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1883. At a Special meeting of the Town Commissioners
May 15 held this evening at 7 o'clock the following
members attended, viz,

Joseph Hamlet, Esq, in the Chair
James Fraser
Thomas Pike
Robert Joseph Wall
and William J. Percival,
Esqrs,

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

It was proposed by Mr Wall,
Seconded by Mr ~~Pike~~, and passed unanimously

That Mr John Kelly be elected a Commissioner in
place of Mr William Cumiskey who has ceased to be
a Commissioner, he having for the space of Six
months after his appointment as such neglected
to make and subscribe the Declaration required
by the Statute

It was proposed by Mr Wall, Seconded by
Mr Percival, and passed unanimously

That our Clerk be instructed to write to Mr Cusack
to call his attention to the list of Rates furnished him
for the years 1881 and 1882, and to request immediate
payment of same, otherwise legal steps to be taken
for the recovery thereof

Proposed by Mr Wall, Seconded by Mr Pike
That the Gas Company be paid the Sum of
£140 on account of amount due them for Gas

Jo Hamlet Chairman

1883
July 2. At the Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Town Commissioners summoned for this day at 12 o'clock the following members only attended, viz.
William G. Percival and Robert Joseph Wall, Esqrs. and as these constitute a Quorum the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday evening, the 4th. instant, at 7 o'clock

Robert J Wall.

July 4. At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7 o'clock, the following members attended, viz.
Joseph Hamlet, Esq. in the Chair
William G. Percival
Thomas Pike
Robert Joseph Wall
Thomas Kenny and
James Graver Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed

The Clerk submitted to the Meeting an Estimate of the probable amount of receipts and expenditure for the ensuing year when it was proposed by Mr Kenny, seconded by Mr Percival, and passed unanimously.

That the Estimate as read be approved of, and that Notice be given by placards and advertisements of our intention at next Monthly Meeting to make a Rate of Sixpence in the pound on all assessable property within the limits of the town

It was proposed by Mr Percival,
Seconded by Mr Pike, and passed unanimously
That our Clerk be instructed to employ John Guildea, or other proper person, to act as caretaker of the Market yard, and prevent trespass therein, at the weekly wages of Six pence.

Proposed by Mr Wall,
Seconded by Mr Pike, and passed unanimously
That inasmuch as Complaints have frequently been made as to trespass by boys in the new Market premises our Clerk be instructed and authorized on our behalf to summons to Petty Sessions all persons so found trespassing after this date.

Proposed by Mr Percival
Seconded by Mr Pike and passed unanimously
That our Clerk be instructed to write to the Directors of the Gas company to ascertain on what terms as to price they will supply gas to the town lamps for the coming winter.

Proposed by Mr Percival,
Seconded by Mr Wall, and passed unanimously
That a cheque be Signed, in favour of Local Government Board, for the Sum of £ 3:13:6, due for audit of the Commissioners accounts for the year 1880; and that Patrick Sheppard be paid 6/6 for taking down town lamps, and repairing 1 lamp

Proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Pike, and passed unanimously.

That our Clerk be instructed to write to the Directors of the Gas Company to ascertain on what terms as to price they will supply gas to the town lamps for the coming winter.

4 Read letter from Richard McCabe, Esq. resigning his office as Down Commissioner

Thomas Pike
Chairman

1883. August 6 - At the Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Down Commissioners Summoned for this day only two members (Messrs Pike and Wall) attended, and as five constitute a quorum the meeting Stands adjourned to Wednesday evening, the 8th instant, at 7 O'clock

1883
August 8 - At the adjourned Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Down Commissioners Summoned for this evening at 7 O'clock only four members attended, and as five constitute a quorum the meeting hereby Stands adjourned to Thursday evening, the 9th instant at 7 O'clock

" 9 - At the adjourned Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Down Commissioners held this evening at 7 O'clock, the following members attended

Thomas Pike
William G. Percival
Thomas Kenny
Mathew Boyle and
Robert J. Wall, Esqrs

Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed

On the Motion of Mr Boyle Seconded by Mr Kenny the Chair was taken by Mr Pike

The Rate Collector's was read from which it appears that the Sum of £93:8:5 has been collected, leaving a balance uncollected of £8:16:2 viz- £2:15:0 from unoccupied premises, and £6:1:2 arrears due by Mr Cusack

It was proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Kenny and passed

That the Sum of £6:1:2 due by Mr Cusack for Rate made last year and arrears be carried into new Rate Book for this year as arrears

On the Motion of Mr Kenny Seconded by Mr Percival this Meeting Stands adjourned until Friday evening, the 17th instant, at 7 O'clock

1883

August 17 At the adjourned Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Down Commissioners held this evening at 7 O' clock the following members attended

Thomas Pike
Thomas Kenny
William J. Percival
Mathew Borglin and
Robert Joseph Wall.

Esqrs

It was proposed by Mr Wall, Seconded by Mr Kenny and passed unanimously,
That Mr Pike do take the Chair

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed
It was proposed by Mr Kenny,
and Seconded by Mr Percival and passed unanimously
That a Rate be made of Sixpence in the Pound on all property assessable within the limits of the town of Balbriggan, under the provisions of the "Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854" which Rate shall be due and payable on the 26th September, 1883.

The following letter of Resignation of Office of Down Commissioner was read,

Balbriggan. 3rd August, 1883.

Gentlemen,

I beg leave most respectfully to tender my resignation as a Down Commissioner

I am.

Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant
Jos Hamlet

The Balbriggan Down Commissioners

Read Petition to Parliament from Dairymens Union on the Subject of the Cork Butter Market.
It was ordered to be marked "Read"

Read Communication from Chief Secretary requesting to be forwarded with a Return of Expenses incurred by the Commissioners in promoting or opposing local bills for the last 12 years. It was ordered that a nil Return be sent.

Proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Burton that the following bills be paid viz.

James Stack, Clerk of Union for preparing Rate Book	£2:0:0
Dollard, Dublin, for printing 10 Rate Books	16 6
Patk Harford, Poor Rate Collector, for Poor Rate	1:4:0
~~Local Government B~~ Board of Public Works for Instalment due on Loan and Interest	13:1:7
Local Government Board for audit	3:13:6

Proposed by Mr Wall,
Seconded by Mr Percival,
That this meeting Stand adjourned until Wednesday, 29th. instant, at 12 o'clock

Thomas Pike

August 29. The adjourned meeting was not held this evening in consequence of only two Commissioners being in attendance, viz. Messrs Wall and Percival.

Thomas Pike

1883
September 3. At the Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this day the following members attended

Thomas Peke
Robert Joseph Wall
William G. Percival
James Fraser
Thomas Kenny and
Mathew Byrne
Esqrs

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Wall, and passed unanimously,

That Messrs Percival and Kenny be appointed a Committee to examine into the State of the town lamps, and draw up a Specification for any repairs required to be done to same, also for the painting and glazing thereof, and that our Clerk be instructed to obtain tenders before 7 O. Clock in the evening of the 5th. instant for the due execution of said works

It was proposed by Mr Fraser, Seconded by Mr Kenny, and passed unanimously

That an Iron Lamp Post with lamps be erected in some suitable place in Railway Street, and that our Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Daniel, Dublin, to ascertain the Sum he would charge for Supplying Same, including a plain bracket and burner ready for lighting, and to be delivered at the Great Northern Railway Station at Amiens Street, Dublin. The lamp and post to be similar in Size to the one recently erected at the Constabulary Barrack. Our Clerk to be further

instructed to write to Mr Daniel, also to Messrs Philipson and Kerr to ascertain the price for supplying three lamps, each lamp to have cock fittings and burners ready for lighting, and to be glazed complete

The following was read

Gas Company's office,
Caltieegan, 22nd August, 1883

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday which I laid before my Directors, and, in reply, am desired to say they are prepared to light the Public Lamps on the same terms they were lighted last year

yours truly
J. Bassett
Secty

D. Sinnott. Esq

It was proposed by Mr Percival,
Seconded by Mr Graves and passed

That the terms of the Gas Company for supplying gas to the town lamps be accepted, that our clerk be instructed to write to the Gas Directors to say that the Commissioners would be willing to erect a gas lamp in Edward Street if they would lay down and supply the mains to same at their own expense.

The following bill was ordered to be paid, Dand. Sinnott for 10 months Salary as Town Clerk £10

Proposed by Mr Wall,
Seconded by Mr Graves and passed

That this meeting Stand adjourned to 10 o'clock on Wednesday evening, the 5th instant.

Robert J Wall

1883

September 5. At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Commissioners Summoned for this evening at 7 O'clock only 4 members, Messrs Wall, Percival, Pike, and Kenny, attended, and the meeting was consequently adjourned to the evening of the 7th instant, at same hour

Robert J. Wall.

September 7. At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening at 7 O'clock the following members attended

Thomas Pike
Robert Joseph Wall
Thomas Kenny
James Fraser
William G. Percival and
Mathew Boylan,
Esqrs.

It was proposed by Mr Fraser,
Seconded by Mr Kenny and passed
That Mr Pike do take the Chair

The Commissioners proceeded to consider Estimates for supplying three town lamps with cock fittings and glazed complete.

There were three tenders Estimates;
William Daniel proposing to supply same at 15/6 each
William Kerr, at 13/6 each and
A. Phillipson, at 20/- each

It was agreed on the motion of Mr Fraser,
Seconded by Mr Percival
That Mr Daniel's Estimate be accepted

Mr Daniel's proposal to supply lamp pillar with wrought iron cradle lantern and lamp cock for the Sum of £ 2-15-0

was, on the motion of Mr Fraser, seconded by Mr Percival, also accepted

No tenders having been received for the repairing and glazing of the town lamps

It was proposed by Mr Fraser,
Seconded by Mr Burton and passed
that Messrs Percival and Kenny be appointed to have the work, as set forth in Resolution passed at last meeting, done as soon as possible and in the cheapest manner, consistent with good workmanship; and that they be instructed to have the lamp post on its arrival from Daniel erected forthwith, with gas pipe connected, in the most suitable part of Railway Street,

Read letter from Mr James Graham proposing the Sum of £4 for the use of the Stores, lately held by him in the new Market premises, from this date up to the 1st of August next, the same to be used by him for market purposes only,

It was proposed by Mr Fraser, seconded by Mr Percival and passed,

that Mr Graham's proposal be accepted

The following bills were submitted and ordered to be paid viz:-

William Carty, for painting and glazing town lamps	£1-15-0
James Donnelly for repairing ditto	1-0-0
Patrick Fitzpatrick, for putting up town lamps and cocks to same	7-0
Thomas W. Hamlet for brand furlaces	1-7-2
Brook, Thos & Co	3-0
	£4:12:2

Robert J. Wall

September 27. A Special Meeting, in pursuance of a Requisition Signed by five of the Commissioners, was held this evening, at 7 O' Clock, for the purpose of Signing Copy of Rate Book, and to Elect a Chairman in place of Mr Joseph Hamlet, resigned. The following members attended,

Robert Joseph Wall
William L. Percival
Thomas Pike
James Fraser
Thomas Kenny

Esqrs,

It was proposed by Mr Wall, Seconded by Mr Kenny,
That Mr Pike do take the Chair.

The Copy of the Rate Book for the year 1883 was then Submitted by the Clerk for Signature.

It was proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Kenny and passed
That said Book be Signed by the Chairman, and Commissioners present, Countersigned by the Clerk, and handed to the Collector for collection,

It was proposed by Mr Fraser, Seconded by Mr Percival,
That Mr Wall be elected Chairman in place of Mr Hamlet, resigned,

The following Communication was read

Gas Company's office. Balmizzan. 25 Sept 1883

Sir, Herewith I am for the information of the Town

Commissioners that the Meters are replaced for Drain at the following Indications

Quay Street	6.500
Dublin Street	5.650

Yours truly
M Bassett
Secty

D. Lynch Esq.

Letter from Michael Sheerins asking for an increase of Salary for Collection of Town Rate was marked "Read"

Robert J. Wall

November 5. At the Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Commissioners which was to have been held this day at 12 O'clock, only two Commissioners (Messrs Pike and Perceval attended, and as five form a Quorum, the Meeting was ordered to be adjourned until Tuesday evening, 6th. instant, at 7 O'clock.

