
"and nascent industries of Ireland.

Ordered

That the consideration of the adoption of this resolution be adjourned to next meeting, the Members of the Council to be summoned to attend same.

An application was received from Lawrence Morrissey, for the tenancy of a horse in Tolly House Lane, but as it had not been advertised the application was not considered, and it was Ordered that advertisements be issued that the horse was to be let.

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Report of Finance Committee
March 30th 1904

"The Finance Committee met this day in the Urban Council Office at 5 Oclock P.M.

Present – Messrs John Stearn J.P. and J.R. Stearn.

We examined the Rentals of the yearly and weekly tenants and having fully considered each case of arrears of rent appearing upon them recommend the following for the adoption of the Council:-

I That application be made to Mr Richard Thorpe for payment of the years rent at once, and if same be not paid our solicitor be instructed to take the necessary legal proceedings to recover same forthwith.

II – We recommend that the following items of arrears of yearly rents be struck off, or cancelled, as they are long since irrecoverable, and the names be also removed from yearly sheets viz:-

Joseph Moffatt	£16-5-0
Martin Timmins	4-7-0
Rev Room Thobel	24-0-0
J. Broaders (Mrs Elmes)	4-0-0
Nicholas Reville	9-12-0
Making a total of	58-4-0, also that

our Solicitor be asked to advise the Council as to the liability of Mr William Cummins for rent, which he now refuses to pay, on the ground

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that the location of the property for which the rent was formerly paid, cannot be ascertained, and which he contends he is not in possession of.

III- That the following arrears due by weekly tenants, all of whom are out of occupation, be cancelled, Viz:- Doyle McGrath 15/6, Michael Dunphy 6/6, John O'neill 13/6, Michael Doyle 6, Mrs Minkella 2/-, Michael Roche 4, Ellen Dunphy 17/9, and Patrick Steacy 17/-, also that application be made to the sureties of John Whitty, and John Harlem, for the arrears of rent due by them.

J. B. Hearn
John S Hearn

Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr John Dunphy

That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted, and that the several sums of Arrears of Yearly, and weekly tenants, referred to in the report be cancelled

Passed Unanimously

The Town Surveyor reported that some additional work had been done in metalling up the Bokeen road with material carted from the John St Quarry, and broken on the surface of the road. Some patching has been done on the

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Waterford road. Limestones and Dungarvan stones have been carted to the depots in Rosbercon, Greenhill and Town Wall. One lighter load of Dungarvan stones and two boatloads of limestones were delivered on the Quay this week.

Ordered.

That the report of the Town Surveyor be adopted.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 13th April.

Monday 4th April 1904

Monthly Meeting day.

No attendance of Members.

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 13th April 1904

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Wednesday 13th April 1904

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this day at 5 O'clock P.M. to transact business of the Committee, Examine Abstract of Uncollected Poor Rate &c.

Present Messrs James B. Dean
and
William Murphy

Mr James Barron, Poor Rate Collector was also present.

The Committee examined a number of bills submitted by the Clerk, as well as the Abstract of uncollected Poor Rate. Of the uncollected rate shown on the Abstract, they decided to recommend the Council to Cancel sums amounting to £19.2.2½, and to carry forward, to next Collection, sums Amounting to £6.15.4½.

Having prepared their report, which is entered on the minutes of the Meeting, the Committee adjourned.

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A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at 6 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to "The Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 and other Acts connected therewith, to consider the Quarterly Report and recommendations of The Town Surveyor, also his Annual Estimate for maintenance of Public works, and applications for new works, if any.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
Patrick Dunphy
William Murphy
Michael Freaney
and
John O'Sullivan

Mr Thomas Byrne T. S. was also present

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and John O'Sullivan and David Murphy and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 1 Andrew Cullen £124..0..0
" 2 Margaret Roche a/c furnished for Limestones 24..0..0

The following Report of the Town Surveyor for Quarter ending 31st March 1904 was read:-

Gentlemen,

The metalling and cleaning of the Streets and roads have been well attended to during the Quarter. A considerable quantity of fairly good metalling has been put out on the Bosheen - na-Slawn road for filling up the centre. Over forty pounds have

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been expended on the College road, Mountgarrett Lane and Irishtown. Owing to the worn condition of these Streets it would take a large Sum to put them into proper repair. for this purpose I would recommend that 10/= per perch be be expended annually for a a period of Seven years. half the cost being a County-at-large charge instead of raising a large amount Sum to be expended in one or two years.

Nearly all the owners of land adjoining the roads have trimmed the hedges on being noticed.

Iam making a proposal for extending the sewer for Surface water in Michael St from the Barrack boundary to Neville St, if this was carried out it would save the surface of the Streets from much damage in Winter as the existing channels are often unable to carry all the flood water. Half the cost to be applied for as a County Charge.

Your obedient Servant

Thomas Byrne

The following are his recommendations as to Proposals for Payment Viz:-

To Pay

Andrew Cullen Church Lane NewRoss £124

To Strike off

Philip Kelly Palace NewRoss £3..8..6 £1..15..7 and £0..8..0

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Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr Dunphy

That the report of the ~~the~~ Town Surveyor and his recommendations for payment be approved of and adopted and the payments recommended be made.

Passed Unanimously

The following is his Estimate for maintenance of Streets and roads for year ending 31st March 1905

266 perches between John St cross and District bounds Inishtown

	Half of	County-at-large		10/=	£133-0-0
361	perches	Streets	(Main roads)	7/=	126-7-0
396	"	"	Do	4/6	89-2-0
74	"	"	Do	4/=	14-16-0
709	"	"	(District)	3/=	106-7-0
155	"	"	"	2/=	15-10-0
61	"	"	"	3/6	10-13-6
64	"	"	"	2/=	6-8-0
34	"	"	"	2/6	4-5-0
35	"	"	"	1/6	2-12-6

Rosbercon

170	"	Street	(main road)	5/=	42-10-0
146	"	"	Do	3/6	25-11-0
113	"	"	Do	9/=	4-14-9

New Works

170 yards lineal main Sewer, in continuation of existing one in

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Michael Street from Barrack to Neville Street Half cost say £40..0..0

Item Provide footpath in Cross Lane and contingincies £45..0..0

for

By County Contributions for mains roads £200..0..0
466..6..9

Thomas Byrne

Town Surveyor

11th. April 1904

Proposed by Mr P. Dunphy and

Seconded by Mr D. Murphy

That the Annual Estimate for maintenance of Streets and Roads for year ending 31st. March 1905 submitted by the Town Surveyor be adopted

Passed Unanimously

New Ross Urban District

Application for New Work

To make 170 yards lineal of sewer in Michael Street in continuation of the existing sewer near the Barrack boundary wall to Neville Street, including three trapped gratings and connecting drains not to exceed £80..0..0

Half to be a bounty-at-large charge

Proposed by Mr D. Murphy and

Seconded by Mr J. Sullivan

That the application for new work submitted by the Town Surveyor, Viz:- 170 yards lineal of Sewer in

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Michael Street including three trapped gratings and connecting drains not exceeding £80..0..0 half to be a County at large charge be approved of, and that the work be carried out subject to the approval of the County Council.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That a copy of this application, and of the Surveyors recommendation respecting College Road, Mountgarrett Lane, and Irishtown be forwarded to the County Council.

The Meeting adjourned

John R Hearn

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A Meeting of the Newtoss 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, and other Acts connected therewith; also to consider a resolution received from the Irish Fiscal Reform League respecting the present conditions of Free Trade; also the best means of improving the present public lighting of South St, whether by alteration of site of existing lamps, or addition to the number in use, appoint delegates to National Convention, and consider Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1905.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
Patrick Dunphy
William Murphy
John O'Sullivan
John Murphy
and
Michael Freaney

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John O'Sullivan and Michael Freaney and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 1	Andrew Cullen	£	124..0..0
" 2	Margaret Roche a/c furnished for Limestones		24..0..0
" 3	Technical Instruction Committee		21..0..5
" 4	Local Government Board Dublin Audit fee of a/cs		6..6..0
" 5	M. J. Finn Quarters Salary as E.S. Officer		4..13..9

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No 6	M. J. Finn	Postage a/c to 31st Ult	£3 . 4 . 4
" 7	M. J. Finn	Petty Cash	31 . 2 . 4
" 8	Hugh R. Hamilton		4 . 17 . 0
" 9	Andrew Cullen	repairs to property & Sewers	22 . 18 . 10
" 10	Michael Hunt	a/c furnished for Quarring Stones	3 . 10 . 0
" 11	Mrs M. A. Corcoran	Advertising	1 . 13 . 0
" 12	Patrick Cleere	Freight on limestones	3 . 13 . 6
" 13	Wm. Cunningham	a/c furnished for limestones	2 . 11 . 0
" 14	Thomas Byrne	T. S. Superintendance of Workmen &c	8 . 5 . 0
" 15	James Barron	Commission on Poor Rate	18 . 16 . 1
" 16	John J. Browne	Commission on Collection to date	8 . 3 . 6
" 17	A. W. Bell	Amount of a/c of Jy. W. Bacon & Co for office Map	9 . 0

The following was read

New Ross,

9th April 1904.

Thorpe and Urban Council

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter received some time ago informing me that the Council considered the offer made by Mr Thorpe insufficient and suggesting it should be increased, I now wish to say that I have had an opportunity of considering this matter very fully with him. I need hardly assure the Council that he is most anxious to buy and in that way obtain relief from the present high rent. Every one connected with the Administration of the Land Acts know that the decisions of the Commissioners are a variable quantity. Some tenants obtaining substantial reductions, while others obtaining very little without there being at the same time any discernible reason

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for such variance. Mr Thorpe happened to fall within the latter class and so has been paying an excessive rent for many years. He now offers 20 years purchase upon present rent and one year added to be taken by your Council in satisfaction of all arrears of rent due to date. Mr Thorp is known to most if not all the members of the Council and I am sure they will bear me out in saying that he is an industrious man and would be anxious to meet their requirements. Many of the members know the rate of purchase paid under the Land Acts for property in the neighbourhood of this farm and are equally familiar with what would be a fair acreable rent for the farm in question. The price now offered is in excess of the rate of purchase obtained for property close by and places an annuity of about £1 per acre on the land. I would suggest to your Council the obtaining of a Report from a competent Valuer and then submitting it and all correspondence to the Local Government Board with whatever resolution your Council may adopt in the matter.

Yours faithfully
W. F. Hearn

Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be adjourned to next Meeting, the members of the Council to be summoned to consider it.

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The following Report of the Finance Committee was read

The Finance Committee met this day at 5 Oclock P.M. and examined the following a/cs payment of which they recommend. (List entered at commencement of Minutes) We examined outstanding List of Poor Rate and recommended £6 .. 15 .. 4½ be carried forward to next collection and £19 .. 2 .. 2½ be cancelled as irrecoverable.

Proposed by Mr Dunphy and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted, and the payments recommended by them be made, also that the amounts of outstanding Poor Rate recommended by them to be cancelled, be cancelled, and the amounts recommended to be carried forward, be carried forwarded, to next collection.

Passed Unanimously

A. Proposal was received from Thomas Brereton of Newtoss for the tenancy of a house in William St at the weekly rent of 1/9 and he offered as his Sureties Mr Bryan Hennessy and Mr Patrick Kelly of South St. Newtoss

Proposed by Mr Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That Mr Thomas Breretons proposal be accepted.

Passed Unanimously

A. Proposal was received from Lawrence Morrissey of Irishtown for the tenancy of a house in Holly House Lane at the weekly rent of

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1/9 and he offered as his Sureties Patrick Delaney of Irishtown and Bryan Hennessy of South St Newross.

Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and

Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That Laurence Morrissey's tender for the house be accepted.

Passed Unanimously

A Proposal was received from Mr Michael Cullen Camblin for the tenancy of a house in William Street at the weekly rent of 2/6 and he offered as his Surties Patrick Whitty of South St and Thomas Kepple Quay Newross

Proposed by David Murphy and

Seconded by Michael Freaney

That Michael Cullen's tender for the house be accepted

Passed Unanimously

A Proposal was also received from Mrs Quigley Duncannon but there was no proposition accepting it

The Clerk reported that the Contract for the Winter Lighting of the public lamps would expire on the 15th Inst and asked whether the lamps would continue to be lighted for some time longer same as last year, and it was

Ordered

That the Gas Co be directed to Continue to light the public lamps as usual for the present.

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In accordance with the resolution passed at the Sanitary Meeting there was no further business transacted.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 20th. April 1904

Martin J Delaney

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Wednesday 20th. April 1904

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day, same being adjourned from 13th. Inst, at 7.30 o'clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to to Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith; to transact business adjourned from 13th. Inst and consider a further proposal from Mr Thorpe to purchase his holding at "twenty years purchase upon present rent, and one year added, to be taken by the Council in satisfaction of all arrears of rent due to date."

Present Messrs Martin J. Delaney Presiding
William Murphy
John Murphy
Michael Freaney
Joseph Roche
and
David Murphy

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Michael Freaney and John Murphy and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 18 M. J. Finn Petty Cash £14 . 11 . 6

The following correspondence was read

Harpoonstown, Bridgetown,
2nd. April 1904.

Dear Sir,

I beg leave to submit for the consideration of the New Ross Urban

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Council the advisability of sending delegates to the National Convention which is to be held in the Mansion House, Dublin, on the 21st Inst, and at which the Irish Party will receive their mandate for the coming year; also, the advisability of taking some steps to aid in collecting for the Parliamentary Fund. Such work is of extreme importance and urgency. That the Irish Party has done good work for the country, no man can deny, and if it is to continue in its domain of usefulness, the necessary funds to secure a constant attendance of members must be placed at its disposal.

Your Obedient Servant,

Peter J French.

Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be adjourned to next Meeting and the members summoned to consider it. There was no member appointed to attend at the Convention.

Local Government Board,

Dublin 31st March 1905

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to draw your attention to the fact that notwithstanding the directions already given by them respecting the furnishing directly to this Department for the purposes of audit, of the Abstracts of Accounts of Public Bodies, they find that in many cases their directions have not been carried out; and the Board again desire to impress on the executive officers of such bodies the necessity that exists for promptly furnishing the Abstracts of Accounts to this Department within one month at most from the

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end of the audit period.

In connection with this Matter the Board desire to point out that the accounts of a Public Body should contain particulars of only such sums as were actually received or paid, as the case may be, within the period of audit.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. Barlas

Assistant Secretary.

Ordered

That the Clerk attend to this letter.

New Ross,

April 16th 1904.

Dear Sir

In reply to yours re foot path laid down by me at Robert Street. I have no objection to carry out any reasonable amendments that may be required.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Cullen.

No Order made

A letter was received from Mr Cullen declining to accept the house which was let to him at previous Meeting

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A Proposal was received from Mr Simon Cleary for two heaps of Manure at 9/6 each and it was Ordered to be accepted, as was also one from Mr Michael Rice, for what road scrapings is on the Boheen road at p=

New Ross,

March 31st 1904.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of 23rd Inst. the lamps referred to in Robert St. have been lighted on moonlight nights since 23rd October 1902 by an order of your Council of that date.

Yours faithfully,

David Hunt,

Secretary.

No Order made

New Ross,

April 4th 1904

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 26th March last re reducing price of Gas, I am directed to say that same will have the consideration of my Directors in due course.

Yours faithfully

David Hunt

Secretary

No Order made

A letter was received from the Secretaries of the Irish Exhibition, stating that a Public Meeting will be held in the Round Room, Mansion House on 20th April at 8. P.M., at which they hope the Council would be represented

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and aid them by their support.

No Order made

A letter was received from the Local Government Board asking for a return of the names, &c of the several offices of the Council and the Clerk stated the information had been supplied.

Letters were received from the Lord Lieutenant acknowleging the receipt of resolutions respecting the teaching of Irish in National Schools.

An application was received from Mr Patrick Delaney for 7/6. for men opening ground to enable him to connect with the Main water pipe in Decr 1903, the men belonging to the Council not being available at the time.

Ordered

That Mr Delaney be informed the Council must decline to allow or pay this bill, as he had no authority to employ men at their expense. The ground could be opened for him same as any one else, by arrangement with the Street Inspector.

An application was received from Bryan Hennessy of Ballykerougue for the tenancy of the house in William Street, let to Mr Cullen at last Meeting, and he offered Martin Doherty North St as his surety.

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Proposed by Mr David Murphy and Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That Mr Bryan Hennessy's proposal for the tenancy of the house in William Street be accepted

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the Gas be be directed to discontinue the Winter arrangements for the lighting of the Public Lamps from this date.

The Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1905 was submitted to the Meeting and examined. After some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and Seconded by Mr Delaney

That the Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1905, now before us, amounting to 3/6 in the £ be adopted, and that Notice of our intention to make a Poor Rate of 3/6 in the £, on Wednesday 11th May 1904 be published

Passed Unanimously

The following report of the Collector was read Viz:-

New Ross,

April 20th 1904.

Gentlemen

I beg to report the Weekly Tenants owing over Two weeks rent.

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John Hand William St		£0.14.9 reducing amount by 6d. per week
John Whitty	"	1.8.3 out of possession
Anne Ryan	"	15.9
E. Whitty	"	17.0
Ellen Donovan		18.9
Ellen Rockford	"	11.9
John Mulcahy	"	5.0 Out of Possession
Michael Freaney		4.3 Out of possession

Yours truly

John J. Browne

Ordered

That Messrs Solfer & Lyethin be instructed to take proceedings against Messrs Patrick Browne and Joseph Knight, Sureties for John Whitty, for amount of arrears for which they are liable.

That Anne Ryan, Ellen Donovan, and Ellen Rockford, be informed that if the arrears due by them is not paid the Council will have to take up possession of the houses occupied by them.

That application be made to Patrick Power Junr. surety for John Mulcahy, for amount of arrears due by him, and that Michael Freaney be informed that if the arrears of rent is not paid by Monday next application will be made to the Postmaster General for it.

The letter received from Mr Hearn Solr., on behalf of Mr Thorpe,

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respecting the purchase of his farm, and which was adjourned from last Meeting was considered, and after a lengthened discussion it was

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and

Seconded by Mr Roche

That Mr Hearn Sol^{r}. be informed the Council are not prepared to accept Mr Thorpe's offer for the purchase of his farm.

Passed Unanimously

Mr William Murphy had left when this resolution was passed.

The Meeting agreed not to interfere with the existing order of the Council requiring payment, by Mr Thorpe, of one years rent at once.

Ordered

That a Meeting of the Street Committee be held on Monday 25th inst. April 1904 at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to consider advisability of reducing the expenditure in connection with the scavenging and maintenance of the Streets.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 27th inst. April 1904

T. B. Hearn

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Monday 25th April 1904

A meeting of the Street Committee was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P. M. to transact business, and Consider advisability of reducing the expenditure in Connection with the Scavenging and Maintenence of the streets

Present Meess James. R. Kearns Chairman presiding
Martin J Delaney
and
David Murphy

The Committee Considered fully the weekly expenditure for the Maintenence of the streets, as well as, the Scavenging and watering of same.

The Committee Considered that in the event of the proposal of the Comcil, adopted at the Quarterly meeting, for the Maintenence of College Road and the Brightown being accepted by the County Council, at their meeting to be held on the 3rd. May, it will not be advisable to reduce the present staff or expenditure, and, pending the result of this application, do not recommend any reduction.

The Town Surveyor, who was present at the Meeting, undertook to interview the County Surveyor on following day in reference to proposal for Maintenence of Brightown and College Road.

J. R. Kearns

Wednesday 27th April 1904

A meeting of The New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith also to consider a letter received from Mr French M.P. suggesting the advisability of taking some steps to aid in collecting for the Parliamentary Funds.

Present Messrs J D Hearn Chairman presiding
Jmes G. Dooley
John Grace
John Murphy
Martin J Delaney
William Murphy
Michael Freaney
John Sullivan
and
David Murphy

The Minutes of previous meeting were read & signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Michael Freaney and John Murphy, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:- No 19- In aid from- Petty Cash £14-16-8

The Local Government Board wrote stating that "Local Dublin" had been registered as the abbreviated Telegraphic Address of the Board.

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A letter was also received from The Local Government Board inquiring whether the Council had made any advances under the provisions of the Small Dwelling Acquisition Act 1899, and the Clerk stated that he had informed the Board that the Council had not, and this was approved of

An application was received from The Surveyor of Taxes, Waterford, asking for copies of the Accounts of the Council for year ended 31st March 1904, and the Clerk was directed to furnish same.

The Collector reported that a number of houses required panes of glass in the windows, and that it would improve the houses very much if they got one coat of paint.

After some discussion it was agreed to have the panes of glass, numbering about sixty, put in, as well one coat of paint on the outside of the houses, and it was ordered that proposals be invited for the work, each to state the sum for which the glass would be put in, and also the painting, seperately.

A discussion took place respecting the non-payment of arrears of rent by some of the tenants, and it was ordered that Ann Ryan Church Lane, Ellen Rochford Capel Lane, Ellen Donovan Folly Lane, and Edward Whitty Fair Gate, be informed that the will be required to pay three pence per week

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off the Arrears, together will their weekly rent, and that the first week upon which they fail to pay this Amount proceedings will be taken to obtain ~~payment~~ possession of the houses occupied by them, and will not be withdrawn except upon payment of all rent and Arrears, and any costs incurred in Connection with the proceedings.

Ordered

That the Clerk take the Necessary steps to carry out the foregoing Order, by instructing the Councils Solicitor to obtain possession of the houses, upon the failure of any of those tenants to pay the weekly rent and arrears, without bringing the matter before the Council for further instructions.

The following report of the Town Surveyor dated 30th ult. was read, the orders having been made upon it at previous Meeting:-

Gentlemen,

"While the weather was still wet during the early portion of the month I had Metalling put out in patches, where most needed on the principal streets and roads, and the mud heaps, collected on the outlying roads removed.

The stones landed on the Quay were removed on to the depot. I got a piece of rock at the turn to Robert St cut out and the surface filled with Metalling. Additional shingle and stones were carted to and broken on the Roshea road, and at present I am putting a mixture of clay and small stones for binding over the broken stones.

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That there are two men engaged getting out stones in the John Street Quarry. It would be a great advantage to use some powder; for this purpose application should be made to the Magistrates at Petty Sessions. There are some loose and broken flags in footway round Mrs Tierney's, which require re-setting and some renewals.

Ordered

That the report of the Town Surveyor be adopted.

That blasting be availed of in the Quarry at John St, as suggested by the Town Surveyor, the blasts to be exploded in the morning, under the personal supervision of the Town Surveyor, and the men engaged in the blasting operations be insured against accidents, that the Council may be protected against any liability should an accident occur to the men.

That proposals be invited from some Insurance Companies by next Meeting.

Town Surveyor's Report dated 27th April 1904

Gentlemen,

The Channel, and roadway at both sides of it, in the Irishtown at the Boheen turn, has been filled up and metalled with stones from John St Quarry; this filling does away with what was a disagreeable and dangerous jolt over the old Channel.

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Some clay blinding has been put out over the old channel metalling on Rosheen and the hedges trimmed.

Three loadsof limestones were delivered by Mrs Roche's boat. The Stones are being carted to the depots.

The water tables of the bridge have been cleaned and the grass removed off the footway and water tables on Waterford road. I called Mr Martins attention to the uncovering of the Sewer in March at Rosbercon by the Railwaymen, he was not aware of it before, and promised to make it right as soon as he could.

The cost of filling up the gap at the graveing bank Rosbercon on a level with the existing outer wall would be about 30/- for stone in cement.

Thomas Byrne

Proposed by Mr William Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dooley

"That the Town Surveyor get a protection wall built at the graving dock in Rosbercon"

Passed Unanimously

Mr Delaney drew attention to the dangerous condition of the house in Rosbercon occupied by Mrs Kenny and also some houses in Mary St, and with respect to the former, it being already in the hands of the Council's Solicitor, it was

Ordered

That the Solicitor to the Council be directed to take the necessary steps to compel the owner to put it in proper repair, or have it thrown down, as it is very dangerous to the

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public in its present condition

Respecting the dangerous house in Drary St. the Town Surveyor was directed to serve the necessary legal notice on the owner, requiring him to put them in proper repair, or demolish them.

It was also ordered that the street inspector caution persons against depositing shop sweepings on the public streets during prohibited hours.

Drary Street
April 27th 1904

Gentlemen

I beg to remind you of my fence at the Rosheen which is destroyed by one of your street workmen. He cut down all the hawthorn and bushes which protected the fence, without my knowledge. The whole fence is a Commons I will leave it to any Member of the Council to see it.

I am
J. P. Doherty

No Order Made, the Town Surveyor having stated that none was cut, only what was necessary to trim the hedge facing the road.

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Mr Dooley drew attention to the water channel of the hill of Roshercon, which he stated was very much worn, and the Chairman and he agreed to inspect it, and make a recommendation in reference to it.

Ordered

That advertisments be issued inviting tenders for the supply of limestone to 31st March 1905, at per loadload of seventeen tons, or per ton, delivered on the Quay New Ross.

The following was read:-

The Island, New Ross

April 9th 1904

Dear Sir

My Solicitor has informed me that you consider my offer for my farm too low, and cannot entertain it. This I greatly regret as before sending in my last proposal, I gave the matter my fullest consideration, and to try and settle matters amicably and with the utmost fairness to the Comal and myself I increased my former offer from twenty to twenty one years purchase inclusive of arrears. This offer I now repeat, and trust the Comal will give it their favourable consideration on live and let live principles

I remain, Yr Obedient Servant

R. J Thorpe

The Presiding Chairman

Urban Comal

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A lengthened discussion took place on the reading of this letter, some Members contending that this Meeting Could not interfere with the decision arrived at by a previous Meeting, respecting this matter. There was a unanimity of opinion that it could not be discussed at this Meeting, as all the Members of the Council should receive Notice of its intended Consideration, but the Chairman suggested that it would be well, in the meantime, to obtain some practical information respecting the value of Dr Thorpe's farm, and thought some person should be appointed to value it, but it was decided to adjourn the consideration of this matter, as well as the letter received from Dr Thorpe, to next Meeting, and to instruct Council's Solicitor to stay proceedings against Dr Thorpe, for the recovery of rent, pending the decision of that Meeting. In Connection with the decision of the Council respecting the sale of the farm to Dr Thorpe, the following "Notice of Motion" was handed in by Dr William Dempsey. Viz:-

Notice of Motion re Dr Thorpe's farm

"I beg to give Notice that I will move, at Meeting of the Council to be held on 11th May, that the resolution of the Council passed at Meeting on 20th April be rescinded, that the Offers be re-considered, and such steps taken as the Council deem advisable in the matter".

It was also Ordered that the Clerk ascertain from

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the Local Government Board, the highest rate of interest they would be prepared to sanction on the purchase Money of Wm Thorpe's farm in the event of it being sold to him by the Council.

Messrs Dooley, Grace, and William Murphy, were appointed to collect within the Urban District, for the Irish Parliamentary Fund.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 11th May

J. B. Keane

Monday 2nd May 1904

Monthly meeting day. No attendance of members. The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 11th May

J. B. Keane

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Saturday 7th May 1904

A special meeting of the Council, called on the requisition of five members, was held this day at 10 O'clock A.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith. Viz:- "To re-consider the proposal to the County Council for the maintenence of Dr Philip Kelly's Contract which expires next July.

Present Messrs James D. Deane Chairman presiding
David Murphy
Michael Feaney
and
John Murphy

The Chairman explained that the meeting of the County Council, before which the proposal was, was adjourned to three O'clock to-day. At that meeting it was officially stated that the present main roads scheme of the County Council will expire in March 1905, and that they could not enter into a contract with the Urban Council which would involve the continuation of that scheme.

He suggested that the Urban Council put in a proposal for the maintenence of the Irishtown & until March 1905, and keep an exact account of material put out on it, and only expend amount received for it viz 10/- per perch on it; or not put in any tender for its maintence, in which case it would fall into the hands of the County

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Surveyor, who would have to cause it to be kept in repair until March 1906.

Owing to the very bad state of repair in which it was at present, the meeting did not consider it prudent to enter into a contract until March 1905, but decided to adhere to their former proposal. Accordingly it was

Proposed by Mr David Murphy and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That the County
"Council be informed we will not accept the
"maintenance of Mr Philip Kelly's Contract within
"the Urban District commencing in July or August
"next, unless on the terms already proposed by us,
"Viz:- a Contract for seven years at 10/= per perch,
"half to be an Urban, and half a County at Large
"Charge"

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the Co Council by the 12.30 train so that it may be in time for the adjourned meeting to be held at 3 O'clock P.M.

The Meeting adjourned

J. B. Hearn

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Wednesday 11th May 1904

A Meeting of the New Ross 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 and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider the following "Notice of Motion" served by Mr Wm. Murphy "I will move at Meeting of the Council to be held on 11th prox. that the resolution passed at Meeting on 20th Inst be rescinded, that the offer of Mr Thorpe be re-considered, and such steps taken as the Council may deem advisable in the matter", also to strike a Poor Rate for year ending 31st March 1905, and consider Estimate of Borough Rate for same year, as well as a letter from Mr Thorpe repeating his offer of 21 years purchase for his farm including arrears, also to consider advisability of reducing the expenditure for the scavenging and maintenance of the Streets, also to consider the evidence to be put before the Poor Law Reform Commission at the Local Inquiry to be held at Wexford on Wednesday 18th Inst, and the replies to be given to Queries received from them.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
John S. Hearn
John Murphy
John Grace
John O'Sullivan
Patrick Dunphy
David Murphy
Joseph Roche
Martin J. Delaney
and
William Murphy

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The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Joseph Roche and Martin J. Delaney and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 20	Joseph Freeman amount of a/c furnished	£1 .. 4 .. 9	
" 21	Browne & Nolan a/c furnished for Stationery	0 .. 9 .. 4	
" 22	John Shaw & Co Glasgow for water pipes	6 .. 2 .. 8	
" 23	Thomas Martin cleaning chimneys	0 .. 15 .. 0	
" 24	John Tobin Quarters Superannuation as Town Clerk	12 .. 10 .. 0	
" 25	Cashiers Bank of Ireland	25 .. 9 .. 1	
" 26	same	49 .. 12 .. 6	
" 27	same	63 .. 0 .. 6	
" 28	Hartley & Murphy Car Hire (Water Surveys)	1 .. 10 .. 0	
" 29	Very Revd. Canon Kavanagh	15 .. 2 .. 9	
" 30	John J. Browne amount of a/c furnished	3 .. 1 .. 3	
" 31	M. J. Finn Petty Cash	32 .. 4 .. 7	
" 32	Patrick Leacy Repairs to property &c	5 .. 14 .. 0	
" 33	Michael Hunt stones Quarried	3 .. 10 .. 0	

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

Dunganstown,

May 11th 1904.

Dear Sir,

Please ask your Council if they want any more stones from their quarry as Mr Byrne told Capt Glascotts Boatmen not to draw any more stones. I thought I was obliging the Council by letting them know about Capt Glascotts boat and now it seems that Mr Byrne is not

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pleased with it. It is no difference to me what boat they employ if they draw the stones. When I was taking the contract of quarrying, I thought they would want as much stones as could be quarried.

I am Sir.

Yours faithfully

Michael Hunt

Ordered

That the Council do not require any more stones from the Dunganstown Quarry at present, but as soon as they do the Town Surveyor will let him know.

Ballyanne Mills

New Ross 10th May 1904

To

The Presiding Chairman of the

New Ross Urban District Council

I propose to supply Limestones to the New Ross Urban District Council at £2-6-6 per Boatload each boatload to contain 17 Tons delivered on the Quay New Ross up to 31st March 1905. And I Offer as my Securities Edward Walsh South St. New Ross and Simon Cleary Ballyanne New Ross.

Your obedient Servant,

Margaret Roche.

Ballyanne

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A proposal was also received from William Cunningham to supply the limestones at Dunkit at 1/5 per ton.

Proposed by Mr Dunphy and
Seconded by Mr David Murphy

That Mrs Roche's tender for the supply of limestones to 31st March 1905 at £2..6..6 per boatload of seventeen tons, be accepted.

Passed Unanimously

Mary Street,
New Ross May 11th 1904.

The Chairman New Ross,
Urban Council.

I propose to put in 60 panes of Glass at 10d per pane
And Paint Windows and Doors Back and front at 6/= per House any colour which you desire.

Yours Respectfully
James Bailey

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That Mr James Bailey's tender be accepted, provided you use good lead paint, the shade to be selected by the Town Surveyor, and that the portions to be glazed get two coats.

Passed Unanimously

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Urban Council office,

New Ross 11th. May 1904.

The Finance Committee met this day at 7.25 P.M. and examined the following accounts payment of which we recommend Viz:-

Joseph Freeman		£1 .. 4 .. 1
Browne & Nolan		9 .. 4
John Shaw & Co		6 .. 2 .. 8
Thomas Martin		15 .. 0
John Tobin		12 .. 10 .. 0
Cashiers Bank of Ireland	Irishtown Sewer	25 .. 9 .. 1
Do	Labourers Dwellings	49 .. 12 .. 6
Do	H. W. Classes	63 .. 0 .. 6
Hartley & Murphy		1 .. 10 .. 0
School Attendance Committee		15 .. 2 .. 9
John J. Browne		3 .. 1 .. 3
Petty Cash		32 .. 4 .. 7
Patrick Leacy		5 .. 14 .. 0
Michael Hunt		3 .. 10 .. 0
Total		220 .. 5 .. 9

(Signed) J. B. Hearn
John S. Hearn

Passed Unanimously

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Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Roche

That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted, and the payments recommended by them be made.

Passed Unanimously

A letter was received from John Rochford complaining of where the stones were deposited at The Town Wall, they were interfering with the entrance to his field. The Town Surveyor was directed not to interefere with Mr Rochford's convenience in future.

A proposal was received from Patrick Mc. Grath Church Lane for the tenancy of the vacant house in William St at 2/6 per week and he offered Wm. G. Williams and Richard Bird as his Securities, as was also one from Mary Quigley Duncannon who offered Peter Murphy as her Security.
Mr Roche Proposed and Mr William Murphy seconded that Mrs Quigley's proposal be accepted.
Proposed by Mr David Murphy and /
Seconded by Mr Dunphy

That Patrick Mc. Grath's Proposal be accepted.

Passed Unanimously

On a Poll being taken Mr Mc. Grath was declared accepted as tenant.

Letters were received from Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde M.P. and Peter Ffrench Esq M.P. acknowledging receipt of resolutions forwarded

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by bouncil and stating that they would have attention.

A proposal was received from the Railway Passengers Assurance bompany per Mr J. A. Exshaw Agent, for the insurance of the workmen engaged in blasting in John St Quarry as follows:

New Ross

2nd May 1904

W. b. A. Proposal

Dear Sir,

The Rate for Insuring as per your recent Proposal for 2 men employed at Quarry work would be £1..4..0 considering the serious risk and full protection offorded by this bompany. I think the charge a low one.

faithfully yours

J. A. Exshaw

The Miniumn premium proposed by the General Accident Assurance bo was 30/=, whilst four other bompanies declined to accept a proposal unless all the bouncils Employees were insured

Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and

Seconded by Mr Dunphy

That a policy to cover the two men engaged in blasting in John St Quarry be obtained from the Railway Passengers assurance bo at the rate of premiums quoted £1..4..0, same to insure full benefit in case of Accident.

Passed Unanimously

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Ordered

That the premium be paid out of Petty Cash, so that the Council may be protected immediately.

The following was read

No 24,881/1904
New Ross Urban District

Local Government Board,
Dublin 5th May, 1904.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 28th ultimo, relative to the proposed sale by the New Ross Urban District Council of some of their corporate property under the Irish Land Act, 1903, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they are not prepared to give a definite reply on this matter without having a specific proposal before them.

I am to add, however, that it appears to the Board, as a general rule, that, having regard to the position of trust in which the Urban District Council stand in relation to the ratepayers, such sales should be carried out without appreciable loss to the ratepayers, and that the terms of sale should be such that the purchase money if invested in Trustee securities, should yield approximately the net income derived by the Council from second term rents or their fair equivalents.

I am Sir.

Your obedient Servant,
H. M. Swaine.
Secretary.

No Order made

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The following resolution of which notice was given was
Proposed by Mr William Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Grace

"That the resolution of the Council passed at Meeting on 20th. April be rescinded and that the offer of Mr Thorpe be re-considered and such steps taken as the Council deem advisable in the matter."

A lengthened discussion took place upon it, and on its being put to the Meeting there voted

For - Messrs William Murphy John Sullivan John Grace
(John S. Hearn J.P. and the Chairman 5

Against - Messrs David Murphy John Murphy
Joseph Roche and Martin J. Delaney 4

The Chairman declared the resolution Passed

The further consideration of the subject matter of the resolution, as well as the remaining business was adjourned to next Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 18th. May 1904 -

J. S. Hearn
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Wednesday 18th May 1904

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider a letter received from Mr Richard Thorpe repeating his offer of twenty-one years purchase for his farm, including arrears, also advisability of reducing the expenditure for the scavenging and maintenance of the Streets; to make a Poor Rate and consider Estimate of Borough Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1905.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
Michael Freaney
James J. Glorman
John O'Sullivan
David Murphy
John Grace
John Murphy
Martin J. Delaney
Joseph Roche
William Murphy
and
Patrick Dunphy

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs James J. Glorman and Martin J. Delaney and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 34 M. J. Finn Petty Cash £12..16..8

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Wednesday 18th May 1904 (Minutes continued)

The following was read Viz:-

County Council Offices,
Courthouse, Wexford,
May 9th 1904.

Dear Sir,

With reference to Resolutions etc, submitted from your Council to the Co Council I have to state that the following Orders have been made -

Philip Kelly's Contract.- No Order made on the resolution received from your Council.

Michael St Sewer - Consideration postponed for six months

Maintenance 266 perches - This application was postponed for consideration to the adjourned Meeting of the Co Council. Unfortunately a quorum did not attend. The matter will come up at next Meeting of the Co Council, and in connection therewith I will bring to the attention of the Meeting the resolution of your Council standing by the proposal they made as to taking the contract for seven years.

Yours Obediently,
W. H. Pigott,
Secretary.

No Order Made

Town Surveyors Report

Gentlemen,

I got a large quantity of Stones and Shingle put on and broken on the Irishtown Street opposite the Good Shepherd

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convent and a large patch above the cross opposite Mrs Campbells and Mr Byrnes houses. The loose stones were collected and removed off the Streets and College road. The water tables and sides of the College road were cleaned up and the Stuff removed.

I served a Notice on Mr Michael Cannon to put in repair or take down the dangerous House in Mary Street. Nothing has been done since.

Some Stones from Dunganstown are being carted to depot. The quality of the stones delivered latterly is not as good as formerly and the quantity is short. I am getting some of the Cartloads weighed.

My attention has been called to the inconvenience caused by the gates at the level crossing in Rosbercon being closed against road traffic on the arrival of trains from Wexford, this I believe is against the Company's arrangement with this Council.

Thomas Byrne

Ordered

That the report of the Surveyor be adopted.

There was no order made respecting the closing of the gates at the level crossing pending the issue of the Companys revised Time Table next Month.

A Copy of the notice served on Mr Cannon was submitted by the Surveyor.

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A member of the Council having stated that Mr Gannon was about to surrender, or had surrendered, his interest in the premises referred to it was

Ordered

That the Clerk ascertain who the proper owner is, and that the Town Surveyor serve Notice on that person.

No 33881

General Valuation an Boundary Survey
of Ireland.
6 Ely Place Dublin.
16th May 1904.

Sir,

With reference to the lists of "changes of names" which are forwarded to this Department by your Council each year along with the list of tenements requiring revision, I am directed by The Commissioner of Valuation to call your attention to the following observations:—

1. It is sometimes found that Rate Collectors make out more that one of these lists within the year for the same district, and thus the same tenement may be dealt with twice. To ensure that the correct name be entered on the Valuation Lists, The Commissioner would ask that such lists be dated at the time they are made out, so that the most recent change can be adopted without further question.

2. Where the whole of the buildings included in one item

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Valuation are "vacant" it would be sufficient to report these on one of the white forms used for changes of names, but where portions only of the buildings are "vacant" this would necessitate a division of the Valuation, and the case should therefore be entered on the blue form as a case requiring revision of Valuation.

The Commissioner wishes me to add that if these points were duly observed it would much facilitate the work of this Department.

I am Sir.
your obedient Servant,
Alf Beckett.
Chief Clerk.

Ordered

That the Clerk attend to the matter referred to in this letter, and also draw the attention of the Rate Collector to it.

The following resolution, received from the Gaelic League Dublin was, on the proposal of Mr Wm. Murphy seconded by Mr Greaney, unanimously adopted, and it was ordered that a copy of same be forwarded to the Postmaster General, and the Chairman of the Irish Party Viz:-

"That we, the New Ross Urban District Council, request the Post office authorities to make the Irish language a subject of examination for entry into the Post office (Ireland,)"

Ordered

That the Clerk write to The Board of Trade in reference to their promise to notify the date of inspection of The New Ross & Waterford Extension Railway to the Council, so as to enable the

Wednesday 18th May 1904 (Minutes continued)

Chairman to point out to the Inspector, specifically, what the Council, complain of with respect to the wooden Railing fence on the diverted road at Rosbercon, and ask them when the Council may hope to hear from them on the matter.

The proposal of Mr Thorpe for the purchase of his farm was next considered and the following resolution was

Proposed by Mr William Murphy and

Seconded by Mr Dunphy

That Mr Thorpe's offer of 21 years purchase be accepted.

During the debate which took place upon this resolution, it was stated that some doubt existed as to whether the Council would be entitled to the Bonus on this sale, and also whether the rate of interest at which the purchase money was calculated so as to reblige the Annual Income, was such as would be approved of by The Local Government Board, and in order to, ~~and in order to~~ obtain reliable information on those, and other points connected with the matter, the following resolution was

Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and

Seconded by Mr Delaney

That the Chairman and Clerk, confer with Messrs Colfer & Lyethin on the matter of the Sale of Mr Thorpe's farm, before anymore steps are taken in the matter; and that they report the result to next Meeting on Wednesday next.

Passed Unanimously

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It was agreed to adjourn to further consideration of Mr Thorpe's proposal to next Meeting to be held on 25th Inst. the information to be obtained from the Councils Solicitor in the meantime.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Mr Dunphy Viz:- I beg to give notice that at Meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday 8th June. I will move that the fair now held on the Second Tuesday of May in each year, be in future held on the 3rd of May in each year.

The advisability of reducing the expenditure of scavenging and repairing of Streets, was considered, and it was agreed not to dis-employ any men, or horses just now, but to continue the work at present being carried out.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 25th May 1904

J. B. Keane

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Wednesday 25th May 1904

An adjourned meeting of The New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 O'Block to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider a letter received from Mr Thorpe offering twenty-one years purchase for his farm to include arrears; to make a Poor Rate, and consider, and if deemed advisable, adopt Estimate of Borough Rate for year ending 31st March 1905.

Present Messrs James B Hearn Chairman presiding
Joseph Roche
Michael Freaney
John O'Sullivan
John Grace
Martin Delaney
John Murphy
and
David Murphy

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Joseph Roche and Michael Freaney, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued viz:-
No 35 In favor Petty Cash £13.16.0

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Mr Greaney complained that the stones were not removed from wall of Mr Rochfords field as ordered at last meeting, and after some discussion it was Ordered that a meeting of the Street Committee be held on Friday 3rd prox at 5 Oclock P.M. to inspect depots at Town Wall and select a suitable place for depositing stones so that they may not interfere with the free access of Mr Rochford to his field.

A discussion took place respecting the flooding of the street of Roberton, and some of the houses, by the tide, and the Town Surveyor was Ordered to endeavour to devise some means to prevent this, and report upon it to next meeting, and also the probable cost of carrying out same.

A letter signed by Very Canon Kavanagh D.D. was received from Mrs Mary Fitzhenry of Leveile Sk applying for admission to Trinity Hospital

Ordered

That this application be placed with the others received, that it may be considered with them, when a vacancy occurs.

The Clerk stated that the heaps of manure in the yards had been advertised to be sold at this meeting but there were no tenders received.

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Ordered

That it be re-advertised for sale, tenders to be received at Next Meeting

The Town Surveyor reported, that owing to Mr James Reddy being engaged for a couple of days last week, and the fair days occurring this week the renewal of the water drains in Bridge st was not put in hands until to-day. The large patches of stones put out on the Irishtown and blinded over with clay got fairly well fixed after the rain, and traffic of the fair.

The water tables, and sides of the roads have been cleaned of grass and weeds and the stuff removed.

Stones have been carted to the Depots from the Quay, and Quarry in John St.

Thomas Byrne

Ordered

That the report of the Town Surveyor be adopted.

The Directors proceeded to strike a Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1905, and the following resolution was

Proposed by Mr Freaney.

Seconded by Mr Grace and Resolved

"That we raise the

Resolution making Poor Rate

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"Sum of £1471-1-9 as, and for Poor Rate,
"and for the purpose aforesaid, we make
"a Poor Rate of 3/6 in the £ for the financial
"year ending 31st March 1905 on the property
"situate within the Urban District of Newross
"pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland)
"Act 1898, and other Acts incorporated therewith,
"and that same be collected in two moieties,
"the first one on or before the 30th September
"1904, and the second one on or before the
"31st March 1905. That Public Notice be
"given of said rate having been made by
"printed placards and by Advertisement
"in the "Free Press"

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Br Treaney
Seconded by Br Grace 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 adoption of the Poor Rate, and the Collector's warrant attached thereto, and affix the Common seal of the Council to said Poor Rate Books and documents.

Passed Unanimously.

In accordance with the foregoing resolution the Rate Books

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And documents referred to in it, were signed by the Chairman, and the Rev.s John Grace and Michael Freaney and the Seal of the Council attached thereto.