November 6. In consequence of only two Commissioners, Messrs Perceval and Pike, attending the adjourned Meeting this evening at 7 O'clock it stands adjourned until 12 O'clock to-morrow

November 7. In consequence of only two Commissioners, Messrs Perceval and Pike, being in attendance at the adjourned Meeting this day at 12 O'clock it is hereby adjourned until 7 O'clock this evening

Robert J. Wall.

1883

November 7 - At the adjourned Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening at 7 O'clock the following members attended, viz,

Joseph Wall
Mathew Boylan
James Graves
William George Percival
Thomas Pike and
Thomas Kenny,
Esqrs

This being the first Meeting held since the Annual Election Messrs Percival, Pike, and Kenny, the three Elected Commissioners, Signed the Statutory Declaration of acceptance of office previous to taking their Seats at the Board.

Minutes of last Meeting read and conformed

It was proposed by Mr Boylan,
Seconded by Mr Percival and passed unanimously
That Mr Wall be Elected as Chairman for the ensuing year

The following bills were ordered to be paid,

Dalkey Gas Company for Gas £2 15: 13: 6

Daniel Sinnott for cash advanced by him to pay Small bills 1- 8- 3

Robert J. Wall.

Renewal of Policy of Insurance	8-3
Mrs Driscoll for cleansing Room	4-0
Railway for carriage of Lamp post	2-3
McGuildea for printing notices of Rate and election and cleansing Room of new Market	3-6
J. O'Neill for calico to screen Ballot compartment	1-3
Robt Dennis, repairing locked box	1-6
Stationery	6
Postages & Postages	7-0
	£ 1: 8: 3

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November 30. A Special Meeting of the Commissioners, in pursuance of a Requisition Signed by five of them, was held this Evening, at 7 O' clock, for the transaction of the business hereunder mentioned viz.

To take necessary Steps to have a License granted for the holding of the Fair in this Town

To Consider the advisability of Establishing three additional fairs in the town

To Consider application from the Baltrieg an Industrial and Provident Society to rent for Six months the vacant stall in the new Market Premises,

To pass Accounts, and

Transact General business

It was proposed by Mr Percival

Seconded by Mr Like,

and passed unanimously

Whereas Serious loss is caused to the owners of Cattle in this Poor Law Union by their inability to sell them owing to the present restrictions against the holding of the fairs in this town, that our Clerk be instructed to write to the Lord Lieutenant respectfully asking him to grant permission to allow the usual fair to be held in the town on the 10th. of December, as the Union is now almost completely free from any trace of foot and mouth disease, and the winter Season being now far advanced it is absolutely necessary for owners of cattle to sell the Stock grazing on their lands.

The Motion relative to the establishment of new fairs was ordered to be held over for Consideration at next meeting.

The following was read,
November 22nd 1883

From
Baltrasna Industrial and Provident Society, Limited,
to
Mr D. Sinnott, Townlebark, Baltrasna,

Dear Sir,

I am directed by my Committee to apply to you to rent for Six months the remaining vacant Stall in the Market premises. We Simply require it for a Store room, and hope your Commissioners will give it us at a reasonable amount. A reply at your earliest convenience will much oblige.

Yours faithfully
per Society
R. Boylan, Secty

Proposed by Mr Pike,
Seconded by Mr Boylan
That we agree to rent to the Baltrasna Industrial and Provident Society for Six months the vacant Stall in the new Market Premises for the Sum of £1-10-, and on the understanding Should the Commissioners require possession of Same at any time before the expiration of Said period that possession thereof be delivered up on receiving a fortnight's notice to that effect, the rent to be reduced proportionately.

On the Motion of Mr Kenny,
Seconded by Mr Percival,
That Mr Mc Donegall's account for £3:17:6 be paid

The following bill was also ordered to be paid,

Daniel Sinnott for 3 months Salary as Town Clerk to 12th November 1883 £3

The Clerk mentioned to the Meeting that the following Sums were received by him and lodged in Bank for rent of the new Market Premises for year ended 15th Octr last,

Balbriggan Industrial and Provident Society for 3 Stalls or Shops	£12:10:0
James Graham for two Stores	4-0-0
Balbriggan Industrial Orchestral Society	4-0-0
	£20:10:0

The following was ordered to be read

Balbriggan
31st October 1883

Dear Sir,

I am directed to apply to the Balbriggan Town Commissioners for the use of the new Market House for three nights in each week for the object of holding two Band practises and one meeting of the Balbriggan Band Association at as moderate terms as our worthy Commissioners may decide, I may add that neither practices nor meeting will clash with meetings of the Orchestral Union and also that in the event of the Commissioners requiring the rooms for Concert purposes &c, on any nights we may arrange to meet we shall withdraw for such event

Yours faithfully
J. Clarke Hon. Secty of the Balbriggan St Patrick's Band Association

To Mr D. Sinnott
Town Clerk

Baltiegan. 5th Nov 1883

Dear Sir,

With reference to the application of the Baltiegan St Patrick's Band Association for the use of the new Market House Room. I have to say (as I cannot be present today) that our Rules admit of no disorderly Conduct and should such occur the Commissioners can of course use their power of putting us out.

Yours truly
J. Clarke
Hon Secty

Mr Emmett. Town Clerk

It was proposed by Mr Boyle and Seconded by Mr Percival, and passed unanimously

That the use of said room be given to Michael Sheerin, ~~Michael~~ Canty and John Ingles on behalf of the St Patricks Band Association for three evenings in each week (viz. Monday, Wednesday and Friday) for band practice. Solely at a Sum of one Shilling per week. The Commissioners to have power to withdraw this leave at any time without any notice, being given by them, all liability of injury to the instruments or other property to be at the risk of said St Patricks Band Association

Robert J. Wall

1883

December 3. In consequence of the non-attendance of Commissioners at the Statutory Monthly Meeting this day I hereby, in pursuance of the provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, and under the powers invested in me in that behalf as Town Clerk, adjourn the Meeting to Wednesday evening the 5th December inst. at 7 O'clock.

Daniel Finnott
Town Clerk

December 5. At the adjourned Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening at 7 O'clock, the following members attended, viz -

Robert Joseph Hall B.L in the Chair,
Mathew Boylan
William G. Perceval
Thomas Pike and
Thomas Kenny,
Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

Privy Council office,
Dublin Castle
4th December 1883

Sir;

With reference to your application, dated the 1st instant, I am directed to acquaint you for the information of the Town Commissioners of Baltriggan that a License has been granted for the holding of the Fair of Baltriggan on the 10th instant

I am, Sir,
your obedient Servant
W. S. W. Kaye

The Town Clerk, Baltriggan

It was ordered

That placards be printed and posted through the town, and advertisements inserted in the Drogheda Argus and Conservative notifying to the public that the foregoing fair would be held in pursuance of said license, it having been stated to the meeting that a collection would be made to meet the Expenses of Same

Mr Boylan said that he would adjourn until next monthly meeting the Consideration of his notice of Motion as to the advisability of Establishing three additional fairs in the town.

Mr Boylan gave notice that he would at next meeting move that an additional lamp be erected in Elmard Street

Robert J. Wall.

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1884

January 7th. In consequence of a Sufficient number of Commissioners not having attended to form a quorum at a meeting Summoned for this day at 12 O'Clock the meeting is hereby adjourned until Half past Seven O' Clock this evening

Daniel Smith
Town Clerk

1884

January 7. At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners ~~within~~ held at their office this evening, at half past 7 o'clock, the following members attended, viz.

Robert Joseph Wall, Esq. B.L. in the Chair
Thomas Pike
Thomas Kenny
Mathew Boylan
William G. Perceval and
James Fraser,
Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed

Mr Perceval stated that he lodged in Bank for 4 months rent of Stalls & 31st ult. £5.

Mr Perceval, as Chairman of the Balbriggan Industrial and Provident Society, Limited, having stated that the Society was anxious that the dates appointed for the payments of the Quarterly Rents of the Stalls in the new Market should be altered to a month later so as to correspond with the period for which the Quarterly accounts of his Society are made up

It was proposed by Mr Pike,
Seconded by Mr Boylan and passed unanimously

That we accede to the foregoing request, and for that purpose that a new agreement containing the same terms, Stipulations, and Conditions as in agreement of the 5th September 1882, but making the necessary alterations as to the dates upon which the Quarterly rents shall become due and payable, be drawn up. Our Chairman and Mr Boylan to be authorized to Sign Same on our behalf.

The following report from the Collector of Rates was read

7th January, 1884

To the Balbriggan Town Commissioners

Gentlemen - I hereby report to you that Mr Cuthead has declined to pay the Rate on No. 45

a house which is furnished but unoccupied for past year. I have returned it in list of unoccupied premises. Rates Nos 425. 426 and 427 appear to be an error in Rate Book as no house intervenes between No. 424 and 428 in Rate book. Thomas Richardson is rated as occupier and Mr O'Neill as Landlord, but they decline to pay the Rate (Sixpence) made in Same. I have also returned these in above mentioned list.

I am Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant
Michael Sheerins, Collector,

The Rate Collector's account was read from which it appears that a Sum of £69:16:11 has been collected and lodged in Bank, leaving a balance uncollected of £10:13:9. viz. £2:2:0 from unoccupied premises and ruinous buildings and £8:11:9¼ arrears due by Mr Cusack

The following Resolutions were then proposed.

Moved by Mr Percival,
Seconded by Mr Porter and passed

That our Clerk be instructed to write to Mr Cusack with reference to the amount due by him for town Rates, and to request payment thereof, and that he be furnished with a list of the Ratings for which rate is demanded.

Moved by Mr Kenny
Seconded by Mr Porter passed

That our Clerk be instructed to inform Mr Bamfield in reference to the Rate he declines to pay that altho' no person resided in the house in question at & since the time of making the Rate, nevertheless from the fact of the house being furnished he is still liable for Same, and that it is now too late to dispute payment on grounds of alleged "unoccupation" as he should have served notice to that effect on the Com^rs within the month immediately following the making of the Rate

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The following were also read

Gas Company's office,
Ballaggan, 26th Dec., 1883.

Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose Statement of Town Cons. a/c with this Company for half Year's Season ended this day.

Very truly
Jos Babbett, Secy

D. Minett, Esq.

Statement

	Quay Street	Dublin Street
Indication	7.500	7.100
When replaced for Season	6.500	5.650
consumed	1.000	1.450
		1.000
		2.450
Pat Lamp 8/2	Average	1.295
		23
		3.675
£9.7.10		2450
2-12-0 wages 13 weeks 4/ per week	Total	28.175
£11.19.10		

The following bill was ordered to be paid
Mr James Deane for one years rent of plot of ground at corner of High Street (part of the new Market premises) to 1st November 1883 £2
Michael Sheerins for Salary as Rate Collector £4:0:0
for Stamps used by him as such 2.4

4-2-4
£4:2.4

A Communication was received from the Lords of the Treasury enclosing a form to be filled up and returned in reference to Contribution in lieu of Government property in this Town in lieu of

of Rates. The Rateable value upon which the Contributions was calculated by the Treasurer was £89: 10: 0, which at the Rate of Sixpence in the £ Town Rate struck on the 1st Augt last would amount to £2: 4: 9

It was ordered that the form be filled up and signed by Chairman ~~Clerk~~ and Town Clerk.

Robert J. Wall.

1884

February 4. In consequence of the non-attendance of the Commissioners at the Statutory Meeting this day at 2 O'clock I hereby adjourn the Meeting until Wednesday evening the 6th instant, at 7 O'clock when the advisability of erecting public baths in the town will be taken into consideration

February 6. At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 7 O'clock the following members attended, viz.

Robert Joseph Wall. Esq. in the Chair
William J. Percival
Thomas Pike
James Fraser
Thomas Kenny and
Mathew Byrne.

Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed

The consideration on the advisability of constructing public baths in the town was on the motion of Mr Kenny, seconded by Mr Byrne adjourned until the evening

of the 13th. instant, at 7 O' clock to enable Mr Wall and the Town Clerk to look into the Acts of Parliament bearing on the Subject

February 13. In consequence of the non-attendance of Commissioners the Meeting is hereby adjourned until Monday, the 18th. instant, at 7 O' clock,

February 18. In consequence of a Sufficient number of Commissioners not having attended at the adjourned Statutory Meeting called for this evening, at 7 O' clock, the Meeting stands further adjourned until Monday, the 25th. instant at one clock,

February 25. In consequence of a Sufficient number of Commissioners not having attended at the adjourned Statutory Meeting called for this day at one clock, the Meeting Stands further adjourned until to morrow evening at 7 O' clock

February 26. At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 7 O' clock the following members attended viz:

Robert Joseph Wall. Esq. in the Chair
Thomas Pike
William G. Percival
Thomas Kenny
James Frazer and
Mathew Boylan, Esqrs

The following bills were ordered to be paid

Board of Public Works for Instalment of Loan and Interest £13:3:5

Local Government Board for audit of accounts 3:13-6

Daniel Sinnott for Quarter's Salary as Town Clerk 3-0-0

It was proposed by Mr Boylan and Seconded by Mr Beaver and passed That His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant be respectfully requested to grant permission to hold a Fair in this town on Monday, the 10th March next in place of the Fair not held this month

The Clerk intimated to the meeting that he had carefully perused the Several Acts of Parliament relating to the Construction of Public Baths, and found that the Commissioners had no powers whatever under any Act to borrow money for Such purpose on the Security of the Town Rates

The Motion as to the advisability of erecting public baths in the town was therefore not proceeded with

26/1884

Mar 5. In consequence of a sufficient number of Commissioners not having attended the Statutory Meeting Stands adjourned until Wednesday evening, the 7th instant, at 7 o'clock

Mar 7. In consequence of a Sufficient number of Commissioners not having attended, the adjourned Meeting Stands further adjourned until Friday evening, the 9th instant, at half past 7 o'clock

Mar 9 At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening at half past Seven o'clock the following members attended viz:

Robert Joseph Hall, Esq, D.L. in the Chair
Thomas Pike
James Graves
William G. Perceval
Thomas Kenny
Mathew Doyle, Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed

It was proposed by Mr Perceval,
Seconded by Mr Kenny and passed
That a copying book, at a cost not exceeding 7/-, be Supplied for the use of our clerk

The clerk intimated to the Meeting that in pursuance of instructions he made application, in writing, to Mr Cusack for the amount of Rates due by him, and at Same time furnished him with a list of the holdings in respect of which the Rates are payable, and that Mr Cusack did not reply to same.

It was proposed by Mr Craven,
Seconded by Mr Kenny and passed
That mr Clerk be and is hereby
authorized to engage the services of Mr Ennis
for the purpose of instituting legal proceedings,
by Civil Bill, against Mr Cusack for the recovery
of the Rates due and payable by him.

It was proposed by Mr Craven,
Seconded by Mr Percival and passed,
That tenders be invited for the execution
execution of the following work required to be
done to the new Market premises;

viz:

To clean and paint all the Eave gutters
and down pipes in two coats of paint.
To prepare and paint in two coats the
inside of all the windows back and front
of the large Room over the market premises,
the door leading to said room, ~~and~~ the
Yard Gate and the pillars supporting
the market Shed, and also to repair
all broken Glass

The Clerk Submitted the following
Statement of Rents received by him for
the Market premises.

viz:

1882
January. Received from D. Cole for use and
occupation of Concert Room for 3 nights 1:10:0
March 24 Ditto from Treasurer of St Patricks
Band Association 18 weeks Rent of
Do ending this date at 1/ per week 18:0
" 31 Do. from Wm. Percival, Esq., Chairman of
the Ballingeary Industrial & Provident Society, for
Rent of 3 Stalls (3 months, ending this date 3:15:0
" " Do for 4 months Rent of 4th Stall ending
this date, at 5/ per month. 1-0-0

1884

April 26 - Received from Gulman for use of
Concert hall 1 night 15:0

May 2 " " from D. Cole for use of
" " 6 nights 2:10:0

" " from J. Clarke for use
of " 1 night 1:0:0

£ 11:8:0

Robert J. Wall.

1884

July 7. In consequence of a sufficient number of Commissioners not being in attendance to form a Quorum the Statutory Meeting which was to have been held this day Stands adjourned to Wednesday evening, the 9th. instant, at Eight O'clock

July 9 - At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening at Eight O'clock, the following members attended, viz.

Robert Joseph Wall, J.P. Chairman
James Grant,
Thomas Pike,
Thomas Kenny and
William L. Percival
Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

The Clerk Submitted to the Meeting an Estimate of the probable amount of receipts and expenditure for the ensuing when it was proposed by

Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Pike, and passed unanimously,

That Said Estimate be approved of and notice be given by placards and advertisement of our intention at next Monthly Meeting to make a Rate of Sixpence in the pound on all assessable property within the limits of the town

The following tender, which was the only received, was read.

Balbriggan, 9th July, 1884

To the Chairman of Balbriggan Town Comrs,

Sir - I will undertake to paint the work at the new Market as follows:-

To clean off portcullis, and paint gate with two coats of purple brown outside.

To paint outside of windows with one coat of lead colour and one of brown; Entrance door at Stairs two coats drab, all Gutters, down-pipes and pillars two coats dark lead colour, and to repair two panes of glass, for the Sum of £2-5:0

Respectfully yours
William Corry

It was proposed by Mr Penny, Seconded by Mr Graves and passed.

That if Mr Corry agree to paint the inside of the yard gate and the out side of the four back doors of the new Market in addition to the work mentioned in his tender for the Sum of £2-5, then his tender to be accepted - the work to be done to the Satisfaction of Messrs Graves & Pike

It was proposed by Mr Perceval,
Seconded by Mr Kenny, and passed
That our Clerk be instructed to inform
Mr Ennis that the

On the motion of Mr Pike, Seconded
by Mr Kenny the following bills were
ordered to be paid, viz,

William Daniel, of Mary Street, Dublin,
for Supplying 1 Lamp pillar and
4 Lanterns &c. £5:0:0

Baltriggan Gas Co. for Gas Supplied
to town lamps from 25th Sept 1883
to 31st March 1884, at 6/8 per 1000 feet
viz,

Quay Street consumed	2,000
Dublin Street do	2,900
	4,900
average	2,450 per lamp

23 Public lamps consumed 56,350, at
6/8 per 1000 feet £18-15:8
Lamplighter 26 weeks at 4/- per week 5:4:0
23:19:8

£28:19:8

The Clerk stated to the meeting that he had been paid the following Sums
From Treasury for Contribution in Lieu of Rates £2-4-9
Do. Baltriggan Industrial & Provident Society for 3 months Rent 3:15:0
ditto 1 stall at 3 Stalls to 30 June last 15-0
" St Patks Band Association for 12 weeks Rent of Concert Hall & same date for Band practices 12-0

It was proposed by Mr Fraser,
Seconded by Mr Like and passed
That Messrs Percival and Kenny
be appointed a Committee to Examine
into the State of the two Stables in the
New Market, and to report to the Meeting
what works and repairs they would
recommend to be done thereto.

Robert J. Wall.

1884
August 12. At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the
Town Commissioners held this evening at 7 o'clock
the following members attended, viz:
Robert J. Wall, Esq. in the Chair, Thomas Kenny,
Thomas Like, William G. Percival and James Fraser
Esqrs.
Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed
Proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Like
and passed unanimously.
That a Rate be made of Sixpence in the Pound on all property
assessable within the limits of the Town of Baltriggan,
under the provisions of "The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act. 1854"
and that the arrears of Rate due by Mr Cusack, of Dublin, be
carried forward for collection in New Rate Book, and
that Said Rate be due and payable on the 15th. September, 1884

Read Letter from Gas Company stating that they must decline
Supplying Gas to the public lamps for the Coming Season unless each
Lamp be Supplied with a new Approved Governor, and further
they intend erecting four meters the average burning of which
shall be the amount charged for —
On the proposal of Mr Kenny, Seconded by Mr Percival, the Clerk was
instructed to write to the Gas Co. to ascertain what they mean by an
approved Governor, and to say they wish one to be sent to them for inspection.
The following bill was ordered to be paid
William Lebron, for painting &c. Market Premises £2-5-0

Robert J. Wall

1884

September 17th. At a Special Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening at Seven o'clock the following members attended,

Robert Joseph Wall, B.L. in the Chair
William G. Percival
Thomas Pike
Thomas Kenny and
James Graver, Esqrs

The following Resolution proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Kenny, passed unanimously

That we, as requested by the Gas Co., agree to affix to each of the town lamps a No 4 burner, Suggs patent, and we also agree to pay for Supplying gas to the lamps for the ensuing Season the Same price as paid last year

Proposed by Mr Pike, Seconded by Mr Graver and passed

That 24 burners of Suggs patent, No. 4, be purchased from Messrs Curtis and Son, at 3/= each, less 10 per cent discount for cash

Proposed by Mr Pike, Seconded by Mr Graver, and passed,

That Messrs Kenny and Percival be appointed a Committee to examine into the State of the old Stables in the Market premises, and report at next meeting what works they would recommend to be executed thereon, and give a Specification of Same, and the probable amount which Same will cost.

Proposed by Mr Kenny
Seconded by Mr Fraser and passed
Inasmuch as Complaints have been made in
regard to Band practise of the St Patrick's Band
association in the Large Room of the Market
premises on Saturday nights to the annoyance
of neighbours that our Clerk be instructed to
write to the Secretary to draw his attention
to Same, and to state that permission cannot
be given for Such practise on Such nights,
and that the practise must be confined Solely
to the nights allowed them for Such purpose
in their agreement with us, and not to
Commence earlier than 8 O. clock P.M.

Proposed by Mr Percival,
Seconded by Mr Kenny and passed
That this Meeting Stands adjourned
to Friday evening, the 19th September inst.
at 7 O. clock.

Robert J. Wall.

1882
September 19, At the adjourned meeting
of the Commissioners held this evening
at 7 O. clock the following members
attended, viz:

Robert Joseph Wall, B. L. in the Chair
William G. Percival
Thomas Pike
Mathew Boyle,
Thomas Kenny
and
James Fraser
Esqrs.

Majr Kenny and Percival Stated that, in pursuance of Resolution passed last meeting, they had examined into the present State of the old Stables, new Market, and would recommend the following works by Tender, to be done thereon, namely,

Underpinning front wall, and to make good the masonry of old quoin.

Providing and fixing three new doors

To put in a Stone Step and Sill front door

To colour front wall of old premises

To furnish and fix timber for Strengthening Roof.

The States also required repairs which they would advise to be done a Slater Specially employed,

It was proposed by Mr Pike, Seconded by Mr Percival, and passed

That the works, except the Slating, recommended to be executed on the Stables be carried out, and for that purpose tenders be invited for consideration on Wednesday evening next; the Slating to be done by Special contract

It was proposed by Mr Kenny, Seconded by Mr Boyle, and passed unanimously -

That Messrs Percival and Graves be appointed a deputation to wait upon the Rev Samuel L. Warren and Mr Mark Perrin, the Trustees of the property of the late Becher L. Fleming to ascertain if they would be willing to dispose to the Commissioners the ground upon which the new Market has been built; and if they deem it advisable we authorize them to offer to the Trustees for the purchase thereof a Sum not exceeding £10

Proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Graves, and passed

That our Clerk be instructed to draft a Memorial to the Port and Docks Board, Dublin, respectfully requesting that an additional lamp be placed in the Harbour of Baltriggan - the end of the new pier, and Kept lighted during the whole night from the 1st October to the first January, the fishing Season

Proposed by Mr Pike, Seconded by Mr Kenny, and passed,

That our Clerk be instructed to prepare Memorial to the Commissioners of Irish Lights requesting the erection on the north side of Baltriggan Light House a Shade on the light, different in colour to the white light in front, so as to cover the Gargie Rocks, distant about a mile from the Light House

Proposed by Mr Pike, Seconded by Mr Graves,

That this Meeting Stand adjourned until Wednesday next, the 24th instant, at 12 o'clock

Robert J. Wall

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September 24 - At the adjourned Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 7 O. clock the following members attended viz -

Robert Joseph Wall. B.L. in the Chair
James Graves
Thomas Pike
Thomas Kenny and
William G. Percival
Esqrs.