As Dr Colfer was from home for sometime, there was no communication from him respecting the particulars in connection with the proposed sale of Dr Thorpe's farm to him, referred to in the resolution passed at last meeting, it was therefore agreed to adjourn the consideration of Dr Thorpe's offer to next meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday 8th June.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 8th June 1904

J. B. Keane

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Friday 27th May 1904

A Meeting of the Street Committee to be held this day at 5 Oclock P.M. to inspect depots at Down Wall and select a suitable place for depositing stones so that they may not interfere with the free access of Dr Rochford to his fields.

Dr David Murphy was the only member attended.

The Meeting was adjourned L. L. Keane

Monday 6th June 1904

Monthly Meeting day.

No attendance of Members

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 8th June 1904

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Wednesday 8th June 1904

A Meeting of The Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider Dr Thorpe's offer of twenty-one years purchase for his farm, same to include arrears of rent, also the advisability of constructing a drain from rere of Dr Hartley's house in Michael St to main sewer, and the following notice of motion served by Dr Dunphy, Viz:- "That the Fair now held on the 3rd (second Tuesday in May be held on the) of May in each year" as formerly, and to consider, and if deemed advisable, adopt Estimate of Borough Rate for year ending 31st March 1905

Present Messrs James D. Deane Chairman presiding

Michael Delaney,
Patrick Dunphy
John Grace
Joseph Roche
John Murphy
Martin J Delaney
Patrick Gannon
John L Deane J.P.
David Murphy
James G Dooley
William Murphy

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

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The Treasurer's Authority for making payments dis signed by the Chairman, and Depts Michael Freaney and John Murphy and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 36:- Garret A Hickey £7.10.0

" 37 " John Harrington 14" 0

" 38 " Mary Molloy 7.5

" 39 - John J Browne 2.0.4

" 40 - Drafting 25.0.0

" 41 - Petty Cash 27.16.3

" 42 - P. J. O'Keeffe 10.9

" 43 - John Rough 14.19.6

The following Correspondence was read:-

Mary St New Ross

8th June 1904

The Presiding Chairman

New Ross Urban Council

Dear Sir

I am instructed by the Committee of the New Ross '98 Memorial to request the Council to grant permission to build the '98 Monument where the Daubeny Fountain now stands, and also to permit of removal of same

Yours Respectfully

J J O'Gorman

Hon Sec.

Ordered

That the consideration of the foregoing letter be adjourned to next meeting, the members of the Council to be

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Summoned to consider it.

A Communication was received from the Registrar of Petty Sessions Clerks Office, Dublin Castle, stating that the amount of Surplus Money arising from the sale of Dog licenses in the Urban District of Newross for the year 1903 was £15.17.1, and that same would be paid over to the Treasurer of the Council

No Order made.

Board of Trade
(Railway Department)
7 Whitehall Gardens
London S.W.
3rd June 1904

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 23rd Ultimo and to previous correspondence on the subject of the fencing of a certain bridge over the New Ross and Waterford Extension Railway, I am directed by the Board of Trade to state that the inspection of the line took place in April, and that they regret that owing to a misunderstanding you were not notified of the date of such inspection. The bridge to which the complaint of your Council refers, was however pointed out to the Officer who made the inspection, by the officials of the Railway Company, and he advises the Department that

Paling on Waterford Road - Letter Board of Trade

Railway Co could not reasonably be expected to substitute a wall for the fence already erected

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the case does not appear to be one in which the Company could reasonably be asked to substitute a wall for the fence already provided.

I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Herbert Jeykell

A short discussion took place upon the reading of this letter but there was no order made

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Irish Rate, and Taxpayer's Association, asking for the names of one or two Solicitors who could be recommended, as the Association was about appointing one, and the Clerk was directed to furnish the names of all the Solicitors in town

A letter was also received from Mr Henson stating that the house in Drury St, referred to in the notice of the Town Surveyor served on him, was still in the occupation of Mr Gannon, as he held under lease, two lives of which are still in being, and refused to accept the terms of surrender offered by Mr Henson

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor serve notice again on Mr Gannon

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Wednesday 8th June 1904 (Minutes Contd)

County Comical Offices
Courthouse, Wexford
28th May 1904

Sir

Letter from County Council reference to Philip Kelly's Contract.

"With reference to your communication asking the County Council to allow a sum of 10/= per perch for seven years for the maintenance of 966 perches of streets from John St Cross Newtos to the Urban Bounds, I have to state that the following resolution was adopted at the meeting of my Council held yesterday:—

On the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted viz:- "That we agree to contribute to the "Newtos Urban Council the sum of "10/= per perch for the maintenance of "235 perches of the streets from John St "Cross Newtos, to the Urban bounds, "during the continuance of the present main "Roads declaration— up to July 1905"

Ordered

That the foregoing letter be adjourned to next meeting, the members of the Council to be summoned to consider it.

The Chairman also gave notice that at that meeting he would move that the resolution in reference to this Contract passed at meeting held on 9th May, be rescinded, and that

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the foregoing offer of the Co Council be considered.

A letter was received from Mrs Crowley, Prom St. Complaining that the watering cart does not visit there until mid-day when the dust has caused considerable damage to her workrooms.

A long discussion took place on the reading of this letter, respecting the existing arrangements for the cleansing and watering of the streets. The street inspector was called before the meeting and questioned in reference to these matters. Eventually it was Ordered that in future the men begin work at 7 O'Clock in the morning, and have breakfast taken, so that they may work continuously at the cleansing and watering of the streets, so as to have this work done as effectively as possible, and that their dinner hour be from 12 to 1 Oclock.

The Street Inspector having stated that he could not obtain water for watering the streets except at high water, and Consequently he could not have them watered at all times, it was Proposed by Mr John Murphy and Seconded by Mr William Murphy

"That Mr John Keogh be directed to lay a new pipe, or continue the existing one, from the pump in Bridge dock to low water mark"

Passed Unanimously

With reference to the depositing of shop sweepings on the streets, it was

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Shop Sweepings &c not to be deposited on Street after 8.30 a.m.

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Proposed by Cr Dooley and
Seconded by Cr John Connolly "That no refuse,
"shop sweepings &c, be allowed to be deposited"
"on the streets after 8.30 Oclock a.m. and that "
"the time for the removal of same from Shops"
"be between 7. and 8.30 Oclock a.m. also that "
"the Street Inspector take proceedings against "
"any one found acting contrary to this in future, "
"without reporting it to a meeting of the Council for "
"further instructions

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That notice of this order be given to householders by handbills circulated amongst them, and that the street Inspector call upon them and caution them

There were no proposals received from any one for Drainage, and it was agreed both to re-advertise it for one month.

The Town Surveyor reported that the most effecient way of keeping the high tides from flooding the lower streets of Rosbercon is by raising the present level of the streets and footways from 6 to 9 inches higher.

"The work of filling the Drichtown street is being

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carried out, and some limestones have been got in and carted to the depots, where they are being broken.

No Order made

The consideration of Dr Richard Thorpe's proposal for the purchase of his farm, entered on minutes of 13th and 27th ult April, viz:- "twenty years purchase upon present rent, and one year added to be taken by the Council in satisfaction of all arrears of rent due to date", was next taken up, and the following letter bearing on the matter read:-

Offices Rural Co
June 7th 1904

Dear Sir

We are in receipt of Dr letter of the 27th ult, asking our opinion, first, as to the possibility of the Urban Council obtaining the "Domus" or a sale by them to Dr Thorpe of his holding under the Land Purchase Acts, and, secondly, as to the right of the Council to compromise an arrear of two and a half years' rent by the acceptance of one years' rent to be added to the purchase money. In reply we beg to say as to Dr first question the Domus is payable only on the sale of an "Estate" and the definition of an Estate, given by the Act is "any lands which the Estate Commissioners may declare fit to be regarded as a seperate Estate". This declaration is never given previous to the sale, and the course usually adopted by legal practitioners is

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to submit the facts to the Commissioners, and ask them for an expression of opinion as to whether the loans will or will not be ultimately given. As more or less guarded reply is received, and this is the only basis an owner can have for estimating his prospect of getting the loans. So far as we know of the Urban Council's position as landowners we think it somewhat doubtful that they will get the "loans" having regard to the fact, that they have another tenant to whom they do not propose to sell.

As to compounding for the arrears of rent on the terms mentioned in your letter, this means the abandonment of a claim to a year and a half's rent to which the Council are legally entitled. We think that if this Act were questioned, the Council would find it difficult to justify it, unless by showing that the arrears abandoned were irrecoverable. If however, the abandonment of these arrears is made a necessary term of the proposed purchase, and as such is approved of by the Local Government Board, there would of course be no responsibility on the Council.

Although we have not been consulted on the point we consider it our duty to suggest that the Council, before coming to terms with Mr Thorpe, should place before the Local Government Board, the full particulars of his case, and of his proposal, including a statement

as to the proposed compromise of the arrears.
This is, in our opinion, the only course which will give protection to the Council for anything they may do in the matter.

We also desire to mention that the Council appear to be under the impression that Mr Thorpe is debarred from applying to have a second term rent fixed by reason of owing so much arrears. This is not correct. The amount of rent due by a tenant is no legal bar whatever to him getting a rent fixed. No doubt the landlord might take proceedings to compel payment of the arrears and under these proceedings might sell the tenants interest in the holding before the application to fix the rent could be heard, but as the Council appear desirous of acting fairly with Mr Thorpe, we hardly think they would be likely to adopt this extreme course

Yours very truly
Coffey & Gethin

Wm J. Grimm
Clerk of the Council

Quay St
Newcastle. Tuesday.

Dear Mr Grimm

I regret I would be at home to-morrow evening for the meeting, especially as that

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important matter of the sale of Mr Thorpe's farm is coming on. In case the Council is entitled to the Rents, and 3½% interest is obtainable, I am of the opinion that the Council ought to call for twenty one years purchase, including arrears, and I would be glad to give my vote to that effect were it possible

Yours truly

J Mrs Sullivan

The Chairman stated that in order to obtain reliable information as to the rate of interest payable out of Trustee investment securities, at present he directed the Clerk to write Messrs Pim & Son Government Stockbrokers on the point, and the following is their reply:-

28 Westmoreland St

Dublin 24th May 1904

Jas J Finn Esq

Urban Council Office

Thomastown

Dear Sir,

In reply to your favour of yesterday we have pleasure in submitting the following list of securities on offer for your Council's information:-

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Full Trustee Stock

New Zealand Inscribed Stock yielding £3-12-6 %

Belfast Water Commissioners Stock yielding over 3½ %

Great Southern and Western Railway 4% Preference yielding £3-9-0 %

Stocks Sanctioned under Section 51. Irish Land Act 1903:-

Canadian Pacific R.R. 4% Debenture Stock yielding £3-15-0

Clyde Navigation Funded Debt yielding £3-15-0 %.

We will be happy to give you any further or other information you may wish.

Yours faithfully

Richard Pim & Sons

P.S. Several Colonial Inscribed Stocks and Irish Railway Guaranteed Shares can also be bought to yield 3½ to 3¾ %.

After some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr J Delaney and

Seconded by Mr Dunphy "That the offer of

"Mr Thorpe, for his farm, of twenty-one

"years purchase upon his present rent

"inclusive of arrears, which are two and a

"half years, be accepted, subject to the Canal

"obtaining the Bonus and the approval of

"the Local Government Board".

Resolution accepting Mr Thorpe's offer for his farm.

On the resolution been put to the meeting there voted:-

For:- Messrs William Murphy, Patrick Dunphy, James G. Dooley,

Martin J Delaney, John Grace, John S Hearn Jr., Patrick Gannon

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and the Chairman 8

Against Bros. David Dwyer, John Dwyer, Joseph Roche

and Michael Sweeney 4

Majority in favour of resolution 4

The Chairman declared the resolution Passed.

Proposed by Br. John Dwyer and

Seconded by Br Roche "That the bills

"submitted for payment (see list abs

"Commencement of Minutes) and examined

"be paid"

Passed Unanimously.

"The following resolution of which due notice

had been given was-

Proposed by Br Dunphy and

Seconded by Br Roche Viz:-

"That the fair now

"held on the second Tuesday of May be

"in future held on the 3rd. of May in each year"

When the resolution was put, only the proposer and

seconder appeared to vote in favour of it, and the

Chairman declared it defeated.

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Proposals were received from Messrs Matthew Hutchinson, Patrick Hunt, Bryan Hennessy, and Dewsnap Bros for the supply of three dozen of brushes.
Samples were also received, and after been examined, two brushes were selected as most suitable, and as they were considered good value for the price quoted, it was, on the proposal of Mr John Murphy, seconded by Mr Roche passed, and decided to order 3 Doz brushes from Mr Hennessy, same as sample No 1, at 28/- per Doz, and 3 Doz from Mr Hunt, same as sample, at 24/- per Doz.

The Consideration of the Estimate of Borough Rate was adjourned to next meeting.

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 22nd June

James Holtman
Chairman

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A Meeting of the Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts Connected therewith, also to consider an application from the Hon Sec of the '98 Memorial Committee for permission to build the '98 Monument where the Dunbeney Fountain now stands and permit removal of same, and the following motion, notice of which has been served by Mr J Delaney Viz:- That the resolution of the Council passed on the 7th May declining to accept the Contract now held by Mr Philip Kelly, within the Urban District, except one for seven years at 10/= per perch, half to be an Urban and half a County at large Charge be rescinded, and that the offer of the late Council to Contribute 10/= per perch to July 1905 be considered, also to consider, and if deemed advisable, adopt Estimate of Borough Rate for year ending 31st March 1905.

Present Messrs James J Glynnian Presiding
" William Murphy
Patrick Dunphy
Michael Freaney
John Grace
John Sullivan
John Murphy
Martin J Delaney

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Joseph Roche
John Sheehan
and
David Murphy

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read & signed

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs John Grace and Michael Freaney and the following paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 44 — In favour Petty Cash £28-11-10

" 45 — P. A. Jeffares - Premium on dwellings 2-3-6

The Street Inspector reported that Broaders, Keithy, Keville, and the town horse, did not come on the town until eight Oclock A. M. for the past week.

A considerable discussion took place respecting the non-compliance of the men with the order made at last Meeting, And it was proposed and seconded that portion of their wages, equivalent to the time they were absent, be deducted from their wages. This was, however, withdrawn, and the Clerk was directed to inform them again that they must carry out the Order of the Council, this order to apply to all the men.

Mr O'Sullivan served the following Notice of Motion Viz:-

"I beg to give Notice that I will propose at the next Meeting that the Council take the necessary steps to build, or acquire

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a Market house for the sale of butter &c

The following Correspondence was read:-

Local Government Board

Dublin 16th June 1904

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 10th Instant relative to the proposal of the Clew Bay Urban District Council to sell Mr Thorpe his farm under the Irish Land Act, 1903, for 21 years purchase, inclusive of 2½ years arrears of rent. With reference thereto I am to inquire whether Mr Thorpe's farm is the only agricultural holding on the Corporate Estate of the Clew Bay Urban District Council.

I am also to ask you to be good enough to furnish a statement showing the financial effect of the proposed transaction Viz:- the ket rent ab present receivable by the Council after the deduction of any incidental charges, and the amount of interest ab 3½% on the purchase money, including the arrears.

The Board further desire to have before them an explanation how the arrears of rent have been allowed to accumulate to the extent of 21 years.

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant

P. M. Swaine

Secretary

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The Clerk read the reply which he had drafted for the approval of the Council, Copy of which appears on the Letter Book. After some discussion it was-

Proposed by Mr Dunphy and
Seconded by Mr Wm Murphy

"That the draft reply, prepared by the Clerk be approved of, and forwarded to the Local Government Board"

To which the following Amendment was

Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr David Murphy viz:-

"That the reference, contained in the reply, to a second term tenant be omitted from it."

On the Amendment being put to the Meeting there voted

For - Messrs Meehan, John Murphy, Michael Greaney, Roche & D Murphy 5

Against - Messrs Dunphy, Grace, Delaney, O'Sullivan, W. Murphy and the Chairman 6

Majority against 1

The resolution was then put, and the voting was the same.

New Ross 22nd June 1904

To The Chairman
Urban Council
New Ross

Dear Sir,

My holding of Bennetts Knock from Urban Council consists of 4½ Irish Acres - Poor Law Valuation £10-0-0.

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Yearly rent we have paid since 1866 £18.7.6.
I wish to offer you twenty years purchase on
yearly rent. Hoping to receive a favourable
reply and acceptance of offer

I am

Yours truly

Patrick Delaney.

Ordered

That the consideration of this
letter be adjourned to next meeting the Members of
the Council to be summoned to Consider it.

Harbour Office

New Ross 10th June 1904

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of my Board on the 7th Inst
it was decided not to allow any more Stones to be deposited
on the New quay from Boats, but they can be deposited
on the Ballast Quay, or the Quay near the Bridge. After this
Notice if the Council persist in depositing the stones
on the New quay they will be prosecuted.

Yours truly

John Secretary

There was no Order made, but the Town Surveyor
was directed to Carry out the Order of the Harbour Board
as far as possible.

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Dungarstown
June 15th 1904

Dear Sir

Please inform your Council that there is a large heap of Stones quarried and delivered on the Quay at present, and I must pay for the labour of getting them quarried and therefore I would like to have them drawn away.

Yours faithfully
Michael Hunt

Ordered

That the Clerk write to Patrick Carroll, and ask him to draw the Stones as soon as possible, and that Mr Hunts attention be directed to the previous Order of the Council informing him that when the Council would require more Stones he will be communicated with.

The following resolution was, on the proposal of Mr Meehan, seconded by Mr John Murphy, unanimously adopted

Viz:- "That we have learned with dismay of the "increased tax levied upon pickled fish "imported into the United States from this Country to an amount (from 8/= to 17/6 per barrell) that would seriously damage this, the most promising branch of the local fishing industry on which the welfare of so many almost entirely depends. That we appeal to the sense of justice and fair play of the American Government not to impose a tax which would destroy one of the few remaining industries of

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"this Country, and to our exiled Kinsmen in the United States to support our efforts for the removal of this imposh.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That a Copy of this resolution be sent to the American Consul, and Peter Tynan Esq M.P.

Tenders for the supply of a Minute Book were received from Messrs Harvey Co Waterford and Moran Bros Newross.

The former proposed to supply two books @ 22/6 each and enclosed sample of paper.

Moran Bros offered to supply one @ 18/- but did not send sample of paper.

Ordered

That the tender of Moran Bros be accepted, provided the book be of Irish Manufacture, and the paper equal to sample supplied by Messrs Harvey &c.

Proposed by Mr William Murphy and Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

That the Quarterly Meetings of the Council for the financial year ending 31st March 1905 be held on the following dates, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board Viz:- July 13th 1904,

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October 12th 1904, January 11th 1905, and April 12th 1905 at 7 Oclock P.M.

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr Dunphy and
Seconded by Mr Wm. Dunphy.

"That the D. W. & W.m Railway Co be asked to revise the existing Railway arrangements and to put on a Sunday train to Waterford at 10 to 11 Oclock returning about 7.30 Oclock, also to ask them to Connect with the G. S. & W.m Railway at Palace East, the Connection existing previous to the New Extension to Waterford having fallen through, and that Copies of this resolution be sent to Kilkenny, Carlow, Bagenalstown, Enniscorthy and Wexford Urban Councils, to the traffic Managers of the two Railway Cos concerned, and to our local Stationmaster.

Passed Unanimously

An application was received from Thomas Connick for the tenancy of the house in Wm. St. lately occupied by John Lahy (his father-in-law) and offered Patrick Rochford of Neville Ths as surety for payment of his rent.

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr Meehan

"That Thomas Connick be accepted as tenant of the house referred to in his proposal

Passed Unanimously

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An application was received from Mr Jeffares, agent for the Patriotic Assurance Co. for payment of the premium on the new horses in Wm St.

As the days of grace would expire before the next Finance Meeting of the Council it was Ordered that the premium £2.3.6 be paid at this meeting

Town Surveyor's Report 22nd June 1904

Gentlemen,

The work of filling and forming the surface of the Irishtown Street is going on satisfactorily.

The sides and water tables of several of the outlying roads have been cleaned up and the stuff removed.

The water tables and footways of the bridge and approaches have also been cleaned.

Only one boatload of limestone has been delivered during the fortnight. The weather lately was much against boatmen going for stone. It would be well to ask Mrs Roche to have a couple of boatloads per week delivered during the fine weather.

The notice for taking down, or putting into repair, the house in Mary St has been served on Mrs Gannon a second time as directed

Thomas Byrne

Proposed by Mr David Murphy and Seconded by Mr Meehan

That the report of the

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Town Surveyor be adopted

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That Mrs Roche be asked to deliver two loadtoads of limestones per week during the continuance of favorable weather.

The following resolution, of which Mr M. Keane had given notice was in his absence

Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and

Seconded by Mr William Murphy

"That the resolution "of the Comal passed on the 7th May declining "to accept the Contract now held by Mr Philip Kelly "within the Urban District, except one for seven "years at 10/= per perch, half to be an Urban, and "half a County at Large charge, be given be rescinded, "and that the offer of the Co Council to Contribute "10/= per perch to July 1905 be accepted

Passed Unanimously

The consideration of the application of the Hon Secretary of the '98 Committee for permission to build the '98 Monument where the Dunbeney Fountain now stands, and to permit removal of same, was taken up.

Mr Roche stated that the Hon Secretary was now directed to apply for permission to remove the Dunbeney Fountain but already for permission to erect the Monument where the

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Foundation Stone was laid, at the East side of the Dunbeney Fountain, - whilst the Hon Secretary (Dr Ó Gormean) contended that he was.

A rather heated discussion took place between Dr Roche and Dr Ó Gorman, during which, many members of the Council left and the meeting adjourned without any proposition on the matter being put before it.

The consideration of the Estimate of Borough Rate was adjourned to next meeting.

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 6th July 1904

J. B. Kearn

Monday 4th July 1904

Monthly meeting day. No attendance of members

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 6th July 1904

J. B. Kearn

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Wednesday 6th July 1904

A Meeting of the New-Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other acts connected therewith, also to consider a proposal from Mr Patrick Delaney of twenty years purchase on present rent, for his farm, and the followung Notice of Motion by Mr O'Sullivan Viz:- "that the Council "take the necessary steps to build or acquire a Market House "for the sale of butter &c, also to consider, and if approved of, adopt Estimate of Borough Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1905.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
John S. Hearn
Michael Freaney
William Murphy
Joseph Roche
John Meehan
John Murphy
John and O'Sullivan

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Michael Freaney and John Murphy and the followung Paying Order was directed to be issued Viz:-

No 46 M. J. Finn Petty Cash £31..4..9

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The following correspondence was read Viz:-

Local Government Board.

Dublin,

1st. July 1904.

Sir/

Iam directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that you will have the goodness to forward to this office, as usual, and as soon as possible, copies of the notices of all rates made in the Urban District for the current financial year.

By Order of the Board.

H. Courtenay.

The Clerk stated that he had forwarded copies of the Notices, as requested, and there was no order made.

Dublin Castle,

Parliamentary 1st. July 1904.

Sir,

The King having been pleased to comply with prayer on an humble Address presented to His Majesty in pursuance of a Resolution of the House of Commons, dated the 13th. June, 1904 for a "Return showing the Counties and "Boroughs in which Inspectors have been appointed under "The Shop Hours Acts, 1892 to 1895, and The Seats for Shop "Assistants Act, 1899, and number of Inspectors appointed."

Iam directed by the Lord Lieutenant to request that

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you will have the goodness to cause such a Return, so far as relates to your City, Town, or Township, to be prepared on the accompanying Form and transmitted to me with the least possible delay, in order that the same may be laid before the House of Commons.

Should the Return be "Nil" you will please return the Form, stating that fact.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. B. Dougherty.

The Clerk stated the information had been forwarded.

New Ross Urban Dist
No 37,802/1904

Local Government Board.

Dublin,

30th June 1904.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, relative to the quarterly meetings of the New Ross Urban District Council; and I am to state that the Board have approved of the following dates fixed by the Council, therefor Viz:-

Wednesday, the 13th July, 1904
" " 12th October, "
" " 11th January, 1905
" " 12th April, "

at 7 o'clock. P.M.

I am Sir

No Order made

Your obedient Servant
H. M. Swaine.
Secretary

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Consular Service, U.S.A.
Dublin.
July 5th 1904.

M. J. Finn
Clerk of Council,
New Ross.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 2nd 1904, transmitting a resolution of your Council regarding the duty on pickled fish entering the United States. A similar resolution has already been sent to the Department of State and your resolution will be referred to in the next dispatch on the subject.

I am Sir,

Respectfully Yours,
Ard Dunpiatt,
V. & D. Consul,

No Order made

The Commissioner of Valuation wrote acknowledging receipt of List of Tenements in Urban District requiring revision.

Dublin & Wicklow & W.d. Railway
Dublin 25th June 1904.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday forwarding copy of the Resolution adopted by your

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Council at their Meeting on 22nd inst., and to say that it will receive careful consideration.

Yours faithfully,
A. G. Reid.

No Order Made

Dublin Wicklow & Wd. Railway Co
Westland Row Station
Dublin 4th July 1904

Dear Sir,

Sunday Train Service with New Ross

I have received from the Town Clerk of Kilkenny copy of a Resolution on the above subject, stated to have been forwarded to the Kilkenny Corporation by your Council. I wish to draw your attention to the matter, not having received a copy of the original Resolution from you.

Yours faithfully,
M. F. Keogh,
Secretary.

The Clerk stated that copy of the resolution refered to was forwarded to the Sec of Railway Co on receipt, it having been previously forwarded to the General Manager, as directed at the last Meeting.

Raheen
July 5th 1904

Sir,

I regret to say that I could not possibly draw the

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stones from Dunganstown to New Ross for 17/= per boat load of 17 tons. as I could not get men at that rate; But I will guarantee to draw all the stones required from Dunganstown @ 20/= per boat load of 17 tons.

Yours truly,
Patrick Carroll,

No order made, the Council declining to alter the existing arrangements with him.

To the Presiding Chairman
Urban Council
New Ross

We the undersigned members of the New Ross 98 Memorial Committee who were present at the last Meeting of the Committee held at the Tholsel New Ross on Tuesday 31st. May when our Secretary Mr James J. O'Gorman was directed to write to the Urban Council for the required permission to build the 98 Monument or the spot where the foundation stone was laid, beg most respectfully to inform you that Mr James J. O'Gorman got no instruction from us to ask permission from you to remove the "Daubeney Fountain" Therefore we now ask you in the name of the "98 Memorial Committee" to grant us permission to erect the Monument in Memory of the men of 98 on the spot where the foundation Stone was Solemnly laid by the very Revd. Thos. Meehan P.P. Ballindaggan at the East Side of the "Daubeney

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Fountain" assuring you that we will in no way interfere with the Daubeney Fountain or in any way interfere with the public thoroughfare.

Signed

John Cummins (Chairman)
Bryan Hennessy (Hon Treasurer)
John Meehan
Joseph Roche
John Clony
Martin J. Delaney
Patrick Dinn

New Ross June 25th 1904

Ordered

That the consideration of this application be adjourned to next Meeting, the members of the Council to be summoned to consider it.

Bullawn.

New Ross.

6th July 1904

Gentlemen/

I wish to draw your attention to the back door in my house I want it put up.

Your obedient
tenant
Patrick Roche.

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor inspect this house and

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report upon it to next Meeting.

Mr Roche drew attention to a kerb stone in Quay St which required to be repaired immediately.

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor have the Kerb stone, referred to by Mr Roche, reset at once.

The Manager, Great Southern & Western Railway Co, wrote acknowledging receipt of resolution of Council respecting connection with Dublin Wicklow & Wexford Railway Co at Palace East.

Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That the D.W.&W.R. Railway Co be informed that considerable inconvenience is caused by the irregular arrival of their trains from Dublin.

Passed Unanimously

The Town Surveyor reported that the work of filling up and forming the Irishtown Street is going on satisfactorily.

It would be a good and useful work to put a surface grate and branch drain to the main some distance above the grating at the Bosheen pump, the one grate is insufficient

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to take all the water above the Bosheen on the South side of Street.

after the recent rains I got Priory Street and the Newtown road cleaned and weeds and grass removed also the roads in Rosberon cleaned up.

There has been but one boat load of limestones delivered within the fortnight.

Ordered

That Mrs Roche be again requested, to have at least two boatloads of limestones delivered each week during the fine weather.

The question of the surface grates was referred, to the Meeting of the Street committee which is to be held on 8th Inst.

The Clerk drew attention to the letter received from Michael Hunt Dunganstown respecting the drawing of the stones at present delivered on the Dunganstown Quay, and after some discussion it was decided to have one boatload drawn as soon as possible, in order to ascertain if the quality of those already quarried is suitable for the requirement of the Council, and that Mr Hunt be informed of this.

The Application of Mr Delaney, for the purchase of his farm at Bennettsknock, received at last Meeting was considered and after some discussion it was

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Proposed by Mr Meehan and
Seconded by Mr Wm. Murphy

That Mr Delaney be informed if he sends in a proposal of twenty-two years purchase of his farm it will be favourably considered.

After some discussion Mr Roche proposed as an amendment" that Mr Delaney's proposal for the purchase of his farm be accepted subject to the Council obtaining the Bonus and the approval of the Local Government Board.

Mr Meehan withdrew his proposition and seconded Mr Roche's amendment which then became the preposition.

The Chairman then proposed as an amendment "That Mr Delaney be informed if he sends in a proposal of twenty-two years purchase of his farm, it will be favourably considered.

On the Amendment, proposed by the Chairman, being put there voted

For— Messrs Sullivan, Wm. Murphy, John S. Hearn J.P.
John Murphy and the Chairman —— 5

against— Messrs Meehan & Roche —— 2

Majority in favour of Amendment 3

Mr Freaney declined to vote

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The resolution proposed by Mr Roche was put and there voted

For — Messrs Meehan & Roche 2.

Against – Messrs O'Sullivan, Wm. Murphy, J.S. Hearn J.P. J. Murphy & The Chairman 5

Majority against 3

Mr Freaney declined to vote on this also

The Chairman declared the Amendment "Passed"

The Meeting next proceeded to consider the Clerk's Estimate of Borough Rate which was submitted and examined, after which it was

Proposed by Mr Freaney and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That the Clerk's Estimate of Borough Rate now before us be adopted and that he publish the necessary notice of our intention to make a Borough Rate of 2/5 in the £, and take the necessary steps to enable said rate to be made.

Passed Unanimously

The Notice of Motion respecting the Market House served by Mr O'Sullivan at last Meeting, was considered an the following resolution

Proposed by him viz

That this Council take steps to build or acquire a Market House.

after some discussion it was ———

Proposed

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Proposed by Mr John S. Hearn J.P. and
Seconded by Mr Freaney

That the consideration of this matter be referred to a committee consisting of Messrs O'Sullivan, John Murphy, Delaney, & O'Gorman, who are to go fully into the advisability of carrying out the proposition, and report to Meeting of the Council, to be held on 13th. Inst.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That Miss Maher be asked to surrender the Fish House and retain the weigh Bridge, and office used in connection with it, as the former is not used by her and is required by the Council.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 13th. July 1904

John S Hearn

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Wednesday 13th July 1904

A Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held this day at 7 o'clock P.M. to transact business, and consider Quarterly report of Town Surveyor, and applications for new works, if any.

Present Messrs John S. Hearn J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
Martin J. Delaney
John Meehan
James J. O'Gorman

The Minutes of previous Quarterly Meeting were read and signed

The following Quarterly report of the Surveyor was read Gentlemen,

The Streets and roads are in fair condition and the cleaning of sides and water tables has been attended to.

The work of filling and forming the surface of the Irishtown Street is well advanced.

A good quantity of limestones has been broken in the depots for metalling for next Winter.

If the Council think well of it I would recommend an application to be sent to the County Council, for half the expense of rebuilding the breaches in the retaining walls of the Waterford road

I am Gentlemen,

Yours obediently

Thomas Byrne

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The following are his recommendations as to Proposals for Payment Viz:-

To Strike off

Philip Kelly Palace New Ross £3..8.6 £1..15..7 and £0..8..0

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr Meehan

That the Quarterly Report of the Town Surveyor, and his recommendations as to proposals for payments be adopted.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the Clerk forward the bill of half the cost of repairing the breaches in the retaining wall, to the Wexford Co Council.

J. R. Keane

The Meeting adjourned

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Wednesday 13th. July 1904

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Present Messrs John S. Hearn J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
Martin J. Delaney
John Meehan
James J. O'Gorman

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs James J. O'Gorman and John Meehan and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No	47	Margaret Roche	Limestones	£30 .. 15 .. 0
"	48	Dwyer Bros		12 .. 10
"	49	Matthew Hutchinson		1 .. 5 .. 1
"	50	John J. Browne		1 .. 16 .. 0

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No 51	Michael Hunt	£0 .. 11 .. 8
.. 52	John Hanlon	6 .. 5 .. 0
.. 53	Thomas Byrne	8 .. 5 .. 0
.. 54	M. J. Finn	4 .. 13 .. 9
.. 55	Geo W. Carr	3 .. 15 .. 0
.. 56	James Barron	2 .. 10 .. 9
.. 57	John Tobin	3 .. 2 .. 6
.. 58	N. J. Meehan	6 .. 5 .. 0
.. 59	Hugh R. Hamilton	5 .. 1 .. 6
.. 60	M. J. Finn Petty Cash	18 .. 6 .. 3
.. 61	St Stephens Cemetery Committee	7 .. 16 .. 0
.. 62	John Falconer	0 .. 15 .. 0

The following correspondence was redd Viz:-

New Ross Urban District
No 38753/1904

Local Government Board,
Dublin,
6th. July 1904.

Sir

With reference to the Return showing the condition to the 25th. ultimo of the collection of the poor rate in New Ross Urban District for the half-year ended the 30th. September. 1904, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inquire if the Collector has yet lodged the sum of £51..0..0 entered in Column 7 of the Return as remaining in his hands unlodged on the 1st. instant.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant
H. M. Swaine
Secretary

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The clerk stated that he informed the Local Government that the amout stated was duly lodged.

New Ross,

13th July 1904.

To the

Chairman of the

New Ross Urban Council

Dear Sir,

In answer to letter from your Council of July 7th about buying my holding of Bennetts Knock, I wish to state I will divide the two years purchase.

That is twenty one year's purchase on £18..7..6 which I believe is more than any non-Judicial tenant has paid for any similar holding.

The tenants interest in this field of 4½ acres was purchased by my uncle in 1865 and there has been no reduction of the rent since that time.

If I sold the tenant-right in this field to any neighbouring farmer I believe the Judicial rent he could obtain would not be more than £10..0..0 per year as surrounding fields of same class have been settled, Trusting to receive an exceptance of offer.

I am

yours truly.

Patrick Delaney.

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Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be adjourned to next meeting, the members to be summoned to consider it.

Meat Market,
New Ross,
July 13th 1904.

To the
Chairman of the
New Ross Urban council

Dear Sir,

We the undersigned tenants wish to strongly object to any change being made with market which would surely seriously damage the meat during the warm or close weather. We respectfully desire to draw your attention to the fact that the market was built specially for the meat business only and that we are the representatives of those who have occupied it since the time of its erection.

We will be satisfied to buy, or lease the market, if by doing so it would place the council in a better position to build a butter-market in a convenient place for the requirements of the general public.

Yours truly,
Patrick Delaney
John Bailey
Patrick Travers

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Ordered

That this letter be referred to the Market House committee for consideration and report.

The Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Co wrote acknowledging receipt of resolutions passed by Council in reference to train service.

Mrs Roche wrote saying she would supply 2 boatloads of stones on an average each week, so long as the weather is favourable.

Report of Street Committee

The undersigned members of the Street Committee met in the Urban Council office this day and proceeded to inspect some of the Street gratings.

We recommend that two new gratings be set in South St, one opposite Cooks Lane, and a second one nearly opposite Mr Nolans premises, and that the small grating at Junction of South St and Mary St be substituted by a larger one.

We also recommend that two new ones be set in Mary St, one opposite the entrance to the Augustinian Church, and one on South side, opposite Ball alley Lane, and that the large grating in Quay St be replaced by a smaller trapped grating, also that the Channel, at corner of Mr Jeffares', be re-paved and the present grating there be re-placed by a new grate.

With respect to want of a wall in Frenches Court we

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recommend the Council to ask Colonel Totenham to join with them in building a proper dividing wall between his property, and that owned by the the Council in Frenches Court.

John Sullivan
David Murphy

July 1st 1904

Proposed by Mr Meehan and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That the report of the Street Committee be adopted, and that the Town Surveyor get the gratings re-set, and the channel outside of Mr Jeffares paved.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the Clerk write to Mr Hamilton respecting the wall in Frenches Court.

Town Surveyors Report

Gentlemen,

The delivery of limestones is improving, three boatloads were landed this week and carted to depots.

I got the weeds and grass cut off the sides and foot-way of back road, Rosbercon.

I got the water tables and surface of bridge cleaned and stuff removed. I think the Scavenging stuff should see to the cleaning of the bridge oftener than they do.

Some work has also been done in the Irishtown.

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The back door of Roche's house Bullaun wants re-hanging with new hooks for the hinges and staple for latch.
Some repairs to the paving of channels are required.

Thomas Byrne

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr Meehan

That the report of the Surveyor be adopted, and that he get the back door of Roche's house properly re-hung, and that he be empowered to employ John Scott to do the necessary repairs to the water channels.

Passed Unanimously

The Clerk stated that Mr Murphy was the only member who attended at the meeting of the Market house Committee to be held on Monday 11th Inst and it was now ordered that a meeting be held on Friday 15th Inst at 9 oclock P.M.

The consideration of the application of the '98 Committee for permission to erect the Monument where the foundation stone is laid was next taken up. The Clerk stated that Mr Roche called to the office during the day and requested him to inform the meeting that he would be unable to be present, owing to having to leave town, and that he would be obliged if the consideration of the application would be adjourned to next Meeting, when he hoped to be able to attend.

after some discussion the consideration of the Application

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was adjourned to next Meeting in compliance with the request of Mr Roche.

The Abstract of uncollected Borough Rate which was examined by Messrs John S. Hearn J.P. and James J. O'Gorman, members of the Finance committee, was submitted to the meeting, and it was

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That the recommendation of the Finance committee respecting the uncollected Borough Rate be adopted Viz:- that the sums recommended by them to be cancelled, be cancelled, and the sums recommended by them to be carried forward to next collection, be carried forward.

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr Murphy

"That the bills submitted by the clerk and examined by the members of the Finance committee (see list at commencement of minutes) be paid".

Passed Unanimously

John S Hearn

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Present Messrs John S. Hearn J.P. Presiding
James J. O'Gorman
James G. Dooley
Michael Greaney
John Murphy
Joseph Roche
John Meehan
David Murphy
John O'Sullivan
William Murphy
John Grace
and
Martin J. Delaney

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The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John Grace and Michael Freaney and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 64 M. J. Finn £29..8..7

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

New Ross Urban District
No 40,980 : 1904

Local Government Board, Dublin,
19th July 1904.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 23rd ultimo and to previous correspondence relative to the proposal of the New Ross Urban District Council to sell to Mr Thorpe his farm under the Irish Land Act, 1903, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they understand that the Estates Commissioners would not regard Mr Thorpe's holding alone as an estate for the purposes of sale, but would require that the entire agricultural portion of the corporate estate should be sold together.

I am to add that the Board are not prepared to sanction the present proposal in Mr. Thorpe's case, as it would result in the remission of two and a half year's arrears of rent. There would, however, be no objection to his arrears being added to the purchase money.

I am Sir
H. M. Swaine
Secretary

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Ordered

That a copy of this letter be furnished to Mr Thorpe.

A letter was received from the Department of Agriculure asking for a return of officials employed on 1st. June 1904 in carrying out the provisions of the Technical Instruction (Ireland) act, and it was Ordered that the information be supplied.

Estate office
New Ross
20th. July 1904

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of 16th. July. There would be no object in Colonel Tottenham contributing towards the cost of erection of the wall you propose building as it is only waste ground on his side. Do you think your Council would entertain the idea of leasing the plot of ground Col. Tottenham has on hands there. I enclose sketch of it, with measurements.

Yours faithfully
Hugh R. Hamilton.

Ordered

That Mr Hamilton be informed the Council are not disposed to lease the plot of ground, referred to, at present, but have filed his letter for future reference.

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Irish Tourist Development
118 Grafton Street
Dublin
19th. July 1904

Sir,

An endeavour was made at the time of the passing of the Local Government Act, to have a clause inserted empowering County Councils or District Urban Councils, to expand money for the purpose of developing suitable Tourist Resorts in this country, in the manner so successfully applied at certain well known pleasure resorts in England.

The Government, at the time of the passing of the Local Government Act, although sympathetic, could not agree to include any additional clauses in the Bill. Feeling assured, however, that the best interests of the country will be served by the development of Tourist centres I take the opportunity of pointing out that the time is now opportune for again bringing the matter before the Government.

It should be understood that, in the event of these powers being obtained such would be purely permissive, and any money expended in this connection, in the interests of any particular place, for example, Kingstown, Killarney, Portrush, &c, should be borne by the places or localities immediately benefited. I would therefore be glad if you will be so good as to submit this letter to your Council

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for consideration; and if the proposal be approved, a resolution to this effect will much oblige.

Yours faithfully
F. W. Crosby

It was agreed that the Council express their willingness to support a movement having for its object the empowering of Councils to expend money for the purpose of developing suitable Tourist Resorts in Ireland and the Clerk was directed to communicate with the Chief Secretary on the matter.

An application was received from Miss Finn Quay, for permission to take in the pipe water, and the Street Inspector was ordered to have the ground opened to enable her to connect with the main water pipe.

A letter was received from Mrs Roche Ballyanne saying she will supply all the limestones she possibly can during the Summer, and that the boatmen will not work for anyone except herself and the Council.

Harpoonstown,
22nd July 1904.

Dear Sir,

On the first opportunity I shall bring the tax imposed by the United States Government on pickled fish under the notice of the House with a view that the Government may make some arrangement with the American Government to

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exempt Irish Pickled fish from this tax.

Yours faithfully,
Peter Hfrench.

No Order made

Mary Street,
July 20th 1904.

Chairman and Gentlemen,
of the Urban Council.

In regard to your letter of the 7th inst asking me to surrender the market House I will comply with your request expecting that you will reduce the rent.

I remain,
Yours obediently,
Bridget Maher.

Ordered

That the surrender of the Market House by Miss Maher be accepted and that she be informed the Council are not prepared to make any reduction in the rent of the weighbridge but if she sends in a proposal for a new tenancy they will give her the preference at the present rent.

J. A. Baker Esq Local Government auditor notified his intention of opening the audit of the accounts of the Council for year ended 31st March 1904, on Wednesday 17th August at 10·30 oclock.

No Order made

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A proposal of £1..10..6 was received from Michael Rice for a heap of manure at Town Wall or Windmill Lane, but as it had not been advertised for sale it was not disposed of. It was now ordered that advertisments be issued inviting Proposals for it at next meeting.

Town Tenants Executive

4 Up O'Connell Street

Dublin 21st July 1904

Dear Sir,

A conference of Town Tenants Representatives will assemble at the Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin on Friday, the 26th August, at 12 oclock (noon). The conference will consider and determine a means for extending to every village and town in Ireland the Town Tenants' Association, which has been started for the following objects:—

1.— To combine the Town Tenants of Ireland in one organisation for the assertion and redress of their grievances.

(a) To insist by vigorous agitation on the securing to the workers in cities and towns of proper Housing Accommodation at living rents.

(b) The abolition of the iniquitous system of short leases and fines, and confiscation of improvements that now so ruinously affect the industrial prosperity of our towns and villages.

(c) To acquire powers for tenants and workers in towns to become owners of their houses, and to secure in the immediate future a radical extension of the Small Dwelling Act.

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(d) Taxation of land values so as to lighten the burden on the general body of Ratepayers.

(e) To promote improvement in towns, encourage the establishment of local industries, deal with the question of excessive freight and transit charges, and generally bring organised public opinion to bear on matters connected with industrial and commercial life in Ireland.

It will also consider and arrange a programme of reasonable reforms, which it is hoped will be endorsed by Irish Parliamentary Representatives of all sections, as well as numbers of English, Scotch, and Welsh Members who are in favour of altering the laws now dealing with Town Tenure in Ireland.

As your Body represents the town of New Ross the Executive would be pleased if you should appoint Two delegates to attend in Dublin at the time and place mentioned, and assist in the work of the Conference, from which important results are expected.

We enclose cards of admission and will be glad to hear from you in due course.

If your Body has any suggestion or proposition to put forward it should reach these offices (in writing) not later than Monday, the 15th of August.

Yours faithfully

William Field. M.P.

Wm. Hangan. T. C.

A. Scott

J. J. Lalor

J. M. Coghlan Briscoe, T. C.

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Proposed by Mr Meehan and
Seconded by Mr D. Murphy

That the Chairman of the Council, Mr J. B. Hearne, and Mr Dooley be asked to attend the Meeting on behalf of the Council.

Passed Unanimously

The Clerk was directed to ascertain by next meeting whether Mr Hearn, could attend, and if not to report it, so that another member might be appointed in his place.

An Application was received from Anne Quigley Duncannon for a vacant house in Wm. St, and offered Peter Murphy South St as Security; and from James Cullen New Ross, who offered Patrick Hunt Quay, and Thomas Neill Tan House, as Securities.

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr O'Gorman

That Mrs Quigley be accepted

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the rent Collector report on the condition of the houses, as to whether any of them are being injured by the occupiers.

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Report of Street Committee

The undersigned members of the Street Committee met this evening in the Council office to consider the advisability of substituting incandescent for ordinary burners on some of the public lamps, and also the re-arrangement of the lamps.