The Clerk read the drafts of the Memorials to the Port and Docks Board and the Commissioners of Irish Lights, as prepared by him in accordance with the directions of last meeting, when

It was proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Pike, and passed unanimously

That the Memorials as read be approved of, and that the Chairman and Clerk be authorized to sign same, and that the Town Seal be affixed thereto

Proposed by Mr Pike, Seconded by Mr Graves, and passed unanimously

That John Connolly be employed to repair the slating of the old Stables under the Supervision of Messrs Percival and Kenny, and that the Consideration of tenders for the repairs to the premises as Specified in notice be further adjourned until next Monthly Meeting, and tenders be again invited by notice

Robert J. Wall.

1882

October 4th. In consequence of only three Commissioners being in attendance at Statutes Meeting this day, and as five form quorum, the Meeting Stands adjourned to Wednesday evening at 7 O. clock

October 8th/11 - In consequence of only three Commissioners (Messrs Wall, Pike, and Kenny) being attendance, the Statutes Stands further adjourned until Thursday evening, next, at same hour

October 9 - At the adjourned Statutes Meeting of the Down Commissioners held this evening, at 7 O. clock, the following members attended viz -

Robert Joseph Wall, B.L. Chairman
Thomas Kenny
James Fraser
Mathew Borlase and
Thomas ~~Kenny~~ Pike
Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read & confirmed

Mr Kenny gave a minute detail of all the Repairs executed to the town lamps

Robert J. Wall.

Clerk Stated to the Meeting that he had been paid the following Sums

Jas Graham for Rent of Stables to 4th Oct	£4:0:0
Baltic Jan Industrial & Provident society for Rent of Stalls, 3 months to 30 Sept. 84	3:15:0
with 1 Stall	15=0

1882

October 29: At a Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 7 o'clock the following members attended,

Robert Joseph Wall, B.L. in the Chair
William G. Percival
Thomas Kenny
Thomas Pike and
James Fraser and
Mathew Boylan,
Esqrs,

This being the first meeting held since the Annual Election Mr Boylan, one of the elected Commissioners, Signed the Statutory Declaration of acceptance of office.

Mr Wall having vacated the Chair Mr Pike was moved thereto, on the motion of Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Kenny,

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

It was proposed by Mr Boylan, Seconded by Mr Percival and passed unanimously

That Mr Wall be re-elected as Chairman for the ensuing year

The following bills were ordered to be paid.

Messrs W. Curtis & Son, for Supplying	£3-2-9	
Daniel Emmott, for 9 months Salary as Town Clerk	9-0-0	
Ditto for cash advanced by him to pay Small accounts		
Town Rate	£1:11:2	
P.K. Leppard for taking down Town lamps & Supplying burners	5-10	
Mr Guilder for posting bills	3-0	
Mrs Driscoll for cleaning Cons room	3-0	
postages and post cards	6-0	
Book for Cons	9	
Insurance	8-3	
Repairs Clock B. J. Fleming	1-0	2-19-0

The following was read.

Gas Company's Office
10 Oct 1882

Sir,

I beg to inform you for the information of your Town Commissioners that the metres for Town Lamps have been replaced for Season on this date at the following indications viz:

Quay St. 8.500 } feet
Dublin St 8.550 }

Your obt Servt
D. McCarrick
Secty

J. Smyth. Esq.
Town Clerk

Robert J. Wall.

1884
November 6

At an adjourned Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7 O'clock, the following members attended, viz;

Robert Joseph Wall, Esq, B. L.
William J. Percival
Thomas Pike
James Graver
Thomas Kenny
Patrick Lynch and
Mathew Boylon, Esqrs.

This being the first Meeting which Mr Goff attended Since his election as Commissioner at the annual Election on the 15th Ultimo, he Signed his Statutory Declaration of acceptance of office.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed

A bill from Mr P. Murphy, Dresher & Plumber, amount £10:10:11, for repairs done to the Town lamps, was Submitted to the Meeting for payment, and after being considered

It was proposed by Mr Graver,
Seconded by Mr Lynch, and passed

That our Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Murphy to Say that having carefully examined his account we consider the amount entirely too high; that new lamps could have been purchased for the amount, and we are of opinion too much time was occupied in the work, and to ask him to reconsider the different items charged, and make a reduction in the amount, when if found Satisfactory a cheque for payment would be forwarded him

It being stated to the Meeting that it was proposed by the Local Government Board to fix the Town of Ballinagan as the area of charge for the expenses incurred in the Construction of a Sewer in Chapel lane, in this town.

Mr Fraser proposed, Seconded by Mr. Kenny, and passed

That a Memorial be drafted by our clerk to protest against Same, and to ask the Local Govt Board to declare the Dispensary district or at least the Electoral division of Ballinagan as the area of charge for the expenses

The following bills were ordered to be paid

Joseph Keenan for repairing glass of Town lamps	12:6
John McGarvey	7-6
	£1:0:0

Robert J. Wall,

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December 16- At an adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 7 O'clock, the following members attended:-

Robert Joseph Wall, B.L. in the Chair
William G. Percival,
Thomas Kernan
James Fraser
Thomas Pike and
Patrick Lough

Esqrs,

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed

Read letter from Mr P. Murphy, Drogheda, refusing to make any reduction in the amount of his account against the Commissioners.-

After some discussion the Commissioners deducted from the a/c £1-5-11 which they considered to be an overcharge,

and it was then proposed by Mr Percival, seconded by Mr Fraser, and passed

That a cheque be signed for £9-5-0, in favour of Mr Murphy, in payment in full of all claims and demands by him against us for repairs done to the town lamps and materials supplied

Read the following

St Pat's Band Association
Dalkey, 11 Dec 1884

Dear Sir - I am directed by the Committee of the above to apply for the use of the Town Hall on new Year's Eve night to hold therein a ball which is being gotten up by our band. Kindly let me know on what terms the Commissioners will allow the use of the hall for the night named and the purpose specified

Jno Jones
Hon Sec

To Mr Emmet
Town Clerk

P. Clarke
Secy

On the Motion of Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Kenny, it was agreed
That the application be acceeded to on the usual payment of £1 rent -

The Clerk informed the meeting that Mr Duval, thro' his manager, had hired from him the use of the Large Room of the new Market for the purpose of a Concert on the night of the 15th instant, but owing to some negligence on part of his men in not providing in time a Stage and Seats the performance was not given, and the Manager in consequence refused to pay the £1 rent -

It was proposed by Mr Pike, Seconded by Mr Percival, and passed
That Mr Clerk be directed to Mr Duval to demand payment, as the Commissioners fulfilled their part of the agreement by giving him up the use of the Room, and the fact of the Concert not being held was due Solely to himself and his men -

It was also proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Deane and passed
That in future on all hirings of the Concert Room for one or more nights for Concert, Theatrical or Ball purposes the Clerk shall not deliver up the Key of Same to the hirer until he is first paid the rent -

Clerk stated to meeting that a cheque in favor of Local Govt Board for £3-13-6 dated was refused payment at Northern Bank Keese on the 6th inst. being out of date, and a new one was issued in lieu thereof same day which the meeting adopted -

The following Bills were

ordered to be paid

Board of Public Works for instalments of Principal and Interest due 1st May 1882 and 1st November 1882, viz -

Prin. £7-10-0
Int 5:5:3

£12:15:3

Prin £7:10:0
Int 5:4:9

12:14:9

25:10:0
Thos H. Hamlet. Grand Jury less 1:5:1½

The following was read

Balbriggan. 3 Nov 1882

To Mr Daniel Symmott

Dear Sir,

I hereby give notice that the Band room will not be required for the Balbriggan Orchestral union after this week and we shall then give up the Key

Yours truly
Jo Kenny
Robert J. Wall

1885

2nd February 9th – At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7 O. clock, the following members attended, viz:-.

Robert Joseph Wall. B.L. in the Chair
Thomas Kenny.
William C. Percival
Thomas Pike and
James Deane,
Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed
Read the following letter.

55 Mary Street. Dublin,
2nd February. 1885

Daniel Connett. Esq.
Clerk of Commissioners. Baldoyle
Dear Sir, With reference to previous correspondence offering payment of £5 by your Commissioners in Settlement of my account due by them I have again to state I cannot accept less than the full amount, and shall feel much obliged for a cheque for the Sum
Awaiting which
I am Dear Sir
Yours obediently
Wm. Daniel

It was proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Kenny, and passed,

That a new cheque be drawn in favor of Mr Daniel for £5 in payment in full of his account, and that the Crates for which he makes a charge of 4/= be returned him

Proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Kenny, and passed That Mr Deane be paid the Sum of £2 for 1 years rent of plot of Ground at corner of High St. due 1st Instant

Proposed by Mr Fraser, Seconded by Mr Pike and passed

That our Clerk be instructed to purchase a book in which he shall enter the monthly receipts and expenditure of the Commissioners

It was proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Kenny and passed

That a notice be inserted for 3 days in the Freeman's Journal of our intention to let for building purposes the plot of ground at the corner of High Street, held under lease from Mr Fraser; proposals to be received and considered at next Monthly meeting

Proposed by Mr Kenny
Seconded by Mr Pike and passed

That our Clerk be authorized to engage the Services of Mr Ennis for the purpose of instituting legal proceedings by Civil Bill against Mr Cusack for the recovery of the Rates due and demanded from him by Notice duly served on him by Rate Collector

Robert J. Wall.

1885

March 4. At an adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 7 O'clock the following members attended viz;

Robert Joseph Wall. Esq. B.L. in the Chair
William G. Percival
Thomas Pike
Thomas Kenny
Patrick Lynch and
James Graves Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

The Rate collectors account was read from which it appears that the Sum of £71:7:1 has been collected and lodged in Bank, leaving a balance uncollected of £13:14:2. viz: £1:10:10½ from unoccupied premises and ruinous buildings which is found to be irrecoverable and ordered to be struck off, and £11:3:3½ due by Mr Lonnack which is to be carried to next Rate if not sooner paid

The following bill was ordered to be paid.

Michael Shearins for Salary as Rate Collector (½H) and receipt & postage Stamps £H:2:0

A lengthened discussion took place as to the dilapidated state of the Stables in the New Market but no action was taken in the matter except that the Chairman requested Mr Kenny to Examine the premises, and to State at next meeting what he would recommend to be done

It was proposed by Mr Pike, Seconded by Mr Percival, and passed

That Michael Sheerins, Rate Collector
be paid the Sum of Ten Shillings for his
Services proceeding to Dublin, and Serving
notice of Demand for Rates on Mr Cusack

- Robert J. Wall.

1885 June 25th At a Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at half past 7 O'clock, for the transaction of the following business viz:

To approve of an Estimate of the probable amount of Expenses to be incurred in the ensuing year;

To pass accounts.

and to

Elect Commissioners in place of those who have become disqualified,

the following members attended.

Robert Joseph Hall, Esq. P.L. in the Chair
Thomas Pike,
William G. Percival
Thomas Renny and
Mathew Borglen,
Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed The Clerk Submitted to the Meeting an Estimate of the probable amount of receipts and expenditure for the ensuing year, when it was proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Renny and passed

That said Estimate be approved of and notice be given by placards and advertisement in newspaper of our intention at next months meeting to make a Rate of Sixpence in the Pound on all assessable property within the limits of the town -

It was proposed by Mr Kenny
Seconded by Mr Boylan
and passed unanimously
That the Chairman and Mr Pike be appointed a deputation to wait upon the Rev Samuel R. Warren, the acting Trustee of the property of the late Preacher P. Fleming, Esq., to ascertain if he would be willing to dispose of to the Commissioners the ground upon which the new Market has been built, and if they deem it advisable we authorize them on our behalf to offer him as such Trustee for the purchase thereof a Sum of £10.

The Clerk stated to the meeting that the following Sums were received since last meeting -

Dog Tax	£3-2-2
20 weeks Rent of Cement Room by the St Patrick's Band Association	1-0-0
3 months Rent of 4 Stalls in New Market by Chairman of the Ballrickgan Industrial Society	4-10-0
Contribution by Treasurer in lieu of Town Rates	2-4-9
3 months Rent of 4 Stalls in new Market by Chairman of Ballrickgan Industrial Society	4-10-0

The following bills were ordered to be paid Daniel Sinnott for Sums advanced for the payment of the following bills -

To James Stack for preparing Rate Book	2:0:0
P.R. Stafford for Income Tax	14-8
Mr. Sheerins for serving notice on Mr Lawlor Dublin	10-0

Reps of the late Becher P. Fleming for one year's rent of Market	1:0
Pt. Harford, for Paw Rake	1:12:6
Jas Donnelly for taking down town lamps	7-0
Mitto for supplying cock 4 Kgs for market	4
	£ 5:5:6

It was proposed by Mr Like,
Seconded by Mr Kenny and passed unanimously

Board of Public Works for Instalment of Principal and Interest due 1st May, 1885 on Market House Loan. £12:6:8

Local Govt. Board for 2 years audit of the Commissioners account £7:7:0

Balbriggan Gas Co. for
one Season's Gas £17:11:2
Lamp Lighter 25 weeks at 4/- per week 5:0:0 22:11:2

It was proposed by Mr Like,
Seconded by Mr. Kenny, and passed unanimously
That Tenders be invited for the
Execution of the following work.

viz:-

To put into thorough repair the 24 Town lamps, and Keep Same, including glass, in that State for a period of one year, and at the Commencement of the lighting Season to remove from Store room and place in their proper positions thro' the town the said lamps, and on the termination of the season to take down and restore Same.

Indications of Town Lamps as supplied by Secretary of Gas Company

	10 October 1884	31st March 1885	
Quay Street	8.500	10.750 Consumed	2.250
Dublin Street	8.550	10.750 "	2.200
		Average per Lamp.	2.450 ft

Robert J. Wall.

August 7 In consequence of the non attendance of Commissioners at the Statutory Meeting held this day the Meeting stands adjourned

August 16. At an adjourned Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 7 o'clock the following members attended, viz.

Robert Joseph Wall, Esq, D.L. in the Chair
Thomas Lake,
Thomas Kenny,
William G. Percival
Mathew Boylan and
Patrick Lynch,
Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

It was proposed by Mr Percival
Seconded by Mr Kenny and passed unanimously

That a Rate be made of Sixpence in the Pound on all property assessable within the limits of the Town of Balbriggan under the provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, and that said Rate be due and payable on the 18th September 1885

There were two Tenders received for the repairing of the Town lamps for the year, the putting up and taking down of same, and painting same. viz:-

James Donnelly for the sum of £1:15:0
Edward Mc. Cann. the sum of 2:10:0

It was proposed by
Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Kenny
and passed unanimously

That the ~~Contract~~ Tender of James Donnelly be accepted, and payment made in the following manner, namely; 10/= when lamps are put up. repaired and painted,
10/= at Christmas, and
15/= at termination of Season when lamps are stored and if in good repair;

The Clerk Stated that Since last meeting he received the Sum of 20/= from the St Patrick's Band Association, per Secty, for use of Band Room for 20 weeks ending 6th. instant.

Robert J. Wall.

1885
October 1 In consequence of only three Commissioners Mess^rs Wall, Kenny and Percival, attending Statutory meeting this day, and as it requires the attendance of five members to form a Quorum, the Meeting is hereby adjourned until the 12th instant, at 7 O'clock.

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October 12. At an adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 7 O'clock the following members attended.

Robert Joseph Wall. Esq. B. L. in the Chair
William G. Percival
Mathew Boylan
Thomas Kenny
Thomas Pike and
Patrick Lynch. Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed

Copy of Rate Book was signed and handed to Collector for collection

The following was read

October 7th. 1886.

Dear Sir,

I hereby propose to take on Lease from the Town Commissioners the small plot of ground at the corner of High Street and George's Square, and I propose to pay for same the Sum of two guineas per annum.

I request you will be good enough to bring this proposal before the Commissioners at their next meeting.

I am, Sir.

Yours truly,
Wm. G. Percival

To R. Linnott. Esq.
Town Clerk

After a lengthened discussion
It was proposed by Mr Percival
Seconded by Mr Boylan and passed
That Mr Percival's proposal to take on lease the plot of ground at Corner of High street be considered at next monthly meeting

The following bills were ordered to be paid, viz.

Daniel Sinnott, for Eleven months Salary as Town Clerk	£ 11-0:0
Ditto for Cash advanced by him to pay the following small bills	
Post cards to call meetings and for postages	8-0
Advertisement in Freeman relative to letting of plot of ground at High St	1-0
Stationery	1-0
Thom for Electric Bills	1-0
Insurance of Market Premises	8-3
Guildea posting notices	2-0
Mrs Driscoll for cleansing Cms. room	4-0
James Donnelly on account of Contract repairing Lamps	10-0
	£ 12:15:3

Thomas W. Hamlet. for County Grand Jury Cess	£ 1-3-0½
John McDougall, for printing and advertising	3-9-6
James Stack, for preparing Rate Book	2-0-0

Robert J. Wall, Chairman

1885

November 2. Inasmuch as only two members Messrs Wall and Pike attended at Statutory Meeting this day the Meeting Stands adjourned to the 3rd instant, at 7 O'clock.

November 3. In consequence of only three Commissioners Messrs Wall, Kenny and Percival, being in attendance at the adjourned meeting this evening at 7 O'clock, the meeting Stands further adjourned to the 5th instant, at Same hour

November 5th - The adjourned meeting for this evening, at 7 O'clock, Stands further adjourned to the 10th instant, at Same hour, the only members in attendance being Messrs Wall and Percival

November 10th The adjourned meeting not held this evening in consequence of non-attendance of Commissioners.

December 7. In consequence of the non-attendance of the Commissioners at the Statutory meeting held this day the meeting is adjourned to the 9th instant, at 7 O'clock P.M.

December 9 - Adjourned meeting stands further adjourned as only two Commissioners Messrs Wall and Percival were in attendance and meeting Stands further adjourned to the 11th instant, at same hour

1886

January 4. In consequence of non-attendance of the Commissioners the adjourned Statutory meeting stands adjourned to the 5th. instant, at 11 O'clock. P.M.

January 5. In consequence of only one Commissioner, Mr Wall, being in attendance the adjourned meeting was further adjourned to the 7th. instant, at 11 O'clock. P.M.

January 7th. In consequence of only two Commissioners (Messrs Wall & Percival) being in attendance the adjourned meeting was not held

February 1st. The Statutory Monthly Meeting was not held this day in consequence of non-attendance of Members.

March 2. The Statutory Monthly Meeting in consequence of non-attendance of Commissioners was not held this day

April 5. Ditto Ditto

May 3. Ditto Ditto

June 7. Ditto Ditto

July 5 Ditto Ditto

August 2 Ditto Ditto

Septr 6 Ditto Ditto

Octr 4 Ditto Ditto

1886

October 15. The following persons in the nomination of Mr Joseph Wade were duly elected Commissioners without opposition, namely:

Thomas Kenny
Andrew McDonnell
Joseph Wade

November 1. In consequence of the non-attendance of Commissioners I hereby adjourn the statutory Meeting to Wednesday evening, the 3rd. instant, at half past 7 O. clock.

November 3. In consequence of the attendance of only two Commissioners, Messrs Wall and Lynch, in addition to two of the newly elected Commissioners at the adjourn meeting this evening I hereby further adjourn the meeting until Thursday evening, the 11th. instant, at half past 7

November 11. No meeting held this evening in consequence of non-attendance of the Commissioners.

December 6 In consequence of non-attendance of the Commissioners at the statutory Monthly meeting this day I hereby adjourn to Thursday evening, the 16th. instant, at 1/2 past 7 O. clock

Daniel Smith
Clerk to the Baltrieggan
Town Commissioners.

1886

December 16. At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening at 1/2 past 7 O. clock only three members attended, viz. Robt Joseph Wall, and Thomas Kenny and Andrew McDonnell, Esqrs. - and as it requires the attendance of five to form a quorum I hereby further adjourn the meeting to Tuesday evening, the 21st. instant, at same hour

December 21 - Adjourned meeting not held in consequence of non-attendance of Commissioners

1887

January 3. - In consequence of the non-attendance of Commissioners the Statutory meeting is hereby adjourned to Wednesday, the 19th. instant, at half past 7 O. clock P.M.

January 19. At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening, at 1/2 past 7 O. clock. the following members attended, viz.-

Robert Joseph Wall, P.L.
Patrick Lynch
Thomas Kenny
Andrew McDonald
Joseph Wade.

Esqrs.-

This being the first Meeting held since the Annual Election Messrs Kenny, McDonald and Wade the three elected Commissioners signed the Statutory Declaration of acceptance

of office previous to taking their Seats at the Board.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Wm Wall, on the motion of Mr Kenny, seconded by Mr McDonald, was Elected Chairman

The following bills were submitted to the Meeting and ordered to be paid, on the motion of Mr McDonnell, seconded by Mr Goff -

Local Govt Board for audit of accounts	£3-13-6
Comrs of Public Works for three half-yearly instalments due for Principal and Interest on Loan borrowed from them	36:12:9
James Graves, for 2 years rent of plot of ground corner of High Street	4-0-0
John McDougall, for printing and advertising	3-18-0
Michael Sheerins, for salary and postages &c	4-2-5
Patrick Harford for Poor Rate made Sept 1885	1-16-3
Messrs Dase	10-8
Total	£54:13:7

The following Communications received by the Clerk were laid by him before the Board

13 Bachelors Walk, Dublin.

Sir - I am instructed by the Balbriggan Gas Co. Ltd. to apply to you as Town Clerk to the Balbriggan Town Commissioners for immediate payment of £27:0:0 being the amount of account for Gas the particulars of which have been already furnished, and I have to state that unless the above amount be paid to me on or before Thursday next with 6/8

costs I will be obliged to institute proceedings for its recovery

Your obedient
A. J. Bertram
Solicitor

Daniel Sinnott. Esq.
Town Clerk to the Baltrieggan Town Comrs.

The Writ of Summons, Queen's Bench Division, for £27 for Gas supplied by the Baltrieggan Gas Co. to the Baltrieggan Town Commissioners and also for work and labour done by the Plaintiffs for the Defendants at their request, the particulars of which are as follows.

Supplying Gas to 24 Public Lamps from 7th September 1885 to 1st April, 1886.
6,300 cubic feet at 6/8 per 1000 £21-4-0
Lamp lighters wages 29 weeks
at 4/- per week, from 7th Sept. 1885
to 1st April, 1886. 5-16-0

£ 27-0-0

Served upon 18th December, 1886 a Town Clerk commanding an appearance to be made in the above Action in the above action within Eight days from date of Service.

Also Notices from the Trustees of the late Becket P. Flemming relative to alleged breaches of the covenants of the lease of the new Market.

also the following notice
Served upon him

In the High Court of Justice in Ireland
Queens Bench Division

The Balbriggan Gas Company Limited
and
The Town Commissioners of the Town of Balbriggan constituted under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 by Daniel Sinnott their Town Clerk

Saturday 15th January 1887.
On motion of M. Burke of Counsel for Plaintiffs:
On hearing affidavit of John McJarlock read;
Whereby it appears that the Plaintiffs obtained a judgment in this Court and Division against the Defendants on the 3rd day of January 1887 for the sum of £27 debt besides £8:8:0 for costs making together the sum of £35:8:8, that the said Judgment is still unsatisfied and the entire amount thereof due to the Plaintiffs:
And it further appearing that the Northern Banking Company having an office or place of business in the Town of Balbriggan are indebted to the Defendants in the sum of £50 and upwards on foot of Defendants current account with said Bank. It is ordered that the said debt of £50 and upwards so due to the said defendants by the said Northern Banking Company do stand attached to the extent of and to answer in payment of the said judgment debt in this cause: and that the said Northern Banking Company do attend before this Court and division on Saturday the 22nd day of January 1887, at the hour of eleven O. clock in the forenoon, and shew cause why they should not pay to the Plaintiffs in this cause so much of the said debt so due by them to the Defendants as shall be sufficient to satisfy the said judgment debt in this cause, serving this order upon the Northern Banking Company and upon the Defendants on or before Wednesday the 19th day of January 1887

Andrew J. Botham
Solicitor

By the Court
Charles P. Blackham

1887
February 7. In consequence of the non-attendance of Commissioners at the Statutory Monthly Meeting it is hereby adjourned to Wednesday the 16th instant. at half past 7 O. clock

February 16. In consequence of only four Commissioners Messrs Wall. Kenny. Boylan and Lynch. attending at the adjourned meeting and as it requires five members to constitute a meeting it is hereby adjourned to Thursday evening the 17th instant. at 1/2 past 7 O. clock

Robert J. Wall.
Chairman

1887
February 17. At an adjourned meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening. at half past 7 O. clock the following members attended. viz.