Having considered the matter we recommend the Council:

I To ask the Gas Company to say what they will charge, per lamp, fitted with ordinary burners, and also per lamp fitted with incandescent burners for the lamps to be extinguished at 11 o'clock P.M. for the Summer and Winter period of lighting, exclusive of the initial cost of 7/= per lamp already quoted.

II That the lamp in Charles St, which is fixed on Mr Hutchinson's store, be removed to the opposite side of street on a pillar, and the one on Mr Power's corner in South St be also removed to East side of South Street, nearly opposite its present position, and fixed on a pillar, provided the expense incurred in carrying out this is approved of by the Council.

III We have not sufficient information before us to enable us to make a recommendation, as to whether the lamp in South St, opposite the Protestant Church should be lighted by the Council.

John O'Sullivan
Joseph Roche
David Murphy

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As there was no communication from the Gas Co respecting the cost of each lamp fitted with incandescent burners, or of the removal of the lamps referred to, the consideration of the report was adjourned to next Meeting.

Town Surveyors Report

Gentlemen,

I got some metalling put out to-day and some cleaning down in Priory St and Newtown.

The work to the Irishtown is getting on Satisfactorly.

The cost of Sewer in Chapel Lane would be about £30-0-0

The cost of Street traps as per Specification would be about £27-0-0.

Thomas Byrne,
Town Surveyor.

He also submitted the following Specification for providing and setting gully gratings in channels including connecting drains from same to main Sewers.

No 1 grating with hinged cover 18" × 12" in clear to be set in South St opposite Cook's Lane

" 1 — do — do —
South St near Mr N. Nolans

" 1 — do do
in South St, Mr Delaneys corner

" 1 — do — do
in North St, Mr Jeffares corner

" 1 do — 24" × 18 in

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Quay St to replace large grating outside, Mr Sullivan's.

No 1 —— do 24 & 18 in Marg

Street, opposite Ballaffey Lane

" 1 — do do

above covered gullet at Church Lane

" 1 — do do

opposite entrance to Augustinean Church

The ground to be excavated for the brick pit to be built under each grating and an excavation to be made for connecting drain with main Sewer where drains do not already exist.

The brick catch pits to be built of Billbowy brick 18" deep under flange of grating 4½" sides in cement mortar one to three of clean sand backed with spalls in cement. The bottom to be a 2" barlow flag 9" larger each way than the square of the pit.

Each pit to have set in same 9" from the bottom a suitable metal bend 4" did of water main strength with inlet turned down to have at least 2" seal when the pit is filled to proper level with water.

Glazed earthenware pipes 4" diameter to be laid in cement mortar with an even grade from metal outlet to main Sewer. The joints to be made with a ring of Yas got and neat cement carefully made and the joints cleaned out.

The earth to be carefully filled and rammed round

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pipes and the surface of Street and paving made good.

A cart of cement concrete one to three of fine gravel travelled with neat cement to be formed round grating 5" wide.

Where the new gratings are to replace existing ones should the connecting drains be found satisfactory one or two lengths of piping will be sufficient to lay from each trap so as to avoid disturbing too much of the Streets.

The gratings to be similar to those lately put down in Robert St and may be procured from Ross and Walpole, Dublin.

Where possible all openings in Street to be covered in and left secure for the night.

The contractor shall compensate for or make good at his own expense whatever damage may occur to any person or to the public or private properties by reason of the excavation of the works.

The work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor whose opinion are all relating to this specification shall be final and binding

Thomas Byrne
Town Surveyor

The old paved channel round Mr Jeffares corner to be taken up and repaved with fireclay brick on edge in cement mortar, from the east of crossing to trap, with gradual fall to trap.

T. B.

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A discussion took place respecting the advisability of having all those gratings fixed; some members being of opinion that too much expenditure would be incurred by doing so, ultimately it was

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr Wm. Murphy

That a grating as specified be fixed in South St opposite Cook's Lane, and one in Quay St. opposite Messrs Molloy & O'Sullivans'. to substitute the large open grating which is there at present.

Passed Unanimously

It was agreed to defer the setting of any more grates for the present.

The consideration of Mr Delaney's proposal of twenty-one years purchase for his farm was taken up, but in consequence of the letter received from the Local Government Board respecting the sale of Mr Thorpes', it was decided not to come to any decision in the matter, as in the event of Mr Thorpe not purchasing, there would be no possibility of obtaining the Bonus and consequently the sale could not be carried through. It was Ordered that Mr Delaney be furnished with a copy of letter received from Local Government Board respecting Mr. Thorpe's proposal.

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The Application of the Chairman and members of the 98 Memorial Committee, received at Meeting of 6th. Inst, was considered and it was

Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr Meehan

That this council permit the 98 Memorial Committee to erect the Monument on the site where the foundation Stone was laid in the month of December 1898.

The following Amendment was
Proposed by Mr Dooley and
Seconded by Mr Ofgorman viz:-

"That this site cannot be given for the '98 Monument as the space is too small."

On the Amendment being put there voted

For – Messrs J. O'Sullivan, James J. Ofgorman, James G. Dooley, Wm. Murphy, M. J. Delaney, John Grace, John S. Hearn, 7

against Messrs John Meehan, Joseph Roche, John Murphy 3

Majority in favour of Amendment 4

Mess Davis Murphy & Dr Treacy declined to vote

The resolution was then put and the voting was the same

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried by a Majority of four, and the resolution lost by the same majority.

In connection with the foregoing, the following letter, received from the Chairman of the Council was read.

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Chilcomb House,
New Ross.
July 25th. 1904.

Dear Mr Finn,

I will not be at home on Wednesday evening next, but If I were present at the Meeting I would record my vote to have the '98 Monument erected in Irishtown.

Yours faithfully,
J. B. Hearn

Not for publication but you can mention this at Meeting.

J.B.H.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 3rd. August 1904

Martin J Delaney

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Wednesday 3rd. August 1904

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider the advisability of substituting some incandescent burners for the ordinary ones on the public lamps, and strike a Borough Rate for year ending 31st. March 1905

Present Messrs Martin J. Delaney Presiding
John Murphy
Michael Freaney
John O'Sullivan
John Grace
and
John Meehan

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Michael Freaney and John O'Sullivan and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 64 M. J. Finn £15.8.0

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

Technical Instruction Committee,

New Ross, 3rd. August 1904.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by my Committee to ask your

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Council to kindly adopt and sign the enclosed annual Requisition, which please lay before your meeting this evening and return when perfected.

Yours faithfully,
Edward Long.
Secretary

Technical Instruction Committee,
New Ross 3rd. August 1904.

The Technical Instruction Acts

Requisition for sanction for special subjects (Form S.146)
(Second Minute)

The New Ross Urban District Council, acting as Local Authority under the Technical Instruction Acts. 1889 and 1891, and under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, are of opinion that the following subjects of instruction, which are not included in the branches of Science and Art with respect to which grants are at present made by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, are forms of instruction required by the circumstances of the district, and request that they may be sanctioned by the Department:-

(1) Carpentry and Joinery, and Building Construction.
(2) Housewifery
(3) Laundrywork

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(4) Cookery

(5) Dressmaking and Homesewing

(6) Commercial correspondence

(7) Commercial arithmetic

(8) Shorthand

(9) Book-keeping

(10) Machine knitting

Dated this 3rd day of August 1904

Martin J. Delaney {Chairman of Council

M. J. Finn {Secretary or Clerk to the Council

Proposed by Mr Greaney and

Seconded by Mr Murphy

That this Council request the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction to sanction the foregoing subjects.

Passed Unanimously

New Ross Gas Company,

New Ross.

3rd August 1904.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 27th July last will be considered at a meeting of Directors on Friday next.

Yours faithfully

David Hunt

Secretary

No Order made

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Mary Street,
New Ross,
3/8/1904.

Chairman and Gentlemen of
the Urban Council.

In reply to your letter of the 28th. Inst I am satisfied to give over Fish-House I may also state I have sent in key of same.

I am willing to keep on Weigh-Bridge at usual rent 6/= but I'll expect you to take off the Rates.

Yours Obediently,
Bridget Maher.

Ordered

That the members of the council be summoned to attend next meeting to consider Miss Mahers Proposal.

Town Surveyors Report

Gentlemen/

I shall require for the purpose of making a map of the Sewers a set of ordinance sheets of the Town Survey. The sheets of the last Survey by preference if they are puplished.

There is some damage done to the wall of the Marsh at Newtown it would be well to get it repaired as soon as possible.

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Mr John Kough has repaired the Urinal. I shall see to get it filled between the casing with concrete to-morrow.

The work of filling the Irishtown is being continued.

Thomas Byrne

Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and

Seconded by Mr Grace

That the ordinance Sheets required by the Surveyor be procured, and that he get the wall of the marsh at Newtown repaired.

Passed Unanimously

Paying Orders were received from the Wexford Co Council as follows Viz 1308 £6..15..0 for maintenance Roadway New Ross Bridge. 1313 £5..0..0 for maintenance of 235 perches (Philip Kelly's Contract). 1314 £33..12..2 for maintenance of 1017 perches Main Roads New Ross Urban District.

Ordered

That the foregoing Orders be lodged to credit of Council.

A letter was received from the Town Clerk, Dungarvan asking for some particulars respecting the price of Gas. and the public Lighting of the town.

The Clerk stated that the present Gas fittings in the office were worn out, and could not be effectually repaired, so

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that new ones were required, and, on the proposal of Mr O'Sullivan, seconded by Mr Freaney, it was ordered that a suspension gas bracket be fitted up, instead of the present one, and incandescent burners, cost not to exceed one pound.

As there was not information from the Gas Co respecting the difference in cost of Gas per lamp fitted with incandescent burners, and ordinary burners the consideration of the matter was adjourned to next Meeting, as was also the making of the Borough Rate.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 10th. August 1904

John Meehan

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Wednesday 10th. August 1904

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854. and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider a proposal of Miss Maher to pay 6/= per week rent on weigh-bridge only, and not be liable for rates, also to strike a Borough Rate for year ending 31st. March 1905.

Present Messrs Martin J. Delaney Presiding
John Murphy
David Murphy
Michael Freaney
William Murphy
John Grace
John Meehan

The Sanitary bill for one week amounted to £2.3.2

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Michael Freaney, and John Meehan, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No	65	Doyle Bros.	£1.4.0
"	66	Thomas Martin	0.15.0
"	67	John Tobin	12.10.0
"	68	John J. Browne	1.13.5
"	69	M. J. Flinn Petty Cash	15.10.2

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The Meeting next proceeded to make a Borough Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1905. as follows:-

Proposed by John Meehan
Seconded by John Murphy and Resolved

That we raise the sum of £965..6..5 as and for Borough Rate and for that purpose we make a Borough Rate of 2/5 in the £ for the financial year commencing the 1st day of April 1904 and ending the 31st day of March 1905 on the property situate in the Urban District of New Ross rateable under the undermentioned Acts for the purposes therein mentioned of which Borough Rate of 2/5 in the £. 1/11 in the £ is for general purposes under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 and the sum of 6d in the £ is for Sanitary purposes under the provisions of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts which Sanitary rate includes 1d in the £ for the purpose of Technical Instruction under the provisions of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act 1899.

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by John Meehan
Seconed by John Murphy and Resolved

That the Presiding Chairman and five other members of the Council sign the Borough Rate Books and

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the Resolution making the Borough Rate and the adoption of the Borough Rate endorsed thereon and affix the Common Seal of the Council to said Rate Books and endorsements and that the Collector's warrant attached to said Rate Books be signed by the Presiding Chairman and two of the Members of the Council present and countersigned by the Clerk and Sealed with the Common Seal.

Passed Unanimously

In pursuance of the foregoing resolutions, the resolutions making the Rate, and adopting it and the other documents, and Collector's warrants were duly signed and Sealed.

The following Report of the Finance Committee was read:- 10/8/1904

The Finance Committee met this day and recommended the following Payments be made

Doyle Bros.	£1 .. 4 .. 0
Thomas Martin	15 .. 0
John Tobin	12 .. 10 .. 0
John Browne	1 .. 13 .. 5
	£16 .. 2 .. 5

John Grace
William Murphy

The Finance Committee also examined the abstract of uncollected Water rent and recommended that sums amounting to 10/2 be cancelled, and sums amounting to to £2 .. 3 .. 2 be carried forward to next Collection.

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Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Meehan

That the report of the Finance committee be adopted and the payments recommended by them be made, also that the several Amounts of uncollected water rent, recommended by them to be cancelled, be cancelled, and the sums recommended to be carried forward, be carried forward.

Passed Unanimously

For the reason stated on the Sanitary Minutes there was no further business transacted.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 17th August 1904.

John Meehan

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Wednesday 17th August 1904

A Meeting of the New Ross 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. and other acts connected therewith, also to consider the advisability of substituting some incandescent burners for the ordinary ones in use on the public lamps, and a proposal of Miss Maher to pay 6/= per week, rent on weighbridge only, and not be liable for rates.

Present Messrs John Meehan Presiding
John Murphy
Michael Freaney
Patrick Dunphy
and
John Grace

The Minutes of last, and previous Meetings, were read and signed.

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Michael Freaney, and John Murphy, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 70 M. J. Finn Petty Cash £15.9.9

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

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New Ross,
17th August 1904,

Re.- Thorpe Purchase

Dear Sir,

Replying to the letter received by you from the Local Government Board wherein they say that there is no objection to a sum being added on to the purchase price to cover arrears of rent due, but seemed to have overlooked the terms of the offer already made Viz:- 20 years purchase on the present rent as the price of the holding, and one years rent to be added to that purchase price to cover the arrears of rent then due. It is not necessary to point out to your Council that Mr Thorpe is most anxious to buy, and as a proof he now makes further advance on his offer already submitted Viz:- he is willing to have a further half years rent added on to meet the arrears making a total for the purchase of the holding, and arrears of rent, as 21½ years purchase on the rent. You will oblige by bringing this offer before your Council.

Yours truly,
W. H. Hearn.

Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be adjourned to next meeting, the members summoned to consider it.

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Bellview,
New Ross,
9th. August 1904.

Dear Sir.

Would you kindly ask the commissioners if they would be pleased to reconsider the question of the extension of the lease of the ground on which Miss Crowley's house stands - at the corner opposite Priory House. When the matter was before them on a previous occasion. I do not believe the full facts were before the meeting as I was in England and it is not so easy to manage them things by correspondence.

I hope to be in New Ross till early in next month and would be glad if the commissioners desire it to attend and give all information in my power.

Yours very truly,
Robt. de B. Saunderson

Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be adjourned to next Meeting and that Mr Saunderson be asked in the meantime to state 1st. The number of years by which he require the existing lease extended. 2nd. The terms he is prepared to offer for its extension. 3rd. a. Specification, or Plan, of the improvements he contemplates carrying out on the property, together with an approximate Estimate of the cost of same.

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New Ross Gas Company,
New Ross.
August 10th " 1904.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 27th " July last, I am directed to say that we will light the lamps mentioned at £1-17-0 and £1-1-0 per lamp either with incandescent, or the present burners.

Yours truly,
David Hunt,
Secretary.

New Ross Gas Company,
New Ross.
August 10th " 1904.

Dear Sir,

The Manager has asked me to let you know the cost of changing the position of the two present lamps in Charles St. The cost will be 12/= each.

Yours faithfully,
David Hunt,
Secretary.

Ordered

That those letters be adjourned to a Meeting of the Street Committee to be held on Friday 19th " August at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

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County Council Offices.
Courthouse. Wexford.
3rd. August, 1904.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that the following resolution was adopted at the Meeting of my bo council yesterday-

" That we approve of the suggested bye-laws for New Ross Bridge as forwarded to the Kilkenny bo council and request the New Ross Urban council to adopt same."

Yours obediently
W. H. Pigott.
bo Secretary.

Ordered That the consideration of this letter be adjourned to next meeting, the members to be summoned to consider it.

Quay Street,
New Ross,
14th. August 1904.

Sir

The flagging of the foot walk outside my premises is in a very bad state. There are a number of flags loose and broken and the smell from the stagnant water underneath them is very offensive. I have several times called the attention of your Surveyor to the state of them but up to the present nothing has been done.

Respectfully Yours,
A. Tierney.

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Ordered

That the Surveyor get the flags re-set, and put down any new ones he thinks necessary.

To the Urban Council
NewRoss

I Thomas Martin Hairlyate NewRoss Promise to keep the chimneys of 20 houses from fire and smoke at William St NewRoss at 30/= per year.
Securetys
P. Whitty.
Matthew Hutchinson.

Proposed by Mr Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunphy

That Thomas Martin's tender be accepted.

Passed Unanimously

Irishtown,
August 10th " 1904.

Gentlemen,

I offer £1 " 10 " 6 (one pound ten shillings and six pence) for one heap of Manure at Windmill Lane, my Securety is Sarah Murphy.

Respectfully Yours,
Michael Rice.

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Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be deferred to next meeting. The Clerk to ascertain in the meantime from the Street Inspector the probable value of the heap.

To certify that William Scanlon has been suffering from Rheumatism for the past fortnight and is still unfit to work.

Signed
W. O'Connor.

August 14th 1904

Ordered

That Wm. Scanlon be allowed further leave of absence to next Meeting, and that Thomas Scanlon be continued on to do his work in turning the water cocks &c.

During the brief discussion which took place on the reading of the Medical Certificate, Mr Murphy referred to the advisability of having those cocks turned by Contract, instead of the present arrangement, and it was ordered that the consideration of the proposed alteration be adjourned to next meeting, the members of the Council to receive Notice of same.

Copy of a reply received by Mr J.French M.P. to a question put by him in the House of Commons respecting the resolution passed by the Council relative to the duty imposed by the American Government on Irish Pickled Fish was read as

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follows –

By a recent decision of the United States Treasury it has been laid down that the weight of the brine, in which salt or pickled fish in barrels is immersed, is not part of the dutable weight of the fish, and the tax is accordingly no longer so levied.

The Clerk reported that Mr Hogan's contract for the supply of horse, and cart, for the year at per – week expires on 26th " Inst, and it was ordered that advertisments be issued inviting proposals for the supply of a man & horse at per week for one year from 26th " August.

The Clerk also stated that Mr Kough called to the office and explained that if the pipe from the pump at the Bridge Dock was continued out to low water mark it would probably get broken very soon by boats striking against it, especially during the Winter season, and as it would not now be likely to be required for some time for supplying water for watering the Streets, it was ordered that the laying of it be deferred to early next Summer.

Samples of Irish Manufactured envelopes were received from Messrs A. Armstrong & Co Lower Abbey St Dublin and it was ordered that they be compared with other

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samples when a supply of Stationery will be required for the office.

Town Surveyor's Reports

The Town Surveyor reported that two lighterloads of stones from the Dunganstown Quarry, and two gabbard loads of limestones, were delivered this week.

Three boatloads of limestones, and one lighter load of Dunganstown stones, were carted to the depots.

The breaches in protecting wall of road at Newtown have been re-built.

The flagging of footway, and surface of Street outside Mr Hunt's on the Quay, have not yet been made good.

The flagging of footway outside Miss King's, Bridge St, where taken up to get in the water service pipe, requires re-setting also. The filling of the Irishtown Street is going on satisfactorily.

Ordered

That Mr Hunt, and Miss King be requested to have the flags outside their premises, removed by them, re-set.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 24th August 1904

J. R. Keane

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Friday 19th August 1904

A meeting of the Streets Committee was to be held this day at 7.30 O'Clock P.M. to consider letter received from the gas co respecting cost of removal of lamps in Charles St and of lighting of Public Lamps with ordinary and incandescent burners, and report as to advisability of using some incandescent burners on the Public Lamps.

Dr David Murphy was the only member of the Committee who attended.

The meeting was adjourned.

J. B. Keane

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Wednesday 24th August 1904

A Meeting of the Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith also to consider an application from Revd. Mr Saunderson for an extension of the lease of property in Priory St owned by Mr Jones; a resolution from Wexford bo Council approving of suggested Bye Laws for New Ross Bridge, which would permit Traction Engines to cross under steam; also the advisability of substituting incandescent for ordinary burners, on some of the public lamps; and an offer on behalf of Mr Thorpe of 21½ years purchase for his holding and arrears of rent.

Present Messrs John Meehan Presiding
Martin J. Delaney
John Murphy
John Grace
Patrick Dunphy
John OSullivan
Michael Freaney
and
David Murphy

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Patrick Dunphy, and Michael Freaney, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 71 M. J. Finn Petty Cash £17.4.7

Owing to the death, since last Meeting, of a son of Mr William Murphy,

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a member of the Council, it was agreed not to transact any business except the consideration of tenders for supplying a man, horse, and cart, for the performance of work on the Streets for one year; the existing contract for which, expires on the 26th Inst; a letter from Canon Holohan; and a proposal for manure, adjourned from last Meeting, for the purpose of ascertaining the value of the manure.

Proposals were received as follows for the supply of a man, horse, and cart, for one year for the performance of work required to be done on the Streets, in accordance with advertisment Viz':-

From — Thomas Hogan Mary St, who tendered at 19/= per week, and offered Messrs Michael Walsh Mount Elliott, and Michael Dunphy Irishtown, as his secureties,

From — Philip Hartley Michael St, who tendered at 21/= per week, and offered Messrs Patrick Murphy, Quay, and James Sutton Maudlins, as his secureties, and

From — Patrick Murphy Quay, who tendered at 25/= per week, and offered Messrs James Sutton, Maudlins, and Richard Thorpe Castleview, as his secureties.

Proposed by Mr Delaney and
Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

"That Mr Hogan's proposal

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for the supply of a man, horse and cart at 19/= per week, for one year, be accepted."

Passed Unanimously

The proposal of Mr Michael Rice for heap of manure in Windmill Lane at 30/6, adjourned from last meeting was, on the proposal of Mr Delaney, seconded by Mr John Murphy unanimously accepted.

The following was read viz:-

Rosbercon,
New Ross,
24th August 1904.

Gentlemen,

Kindly give me permission to lay a pipe drain, across the road from the Rosbercon Schools to field opposite, as I required to have one laid there, in connection with some improvements which are being carried out in the schools.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours Respectfully,
J. Canon Holohan. P.P.

Urban Council,
New Ross.

The Clerk reported that Canon Holohan called to the office and stated that he was carrying out some improvements in the Rosbercon schools and he required to connect the Urinal by a piped drain with a tank which will be built in the field opposite, and he required permission to open the road to

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lay same. Some members feared that the liquid conveyed into the tank, might effect the source of the springs to the well, which it was understood was in the same field, and it was accordingly decided to adjourn the matter to next Meeting, in order that the Town Surveyor might inspect the place in the meantime, and report to next meeting of the Council.

The Clerk was directed to inform Canon Holohan of this.

The following resolution was-

Proposed by Mr Dunphy and

Seconded by Mr David Murphy

"That we tender to"

"Mr William Murphy, a respected member of this Council,"

"and his immediate relatives, our sincere sympathy, and"

"condolence, on the occasion of the death of his son, and"

"that as a mark of our sympathy with him, we adjourn"

"this meeting".

Ordered

That the Clerk forward a copy of the foregoing resolution to Mr Murphy.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 31st August 1904

P. L. Keane

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Wednesday 31st. August 1904

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854. and other Acts connected therewith also to consider An application from Revd. Mr Saunderson for an extension of the lease of property in Priory St owned by Mr Jones'. a resolution from Wexford Co Council approving of suggested Bye Laws for New Ross Bridge, which would permit Traction Engines to cross under steam'; also the advisability of substituting incandescent for ordinary burners. on some of the public lamps, and ~~an offer on~~ on behalf of Mr Thorpe of 21½ years purchase for his holding and arrears of rent.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding

John S. Hearn J.P.

John Grace

Patrick Dunphy

Martin J. Delaney

Michael Greaney

David Murphy

John Murphy

John O'Sullivan

and

John Meehan

~~Owing to the large amount of Sanitary~~

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Michael Greaney and John Murphy and the following Paying Order directed to

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be issued viz:-

No 78 M. J. Flinn Petty Cash £14.10.5

Owing to the large amount of Sanitary business to be disposed of, there was no Municipal business transacted at this Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned to Friday 2nd September 1904

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Friday 2nd. September 1904

An adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith also to consider an application from Revd. Mr Saunderson for an extension of the lease of property in Priory St owned by Mr Jones; a resolution from Wexford Co Council approving of suggested Bye Laws for New Ross bridge which would permit Traction Engines to cross under steam, also the advisability of substituting incandescent for ordinary burners, on some of the public lamps, and an offer on behalf of Mr Thorpe of 21½ years purchase for his holding and arrears of rent, and a proposal of Miss Maher to pay 6/= per week rent on weighbridge only, and not be liable for rates.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
John S. Hearn J.P.
David Murphy
John Murphy
Joseph Roche
John O'Sullivan
and
Michael Greaney

The Minutes of Meeting held on 24th. Inst were read

The application of Revd. Mr Saunderson on behalf of Mr Jones for an extension of the lease of property in Priory St was con-

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sidered, and the following correspondence in connection with it read viz:-

Bellview.

New Ross.

24th " August 1904.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 18th " Inst I have pleasure in answering the three questions you ask me for the information of your Council.

① Before spending the money referred to in my third answer annered specification I wish to have with their permission 100 years lease in all- say 75 years your marmium I hear and remaining term of old lease.

② Instead of a permanent increase of rent I offer a cash payment of such amount as is customary (or even a little more than is customary) to inflict on unfortunate tenants situated as we are.

③ The best answer I can give to you last question is to enclose the contractors Estimate which you will see sums to £145 " 4 " 6.

I hope that this will enable your Council to come to a favourable decision and I will be very glad to give any further particulars if any Commissioner cares to ask me this evening or any other time

Yours very truly,

R. de B. Saunderson.

P.S. I have the old lease with me.

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Estimate for proposed repairs and Improvements to the house, now in the occupation of Miss Crowley Priory Street, and also the house adjoining

To cement down the Front in the same manner as Priory House	£17 . 12 . 0
" cement the gable facing Jones's Hill	14 . 2 . 6
" Take down the old Structure at the back of house, and lay down new drainage	5 . 10 . 0
" Build new Scullery, Bathroom and closet.	20 . 0 . 0
water closet, with all fittings and connections	20 . 0 . 0
Bath Do Do	10 . 0 . 0
" Newley cement down back of Quoins	7 . 10 . 0
Howard	£94 . 14 . 6
To cement side wall of Kitchen building	£6 . 5 . 0
" Build new Chimney	4 . 10 . 0
4 new windows and frames complete	8 . 0 . 0
" Newley Roof House	20 . 0 . 0
	133 . 9 . 6
House adjoining	
To cement Front	4 . 0 . 0
" " yard wall, and copl top of same and put in new door and door frame	7 . 15 0
	£145 . 4 . 6

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after some discussion the following resolution was passed Viz:-

Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr Roche

" That the existing lease of Property in Priory St upon which the house at present occupied by Miss Crowley, and a small one at the rere of same, stands, granted to Mr Jones, be extinguished, and that a New lease from the present be granted for ninety-nine years, provided the Council have power to grant it for this period without the Sanction of the Local Government Board, and in the event of them not having power to grant it for this period without the Sanction of the Board, then for a period of seventy-five years from the present, subject to the conditions that Mr Jones, or his legal representative, expend in improving the property, the sum of £150, and pay a renewal fine of £60 in case a lease for 99 years is granted, and of £50 in case of only 75 years lease being granted and in addition pay all legal Expenses incurred in connection with the matter".

Passed Unanimously

The letters received from the Kilkenny and Wexford Co Councils and already entered on the Minutes, respecting suggested alterations in the Newross Bridge Bye Law were considered and the following resolution

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passed in reference thereto Viz:-

Proposed by Mr Roche and

Seconded by Mr Sullivan

"That we approve of the alteration in the Bye Law prohibiting Traction Engines from crossing the New Ross Bridge under steam, as suggested by the Kilkenny County Council, and are prepared to adopt the alterations proposed by them, and take the necessary legal steps to alter the existing Bye Law in accordance with them provided any expenses incurred thereby will not have to be borne by this Council.

Passed Unanimously

An application, received from James Flynn, for a suit of oil clothes was granted.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 7th. September 1904

P. R. Keane

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Wednesday 7th. September 1904

An adjourned Meeting of the New Ross 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, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider the advisability of substituting incandescent for ordinary burners, on some of the public lamps; and an offer on behalf of Mr Thorpe of 21½ years purchase for his holding and arrears of rent; and a proposal of Miss Maher to pay 6/= per week rent on weighbridge only, and not be liable for rates; also a proposal for the lighting of the Public lamps for one year.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding

John S. Hearn J.P.
Michael Freaney
John O'Sullivan
David Murphy
John Murphy
Joseph Roche
John Meehan
Patrick Dunphy

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs David Murphy, and Michael Freaney, and the following Paying Order,

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directed to be issued viz:-

No 73 M. J. Flinn Petty Cash £14 " 10 " 9

The following Correspondence was read:-

Bella Vue, Newtown

6th September 1904

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of 2nd inst conveying the resolution passed by your Council, I must first sincerely thank the Council for thus forwarding my desire to improve the property in question. On behalf of Mr Jones I accept without reserve the conditions expressed in said resolution which I hope to carry out to the full. Will you please instruct your solicitor to draw up the new lease for ninety-nine years, for which I will have pleasure in paying the required renewal fine of £60 sterling.

When the new lease is ready I may have gone back to 4 Chapel Place, Ramsgate, England, where it can be sent. The day I get it, I will remit the £60 fine also the legal charges. Will this meet the Council's approval?

Yours very truly

Robert de B. Samderson

Agent for Thos R. Jones

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitors be instructed to prepare a new lease of this property in accordance with the terms of

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the resolution passed at last Meeting of the Council.

An application was received from the Local Government Board for payment of £6.6.0 being fee fixed by Sealed Order for Audit of Accounts of Council for year ended 31st March 1904, and it was referred to next Finance Meeting of the Council.

An Application was also received from the Local Government Board for a copy of the "Notice of Borough Rate having been made" for year ending 31st March 1905, such as same was forwarded by the Clerk, on receipt of the application, there was no order made.

An acknowledgment of the Vote of sympathy passed with Mr Wm Murphy on the occasion of the death of his son was received from him

A letter was received from Mr Thomas Broxeton asking to have some repairs, which he enumerated, carried out on the house occupied by him.

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor inspect this house and report as to the necessary repairs to be done to it, to next Meeting of the Council.

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6 Myrtle Street
Canton. Cardiff
August 26th 1904

The Town Clerk.

Sir

I am writing to tell you that I have my claim in the hands of the leading Solicitor in Cardiff for a bit of property in Nunnery Lane, the Pound. It was my Mothers property and she sold it for her own life. I am the only child belonging to her. Her name was Mary Dowdey and her married name was Gerkel and of course I got married to a Cork man in Newross, and I had to leave the town, or I should look after it before now. Her father was superannuated from the Corporation John Dowdey was his name. It was Dr Totman, the gentleman of the town, made it a present to him while grass grow and water run. My Mothers relatives Dr Whitley, and Barney Dowdey are there in the town, they know all about it. It is put in the leading solicitors hands in Cardiff eighteen months ago. In July I had an answer from the Solicitor that the property was sold, and that you were to send so much money, but I never said when it was coming. I was tired of going to see him about it as he cannot get a definite answer about it. Will you be so kind as to forward the money or let me know something more about it. An early answer will oblige —

Yours Respectfully
Mrs Gerkel

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Ordered That Mrs Cronin be informed the Council have no knowledge whatever of the matters referred to in her letter.

A letter was received from Thomas Wall, asking to have some repairs on a house in his occupation, which is owned by the Comal, carried out, and it was ordered that the Town Surveyor report upon its condition to next meeting of the Comal.

Ordered That in future the rent Collector furnish a report monthly of any damage which may be done to any of the Comals houses.

Ordered That the Town Surveyor report to next Meeting, as to the necessity of repairing the surface of High Hill.

Town Clerks Office

Waterford 25th August 1904

Dear Sir,

I am requested by the Committee of the Pig Market to ask you to place before your Board a resolution of my Committee requesting the Neighbouring towns to re-open the open pig Markets in their Several districts, same as in Waterford, the movement for such being successfully inaugurated here by His Lordship

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the Bishop of Waterford and the Mayor. It is unnecessary for me to add that Competition is alike satisfactory to buyer as to seller and especially advantageous to the traders and Shopkeepers and the best support to Markets generally

Yours truly

James J Feely

Resolution proposed by Very Revd Canon Flynn and Resolved Unanimously that this Committee through their Secretary Communicate with the different local bodies throughout the County and Neighbourhood asking them to urge upon the people to make every effort to re-open the pig Markets throughout their districts

Ordered

That Mr Feely be informed the Council are not aware the New Ross Pig Market has been closed.

A Proposal was received from Mr Bryan Hennessy for three heaps of Manure at 8/- per heap, and it was accepted.

A proposal was also received from James Doyle Ballinteskin for the Manure heaps between Victoria Woods, and Newtown, at 7/6 for Lot but it being Considered too low was not accepted

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Local Government Board,
Dublin,
26th. August 1904,

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward, herewith, for the information of the Council of the NewRoss Urban District, a copy of the report of the Auditor, Mr. J.A. Baker, on his audit of their accounts for the year ended the 31st. March, 1904, together with an attested abstract of the accounts showing the receipts and expenditure under the several heads for the period mentioned

I am Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
A.K. Barlas.
Assistant Secretary.

No 49.451/1904
NewRoss Urban District

Copy

NewRoss 22nd. August 1904.

Gentlemen

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of NewRoss Urban District for the financial year ended 31st. March, 1904, and transmit herewith two certified copies of the Abstracts.

The rates levied for the period comprised a general town rate of 2/= and Poor Rate of 3/2 in the £, these were duly collected and lodged, a small amount of arrears

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outstanding being carried forward to the following period.

In a few cases the arrears of rents from Corporate Estate and Artizans Dwellings have been allowed to increase.

In one instance to which attention was drawn at last audit, there is now nearly 3 years rent due, this would probably have been much reduced but for the action of some members of the Council.

(See Surcharge on Book of Accounts)
which prevented legal proceedings that were pending. I have therefore considered these Councillors responsible under Section 20 of the Local Government Act, 1902, and have surcharged them with two years rent due 30th September, 1903, a copy of which I enclose.

The Council will find much difficulty in meeting their liabilities unless they insist on the prompt payment of all rents and other items due to them.

In the present instance they have been unable to meet the fourth quarterly instalment due to the County Council, within the prescribed period, it will therefore be necessary to obtain your sanction before making the payment.

The receipts and expenditure were adequately vouched and the accounts generally were prepared in a satisfactory manner for audit.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
J. A. Baker.

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ABSTRACT of the Accounts of the New Ross Urban District Council for the Financial Year ended the 31st March, 1904 showing the Receipts and Expenditure under the several heads during that period.

RECEIPTS.

Nature of Receipt.		Amount. £	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in favour at the close of last Financial Year	Petty cash on hands of clerk → Due by Treasurer	343	3	1	340	3	1
RATES.	General Town Rates	737	18	6			
	Poor Rates	1291	14	"			
	Other Rates, viz.:—						
	(a)						
	(b)						
	Government Bounty in lieu of Rates	2	11	8			
					2032	4	2
RENTS.	From Corporate Estate	225	12	10			
	„ Artizans' Dwellings	247	12	7			
	„ Water Undertaking	42	10	4			
	„ Light Undertaking						
	„ Town Hall and other properties	55	13	8			
					541	9	5
GRANTS.	Contribution to Sanitary Salaries (L.G. (I.) Act, 1898, sec. 58 (2) (b))	37	17	6			
	Estate Duty (Probate Duties, &c., Act, 1888, sec. 3 (1) (c))	106	16	"			
					144	13	6
FEES AND TOLLS.	Burial Ground						
	Markets and Fairs						
	Baths and Washhouses						
	Pier and Harbour						
	Car Licences and Sundries						
FINES.	Town Court	9	2	2			
	Petty Sessions Court	33	2	10			
	Sanitary Offences						
	Library and others						
					42	5	"
LOANS.	General Town Purposes, viz.:—						
	(a) for						
	(b) for						
	Sanitary Purposes, viz.:—						
	(a) for						
	(b) for						
MISCELLANEOUS.	Contributions from other local authorities, viz.—						
	(a) from County Council	152	13	7			
	(b) from						
	Surplus from Sale of Dog Licences	14	9	7			
	Domestic Scavenging, Sewer and Water Connections, Road Openings, &c. Bridge Contract	20	17	6			
	Other Receipts	7	8	9			
	Sales of Manure	50	7	11	245	17	4
Balance to Account of next Financial Year							
TOTAL,				£	3406	12	6

EXPENDITURE.

Nature of Expenditure.		Amount. £	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance against at the close of the last Financial Year							
GENERAL TOWN CHARGES.	Paving and Repairing of Streets, Wages, &c.	415	11	10			
	Scavenging and Watering of Streets, Wages, &c.	201	1	8			
	Public Lighting, including Wages, Lamp-posts, &c.	171	13	7			
	Building Improvements, or Demolition of Ruinous Buildings						
	Law and Election Expenses	23	5	2			
	Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	18	0	9			
	Rents, ~~and~~ Taxes, and Insurance	36	3	1			
	Fire Brigade	6	3	7			
	Town Hall, Public Library, ~~and~~ Park & other Property	64	2	11			
	Technical Acts Instruction, expenses	28	7	"			
	Irish Education Acts, „	32	10	1			
	Artizans' Dwellings, Maintenance and Repairs	9	15	7			
	Salaries, Collectors' Fees, and Superannuations	306	16	"			
	Repayment and Interest on Loans for Town Purposes	251	14	5			
	Other Expenses, viz.:—(a) office including Fire, Light attendance &c	28	15	5			
	(b) auditing accounts	6	6	"			
					1600	7	1
SANITARY CHARGES.	Sewers, Construction, Maintenance Repairs, Wages, &c.	23	9	8			
	Waterworks „ „ „ „	54	7	8			
	Lighting Works, „	4	10	6			
	~~Baths & Washhouses~~ „ Domestic Scavenging	27	11	9			
	Disinfecting and Ambulance	25	6	9			
	Fever Hospital						
	Salaries and Superannuations	91	15	0			
	Repayment and Interest on Loans for Sanitary Purposes	25	14	4			
	Other Expenses, viz.:—(a) Burial ground including wages	18	14	"			
	(b) Printing and Advertising	1	7	6			
	(c) Miscellaneous, Postage &c		5	11	273	6	1
POOR RATE CHARGES.	Money Supplied to County Council on Demand	922	6	4			
	Cost of Preparing and Collecting Rate	51	"	5			
	Printing, Stationery, and Advertising	1	3	6			
					944	10	3
LOANS EXPENDITURE.	For General Town purposes, viz.:—						
	(a)						
	(b)						
	For Sanitary Purposes, viz.:— Sewerage	124	13	7	124	13	7
	(a)						
	(b)						
	Petty cash on hands of clerk	30	"	"			
	Due by Treasurer	403	15	6			
Balance to Account of next Financial Year					433	15	6
TOTAL,				£	3406	12	6

CERTIFICATE OF THE AUDITOR.

I certify the foregoing to be a true Abstract of the Receipts and Expenditure of the New Ross Urban District Council for the Financial Year ended the 31st day of March, 19....

Dated this 20th day of August 1904

J. A. Baker Auditor.

CERTIFICATE OF THE CLERK.

I certify that the particulars given above have been correctly abstracted by me from the Books of Accounts of the New Ross Urban District Council.

Dated this 20th day of August 1904

M. J. Finan Clerk.

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New Ross,

22nd. August 1904.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of New Ross Urban Technical Instruction Committee for the financial year ended 31st. March, 1904. and transmit, herewith four certified copies of the Abstracts shewing the receipts and expenditure under the several heads.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant

J. A. Baker.

Abstract of Accounts of The New Ross Urban Technical Instruction Committee

for the twelve months ending 31st. March, 1904.

Receipts	£	S	D	Expenditure	£	S	D
To balance to				By Salaries	89	11	4
credit in Bank	76	15	10	" Establishment			
" Contributions from				& general expenses	78	10	8
New Ross Urban Council	28	7	0	" Rent	15	11	0
" Contributions from				" Fuel, light, and			
Department of Agriculture				cleaning	17	18	6
& Technical Instruction				" Sundry payments			
for Ireland	250	0	0	(Including School)			
" Class fees	26	19	0	Grants of £188	190	16	10
" Sales	11	3	11	" Balance to credit in Bank	17	5	
	£393	5	9		£393	5	9

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I certify the above to be a true and correct Abstract of the actual receipts and expenditure of the Newross Urban Technical Instruction Committee for the period stated.

Edward Long,

Dated this 29th. day of April 1904 Secretary.

I certify above Abstract to be correct

J. A. Baker

Auditor

20th. August 1904

Newross Gas Co Ltd

Newross 7th. September 1904

To the Newross Urban District.

Councillors.

Gentlemen,

In answer to your advertisement for lighting the Public lamps of the town I am directed by the Newross Gas Company Ltd to inform you that they beg to propose to light said lamps as follows:-

Winter Lighting

from 15th. September 1904 to 15th. April 1905

45 lamps to be extinguished at 11 o'clock P.M.

at £1..17..0 per lamp

14 lamps to remain lighting all night

at £3..0..0 per lamp

The above lamps not to be lighted on the nights of full moon, that is two nights before the night of the

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full moon, and two nights after.

15 lamps to be lighted on nights of full moon at £0..7..6 per lamp. These lamps to be extinguished at 11 o'clock P.M.

Summer Lighting

from 15th April 1905 to 15th September 1905

15 lamps to remain lighting all night save on nights of full moon at £1..1..0 per lamp.

The lamp at the Tholsel to be charged at £5..12..6 per annum.

A four feet per hour burner will be used sample of which I send you.

The illuminating power of the gas supplied will be similar to last contract.

Any of the foregoing lamps which may be fitted with incandescent burners will be charged at seven shillings per lamp extra, except the lamp at the Tholsel which if fitted similarly will be charged at Two Pounds extra.

The up keep to be charged the council at cost

Yours faithfully,

David Hunt,

Secretary.

Ordered

That the proposal of the Gas Co for the the public lighting of the town be accepted except that portion of it for the lighting of the Tholsel lamp which they be asked to reduce by £1..0..0.

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Ordered

That incandescent burners be fixed on the following lamps instead of ordinary ones.

Lamps suggested to be fitted with incandescent burners

Priory St	on Jones office
"	at Golfers
"	opposite Priory Lane
"	Sessions House
Cross Lane	opposite entrance to New Church
South St	Top of Marsh Lane
"	at Vickers
"	corner Convent of Mercy
"	opposite E. Connors
"	" Cooney's
"	corner Charles St (is this to be changed to opposite side of St
Robert St	centre
Marsh Lane	centre
Quay	Foxes corner
Charles St	centre (is this to be changed to opposite side
Quay St	centre
North St	outside Watters
"	" Cavanaghs
"	foot of High Hill
John St	Hotel corner
"	on Howletts store

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Bridge St	centre
Bridge	4 lamps
Rosbercon	outside Boat Club
Sugar Ho Lane	centre
Hill School	
Mary St	Shambles
"	opposite entrance to convent

The consideration of Mr Thorpe's offer for the purchase of his farm was adjourned to next meeting to be held on 14th Inst as owing to the absence of the clerk on leave the papers were not available, as was also a letter from Miss Maher in reference to tenancy of weigh bridge.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 14th September 1904

T. R. Keane

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Wednesday 14th. September 1904

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider proposals for turning of Water locks, and Auditors Report, An offer on behalf of Mr Thorpe of 21½ years purchase for his holding and arrears of rent; and a proposal of Miss Maher to pay 6/= per week rent on weighbridge only, and not be liable for rates.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
Michael Freaney
John Murphy
John S. Hearn J.P.
and
David Murphy

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Michael Freaney and John Murphy and the following paying Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No	74	Secretary Co Council	£346 " 13 " 2
"	75	M. J. Flinn Petty Cash	17 " 2 " 6
"	76	M. J. Flinn Salary as Clerk	25 " 0 " 0
"	77	Thomas Byrne	5 " 0 " 0
"	78	Mr John Tobin	3 " 2 " 6

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No 79	Messrs James G. Galavan & Co timber &c	£0	8	3
" 80	James Reddy repairs to Water pipes &c	1	10	0
" 81	C. W. Carr Esq Freight on stones		19	0
" 82	John J. Browne Commission on Collection	4	19	7
" 83	Local Government Board Dublin	6	6	0
" 84	Michael Hunt Dunganstown	4	8	8

The following correspondence was read

Neville Street,
New Ross,
September 14th 1904.

Sirs

I must ask you again to have the stones removed from gate way and fence of my field at the Town Wall as they are causing trespass to my field.

I am Yours
John Rickford
Nevill St
New Ross.

Ordered

That this be referred to a meeting of the Street Committee to be held on Friday evening at 4:30 o'clock.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 7th Sept, 1904.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for

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Ireland to draw your attention to their letter of the 19th. July last, respecting the proposal of the New Ross Urban District Council to sell to Mr R. Thorpe portion of their agricultural property under the Irish Land Act, 1903, and I am to request that you will be so good as to inform the Board how this matter stands.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

A. R. Barlas.

Assistant Secretary.

Ordered

That the Local Government Board be informed the consideration of Mr Thorpes appliation at 21½ years purchase was adjourned to next meeting that Mr Delaney's application for purchase of his farm at 21 Years, might be considered with it; the members of the Council not having received Notice of the latter owing to the absence of the Clerk on vacation.

20 William St,

New Ross.

Dear Sir,

I wish to give you Notice of leaving my house No 20 William St on Saturday next.

I remain Sir,

your obedient,

T. Lally.

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Ordered

That the Surrender of the tenancy be accepted

New Ross

September 10th 1904.

I James Cullen of New Ross hereby propose to become tenant from week to week of a house and premises belonging to you, situate at William St in the town of New Ross. as I am informed Mr Lally is leaving and I offer Mr Patrick Hunt Quay New Ross and Thos. O. Neill San House New Ross as my sureties.

I remain,

your obt. Servant,

James Cullen.

Proposed by John Murphy and

Seconed by Michael Freaney

That James Cullen tender of the house be accepted.

Passed Unanimously

Mr John Murphy suggested the advisability of requiring a deposit of four weeks rent in future with each application for the tenancy of a house, so as to ensure the payment of the rent in case an accepted tenant did not take up possession of a house, or that one left without giving the full Notice.

Ordered

That the members be summoned to consider

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this matter at next Meeting.

New Ross Gas Company,
New Ross.
September 13th. 1904.

Dear Sir,

The Gas Company will reduce the price of Tholsel lamp by 12/6 which brings the price down to £1..0..0.

This includes the putting up a suitable lamp and double Incandescent burners.

Yours faithfully,
David Hunt,
Secretary.

Proposed by Mr David Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Freaney

That the proposal of the Gas Company to erect a suitable lamp at Tholsel with double incandescent burners and light same for one year ending 15th. September 1905 for £1..0..0 be accepted, it being understood that the cost of putting up the lamp with double incandescent burners, is to be a charge for the present contract only.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the Manager of the Gas Company be asked to attend next Meeting of the Council to confer

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with the members as to the feasibility of altering the position of, or dispensing with some of the present lamps.

An application was received from James Connolly for permission to erect a scaffolding outside Mr Williams Quay St, and to open the grounds on the Quay opposite the Bank of Ireland.

Ordered

That the application of Mr James Connolly be granted subject to the laying of a temporary footpath of planks outside the scaffolding wherever the free use of the footpath is interfered with, as previously notified to him. and that he be informed that in future permission will have to be obtained to erect scaffolding previous to its erection, otherwise the Council will insist on its removal. The Council understand that he has erected scaffolding in John St, and will be glad to know if this is so.

New Ross,

14th September 1904.

Re, — Thorp

Dear Sir,

Referring to our correspondence already had herein I am directed to inform your Council that if Mr Thorp's offer be accepted he will pay the ½ years rent due on the 29th Inst in cash.

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This makes the offer now submitted as being 20 years purchase on the rent as the purchase of the Landlord's interest in the holding and 1½ years rent added to the purchase along with ½ years rent in cash making a total of 2 years to be taken as a discharge of all rent to 29th " September.

Yours faithfully,
W. H. Hearn.

Ordered

That the consideration of this letter, as well as his proposal for the purchase of his farm, be adjourned to next meeting, so that the members of the Council might be summoned to consider Mr Delaney's application with Mr Thorpe's.

Collectors Report

New Ross September 12th " 1904

Dear Sir,

I beg to report the complaints the occupiers of the Weekly tenement houses.

Ellen Roshford complains of no fireplace in the kitchen and sewer overflooding the yard.
Miss Ryan complains of water coming into the closet and causing a nuisance.
Michael Curran Bullawn 2 panes of glass broken doors and sashes require painting.

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Patrick Kehoe Irishtown yard in bad repair house require whitewashing outside.
Mrs Steacy Irishtown require house whitewashed outside.
John Dunbar Holly Ho Lane complains of the yard being all holes and the water stagnant ashpit wall broken plastering of partition walls upstairs broken and a leak in the roof also kitchen tiles broken he is satisfied to do the inside work free of charge provided that he is supplied with the material.
Laurence Morrisey complains of the tiles in kitchen being broken windows require fixings, latches wanted on doors also chimney require to be sweeping.
James Kehoe Holly Ho Lane require latches on doors.
John Walsh Holly Ho Lane require weather board on door repairs to grate upstairs and plastering of walls upstairs.
James Carroll Hollyhouse Lane lock required on Street door, wall upstairs require plastering part of gable end plastering also the yard require repairs.

William Street

Mrs Reilly knocker wrenched off Door
Mrs Quigley one pane of glass broken when she came into possession cords on windows broken down pipe stopped in rere of house, door of range required also the kitchen whitewashed.
Catherine Barron Knocker taken off door.
Timothy Carthy part of Knocker broken.

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Mrs Dunne Knocker taken off
Jamesbahill down pipe stopped in front of house
John Lahy eave shoot broken and weather board
off back door.
Mrs Merrigan require lime for washing and will
do it herself.
Catherine Johnson require latch repaired also lock
to front door she also require lime for whitewashing.
Thomas Brereton complains of the grate in the Kitchen
and grate upstairs been broken, sashes require claeps
and fittings latch and lock required on Street doors,
Sewer require repairs and a new stench trap also a
step to the front door.

I would suggest that weather boards be put on all the doors of the new houses William Street as when it rains and blows from the South the walls are damp, as the rain get under the door

Yours truly,
John J. Browne,
Collector.

Ordered

That the consideration of this report be referred to a meeting of the Street Committee to be held on Friday at 4·30 o'clock P.M.

A proposal was received from Mr John Redmond for two heaps of manure at 8/6 each and it was ordered

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to be accepted, the manure to be removed before the end of the month.

An Estimate amounting to £3..10..0 and specification of the repairs to be done to house occupied by Thomas Bretons, was received from the Town Surveyor, and it was ordered that advertisments be issued inviting proposals for this work and also for the repairs of Thos. Walls house.

Town Surveyors Report

Gentlemen,

One boatload of limestones and one of Dunganstown stones were delivered this week, these together with a boatload from last week were carted to the depots.

Some additional stones for filling were carted to the Irishtown and the grass and weeds and some shingle along by the new wall at the East of the Good Shepherd Convent were picked and such of the stuff as was useful was used for filling and blinding. High Hill | Owing to the unequal heights of the ~~doors~~ door steps and landings of the houses on the North side below the quarry I dont see that additional metalling just now would be of mud use. The cattle going up and down on fair days keeps it from getting fixed.

No Order made

Thomas Byrne

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Report of Finance Committee

New Ross,

14th " September 1904.

The Finance committee examined Accounts submitted for payment and recommend that Paying Orders be issued for the following :-

Secretary to Council	£346 " 13 " 2
Petty Cash	17 " 2 " 6
Clerks Salarye one Quarter	25 " 0 " 0
Thomas Byrne	5 " 0 " 0
John Tobin	3 " 2 " 6
James Galavan & Co	8 " 3
James Reddy	1 " 10 " 0
C. W. Carr freight	19 " 0
John J. Browne	4 " 19 " 7
Local Government Board	6 " 6 " 0
Michael Hunt	4 " 8 " 8
Total	£415 " 9 " 8

We recommend that the sanction of the Local Government Board be asked to payment of last quarterly instalment to Co Council for year ending 31st " March 1904.

Signed

J. B. Hearn

John S. Hearn

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Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Freaney

"That the report of the Finance committee be adopted and the payments recommended by them be made.

Passed Unanimously

The consideration of Miss Maher's proposal for the renting of the weighbridge was adjourned to next meeting, as was also the Auditor's Report.

A circular was received from the committee of The National Exhibition Soliciting the taking of shares in the project, but the members present declined to accede to the request of the committee.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 21st ult. September 1904

J. D. Kean

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Wednesday 21st September 1904

An adjourned meeting of The Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider an offer, on behalf of Mr Thorpe of twenty-one and a half years rent purchase for his holding and arrears of rent, and a letter from his Solicitor offering to pay half years rent due 29th September 1904 in Cash, if purchase proposal is accepted, also a proposal of Mrs Maher to pay 6/- per week rent of weighbridge only, and not be liable for rates, and Auditors Report, also advisability of requiring a deposit of four weeks rent with each application for the tenancy of a house in future, and a proposal of Mr Delaney of twenty-one years purchase for his farm at Rencetskuock.

Present Reps James Deane Chairman presiding,

John Grace
David Murphy
John L Deane J.P.
Michael Freaney
John Murphy
Joseph Roche
Patrick Dunphy
and
John O'Sullivan

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read & signed.

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The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs John Murphy and Michael Sweeney and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 85- In favour Petty Cash £15-4-3

As there was a large amount of Municipal business to be transacted, it was considered better to deal with it before taking up the Sanitary business, which was also extensive, owing to the length of the report on the sources of a water supply, received from the Engineer.

Accordingly it was

Proposed by Dr David Murphy and

Seconded by Dr John Murphy

"That the Standing"

"Orders be suspended, and the Municipal"

"business of the Council transacted first at this Meeting".

Passed Unanimously

A discussion took place respecting the changing of the two lamps in Charles St. to sites nearly opposite present positions, and it was

Proposed by Dr David Murphy and

Seconded by Dr Roche

"That the Lamp on Dr Powell's house,

at corner of Charles St, be changed to the opposite side of South St, the exact position to be pointed out by the Surveyor,

and that it be fitted with an incandescent burner"

Passed Unanimously

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It was decided not to alter the one on the corner of Mr Hutchinson's store in Charles St.

The following Correspondence was read:-

Kenmare Gas Co
September 17th 1904

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of 15th inst. the purport of my letter of 13th inst was that the cost of changing the Thirsel Lamp to suit Incandescent burners was to be reduced by 1/6, and the Charge of £7. 0. 0 to be an annual charge. As to this matter I beg to refer you to my letter of 23rd February last.

Yours faithfully
David Hunt
Secy.

On referring to the letter of the 20th Febry, it was Loned that the Charge of 7/= for fitting incandescent burners on the ordinary lamps and. of £2 on the Thirsel lamp were to be an annual charge. And Mr John Murphy asked if it would be well to have them fitted on so many of the ordinary lamps, now that the Council were aware the Charge was to be an annual one, but it was stated that in Ennscorthy this Charge was made for five years by Contract whereas it could be dis-continued here, and the ordinary burners resumed after the present year. The Gas Manager, who was present stated that the Gas Co were anxious to be in position to reduce this

Charge as soon as possible, so it was agreed not to interfere with the previous Order of the Comrs directing incandescent burners to be fitted on thirty-one of the ordinary public lamps.

The Charge for fitting double incandescent burners on the Tholsel Lamp being considered too high, the proposal was not accepted, but a Committee, consisting of Messrs Dunphy, Roche and J. Stearn, was appointed to confer with the gas Manager as to whether a lamp with one incandescent burner would suit the Tholsel, or whether two burners would be necessary.

A letter was received from the gas Co stating that they intend opening the road at the following lamps viz:- outside Mr Vickers South St, Mooney's Leath St, and top of Priory Lane, and there was no order made.

A proposal was received from Mr John Redmond Woodland for two heaps of manure at 7/6 per heap and on the Motion of Mr Dunphy, seconded by Mr Murphy it was accepted

Mr James Connolly, wrote stating that he wanted to put up a scaffolding outside the premises of Messrs P. & H Gorman Nos Robertson, and hope the Comrs will give him permission to do so.

Ordered

That the necessary permission be given to Mr Connolly to

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erect the Scaffolding, subject to him laying a temporary footpath of planks outside same.

A Paying Order for £24. 2. 11, Probate Duty, received from the Chief Secretary was ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

A tender was received from Patrick Leacy for the repair of house occupied by Thomas Brereton W^m^ St, and also of Thomas Wallis stable for £3. 17. 6, according to Specification prepared by the Town Surveyor and offered as his surety Michael Hickey, and Edward Walsh South St, and it was-

Proposed by Mr David Murphy and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That Mr Leacy's tender be accepted"

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That Mr Byrne inspect the watering Cart and report upon its Condition to next Meeting of the Council.

That Mr John Keogh be asked to give an estimate of the cost of putting new shafts in, and otherwise repairing, the sweeping machine.

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Ordered

That Michael Hunt be informed the Council will take some more stone from the Quarry at Dungarvan provided he quarries those of a good quality.

The proposal of Mr Richard Thorpe for the purchase of his farm was next considered, and the letter received from his solicitor dated respectively the 17th August, and 14th September, which are already entered on the Minutes, were read, and the following resolution proposed by the Chairman Viz:- "That we, the"
"New Ross Urban District Council, hereby approve"
"of the Offer of Richard Thorpe to purchase"
"his holding under the purchase Acts on the"
"following terms that is to say:- twenty years"
"purchase on the rent as the purchase of the"
"Landlords Interest in the holding, and one and a"
"half years rent to be added on to that amount"
"with a half years rent in Cash, as a discharge"
"for all rent due to the 29th Sept. last, and that"
"this approval is given on the understanding"
"that the Local government Board will discharge"
"the Order recently made by the Auditor whereby"
"certain Members of the Council were surcharged"
"with the arrears of rent then due by the said Richard"
"Thorpe"

A lengthened discussion took place upon this, some Members contending that the question of the purchase ought to be considered

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independently of the surcharge, and as a result the Chairman struck out that portion of the resolution referring to the surcharge, and it was then

Proposed by Mr J D Keane and
Seconded by Mr Dunphy

"That we, the"
"Newbridge Urban District Council, hereby approve"
"of the offer of Richard Thorpe to purchase his"
"holding, under the purchase acts, on the following"
"terms, that is to say:- twenty years purchase on"
"the rent as the purchase of the Landlord's Interest"
"in the holding, and one and-a-half years rent"
"to be added on to that amount, with a half years"
"rent in Cash, as a discharge for all rent due"
"to the 29th of September next"

On the resolution been put to the Meeting there voted

For - Messrs O'Sullivan, Dunphy, Grace, J Kearn & the Chairman 5

Against - Messrs David Murphy, Roche, Feeney, and John Murphy 4

The Chairman declared the resolution Passed and the Clerk was directed to forward Copy of same to the Local Government Board.

The proposal of Mr Patrick J Delaney for the purchase of his farm at Bennetsbrook dated 13th July was considered and the following resolution in reference thereto was

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Proposed by Mr J. Deasy and
Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

"That the proposal received from Mr Delany of twenty-one years purchase for his holding at Dunetskruck be accepted subject to obtaining the Bonus and the sanction of the Local Government Board."

On the resolution being put to the meeting there voted

For - Messrs Murphy, O'Sullivan, Grace, J. Deasy & The Chairman 5

Against - Messrs David Murphy, Roche, Sweeney, and John Murphy 4

The Chairman declared the resolution Passed and the Clerk was directed to inform the Local Government Board of same.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Sweeney

"That in future"
"Tenants making application for Cottages houses"
"be required to deposit four weeks rent in advance"
"with the application

Passed Unanimously

Mr Roche drew attention to size of the Stones for Metalling, put out on the road at Rosbercon, and complained of them being too large, and the Town Surveyor, who was present, was directed in future to have the Metalling broken smaller

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The proposal of Mrs Draher for the tenancy of the Public weighbridge at 6/- per week, (dated 6th August) the Council not to require payment of rates was next considered, and it was

Proposed by Mr Dunphy and
Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

That the public weighbridge be rented to Mrs Draher @ 6/- per week, she to be liable for the rates levied on profits of same, only.

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 28th Sept.

P. R. Keane

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Wednesday 28th September 1904

A meeting of The 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, and other Acts connected therewith.

Present Messrs James D. Deane Chairman presiding.
John L. Deane J.P.
Patrick Dunphy
Michael Freaney
John Grace
John Murphy
William Murphy
Joseph Roche
and
David Murphy

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read & signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs John Murphy and Michael Freaney, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:- No 86 — In aid from Petty Cash £15-0-9

The following Correspondence was read:-

Local Government Board
Dublin 24th September 1904

Sir
I

With reference to your letter of the 19th inst. on the subject of the demand of the County Council of Wexford on the

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Urban District Council of Newbridge in respect of the Quarter ended the 31st March 1904, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have assented to an extension of time to the 31st October 1904 for the payment of the Demand in question.

I am Sir.
Your obedient Servant
A. P. Parlon
Assistant Secretary

Ordered

That this Quarter's Demand be paid at the next Finance Meeting of the Council

A proposal of 10/- for heap of manure in yard on Quay, was received from Mr John Redmond Newsland, but being deemed too low was not accepted.

Messrs Kegnor Lee & Municipal & Local Loan Brokers 4 Duke St London wrote enquiring whether the Council were desirous of raising any loans shortly, but there was no Order made.

A letter was received from Mr George Moran, Hon Secretary Select Vestry St Marys, asking the Council to light the Lamp outside St Catherines Church in South St on Sunday evenings during Divine Service, and on any other times that same may be required for special Services

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Ordered

That the Consideration of this letter be adjourned to Next Meeting, the Members of the Council to be summoned to consider it

The Gas Co wrote Notifying their intention to Open the ground outside Mrs Brophy's Mary St. to repair gas supply.

No Order Made

Messrs Daly Ltd. Dame St Dublin wrote stating that there had been assigned to them, as from the 1st prox. the books and Forms prepared by W. E. Ellis Esq L.L.D. Local Government Auditor, which were in future be known as "The Ellis Series of Public Accounts and Records" and are intended to meet every requirement of the "New Public Bodies Order" which the Local Government Board has Notified its intention to issue at an early date.

No Order Made

The following resolution, received from the Dublin County Council, was, on the Motion of Mr Roche, seconded by Mr David Murphy, unanimously adopted, and Copies ordered to be forwarded to The Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Prime Minister Viz:- That this Council views with alarm the condition of the fishing industry on the South Eastern Coast; an industry which is gradually dis-appearing owing to the inadequacy

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"of the harbour accomodation along that Coast; and"
"the complete lack of interest taken in this most important"
"question by successive Governments.

"And with a view to preventing the ruin of this"
"industry, and the further emigration of our fishing population,"
"now reduced by thousands within the past few years,"
"we call on the Government to pass a Marine Works"
"Act for the South Eastern Coast; and to pass it with"
"all possible expedition, as otherwise it will be too late"

Ordered

That Mr Browne be directed to collect the Borough Rate more energetically.

The Town Surveyor reported that the watering Cart requires new Shafts and wheels, and to be overhauled generally. The leather flushing hose also requires renewed.

As the watering Cart was required immediately, for the purpose of flushing the Sewers, it was suggested that the wheels & shafts be procured from Mrs Mrs Allen & Co, Wexford, but after some discussion it was

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor get it repaired, and get estimates for same, in town.

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The Clerk stated that Mr John Keogh informed him that he could not estimate for repairs to sweeping machine which required New Shafts. As he had taken the old Shafts off for the purpose of having it repaired. It was

Ordered

That John Keogh be directed to put new Shafts in it.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 5th October.

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Wednesday 5th October 1904

An adjourned 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 other acts connected therewith, also to consider a letter received from the Hon Sec of the Select Vestry Committee asking the Council to have the lamp outside St Catherines Church in South St lighted on Sunday evenings during Divine Service, and on other occasional times that same may be required for special services.

Present Depts James Pearse Chairman, presiding,
John O'Sullivan
John Murphy
John Grace
Michael Freaney
Joseph Roche
and
David Murphy

The Treasurers Authority for making Payments was signed by the Chairman, and Depts John Grace and Michael Freaney, and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 87- In favour Petty Cash £15.2.10

For the reason stated on the Sanitary Minutes there was no business transacted, except the following, which was urgent Viz:- Considering tenders for repair of watering Carts, two

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of which were received, one from Thomas Hennessy who offered to supply "New pair of Ash shafts 12 feet long 4+3 inches £2.00

One New Wheel, built on the old stock shod with New iron 2¼ wide + ¾ thick 1-17-6

New pair of slides and hooks for back band 7-6

One New Stay to axle 3-0

Total £4-8-0

And a second one from Patrick Power Esq

The Water car which Mr Byrne was speaking to me about, the shafts, and wheel and a couple coats of paint, and slides, and draft hooks and axle stay. I guarantee to do a good job with seasoned timber in the course of two, or three weeks at the sum of £3-10-0.

Proposed by Mr Rocke and
Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

That Mr Powers tender be

accepted

Passed Unanimously

Mr Kirkham, Manager of the gas Co. attended, and stated that the directors were prepared to erect a New Lamp on the Thibal Corner with double incandescent burners, to substitute the present one with ordinary burners, free, and only charge former Contract price, £5-12-6 per Annum for gas Consumed. In their proposal for the public lighting they named an Annual sum of £2 for the use of the Lamp

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which they subsequently reduced by 15/6. The consideration of the matter was adjourned to next meeting.

J. S. Kean

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 12th October.

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Wednesday 12th October 1904

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) act 1854 and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider a letter received from the Hon Secretary of the Select Vestry Committee asking the Council to have the lamp outside St Catherine's Church in South St lighted on Sunday evenings during Divine Service and on other occassional times that same may be required for special services, a letter received from the Local Government Board respecting the appointment of Professor Mc. Weeney and also letters from the Board relative to the proposed sale to Messrs Delaney & Thorpe of their farms.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
William Murphy
John O'Sullivan
Joseph Roche
and
David Murphy

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John O'Sullivan and William Murphy and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued viz:-

No 88	Secretary Co Council Wexford	£307 " 8 " 10
" 89	Thomas Byrne	3 " 5 " 0

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No 90	M. J. Finn	£ 4 .. 13 .. 9
" 91	M. J. Finn	1 .. 8 .. 3
" 92	M. J. Finn Petty cash	15 .. 8 .. 3
" 93	James Bailey	15 .. 2 .. 0
" 94	John J. Browne	9 .. 14 .. 7
" 95	New Ross Gas Co	77 .. 12 .. 3
" 96	James Barron	1 .. 16 .. 0.
" 97	Mrs M. A. Corcoran	5 .. 12 .. 0
" 98	Moran Bros.	1 .. 18 .. 4
" 99	Mrs Margaret Roche	30 .. 4 .. 6
" 100	Governors John Ivory School	10 .. 15 .. 11
" 101	Bryan Hennessy	4 .. 4 .. 0
" 102	Mr Patrick Hunt	3 .. 12 .. 0
" 103	Mr John Kough	14 .. 0 .. 6
" 104	Mr William Munro	4 .. 0
" 105	Mallen & Co	3 .. 10 .. 10

The following correspondence was submitted

No 55.647/1904
New Ross Urban District

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 1st. October 1904.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 23rd. ultimo, relative to the sale to Mr Richard Thorpe of his holding under the Irish Land Act, 1903, as proposed by the New Ross Urban District Council.

The Board observe that the Auditor has surcharged

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five members of the bouncil with the sum of £95.18.0. being two years rent due to the bouncil on 30th. September, 1903, by Mr Richard Thorpe. This amount is payable by the persons surcharged, and some settlement should be arrived at, before the negotiations for sale can be proceeded with.

As regards Mr Thorpe's latest proposal, I am to point out that it would appear that the arrears now amount to three years rent by reason of the half-years rent accruing due on the 29th. ultimo. Mr Thorpe's offer would account for two years rent, leaving one years rent to be remmitted.

It appears to the Board that the matter might be arranged on the following terms, viz:- (1) half a years rent to be paid in cash, (2) price, inclusive of the balance of arrears to 25th. March last, to be 21½ years purchase, and (3) interest on the purchase money to be paid at the rate of 3½ per cent from the 25th. March last to the completion of the purchase.

If the bouncil and Mr Thorpe will come to an agreement on these lines, the Board will be prepared to assent to the sale, and further to give favourable consideration to an appeal, if made against the surcharge.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. Barlas,

Assistant Secretary.

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Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be adjourned to next meeting, the members be summoned to consider it.

No 55744/1904
New Ross Urban District

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 1st. October 1904.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd. ultimo, relative to the proposal of the New Ross Urban District council to sell to Mr Patrick J. A. Delaney his holding on the corporate estate under the Irish Land Act, 1903.

The Board observe from your letter of the 23rd. June last that "some years ago this tenant made an application to have a fair rent fixed, but it was dismissed on the ground that the holding was a town park"

In the circumstances, the Board consider that the proposed terms of 21 years purchase are inadequate inasmuch as the tenancy is a town park.

In such a case the Urban District council should obtain a price which would ensure their receiving approximately the same income when the purchase money is invested in Trustee securities, as they receive at present as rent.

I am Sir.
your obedient Servant,
A. R. Barlas.

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Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be adjourned to next meeting as well as the following from Mr Delaney.

New Ross.

October 12th. 1904.

To the Chairman,

of the New Ross Urban Council,

Dear Sir,

I received copy of letter of the Local Government Board from Mr Finn and request for any observations I had to make.

I wish to draw their attention to the fact that my holding is at present the dearest in this locality, being £4..10..0 per acre the rent paid since 1865 been of £18..7..6 and the valuation £10..0..0. I believe under the circumstances 21 year's purchase and paying up rent to date, is a very good price which I except they will accept as it is more than any similar holding has been sold for in this neighbourhood.

Yours truly,

Patrick Delaney,

Tenant of Bennettsknock.

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County Council Offices,
Courthouse, Wexford.
7th. October. 1904.

Dear Sir,

If the Local Government Board, have consented to an extension of time for payment of the March instalment of demand, kindly forward cheque for same as soon as possible.

I fear the action of your council in this matter will mean that for the future Urban Councils must pay at the stipulated time their indebtedness to the County Council.

Yours obediently,
W. H. Pigott,
County Secretary.

As a Paying Order was issued for instalment at this meeting there was no order made.

The following Notice of Application for Compensation for Criminal Injury to Property was received

Whereas some person or persons on the night of the 4th. instant or early in the morning following at North St New Ross in the Parish of St Mary's and in the County District of New Ross in said County, did maliciously or wantonly break and injure a plate glass window so as to render same useless.

And Whereas the said plate glass window was

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the property of us William Murphy and Patrick Roche of North St. New Ross in the County of Wexford Drapers who have thereby sustained loss to the amount of seven Pounds.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made by or on behalf of us the said William Murphy and Patrick Roche to the County Court, at the Sessions to be held on the 26th. day of October 1904 at New Ross in and for the Division of Wexford and County of Wexford for compensation for the loss sustained by us the said William Murphy and Patrick Roche by reason of the criminal injury done the said property as aforesaid, and that the said application will be made in pursuance of the 135th. section of the Grand Jury (Ireland) Act 1836, and any Act, extending same, and of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and that the said compensation may be levied off the said County, or such County or other District, Parish, Townland, or other Denomination thereof as the County Court Judge shall direct.

Dated this 4th. day of October 1904

To

The Secretary of the County Council of the County of Wexford

To The Clerk of the Urban District Council of New Ross

William Murphy } Applicants
Patrick Roche }

North Street New Ross

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In connection with the foregoing application the follow-
Report was Read

County of Wexford

District of NewRoss Sub District of NewRoss

Claim for Malicious Injury to Plate Glass Window

NewRoss 10-10-1904

On receiving a report that a large pane of plate glass in the front of the Drapery Establishment of Messrs Murphy & Roche North St NewRoss has been, as alleged, maliciously damaged between 1 & 5 oclock a.m. on the morning of 5th. Inst. Head Constable T. J. McKenna and Sergeant John Madden visited the premises at 10.50 a.m. on same date, and found that a small hole was bored, apparently with a Bit & Brace having a fine point, in the glass 4 feet 11 inches from the bottom of the pane and 6 feet 1 inch from the ground. The glass was shattered in a circular form, the diameter of which is about two inches, & fragments of the glass were found inside the window. The dimensions of the pane are 8 feet 1 inch in length by 5 feet 6½ inches in breadth.

J. H. Davis,

D. I.

It was decided not to oppose the claim, as it was considered that it would be of no avail to do so, and would only entail expense.

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An application was received for the tenancy of a house from Mrs Mary Cantilury, and offered Mr Michael Kelly South St as her surety, and it was ordered to be accepted, subject to her lodging the four weeks rent as required by the recent resolution of the Council.

An application was received from Edward Neville for a suit of oil clothes, and it was granted.

A Proposal was received from Michael Rice for the heap of manure in yard on Quay at 1.. 3.. 6 and was accepted, as was also a proposal from James Shea, for heap of road scrapings on back road, Rosbercon at 7/=

Mr Delaney wrote acknowledging receipt of vote of sympathy.

Report of Finance Committee

We have examined the following accounts and recommend them for payment (see list at commencement of minutes)

Signed

J. B. Hearn

W. Murphy

Proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr Roche

That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted and the payments recommended by them be made

Passed Unanimously

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Proposals were received from John Redmond Versland for heap of manure on Quay at 15/-, and two heaps in Bunnen Lane at 24/-; and from Patrick Horristal Ballyanne for heap on Quay at £1..0..0, but the prices being considered too low, neither were accepted.

Letters were received from the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Prime Minister, and the chief Sec. acknowledging copy of the resolution passed by the Council respecting a Marine works Act for the South Eastern Coast of Ireland.

It was agreed that the application of the St Mary's Select Vestry Committee, to have the lamp opposite St Catherine's Church in South St, lighted on Sunday nights during Divine Service, and also on any other evenings it may be required for special services, be granted.

The Clerk reported that there was stationery required for the office and asked if he would invite proposals for supplying same, but the meeting ordered that it be procured from Moran Bros., who would certainly supply it as cheap as any house in the trade, all to be of Irish Manufacture.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 19th October 1904.

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Wednesday 12 October 1904

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 The Quarterly report of the Town Surveyor, and applications for new works, if any.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
William Murphy
John O'Sullivan
Joseph Roche
and
David Murphy

The Minutes of previous Quarterly Meeting were read & signed

The following Quarterly report of the Surveyor was read

Gentlemen,

The work of filling and forming the surface of the Irishtown Street was carried on during the Quarter.

I have a couple boatloads of the Dunganstown stones to break in depot for keeping the surface in order during the winter, this quantity will have to be added to considerably for the College road and Mountgarrett Lane.

I would suggest a cement concrete water table, say 30 yards at least, be made in Marsh Lane from the Quay to the Street grating, at about the centre of the cellar.

The County Surveyor asked me if the Council intend laying down the crossing, half the expense of which

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the County Council sanctioned a couple of years since.

William Street needs a good deal of filling and forming to the surface, which I intend commencing soon.

Your Obedient Servant

Thomas Byrne.

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor furnish an estimate of the cost of the concrete watertable, referred to in his report, to meeting of Council to be held on 26th. Inst, and that the Estimate of the Street crossings be submitted to same meeting.

A bill for £15 was received from the Town Surveyor for superintending (daily), and keeping accounts of workmen, and material, in the filling and forming of the Irishtown Street.

Ordered

That the payment be refused.

The Meeting adjourned

L. L. Beare

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A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider letters received from the Local Government Board relative to the proposed sale to Messrs Delaney & Thorpe of their farms, and replies to same received from Messrs Delaney & Thorpe and take such action thereon as may be deemed necessary.

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan Presiding
David Murphy
John Murphy
John Grace
Joseph Roche
and
William Murphy

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John Murphy and John Grace and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 106 M. J. Finn £14 . 9 . 6

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

The Island,
October 19th 1904.

Gentlemen

I regret to say that my Solicitor is ill and was unable to see me I will have an offer in at next meeting.

I remain. Gentlemen,
Yours respectfully.
E. J. Thorpe.

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Ordered

That the consideration of the letter received from the Local Government Board relative to the proposed sale to Messrs Delaney & Thorpe of their farms be adjourned to next meeting, as well as the letter received from Mr Delaney.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 13th. October 1904.

Sir.

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of Stamp Duties payable by County and District Councils, Boards of Guardians, and other Public Bodies in Ireland on Bonds, Paying Orders, and other instruments executed by them in discharge of the duties devolving on them under the Local Government (Ireland) Acts, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have again been in communication with the Commissioners of Inland Revenue on this subject, and have been informed that the interpretation of the law as expressed in the Board's circular letter, dated the 12th. of July, 1900, is correct.

It follows, therefore, that Orders issued by Secretaries, Clerks, and other officers of Public Bodies authorising payments out of the Poor Rate, are exempt from the Stamp Duty usually chargeable on cheques, though, of course, the liability still rests on payees of affixing a 1d. stamp on each receipt given for sums of £2 or over.

As regards Paying Orders on Funds not derived from the

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Poor Rate, the Commissioners of Inland Revenue consider that such orders are not entitled to the foregoing exemption, but that they are liable to the ordinary Stamp Duty on cheques. This ruling applies to the present form of Treasurers Authority for payment, as well as to the Paying Orders issued in respect of the sums included in the authority.

The Board, however, have ascertained that it is possible in certain circumstances so to frame the Treasurer's Authority as to avoid the payment of what is practically a double duty.

They have accordingly, with the consent of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, prepared an altered form of Treasurer's Authority (to be known as the Treasurer's Advice Note) which will have the effect of removing it from the category of documents liable to stamp Duty.

The new form will not be available for use until the 1st. April next, but, at the request of the Board, the Commissioners of Inland Revenue have consented to raise no objection to the use, until that date, of the present form of Treasurer's Authority, unstamped.

I am Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. M. Swaine,

Secretary.

No Order made

Local Government Board, Dublin,

18th. October, 1904.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of

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the collection of the poor rate in the Urban District of New Ross, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that you will be so good as to forward to this Department, with the least possible delay, a Return showing the state of the collection to the 30th ult^o. ultimo.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. M. Swaine.

Secretary,

The clerk stated the information will be forwarded as soon as the outstanding rate is ruled on.

A Proposal was received from John Redmond Versland for one heap of manure at Bunneen Lane at 17/6, and also two heaps at Henry St, yard, at 15/= and they were ordered to be accepted.

Town Surveyors Report

I got a Street of the Dunganstown metalling put on the lower portion of Marsh Lane, some on the Quay adjoining the Harbour portion, some patching in South St and John St.

I got some quarry stones carted to Boshen bros at the Wexford Road.

I intend to morrow to do some filling and and form a footway outside the old houses of the Council in William St.

I am getting some Shingle broken on the William Street

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end of the passage from Cross Lane.

I have filled with broken shingle in front of the row of houses West of the passage. a filling up is needed in front of Mr Power's houses.

I have a couple men cleaning the Greywell road, the Irishtown and Bosheen.

Thomas Byrne

No Order made

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 26th. October 1904 –

T. B. Keane

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Wednesday 26th October 1904

A meeting of the Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider letters received from the Local Government Board relative to the proposed sale to Meprs Delaney and Thorpe of their farms, and replies to same received from Meprs Delaney & Thorpe and take such action thereon as may be deemed necessary.

Present Meprs James D'Arcy Chairman presiding
John Sears J.P.
Patrick Gannon
James J Ó'Gorman
John Murphy
John Ó'Sullivan
Michael Freaney
John Keehan
David Murphy
and
Patrick Dunphy

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Meprs John Murphy and Michael Freaney and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:- ~~Mr~~ Firm Petty Cash £13-1-5

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The following correspondence was read:-

P.O. Office

25th October 1904

Dear Sir,

I shall be obliged if you will inform me whether the Urban Council would be disposed to agree to the enclosing by the Department, of that portion of Back Lane adjoining the New P.O. Office building, New Ross, comprised within the limits marked "A" and "B" in the accompanying sketch plan; and, if so whether the Council would be willing to let the ground so enclosed for a lengthened period (say twenty one years) at a nominal rent. Any reason for making this enquiry is that the lane is certain to be used at night for the purpose of committing a nuisance, if not enclosed, to the disadvantage not only of the Department, but of the public.

It is proposed that a suitable fenced railing shall be erected at the point marked "A" and a gate at the point marked "B" but until the Council's decision has been given no definite information as to this can be furnished.

I shall be glad of any early reply

I am faithfully

P.J. Graham

Surveyor G.P.O.

The Chairman

of the Urban Council

New Ross

The sketch plan referred to was also received

Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be adjourned

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to next meeting, the members of the Council to be summoned to consider it, and that a meeting of the street Committee be held on Friday, 28th inst. at eleven o'clock a.m. to inspect the lane referred to in the letter, consider the application, and report upon it to next meeting of the Council.

An application was received from Michael Allen Pilot for the tenancy of the house occupied lately by Mrs Hannah Whelan, but as the House was not advertised to be let, the application was not considered, but it was ordered that proposals be invited for it at next meeting.

The Clerk reported that the Key of the house was given up on this date, and no notice given to him of the intended surrender of same, and enquired whether a weeks rent should be paid in lieu of a weeks notice.

Ordered

That Mrs Rushe, who is agent for Mrs Whelan, be informed that a weeks rent will have to be paid in lieu of a weeks notice.

A proposal was received from John Redmond for heap of manure in Bunnion Lane at 15/6, but being considered too low, was not accepted, and it was ordered that this heap, and all the manure in the yard, be advertised for sale.

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35 Daisy St
Canton. Cardiff
30th October 1904

Dear Sir

In answer to your letter concerning the Bund in Summery Lane, I was surprised to hear that you knew nothing about it from the Solicitor whose hands I put it in. He has been leading me on several months. I am going to put it in another solicitors hands but would you kindly write and let me know what you will do before I see him. The property is freehold there are two papers. It was a gift from a gentleman in the town, Mr Tottenham, to John Dowsley, my grandfather, and my mother was his only child, and I am her only child. I was married in the town to a Cork man, and had to go to his place else I should have seen to it long ago. My husband is dead, he died here in Cardiff, and I have no one here that are doing for me. If Fanny Dowsley is living he knows about it, and also Mr Whitney; they are my mothers relations. An early reply will oblige

Yours respectfully
Mrs Cronin

Ordered

That Mrs Cronin be informed the Council have nothing further to add to their previous letter on the subject.

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A notification was received from The General Accident Assurance Corporation Limited that the premium on James Barrons Bond will fall due on the 8th November, and the Clerk was directed to remind Mr Barrow of this

A circular letter was received from The Town Clerk of Glasgow enclosing report of a Conference held in London on the 7th October relative to the Taxation of Land Values, but there was no Order made upon it.

The Island
October 26th 1904

To The Presiding Chairman
& Members Urban Council

Gentlemen

On account of my Solicitors illness I must ask you to adjourn the consideration of my Case until next Meeting of your Council

I am Respectfully
R. J. Thorpe.

A discussion took place respecting the postponement to next Meeting, of the consideration of Messrs Thorpe and Delaney's proposals for the purchase of their farms. Ultimately it was ——————

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Proposed by Br John Murphy and
Seconded by Br Freaney "That the Collector be
directed to collect a Years rent from Br Thorpe".

Amendment
Proposed by Brr J.B. Hearn and
Seconded by Br David Murphy

"That the subject be
"adjourned to this night week, and that Bros Delaney"
"and Thorpe be informed the matter of the sale to "
"them of their respective farms will be finally disposed "
"of at a meeting of the Council to be held on that evening,"
"and should they desire to make any further proposal"
"it will be duly considered at that meeting"

On the amendment being put there voted :-

For Messrs Gorman, John J Hearn J.P. Gannon, D. Murphy & J.B. Hearn 5
Against Bros Meehan, Freaney, and John Murphy 3
Majority for Amendment 2
Bros O Sullivan and Dunphy had left before this matter
was taken up.

The resolution was put to the meeting and the voting being
the same, the Chairman declared the Amendment Carried.

The Committee who inspected Yard of house occupied
by Thos Roche Drany St, also inspected Yard gate of
Bros Galavin Inishtown and recommended that a new
gate be erected, whereupon it was Ordered that proposals be invited
for the erection of a gate to Yard of house occupied by Bros Galavin

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Irishtown, according to specification to be prepared by Town Surveyor; proposals to be considered at next Meeting of the Council.

The abstract of uncollected Bor Rate for half year ended 30th Sept. with the recommendation of the Finance Committee thereon written, was submitted to the meeting, and the adoption of the report of the Committee duly proposed and seconded. Exception was taken by one Member, to one or two items recommended to be cancelled, and the further consideration of it was adjourned to next Meeting.

Bor Redmond was called before the Meeting in reference to the inefficient manner in which the cleaning of the town is being carried out.

During the discussion which took place it was suggested to Bor Redmond that he ought to seriously consider the advisability of retiring from the position of Street Inspector, and Sanitary Sub Officer, so that a younger and more energetic man might be appointed, but there was no order made upon it

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 2nd Nov.

J. F. Hearn

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New Ross Wednesday 2nd November 1904

An adjourned meeting of The New Ross 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, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider letter received from the Local Government Board relative to the proposed sale to Messrs Delaney and Thorpe of their farms, and replies to same received from them, and take such action thereon as may be deemed advisable, also an application from the Surveyor, General Post Office, to have Back Lane closed, and rented to the Department for a number of years at a nominal rent.

Present Aldermen James. B. Deane Chairman presiding
John L Deane J.P.
Michael Freaney
Patrick Dunphy
John Murphy
James J. Dooley
John Grace
and
David Murphy

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Michael Freaney, and John Murphy and the following Petty Order directed to be issued viz Mr Flynn - Petty Cash £15-1-8

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Wednesday 2nd November 1904 (Minutes Contd.)

The letters received from the Local Government Board, relative to the proposed sale to Messrs Thorpe & Delaney of their farms, which are entered on the Minutes of the 12th October were considered in conjunction with the following viz:-

New Ross

2nd November 1904

Re Thorpe purchase

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by Mr Richard Thorpe to offer on his behalf for the purchase of his farm, one half years rent to be paid in Cash, price, inclusive of the balance of arrears to 25th March last, to be 21½ years purchase, and interest on the purchase money to be paid at the rate of 3½ per cent from the 25th March last to the completion of the purchase

I am Yours faithfully
Wm. F. Dearn

£77

Re Firm
Clerk of Council
New Ross

Proposed by Mr Dooley and
Seconded by Mr Dunphy

"That this proposal of"
"Mr Thorpe for the purchase of his farm be"

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"accepted, subject to the Bonus, and the approval"
"of the Local Government Board being obtained"
Proved Unanimously

Ards Rds
2nd November 1904

The Chairman
Ards Rds Urban Council

Dear Sir

In answer to the letter from Your Council of October 29th, I wish to state that my holding of Bemetokrock, at the yearly rent of £18. 7. 6, Valuation £10-0-0, is over four pounds per acre, and am inclined to think, if surrendered, the Council would lose more money setting it at a reduced rent, than by selling at twenty years purchase. I think this is the only field in the locality paying same rent as forty years ago. I bought as good a field next to Bemetokrock at eighteen years purchase. However as a final offer I will advance a years purchase on former offer making it twenty-two years purchase on £18. 7. 6 and rent to be paid up to 29th September 1904, which I trust will be satisfactory to Your Council and the Local Government Board

Yours truly
Patrick Delaney.

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Proposed by Mr Dooley and
Seconded by Mr Dunphy

That Mr Delaney's
offer of twenty-two Years purchase for
his farm at Bennetsbrook, and rent
of same to be paid to the 29th Sept. be
accepted

Passed Unanimously

The letter received from the Surveyor General
P.O. Office, asking if the Council were willing to
Lease Back Lane to the Department, copy of which
is entered on the Minutes of the last Meeting, was considered,
and the following resolution —

Proposed by John Stearn J.P. and
Seconded by Mr Freaney.

That permission be given to
to P.O. Office Authorities to put up two gates, one
at each end of Back Lane, and that the passage
be kept clear so that it may be used by the public
as a passage, and that the pump be removed
to a position to be selected by the Council, all the
expense incurred in Carrying Out this Arrangement
to be borne by the P.O. Office Authorities

Passed Unanimously

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A Copy of the "Prevention of Cruelty to Children Act 1904" was received from the Local Government Board.

Talbot Hall

New Ross October 28th 1904

Dear Sir,

Mrs Hannah Whelan gave notice to Mrs Browne on Monday the 17th Inst, that She would give up her house on the following Monday. I understood Nothing more was necessary

Yours truly

Mildred Rushe

The Clerk explained that Miss Rushe, who was Collecting for the payment of Mrs Whelan's Rent, enclosed one weeks rent in lieu of Notice as ordered at last Meeting, but as She contended that Notice was given to the Collector, She expected it would be refunded. The Collector, who was present, stated that he did not receive Notice, and it was Ordered that Miss Rushe be informed the rent will have to be paid in lieu of Notice.

Proposals were received for heap of Manure at Dunnion Lane, from Michael Rice at 1/6, Edward Deehan at 1/-, and John Redmond Verosland at 1/6 And it was Ordered that Mr Redmonds be accepted.

Proposals were received from James Howlett of High

Wednesday 2nd November 1904 (Minutes Cont'd)

Hill, and Michael Allen of Drury St for the tenancy of a house at William St. at the weekly rent of two Shillings and six pence. Both lodged four weeks rent and Howlett offered James Power and Bryan Kennessy as Sureties, whilst Allen offered James Kennedy and Thomas Fitzgerald.

Proposed by Dr Grace and

Seconded by Dr David Murphy

"That James Howlett

be accepted as tenant"

Passed Unanimously

The abstract of Boro Rate for half-year ended 30th Sept 1904 was submitted to the Meeting and the recommendation of the Finance Committee respecting same read, when it was

Proposed by Dr Dooley and

Seconded by Dr Dunphy

"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted, and that the sums recommended to be cancelled, by them, be cancelled and the sums recommended to be carried forward to next collection be carried forward."

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting adjourned to Weduesday, 9th November 1904.

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Wednesday 9th November 1904

A Meeting of The 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, and other Acts connected therewith.

Present Messrs J. B. Hearn Chairman presiding

John S. Hearn J.P.
Patrick Dunphy
Michael Freaney
David Murphy
John Murphy
John O'Sullivan
and
Joseph Roche

This being the stated Finance Meeting of the Council, a number of bills were submitted for payment, which were previously examined by the Finance Committee, and payment of them recommended.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Freaney

"That the bills submitted"
"for payment, and which have been recommended"
"for payment by the Finance Committee be paid"

Passed Unanimously

The Treasurer's Authority for making payments was

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Signed by the Chairman, and Messrs John Murphy, and Michael Freaney, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No- 109	John Tobin		£12.10.0
" - 110	James Barron		20.16.3
" - 111	Same		10.7.9
" - 112	John J Browne		4.3.2
" - 113	Petty Cash		12.16.6
" - 114	Cashiers Bank of Ireland		13.1
" - 115	Same		63.2.5
" - 116	Same		47.13.10
" - 117	Same		25.8.5
" - 118	Canon Kavanagh D.D.		15.15.5

As there was a long time occupied in the transaction of Sanitary business it was agreed to defer the Consideration of the remaining Municipal business to an adjourned Meeting to be held on 16th inst.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 16th November 1904.