Robert Joseph Wall. Esq. B. L. in the Chair
Thomas Kenny
Andrew Mc Donnell
Patrick Lynch and
Joseph Wade and
Mathew Boylan, Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

It was brought under the notice of the Commissioners that Messrs Michael Heeney and John Keller having for the space of Six months after their respective appointments as Commissioners neglected to make the usual Statutory Declaration of acceptance of office have thereby become disqualified from acting as Commissioners.

It was also Stated Mr James Graves not having attended any of the meetings during six months in Succession has thereby become disqualified from acting as Commissioner.

It was proposed by Mr Kenny, Seconded by Mr Keyes, and passed unanimously.

That Mr William J. Cunniston be elected a Commissioner in place of Mr Michael Heeney who has ceased to become a Commissioner, he having for the Space of Six months after his appointment as such neglected to make and Subscribe the Declaration required by the Statute

It was proposed by Mr Boyle, Seconded by Mr McDonald, and passed unanimously.

That Mr William J. Percival be elected a Commissioner in place of Mr John Kell, who has ceased to become a Commissioner, he having for the Space of Six months after his appointment as Such neglected to make and Subscribe the Declaration required by the Statute

The following was read

Town Commissioners Office, Baltimore,
1st February, 1887.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by my Commissioners to state that they are willing to enter into an agreement with your Board of Directors for the lighting of the Town Lamps for the remainder of the Season on the same terms and Conditions as to prices, order of lighting and extinguishing and Labour to be employed in such, as for Season 1885-1886. An early reply will oblige

Yours truly Daniel Sinnott
Town Clerk

John McGarock
Secretary
Baltimore Gas Co

Gas Company's office,
Balbriggan. 2nd February 1852

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 1st instant I am instructed by my Directors to inform you that they are willing to supply gas to the Town Lamps for the remainder of the present Season on the same terms as heretofore, viz. by Meter at 6/8 per 1,000 cubic feet - Lighting, cleaning and extinguishing lamps at the rate of 4/- per week.

Yours Sincerely
J. McGarock
Secty Gas Co

To
Mr Daniel Sinnott. Town Clerk

It was proposed by Mr Kenny, Seconded by Mr Wade and passed unanimously

That the offer of the Balbriggan Gas Company as notified in their Communication of the 2nd instant be accepted, and that the ~~town~~ lamps be forthwith repaired and put up through the town -

It was proposed by Mr Kenny, Seconded by Mr Boylan and passed,

That this Meeting stand adjourned to Wednesday the 3rd instant, at half past Seven o'clock

1887

February 23 - In consequence of only three Commissioners attending at the adjourned Meeting this evening, and as it requires five members to form a quorum the meeting is hereby adjourned to the evening of the 24th. instant, at half past 7 O. clock -

February 24 - At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening, at half past 7 O. clock, the following members attended.

Robert Joseph Hall. Esq. B. L. in the Chair
Thomas Kenny
Patrick Lynch
Andrew McDonald
Joseph Wade
William J. Cumisky and
William Ly. Perceival,
Esqrs -

Messrs Cumisky and Perceival Signed the usual Statutory Declarations of acceptance of Office of Commissioners.

The following was read -

Gas Company's office,
Ballsbridge, 24th. Feby. 1887.

Dear Sir

- I beg to inform you that the meters for the Town Lamps have been replaced for the remainder of the Season, at following indications on this date -

Viz - Quay st. 13.500
Dublin street 13.300

Yours Dear Sir your obt. servt.
R. Mc Carock
Secty Gas Co

Mr Daniel Cunnock
Town Clerk

The following was also read and ordered to be held over for further consideration

To the Baltriggan Town Commissioners

Gentlemen,

Shall I take the necessary proceedings against Mr Thomas A. Cusack for the recovery of the Rate made in August, 1885. due by him out of his property Situate in this Town – I have served him with the usual printed notice to which he has made no reply –

Gentlemen

Your obedient servant

Michael Sherrins

Collector

Baltriggan February 1887

The Chairman Signed the usual form of application to Treasury for Contribution by way of Bounty in lieu of Towns Improvement Rate for Government Property in this Town for the year ending 25th March, 1886.

1887

March 7. In consequence of the non-attendance of Commissioners the Statutory Meeting is hereby adjourned until Tuesday evening, the 8th instant, at Six O'clock

March 8. In consequence of the non-attendance of the Commissioners at the adjourned meeting this Evening, at 1/2 past 7 O'clock, the meeting stands adjourned to Wednesday evening, the 9th instant, at 1/2 past 7 O'clock

March 9 – In consequence of only two Commissioners; Messrs Wall & McDonnell, being in attendance at the adjourned meeting this evening at half past 7 O'clock, the meeting is further adjourned to the evening of the 15th inst. at same hour

Robert J. Wall. Chairman

69 1887

March 15. At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at half past 7 o'clock the following members attended. viz.

Robert Joseph Wall. Esq. B. L. in the Chair
Thomas Kenny
William J. Cunniffe
William Sy. Percival
Andrew McConnell and
Patrick Lynch.

Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed

The following documents were laid before the Commissioners for consideration

To the Secretary of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners

Sir,

We request that you will be good enough to submit to the Town Commissioners of Balbriggan the following application which we as Trustees of the Will of the late Peake P. Fleming are constrained to make

Mr Fleming as you are doubtless aware demised the plot of ground on which the new Market House stands to the Commissioners at a rent of 1/= per annum on condition that a public Market should be held there at least three days in every week.

The Lease provided that in the event of no Market being held for the Space of One month the premises should revert to the lessor or his representatives

For a long time back no attempt has been made to hold such a Market and we therefore feel that it is our duty to call on the Commissioners to surrender the premises to us as representatives of Mr Fleming.

Faithfully yours
Samuel P. Warren
Henry Fisher
} Trustees

Balbriggan. Feb. 24. 1886.

To The Commissioners for the Town of Baltrizgan appointed under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854. and all other persons interested in the under mentioned Indenture

Whereas by Indenture dated the 23rd day of January, 1877. Beecher Piteairn Fleming demised and granted unto the Commissioners for the town of Baltrizgan appointed under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854 the plot of ground in the Town of Baltrizgan in said Indenture particularly described To Hold the same unto the said Commissioners and their successors for Ever subject to the yearly rent therein mentioned and also subject to the covenants by the Grantees and Conditions therein contained and particularly to the following Covenants, viz.

1. That the said Commissioners shall within two years from the date of the said Indenture convert the said premises into a Market for the accommodation of persons resorting thereto and should use the same as such Market.

2. That the said plot of ground and premises should be used solely for the purpose of a public market and the accommodation of persons resorting thereto for the sale and purchase of the commodities in said Indenture mentioned and for no other purpose whatsoever without the consent in writing of the said Beecher Piteairn Fleming his heirs and assigns but under the Control and management of the said Town Commissioners and their Successors and subject to such rules and regulations as they should or might from time to time make in relation thereto.

3. That the said premises should be Kept

open for at least 3 days in every week for the accommodation of the public as aforesaid

4. That the profits of the Market should be ~~kept apart and~~ expended solely upon improvements within the Town of Baltrigegan.

5. That a Seperate account of the receipts and disbursements of said Market as aforesaid and of the expenditure of the profits thereof duly vouched audited and authenticated on or before the 1st. of October in each year should be Kept by the Commissioners and their Successors and should at all times be open for the inspection of the said Becket Pitcairn Fleming his heirs and assigns and should be published with the other accounts of the Commissioners and the same Indenture contained a proviso that if there should be a breach of the Covenants therein before contained on the part of the Commissioners or their Successors or if the said premises shall be closed as such public Market at any time for the space of one month except for some good and sufficient reason then and in any such case it should be lawful for the said Becket Pitcairn Fleming his heirs or assigns to re-enter upon the same premises and the same to have again

Now we hereby give you notice that you the above-named Commissioners have been guilty of the following breaches of the aforesaid Covenants and Conditions, viz.

1. The said Plot of ground and premises has without Consent in writing of the said Becket Pitcairn Fleming his heirs or assigns for several months past been used for purposes other than the purposes of a public Market and the accommodation of persons resorting thereto for the sale and purchase of the Commodities in the said Indenture mentioned,

B. The said premises have not been kept open for at least 3 days in every week during the present year for the accommodation of the public as aforesaid

C. No seperate account of the receipts and disbursements of the said Market or of the expenditure of the profits thereof has been kept by you during the present year nor has any such account been open during the present year for the inspection of us the lawful assigns of the said Beckard Pitcairn Fleming

D. The said premises have during the present year been closed as such public market for the space of one month and upwards without any good or sufficient reason

And we hereby require you without delay to remedy the aforesaid ~~remedies~~ breaches so far as same are capable of remedy by re-opening the said premises and using and continuing to use the same as a public market in accordance with the said Covenants and conditions and by keeping and publishing a special account in accordance with the said Covenant in that behalf and allowing the same to be open at all times for our inspection and we also require you to pay us the sum of £20 or some other proper and reasonable sum as Compensation for the aforesaid breaches of the covenant

Dated this 20th day of Nov 1886

Samuel P. Warren, Clk,
Henry Hyde

Trustees and Executors of the Will of the late Beckar Pitcairn Fleming

The Clerk stated that the following sum had been received and lodged in Bank since last meeting, viz - For one years Rent due by Collins, Govan Industrial Society ending 31 March 1887 - £18

After a lengthened discussion it was decided to take no action in the matter

-Robert J. Wall.-

1887

July 11. At an adjourned Statutory meeting of the Commissioners held this evening at 7.30 the following members attended, viz-

Robert Joseph Wall. P.L. in the Chair.
Thomas Kenny
William J. Cumisky
Andrew Mc Donald
Patrick Lynch.

Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Clerk Submitted to the meeting an Estimate of the probable amount of receipts and expenditure for the ensuing year, when it was proposed by Mr Cumisky, Seconded by Mr McDonald, and passed unanimously.

That the Estimate as read be approved of, and that Notice be given by placards and advertisements of our intention at next Monthly meeting to make a Rate of Sixpence in the Pound on all assessable property within the limits of the Town.

It was proposed by Mr Cumisky Seconded by Mr Kenny, and passed unanimously

That the attention of Parliament be called to the fact that the Hosiery Manufacturers of Germany, England, &c. do Stamp the name "Baltriggan" on their goods to the great detriment and loss of this Town, and that we the Town Commissioners of Baltriggan call on our County and City members to get a clause

inserted in the Merchandise Marks Law Consolidation and Amendment act now before the House of Commons to hinder the name "Baltrizgan" being stamped on any Hosiery, Boxes, or Wrappers, unless the hosiery contained therein be manufactured in Baltrizgan, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Right Hon.ble Baron Sandhurst, Chairman of the Committee for Amendment of the Merchandise Marks Law Consolidation act

The following bills were ordered to be paid, viz:-

Patrick Hartford, Poor Rate collector, for Poor Rate assessed on Market premises, 2nd. September, 1886.	£1:7:6
Commissioners of Public Works, for instalment of loan and interest, due 1st. May last	11:11:10
Baltrizgan Gas Company, for Gas supplied to Town Lamps to 1st. April last	2:16:0
Daniel Sinnott, for 21 months Salary as Town Clerk ending this date	21:0:0
Ditto for Cash advanced by him to pay the following small bills viz-	
James Donnelly for balance of a/c repairing Town Lamps	£1:5:0
Miss Heney, for lock & key for market	8
Income Tax	10-8
Insurance of Market premises	8-3
Rent of new Market, 2 years,	2-0
Mr Quilder for bringing Rate books from Baltrothan Workhouse for purpose of making out list of voters	1-0
Postage for returning same	6
	£2-8:1
	36:15:4

Brought forward £		36:15:4
Brought forward	£2:8:1	
Noticing Commissioners' meetings, Stationery and postage	4-0	
~~James Bracewell~~ for repairing Town Lamps and putting up Gas Lamps	10-0	
Grand Jury Cess	1-4-1	
James Carr taking down and storing town lamps	5:0	
		4:11:2
	£	41:6:6

The Clerk stated that the following sums were received and lodged in Bank since last meeting.