J. B. Keane

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Thursday 10th November 1904

A Meeting of the Street and Sanitary Committee to be held this day at 8 O'Clock P.M. to consider the question of fixing the duties, and Salary, of the future Street Inspector, and Sanitary Sub Officer, and report upon same to the Council

Present, Messrs David Murphy
John O'Sullivan
Michael Freaney
and
Patrick Dunphy

As there was such a small attendance of members of both Committees, it was agreed to adjourn, without transacting any business, to following evening at 7.30 O'clock P.M.

Friday 11th November 1904

A Meeting of the Street Committee, was to be held this day at 4 O'Clock P.M. to inspect the pump at Robertson, and surroundings, also the street gratings recommended to be set by the Town Surveyor

No member of the Committee attended

The Meeting was adjourned.

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Friday 11th November 1904

A meeting of the Street and Sanitary Committee was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to consider the question of fixing the duties and Salary of the future Street Inspector and Sanitary Sub-Officer and report upon same to the Council

Present Messrs J Dreaan
John Murphy
and
Michael Sweeney

After considerable discussion it was agreed to recommend the Council to fix the Salary of Sanitary Sub Officer at £30, and that of Street Inspector at £30, this being the amount of Salary paid Mr Redmond when appointed.

The future Street Inspector to perform all the duties hitherto performed by Mr Redmond, except that the Town Surveyor must look after scraping of the Streets and removal of the Mud.

The Meeting adjourned

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Wednesday 16th November 1904

An adjourned meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other acts connected therewith

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
John Murphy
Joseph Roche
John O'Sullivan
Michael Freaney
David Murphy

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John Murphy and Michael Freaney and the following Paying order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 119 M. J. Flinn Petty Cash £13-5-0

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

Surveyors Department,
G.P.O. Dublin,
14th November, 1904.

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged for your letter of the 3rd Inst containing a copy of the resolution passed by the Urban Council relative to the subject of my letter of the 25th Ult.

It is noted that permission is given to the Department to

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erect two gates, one at each end of Back Lane, but the condition that is attached, namely that the passage be kept clear so that it may be used by the public when required, is one that I could scarcely recommend the Department to accept.

The intention is that the passage should be completely closed to the public within the term of the proposed lease, and it will, I think be recognised that the Department would not be justified in incurring the expense of erecting gates and moving the pump unless it were given complete control of the passage during the lease period.

Perhaps you will kindly have the matter further considered at the next meeting of the Urban Council.

For the action already taken in the case by the Council, and by you, I beg to tender my thanks.

Yours faithfully,

R. J. Mahon,

Surveyor G. P. O.

Ordered

That the Surveyor of the Department be informed the Council, having re-considered the matter, regret they cannot alter the decision already arrived at respecting it, and communicated to him in ~~his~~ their letter of 3rd. Inst, and also to add that this lane is frequently used by a merchant, when delivering goods to his store from vessel at Quay, and the permanent closing of it would be a great inconvenience to him, as well as many of the general public.

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County Council offices,
Courthouse, Wexford,
November 4th 1904.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that the following resolution was adopted at the meeting of my County Council on the 3rd Inst.

That the Urban District Councils be requested to pay the demand of the County Council in due course and that any failure on their part in this connection be reported to the Finance Committee of this Council.

Yours obediently,
W. H. Piggott,
County Secretary.

No Order made

New Ross 16th November 1904

Dear Sir,

I would thank you to bring the following under the notice of your Council.

Owing to the dangerous state of the public footpath outside Mr C. W. Carr's gateway in Henry St my little boy has sustained a very severe cut over his right eye, which will probably disfigure him for life.

In company with his sister she was returning from a walk on yesterday (Tuesday) evening, and was in the the act of walking past the gateway, when owing to the unsafe condition of the path he fell, his head coming in contact with a sharp stone.

I think there is no necessity at present for me to describe the state of the footpath at the place to which I refer, or to two or

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three similar places further on, as I think many, if not all of the members of the Council are aware of its condition.

I trust therefore the Council will give this matter their serious consideration and have the footpath made safe in order to avoid any further accidents.

Yours truly,
H. Kirkham.

Ordered

That the Clerk write to Mr Kirkham, and express to him the regret of the Council at the accident to his boy independent of the alleged cause, and inform him that the Council are taking the necessary steps to have the portion of the footpath referred to by him, put right.

North Main Street,
Wexford.
15th. November, 1904.

Dear Sir,

I would be glad to know if your Board has considered our quotation of the 5th. inst., for advt., in the Standard, and if we have been successful in securing the order. Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,
The Manager.

Ordered

That the Manager of the Newross Standard be informed that the proposal received from the Free Press being was

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considerably less was accepted.

The Dublin Wicklow & Wexford Railway Co wrote acknowledging receipt of resolution passed by the Council in reference to the well at Roberton.

Ordered

That Mr Byrne report upon the number, and location of footpath crossings, similar to those referred to by Mr Kirkham, and the repairs necessary to be done to them.

A report was received from the rent collector respecting repairs which require to be carried out on some of the Councils houses but there was no definite order made upon it.

A deputation of the Gaelic League, consisting of Messrs Peter Murphy, and W. J. O'Kelly, attended the meeting, and asked to have a committee of the Council appointed to co-operate with other committees, in organising a public meeting, which is to be held on New Ross on the 9th. December, in support of the National Exhibition.

On the motion of Mr Sweaney seconded by Mr O'Sullivan Messrs David Murphy, John Murphy, and the Chairman were appointed.

The Town Surveyor reported that he is attending to the metalling of the Streets and the cleaning of the outlying roads. He also stated He is getting the lower portion of the College road filled and formed with Shingle & Stones from John St Quarry.

J. B. Hearn

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 23rd. November 1904

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Wednesday 23rd November 1904

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 1·30 o'clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
John Murphy
David Murphy
John S. Hearn J.P.
Patrick Dunphy
John O'Sullivan
and
John Meehan

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John O'Sullivan and John Meehan and the following Paying Order directed to be issued

No 120 M. J. Flinn Pettybash £13.11.11

No 65,603 : 1904
New Ross Urban District

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 18th November, 1904.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, relative to the proposal of the New Ross Urban District Council to sell to Mr Richard Thorpe, under the Irish Land Act, 1903, the

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agricultural holding held by him from the Council; and in reply. I am to state that the Board are prepared to give their assent to the sale of this property on the conditions set forth in the Council's resolution of the 2nd inst. viz:-

(a) "One half-year's rent paid in cash, price inclusive"
"of the balance of arrears due to the 25th inst. March, 1904,"
"to be 21½ year's purchase, and interest on the purchase"
"money to be paid at 3½ per cent by Mr Thorpe from the"
"25th inst. March last to the date of the completion of the sale",

provided that an additional clause is inserted to the following effect:—

That the purchase money and the bonus received should be invested in trustee securities and the interest accuring each year applied in the reduction of the rate.

The Local Government Board would feel obliged if the Council would embody the terms above stated in a formal resolution under the Seal of the Council, and forward a sealed copy of such resolution for record in this Department.

The Board will await the receipt of this document before giving formal approval to the sale or deciding the question of the remission of the surcharge.

I am Sir,

your obedient Servant,

H. M. Swaine.

Secretary.

Ordered

That the members of the Council be summoned to attend next meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday 30th inst.

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November to consider it.

No 65,602/1904
Newross Urban District

Local Government Board, Dublin,
16th. November, 1904.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th. instant, relative to the proposal of the Newross Urban District Council to sell to Mr Patrick J. Delaney, under the Irish Land Act, 1903, the holding rented by him from the Urban District Council; and, in reply, I am to refer you to the Board's letter of the 1st. ultimo, and to state that they are not prepared to give their assent to the sale, unless the Urban District Council can satisfy them that the purchase money, together with the bonus (invested in trustee security), will yield approximately the same income as the council now receive from the property.

It will readily be seen that 22 years' purchase will not produce such a result.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. M. Swaine.

Secretary.

In connection with the foregoing the following received from Mr Delaney was read. Viz:—

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New Ross,

November 23rd 1904.

To the Chairman of the

New Ross Urban Council

Dear Sir,

I have been informed that the Local Government Board are not satisfied with my offer of 22 years purchase of Bennettsknock.

I wish to respectfully draw their attention to the fact that the present rent is beyond its value and if surrended do not believe it would get anything like present rent of £4-10-0 per acre.

I believe they would lose more by re-setting it to another tenant than if sold at twenty one years purchase.

There is no land in this neighbourhood set at anything near the rent of Bennettsknock which was fixed over forty years ago and not reduced since.

I have taken two fields adjoining Bennettsknock which is better grazing land at £3-10-0 per acre, under the circumstances I regret I cannot advance any more at I believe I have not been able to make present rent for years.

I will give the twenty two years' purchase on £18-7-6 paying rent up to date which is the most it is worth to me.

Bennettsknock contains about four acres of grass (two roads being measured on it) and the Poor Law valuations is ten pounds.

Yours truly,

Patrick Delaney,

Tenant of Bennettsknock.

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Proposed by Mr Meehan and
Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

"That a copy of the letter"
"received from Mr Delaney be forwarded to the Local"
"Government Board, and that they be informed the"
"Council believe the offer made by him is sufficient."
"considering the high rent he is paying for the holding"
"at present, and they are of opinion that if Mr Delaney"
"surrendered the holding now, the Council would lose"
"more annually, by being compelled to let it at a reduced"
"rent, than by accepting his offer of twenty-two years"
"purchase which only means a reduction of 7/6 per"
"acre, per annum, on his present rent, £4..10..0 per acre".

Passed Unanimously

A letter was received from the Gas Co saying they intend opening the road in Mary St. to clear pipe supplying the public lamp opposite Augustinian Convent steps.

The Town Surveyor suggested that the Company be requested to make good the surface of the Streets, wherever opened by them, but as this order was already communicated to them it was now

Ordered

That in future the Town Surveyor report to the Council, in all cases, where the Streets or footways are not put in a proper state of repair, after being opened by the Gas Co.

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Ordered

That Mr Patrick Hunt be directed to have the flagging outside his premises on the Quay, which was removed by him some time ago, properly re-set at once.

Town Surveyors Report

Gentlemen,

I am getting stone and shingle filling put out and broken on the college road, owing to the worn state of this road it is taking from 4 to 6 inches to form the surface and to cover the bare rocks showing up here and there throughout its length.

Some limestone metalling has been put out on portion of John Street.

A boatload of stones from Dunganstown quarry has been delivered and carted to depot for breaking. limestones have also been carted to depot.

Mr barr got the passage to his yard filled level with the narrow crossing.

The two passages to Show Grounds require to be made good with punched granite paving in 9 inch widths. 5" to 6" thick

I shall report on line of drain from Hospital to Bullaun next week.

Thomas Byrne

Ordered

That Mr Hamilton, be asked to repair the footpath opposite the entrance to the Show Grounds in Victoria Place, as it is very dangerous to foot passengers in its present condition.

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That Mrs Kelly Cross Lane be also requested to ~~the~~ repair the footpath opposite the entrance to her yard in South Street, and Dr. Cherry, that opposite his Weigh House on Greywell Road.

Monthly Report of Collector

New Ross

November 7th. 1904

Mrs Whelan Church Lane, complains that the latches and lock on doors has not been repaired.

Michael Cullen Bullawn, complains that an eave shoot at the back of his House is required.

Edward Whitty complains that latches has not been put on his doors.

Lawrence Morrissey complains that nothing has been done in regard to repairs.

Mrs Quigley complains that the whitewashing has not been done, eave shoot not repaired, small door on range not supplied also sash cord broken on the windows.

Thos. Connick William St complains that eave shoot at the back of house has not been repaired.

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Mary Canterbury William St complains that there is repairs required to range and fire place this is the range and fire place that Thomas Brereton complained of when living in same house.

Yours truly
John J. Browne
Collector

Ordered

That the Collector report in future whether the houses of the Council are kept in proper repair, and if not, whether the want of repair is owing to the tenants.

That the Town Surveyor get the Eave Shoots of all the houses examined, and new ones put up where required, and that he employ Edward Monohan to carry out the work.

The Clerk reported that complaints had been made in the office respecting the conduct of Mrs Broaders, who is causing annoyance to the other tenants of the Council living near her.

Ordered

That she be informed if any more complaints are made against her, the Council will, without considering any explanation from her, take up possession of her house, and that the Collector deliver the letter, enclosing this order, to her and also impress upon her the determination of the Council to have it carried out.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 30th inst. November 1904

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Wednesday 30th November 1904

An adjourned meeting of the The New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7·30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider a letter received from the Local Government Board requesting that a resolution be passed and a sealed copy forwarded to them, to the effect that the purchase money, and bonus, received from sale of farm to Mr Thorpe, should be invested in trustee securities, and the interest applied in the reduction of the rate each year, also to sign the Poor Rate Books for half-year ending 31st March 1905.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
John Murphy
Michael Freaney
and
John O'Sullivan

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the chairman and Messrs Michael Freaney and John Murphy and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:- No 121 M. J. Flinn Petty cash £13.2.0

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

New Post office
New Ross 30/11/1904

Dear Sir,

May I trespass on you to ask your council if they would be good enough to allow me to close the small piece of

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lane at the North side of the New Post office for two or three weeks. I find it very difficult to build the boundary wall at this side of the yard without getting some space at the outside. I was speaking to Mr John Jeffares and he has no objection to having it closed up for some time. I dont think there would be any inconvenience caused to the public by having this done but if your Council should object I would as to be allowed to move out the Hoarding to the centre of the lane leaving a footway outside.

Yours faithfully,
A. Cullen.

Ordered

That permission be granted to Mr Cullen to close this lane for two or three weeks provided doing so does not inconvenience Messrs Furlong & Son.

Priory Street,
New Ross, 30th November, 1904.

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly ask your Councils permission for me to open the ground at the Bullawn.

I want to make drains from the three new houses, and some of the old ones above them, and connect them with the new main Sewer.

Also if the Town Surveyor will point out to me where the inlets, or junctions are nearest on the main Sewer, so that I may have the connections made with them.

Yours Respectfully
Jas Connolly
M. C.

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Ordered

That permission be granted, subject to the order of the Council respecting the opening of the Streets, and connecting with sewers.

Mary Street,
New Ross,
November, 30th 1904.

Gentlemen/

I beg to apply for one stall in Shambles. I am satisfied to pay £2 per year for the use of it.

Yours Respectfully,
James Bailey.

Ordered

That Mr Bailey be informed the Council are not prepared to accept his offer as they consider it too low.

The Council proceeded to sign the Poor Rate Books for Second moiety of Poor Rate, and the following resolution was

Proposed by J. Murphy and
Seconded by M. Freaney

That the Summary of the second moiety of Poor Rate for year ending 31st March 1905, endorsed on the Poor Rate Books, and also the Collector's Warrants attached to same, be signed by the Chairman, and two members of the Council present, countersigned by the

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Clerk, and sealed with the Common Seal.

Passed Unanimously

In accordance with the foregoing resolution the Books, and Collectors warrants, were signed by the Chairman, and Messrs John Murphy and Michael Greaney, and sealed and counter-signed by the Clerk.

As there was an error in the date named in the notice to members, the 4th Dec. being inserted therein instead of the 30th Inst, the meeting decided not to consider the letter from the Local Government Board respecting the sealed resolution dealing with the sale of Mr Thorpe's farm requested to be forwarded to them, or transact any further business, and

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday December 14th 1904

J. B. Keane

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Monday 5th December 1904

Monthly meeting day.

No attendance of members. The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 7th December.

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Wednesday 7th December 1904

An adjourned meeting of the New Ross Urban Council was held this day at 1.30 o'clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other acts connected therewith, also to consider a letter received from the Local Government Board relative to the investment in Trustee Securities of money received from sale of Mr Thorpe's farm, and application of interest in reduction of rate each year, also to consider question of granting superannuation to Mr Redmond late Street Inspector.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
Patrick Dunphy
John Murphy
Michael Freaney
Joseph Roche
John Meehan
David Murphy

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Michael Freaney and John Murphy and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 122 M. J. Flynn Petty Cash £16 " 12 " 6

Mary St. New Ross.
Decr 7th " 04.

Mr Chairman & Gentlemen /:

I beg to apply for the use of one

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stall in Shambles. I am satisfied to pay the usual rent of 1/= per week.

Yours respectfully.
James Bailey.

Ordered

That James Bailey's application for one of the stalls in the Shambles be accepted at the weekly rent of one shilling, the tenancy to commence on Monday the 12th. Inst.

The clerk stated that Dr. Kavanagh called to the office, and informed him that he was about getting the rubbish removed from Robert St, as Ordered when Mr Byrne offered to use it in the filling of the Streets, and he now desired to know if he was relieved of the responsibility of having it removed, and the meeting agreed that he was, and approved of it being used as intended by the Town Surveyor.

Proposed by Mr Feaney and
Seconded by Mr Meehan

That Mr Redmond be allowed a superannuation allowance of £17..6..8 per annum as retired Street Inspector subject to the approval of the Lord Lieutenant.

Passed Mr Roche dissenting

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Proposed by James B. Hearn
Seconded by David Murphy

That the following proposal of Mr Richard Thorpe for the purchase of his farm.
Viz:- One half years rent to be paid in cash, price, inclusive of the balance of arrears due to the 25th. March 1904, to be twenty one, and a half years purchase, and interest on the purchase money to be paid at the rate of 3½ per cent from 25th. March 1904 to the date of the completion of the sale, be Accepted, subject to the Bonus being obtained, and the purchase money and the Bonus received, be invested in trustee securities, and the interest accruing each year be applied in the reduction of the rate, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to this resolution

Passed Unanimously

In accordance with the terms of the resolution the seal of the Council was affixed thereto, and also to the copy of same to be forwarded to the Local Government Board.

The Clerk reported that Dr. Cherry informed him the footpath opposite his malt house on Cherry road was repaired as ordered by the Council, and the Surveyor having stated that the one on that road, near Mr Hearn's store, was not yet levelled, as ordered at a previous meeting, he was now directed to have it levelled as soon as possible.

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A discussion took place respecting the repairing of the footpath opposite the entrance to yards of people, who had been directed to have same repaired and it was

Ordered

That a meeting of the Street Committee be held on Friday at 11 o'clock a.m. to consider the whole matter.

It was also ordered that the Town Surveyor inform the Clerk of the amount of stones he will require from the Dungarvan Quarry for the ensuing weeks, that he may intimate same to Mr Hunt.

Ordered

That the paving required to be done in John St be carried on by Edward Neville, under the direction of the Town Surveyor.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Harbour Board complaining that the Town Surveyor permitted stones to be landed on the Quay, in places other than where they are permitted to be landed, and it was Ordered that the Surveyor do not in future interfere, or cause the boatmen to interfere, with the order of the Harbour Board respecting the portion of the Quay on which stones are to be landed.

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A proposal was received from Bryan Hennessy for six heaps of manure at 10/6. from Edward Browne for ten heaps @ 10/= and from John Power Lamblin for ten heaps at 7/6 per heap.

Ordered

That the proposals of Bryan Hennessy, and Edwd. Browne, be accepted subject to them removing the manure from the yard forthwith and that Mr Power's proposal be accepted for seven, being the balance unsold, subject to the same condition. Other proposals were received but being too low were not considered.

A proposal, received from James Brien Bewley St, for heap of manure at Town Wall @ 15/= was also accepted and the Town Surveyor was authorized to dispose of the second heap there at the same price if he get a buyer.

It was decided to defer the transaction of the remaining business

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 14th. December 1904

J. B. Keane

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Wednesday 14th December 1904

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other acts connected therewith, also to Elect a Street Inspector, and consider a letter received from the Local Government Board relative to the investment in Trustee Securities of money received from sale of Mr Delaney's farm, and application of Interest in reduction of rate each year.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
John S. Hearn J.P.
John Murphy
Michael Freaney
Joseph Roche
John Meehan
William Murphy
John OSullivan
John Grace
David Murphy
James J. OGorman
James G. Dooley
Patrick and Dunphy

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs John Murphy and John Meehan, and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

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No 123	Technical Instruction Committee	£15	1	8
" 124	John Tobin ¼ pension to 6th Inst	3	2	6
" 125	M. J. Flinn ¼ salary as Town Clerk	25	0	0
" 126	M. J. Flinn Petty Cash	13	1	6
" 127	John J. Browne Commission	6	8	0
" 128	Wm. Oconnor ½ years Salary	10	12	8
" 129	Thomas Martin cleaning chimneys		15	0
" 130	Ly. A. Hickey ½ years salary	7	10	0
" 131	Michael Hunt Quarrying stones	2	16	0
" 132	Thomas Byrne	5	0	0
" 133	W. & H. Hartrick amount of ac	1	9	3
" 134	P. J. Okeeffe Kilkenny		10	9
" 135	Hugh R. Hamilton	5	18	6
" 136	Patrick Power repairs to water cart	3	10	0
" 137	Sec to Council quarters demand	346	13	2

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

No 68,859/1904
New Ross Urban District

Local Government Board.
Dublin, 30th November, 1904.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 24th, and 26th Inst, relative to the proposed sale of an agricultural holding on the corporate estate of the New Ross Urban District Council to Mr Patrick J. Delaney; and I am to request that you will be so good as to inform the Board whether the rent paid by Mr ~~Hartpe~~ Delaney (£18.4.6) is the net amount received by the Urban District Council, or whether this sum is liable to any deductions in

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respect of poor rates, collection of rent, &c.

I am Sir,

your obedient Servant

H. M. Swaine.

Secretary.

The Clerk stated that he informed the Board that this amount was the gross rent and that he also informed them of the net amount, after deduction of Collector's Commission.

Proposed by John S. Hearn

Seconded by Patrick Dunphy

That Mr Patrick J. Delaney's offer of twenty-two years purchase for his farm at Bennettsknock, and rent to be paid to 29th September 1904, be accepted, subject to the Bonus, and the approval of the Local Government Board being obtained, and the purchase money, and the Bonus received, be invested in Trustee Securities and the interest accruing each year be applied in the reduction of the rate, and that the seal of the Council be affixed to this resolution.

Passed Unanimously

In accordance with the terms of the resolution a copy was sealed, and ordered to be forwarded to the Board.

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No 40,290/1904
New Ross Urban Dist

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 9th December 1904.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st Inst relative to the proposed sale of the corporate property of the New Ross Urban District Council, and in reply, I am to state that, having regard to the further information which has been furnished to them in respect of the holding of Mr P.J. Delaney, the Board will be prepared to assent to the sale of that portion of the property on the terms set forth in your letter of the 24th ultimo, which should be embodied in a formal resolution under the seal of the Urban District Council and a sealed copy forwarded to the Board.

I am, at the same time, to point out that in cases of sales of corporate property, it is necessary that the procedure laid down by Section 141 of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, should be carefully observed, and it will be necessary for the Urban District Council to memorialise the Board in the manner prescribed by that Section, with respect to the sales to Messrs Delaney and Thorpe.

I am Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
A.R. Barlas.
Assistant Secretary.

The resolution indicated in this letter (and which is entered immediately before it) having been passed it was-

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Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr David Murphy

That our Solicitors be instructed to take the necessary legal steps to carry out the sale, to Messrs Delaney & Thorpe, of their farms under the Land Act of 1903.

Passed Unanimously

43 Threadneedle Street,
London.
November 30th. 1904.

Dear Sir,

re Proposed Loan of £10,000

Subject to your Council obtaining the consent of the Local Government Board to the above loan, and to approval of Security, we beg, on behalf of our Principals, to offer you the money at 4% p.a. repayable by way of annuity, or as may be desired.

Our commission would be £60, to include stamp duty, law charges, and all expenses.

Awaiting the favour of your early reply,
We are, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
for Morgan-Browne & Rayner,
H. G. Rayner.

No Order made

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Town Hall, Wicklow,
2nd December, 1904.

Marine Works Act

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Joint Committee of the Wicklow Harbour Board, and Urban Council, to inform you that the Public Meeting to compel the Government to pass a Marine works Bill in the next Session of Parliament for the Counties of Dublin, Wicklow, Wexford and Waterford, will take place on Thursday 15th December, 1904, at the hour of one o'clock noon, in the City Hall, Dublin, kindly lent for the occasion by the Lord Mayor.

Please let me have, at earliest possible date, the names of the Delegates your Board propose to send to the above meeting.

I am forwarding this post six copies of Local newspaper so that your Delegates may make themselves up on the subject.

Kindly urge on your Members of Parliament to be present at the Conference, for without them our Meeting would not present the importance that it deserves.

My Committee are quite certain that your Members of Parliament will do all in their power, if the Local Authorities show that they are in earnest and that the Bill is urgently needed.

To Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde. M.P. is due the best thanks of all concerned for having initiated the movement, and for his sincere desire to promote every cause that tends for the good of his fellow countrymen.

Cards of admission to Public Meeting will be forwarded

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in due course for the mutual advantage of all concerned kindly give the matter your prompt attention.

Sara,

Yours faithfully.

Francis W. Mc. Phail.

Secretary.

Proposed by Mr Dooley and
Seconded by Mr Dunphy

"That our Chairman be requested to attend the meeting as a delegate from this Council.

Passed Unanimously

6th. December 1904.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter to me of the 17th. ult I am directed to inform you that the terms under which it is proposed to permit the Department to enclose that portion of Back Lane New Ross which adjoins the New Post office are such as could not be accepted, and while thanking the Urban Council for the attention which they have been good enough to give to the matter, I regret that the Department cannot see its way to avail itself of the offer made by the Urban Council.

Yours faithfully

R. G. Mahon

Surveyor G. P. O.

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Northern Assurance Buildings.
39 Fleet Street.
Dublin.
6th. December, 1904

Dear Sir,

Howlett's Estate

We enclose you a copy of a lease of the 1st. January 1834 which you appear to have certified as a true copy. We therefore presume that the original of this deed with the Map endorsed thereon is in your custody, and as the Examiner of the Land Judge's Court requires to see this deed in connection with a sale in this matter, of premises contained in the lease, and we cannot locate the original, we should be glad if you would send it to us for a few days. We will undertake to be responsible for its safe custody and to return it safely to you. Our local correspondent Mr Colfer, will explain to you if you ask him that you are safe in sending the document to us.

Yours faithfully,
Carruthers & Gamble

Proposed by Mr David Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dooley

That the original of the lease referred to, be sent to Messrs Carruthers & Gamble, to be forwarded through Messrs Colfer & Gethin, any expense incurred to be paid by the Solicitors requiring the document.

Passed Unanimously

A letter was received from Messrs S. Grant & Sons quoting price of Bilingual name Tablets 23½ x 11½ inches at 8/=, and on

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the proposal of Mr J. Murphy seconded by Mr Freaney it was ordered that they be asked to send a specimen plate and that the matter be brought before next meeting of the Council.

Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met this day and recommended payment of the following accounts, (see list at commencement of Minutes).

We recommend that the payment of St Stephen's Cemetery Caretaker and Secretary's salary (Urban Councils portion) be deferred.

Signed

John S. Hearn

J. B. Hearn

Mr Roche objected to the payment of £5 to Mr Byrne as he had not yet paid the fee charged by Mr O'Brien B. E. for preparation of Plan, and Specification for remedying the flooding of the Royal Hotel, which he undertook to pay.

After some discussion Mr Byrne agreed to pay it in instalments, the first one of 10/=, to be paid following day.

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Town Surveyors Reports

7th December 1904

Gentlemen/

The metalling of the Streets is being attended to. The bridge, and approaches, have also received attention.

I have had a Slater employed over-hauling and repairing the roofs, shoots, and down pipes, of the Councils houses in William St, Church Lane, and Holly House Lane.

I find the shoots, and down pipes to the rere of the five houses in Church Lane are so bad, it would be better have them taken down and replaced by new ones.

Complaints have been made to me about the Northern footpath at both sides of the ~~of~~ level crossing in Roberton. On one side is rough cobble paving and on the other the old Carlow flags have not been properly re-laid. I recommend the Railway to be required to re-lay the footway on East side with properly dressed granite pavement opposite their own entrance and at the two gateways adjoining. On the west side take up and relay the existing flags with uniform grade from goods entrance to wicket at level crossing, making good any deficiency with new flags.

14th December 1904

Gentlemen/

Two boatloads of stones for Street metalling were delivered this week, two boatloads and portion of another load were carted to the depots for breaking. There are nearly three loads still to be removed off the Quay.

I have got metalling put out on the Waterford road,

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Bridge St, part of John St, and portion of South St.

I had the Irishtown cleaned previous to the Fair day, and the scrapings on Breywell road removed off the sides.

The Railway bo should be written to, to clean, and metal the new road Rosbercon.

Thomas Byrne

Mr Dooley proposed, and Mr John Murphy seconded, "That the recommendation of the Town Surveyor respecting the footpaths at the level crossing be forwarded to the Railway bo with a request that it be carried out by them".

Passed Unanimously

It was also ordered, that the footpath leading up to Urban Boundary, near Bawnfames road, be gravelled, and that the providing of a proper water channel in Rosbercon be considered at Quarterly meeting.

Mr Roche drew attention to the want of gravelling of footpath from Newtown, to end of District, and it was Ordered that the Surveyor get it gravelled.

New Ross, December 13th. 1904

Dear Sir,

I want you to get floor, and oven, repaired at 14 10m. St, the floor was tore up when I went there and it

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want to be whitewashed.

Yours truly,
James Howlett.

Ordered

That the house be limewashed, and that the
collector report upon its condition.

Proposed by John Murphy
Seconded by John Meehan

That the Water Rent Book for
collection of Water Rent for year ending 31st July 1905 be
sealed, and signed by the Chairman, and countersigned by
the Clerk.

Passed Unanimously.

In accordance with the foregoing resolution the Water Rent
Book was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs John Murphy,
and John Grace, and sealed, and countersigned by the Clerk.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 21st December 1904

J. B. Keane

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Wednesday 21st. December 1904

An adjourned Meeting of the Newross Urban District Council was held this day at 4.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) act 1854. and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider the following Notice of Motion by Mr John S. Hearn Viz:- "That the resolution" "fixing £40 as the Salary for Sanitary Sub-officer, and" "Street Inspector, be rescinded and the advisability of" "increasing same to £52 be considered.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
David Murphy
Michael Freaney
John Murphy

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John Murphy and Michael Freaney and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 138 M. J. Finn Petty cash £14 " 16 " 2

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

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King's County Council,
Secretary's office,
Tullamore, 15th December 1904.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the King's County Council to forward for the consideration of your Council, the annexed copy of ~~of~~ a resolution passed by them at their meeting on the 25th ult.

I am Dear Sir,
your obedient Servant.
Charles P. Kingston,
Secretary.

To each County & Urban Council in Ireland

Proposed by William Delany M.P.
Seconded by Michael Reddy. M.P.

Resolved – That we beg to direct the attention of the Department of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction to the state of evident dissatisfaction which exists owing to the inequality of treatment of its staff, and to request that immediate steps be taken to rectify the grievances which exist especially as regards the Catholic Clerks in the Veterinary Branch. Copies of this resolution to be sent to the Chief Secretary, Sir Horace Plunkett, the members of Parliament for King's County, and to each County and Urban Council in Ireland.

Ordered

That the Clerk write to the Secretary of the Council asking for some particulars respecting the grievances referred

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~~The~~ to, so that this Council be enabled to put the matter as forcibly as possibly before the public, through the local Press, when adopting the resolution.

The D.W.H.&W.d. Railway bo wrote acknowledging receipt of the letter and order forwarded them in reference to footpath at Kosbercon.

A circular letter was received from Dublin Castle giving a synopsis of the Shop Hours Act and drawing the attention of the Council to the important powers vested in them under it.

No Order made

Enniscorthy United Irish League
20th December 1904.

Dear Sir,

I have been directed to forward to your Board for their kind consideration and adoption the following resolution, which was unanimously passed by our branch.

Yours faithfully,
E. J. Irwin, Hon Sec,

Resolution Re Evicted Tenants

Mr Donohoe proposed and Mr Ryan seconded the following resolution which was Unanimously adopted - "That we

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urge on the Nationalists of the bounty the pressing need of bearing in mind at this juncture the critical condition of the Evicted Tenants, and the urgent necessity of affording them all moral and material support in their struggle for Justice, and that in particular we appeal to tenants on estates where negotiations for sale are now proceeding to stand loyally by the wounded soldiers, and thus win the approval of all good Irishmen". Copies of this resolution to be forwarded to the Local public bodies and to our M. P's.

Proposed by Mr David Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Freaney

That the resolution be adopted.

Passed Unanimously

17 Charlemont Mall,
Dublin 20th December 1904.

Dear Sir,

I have this day sent per railway to you a specimen of the Bilingal Tablets which I hope will find favour with your Council.

Yours respectfully,
Stephen Grant & Sons.

Ordered

That the Clerk submit a list of the Streets requiring names to next meeting of the Council, and that the members be summoned to consider advisability of

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having the required number of bilingual names obtained at a cost of 8/= each.

Proposals were received from James Kelly and Edward Maher for the old iron pipes in the Council's yard, the former at 10/3 and the latter at £1 and on the proposal of Mr Freaney seconded by the Chairman, Mr Maher's tender was accepted.

County Council offices,
Courthouse, Wexford.
14th December 1904.

Sir,

I beg to draw your attention to the fact that your Council have lodged only one quarter's amount of the Demand of the County Council in respect of the year, 1904-5. Three quarters are due up to the present. I must request that the balance be lodged to the credit of the County Council at once, or it will be necessary to place the matter in the hands of the Solicitor of the County Council.

It is only recently your Council were obliged to obtain from the Local Government Board an extension of time for the payment of the balance of the previous year's Demand.

Yours obediently,
W. H. Pigott,
Co Secretary.

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The Clerk stated that two instalments were paid, the second one at last meeting, whilst the third, or next one, would not be actually due until the end of the present month.

No Order made

Town Surveyors Report

Gentlemen

As directed I got an untrapped grating in Cross Lane opposite the New Church replaced by a new trapped grating, part of the drain from same was opened up cleaned and repaired, and portion of broken kerb stone replaced by one from Stock.

I got a mason to repair a choked drain from the Shambles and re-lay temporarily the flag pavement for the accomodation of the Stall holders, after Christmas the drain will require to be opened and cleaned out to the main probably.

The Metalling of the Streets is being attended to, also the cleaning as far as possible.

Some repairs have been done to footway above the Chapel of Roberton.

Two boatloads of limestones were delivered by Mrs Roche.

Thomas Byrne

I think it would be advisable to caution the traders in North St not to put out on the Street, boxes and wares for Show for at least a couple weeks after the fresh metalling has been

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put out.

Ordered

That the Surveyor ask the traders not to put boxes &c out on the streets for some time at least.

A discussion took place respecting the repairing of the footpath at the different entrances to peoples premises.
And it was ordered that the town Surveyor furnish, to next meeting, a detailed list of those, which in his opinion, are dangerous to the public.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 28th. December 1904

L. B. Keam

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Wednesday 28th December 1904

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council to be held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider the following Notice of Motion by Mr John S. Hearn Viz:- That the resolution fixing £40 as the Salary for Sanitary Sub-officer, and Street Inspector, be rescinded and the advisability of increasing same to £52 be considered.

The following were the only members who attended up to 8.10 oclock P.M.

Messrs John S. Hearn J.P.
Joseph Roche
Michael Freaney

Mr Hearn had left before Messrs Roche & Freaney attended

A Quorum not having assembled the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 4th January 1905.

J. S. Hearn

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Monday 2nd January 1905

Monthly meeting day. No attendance of members.

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, 4th January.

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Wednesday 4th January 1905

An adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 4·30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider the following Notice of Motion by Mr John S. Hearn Viz:- That the resolution fixing £40 as the salary for Sanitary Sub-officer, and Street Inspector, be rescinded and the advisability of increasing same to £52 be considered, and to consider the advisability of fixing Bilingual name-tablets on a number of the Streets, at a cost of 8/- each, and of

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
John S. Hearn J.P.
Michael Freaney
John Murphy
Joseph Roche
and
David Murphy

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Michael Freaney and John Murphy and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 139 M. J. Flinn Petty Cash £28..12..10

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The following correspondence was read

No 73,648/1904
New Ross Urban District

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 22nd December 1904.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 8th and 14th instant, relative to the proposed sale under the Irish Land act, 1903, to Messrs Richard Thorpe and Patrick J. Delaney, of the farms held by them on the agricultural estate of the New Ross Urban District, and, in reply, I am to state that the Local Government Board will await the receipt of the Memorial and evidence of due publication before dealing further with the matter.

I am Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
A. R. Barlas.
Assistant Secretary.

No Order made

In reference to the payment of the haf-years rent due by Mr Thorpe it was

Proposed by Mr John S. Hearn and
Seconded by Mr Joseph Roche

That Mr Thorpe be required to pay the half years rent, due 29th September 1904, on or before the 20th January

Passed Unanimously

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Kings County Council,
Secretary's office,
Tullamore 2nd. January

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of 29th. ult re resolution of my council on the subject of the veterinary staff of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction I beg to enclose a reprint from the "Freemans Journal" of 24th. June 1904 dealing with the matter.

I am Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
Charles P. Kingston.
Secretary.

The clipping referred to was received, from which it appeared that a substantial increase was made in the salaries of Protestant officials transfered to the Veterinary staff of the agricultural Department, whilst the salary of catholics was, in some cases reduced.

Proposed by Mr Roche and
Seconded by Mr Feaney

"That we beg to direct the attention of the Department of. the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction to the state of evident dissatisfaction which exists owing to the inequality of treatment of its staff, and to request that immediate steps be taken to rectify the grievances which exist especially as regards the

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Catholic Clerks in the Veterinary Branch.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That copies of this resolution be sent to Sir Horac Plunkett, and the two members of Parliament for bo Wexford.

Offices.

New Ross, 4th Jany 1905.

Urban Council to Jones

Dear Sir

Will you kindly say if the Borough Surveyor has prepared a tracing of the map of the premises to be endorsed on the Lease, if so, will you kindly send it to us, as we must describe the premises in the Lease according to the map. It is necessary to have an accurate map on the Lease, and we presume the Council will have this map prepared by the Surveyor.

Yours very truly,

Colfer & Lyttin.

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor be directed to prepare a map of the premises to be leased as soon as possible.

A circular letter was received from Messrs Merryweather Sons Ltd drawing attention to the recent disastrous

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fire at Loughre and asking if the Council would be disposed to arrange a visit by an officer of their Private Fire Brigade, at a nominal to advise the Council respecting their present Fire & Engine and appliances.

No Order made

A letter was received from the Local Government Board enclosing copy of The Public Bodies Order 1904, and the Clerk suggested that it be referred to the Finance Committee to consider it as a number of new books and Forms would be required under it, but the suggestion was not adopted, that officer being directed to report to the Council the several Forms re required

The Dublin, Wicklow & Wexford, Railway. Co wrote acknowledging receipt of the Order of the Council respecting the condition of the footpath at the crossing at Rosleroon.

The Commissioner of Valuation acknowledging receipt of Valuation Lists sent for revision.

An application was received from James Kielthy for a suit of oilclothes, but as it was probable that under the proposal new arrangement for the cleansing of the Streets, he would not be required in the service of the Council the application was refused.

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A circular was received from the Treasurers of the Leamy Fund Soliciting subscriptions and drawing attention to the services rendered to Ireland by the late Mr Leamy, but there was no order made upon it.

A quotation of 10/6 for insertion of advertisment of Sanitary Sub-officer & Street Inspector wanted, in Standard was received from the Manager but as the advertisment could not yet be sent for application there was no order made.

A letter was received from the Gas Co stating that they intended opening the Street outside Miss Waters for the purpose of repairing Gas supply pipe.

No Order made

As the Notice of Motion respecting the rescinding of the salary fixed for Street Inspector was dealt with at the Sanitary meeting it was not entered into at this meeting.

Proposed by Mr David Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Freaney

That our employees be allowed 5/= each for extra cleansing at Christmas.

Passed Unanimously

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The advisability of affixing Bi-lingual names on some of the Streets at a cost of 8/= each was considered, and the specimen plate name received from Messrs S. Grant & Son examined. after some discussion it was agreed to get four, one each for North St, Bridge St, Quay St, and Robert St, ordering of same to be deferred pending the probability of the name of Robert St being changed, the Clerk to ascertain the views of the residents & owners of property in that St respecting the change.

The Clerk stated that the Surveyor told him the exact frontage measurement of Mr Fitzgerald's porch was nineteen feet but as the eave of same overlapped the street by over another foot his rent should be 20/= as the agreement was 1/= per frontage foot. This however Mr Fitzgerald refused to pay unless ordered by the Council, as he held he was only liable for 19/=, and it was therefore necessary to fix the rent at this meeting.

Ordered

That Mr Fitzgerald be charged an annual rent, for his porch, of 19/= per annum being at the rate of 1/= per frontage foot.

Town Surveyors Report

The Metalling of the Streets and roads is being attended to, together with the cleaning of outlying roads and the removal of the mud. I had a man assisting to clean some of the

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Streets. Irishtown &c.

I got a couple of boatloads of limestones removed from the Quay to depot at Town Wall. I cannot well spare the horses for this work at present owing to the necessity of having the metalling put out and spread at the proper season.

The two cart-ways crossing the footway to Show grounds in Henry St require suitable pavement or to be filled to proper level and kept gravelled.

Gravel is needed for doing up some footpaths, owing to having no yard room for storing it, there was no stock got in during the Summer. Sufficient may be got in now.

I can do without stones for metalling at present. Mrs Roche might be asked to supply some gravel from St Mullins.

Thomas Byrne

Ordered

That Mr Hamilton be written to requiring him to have the crossing of the footpath at Show grounds in Henry St levelled as recommended by the Town Surveyor.

That two boatloads of St Mullins Gravel be ordered from Mrs Roche of Ballyanne.

Some members being of opinion that the footpath at other entrances, besides those referred to by the Surveyor, required to be

repaired it was agreed that a Committee consisting of Messrs Roche and John Murphy inspect them and report to next meeting the number, which in their opinion required attention.

At the conclusion of the business Mr Roche suggested that in order to facilitate the transaction of the business of at each meeting the Council be divided into two Committees, one to consider Sanitary, and the other ordinary Municipal business, both to be sitting concurrently, and to report their recommendations to the Council which would assemble at the conclusion of the business of the Committees.

No order made pending further consideration of the matter.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 11th January 1905

L. B. Kearns

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Wednesday 11th January 1905

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 1.30 o'clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider proposals for the cleansing of the Streets and lanes of the town, and also of the cleansing of same, and removal of scrapings and sweepings, as well as the advisability of mutually cancelling the existing contract with Mr Hogan for the removal of sweepings &c, also to fix salary, and date of election of Sanitary Sub-officer and Street Inspector, to sanction pension allowed Mr Redmond as Sanitary Sub-officer and Street Inspector.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
John Murphy
John S. Hearn J.P.
David Murphy
and
Joseph Roche

The Minutes of last Meeting were signed

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John S. Hearn and Joseph Roche and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued, Viz:-

No	140	Mrs Roche Ballyanne	£25 " 0 " 0
"	141	Matthew Hutchinson	1 " 0 " 5
"	142	Hely's Ltd. Dublin	8 " 0
"	143	J. Power & Co Ltd. New Ross	4 " 9 " 8

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No 144	Moran Bro^{s}.	£ 16 .. 15 .. 6
.. 145	M. J. Flinn	4 .. 13 .. 9
.. 146	John J. Browne	6 .. 5 .. 0
.. 147	Michael Hunt Dunganstown	1 .. 19 .. 8
.. 148	Zimber Bro^{s}.	4 .. 2 .. 6
.. 149	Governors John Ivory School	2 .. 12 .. 11
.. 150	A. H. Tyndall	5 .. 10 .. 0
.. 151	John Harrington	17 .. 6
.. 152	Wm. Munro	1 .. 0 .. 0
.. 153	M. J. Flinn	15 .. 18 .. 0
.. 154	Thomas Byrne	3 .. 5 .. 0

The following correspondence was read. Viz:-

Offices,

New Ross, 11th. January, 1905.

re sale to Messrs Thorpe & Delaney

Dear Sir,

Referring to yours of 19th. ult, enclosing copies of resolution of the Council and copy of the letter received from the Local Government Board, we would wish before proceeding further to know under what title the Council hold the lands proposed to be sold and for that purpose we would require an inspection of the title Deeds.

We presume the Council have taken into consideration the fact that the costs of carrying out the sale will fall on them and will be deducted from the purchase money.

Yours very truly,

Colfer & Lyttin.

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Ordered

That the Clerk submit to our Solicitors any documents in his possession bearing on title, and that he confer with them, if necessary, respecting same, and that our Solicitors be also directed to take whatever steps they consider advisable in the matter of this, and the completion of the purchase of their farms to Messrs Delaney and Thorpe.

Passed Unanimously

There was no Order made respecting the costs

A letter was received from Sir Horace Plunkett acknowledging copy of resolution, passed at last meeting, respecting inequality of treatment of Catholic Clerks in Veterinary staff of Department.

27. 28. 29. 30, Dame Street.
Dublin, 9th. January, 1904.

Dear Sir,

Some time ago we advised you that we had taken over the publication and supply of the Copyright Books and Forms of W. C. Ellis, Esq. L.L.D.

We are at present working on the Ledger, &c, which are being revised to date in accordance with the Public Bodies Order, 1904.

We are also making up stock of the other books and forms required under above order, and as those will come into use from 1st. April next, it is desirable

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that orders be sent in at once, so that delivery may be made in good time.

Your commands will be esteemed by and have the prompt and careful attention of.

Yours respectfully,
Hely's, Limited.

No Order made

Town Surveyors Report

Gentlemen,

The Metalling of the streets is being attended to. I got a couple boatloads of Dunganstown stones carted to depot Rosbercon.

Notice has been sent per Registered letter to Mr Deane Longraigue about dangerous wall in Brennan's Lane and a Notice on Mr Nicholas Nolan for a dangerous wall in Lockpit Lane.

I inspected the walls of old house in Rosbercon, in my opinion I do not consider them dangerous. There are patches of loose plastering on the front, it would be well to have taken down, and a stone transome to head of door that should be secured or taken down.

Thomas Byrne

Report of Finance Committee

Your Committee met this day and recommended the following payments, (see list at commencement of Minutes)

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That Dr. Mc. Weeney's afc be referred to Dr. Hickey for explanation as to blood analysis.

Signed

John S. Hearn
J. B. Hearn

January 11th. 1905

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Roche

That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted and the payments recommended by them be made.

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 25th. January 1905

J. B. Hearn

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Wednesday 11th. January 1905

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, and consider the quarterly report, and recommendations of the Town Surveyor, and applications for new works if any.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
John Murphy
John S. Hearn J.P.
David Murphy
Joseph Roche and

The Minutes of last Quarterly meeting were read and signed

Town Surveyors Quarterly Report

Gentlemen,

The Streets and roads of the District are now being all worked by direct labour, the result for the quarter is fairly good, all the principal roads and streets have had a good patching and in many cases the Streets were entirely sheeted with metalling, much however remains to be done for the coming quarter.

The surface of the Irishtown as far as it has been filled and formed is very good and will improve in the eastern end as the traffic works over it. Up to the present many of the cars work over the South side where there is no crust on the street.

Thomas Byrne

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Proposed by Mr David Murphy and
Seconded by Mr John S. Hearn J.P.

That the report of the Surveyor be adopted.

Passed Unanimously

The Meeting adjourned

J. S. Hearn

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Monday 16th. January 1905

An election of four Urban District Councillors took place to-day to fill vacancies caused by the retirement by rotation of Messrs Martin J Delaney, John Sheehan, William Murphy and Joseph Roche for the Newtown Ward.

The following were duly nominated

Messrs Henry Ellis, proposed by J. D. Hearn and seconded by John O'Sullivan

" John Fanning " " Patrick Redmond " " " John Butler

" John Hand " " Same " " " Same

" John Sheehan " John O'Sullivan " " " David Murphy

" William Murphy " " Same " " " Same

" Joseph Roche " " Same " " " John Sheehan

The polling resulted as follows:- Ellis 138, Fanning 256, Hand 281, Sheehan 221, Murphy 128, Roche 169

Messrs Hand, Fanning, Sheehan and Roche were declared duly elected.

Mr John J Hearn the outgoing Member for the Roberton Ward, was the only candidate nominated, being proposed by Peter A Gorman, and seconded by David Hunt, and he was also declared duly elected for that Ward

Jn. J. Hearn Returning Officer

J. J. Hearn

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Monday 23rd January 1905

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held this day at 12 O'Clock, noon, to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith viz:- to elect a Chairman for the ensuing year and if deemed advisable a Vice-Chairman

Present Messrs John O'Sullivan Presiding

John Sheehan
John Hand
Patrick Dunphy
James J Glorman
Michael Freaney
John Fanning
and
John Murphy.

Proposed by Mr Fanning and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That Mr Freaney be elected Chairman for the ensuing year"

Mr Freaney declined ~~declined~~ to accept the position and proposed that Mr Sheehan be Chairman.

The proposition was not seconded.

Proposed by Mr Dunphy and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That Mr James D. Hearn be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year"

Resolved, Mr Fanning dissenting.

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The Chairman having stated that the first business was to consider the advisability of electing a Vice-Chairman it was

Proposed by Bro Fanning and
Seconded by Bro Sweeney "That Bro Hand be Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year"

Bro Hand declined to accept the position.

Proposed by Bro Dunphy and
Seconded by Bro John Dunphy That we have no Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

The resolution was not put and the Chairman declared the election of a Vice Chairman had fallen through, as the candidate proposed declined to accept the position.

The Meeting adjourned

J. L. Keane

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Wednesday 25th January 1905

A Meeting of the Newross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) act 1854, and other acts connected therewith, also to elect a Street Inspector, and the several committees for the ensuing year.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
John S. Hearn J.P.
John Fanning
John Hand
Patrick Dunphy
John Sullivan
David Murphy
John Meehan
Michael Freaney
Joseph Roche
and
James J. Glorman
John Murphy

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John Murphy and Michael Freaney and the following Paying Order directed to be issued

No 155 M. J. Finn Petty Cash £28.19.11

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

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No 65,598/1904
New Ross Urban District

Local Government Board.
Dublin, 14th January 1905.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had under consideration the application to them from the persons aggrieved against a surcharge of £95..18..0 made by the Auditor at the Audit of the accounts of the New Ross Urban District Council for the period ended the 31st March last; and I am to forward, for the information of the applicants and Council, the accompanying copies of the Order made by the Board in the matter.

I am Sir.
Your Obedient Servant.
H. M. Swaine.
Secretary.

Ordered That a copy of the sealed order be sent to each of the persons surcharged.

The following is a copy of the sealed order received

The Local Government Board for Ireland
Urban County District of New Ross

To the Council of the Urban District of New Ross; to James B. Hearn, William Murphy, John O'Sullivan, John Grace, and John S. Hearn, to J. A. Baker, and Auditor of Poor Law Unions; and to all others whom it may concern.

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Whereas, under the provisions of the enactments applied by Article 19 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, and enactments amending the same, J. A. Baker, an Auditor of Poor Law Unions, did audit and examine the accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the Council of the Urban District of Newross for the period ended on the 31st day of March, 1904, and did surcharge a sum of Ninety-Five Pounds Eighteen Shillings upon certain persons namely:- James B. Hearn, William Murphy, John O'Sullivan, John Grace, John S. Hearn, and did certify the same to be due from the said persons; and the said Auditor did duly state in writing at the foot of such accounts the reasons for his decision in respect of such surcharge:

And Whereas under the provisions of Section 12 of the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 1871 ~~and applied~~ as amended by the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 1872, and applied to the audit of the accounts of District Councils in Ireland by sub-section (2) of the said Article 19 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, the said persons being aggrieved by the said surcharge have applied to Us, the Local Government Board for Ireland, to inquire into and decide upon the lawfulness of the reasons stated by the said Auditor for such surcharge;

And Whereas by section 63 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 it is enacted in effect that where an application under Section 12 of the Local Government Board

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(Ireland) Act, 1841, is made to the Local Government Board for Ireland against any allowance, disallowance, or surcharge made by an Auditor of the Board, the Board may decide the application according to the merits of the case.

And Whereas We, the said Local Government Board, have made due inquiry and ascertained the facts in the matter of the application of the said persons:

Now, Therefore, we, the Local Government Board for Ireland, do hereby determine and decide that according to the merits of the case, the surcharge of the said sum of Ninety-Five Pounds Eighteen Shillings ought to be discharged. And we do hereby discharge the same.

Given under our Seal of office, this Ninth day of January, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five.

(Signed)

H. A. Robinson

County Council Offices,
Courthouse Wexford.
24th January 1905.

Sir,

The payment of quarterly instalment of Demand of County Council on your Council is in £ — arrear, and I will thank you to have it paid at once. If not paid immediately my Council will take action at the February Meeting.

Yours obediently,
W. H. Pigott.

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Ordered

That the Secretary be informed an instal-
ment of the Demand will be paid at the next Finance
meeting of the Council to be held on the 8th February.

A letter was received from the New Ross Gas Co stating that
they intend opening the ground opposite Mr Foxe's Quay.
and house lately occupied by Mr Munro Charles St for the
purpose of putting Gas supply into these premises.

No Order made

Letters were received from Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde M.P.
and Peter French Esq. M.P. acknowledging receipt of resolution
passed by the Council in reference to the staff of the Depart-
ment of agriculture and stating that same would have
their best attention.

A circular letter, descripture of the mode of adoption of the
Public Libraries (Ireland) Act 1855, was received from the
Local Government Board but there was no order made upon
it.

Holly House Lane,
January 22nd 1904

Gentlemen /.

I beg to report to you that the house I am living
in Holly House Lane is in very bad order, there is no catches to

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windows, the floor wants to be toiled, three doors want latches. It was a total wreck when we came to live in it, we nearly all got a very heavy cold from the state of the house.

Hoping Gentlemen that yous will see to getting it done soon.

I remain,

Yours truly,

Laurence Morrissey.

Ordered

That the Surveyor get the necessary repairs done to this house at once, and that he furnish an estimate of the cost of any repairs required to all the other houses of the Council.

Report of Collector

New Ross,

January 11th 1905.

Gentlemen/

I beg leave to report that I have found no damage done to any of your weekly tenants houses since last report. There is opes at the gable end of James Cullen's house No 20 William St which were extended for fireplaces. I would suggest that said Opes be built with brick or stone, as there has been some bricks extracted from one of the fireplaces.

Yours truly,

John J. Browne.

Collector.

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor get the opes. referred to in

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the report, filled up.

Town Clerks office, Town Hall.
Clonmel, 10th January 1905.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Corporation of Clonmel to send you the accompanying copy of their resolution protesting against "The Public Bodies Order," 1904", and I am to request you to kindly bring it before the Council.

I am Dear Sir.

Yours faithfully,
John F. O'Brien,
Town Clerk.

Corporation of Clonmel

At a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Clonmel, holden in the Council Chamber within the Town Hall, on Thursday, the fifth day of January, 1905.

It was moved by The Right Worshipful Ald T. Morrissey, Mayor and Seconded by Mr Alderman Thomas J. London M.P.

Resolved:- That we hereby protest against "The Public Bodies Order," 1904 as made by the Local Government Board for Ireland on the 17th of December, 1904, on the grounds that the Order proposes to unnecessarily increase the work of the Corporation and their officers, and that the said Board have in their Order exceeded their powers by prescribing duties for members and officials, prescribing the manner in which the general minutes of the Corporation are to be kept, requiring

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copies of such minutes to be sent to the Board, and in various other respects.

That we request the Corporations and Urban District Councils in Ireland to protest against the said Order, and to decline to carry out the many unauthorized requirements therein, which in our opinion are most objectionable, tending to interfere with the due and necessary independence of the popularly elected Councils of the Country in the proper administration of Local affairs.

And that we also request the Irish Parliamentary Part to kindly support us in this protest.

Thos. Morrissey,

Thos. J. Condon.

Question put, and carried unanimously.

Thos. Morrissey. Mayor.

Copies of similar resolutions were received from the Town Clerks of Waterford and Limerick.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk consider the order in detail and report to next meeting of the Council respecting it.

Technical Instruction Committee,

New Ross Urban District,

New Ross, 25th January, 1905.

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly ask your Council to appoint, under the Technical Instruction Acts, a Committee of Technical Instruction

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for the Urban District of Newross for the ensuing year-- the bommittee, as required by the regulations of the Department, to be constituted of six members of the bouncil, and five other gentlemen, last years bommittee was composed as follows:-

Members of bouncil -- Messrs J. B. Heame, David Murphy, John Sullivan, Martin J. Delaney, J. J. Olforman, and Joseph Roche.

Other members -- Very Rev Canon Kavanagh, P.P., Rev J. Hunt, O. S. A., Messrs Andrew Cullen, John Cahill, P. L. G. and Henry Ellis.

I may remark that owing to Mr Delaney's retirement, from the bouncil he is not eligible for reappointment, and also that Father Hunt wishes to be relieved of the position.

Yours faithfully,
Edward Long.
Secretary to Newross. T. I. C.

Proposed by John S. Hearn J. P. and
Seconded by Mr Olforman

That the outgoing members of the bouncil, who acted on the Technical Instruction bommittee for last year, with the addition of Mr Dunphy instead of Mr Delaney, who retires, be re-elected.
Mr Hanning proposed that Mr Hand be elected, and also contended that the bommittee should be elected, either singly, or

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in Globo. Mr Hand declined to act on the committee, and the proposition was not seconded, and a vote having been taken respecting Mr Fanning's contention it was declared lost by a large majority.

The resolution proposed by Mr Hearn was put and declared passed.

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr O'Sullivan

That the other members of the committee, with the exception of Fr Hunt, be re-elected and that Revd. Br. O'Farrell be substituted for Fr Hunt.

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Fanning

"That Mr Wm. Reddy be elected in-stead of Mr Cahill".

On the amendment being put only the proposer and seconder voted for it.

The Chairman then put the resolution and declared it passed Messrs Hand & Fanning voting against and Mr Meehan not voting.

The following forms the committee for the ensuing year viz:-
Messrs J. B. Hearn, D. Murphy, J. O'Sullivan, P. Dunphy, J. J. Glorman, Joseph Roche, Very Revd. Canon Kavanagh, Revd. Br O'Farrell, Messrs Andrew Cullen, John Cahill, & Henry Ellis.

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy — "That the Street committee for

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the ensuing year consist of Messrs John Hanning, John O'Sullivan, Patrick Gannon, Joseph Roche and James J. Dooley, two members to form a quorum"

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by Mr Meehan and
Seconded by Mr Kreaney

That the following members of the council be elected on the Finance Committee for the ensuing year, two members to form a Quorum, Viz:-
Messrs John S. Hearn J.P. David Murphy, James J. O'Gorman, John Grace, and the Chairman (Mr J.B. Hearne)

Passed Unanimously

Report of Committee re crossings
Footpath crossings

Your special committee re-above met to day to inspect crossings in Priory St & Henry St & beg to report as follows:-

No 1 Show ground width from flag to flag 6½ feet surface inside 6 inches below level of flagging, 18 inches without paving.

No 2 Show yard 9½ feet wide 7¾ inches below level, 2 feet 10 inches without paving.

No 3 Hennessys yard 7 feet wide 3 inches below level 6 inches without paving.

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No 4 barr's yard 13 feet 10 inches wide, 10 inches below level no paving except kerbstone.

No 5 bonnor's yard 10 feet wide, 6½ inches below level no paving except kerbstone.

We recommend in all cases that crossings be paved with punched granite to the level of flagging and where paving already exists that it be raised and reset.

Joseph Roche
John Murphy

Proposed by Mr Meehan and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the report of the bommittee be adopted.
Paxed Unanimously

Ordered

That Notice be served on the owners of the different yards, opposite the entrance to which the paving is necessary, requiring them to have the crossings opposite their yards paved, and repaired, as recommended by the bommittee.

Ordered

That tenders be issued inviting proposals for the supply of a smart man and horse at per week for one year.

Election of Street Inspector

Proposed by Mr David Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Sullivan

"That Mr Thomas Butler be elected

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Street Inspector".

Passed – Mr John S. Hearn and the Chairman not voting, all the other members voting in favour of it.

The Clerk inquired if Mr Hogan would be paid weekly out of Petty Cash, and the meeting was of opinion that he would prefer to receive payment monthly.

It was accordingly ordered that he be paid monthly, at every Finance meeting of the Council.

The Clerk also drew attention to the necessity of having the office furniture repaired, and it was ordered, that proposals be invited for the re-covering, and repairing of the chairs and table, same to be considered at next meeting and that P. Leacy be directed to repair the office desk viz:- alter level and raise it.

Mr Hand drew attention to the footpath in Cross Lane which he stated required to be repaired and it was ordered that the Town Surveyor get the surface of it gravelled.

Mr Fanning referred to the dis-employment, at previous meeting, of John Walsh who had been so long in the service of the Council, and it was ordered that he be re-employed temporary, Mr Byrne to give him directions as to what he is to do, and that the question of re-employing him, and some of the other men recently dis-employed under the new

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arrangement for the cleansing of the Streets, be referred to a meeting of the Street Committee to be held on Friday 27th Inst at 11 oclock A. M.

It was also ordered that the employment by the Town Surveyor of the temporary horse and men engaged in Street maintenance be approved of.

A discussion took place respecting the concreting of the surface of the Street around the pump in Priory St, and also the advisability of re-opening it but there was no order made respecting either matter.

Town Surveyors Report

Gentlemen,

The work of maintenence to Streets and roads continues to be carried on, metalling has been spread in Church Lane, Mary St, Neville St, and Three Bullet Gate, Cross Lane, Priory Lane, the quay, Brewell road and lower end of College road.

Two boatloads of gravel have been delivered, one of them has been used up on footpaths in Rosbercon, the bridge and on the Brewell road, and some filling and gravelling on the town pathway on the College road.

The cleaning out of the outlying roads is been attended to. I noticed several broken flags in the footway Mary St outside Mr Hinson's new houses, the breaking of them in my opinion was caused by taking down the old walls &c.

No Order made

Thomas Byrne

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The following Notices of Motion handed in by Mr Fanning Viz:-

I beg to give Notice that the Presiding Chairman convene a public meeting of inhabitant householders and all classes for the purpose of forming a branch of the town tenants association and of affiliating with contral branch in Dublin.

That this Council would respectfully but earnestly ask the Landlords of yearly and weekly tenancies in town to grant an abatement to their tenants in their rents in consequence of the great depression in trade which unfortunately exists at the present time. While tenant farmers have been given great relief from high rents by Parliament and are secured in their holdings from eviction and rack rents. Town tenants have received no concession in their grievances whatever.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 8th February 1905

L. B. Fearn

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Friday 27th January 1905

A meeting of the street Committee to be held this day at 11 O'clock A.M. to consider the advisability of re-employing some of the workmen recently dis-engaged by the Council, and also the possibility of reducing the expenditure in connection with the Maintenence of the streets &c.

Mr John O'Sullivan attended at the appointed time and having remained for about ten minutes left, after which Mr Fanning attended.
A Quorum not having attended the meeting adjourned.

P. B. Keane

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Monday 6th February 1905

Monthly Meeting day. No attendance of members.

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 8th Febry.

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Wednesday 8th February 1905

A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider following Notice of Motion served by Mr Fanning Viz:- That this Council would respectfully but earnestly ask the landlords of yearly and weekly tenancies in town to grant an abatement to their tenants in their rents in consequence of the great depression in trade which unfortunately exists at the present time, while tenant farmers have been given great relief from high rents town tenants have received no concession in their grievances whatever; also that the Chairman convene a public meeting of inhabitant householders, and all classes for the purpose of forming a branch of the town tenants association, and affiliating with central Branch.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
David Murphy
John S. Hearn J.P.
John Murphy
Michael Freaney
John Fanning
John Hand
John Meehan
John and Sullivan

The Minutes of previous meeting were signed

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by

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the Chairman and Messrs John Murphy and Michael Feaney and the following Paying orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No	156	Secretary Co Council Wexford	£346	13	2
"	157	Dwyer Bros.	12	15	0
"	158	Longe & Taggart Dublin	1	1	0
"	159	Mallen & Co Dublin	9	0	11
"	160	N. Harvey & Co Waterford	7	0	
"	161	Patrick Farady Newross	2	6	9
"	162	Dr. Dwyer Newross	1	19	0
"	163	Thos. Martin amount of Contract	7	6	
"	164	John J. Browne Newross	8	9	2
"	165	John Kough repairs	2	7	0
"	166	John Tobin Newross pension as Clerk	12	10	0
"	167	Joseph Freeman Painting &c	11	8	
"	168	Thomas Hogan Newross	6	9	3
"	169	M. J. Flinn Newross Election expenses	20	18	8
"	170	M. J. Flinn Petty Cash	20	6	0

As it appeared from the minutes that a meeting of the Street Committee was not held, as directed at last meeting of the Council it was now ordered that a meeting of it be summoned for Thursday 9th Inst at 11 oclock.

Mr Meehan stated that a respectable ratepayer complained to him of the condition of the water table on the West side of Bewley St, and it was ordered that a Committee consisting of Messrs Hand & Meehan inspect it and report to next meeting of

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the Council.

Attention was also directed to the want of an additional lamp in Michael St, and to the necessity for an improvement in the lighting of Holly Ho Lane, Maiden Lane, Bewley St, and Bunneen Lane, the lamp in the latter place not, it was stated, having been lighted for some time, notwithstanding that the Gas bo were bound under their Contract to have it lighted. Complaints were also made that the lamps were extinguished before eleven o'clock at night.

Ordered

That the consideration of those matters be referred to the meeting of the Street Committee, to be held on following day, and that the Gas bo be requested not to extinguish the lamps before 11 o'clock P.M.

The following tenders were received for repairs to office Furniture viz:-

February 8th 1905

Sir.

I propose to re-stuff and cover in best hair seating, repair and clean woodwork of eleven chairs and one armchair. Cover top of table with Leather Cloth best quality, raise top of desk 2 inches, repair edge of same and cover the four panels with Leather Cloth.

For the sum of £3..9..6

Respectfully Yours,

R. W. Morris,

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From John Oconnor. Cabinet maker, 13 Mary St.
New Ross,

Tender for repair of office furniture

Small chair re-stuffing finding new webs canvas and hair cloth 5/= each.

Arm-chair re-stuffing and re-covering with hair cloth 6/=

Re-covering table with American cloth 10/=.

Rising flaps of writing desk re-fitting four locks and recovering with American cloth 18/=

Tender for repairs of furniture from J. H. James Cabinet Maker
New Ross, 8/2/05.

To repairing and recovering in best American leather large table 10 feet x 3 feet 6 inches varnish &c 8/6

repairing & recovering in best American leather large double desk to alter falls on top & rise to desired height varnish &c 10/=

re-upholstering office chairs in best hair seating new web canvas and where necessary extra hair including repairs and polish, 3/= per chair including arm-chair.

Chairman & Gentlemen of.
Urban Council.
New Ross

Proposed by Mr Freaney and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That Mr James tender be accepted."

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Proposed by Mr Hanning and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That Mr Obonnor's tender be accepted."

On a Poll being taken all the members present, with the exception of Messrs Hand and Hanning, voted for the acceptance of Mr James's tender, and it was accordingly accepted.

The following proposals for the supply of a man, horse and cart, for the performance of work in connection with the maintenence of the Streets at — per week, for one year, ~~he~~ were received from James Doyle Nunnery Lane, who proposed to supply them at 30/= per week, Messrs Philip Hartley and Thomas Hogan who each tendered at 21/= per week.

Mr John S. Hearn proposed and Mr Freaney seconded "That Mr Hogan's tender be accepted.

Mr Hanning proposed and Mr Hand seconded "That Mr Doyle's tender be accepted

Mr John Murphy proposed and Mr Meehan seconded "That Mr Hartley's tender be accepted.

On a poll being taken there voted For acceptance of Mr Doyle's
proposal - Messrs Hand & Hanning 2
For Mr Hartley's - Messrs John Murphy & Meehan 2
For Mr Hogan - Messrs Freaney J. S. Hearn & the Chairman 3

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Mr David Murphy had left, and Mr Osullivan had not arrived before this division.

A Poll was then taken between Messrs Doyle & Hartley and the voting was as follows.
For Hartley – Messrs Meehan, Murphy, Freaney Osullivan and the Chairman
For Doyle – Messrs Hand and Fanning

Mr Doyle fell out, and a final poll was taken between Messrs Hogan and Hartley when there voted
For Hartley Messrs Meehan and John Murphy 2.
For Hogan Messrs Freaney, J.S. Hearn, Fanning Hand.
Osullivan and Chairman 6

Mr Hogans tender was declared accepted.

Copies of resolutions protesting against "The Public Bodies Order" were received from the Trim and Loughlinstown Rural District Councils but the consideration of them was adjourned pending the receipt of the report by the Chairman and Clerk on that order.

The following correspondence was read Viz:–

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The Marine Works Act.

Executive Committee

offices — Town Hall.

Wicklow 30th January 1905

Urgent

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Marine Works Act Executive to forward herewith copy of the proposed Act for your Council's approval and consideration.

Sir Thomas H. Grattan Esmonde, M. P. President of the Executive Committee, desires me to respectfully ask your Council to pass a strong resolution in support of the movement, calling on the Government to introduce and pass in the coming Session of Parliament a Marine Works Act for the south-east coast of Ireland.

Copies of the resolution to be forwarded to Mr Balfour, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Chief Secretary for Ireland.

I am Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Francis W. Mc. Phail

Secretary

P. S.

It is of the utmost importance that no delay should occur in having the resolution sent forward.

Proposed by Mr John S. Hearn and

Seconded by Mr Hanning

That this Council earnestly desires to impress upon His Majesty's Government the absolate necessity of

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improving the Harbour Accomodation along the South Eastern Coast of Ireland and to this end we call upon the Government to pass a Marine works Act for the South Eastern Coast and to pass it without delay otherwise it will be too late.

That Copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary, The Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Prime Minister.

Passed Unanimously

Copy of the proposal Act was received

New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee

office. Workhouse.

New Ross. 26th. January 05.

Sir.

I have been directed by the New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee to forward you the under-mentioned copies of resolutions which were passed by them at their Meeting held on the 24th. instant.

Your obedient servant.

John J. Rochford.

Secretary.

Copies of Resolutions

Proposed by Mr Denis Cummins, and

Seconded by Mr John Cummins J.P.

Resolved 1. That the time has come for the people of

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this country to express their sense of disappointment at the scandalous delay on the part of the British Government in dealing with the question of University Education in Ireland.

2. That, as the requirements of the Catholics of Ireland have been specifically outlined by the authoritative declarations of the Hierarchy, no valid or reasonable excuse remains for the unwillingness of the Government to deal fully and adequately with the question.

3 That we earnestly request the Public Boards throughout the country to join in a strong united protest against the unstatesmanlike policy of the present Government in ignoring the repeated demands of the Catholic Bishops of Ireland supported as they have been with the unanimous voice of the laity.

4 That we call upon the leaders of the Government to give legislative effect to their individual expressions of sympathy with the present position of the Catholic youths of Ireland having regard especially to the findings of their own Royal Commission which was appointed by them to inquire into and report upon the subject.

5 That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the various Public Boards in the County, to the Prime Minister, the Lord Lieutenant, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, the Under Secretary for Ireland, Mr John Redmond, M.P., Mr T.M. Healy, M.P. to the Representatives of the Counties of Wexford, Kilkenny and Carlow, and to the Bishop of Ferns.

Passed

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Hanning — That the foregoing resolutions be

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adopted.

Passed Unanimously

A letter was received from the Department of Agriculture asking for the names addresses and occupations of the members of the Technical Instruction Committee recently elected for the Urban District, and the Clerk stated that he had already forwarded the information.

Report of Committee

The Finance Committee met this evening and recommended the payment of the undermentioned accounts (see list at commencement of minutes)

Signed

John S. Hearn

David Murphy

February 8th 1905

Proposed by the Chairman and

Seconded by John Murphy

"That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted, and payments recommended by them be made."

Passed Unanimously

The Clerk reported that Mr Hamilton called to the office and stated that he could not carry out the order of the Council respecting

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the repairing of the footpath opposite to the entrance to the Show grounds &c unless the Council would refer him to the Act of Parliament empowering them to compel Col Tottenham to do the required work. After some discussion it was

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Meehan

"That the Council's Solicitors be asked to advise them as to their powers in this respect.

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by the Chairman and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the Street Inspector be empowered to take legal proceedings against any persons who acts in contravention of the 88th Section of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act 1847, or the 42nd Section of the Towns Improvement Ireland Act 1854 without reporting the matter to a meeting of the Council or obtaining their special direction on the matter.

Passed Unanimously

Attention was drawn to the condition of Marsh Lane, and Cross Lane, and with respect to the former it was ordered that Mr Hogan have it cleaned and the Town Surveyor have it metalled, and that the question of repairing Cross Lane be referred to the next Quarterly meeting, as well as the advisability of erecting seats, and new lamps on the bridge.

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The Notice of Motion served by Mr Hanning (copy of which is entered at the commencement of the minutes) asking the landlords of the town to reduce the rents of their tenants was proposed by him, and Seconded by Mr Hand.
It was suggested by the Chairman that the consideration of this resolution be adjourned, until the Council would be enabled to decide whether they would first reduce the rents of their own tenants, but the suggestion was not adopted the resolution was put to the vote and passed, Mr John S. Hearn not voting.

With respect to the Chairman calling a public meeting to form a branch of the town tenants association, he stated that if he received a requisition signed by a fairly large number of inhabitants he would convene the meeting, but would not be further responsible for the carrying out of it, nor would he undertake to preside at it.

J. D. Hearn

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 15th. February 1905

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Wednesday 15th. February 1905

An adjourned meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 4.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
Patrick Dunphy
John Murphy
Michael Kearney
John Hand
David Murphy
and
John Meehan

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

Street Inspectors Reports

I beg to direct the Council's attention to the fact that Machinery etc. is placed on the streets of the Town. Not only is this Machinery etc. an obtruction to the free traffic of the Town, but it is also (in some cases) a positive source of danger to the public. If an accident were to occur I think the Council would be held liable, and I as their officer might possibly get into trouble, I respectfully ask whether I am to allow this to continue, or otherwise, as an order from the Council will free me from any responsibility in the matter. He also reported that he inspected the streets, and lanes, of the town on each day of the week, Marsh Lane, Priory Lane, Windmill Lane, and Michael St require to be cleaned. The Town in general is

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clean.

There was no order made respecting the removal of the machinery &c off the streets, and with respect to the cleansing of the streets referred to in the report, the Clerk was directed to draw the attention of the Contractor to them and to request him to have them cleaned immediately.

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John Murphy and Michael Freaney and the following Paying order directed to be issued:-

No 171 M. J. Flinn Petty Cash £13 . 14 . 3

The following correspondence was read:-

Offices.

New Ross, 15th February, 1905.

Re:- Sale to Messrs Delaney & Thorpe

Dear Sir,

We enclose the Memorial to the Local Government Board to sanction the intended sale of their holdings to Messrs Thorpe & Delaney and also a notice which must be published in reference to the transaction. This memorial must be signed by the Chairman and counter signed by you and the Corporate Seal must be attached to it, according to our pencilled directions, and the notice accompanying it must be signed by you. Before this is done however, a resolution should be passed directing the documents to be sealed and signed in the manner above

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mentioned.

With regard to the terms of sale to Mr Thorpe, it was expressly provided that he should pay in cash a half year's rent on account of the arrears that accrued before 25th. March last, and interest on the purchase money at £3½ per cent from that date up to the completion of the sale. From what you tell us Mr Thorpe did pay a half years rent in January last, but he was given a receipt for it up to the 29th. September last. Now this is contrary to the terms agreed on, and provisionally approved of by the Local Government Board and set out in the Memorial, and the receipt must be recalled and a proper receipt up to the gale day the payment actually covers must be given instead; and if Mr Thorpe does not deliver up this receipt and will not pay the interest on the purchase money at £3½ per cent from 25th. March last the sale should not be proceeded with. The Council are not at liberty to depart in any way from the terms of sale already arranged.

Yours very truly,
Colfer & Lyethin.

The following is a copy of the Memorial, and of Notice

Copy of Memorial

In the matter of the Municipal Corporation (Ireland) Act 1840 and of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1891 and of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act and of the Irish Land Act 1903 and the several Acts incorporated therewith.

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To

The Local Government Board
for Ireland

The Memorial

— of —

The New Ross Urban District Council

Sheweth

1 That your Memorialists are owners in fee simple of part of the lands of Commons containing 49 acres 1 rood and 13 perches, Statute measure or thereabouts which are in the occupation of Richard J. Thorpe, under a Statutory tenancy, at the yearly Judicial rent of £48. and also owners of part of the lands of Bennetsknock containing 1 acres 0 roods 28 perches statute measure or thereabouts in occupation of Patrick J. Delaney as a tenant from year to year at the yearly rent of £18.7.6 which said several lands are situate in the Barony of Bantry and County of Wexford.

2 That the said Richard J. Thorpe and Patrick J. Delaney proposed to your Memorialists to purchase their said respective holdings under the provisions of the Irish Land Act 1903.

3 That your Memorialists, at their meeting on the 7th day of December 1904 resolved, subject to the Sanction of the Local Government Board to accept the proposal of the said Richard J. Thorpe to purchase his said holding at 21½ years purchase inclusive of arrears to 25th March 1904 and to pay a half years rent in cash and interest at 3½ per cent on the purchase money

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from the 25th day of March 1904 until completion, that the purchase money and Bonus received be invested in Trustee Securities and the interest accruing each year be applied in reduction of the rates.

And your memorialists also resolved at their meeting on the 14th day of December 1904 to accept the offer of the said Patrick J. Delaney for purchasing his said holding at 22 years purchase the Tenant discharging all rent to the 29th September 1904, the interest on the rate of 3½ per cent, and that the purchase money and the Bonus received be similarly invested and applied as aforesaid in the reduction of the rates.

Your memorialists are of opinion that it is advisable for them to sell said lands on these terms and invest the proceeds thereof in Trust Securities and they are also opinion that the terms of sale agreed on are advantageous to the Council.

Your memorialists therefore pray that the Local Government for Ireland may be pleased to Sanction the proposed sale of the said holdings under the provisions of the Irish Land Act 1903 on the terms herein set forth.

Dated this 15th day of February 1905

J.B. Hearn { Chairman of the Newross Urban District Council

countersigned

Matthew J. Hinn { Clerk of the said Council

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Copy of Notice

In the matter of the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act 1843 and of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 and the Application of Enactments Order of 22nd. December 1898, and of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and the Irish Land Act 1903, and the several Acts incorporated therewith.

Notice is hereby given that the Newross Urban District Council intend after the expiration of one calendar month from the date hereof to apply to the Local Government Board for Ireland to sanction the sale by them under the provisions of the Irish Land Act 1903, of part of the lands of Commons in the Barony of Bantry and County of Wexford to Richard J. Thorpe and of part of the lands of Bennetts Knock in said Barony and County to Patrick J. Delaney the tenants respectively in occupation of said respective lands. And a copy of the memorial of the said Council to the Local Government Board for Ireland, praying for such sanction is lodged in my office and may be inspected there free of charge at all reasonable hours by every burgess or person entitled to vote at the election of members of said Council, and by every rate payer for the space of one calendar month from this date.

Dated this 15th day of February 1905.

Matthew J. Flinn,

Clerk of the Newross Urban District Council,

Newross.

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Proposed by Mr David Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Meehan

That having read the letter from Messrs Colfer & Gethin we direct our Chairman and Clerk to sign and seal the memorial and that the Clerk also sign the copy of Notice received from the Solicitor.

Passed Unanimously

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution the memorial was signed by the Chairman and Clerk, and sealed, and the notice was also signed by the Clerk.

Ordered

That Mr Thorpe be asked to return receipt issued for last half year's rent paid and that a correct one be sent him in lieu of it.

New Post office.

New Ross. February. 15th 1905.

Dear Mr Flinn

In my Contract for above, it is provided that I erect a gas lamp and post in the line of curb to footpath in front of the building. May I ask you to be good enough to bring the matter before your Council at next meeting and oblige.

yours faithfully,
Andy Cullen.

Ordered

That the required permission be granted subject to him

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refitting the flagway and kerbing to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor.

A letter was received from Messrs John Bailey and Laurence Keating complaining of the neglected state of the gateway to Mrs Galavan's premises in Irishtown, of which the Council are landlords. As Mr Leacy has a contract for the erection of this gate, and as an order was made at previous meeting respecting the non-fulfilment of the contract, which it was stated Mr Leacy had now begun to carry out there was no further order made for the present.

A Copy of resolutions protesting against the Public Bodies order, was received from the Bray Urban Council for adoption, and adjourned pending the promised report of the Chairman and Clerk on same.

A proposal was received from Michael Rice Irishtown of 1/- for heap of manure at the Town Wall and 4/- for road scrapings on sides of Boheen road and on the proposal of the Chairman seconded by Mr David Murphy it was accepted.

The Clerk reported that Mr Hogan, contractor for the cleansing and scavenging of the streets, stated that he would wish to be paid weekly, and it was

Ordered :- That Mr Hogan be paid weekly under his

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Contract.

Particulars of Demand of County Council for financial year ending 31st March 1906 amounting to £1260..3..6 was received and there was no order made upon it.

The following report of Committee was read viz:-

Your Committee met at the Urban Council office 9th Inst at 11 oclock and beg to recommend:-

1 That the yard in Henry St be used as a depot for broken stones which are to be used for metalling the lower part of town.

2 Mr Byrne to give valentine Whitty after 3 oclock each day to clean the flags, and on Saturdays at same hour two men if required.

3 Additional lamp is required in Middle of Michael St, a bracket lamp be erected opposite Mr Farrell's house in middle of Bewley St, and the Gas be asked to supply and lay a main free of charge, an additional lamp be erected at end of Reilly's house in Maiden Lane.

4 As Mr Byrne cannot increase his present permanent staff, that John Walsh be continued in the employment of Council at present wages 8/= per week and be engaged at Street maintenance.

Your Committee cannot see how further economy can be effected in Street maintenance.

Signed J. B. Hearn
John Meehan

Proposed by Mr David Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Dunphy

That the report of the Committee be

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adopted, and the recommendations made by them be carried out, except that portion referring to the erection of the lamps which is adjourned to next meeting of the Council, the members to be summoned to consider same.

Passed Unanimously

Report of Town Surveyor

Gentlemen,

During the week additional metalling has been put on South Street, Newtown, the Mill end of the Waterford road, the Poor House road and the Bosheen road. The road scrapings was removed off Newtown and Greywell roads, and some repairs and gravelling were done to Chapel road, Rosbercon.

Limestones were carted to depots at Greywell and Town Wall, and some stones from John St quarry to depot on Mount Garrett Lane.

To fill the quarry on the High Hill to a level with the Street and sloping the filling to wall of the open water course on the North Side it would take 600 or 700 yards cube of shingle and stuff to do it and the cost about £60 or £70.

If about 100 yards or so of shingle and clay could be got in the neighbourhood and the present surface shaped and sloped off evenly the cost would be about £10.

Mr James Connolly is about making a connection with the main Sewer on the Bullawn to drain some houses of his.

Thomas Byrne

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Ordered

That the report of the Surveyor be adopted, with reference to the filling of the Quarry it was agreed that Mr Connolly be permitted to deposit a large quantity of rubbish, at present on the Bullawn, at the Boundary wall and that Town Surveyor give use of a man to shovel it into Quarry.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 22nd February 1905

J. B. Kearn

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Wednesday 22nd February 1905

A meeting of the NewRoss Urban District Council was held this day at 1.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the # Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider the advisability of erecting three new Public Lamps, one in Michael St, one in Bewley St, and one at end of Kelly's houses in Maiden Lane.

Present Messrs James S. Hearn Chairman Presiding
John S. Hearn J.P.
John Murphy
John Hand
Michael Heaney
John Hanning
John OSullivan
David Murphy
Patrick and Dunphy

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John OSullivan and John S. Hearn J.P. and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 172 M. J. Flinn Petty Cash £9.7.1

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Street Inspectors Reports

The Street Inspector reported that he inspected the town daily and found it generally clean, with the exception of Marsh Lane, Friary Lane, and Windmill Lane which were not kept clean the last days of previous week. The Contractor allowed heaps to remain in some streets until past noon.

Ordered

That the attention of the Contractor be drawn to this matter.

The following correspondence was read viz:-

Offices.

New Ross, 22nd February 1905.

Urban Council to Jones

Dear Sir,

We enclose for the approval of the Council a draft of the Lease from them to Mr Jones. There is a blank in this Lease for the number of years within which Mr Jones is to expend £150 in improving the premises. Please get the directions of the Council as to how many years are to be inserted. We have inserted no covenant in the Lease obliging Mr Jones to insure the premises, as we did not receive any instructions on the point from the Council, and no provision of the kind appears to have been contemplated in the arrangement made by the Council with Mr Jones. This however in the present case would probably not be very material, as the rent

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reserved is such a small one, and the ground on which the premises are built would be worth the present rent if let as building ground.

We also enclose draft map of the premises furnished to us by the Town Surveyor, which we propose to have endorsed on the Lease.

Yours very truly.
Colfer & Lyttelton.

The copy of draft lease referred to was received, and submitted to the meeting.

It was agreed that Mr Saunderson be asked to insure the property in the joint names of the Council, and Mr Jones, and that he inform them of the amount by which it will be covered and that he be informed they consider the money proposed to be expended in improving the property ought to be expended within one year, and they propose to insert this time in the lease.

Letters were received from the Lord Lieutenant, the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Chief Secretary acknowledging receipt of copy of resolutions passed by the Council respecting the Catholic University Question, and Marine Works Bill for Sout East coast of Ireland.

A letter was received from Mr H. B. O'Keeffe advertising Agent,

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asking the Council to place advertisments, in reference to Water Scheme, through his agency, and it was ordered that this letter be considered when the Council will be going to issue the Advertisments.

The Clerk stated that he required Rate Books and had given a draft leaf to Messrs Harvey, who printed last ones, and he was directed to obtain quotations from other printers in Wexford, Enniscorthy &c.

The following resolution in reference to the Public Bodies Order was —

Proposed by Mr J. O'Sullivan and
Seconded by Mr D. Murphy

"That we object to adopt the Public Bodies Order 1904 on the grounds that it is unsuitable to the requirements of this Council in asmuch as it would add considerably to the work and expense of our Clerk's office without affording any advantage or additional safeguard to the interest of the rate payers" and we respectfully request the Local Government Board to withdraw the order.

Passed Unanimously

A Similar resolution was received for adoption from the Carrick-Fergus Urban District Council, but as the subject matter of it had been already dealt with by the Council there was no order made.

A letter was received from the Gas Co stating that they intended

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opening the ground outside Mrs Thorpe's John St for the purpose of putting in new gas supply but there was no order made upon it.

Town Surveyors Report

Gentlemen,

Some additional metalling has been put out on the Bosheen road, the upperend of the Wexford road and the Poor House road. Three days work for horses and men carting out, spreading and breaking stones and shingle on the North West side of the college road.

Some shingle has been put on the Bullawn to make good the surface over the line of main sewer.

Mr P. Leacy's has well in hands the new pair of gates for yard at Fairgate, most of the jobbing is done to House in William St and the work of privy for Steacy's house is in hands.

Thomas Byrne

No Order made

The Meeting next proceeded to consider the erection of the lamps recommended by the committee and after some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr Fanning and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That a public lamp be erected in

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Michael St, nearly opposite the pump on the other side of street.

Passed Messrs J.S. Hearn and D. Murphy dissenting

On the proposition of Mr Hanning seconded by Mr Freaney it was ordered Messrs Hearn and D. Murphy dissenting that a lamp be also erected in Bewley St nearly opposite Mr O'Farrells.

Proposed by Mr Hanning and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That a lamp be erected in Maiden Lane adjacent to Reilly's house.

The resolution was passed, the voting being the same as on the two previous ones.

It was agreed that those lamps were not to be lighted until after the acceptance of the next contract, which will take place in August.

It was also decided to entirely revise at the termination of the existing contract, the number of lamps, time of Full moon, and all night lighted lamps, and positions of some and a committee consisting of Messrs John Murphy and Michael Freaney was appointed to inspect them and report to next meeting of the Council.

Mr Hanning proceeded to hand in a requisition, signed by a number of householders, asking the Chairman to convene a public meeting for the purpose of forming a branch of the Town Tenants association, and

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in doing so, referred to the action of his own landlord, in serving him, since last meeting, with a notice to Quit, in consequence, he alleged, of the action taken by him in connection with the formation of a branch of the Association in town. The Chairman stated that the business of the council had been disposed of, and declined to hear Mr Hanning, but declared the meeting adjourned, and the members left, except Messrs Hanning, and Hand, and the Chairman, the latter having read the requisition signed it, for the purpose of convening the public meeting.

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 8th. March 1905

L. B. Kearn

Monday 6th. March 1905

Monthly meeting day. No attendance of members.

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 8th. March 1905

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Wednesday 8th. March 1905

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held this day at 6.30 oclock P.M. to transact business of the Committee for the stated Finance meeting of the Council, and consider Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st. March 1906.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Presiding
John S. Hearn J.P.
and
David Murphy

The following was read

Gentlemen,

I desire to remind you of my application for payment for special works to Irishtown, and also to bring under your notice that the following roads had to be attended to since they fell out of Contract, Viz:- The Wexford road. Nash road, Poor Ho road, The College road, Mount Ift Lane, and Irishtown. The above were subsequent to the arrangement of £30 yearly for carrying out the road maintenance work.

Thos. Byrne

The Committee decided not to make any recommendation in reference to this application, but to refer it to the Council for consideration at their meeting.

The Clerk submitted a number of bills which were examined by the Committee, and also his Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st. March 1906 from which it appeared that a Poor Rate of 3/3 will require to be made, and a resolution was duly passed adopting this Estimate.

The Committee having prepared their report, adjourned.

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Wednesday 8th March 1905

A meeting of the NewRoss Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
John S. Hearn J.P.
John Hanning
John Hand
Michael Freaney
Joseph Roche
and
John Murphy

The Minutes of previous meeting were signed

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Michael Freaney and John Hand and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 173	Dr. Meehan NewRoss	£	10 .. 0 .. 0
" 174	G. W. Carr Income Tax		11 .. 12 .. 9
" 175	J. B. Kearney Income Tax on Fishouse		15 .. 6
" 176	Patrick Redmond one ¼ pension		4 .. 6 .. 8
" 177	same		4 .. 6 .. 8
" 178	Patrick Carroll Freight on stones		4 .. 18 .. 6
" 179	James Barron Poor Rate on property		2 .. 17 .. 9
" 180	Thomas Martin		7 .. 6
" 181	John M. Walsh advertising		13 .. 0
" 182	Helys Ltd. Dublin for book of Paying Orders		4 .. 3

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No	183	M. J. Flinn ¼ salary as Clerk	£25 .. 0 .. 0
"	184	James Flannon Arnestown	12 .. 9
"	185	Michael Hunt Dunganstown	2 .. 14 .. 10
"	186	Committee St Stephens Cemetery	9 .. 0 .. 0
"	187	Same	2 .. 10 .. 0
"	188	M. J. Flinn Petty Cash	23 .. 0 .. 10
"	189	John J. Browne Commission on Collection	4 .. 5 .. 8
"	190	John Tobin	3 .. 2 .. 6
"	191	E. J. Mc. Weeney M. A. M. D. Dublin	6 .. 6 .. 0
"	192	Secretary to Council Wexford ¼ Demand	346 .. 13 .. 2
"	193	Thomas Byrne NewRoss Superintendence	5 .. 0 .. 0

The following correspondence was read Viz :-

Local Government Board. Dublin.
1st. March 1905.