Baltinglass Industrial and Provident Society for 3 months rent of Market Stall ending 30th June, 1887. £ 3:15:0

St Patrick's Band Association, 4th weeks rent to 18th May last 2:7:0

The Clerk also stated that Mr Percival, Chairman of the Baltinglass Industrial Society, gave him up possession of the stall, next to the gate of the new market, on the 31st March last, and which had been held by him as such Chairman as Quarterly tenant at 15/- per Quarter.

Robert J. Wall,
Chairman.

1887

August 1. In consequence of the non-attendance of Commissioners at the statutory meeting held this day at 12 o'clock Sharkey adjourn the meeting to Tuesday evening, the 2nd instant. at 7:30 o'clock.

Al Sinnott

August 2. In consequence of the non-attendance of Commissioners at the adjourned meeting called this evening at 7:30 o'clock Sharkey further adjourn the meeting to Wednesday evening, 3rd instant, at same hour.

Al Sinnott

August 3. In consequence of only one Commissioner, R. J. Wall, Esq., being in attendance at the adjourned meeting summoned this evening, at 7:30 the meeting stands further adjourned to Thursday evening, the 4th instant, at same hour.

August 4.

1887
August 4. At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7:30 the following Commissioners attended, viz.

Robert Joseph Wall, Esq., B.L. in the Chair
William J. Cumisky
Thomas Kenny
William G. Percival
Andrew McDonald
Joseph Wade

Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

The following Resolution was proposed by Mr Cumisky, seconded by Mr McDonald, and passed unanimously

That a Rate be made of Sixpence in the Pound on all assessable property within the Town of Ballriggan under the provisions of "The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854", and that said Rate shall be due and payable on the 12th September, 1887

Clerk reported that a Sum of £6:0:3 Petty sessions fines had been received and lodged in Bank since last meeting.

The Rate Collector's account was read from which it appears that a Sum of £70:8:6 was collected and lodged in Bank for Rate made 11th August, 1885, leaving a balance uncollected of £4:8:5½, viz. £1:17:1½ from unoccupied premises, premises in occupation of the Commissioners and ruinous buildings, and £2:11:4 Arrears due by Mr Cusack.

It was proposed by Mr Percival seconded by Mr Kenny, and

carried unanimously.

That the arrears of Rate, £2:11:4. due by Mr Lusack be carried forward for collection in New Rate Book.

The following Resolution was proposed by Mr McDonald, Seconded by Mr Wade, and passed unanimously.

That Messrs Percival and Kenny be appointed a Committee to examine into the State of the town lamps and be empowered to get all necessary repairs done previous to putting them up, and be further commissioned to purchase new lamps in place of any found not worth repairing, and that they make the necessary arrangements for the lighting of the Town for the ensuing Season

Robert J. Wall.

1887

September 5. In consequence of the non-attendance of Commissioners at the Statutory meeting this day I hereby in pursuance of the "Towns Improvement Act. 1854" and the other acts incorporated therewith and under the powers invested in me in that behalf as Town Clerk R adjourn the meeting to the 6th. instant. at 7:30 p.m.

Daniel Sinnott
Town Clerk R

September 6. At the adjourned Statutory meeting of the Town Commissioners Summoned for this evening, at 7:30 the following members only attended viz Messrs R. J. Wall, chairman, and Andw McDonald, and as five constitute a quorum the meeting was adjourned to morrow (Wednesday) evening, at same hour

Robert J. Wall
Chairman

CHAS. M. TUITE, C.E.,
Architect.

BALROTHERY UNION.
ARDEE DO.

Office:
DALYMOUNT COTTAGE,

DROGHEDA, 21st June 1897

re Proposed New Public Hall
Balbriggan

Dear Sir

I am very much obliged to your Commissioners for the favour they have done of enquiring my charge for preparing plans & Specification of your proposed New Hall. I have pleasure in informing you that I will give all architectural services required and mentioned in yours of 20th inst. making all necessary copies for lodgment for the purposes of the loan for a fee of 2½ per cent on the Estimated Cost of the works. & if it is desired I will name a fixed sum when I am in a position to know about what the requirements of your Commissioners are. I will be happy to meet them any day in the coming week Hoping to hear from you if Monday or Tuesday would meet their convenience at noon

I Remain Yours truly
Charles M. Tuite

Daniel P. Simott Esq
Town Clerk, Balbriggan

P.S. I have in Dundalk on business for the last two days otherwise I would have written sooner.

Law Department.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS,

DUBLIN, 24 JUN 1897 189

Service - Public Health. ✱✱

R. O. No. _____

Sale due _____ AY 1897

Amount. £ 4 : 19 : 11

Sir,

It is reported to me that you have omitted to pay the above, although the Accountant forwarded to you in due course a Receivable Order for the purpose.

Unless within 14 days from this date you lodge the amount to the credit of the Commissioners of Public Works in the Bank of Ireland or the Receivable Order sent to you, I am directed to have proceedings taken against you without further intimation.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Wm. M. Kane

Solicitor.

To

The Town Clerk

Balbriggan

CHAS. M. TUITE, C.E.,
Architect.

BALROTHERY UNION.
ARDEE Do.

Office:
DALYMOUNT COTTAGE,

DROGHEDA, 5th July 1897

Dear Sir,

I once be happy to prepare preliminary drawings, estimate and whatever other papers are required to accompany the memorial of your Commissioners in the matter of the proposed new Town Hall for the sum of six guineas (£6:6:0)

With thanks I remain

Yours truly

Charles M Tuite

Daniel Sinnott Esq.
Town Clerk
Balbriggan.

Proposed by
Mr Graham
Seconded by Mr Parker
acceded to

Read Application from
Jas Kestrange. Proposed
to rent a Stall in the new
Market for the purpose
of carrying on Bakery trades
On the motion of Mr Graham,
seconded by Mr Parker, it was
agreed to accede to the Application
at a rent of
at 2/6 a week.

Peter Street-

14 July 97.

Dear Sir

I beg leave to—
apply for one of the Stalls
now vacant in St Kevins St
at present as I intend to
carry on a shop in the
Bakery trade & hopely
from you as soon as possible
will oblige me very much

yours. respectively

James Q. Estranger

Peter Neural

Douglass

Frederick Shaw,

Architect & Surveyor.

20 Laurence Street,

Drogheda 14 Oct. 1899

Dear Sir,

I have recd. two estimates for ventilation of the Town Hall. The 1st from Boyle & Son £29. I considered too much. The 2nd I recd this morning from Kinipi of Limerick for £17. The price provided in the specification is £15 so the Town Commissioners will be required to sanction an extra of £2. I have on former occasions used Kinipi ventilation materials & have always found them satisfactory.

Yours faithfully

Fred. Shaw

Daniel Limott Esq.
Town Clerk
Balbriggan

Frederick Shaw,
Architect & Surveyor.
20 Laurence Street,
Drogheda 19 Oct. 1899

re Town Hall, Ventilation

Dear Sir,

I do not understand some of your commissioners objecting to the additional £2. for cost. The building must be ventilated as arranged. The B of Works architect made a point of this. The commissioners, of course, may adopt any course they like. In the meantime the contractor will be delayed in completing the work for he cannot close roof or ceiling till the vent. shafts are in.

Any day except tomorrow & Tuesday will suit me to meet the commissioners.

Yours faithfully
Fred. Shaw

Daniel Grimott Esq
Balbriggan

Frederick Shaw,

Architect & Surveyor.

20 Laurence Street,

Drogheda 6 Nov. 1899

Town Hall, Balbriggan

Dear Sir,

I find that the cost of the cheapest class of gas fittings - i.e. 1 pendant, 3 gaseliers or coronas, & 7 wall brackets will be about £10. To this must be added cost of gas fires, meter &c. I cannot recommend the commissioners to use incandescent burners in the large hall. The constant renewal of mantles will cost more than the saving in gas. Incandescent lights might be used with advantage in the Passages & Board room. The experience in the Whitworth hall, here of the incandescent light is unsatisfactory. In the case of stage plays the light should be almost quite out except on the stage. I would suggest that the commissioners should procure 3 pendants of 8 or 9 jets each for the large Hall. Only one of these need be used for stage performances, & then only before the play starts, & the remainder during balls &c.

I hope to have the work nearly completed by the end of this month.

Yours faithfully

Fred. Shaw

Daniel Kinsella Esq

Town Clerk

Balbriggan.

Frederick Shaw,

Architect & Surveyor.

20 Laurence Street,

Drogheda 31st Oct 1899

Dear Sir,

I will be obliged if you will kindly request your Board to let me have a cheque for £2 35 on account of Balbriggan Town Hall.

Yours faithfully

Fred. Shaw

Daniel Simott Esq

Town Clerk

Balbriggan

Frederick Shaw,
Architect & Surveyor.

41 Laurence Street
(opposite Bank of Ireland),
Drogheda

27 Mar 1899

Balbriggan Town Hall

Dear Sir,

On inspecting the above work last Thursday I found a difference of 2 feet in the levels of the ground at end of hall & adjoining yard. This could not be seen at the time the plot was measured owing to the old walls. This difference in level necessitates building the footings 2 feet lower than was intended & a consequent extra 2 feet in the wall over. The extra masonry amounts to 5 cube yards. Cost £2-15-0. According to a resolution passed by your board, it is necessary to get their consent to this extra item.

I wish to draw your attention to the dispensary gable. It was thought when the plans were first prepared that we would be allowed to build on the gable. Our wall rises about 2 feet higher. May the contractor build as intended? If he has to build an independent wall, it will be on iron joists & will cost £2.17-6. I enclose the contractors prices for these items which must be marked in the order for extra work.

Yours faithfully
Fred. Shaw

David Sinnott Esq.
Town Clerks office
Balbriggan

1887

September 12. At the adjourned meeting held this evening, at 7:30, the following Commissioners attended, viz.

Robert Joseph Wall, Esq., in the Chair
Thomas Kenny.
William Fg. Percival
Andrew McDonald
Joseph Wade
Patrick Lyoff

Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed
The following was read

Baltriggan. 5th September. 1887

To Baltriggan Town Commissioners -

Gentlemen. Upon the following ground I beg leave respectfully to apply to you for an increase to my salary as Rate collector, namely. That the Salary I am at present receiving is entirely too small for the immense labour to be performed in the collection of the Rates and in the preparation of the Rate account for inspection of Auditor.

I beg to add that in consequence of the Commissioners not having struck a Rate last year I was paid no Salary for that year.

The increase asked for is not meant to be permanent, but only for such period as will recoup for the non-payment of Salary last year.

Hoping you will give my application your Kind Consideration.

I am Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant
Michl Sherins
Collector

It was proposed by Mr Kenny.
Seconded by Mr Percival and passed -
Inasmuch as no Rate was made by the Commissioners last year and as there is a likelihood that additional trouble will be given in the collection of this year's Rate that the Collector be allowed the sum of £5 for the collection of the Rate for this year only -

1887
October 3. Monthly Meeting not held this day in consequence of non-attendance of Commissioners.

1887
October 15. At the annual Election of Commissioners this day there being no person nominated the retiring Commissioners, Mathew Boylan, William Cumisky and Patrick Gough were re-elected in accordance with the provisions of the Statute in that behalf made and provided

November 7 - The monthly Statutory meeting not held this day in consequence of non-attendance of Commissioners.

December 5 - The monthly Statutory meeting not held this day in consequence of non-attendance of Commissioners.

1888
January 2. In consequence of the non-attendance of Commissioners at the monthly Statutory meeting this day I hereby adjourn the meeting to the evening of the 9th instant at 7 O'clock

1888

January 9 - In consequence of only Three Commissioners, ~~Messrs~~ Cumisky, Percival and Wall, being in attendance at the adjourned meeting this evening and as it requires five members to form a quorum it was not held

February 6 - In consequence of the non-attendance of Commissioners at the monthly statutory meeting this day I hereby in pursuance of "The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854" and the other acts incorporated therewith and under the powers invested in me in that behalf as Clerk to the Commissioners adjourn the meeting to the evening of the 7th instant at 7.30 o'clock.