Sir,

With reference to the resolution recently adopted by the NewRoss Urban District Council relative to the Public Bodies Order, 1904. I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that the Council will be good enough to specify in detail the Articles of the Order and the Forms prescribed thereby to which they take exception, together with their reasons.

I am Sir.
Your Obedient Servant,
A. R. Barlas.
Assistant Secretary,

To the Clerk,
Urban District Council.
NewRoss.

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Ordered:-

That this letter be referred to the Chairman and Clerk for reply, and that the latter communicate with the Town Clerks of Bray, respecting the Articles, and Forms, varied by the Local Government Board in the case of that Urban District.

Town Tenants Executive.
4 Up. O'Connell St.
Dublin, February, 1905.

Dear Sir,

At a Special meeting of the Town Tenants General Executive held here on Tuesday, the 8th February, the enclosed Resolutions were adopted as a basis of Legislative reform in the Session of Parliament now opening. As your body is no doubt in sympathy with a reasonable reform in the laws relating to Town Tenures, I would esteem it a favour if you bring these Resolutions before your next meeting, with a view to having them approved and adopted.

A similar letter and enclosure is being sent to all Irish representative bodies.

Yours faithfully,

Town Tenants Conference,
Tuesday, 7th February, 1905.

Resolutions adopted for submission to Parliamentary Representatives

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as the basis of Town Tenant Reform. Proposed by Mr T. Hamilton, Belturbet, Seconded by Mr P. W. Shanley, Dublin, Supported by Mr Maher Tuam, and unanimously agreed to :-

1 That in view of the growth of the Town Tenants movement and the support extended to it by all classes of the people, we believe the time has come to place the grievances of Town Tenants in the forefront of Irish Parliamentary reform.

2 We are pleased to see that the Irish representatives of all sections are united on this question, and we trust that the same good result will be seen in the coming Session of Parliament which characterised the last — of Irish representatives of all classes advocating the claims of Town Tenants to an adjustment of those grievances which they have so long suffered under.

3 We respectfully suggest to the Irish representatives that the principal points calling for present consideration are — (1) the securing for Town Tenants of those rights of occupancy and improvement that have been conceded to agricultural tenants, and which are essential to the maintenance of our urban centres against a continuance of the decay proceeding from emigration and lack of local enterprise; (2) to effect this we deem it necessary that in all cases of tenant improvements some ascertainable interest should be determined by which the tenant would be secured in regard to any outlay effected by him during his tenancy; (3) as in Irish towns the general term of lease means the confiscating to the landlord after a short period of all building and other interests, we think it a matter

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of great importance that this particular aspect of the town tenants question should receive the careful consideration of Irish representatives of all sections, to the end that better security should be afforded for that outlay of capital so necessary to the commercial prosperity of the country.

4 That considering the deplorable conditions under which workers in Irish cities, towns, and villages are housed, we think it essential that Parliament should consent to so change existing laws dealing with this question as to make it possible for local authorities and workmen's corporations to undertake the proper housing of the people. In this connection we suggest (a) The amendment of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act so as to enable workers and others to become on easier terms the owners of their dwellings; (b) This object could be attained if local authorities and associations of workmen were enabled to obtain advances for the erection of the class of dwellings contemplated by the Act, and to be empowered to vest same in the tenant, subject to the present provisions as to repayment; (c) As legal expenses in connection with the Housing of the Working Classes Act have been and are a great deterrent to the availment of its provisions, we suggest that simple machinery should be devised by which title could be made at less cost than is at present inevitable under the existing law; (d) That the provisions of the Act of 1900 applying only to Great Britain, by which the period of repayment extends to 80 years, should be applied to Ireland, and that money

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borrowed for the purposes of the Housing Acts shall not be reckoned as part of the debt of the local authority for the purposes of limitation in borrowing: (e) That the Local authority be empowered to remit the whole or part of the rates, in cases of individual enterprise, for a period not exceeding ten years, on the erection of such suitable houses let on reasonable terms, as may be approved by the local authority as to construction and position

Proposed by Mr Fanning and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the foregoing resolutions be adopted by the Council, and the general Secretary of the Association be informed of same.

Passed Unanimously

Tenders were received for the supply of three Poor Rate Books from Messrs Hely's Ltd. at £1..5..0 each, Free Press 17/6 The Echo £1..10..0 Moran Bros. 17/6 and Harvey & Co 15/-. The tender of Messrs Harvey & Co was, on the proposal of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr John Murphy Accepted Mr Hand proposed that the tender of the Free Press be accepted, and Mr Fanning, that of Moran Bros. but neither were seconded. It was agreed to invite tenders for the supply of two Town Rate Books, the Chairman and Clerk to be empowered to accept the lowest. An Application was received from the Secretary, General Post Office Dublin, for permission to erect a Telegraph Pole in the Public St near the new Post Office the particular place to be pointed by the Local Post Office Engineer.

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Proposed by Mr John S. Hearn J.P. and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

"That the necessary permission be granted".

Passed Unanimously

John Ivory School.
New Ross.
27th. February 1905.

Gentlemen,

Would you kindly give permission to the Governors of John Ivory school to open the road at the head of John St. between the yards of Mrs Butler and Mr Keeffe for the purpose of laying piping to the well in Mr Keeffes yard.

Thanking you in anticipation of a favourable reply.

I am Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully.
John Clarke
Sec

Ordered

That the necessary permission be granted.

4 Chapel Place,
Ramsgate 25th. Febry 1905

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of 24th. with enclosure which I return for completion. The Patriotic Insurance Co of College

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Green Dublin will inform you (if you care to ask them) that I have sent £500 Fire Policy to be amended as your Council wish. I will let you see it when next in New Ross.

I hope to have all repairs done in six months but to make doubly certain perhaps the Council would kindly say eighteen.

I will set Mr Connolly on the job as soon as I get the lease, and I take it that the year would run from that date day of delivery of lease not from last September.

I have £60 ready for you thinking you would let me have 99 years, was it beyond your power to give the larger period if not and the Council are agreeable perhaps you would amend the draft.

If you leave it as it is I will send you the £50 on receipt of the 75 years lease.

Yours very truly.

R. de B. Saunderson.

Agent for T. N. Jones.

It was agreed that the time allowed for the repairs to be carried out, be extended to eighteen months, and that the arrangement respecting the Insurance be deemed satisfactory.

Town Commissioners Office,

Antrim, 25th January 1905.

Sir,

At a meeting of Antrim Town Commissioners held on 23rd Inst, the following resolutions were unanimously passed :-

(1) That we call upon our member and other Irish members

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of Parliament to formulate a Bill to amend the unreasonable and unjust Jurors Laws in Ireland. We are of opinion that any farmer, business man or tradesman, serving the demands of his country as a Juror, has a right to be remunerated for his loss of time, travelling, and incidental expenses. The taxation caused by such a measure would be a mere trifle, and would remedy a long-standing evil" (2) "that we request all bodies of Commissioners, Urban and District Councils, and other interested bodies, to adopt this resolution, and that copies be sent to the Irish members of Parliament, and any other body which may be deemed advisable."

Iam Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

Archd. M'Kay.

Town Clerk.

Proposed by Mr Hanning and
Seconded by Mr Hand

"That the resolutions be adopted"

On the proposition being put only the proposer and seconder voted for it and it was accordingly declared lost.

Letters were received from the Chief Secretary, the Clerk of the Wexford Union, and Mr Hammond M.P. acknowledging receipt of resolution passed by the Council respecting a Catholic University for Ireland.

Mr Hand at plied verbally for the use of the Large Room,

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Tholsel. on one night in each week. in which to hold meetings of the Committee of the Town Tenants Association and the application was granted, the room to be used on nights that will not inconvenience the present tenants.

Newross.

March 7th 1905

Mr Chairman

and Gentlemen of the Urban Council I now tender for the sweeping of the 26 houses at £1.14.0 for twelve months.

Thomas Martin.

Chimney sweep.

Newross.

my Sureties are

James Murphy.

Peter Holden.

Proposed by John Murphy and

Seconded by the Chairman

That Mr Martin's proposal to clean the chimneys of twenty-six houses, be accepted for one year from 10th February 1905 provided he is willing to do same for 30/= same amount as last Contract.

Passed Unanimously

Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met this day and recommended payment of the following (see list at commencement of minutes)

That the Estimate (Clerks) of Poor Rate of 3/3 in the £ be adopted

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and will come before the Council for consideration.

That a copy of Dr Hickeys letter re Dr. Mc. Weeneys ac be sent to Dr. Mc. Weney as we do not admit liability for analysis of blood having given no order.

Mr Byrnes application we refer to the meeting.

That the County Council cheque be held by the Clerk until 28th March.

Signed John S. Hearn
D. Murphy

Proposed by Mr Freaney and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That the Report of the Committee be adopted and the payments recommended by them be made.

Passed Unanimously

Town Surveyors Report

Gentlemen,

I got the trap and drain at rere of the Fish house cleaned and well flushed out with water, and the paving repaired.

The covering flags of a Sewer in South St near Mr Roche's offices got broken. I had it opened for 10 or 12 feet and recovered with flags from the John St quarry. Owing to the filling being too soft it will be some days until the surface channel can be repaved.

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a large quantity of stones and shingle from the John St quarry has been put out and broken on the North-West side of the College road. This road was so worn it took from 6 to 9 inches to bring it near its proper level. So far the road is only partially done.

I got some metalling put out on the ~~Quarry~~ Quay to join up with that being put out by the Harbour Board.

To enlarge the opening and put up a pair of new gates 11 feet wide by 8 feet high to the yard in Henry St would cost about £8. I believe iron gates would be as cheap as wood

2 boatloads limestone — Thomas Byrne
1 lighter load Dungarvan stone
and 1 boatload delivered

No Order made

A circular letter was received from the Commissioner of Valuation stating that he had forwarded the revised Valuation Lists for 1905 relating to the Urban District.

No Order made

Street Inspectors Report

The Street Inspector reported that he inspected the streets and lanes of the town daily since last meeting on some days the town was kept fairly clean but on others many of the streets were in

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a dirty state, on this day (8th March) with the exception of John St, North St, and Quay St it is in a very dirty state nothing having been done towards cleaning it, some of the lanes are in a most filthy state, and some of the streets were not scavenged until after 2 P.M. He would ask the Council (for the second time) to compel the Contractor to have the work done, and also to clean all the Traps of the Town at least once in each week.

Ordered

That a copy of the Street Inspectors Report of this date be forwarded to the Contractor, and that he be informed numerous complaints have been made respecting the dirty condition in which the streets of the town are allowed to remain, and that he be requested to cause them to be kept in a proper condition in future in accordance with his contract, and that he also cause the grates and stench traps of the town to be cleaned flushed and disinfected, at least once in each week.

The Street Inspector also asked to be informed if he was to allow fish dealers to trade on the streets of the town, or remove them to the Quay, and in case they refuse to remove from the streets, is he to prosecute. after some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Roche That the street Inspector be

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directed to prosecute all fish dealers who persist in continuing to sell fish on the streets instead of on the quay as provided by the Bye Laws without reporting the matter to the Council. This not to apply in the case of persons who are endeavouring to sell from house to house.

Passed Unanimously

Mr Fanning referred to the recommendation of Mr Meehan and himself respecting the repairing of water channel outside entrance to Mr Farrell's yard in Bewley St. by having that portion of the channel piped, and covered over so as to make the entrance level. The meeting were of opinion that this work could not be done at the expense of the Council, but should be carried out by Mr Farrell, at his own expense if he required to have the present entrance altered; and the Clerk was directed to inform him accordingly.

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 22nd March 1905

T. B. Keane

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Wednesday 22nd March 1905

A meeting of the NewRoss Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider, and if deemed advisable, adopt the Clerk's Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1906, already adopted by the Finance Committee (copy of which is herewith enclosed). An application from the Town Surveyor for payment of £15 for special works in connection with the filling, and forming of Irishtown; and advisability of purchasing some new water main cocks.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
John S. Hearn
Joseph Roche
James J. O'Gorman
Michael Freaney
John Meehan
John Hand
John O'Sullivan
David Murphy
and
John Murphy

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Joseph Roche and Michael Freaney and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:-

No 194 M. J. Flinn Petty Cash £24 . 11 . 1

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No 195 John J. Browne Borough Rate £23 . 11 . 3

The following correspondence was read Viz:—

Offices.

New Ross, 22nd March 1905.

Dear Sir,

Some time ago, we received a letter from you in which you stated that for a great number of years past Mr William Cummins paid the Council an annual rent for property, which he now states he is not in possession of, and which the Council are not able to show that he holds, nor are even able to locate, and you requested to be advised as to whether Mr Cummins was legally liable for payment of the rent under the circumstances. At a recent interview you stated that Mr Cummins had been paying this rent for upwards of forty years, and you mentioned to us that he had written the Council for a return of the rent he paid during the past seven years. You also mentioned that the Council have no title deeds shewing this rent to be payable.

Our view of the matter is this. The payment of this rent for a long series of years would establish a presumption that the rent had a legal origin, and was properly payable provided the Council had claimed the rent out of certain specific property and had given receipts for it as such, but as the Council do not know the property, and do not appear to have given receipts for the rent as being payable out of any specific property, Mr Cummins we think could legally repudiate payment provided his title deeds established the fact that the property in question was not liable to any such head rent, and in that event he would be entitled to recover back the rent paid by him within the

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last six years.

Yours very truly,
bolfer & Jethin.

In connection with this letter the following received from Mr bummins was read.

Weir View,
Sundays Well, Cork.
7th March 1905.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 14th July 1902, I shall feel obliged if you kindly bring under the notice of your Council that I have been paying Rent at the rate of 9/3 per year for over 50 years for which I should not, and would wish to have the matter finally settled.

I am informed that I cannot legally claim re-payment for more than 4 years, but under the circumstances I am satisfied to leave the matter in the hands of your Council.

I am Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,
Wm. bummins.

Ordered

That Mr bummins be informed the Council are considering the matter fully.

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Hair Gate, New Ross.

22nd. March 1905.

Gentlemen/.

I respectfully ask for an increase of Salary as Street Inspector from £4 per annum to £26.

In doing so I may state that I have eight miles of Streets to inspect and report on, besides other incidental walking connected with the office.

Since my appointment I believe I have done my duty to the satisfaction of the Council.

As will be seen by my reports there is more work to be done since my appointment than have been done previously.

Hoping you will kindly accede to my request

I remain, Gentlemen.

Your obedient Servant,

Thomas Butler.

Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be adjourned to next meeting to be held on the 29th. March, the members to be summoned to consider it.

Bridge St.

New Ross, 17th. March 1905.

Dear Sir,

I desire to draw your attention to the fact that the contractor for Scavenging the streets is in the habit of leaving heaps of dirty refuse outside the houses in this Street up to 9 o'clock in the morning. As I think he is bound to have these

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removed by 8 o'clock A.M. I am sure it is only necessary to draw his attention to the neglect in order to have the matter properly seen to. I trust that you will do this without delay.

faithfully yours,
J. S. Power.

The meeting did not consider that Mr Hogan was strictly bound to have the scrapings referred to, removed by nine o'clock, but at the same time directed that his attention be drawn to it.

Three Bullet Gate,
New Ross.
15th March 1905

Dear Sir,

I would be thankful if you would draw your Surveyors attention to a breach in the roof caused by the storm last night. I have as much slates as will do it.

Yours faithfully.
Thomas Wall.

Ordered

That the Surveyor get the necessary repairs done

Bullaun.
22nd March 1905.

Gentlemen,

I would respectfully ask you to see that my house

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is repaired, the roof particulary as it was partly stripped by last storm.

Yours humbly,
Michael Curran.

Ordered That the Surveyor get the necessary repairs done.

The members of the Geraldine Football Club wrote, thanking the Council for giving them the use of the room for their nights Entertainment.

Estimate of Poor Rate

The Clerks Estimate of Poor Rate for financial year ending 31st March 1906, amounting to 3/3 in the £, which had already been adopted by the Finance Committee, was considered by the meeting, and the following resolution in reference to it was

Proposed by David Murphy and
Seconded by Michael Greaney

That the Estimate of Poor Rate for the financial year ending the 31st day of March 1906 now before us and providing for a Poor Rate of 3/3 in the £ consisting of County at Large charges at 1/3 in the £ and Union charges at 1/11 in the £ and Separate charges of 1d in the £ be adopted and that notice of our intention to make such Poor Rate at 3/3 in the £ be duly published.

Passed Unanimously

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Town Surveyors Report

Gentlemen/

During the wet weather of the past fortnight I got put out on some of the principal roads a fairly large quantity of limestone metalling.

I am getting that portion of William St between the pump and Priory St filled up with shingle and stones from the quarry in the yard in Henry St and am having them broken on the surface of the street.

Mr Cullen, contractor for the New Post office is laying a cement concrete pavement in front of the office instead of relaying the old Carlow flags.

Mr P. Hunt is not restoring the injured flags of footway and surface of St on the quay where he got the ground opened up, some time ago for the purpose of having his drain cleaning.

At the request of Mr Bergin I went to Drummin river to take a gauging of the water flowing over the weir.

Thomas Byrne

A discussion took place respecting the concreting of footpath in Charles St opposite New Post office by the Post office Department instead of flagging it as it was before the building of the New Post office and it was

Ordered That the Department be informed that before

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the re-laying with concrete was begun the permission, and approval of the Council of the substitution of concrete for flags should have been obtained, but as the work is now so far advanced the Council are prepared to approve of the alteration upon receiving an undertaking that the concrete footpath will be maintained by the Department, and that the flags which have been removed from the footpath be handed over to the Council.

Ordered

That Mr Hunt be informed if he does not cause the flagging the footpath outside his premises, recently disturbed by him, to be properly re-set within one week they will have it done at his expense.

The Chairman referred to the advisability of permitting the Post Office to fix gates on both ends of Back Lane, and of leasing same to them, as he was of opinion that in its present open state it would be likely to be used for purposes, which from a Sanitary, or other point of view, might not be desirable. After some discussion it was

Ordered

That the Surveyor of the Post Office be informed the Council are prepared to re-consider the advisability of closing and leasing the lane to them, on condition that they fix gates on both ends of it, a key to be supplied to the occupier of Furlong's store, who is to have the right to use the lane whenever necessary, and the pump at present adjoining that store to be removed to some other convenient position for the use of the public.

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It was agreed that the members of the Council be summoned to consider the matter on hearing from the Post Office Department.

Street Inspectors Report

The Street Inspector reported that he inspected the town on each day of the week and on some days found it fairly clean and on others dirty. On the 11th Inst he ordered Laurence Harney, fish dealer, who had been selling fish in North Street to remove to the Quay as ordered by the Council, but he refused to do so. He will be prosecuted at next Petty Sessions. The Trap or grate at Quay end of Cooper's Lane is broken and would require to be replaced by a new one.

Ordered

That the Council's Solicitor be directed to attend at next Petty Sessions to prosecute Laurence Harney for a breach of the Bye Laws.

That the Town Surveyor have one of the new traps which are in stock, fixed at end of Coopers Lane.

The Clerk reported that Mr Mc. Sweeney, a tenant of the Council, owed 25/= rent to date which he stated he would be unable to pay until 2nd prox when he will receive his pension. Mr Wm. Mc. Cabe is security.

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Ordered That Mr Mc. Sweeney be allowed until the 2nd Prox to pay his rent.

The application, received from the Town Surveyor for payment of £15 for special work in connection with Irishtown &c, and which is entered on the Minutes of the Finance Committee of 8th Inst, was considered at length, but the meeting refused to grant the application, being of opinion that this work, referred to, is included in that for which he is allowed £30 per annum.

In reference to re-payment by him of the fee charged by Mr OBrien for preparing the plan and specification for remedying the flooding of the Royal Hotel, it was Proposed by Mr Roche and Seconded by Mr John Murphy "That a sum of 10/- be deducted each time he is being paid salary for superintendence of workmen until the amount is paid off."

Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 29th March 1905

John L'Keown

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Wednesday 29th March 1905

An adjourned meeting of the NewRoss Urban District Council was held this day at 7·30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider an application from the Street Inspector for an increase of Salary from £4 to £26.

Present Messrs John S. Hearn J.P. Presiding
David Murphy
James J. Ofjorman
John Hand
John Hanning
John Murphy
Michael Freaney
John Meehan
and
John O'Sullivan

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Michael Freaney and James J. Ofjorman and the following Paying Order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 196 M. J. Finn Petty Cash £10 " 16 " 9

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

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Offices,
New Ross, 29th March 1905.

Dear Sir,

We enclose you particulars of our costs against the Urban Council up to the present date. These costs are prepared in two Bills, one for £106-3-9 being that portion of the costs in the Chancery Action of Hearn v Baird and the Council, which was not given against the defendant Baird, and the other for £20-14-4, being the general costs of the Council for 2½ years from September 1902 to 31st March 1905.

The larger bill, as the Council will observe is principally made up of cash outlay, and although we have drawn it as moderately as possible, we would be willing to make a substantial reduction in the Bill, so as to avoid the delay expense and trouble of taxation, but as we fear the auditor would not be satisfied unless the Bills were taxed, we enclose you two forms of requisition, which please have executed by the Council in the manner specified in the accompanying directions.

It is usual to appoint a Solicitor to represent the Council on the taxation, and you will please insert in the blank left for the purpose, the name of the Solicitor whom the Council wish to represent them in the matter.

Yours very truly,
Colfer & Lyethin.

Ordered

That Messrs Colfer & Lyethin be asked to state what deductions they are willing to allow in each bill of costs, in the event of them being paid without taxation, and that the Local Government Board be then informed of the amounts of each bill, and of the deductions, and asked to sanction payment of same without taxation, as from

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previous experience they believe it would be a saving to the Council to avoid the expense of taxation if possible.

No 17, 941/1905
New Ross Urban District

Local Government Board, Dublin,
24th March 1905.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have had before them your letter of the 16th Inst, relative to the working of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, in the New Ross Urban District; and, in reply to the various points raised by the Council, I am to state as follows:-

Articles 7 and 59. It is not required that the items of all financial transactions should be recorded, but merely the totals or results.

Article 8. A full verbatim copy of the Minutes is not required, merely a precis, which will save correspondence and enable the Board to advise the Council when matters of difficulty arise.

Article 17. The loan operations being so few, the Board will not insist on separate forms for each Bank Account. Revenue and Loans must, however, be kept in separate Bank Accounts.

Article 64. The Board are of opinion that each tenant on paying rent should get a receipt on Form 38 as evidence of payment in addition to the entry in the Pass Book, and the Board consider that the Council would well to give this matter further consideration.

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Articles 90, 91, and 92. The Board assent to a departure from the terms of the order as regards the following Articles thereof, viz:-

Article 90

(a) and (b) of Article 91 (1)

(3) of Article 91.

(1) and (2) of Article 92.

I am Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
A. R. Barlas.
Assistant Secretary.

Ordered

That this letter be referred to the Chairman and Clerk for reply, they having been in correspondence with the Board already on the subject, with an expression of opinion of the Council that they should be exempt from the operation of articles referred to in the letter for the reasons already intimated to the Local Government Board.

Offices,
New Ross, 28th March 1905.

Dear Sir,

In reply to the question which you recently submitted to us namely, "Whether the Urban Council can legally compel owners or "occupiers of certain yards and premises to keep the entrance to them in "a proper state of repair by causing the footpath directly opposite same "to be raised or otherwise levelled and set with granite blocks of flagging "in accordance with the direction of the Council," we have to say that in our opinion the Council have not this power. The duty of keeping

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the public footpaths (of which these passages are part) in an efficient state of repair, is imposed by Statute on the Council, and we cannot see any liability cast upon owners or occupiers with regard to footpaths, unless they commit some of the offences specified in the various Acts of Parliament dealing with the subject.

Yours very truly,
Colfer & Lyttin.

Ordered

That the Surveyor prepare an Estimate, against next meeting, of the cost of putting the footpath, opposite the entrance to the different yards, in a proper state of repair.

Offices,
New Ross, 29th March 1905.

Dear Sir,

With regard to the premises of Mrs Cullen the position of affairs is this. The Council agreed to accept a surrender of the four houses in the Bullawn and the three houses in Chapel Lane from the Reps of E. Carr and on 28th November 1899, the tenants of these houses signed an attorment agreeing to become tenants to the Council of the respective tenancies held by them from the Reps of E. Carr. Mrs Cullen held three houses on a yearly tenancy at the yearly rent of £5 payable every 25th March and 29th September and the Council took over the houses subject to that tenancy. From what you tell us the Council almost immediately proceeded to collect the rents from the undertenants

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of two of these houses, held by Mrs Cullen and since then they have received rents amounting to much more than the £5 a year for which Mrs Cullen was liable. This was an illegal proceeding on behalf of the Council, as they had no authority to take rents from the undertenants until they had first legally determined Mrs Cullen's tenancy by a notice to quit, and they are liable to account to her for the surplus rents collected.

An ejectment for non payment of rent cannot be brought against Mrs Cullen as there is no rent due by her, and the only way in which the Council can put an end to her tenancy is to serve a notice to quit for possession of the three houses comprising the tenancy. We will prepare these notices, and have them served if the Council so decide but before taking such a step we wish to acquaint them of their legal position.

Yours very truly,
Colfer & Lythin.

Ordered

That the consideration of this letter be adjourned to next meeting of the Council to be held on 12th. April, the members to receive notice of its intended consideration at that meeting, and of the intention of the Council to take such action thereon as may be deemed advisable.

19 North St,
New Ross, 27th. March 1905.

Dear Sir,

I beg to apply to your Council for a Renewal of License for my Gunpowder store, situate at Maiden Lane, also a Renewal for

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my Registered Premises situate in North St for the sale of Gunpowder and mixed explosives.

Yours truly,
George Moran.

Proposed by Mr Gorman and
Seconded by Mr Meehan

That a renewal of the license for his gunpowder store, and premises, be granted.

Passed Unanimously

Letters were received from Surveyor, General Post office, acknowledging receipt of letters of Council in reference to concreting of footpath at Charles St, and closing of Back Lane, but there was no order made upon them.

A Paying Order for £35..19..5 received from the Chief Secretary, being Estate (formerly Probate) Duty was submitted to the meeting and ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council.

Attention was drawn to the obstruction caused by traders placing machinery, Boxes. &c. on the streets, and on the proposal of Mr John Murphy, seconded by Mr Meehan, it was ordered that the members of the Council be summoned to consider at next meeting the necessity, or advisability, of requiring traders, and others, to discontinue the practice.

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The Clerk reported that the present contract for the supply of limestones terminated on the 31st Inst. and it was ordered that advertisments be issued inviting proposals for the supplying of them for one year, from date of acceptance of tender, proposals to be considered at Quarterly meeting to be held on 12th April.

Mr Hanning drew attention to the want of repair of the footpath outside Mr Hand's house in William St, and also to the want of weather-boards, on all the Council's houses up there.

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor report on these matters, to next meeting of the Council.

Mr Hanning also referred to the stones which are deposited at the Town Wall, and stated that Mr Rochford complained that they facilitated trespass on his field. The Town Surveyor having stated that none would be deposited there after the present ones are used up, there was no order made.

Street Inspectors Reports

The Street Inspector reported that on the 23rd Inst he inspected the town and found Lady Lane, Post office Lane, Marsh Lane, Priory Lane, and all the upper portion of the town dirty, In Conduit Lane, and Stable Lane, scavenging not done until after 12 oclock (noon), the last two lanes are allowed to remain in a very dirty state until after two oclock on some days.

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On the 24th Inst John Street was scavenged at eight oclock, which is too early for the shopkeepers to have their premises swept out as ordered by the Council, some heaps were therefore allowed to remain in this street until a late hour in the day, some of the Lanes and all the upper part of the town was dirty.

On the 29th Inst he reported that since his appointment as Street Inspector, the town in general has not been so dirty as during the past week the Contractor seems to think that, if he keeps John St. Bridge St. North St, Quay St. and South St clean, he is fulfilling his duties, several traps require cleaning, and all the streets and lanes, with the exception of the above-named are in a most scandalously dirty state. He would ask the Council to deal seriously with this man, as he has treated the orders made previously by the Council with contempt.

Thomas Butler

Ordered

That the attention of the Contractor be drawn to the dirty state of the town and he be informed that if he does not keep the streets, lanes, and street traps, of the town clean, the Council will have to take steps to compel him to carry out his Contract.

The Town Surveyor reported that the men and horses were engaged this week putting out additional stones and Shingle to fill up and improve the surface of William St and the College road. The stones are being broken small on the surface of the roads.

The application of the Street Inspector for an increase of Salary from

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£4 to £26 was next considered, and the following resolution in reference thereto was

Proposed by Mr Hanning and

Seconded by Mr Hand

That the Salary of Mr Thomas Butler as Street Inspector be increased from £4 to £26 per year.

On the resolution been put to the meeting there voted

For- Messrs David Murphy, James J. Dorman J. Hand, J. Hanning, John O'Sullivan, and John Meehan 6

against- The Chairman 1

5

Majority

Messrs John Murphy and Michael Freaney declined to vote

The Chairman declared the resolution "Passed"

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 12th " April 1905

Monday 3rd " April 1905

Monthly meeting day. No attendance of members.

The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 12th " April 1905

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Wednesday 12th April 1905

A Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this day at 4 oclock P.M. to transact business, and consider the quarterly report, and recommendations of the Town Surveyor, and applications for new works, if any, and Annual Estimate of the Town Surveyor, also tenders for the supply of Limestones.

Present Messrs David Murphy Presiding
John Hand
John Murphy
Michael Greaney
Patrick Dunphy

The minutes of last Quarterly meeting were read and signed

Owing to the death of Dr. Meehan since last meeting it was decided not to transact any business except that of a very urgent nature, and the following resolution was accordingly

Proposed by Mr Hand and
Seconded by Mr Greaney

That we tender to Mr John Meehan a respected and valued member of this Council, and his immediate relatives and friends, our sincere sympathy and condolence on the death of his brother, the late Dr. Meehan, who was for many years our Medical officer of Health, and who by his kindly disposition and gentleness endeared himself to all, who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and that as a mark of respect to his memory this meeting be adjourned without transacting any business except

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that of a very urgent nature, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Revd. Thomas Meehan P.P. Mr John Meehan, Miss Meehan and Mrs Tierney.

Passed Unanimously

as the Contract for the supply of limestones expired on the 31st. March, it was decided to consider proposals received from them from the following persons viz:-

William Cunningham Grannagh, who tendered at £2..8..0 per boatload of seventeen tons.

E. W. Carr NewRoss at £2..5..6, Margret Roche Ballyanne at £2..4, and Patrick Cleere High Hill, NewRoss at £2..4..0.

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Greaney

"That Mrs Roche's tender be accepted."

Proposed by Mr Hand

"That Mr Cleere's tender be accepted".

This proposition was not seconded

On the proposition of Mr Murphy being put there voted for it, the proposer seconder and Chairman, The Chairman declared the proposal of Mrs Roche accepted.

John S Keane

The meeting adjourned to 19th. April 1905

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Wednesday 12th April 1905

A meeting of the NewRoss Urban District Council was held this day at 7·30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider a letter received from Messrs Colfer & Lyethin respecting the tenancy of Mrs Cullen, Cullawn, and take such action thereon as may be considered advisable, also the advisability of compelling traders and householders to cease depositing goods, or articles, on the Streets or footpaths of the town.

Present Messrs David Murphy Presiding
John Hand
John Murphy
Michael Freaney
Patrick Dunphy

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John Murphy and Michael Freaney and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:—

No	1	Michael Hunt Dunganstown	£ 2 " 12 " 6
"	2	M. A. Corcoran	13 " 0
"	3	James Barron	20 " 18 " 11
"	4	Doyle Bros.	1 " 0 " 0
"	5	M. J. Flinn	4 " 13 " 9
"	6	same	1 " 16 " 7
"	7	M. J. Flinn Petty Cash	25 " 9 " 6
"	8	John J. Browne	7 " 8 " 4
"	9	same	9 " 5

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No 10 Thomas Byrne £3.5.0

Applications for the tenancy of two houses in Wm St were received from Messrs John Hanning U.D. Church Lane, and James Roche Wm St. The Clerk reported that the necessary deposit of four weeks rent had been made by Mr Roche but not by Mr Hanning.

Proposed by Mr Freaney and

Seconded by Mr Murphy

That Mr James Roche be accepted tenant for No 4 house William Street.

Passed Unanimously

The majority of the members were of opinion that the application of Mr Hanning could not be considered as the condition requiring the deposit of four weeks rent with the application had not been complied with and it was ordered that the house be re-advertised proposals to be considered at adjourned meeting to be held on 19th Inst.

This being the monthly Finance meeting of the Council a number of bills were submitted by the Clerk and examined by the meeting after which it was

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and

Seconded by Mr Freaney

That the following bills (see list at commencement of minutes) be paid.

Passed Unanimously

The bill received from the Town Surveyor for extra work in directing the men engaged in Street maintenence payment of which was refused at a previous meeting was not considered.

For the reason stated on the minutes of the Quarterly meeting there was no further business transacted.

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 19th April 1905

John S Hearn

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Wednesday 19th April 1905

An adjourned Quarterly meeting of the Council was held this day at 1 o'clock P.M. to transact business, and consider the quarterly report and recommendations of the Town Surveyor, and applications for new works, if any, and Annual Estimate of the Town Surveyor, also tenders for the supply of Limestones.

Present Messrs John S. Hearn J.P. Presiding
John Murphy
Michael Freaney
John Hand
and
David Murphy

The minutes of last Quarterly meeting were signed

Town Surveyors Quarterly Report

Gentlemen,

The Streets and roads have been well maintained during the quarter, owing to the bad weather of the last five or six weeks metalling had to be put out on roads and streets that already had their due complement

About 500 small cartloads of rock filling and shingle was put out and broken, on the College road for filling and forming the surface. A large quantity of hard metalling was also put out according as the surface needed it. People in the habit of carting in this road are pleased at the improvement.

Yours respectfully,
Thomas Byrne.

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Ordered

That the report be approved of.

The following is the Town Surveyors Annual Estimate

New Ross Urban District

Annual Estimate for maintenance of Streets and roads for year ending 31st March 1906.

Amount provided for last year, as per detailed Estimate £581..6..9

by

By County contribution for main roads, say 181..6..9

£400..0..0

Provide for contingent expenses, say 130..0..0

£530..0..0

Thomas Byrne,
Town Surveyor,
11th April 1905.

Proposed by David Murphy and
Seconded by John Murphy

That the Annual Estimate of the Town Surveyor, as submitted to this meeting, be adopted.

Passed Unanimously

The following resolutions were proposed by Mr Hand Viz:-

I beg to propose the following Viz:-

"To make about 80 yards in length of flagged footway in

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Cross Lane between the end of the Session House footpath and the gateway opposite the entrance to New Church." To be Estimated for by the Surveyor.

"To make about 300 yards in length of footway on the North side of Cross Lane from the entrance of new Church to Neville St, granite kerbing, gravelled footway with concrete water table."
To be estimated for by Surveyor.

The Clerk stated that he was of opinion this work should have been brought on by two ratepayers as prescribed by Article eleven of the General Rules, and suggested that the opinion of the Council's Solicitor ought to be obtained upon it. After some discussion it was agreed to adjourn it to next Quarterly meeting.

The meeting adjourned

R Crumpton 14/7/85

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An adjourned meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider a letter received from Messrs Colfer & Lyeth in respecting the tenancy of Mrs Cullen, Cullaun, and take such action thereon as may be considered advisable, also the advisability of compelling traders and householders to cease depositing goods, or articles, on the streets or footpaths of the town.

Present Messrs John S. Hearn J. P. Presiding
John Murphy
Michael Greaney
John Hand
and
David Murphy

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers Authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Michael Greaney and John Murphy and the following Paying order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 12 M. J. Flinn Petty Cash £ 12 .. 10 .. 1

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

Offices.
New Ross, 3rd. April

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter inquiring what reduction we would

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be willing to make in our costs as furnished; the matter stands thus. the total amount of the two bills is £126.18.1 consisting of £66.19.9 actual cash outlay, and £59.18.4 professional charges. We assume your letter does not imply that we should be asked to forego any portion of the cash expenditure, and that the suggested reduction only applies to the professional charges. On this assumption we would be willing to accept £11.18.1 on the professional charges, or very nearly 25 per cent. We dont think £1. would be taken off these costs, as we deliberately ommitted many items, which we were legally entitled to charge, but we make the deduction in order to meet the bouncil fairly, and to avoid the trouble and expense of taxation.

Yours very truly,
Colfer & Gethin.

The blerk reported that he had forwarded a copy of the above letter to the Local Government Board, as ordered at last meeting and they had replied as follows.

No 23,452/1905
NewRoss Urban District

Local Government Board, Dublin.
18th April, 1905.

Sir/

In reply to your letter of the 10th Inst, relative to the bills of costs furnished to the NewRoss Urban District bouncil by Messrs Colfer & Gethin, Solicitors, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that, in view of the

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abatement offered by the Solicitors in this case, the Board will not object to taxation being dispensed with, provided that the Urban District Council are prepared to satisfy the Auditor in the event of any question being raised as to the reasonableness of the items.

I am to add that this case is not to be regarded as a precedent, as the Local Government Board consider that, as a general rule, Solicitor's bills of costs should be taxed in the usual course.

I am Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

A. R. Barlas.

Assistant Secretary.

Ordered

That in view of the letter from the Local Government Board and of the deduction made by Messrs Bolfer & Jethin off their bills of costs, same be paid without taxation.

An application was received from Mr Hanning for the tenancy of No 13 house in William St owned by the Council and which is now vacant. The Clerk reported that the four weeks rent had been deposited

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and

Seconded by Mr Hand

That the application of Mr Hanning for the tenancy of the vacant house in William St be accepted.

Passed Unanimously

New Ross 12th April 1905.

Council to Jones

Dear Sir/. After the terms of this Lease, as approved of by the

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Council, had been agreed to by Mr Saunderson. Mr Jones' Agent, we wrote to him to make an appointment with Mr Jones, to execute the Lease. He replied that he wished to execute the Lease himself, under a Power of Attorney which he holds from Mr Jones, but we wrote to him, that as Mr Jones lived here, we did not think the Council would agree to the adoption of such an unusal course. Mr Saunderson thereupon wrote to us that he was disappointed about the Lease, and that the matter should be postponed until he and his Wife came to Ross.

In writing Mr Saunderson that the Council would not be willing to agree to his executing the Lease under the Power of Attorney, we did so because we would feel bound to advise the Council that where the principal is at hand and capable of transacting business it is much safer to have his signature, than that of any person acting as his deputy, and this view we still hold.

We await the further instructions of the Council in the matter.

Yours very truly,
Colfer & Jethro.

after some discussion it was

Ordered

That the Clerk inform Mr Saunderson their Solicitor has advised them it will be necessary to have the lease

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signed by Mr Jones, and that as they are anxious to have this matter disposed of at once, they will feel obliged if Mr Saunderson will make arrangements with Mr Jones to have the lease executed as soon as possible.

South Street,

New Ross, 13th April 1905.

Dear Mr Flinn/

May I trouble you to bring the following resolution before the Urban Council at their next meeting.

It was passed unanimously at an united meeting of the Feis and Industrial Committees on Monday 10th April 1905.

Proposed by Fr Murphy and Seconded by Mr Keating "that a resolution be forwarded from this united Committee asking the Urban Council to have the names of the streets of the town erected in Irish and English before the coming Feis."

Thanking you in anticipation

I am very sincerly yours

Michael Murphy Hon Sec

Industrial Committee.

It having been stated that it was agreed at a meeting of the Council held on 4th January 1905, to have Bilingual names fixed on four of the Streets, but to defer doing so pending the possibility of changing the name of Robert St to Church St. The Clerk now stated that he wrote to all the residents in Robert St and asked them for an expression of their opinion on the proposal, but had only received replies from three.

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Mr John Murphy suggested that a committee consisting of Messrs David Murphy and Michael Heaney wait on the residents for the purpose of obtaining their consent to the proposed change. Mr D. Murphy, whilst agreeing with the suggestion, regretted he could not act on the committee. He proposed Mr John Murphy in his stead, and the proposition was unanimously approved of. It was also ordered that the members of the Council be summoned to consider, at next meeting advisability of having the names of streets put on in Irish and English.

Local Government Board, Dublin.
30th March. 1905.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter of the 25th Inst, forwarding a copy of the Estimate of Poor Rate of the New Ross Urban District Council for the year ending the 31st of March, 1906.

I am Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
A. R. Barlas.
Assistant Secretary.

No Order made

General Post Office, Dublin,
30th March 1905

Dear Sir, I am directed by the Postmaster General to

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acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst, addressed to the District Post office Surveyor, relative to the footpath in front of the New Post office in New Ross, and to inform you that it has been referred to the Board of Public Works Dublin under whose control the erection of the building is being carried out.

I am Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
W. P. Quirke.
for Secretary

No Order made

4th April 1905.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 27th ultimo, will you be so good as to state for what term, and at what Rent the Urban Council would be prepared to lease the "Back Lane" premises to the Post office Department.

Yours faithfully,
R. H. Mahon,
Surveyor G.P.O.

The Clerk stated that, with the approval of the Chairman, he wrote to the Surveyor. General Post office, on the 13th Inst informing him that as there was no meeting of the Council held since, he could not give a reply, but stated that he believed a proposal, embodying the conditions already specified, for twenty-one years, at 2/6 per annum, would be favourably considered. It was now ordered that the Clerk write asking for a reply to the Councils letter of 24th ult.

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Offices,
New Ross, 7th. April 1905.

Dear Sir,

The Local Government Board have written to us inquiring if Messrs Thorpe and Delaney have paid the amount of rent agreed on, Please let us know.

Yours very truly,
Colfer & Gethin.

The Clerk stated that he had informed Messrs Colfer & Gethin that Messrs Thorpe & Delaney had paid the rent agreed on.

A letter was received from Sir Thos. Grattan Esmonde acknowledging receipt of the resolution passed by the Council respecting the Harbour accomodation on the South Eastern Coast of Ireland, and thanking them for their valuable assistance in the matter.

Mrs Tierney also wrote acknowledging resolution of condolence passed by the Council on the death of Dr. Meehan.

A letter was also received from Mrs Galavan Inishtown stating that the roof of her dwelling house is leaking, and in very bad condition, and asking the Council to have the necessary repairs carried out as soon as possible.

Ordered That the Surveyor report upon this matter to

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next meeting of the Council.

Town Hall, Wicklow.
5th April. 1905.

Dear Sir/..

I am directed by Sir Thomas Esmonde to inform you that the Chief Secretary has agreed to his suggestion, to visit the south-east coast and see for himself how the Harbours and Fishing Industry stands.

It would be advisable now to strike while the iron is hot, and therefore your Council should lose no time in informing the Chief Secretary of the places where they think the fishing industry should be encouraged, and invite him to visit them as soon as possible.

Sir Thomas Esmonde is of opinion we will get something out of the present situation if we stir ourselves at once.

Hoping you will take steps to have the matter brought before your Council immediately and oblige.

Yours faithfully.
Francis W. Mc. Phail.
Secretary.

As the visit of the Chief Secretary had now concluded there was no order made.

A circular letter was received from the Local Government Board asking for a return of the several officers employed by the Council, and the Clerk was directed to furnish the required information.

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a letter was also received from them asking for particulars in reference to a return required for the House of Commons as to whether contracts entered into by them for the execution of works, specify any conditions as to the wages to be paid to the Contractor or other conditions with regard to the persons employed by him and if so what they are.

The Clerk stated that he had replied that any Contracts entered into by the Council did not specify any such conditions.

New Ross,

April 17th. 1905.

This is to give you notice that I withdraw my security for rent for James Martin from this date.

Yours truly.

Hugh Hennessy.

Ordered

That James Martin be written to requiring him to give another surety who will enter into a Bond with him for the regular payment of his rent.

A communication, signed by sixteen fishermen, was received asking the Council to open the Fish House on the Quay for the purpose of establishing a public market in it for the sale of Salmon, as in former years, but the meeting, being of opinion that they could not compel buyers to buy fish there, and also having regard to the fact that it was, until recently, open for

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such a purpose, decided not to make any order upon the matter.

The following resolution, received from the NewRoss Branch of the Gaelic League, was on the motion of Mr David Murphy seconded by Mr Greaney, unanimously adopted Viz:-

"That we, the NewRoss Branch of the Gaelic League, protest in the strongest possible manner against rule 127(b) of the Commissioners of Education, by which boys under 8 years of age are ineligible for enrolment in a boys school where there is not a female assistant employed — a rule which, if enforced, will, contrary to all principles of justice and equity, take away the vested rights of thousands of men teachers by entailing severe pecuniary losses on principals, and altogether depriving many hundreds of Assistant Teachers of their positions, thus inflicting an irreparable loss on the Irish Nation by depriving it of the services of hundreds of young men who have been trained with Irish money, and sending them to seek employment across the Channel."

A series of resolutions dealing with the teaching of Irish in National Schools, received from the Gaelic League Dublin, was also adopted.

Town Surveyors Report

For the past three weeks some metalling has been put out in large patches on the main roads, including the Rosbercon roads. The filling, forming and breaking of the stones on the surface of William St is being continued. Additional filling has been put on the College road.

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The paving of the surface channel in South St over the sewer that was repaired outside Mr Roche's office has been made good and some defective paving adjoining it was taken up and relaid.

Mrs Roche has been delivering some limestones lately.

The main sewer in Priory Lane was opened by Mr A. Cullen for the purpose of connecting therewith a new 5" drain from the premises of the Town and County Club.

More hands should be put on by the contractor for cleaning the Streets in dirty weather like the present.

Thomas Byrne

Ordered

That the attention of the contractor be directed to the last paragraph in the report.

Report of Finance committee

The undersigned members of your Finance committee met this day at 7 P.M. and examined the abstracts of uncollected Poor Rate and Borough Rate.

In case of Poor Rate we recommend that sums amounting to £12.. 1.. 10½ be carried forward and sums amounting to £12.. 6.. 3 be cancelled.

In case of Borough Rate we recommend that sums amounting to £38.. 9.. 2 be carried forward and the sums of £19.. 10.. 10 be cancelled.

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We regret to note that the Borough Rate Collector has allowed the outstanding arrears to be considerably increased since last year and that more promptitude is required in his collection.

Signed

John S. Hearn

David Murphy

The abstracts of uncollected Borough, and Poor Rate referred to in the Report were submitted to the meeting and examined after which it was

Proposed by Mr Greaney and

Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted and the sums of Borough and Poor Rate recommended by them to be cancelled, be cancelled and those recommended to be carried forward to next Collection be carried forward.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the attention of the Collector be directed to last paragraph in report.

Quotations for the supply of the Books and Forms required under "The Public Bodies Order 1904" were received from Messrs Browne & Nolan, Dollard, A. Thom & Co, and Messrs Hely Ltd. and on examination it was found that Messrs Hely Ltd. were the cheapest and it was

Proposed

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Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Heaney

That the Books and Forms required be procured from Messrs Hely Ltd.

Passed Unanimously

The remainder of the business was adjourned to next meeting.

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 26th Inst.

J. L. Keane

—

Wednesday 26th April 1905

A meeting of the Finance Committee to be held this day at 6.30 P.M. to consider, and if approved of, adopt Clerk's Estimate of Town Rate for year ending 31st March 1906.

No Member of the Committee attended
The meeting was adjourned.

J. L. Keane

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Wednesday 26th April 1905

A meeting of the Newross 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 other acts incorporated therewith, also to Consider a letter from Messrs Colfer & Gethin respecting the tenancy of Mrs Cullen, Bullaun, and take such action thereon as may be deemed advisable; also the advisability of prohibiting traders from depositing goods on the streets or footpaths; a request to have the Names of the streets affixed to them in Irish and English and also to Consider; and if deemed advisable adopt Clerks Estimate of Town Rate for Year ending 31st March 1906

T. S. Kean

Present Messrs Joseph Roche
Michael Freaney
and
John Hand

A Quorum not having assembled the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday 3rd May 1905

T. S. Kean

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An adjourned meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) act 1854, and other acts connected therewith, also to consider letter from Messrs Colfer & Gethin respecting the tenancy of Mrs Cullen Cullaun, and take such action thereon as may be deemed advisable, also the advisability of prohibiting traders from depositing goods on the streets, or footpaths, a request to have the names of the streets affixed to them in Irish and English, and also to consider, and if deemed advisable, adopt Clerk's Estimate of Town Rate for year ending 31st March 1906.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
John S. Hearn J.P.
John Murphy
John Hand
Joseph Roche
Patrick Dunphy
and
Michael Freaney

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs Michael Freaney and Patrick Dunphy and the following Paying order directed to be issued Viz:—

No 13 M. J. Finn Petty Cash £ 23.17.7

The following correspondence was read Viz:—

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Charleton Hill,

New Ross, April 26th 1905.

Dear Sir,

I would be very thankful to the Chairman of the Council for a loan of the room on Friday night. If they require any payment for the hour I will pay them. I wish to deliver a short address to the people of New Ross on the subject of the coming Elections of the Board of Guardians. It is very hard on the New Ross ratepayers to be paying rates for those that belong to other Counties.

I met a man in the Union Lately, and he told me he belonged to Waterford. I remarked to him that his proper Station was the Union of that City. I hope the new Guardians will look better into this matter than their predecessors have done. Indeed it is most unfair that the town should be made support such a number of Immigrants, since our own poor are such a heavy tax on the slender resources of our people. I could almost say that there are over 120 persons in the New Ross Union that are not belonging to the Union District. If any person from our own town ventured to intrude himself into the Waterford Union the people of New Ross would be made support them. The rates latterly have gone up enormously, and I believe a great deal of it is due to the fact that the Board do not thoroughly look into these matters.

I am Dear Sir,

Yours etc,

Patrick Hanning.

Ordered

That he get the use of the room on Saturday evening subject to him arranging with the Gaelic League for the use of the gas.

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General Post office, Dublin.
27th. April 1905.

Sir/.

Referring to your letter of the 24th. instant re the closing of Back Lane NewRoss, I beg to inform you that the matter is receiving careful consideration.

I am Sir.
Your obedient Servant,
R. Y. Mahon.
Surveyor Y. P. O.

No Order made

The Clerk reported that there was yet no reply to his letter of the 24th. March, respecting the substitution of concreting for flagging in Charles St, and it was ordered that he ask again for a reply.

Clerks Report

Urban Council office,
NewRoss, 3rd. May 1905.

The Chairman
Urban Council
NewRoss

Dear Sir/.

I beg to direct the attention of the Council to article 60 of the Public Bodies order 1904, which directs "that a Stock or Store Book, containing records of all Machinery, Horses, Carts, implements, and other similar property of the Council, shall be kept

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under the supervision of the Town Surveyor; to Article 61 which states that "In every Urban County District within which any main road has" "been or shall hereafter be declared by the County Council or the Local" "Government Board and an agreement has been entered into under" "Section 27 (6) of the Act in respect of any such Road, the Council of such" "District shall cause such accounts to be kept in the Ledger as will show" "the cost of the maintenance of such Road, and the Expenditure shall" "be set out in the yearly abstract of the accounts of the Council."

To enable me to comply with the provisions of this Article it will be necessary, in future, to show the expense of the maintenence of the main road portion of the streets and roads, within the Urban District, in the weekly wages book, and also in the accounts for lime-stones, and other stones used in the metalling of the streets, and provisions will have to be made for its apportionment by the Surveyor, or other officer, under whose control the metalling is carried out.

Article 63 requires that payment of wages to Labourers, or other" "daily, or weekly workmen, shall be accounted for by means of a proper-" "ly prepared and ruled wages Book kept by or under the supervision of" "the Surveyor which will show the rate of wages paid to each workman," "and the individual days or parts of days worked, and the amount of" "wages earned in respect of same. The Surveyor shall certify the" "accuracy of the statement so prepared and shall allocate on the face" "of it, as may be necessary the wages payable so that they may be" "properly charged to the appropriate heads of account. The Clerk" "shall then, having first checked the statement, pay the several" "amounts set forth thereon to the respective parties. Each recipient" "shall acknowledge payment, by his signature or witnessed mark, or" "the wages shall be paid in presence of a witness who shall give on"

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"the statement a dated certificate that the several persons named" "were paid the certified amounts in his presence". The No one labour book, and Sanitary book, being kept by the Street Inspector, and Sanitary Sub-Officer. I have paid the wages to the persons entered thereon, on the certificate of that officer, being of course satisfied of my own knowledge that same was correct. With regard to No 2 Labour Book, which is kept by the Surveyor, that officer certified for week ending 5th April, but has not done so for weeks ending 12th, 19th, and 26th notwithstanding which I have paid the different amounts entered on the book by him. I must however decline to pay the men in future, unless the amounts are properly vouched by the officers, whom you consider they should be vouched by, as I am not prepared to render myself liable to personal surcharge. I would therefore respectfully ask you to give the necessary directions for the vouching of the accounts, and also state whether I am to pay those men, who sign by mark, without their signature by mark, being witnessed by some person other than an officer of the Council.

I am Dear Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

M. J. Flinn.

Clerk to the Council.

As the existing main roads arrangement with the County Council will soon expire it was decided not to depart from the present system pending the expiration of the present main roads agreement.

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Ordered

That a store book be procured at Moran Bros., and that it be kept by the Street Inspector, under the supervision of the Town Surveyor.

That the No 2 Labour book be certified by the Town Surveyor, and the No 1, and Sanitary, by the Street Inspector, and as far as may be necessary by the Town Surveyor, and that where necessary payment of wages to employees who sign by their mark be certified by the Street Inspector.

A long discussion took place respecting the payment of wages to John Walsh, who is at present ill, and unable to work, a Medical certificate was submitted, but as neither the Town Surveyor, or Street Inspector would take him on their books and certify for his wages, he could not be paid.

4 Chapel Place.

Ramsgate, 26th April 1905.

Dear Sir/,

In reply to your letter of 24th Inst, Mrs Saunderson bids me ask your Council would they do her the very great favour to allow this signing to stand over till July when she expects to be in New Ross as usual, she asks this the more urgently as she knows her father is far from ~~strong~~ and quite unable to transact any business at present.

She undertakes to have the matter promptly pushed through when at Bell-Vue in July, and I will complete the repairs all the more quickly as a mark of our appreciation of your Council's ~~grant~~ great

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consideration.

If the Council insist on the "matter being disposed of at once" kindly send me a wire on or before Saturday and though very inconvenient either Mrs Saunderson or I will immediately start for Ireland, and I shall make an arrangement with Mr Colfer to have it completed on Monday or Tuesday next.

Kindly send the wire whether their decision is favourable or unfavourable and at earliest possible moment.

Yours very truly.

R. de B. Saunderson.

Ordered

That Revd. Mr Saunderson be informed the Council are willing to allow the signing of the lease to stand over until July.

Applications were received from Messrs James Connolly and P. Coster Builder Waterford, for permission to erect hoardings, the former outside the Industrial School Mercy Convent, and the latter outside No 15 South St.

Both applications were granted subject to the laying of a temporary footpath of planks outside same.

A letter was received from Father Meehan Ballindaggin, acknowledging resolution of sympathy passed by the Council on the death of Dr. Meehan.

A letter was received from Timothy Coghlan asking the permission

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of the Council to change into the house occupied by William Reddy, who is giving up possession. but as the latter had not yet been obtained the Council could not interfere, Mr Coghlan to be informed to this effect by the Clerk.

A letter was received from the gas Co stating they intend opening the ground in Mary St for the purpose of putting in a gas supply there was no order made.

South Street,

New Ross April 25th 1905.

Dear Sir/

We received a letter from Mr Flinn requesting us to return the old lead that was removed from the ground at Mary St, such lead we had not in our possession the old lead we returned to Mr Flinn was under the pathway at Mr Murphy's house. If we are not mistaken it belongs to him, its value would be 6 pence, as a rule small pieces of lead are brought home with the tools. We did not think there would be so much talk about a trifle. It was very unfair for your Inspector to report what was not the truth, we hope the Council has more faith in us than to think we are dishonest.

Yours truly,

W & H. Hartrick.

New Ross. South St,

Dear Sir

With reference to the laying of the pipe for Mr Murphy, we understand we are blamed for delaying the work. Why wouldnt

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the work be delayed, when one man was put to open 80 feet of ground and he been employed as a watchman at night when it could be opened in 3 days and the pipes layed also.

We did not delay the work as reported, it was the water and the delay in opening the ground and not sufficient labour employed.

Yours truly,
W. & H. Hartrick.

No Order made

The Collector reported that Mr Fanning's house required new latches, and that the last limewashing was not properly done

Ordered That the Surveyor get new latches on the doors, and that the house be limewashed again with all the other houses.

Square Road,
Halifax, 24th April 1905.

Sir,

We have already published over 126 different Arms in our Series of Heraldic Postcards. As we wish to make this Series complete, we ask your permission to include your Arms.

It is essential that we have correct information, and should be pleased if you would mark some impression of your Arms with the colourings to assist our artist in making his sketch.

Enclosed are a few cards with our compliments, showing the class of work we are doing, and if you provide us with the

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necessary information, we shall be pleased to send a quantity when finished, for your own use and with our compliments.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours truly

Stoddart & Co Ltd.

Ordered

That the clerk furnish them with a copy of the coat of Arms of the town as soon as possible.

Town Surveyors Reports

26th April 1905

Gentlemen/

The work of filling and making up the surface of William St is being continued. Some large patches of broken stones have been put out on Mountgarrett Lane, and a boatload of limestones has been carted to depot at Windmill Lane.

There is about a days work for a Slater and boy to overhaul and repair Mrs Galavan's house, Irishtown, the better job would be to strip and newly cover the back of the main house and put in two lead valleys at the junction of the roof of return building.

The wall of the plot of ground attached to R. Wickhams house on William St requires a good deal of masonry underpinning and the wall of an old ruin adjoining requires to be taken down and rebuilt, it looks dangerous.

I would suggest a committee visit the place and make a recommendation respecting it, and to visit Mrs Galavan's house also.

Thomas Byrne

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Town Surveyors Report

3rd. May 1905

Gentlemen/..

During the wet days I got additional limestone metalling put on Priory St and part of the quay. Some repairs to surface of Waterford road, and a 4" pipe waste drain under footway from water table, The grass on footway and in Water table was cleaned off and removed.

Some additional filling was put out and broken on William Street. Iam putting out and breaking some hard stones from the John St quarry on Conduit Lane. A couple loads of limestones were carted to depots in Roscrea.

The cleaning of the Street traps in Roscrea have not been attended to lately. I have received quotations for valve, stop cocks and connections for repairing water main.

Thomas Byrne

That he furnish a specification and Estimate of the cost of repairing Mrs Galavan's house to next meeting and also of the improvements suggested by him in the premises adjoining R. Wickham's house.

Report of Finance Committee

We recommend that the Clerks Estimate for Town Rate amounting to 3/2 in the £ be adopted subject to a reduction of 3d. in the £

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amounting to about £100, which was adopted by the Council as a sum to provide for contingencies in the Town Surveyors Estimate for new works, notably new footpaths in Cross Lane.

Signed

James B. Hearn

John S. Hearn

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and

Seconded by Mr Freaney

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

Passed Mr Hand dissenting

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and

Seconded by Mr Freaney

That the Clerks Estimate of Town Rate for year ending 31st. March 1906 amounting to 3/2 in the £ be reduced by 3d. in the £, and that a Town Rate of 2/11 be adopted.

Passed Mr Hand dissenting

Ordered

That the Clerk have the necessary notices in connection with the making of the Town Rate duly published.

A discussion took place respecting the fixing of the names on some of the streets in Irish and English during which it was stated they were got done in this way in Enniscorthy by being painted on boards for 3/- each. The Clerk stated that the man who would have them painted in both languages on boards and affixed on the

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different streets on a former occasion for 2/= or 2/6 would not do them now, after some discussion it was

Omission. names of Streets

Bridge St. John St. Quay St. North St. Mary St. South St. Michael St. Priory St High Hill, Henry St Rosberon, Neville St. and Three Bullet Gate.

Proposed by Mr Freaney and Seconded by Mr Hand

That the names of the following streets be affixed on them in Irish and English the names to be painted on boards, and erected, provided the Clerk can get a tradesman to do them at a cost not exceeding three shillings each including erection.

Passed Unanimously

Mr P.J. London Quay, applied to take in the Pipe Water and the application was granted

Proposed by Mr Dunphy and Seconded by the Chairman

That the Dublin Wicklow & Wexford Railway be be asked to cause the mail trains to stop at Palace, for the purpose of enabling passengers to join the trains at that station, and also of setting down passengers.

Passed Unanimously

The remainder of the business was adjourned to next meeting

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 10th May 1905

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Wednesday 10th May 1905

A Meeting of The Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 Oclock P.M. to transact business of the Council pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider a letter from Messrs Colfer & Gethin respecting the tenancy of Mrs Cullen Bullawn, and take such action thereon as may be deemed advisable, also the advisability of prohibiting traders from depositing goods on the street or footpaths: to make a Poor Rate for year ending 31st March 1906, and sign and seal the Collectors warrants for collection of same.

Present Messrs James G Dooley presiding
Michael Freaney
John Murphy
David Murphy
John Hand
and
Patrick Dunphy

The Treasurer's Authority for making Payments was signed by the Chairman, and Messrs John Murphy, and Michael Freaney and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz

No 1	Patrick Redmond		£4.6.8
" 2	Same		4.6.8
" 3	Thos Martin		15.0
" 4	John Dolan		12.10.0
" 5	Jn Flynn	Petty Cash	11.10.7

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The following Paying Orders, received from the County Council were ordered to be lodged to the credit of the Council Viz:-

No 1186- Maintenance of roadway over Newtoss Bridge £6.15.0
" 1193 " do " 1017 perches of Main Road 35.12.2
" 1194 " do " 235 " " " 16.13.9

It having been stated that Mr Hinson, who was for many years a Member of the Town Commissioners, had died since last Meeting it was agreed not to transact any business except such as required immediate attention, but to adjourn to the 17th Inst.

The Meeting proceeded to make a Poor Rate for year ending 31st March 1906;- and it was,

Proposed by Mr Wm Murphy and
seconded by Mr David Murphy

That we raise the sum of £1372.15.7 as and for Poor Rate, and for the purpose aforesaid we make a Poor Rate of 2/3 in the £, for the financial year ending the 31st day of March 1906, on the property situate within the Urban District of Newtownards 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 Sept. 1905, And the second one on or before the 31st March 1906.

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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 John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr David Murphy

"That the preceding Chairman, and two Members of the Council, sign the Poor Rate Books, and the resolution making the Poor Rate indorsed thereon, and the adoption of the Poor Rate, and the Collectors Warrants attached thereto and affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Poor Rate Books and Documents

Passed Unanimously

In accordance with the foregoing resolution the Rate Books, resolution indorsed thereon, and Collector's Warrants were Signed and Sealed.

This being the Finance Meeting of the Council, a Number of Bills were submitted, but as they had not been examined by the Finance Committee, owing to a Meeting of same not being held through the Non-attendance of any Member of it, these were adjourned to next Meeting to be held on the 17th Inst, except those entered at the Commencement of the Minutes, which were on the proposal of Mr David Murphy Seconded by Mr Hand, ordered to be paid.

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Proposed by The Chairman and
Seconded by Mr David Murphy

"That we tender to the family of the late Mr Hinson, and their immediate relatives and friends our sincere sympathy and condolence on the death of Mr Hinson, an old and respected inhabitant of this town, who for many years was a Member of the Town Commissioners, and later a Member of this Council, and that as a mark of respect to his memory, this Meeting be adjourned without transacting any further business"

Ordered

That copies of the foregoing resolution be sent to the Misses Hinson

The Meeting adjourned to Wednesday 17th May 1905.

J. D. Kearn

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Wednesday 17th May 1905

An adjourned meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business of the Council pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, also to consider a letter from Messrs Colfer & Lyttin respecting the tenancy of Mrs Cullen Bullawn, and take such action thereon as may be deemed advisable, also the advisability of prohibiting traders from depositing goods on the streets or footpaths.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
John S. Hearn J.P.
John Murphy
Joseph Roche
John Hand
John Hanning
and
Michael Freaney

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John Murphy and John S. Hearn and the following Paying Orders directed to be issued Viz:—

No 6	John J. Browne	Commission	£ 2 " 1 " 8
" 7	Thomas Byrne		2 " 10 " 0
" 8	Dr. Oconnor		9 " 3 " 0
" 9	J. H. James		2 " 14 " 6
" 10	Francis J. Mc. Kenna	Petty Sessions Court expenses	13 " 6
" 11	Sec Urban School Attendance Committee		16 " 3 " 11

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No 12	M. J. Flinn	Petty Cash	£ 11 .. 17 .. 1
" 13	Cashiers Bank of Ireland		25 .. 0 .. 3
" 14	"		62 .. 2 .. 8
" 15	"		48 .. 10 .. 4
" 16	Treasurer Waterford & NewRoss Port Sanitary		7 .. 10 .. 0

The following correspondence was read Viz:-

4 Chapel Place,
Ramsgate.
6th May 1905.

Dear Sir,

Mrs Saunderson and I desire to thank your Council for their kindness in allowing the signing of the lease to stand over.

I will attend to it the first thing on arrival in Ross for our usual Summer holiday which begins in July and extends to middle of September, all of which we hope to spend in Bellvue.

Yours very truly,
Robt. de B. Saunderson.

No Order made

No 25,436./1905
NewRoss Urban District

Local Government Board, Dublin.
4th May 1905

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 18th ultimo, relative to the working of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, by the NewRoss Urban

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District Council, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have nothing to add to their letter of the 24th ult March last (No 14,941/1905), relative to this matter.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. Barlas.

Assistant Secretary.

No order made beyond deciding not to procure the tenants rent receipt book, or Financial Minute book.

An application was received from the Hon Secretaries of the Feis Committee asking the Council for permission to erect poles, along the principal streets, for the decoration of the town on the Feis days, and to request the Council to decorate the front of the Tholsel for the occasion.

Ordered

That the necessary permission to erect the poles be given, but there was no definite order made respecting the decorating of the Tholsel.

6 High St, Waterford,

17 - 5 - 1905.

Gentlemen,

I beg to apply for the necessary permission to erect a pole inside wall on Rosbercon road opposite Waterford road as indicated on plan No 705 for the purpose of carrying Telephone wires permission has already been granted by the Co Council.

Yours Respectfully,

E. Thomas.

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Ordered

That the Local Manager be informed the Council are willing to grant the necessary permission to erect the telephone pole upon the conditions which apply to former ones erected in the District.

A proposal was received from B. Grace Charlefield Rower for one heap of road scrapings at 6/6 but it was deferred pending an inquiry from the Surveyor as to the value of it.

A Sealed Copy of the Annual Demand for year ending 31st March 1906 was received from the County Council.

An application was received from Mr Connolly for permission to erect a scaffolding outside Mrs Roches house in Roslercon and it was granted.

An acknowledgment of the resolution passed by the Council respecting the stopping of trains at Palace was received from Dublin Wicklow & Wexford Railway Co.

Town Surveyors Report

I got Conduit Lane metalled and a quantity of clay for blinding spread over same and well watered.

The loose and scattered stones on streets and roads were picked off and removed to depots.

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The stones for metalling were carted off the quay to depots to be broken.

I set about getting a trap put down in Coopers Lane to replace the old one but having no means of getting mortar it had to remain there unset.

All orders made by the Council for me to carry out must be entered in the order book as early as possible the day after the meeting, also the means for getting the work done.

Herewith I send description and probable cost of work required to Mrs Galavans Irishtown and R. Wickhams William St.

Thomas Byrne

Ordered

That the orders of the Council be written up in the order Book as soon as possible.

A discussion took place respecting the repairs to house of Mrs Galavan during which it was suggested that it would be best to sell it and an order was made directing the Clerk to write to Mrs Galavan and ask her if she is willing to make a proposal for the purchase of her house and to state that the Council are willing to entertain and consider a reasonable proposal and give it preference subject to the approval of the Local Government Board. (see reports on Mrs Galavan's and Mr Wickham's houses on next page)

Ordered

That the Town Surveyor furnish to next meeting a specification and Estimate of the cost of repairs to Wickham's house and premises adjoining.

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Collectors Report

Sir

I beg leave to report that I have found no wilful damage done to any of your weekly Tenants houses.
Catherine Johnson William St. require a latch and lock on front door. John Hand Wm. St require to have door to ashpit re-affixed which was blown away by the weather and knocker on front door.

Mr Hanning require 2 latches on doors also a knocker for the front door. Richard Wickham Wm. St require about a dozen slates on the back of his house. P. Kehoe Irishtown require a lock on the front door.

yours truly,
John J. Browne.
Collector.

That the Town Surveyor furnish a specification and Estimate of the necessary repairs to those houses to next meeting.

Mrs Galavan's House Irishtown

The old slates to be taken off the back of main house and portion of return building the roof timbers to be repaired and straightened by furring with 4" . 1" spruce nailed to old rafters and plates. The back to be covered with new slates 16 or 18" . 10 Irish nailed to Sawn laths 1 3/4 . 5/8. Walls and eaves copied with good mortar, lay the vallies with strong Zinc or 5 lb sheetlead on 9 . 3/4 boarding. Relay the

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ridge with old tiles if sound and unbroken and provide new for defiency all set in mortar and pointed in cement.

The two chimneys to be taken down and rebuilt with Waterford brick in mortar one course below the slating close with zinc flashings and cement.

The roof of the return building to be stripped for about 8 feet on each side of ridge adjoining vallies, the rafters to be furred or replaced by new and the roof covered with the best of the old slates on sawn laths nailed in the head and rendered.

cost of above about £4

The east side wall of return building is overhanging and would require to be taken down and re-built. The length is 25 feet, it would probably require rebuilding from the street level or near it. The stairs is bad and the windows generally need repairs.

Mr Wickhams House William St

The foundation and wall of garden over Street level requires re-building and forming with stones and mortar at a cost of two pounds or so.

The wall of what was once a dwelling house adjoining the above is bad and dangerous to the public, it requires to be taken down and rebuilt at the cost of about three pounds.

Thomas Byrne

Town Surveyors Report

I am getting additional stones quarried at the Endowed School premises for the Irishtown. I have a man cleaning the paved water tables, surface

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and sides of this Street above the cross. The cleaning of the outlying roads generally is being attended to, and the loose stones collected and removed to depots.

Iam getting the limestones carted to depots where they are being broken.

The Telephone Company were about erecting a pole on the footway to Railway station, Rosbercon, without the permission of the Council. The position would be an obstruction, and they are making application to erect the pole on the ground outside the roadway.

A letter was received from the Home office asking for a Return of store Licenses, Small Firework Factory Licenses, continuing Certificates for Gunpowder stores, and number of premises registered under the act.

Ordered

That the required particulars be furnished.

Report of Finance Committee

We the undersigned members of the Finance Committee recommend payment of the following

John J. Browne	£2 .. 1 .. 8
Thomas Byrne	2 .. 10 .. 0
Dr. OConnor	9 .. 3 .. 0
J. H. James	2 .. 14 .. 6
F. J. Mc. Kenna C.P.S.	13 .. 6

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Sec Urban School Committee	£16 .. 3 .. 11
Clerk U.C. for Petty Cash	11 .. 17 .. 1
Irishtown Sewer	25 .. 0 .. 3
Housing Working Classes	62 .. 2 .. 8
Labourers Houses	48 .. 10 .. 4
Treasurer Waterford & New Ross Port Sanitary	7 .. 10 .. 0

We beg to draw attention that there are seven weekly tenants who owe more than four weeks rent, the Collector should be pressed to collect these at once.

The Collector must collect accounts due for Manure which are long over due.

We note Mr Byrne has not yet paid the instalments due to the Council.

Signed

John S. Hearn
David Murphy

May 17th 1905

Ordered

That the attention of the Collector be directed to those tenants referred to in the report, and he be informed he is to collect their rents at once, and that he collect the outstanding manure accounts by next meeting of the Council.

In reference to the amount referred to in the report which is not yet paid by the Town Surveyor it was

Proposed by Mr Roche and

Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That the Council's Solicitors be

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instructed to take legal proceedings against him for payment of the fee paid Mr OBrien for preparing the plan in connection with the flooding of the Royal Hotel.

Passed Messrs Hand and Fanning dissenting

Street Inspectors Reports

The Street Inspector reported that he inspected the town and with the exception of the principal Streets found it dirty, scavenging not being done in several of the lanes. He got the trap at centre of High Hill put right. There would require to be a passage put in the footpath in Bridge St to convey the water from down pipe at Messrs Doherty & Murphy's store to watertable. The water tables at Bewley St, Mary St and Irishtown would require to be cleaned. A lot of vegetable refuse remain in them at present. The water tables cart requires new valve leathers and flush pipe. Three traps are required for Wm St, one for High Hill, one at Fair Gate and one at Timmons corner. The trap at the centre of Sugar Ho Lane is choked the contractor's men are unable to free it as the sewer appears to be blocked some way from the trap. The trap at end of Michael St requires to be put right; and the ground around the pumps at Michael St and Neville St concreted or otherwise protected. Four feet of water table requires paving at upper Mary St. The sewer in Lady Lane is broken down. The matter was reported to the Town Surveyor.

The agent of the Steam Ship Company urges the necessity

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of having a Urinal placed on the Quay near the Companys offices as persons are in the habit of using the rere of their premises as such. The Irishtown water table from James Steacys to Mount garrett Lane and also the one in Michael St is in a filthy state. He found Messrs Power & Bros boy sweeping out the premises at 9.5 A.M. as he repeatedly cautioned Mr Power he would now ask for an order to prosecute.

There is a dangerous wall in the back yard of Thomas Butler's Fair Gate which would require to be seen to at once. Part of it should be taken down and re-built. If the work is not seen to immediately he will have to pull the wall down as some of his children may get hurt.

The streets are not watered sufficiently for the past week, several shopkeepers have complained that they suffer considerably from the clouds of dust which appear in the streets daily. The Contractor has only two men on the town and one horse he should put on more men as when he is watering the streets he has to leave the town unscavenged.

Ordered

That new valve leathers be fixed on watering cart by John Kough and that Harry Payne supply and fix on new canvas flush pipe.

In reference to trap at Sugar Ho Lane the Clerk was directed to order one on following day from Messrs Longe & Taggart the Town Surveyor to give name &c of the one required, and on its arrival that the Street Inspector get it set, he to receive any directions he may require from the Town Surveyor.

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That he also get the channel under the pump in Michael St concreted, and a piece of granite set directly under the spout of pump, the Town Surveyor to give him particulars respecting size &c of granite.

That Messrs Power &c be cautioned again respecting the time at which they should have sweepings put out.

That the Town Surveyor get the necessary repairs to wall at Thomas Butler's house carried out at once.

A discussion took place respecting the fixing of a trap in the Rookery which resulted in the following Order being made Viz:- That the Town Surveyor get a trap fixed in the Rookery. Mr Roche referred to a flag that required to be set in the channel at end of Quay St, and it was ordered that the Street Inspector get it set, and that he employ the necessary labour for this, and the work he has been ordered to get done. The consideration of the remaining reports was adjourned to next meeting.
The following Notices of Motion were handed in by Mr Fanning

The New Ross Urban District Council hereby request that Traders, Shopkeepers, & Householders will require all butter they may buy to be weighed in the public Scales in the butter market on and after 1st June 1905. That also Traders etc will require may require all Salmon. Fish. Fowl. Etc they may buy to be weighed in the public scales in the Market.

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I beg to propose that the houses in William St be reduced six pence per week.

And the following by Mr Hand

I beg to give Notice to rescind order requiring 10 shillings deposit from applicants for bouncils Artizans houses.

I respectfully beg to give notice that the salary due to Mr John Walsh by the bouncil be paid and that the weekly allowance heretofore granted to him be continued.

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 24th. May 1905

J. B. Keane

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Wednesday 24th May 1905

A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854. also to consider a letter from Messrs Colfer & Lethin in reference to Mrs Cullen's tenancy, also ~~to~~ whether traders will be permitted to continue depositing goods on the streets; and the following Notices of Motion served by Mr Hanning Viz:- "That the rent of the houses in William St be reduced by 6d. per week." "That the Council request that Traders, Shopkeepers, and householders will, on, and after the first of June, require butter to be weighed in the public scales in the butter market, and all Salmon, Fish, Fowl &c in the public scales" also the following Notice of Motion by Mr Hand Viz:- "That the salary due to Mr John Walsh by the Council be paid and the weekly allowance heretofore granted to him be continued." That the order of the Council requiring a deposit of four weeks rent from all applicants for the Council's houses be rescinded; also to consider whether pigs shall be allowed to be kept in yards of houses in town in future.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
John S. Hearn J.P.
Michael Freaney
John Murphy
Patrick Dunphy
John Hand
John O'Sullivan
Joseph Roche
and
David Murphy

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The minutes of last meeting were signed

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs John Murphy and Michael Greaney and the following Paying order directed to be issued Viz:-

No 17 M. J. Flinn Petty Cash £ 12 . 17 . 9

The following correspondence was read

New Ross Industrial Exhibition

Dear Sir,

I have been directed by the committee in charge of the above Exhibition to apply to your Board for the loan of the old maces, old minutes, newspapers and any other old curious in the possession of the Council. We have a special section set aside at our forthcoming exhibition for things of Antiquarian and Historical Interest, and we are anxious especially to secure for that section any old relics that would remind our people of the past history of this old town.

We shall be thankful also if you allow us to have the fire engine on the Exhibition grounds, say from June 7th to June 14th to be ready in case of fire.

I may add we shall take all possible care of exhibits, and insure them.

Thanking you in Anticipation,

I am Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

Rev M. Murphy. Hon Sec.

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Ordered

That the maces and minute Books be lent to the Industrial Committee on the Clerk receiving an undertaking from the Secretaries, and two members of the Committee, that they will be fully insured, and safely returned to the Council, that proper care will be taken to ensure their safety, and that when on exhibition they will be placed in charge of some responsible person who will not permit them to be handled by visitors, and that the Fire Engine be also lent.

B. Grace Charlefield offered 6/6 for heap of road scrapings lying at Greywell depot, but being considered too low was not accepted. It was ordered that this heap, and another on Waterford road be advertised for sale, proposals to be considered at next meeting.

An application from Mr Connolly to erect a scaffolding in Priory Lane was granted subject to the usual conditions.

The Misses Hinson wrote acknowledging vote of sympathy passed by the Council on the death of their father, the late Mr Hinson.

Mr Hearn referred to the fact that the Town Clock was not keeping accurate time, and it was ordered that the Clerk draw the attention of the Contractor to

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23rd. May 1905.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 14th. ultimo relative to the question of closing Back Lane and leasing it to the Department, perhaps you will be so good as to state the precise position to which the Urban District Council would wish the pump to be transferred from Back Lane in the event of the negotiations reaching a favourable issue.

Yours faithfully,
J. J. Thompson,
Acting Surveyor, G.P.O.

Ordered

That the Surveyor determine the exact position on the Quay, opposite Charles St, most suitable for its erection, and inform the Clerk of same, that he may communicate it to the Surveyor G.P.O.

Town Surveyors Report

I am getting stones from the John St quarry carted to and broken in depots on Mount Garrett Lane and the Bosheen.

All the limestones delivered on the quay except two on the Ballast pier, are removed to depots and are being broken, also the stones from the Dunganstown quarry.

I think it would be well to order about 100 tons of the Dungans-town stones. I see the streets are being opened in several places without permission, and some of the lanes are being made depots for rubbish.

Thomas Byrne

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Ordered

That Michael Hunt be directed to forward about one hundred tons of stones from the Council's Quarry in Dungarvan-town, same to be delivered by P. Carroll.

That the Surveyor furnish to the Clerk the names of persons who are in the habit of opening the streets without permission and that they be written to respecting it.

Messrs John Murphy and Michael Greaney were appointed a committee to select the particular positions for the erection of the bi-lingual street names in the different streets.

The Clerk reported that Mr Gannon was dis-qualified as a Councillor not having attended a meeting for over six months, and it was ordered that the Local Government Board be asked whether his liable to a fine under the particular circumstances of his dis-qualifaction.

In reference to the consideration of the letter received from Council's Solicitors respecting the case of Mrs Cullen, after some discussion upon it, during which the Clerk submitted particulars, the following resolution was proposed by The Chairman and Seconded by Mr Dunphy

That the matter be referred back to the Finance Committee for report to next meeting, and that

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they be empowered to consult the Solicitor if necessary.

Passed Unanimously

The consideration of the Notices of Motion served by Messrs Hand and Hanning was adjourned to next meeting.

The Clerk stated that the next ordinary meeting of the Council would be on Wednesday 14th June and asked if it would be desirable to adjourn this meeting to 7th June as three weeks would intervene between this and the next, but the meeting did not consider it necessary.

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 14th June 1905

John L'Estrange

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Wednesday 14th June 1905

A meeting of the NewRoss Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 oclock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, also to consider report of Committee in reference to Mrs Cullen's tenancy, and whether traders will be permitted to continue depositing goods on the streets, also Notices of Motion by Mr Canning relative to reduction of rents of houses in William St, and weighing of butter, fish, fowl &c and by Mr Hand in relation to deposit of four weeks rent by applicants for Council's houses, (copies of Notices of Motion are already furnished members of Council) and make a Town or Borough Rate, for year ending 31st March 1906, and sign Collectors Warrants &c for Collection of same.

Present Messrs John S. Hearn J.P Presiding
David Murphy
John Hand
John Murphy

The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

The Treasurers authority for making payments was signed by the Chairman and Messrs David Murphy and John Murphy and the following Paying orders directed to be issued Viz:—

No 18	Technical Instruction Committee	£. 14	12	4
" 19	Dr Hickey ½ years salary	7	10	0
" 20	M J. Flinn ¼ salary as Town Clerk	25	0	0
" 21	M. J. Flinn Petty Cash	40	19	1
" 22	John Tobin ¼ Salary as S.S. Officer	3	2	6

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No 23	M. J. Flinn	Expenses of Returning Officer	£ 22 .. 14 .. 4
.. 24	Thomas Byrne		2 .. 10 .. 0
.. 25	John J. Browne	Commission	1 .. 6 .. 0

The following correspondence was read

New Ross Industrial Exhibition

June 5th 1905

Dear Mr Flinn,

I have been directed by the committee to the above to thank your committee for giving us the old maces and minutes, and also the Fire Engine.

On second consideration our committee decided not to take the loose papers, as they might easily get torn or lost altogether.

We shall be responsible for them while under our care, and shall see that a proper person is in charge of them while on exhibition.

In the name of the whole committee, the following four persons sign their names.

Revd. Michael Murphy Hon Sec
John Carroll Hon Sec
Patrick Dunphy U. C.
Michael Kelly
D. Sunderland

No Order made

The Clerk stated that the Maces and Minute books that had been lent were received all right.

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Offices,

New Ross, 14th. June 1905.

Brown collector of Rates = v = Galavan

Dear Sir,

Mr John J. Browne your Borough Rate collector consulted us sometime ago in reference to his power to enforce the enclosed Majistrate's warrant against Mr James E. Galavan for payment of £12 .. 18 .. 1 Borough Rates, and we think it better to write you our opinion on the matter to lay before the council. This document is bad in its present form as it should have been directed to the collector, and not to a special bailiff there being no power to appoint a special bailiff for this purpose. The order however made by the majistrates for payment of the rates is quite valid and the proper course now to adopt is to apply to a Majistrate, either in or out of Petty Sessions, to issue a new warrant directed to the collector, and the collector should then proceed to levy the amount due.

Yours very truly,

Colfer & Gethin.

That the clerk see that the necessary steps are taken to have a new warrant obtained, addressed to the collector.

Dublin W & W^d. Railway Co,

Dublin 25th. May 1905.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 9th. instant has been submitted to my

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Directors, and I am desired to intimate that it is regretted that the request of your Council with regard to the stopping of the up and down Mail Trains at Palace cannot be acceded to.

Yours faithfully

M. F. Keogh.

Secretary.

No Order made

Letters were received from the Local Government Board asking for a return of the amount received for Water Rate and also and of the Receipts, Disbursments and Liabilities of the Council for financial year ending 31st March 1905 and the Clerk was directed to furnish the desired information.-

A Notification was received from the Registar of Petty Sessions intimating that a sum of £16-12-11, being the proportion of Surplus Moneys arising from the sale of Dog Licenses had been lodged to the credit of the Council.

Irishtown,

New Ross. May 30th 1905.

Dear Sir

I received your letter of May 20th in which you state the Council want me to purchase the property which I occupy. Well to be candid on the matter you put this place in good repair and then I will consider your offer for to buy this property. But until such time I will have nothing to do with the purchase of the place in its present condition. I hope you will be good enough to put the plan in repair, so as a person can live here when the

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rain storm commences, you are already aware of the state of affairs. Hoping I will not have to write again on this subject.

Yours Respectfully,

Mr. M. J. Finn

Mrs E. Galavan.

Ordered

That the Surveyor obtain from P. Leacy, by next meeting, an Estimate of the cost of carrying out the necessary repairs on this house, in accordance with the specification of the Town Surveyor.

A letter was received from Martin Travers, and John Bailey stating that the hinge of the door of the meat market requires immediate attention. The Clerk stated that he had got Mr Kough to repair it, as it was in danger of falling, and this was approved of.

A letter was received from the Surveyor General Post office, acknowledging one from the Council, and stating that it was forwarded to the Secretary.

The Collector submitted the names of a number of tenants owing four weeks rent and over, and it was ordered that their Sureties be written to, and that Patrick Leacy be directed to put locks on doors of houses of P. Kehoe Irishtown and John Hand William St.

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Proposals were received from John Byrne Lamblin for heap of road scrapings in Newtown at 7/6, and from Miss Whitney for one in Bosheen at 5/= and both were ordered to be accepted.

Finance Committee Report

Finance Committee recommended the payment of the following (see list at commencement of Minutes). Also that the Surveyor should be paid monthly by Paying order.

Signed

John S. Hearn
David Murphy

June 14th 1905

Proposed by Mr John Murphy and
Seconded by Mr Hand

That the report of the Committee be adopted, and the payments recommended be made; also that the Surveyor be paid his Salary by Paying Order, monthly, in future, and that the amounts of Water rent, recommended by the Committee to be cancelled, be cancelled, and the remainder carried forward to next collection.

Passed Unanimously

In reference to the non-attendance for over six months of Mr Gannon it was

Proposed by Mr John S. Hearn and
Seconded by Mr John Murphy

That this meeting declares a vacancy exists in the Council owing to the dis-qualification of Mr Gannon

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and that due notice of this be published.

Passed Unanimously

Ordered

That the members of the Council be summoned to attend next meeting to co-opt a member in his place.

The Clerk reported that James Martin offered John Hayden as Surety for his rent in place of Mr Hugh Hennessy who had withdrawn, and it was ordered that he be directed to give another in addition to Mr Hayden.

That officer also reported that Thomas Connick and Timothy Coghlan had not entered into Bonds, with Sureties, for the payment of their rents, and it was ordered that notice to Quit be served on them if they do not enter into Bonds within ten days.

Street Inspectors Reports

The Inspector reported upon the condition of the streets and lanes of the town on various dates since last meeting. For a short time after the Contractor's Sureties were written to, an improvement took place in the manner in which they were cleansed, but this improvement seems to have ceased and the former condition of things returned. On this date the Inspector reports that for the past three weeks the town with the exception of a few days has been in a very dirty state. He has not put the Contractors name on

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the No 1 account Book as he is afraid it is not safe for him to certify for the money but if the Council order him he will do so. There is some paving to be done at upper Mary St.

Ordered

That the Clerk inform the Contractor that the cleansing and watering of the streets must be carried out properly otherwise the Council will be compelled to take the necessary legal steps to ensure it being done

That the Inspector enter the Contractor's weekly pay on the No one Labour Book and certify for payment of same.

The Chairman stated that he had been informed Wm. Scanlon was in the habit of getting money from some persons for turning on the pipe water at times when it should not be on, and of failing to turn it on, in certain cases, where he was refused a gratnity in money or drink. Scanlon was called before the meeting and upon being questioned by the Chairman as to whether he had received money from Mr Cullen or Miss Plummer admitted that he had got sixpence from the former on one occasion, but denied having received any from Miss Plummer. Scanlon was severely cautioned, and the Chairman stated he would make further inquiries respecting the matter, and if it was ascertained that he was guilty of such conduct in the future he will be severely dealt with.

The Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr Hand Viz:- "That the resolution of the Council requiring a deposit of four weeks

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rent be rescinded" was proposed by him but was not seconded.

The Notices of Motion served by Mr Hanning, which had been adjourned from previous meeting, not having been now moved, or postponed by leave of the Council, dropped.

The question of compelling traders to refrain from depositing goods on the streets or footpaths was also brought forward by the Clerk but there was no action taken in respect to it.

As there were only four members present the Town Rate could not be made as it was necessary that six should sign the resolutions and warrant form, and it was accordingly agreed to adjourn the meeting to Friday evening 16th Inst at 5 Oclock P.M. for the purpose of making the Town Rate and signing the books and warrants.

The Town Surveyor reported that all the limestones on the Quay as well as those quarried in John St and are being carted to the depots also that he was getting channels repaired, Mrs Roche should be asked to supply more stones. One boatload of Dunganstown and two of limestones were carted during week ending to-day. Some additional repairs have been done to the paved surface channel in principal Streets.

That Mrs Roche be asked to supply more limestones.

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 28th June 1905

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Friday 16th June 1905

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held this day at 5 o'clock P.M. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and other Acts connected therewith, Viz:— to make a Town Rate for year ending 31st March 1906, and sign and seal Collector's Warrants and other documents relative to same.

Present Messrs James B. Hearn Chairman Presiding
John S. Hearn J.P.
John O'Sullivan
Patrick Dunphy
John Hand
and
Michael Freaney

Proposed by Michael Freaney
Seconded by John Hand

"That we raise the sum of eleven hundred and seventy-five pounds, ten shillings, and five pence, as, and for Town Rate, and for that purpose we make a Town Rate of two shillings and eleven pence in the pound, for the financial year commencing on the first day of April 1905, and ending the thirty-first day of March 1906, on the property situate in the Urban District of New Ross rateable under the under-mentioned Acts for the purposes therein mentioned, of which Town Rate of 2/11 in the £, 2/1 in the £ is for general purposes under the provisions of the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and the sum of 10d. in the £ is for Sanitary purposes under the provisions of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, which Sanitary rate includes

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one penny in the £ for the purpose of Technical Instruction, under the provisions of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act 1899."

Passed Unanimously

Proposed by John Sullivan
Seconded by Michael Freaney and Resolved

That the Presiding Chairman and five other members of the Council sign the Town Rate Books, and the Resolution making the Town Rate, and the adoption of the Town Rate endorsed thereon, and affix the Common Seal of the Council to said Rate Books, and endorsements; and that the Collector's warrant, endorsed on said Rate Books, be signed by the Presiding Chairman and two of the members of the Council present and countersigned by the Clerk, and sealed with the Common Seal.

Passed Unanimously

In accordance with the foregoing resolution the Rate Books were duly signed, and sealed, as were also the endorsments, and Collector's Warrants.

J. L. Dean

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday 28th June 1905

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