Robert J. Wall.

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February 7th At the adjourned Statutory meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 7. 30 o'clock the following Commissioners attended.

Robert Joseph Wall, B.L.
William Ly. Percival
William Cumisky.
Andrew McDonald
Joseph Wade and
Patrick Lynch.

Messrs Cumisky and Lynch made the usual Declarations of acceptance of office as Com.rs.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

The Chair was taken by Mr Wall.

This being the first meeting of the Commissioners held since the annual Election

It was proposed by Mr Cumisky, Seconded by Mr Mc. Donald and passed unanimously.

That Mr Kenny be elected Chairman until the 15th October, 1888.

Proposed by Mr Goff. Seconded by Mr Wade. and passed unanimously.

That Mr Cumisky be appointed Chairman to this Meeting.

Mr Wall having vacated the Chair it was taken by Mr Cumisky.

The Clerk reported to the meeting that in the months of November last the lamp post opposite Mr Malone's premises in Dublin street had been knocked down and broken owing to a car belonging to Mr Daniel Reilly, of Westbourgh, having come into collision with same, and that he had acquainted the fact to Mr Reilly, who promised to replace it.

Mr Percival stated that by directions of Mr Reilly he had purchased a lamp post to replace the one broken, and that it would be erected without delay. But inasmuch as the one broken had been a number of years erected and did not require much force to break it, being nearly worn out at the time of the accidence, he thought but fair that Mr Reilly should be allowed something towards the purchase of the new one.

After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Wall, seconded by Mr Goff, and passed unanimously.

That upon the completion of the erection of the new lamp post in the place where the old one stood Mr Reilly be paid the Sum of One pound towards its cost and the expenses in connection with the putting up thereof.

The Rate Collector's account was read, from which it appears that the sum of £69:13:2 has been collected and lodged in Bank, leaving a balance uncollected of £9:9:9, namely, £1:16:10½ from unoccupied premises and ruinous buildings; £4:17:4½ due by Mr Cusack; £2:10:0 due by the Rates of St. McEvoy, and 5/6 due by Miss Anne Jane Comerford.

It was proposed by Mr Percival, seconded by Mr Wade, and passed unanimously,

That the Sum of £1:16:10½ for ruinous buildings and unoccupied houses be struck off said list being irrecoverable; that the sum of 5/6 due by Miss Comerford be also struck off for the same reason; that the sum of £2:10:0 due by the Rates of St. McEvoy be

carried as arrears in new Rate Book for this year unless sooner paid, and that the Rate Collector be instructed to proceed to Dublin to effect service of Statutory notice of demand of Rate upon Mr Lusack, and that he be allowed a fee of 7/6 for the service thereof.

The following bills were submitted and ordered to be paid, viz,

Michael Sheerin for collecting Rate for year 1887	£ 5 : 0 : 0	
Ditto for postage & receipt Stamps	1 : 7	
Commissioners of Public Works, for 1/2 years instalment of Principal, £ and Interest, £ due on loan 1 Nov 1887 -	11 : 12 : 2	
Local Government Board for one year's audit of accounts	3 : 13 : 6	
W. Curtis & Son, for gas pressures	7 : 1	
Joseph Bolland, for printing Rate books	11 : 2	
Daniel Sinnott, Townclerk, for cash advanced by him to pay the following small accounts, viz -		
July 3rd J. Guilden for posting bills relative to Rate to be made	6	
Ditto of Rate having been made	6	
" Great Northern Railway for carriage of gas burners	4	
" Wm Keogh, Manager of Gas Works for repairing and putting up town lamps	10-0	
" Insurance of new Market	8-3	
" Posting voters lists and Election bills	1-6	
" Grand Jury Cess	1-3-4½	
" Post cards and postages for meetings of Cmrs. Since 4th. July 1887	1-6	
Cleansing Cmrs' office, 1 year	3-0	2 : 8 : 11½

The following was read.

Balbriggan Industrial & Provident Society Limd
Ferrers Square, Balbriggan
9th. December 1887

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Committee of this Society to ask that you will be good enough to lay before your Commissioners at your earliest convenience our request that they would grant a reduction in the rent of the stalls we hold in the new market premises. The present rent of £5 each presses very heavily on us at present and the Committee think that it would be but fair that a reduction of £1 per stall per annum should be made.

Hoping for a favorable reply.

I am

Yours truly
Thomas Hayes
pro Secty

Addressed. Dom Feb R -

After some discussion it was ordered that the foregoing letter be marked "Read"

Jno. G. Percival
Chairman of the Meeting
Augt. 1st 1888

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March — Owing to the non-attendance of the Commissioners the Statutory meeting ~~month~~ was not held.

April — Statutory Monthly meeting not held owing to the non-attendance of the Commissioners.

May — Statutory Monthly meeting not held in consequence of the non-attendance of Commissioners

June — Statutory Monthly meeting not held in consequence of the non-attendance of the Commissioners

July — Statutory Monthly meeting not held owing to the non-attendance of the Commissioners.

July 31 — A Special Meeting of the Commissioners, in pursuance of requisition, was Summoned for this evening, when the following members attended, viz. Robert J. Wall, Patrick Lynch, William J. Percival Joseph Wade and Andrew McDonald. Esqrs. It was agreed that the meeting Stand adjourned to Tuesday evening, the 7th August 1888, at the hour of 7:30.

1888

August 1. At an adjourned Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7:30 o'clock, the following members attended, viz.

Robert Joseph Wall
Andrew McDonald
William Sy. Percival
Joseph Wade and
Patrick Lynch

Esqrs.

It was proposed by Mr Wall,
Seconded by Mr Wade, and passed unanimously,
That Mr Percival do take the Chair

The following letter was laid before the meeting

Balbriggan, July 31. 1888.

To the Town Commissioners
of Balbriggan -

Gentlemen - I beg to apply for permission to rent the waste plot of ground at the end of the Market House for the purpose of erecting a cowshed inside the old walls also to put a door leading into High street so as to have no communication with the present market, for which I propose to pay 30/- per annt.

I am respectfully
James Lynch -

It was ordered the foregoing be marked "Read".

Letter from Gas Co. enclosing account for £33-14:3 for last Quarters Gas Supplied to the Town Lamps was also read, and there being no explanation given as to the cause of the large increase in the Consumption of the Gas for the Season

It was proposed by Mr Wall.
Seconded by Mr Wade, and passed unanimously

That our Clerk be directed to write to the Gas Company requesting that a deputation from the Directors of the Gas Co. be appointed to meet the Town Commissioners at a Meeting to be held on Monday evening, the 7th instant, at 7: 30 for the purpose of arranging the future terms for lighting the town lamps and also with reference to the large sum charged in the Statement of account furnished for last Seasons gas.

A discussion took place as to the appointment of additional fairs, and it being considered that the holding of same would be a great benefit to the town.

It was proposed by Mr Wall. Seconded by Mr McDonald, and passed unanimously,

That two additional fairs be established in the town and that the Second Monday in August and the first Monday in November be appointed as the days for holding same, and that the necessary means be given to give publicity to the arrangement by advertisements, placards and otherwise, and that Messrs Cumisky, Lynagh and Wade be desired to make a collection in the town towards paying the expenses of publicity and giving encouragement to persons to bring cattle to the fairs

The Rate Collector stated to the Meeting that the Receiver of Mr McCann Estate had paid the amount of Rate upon Mr. McCann's property less 5/- charged on old Market House, which he refused to pay on the grounds that it was unoccupied during the year - and such being the fact the Sum was ordered by the Commissioners to be struck off and added to the list of irrecoverable arrears

On the motion of Mr Goff,
Seconded by Mr McDonald,
the following bills were ordered
to be paid, viz.

Board of Public Works for
Instalment of Loan and Interest
due on Loan to 1st May 1888 £ 11:8:5
James Graves, for one years
Rent of plot of ground at
Corner of Height street to Nore last 2:0:0
Patrick Harford, for one
years Poor Rate due on new
Market, Rate struck Sept 1887 1-12-6
James Stack, clerk of union,
for preparing Rate Books
for year 1887 2-0-0.

The clerk intimated to the meeting that Mr Cusack had not as yet replied to the Notice of Demand of Rate served upon him by Rate Collector on the 22nd May last.

It was proposed by Mr Wall, Seconded by Mr McDonald, and passed unanimously.

That Mr Clerk be authorized to engaged the service of Mr Ennis, Solicitor, for the purpose of instituting legal proceedings by Civil Bill against Mr Cusack for the Recovery of the Rates due and demanded from him by Notice duly served on him by Rate Collector.

The clerk stated that the following Sums have been received since last meeting.

£ of Dog Licences	1:6:2
Rent of Band Room	1:0:0
Rent of 3 Stalls held by the Ballitore Industrial & Provident society	7:10:0
Rate due by the Repss of the late Mr Mahony	2:5:0

Thomas Kenny.

1888.

August 1. Meeting continued

It was proposed by Mr Wade
seconded by Mr Lynch and passed unanimously.
That this Meeting stand adjourned
to Tuesday the 7th instant, at 7 O'clock

August 7. At the adjourned Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7 O'clock
the following members attended, viz.

Thomas Kenny Esq in the Chair
William Ly. Percival
Robert Joseph Wall, B.L.
Andrew McDonald
Joseph Wade
Patrick Lynch.

Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

Messrs J. W. Hamlet and Francis McGowen attended the Meeting, as a deputation from the Directors of the Gas Co. for the purpose of making arrangements for the future lighting of the Town, as also with reference to the large increase in their account, furnished for this years consumption of gas.

The deputation stated they attended on behalf of the Gas Co, in compliance with a resolution of the Commissioners, passed at last meeting, and that before making any statement as to the account they would wish to hear the observations of the Commissioners as to why they objected to pay the amount of the account furnished.

The Commissioners then stated their grounds of objection to the payment and went fully into the whole matter as to

cause of the increase

After a lengthened discussion it was agreed to by the Commissioners for peace and without prejudice in the settlement of the account to offer the Gas Co in full settlement of their claim the Sum of £27

The Deputation then withdrew stating they would lay the whole matter before their Directors at a meeting to be held the following night, that they were not authorised to take less than £30.

The following was read

Ballyfoggan Industrial & Provident Society
Ballyfoggan, 4th. inst. 1888

Gentlemen,

I am desired by the Committee of this Society to again apply to you for a reduction in the rent of the Stalls in the new market premises occupied by them. Owing to the falling off in the business of the Society for a considerable time past they feel that unless the rent is reduced they must procure cheaper premises for the purpose of their business.

They are satisfied to pay at the rate of £12 per annum for three stalls but feel unable to pay more.

Hoping the Commissioners will take this matter into their favourable consideration

I am obedient servant
Thos Hayes
Secretary

The Ballyfoggan Town Comrs.

It was proposed by Mr Wall,
Seconded by Mr McDonald, and passed unanimously.

That a reduction of the Rent of the premises be conceded to so far as reducing the present Rent for one year from £15 to £13 per annum, the reduction to take place from the last Quarterly gale day (30th June 1888) after the expiration of that period the Rent to be the same as formerly, namely £15 a year.

The following was also read

Balliggan.
14th August. 1888

Dear Sir,

I hereby apply to rent on lease from your Commissioners the spare ground at the end of the Market Premises, for which I beg to offer the sum of £2 per annum, and upon which I undertake to spend £50 for converting same into a timber store or cottages.

I would thank you to bring this application before your Commissioners on Monday next at your monthly Meeting

Yours truly,
Wm. Percival

To Mr D. Sinnott
Innkeeper

After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Wade, Seconded by Mr Wall, and passed.

That this meeting stand adjourned to Wednesday next, at 8 o'clock

for the purpose of receiving a reply from the Gas Co. as to whether they will accept of the offer of £27 made by the Commissioners in settlement of their account and also for the purpose of considering the advisability of letting the plot of ground at the corner of the new Market premises for building purposes -

The following Account was ordered to be paid.

Daniel Sinnott. Town Clerk, for cash advanced by him to pay the following bills.

Michael Sheerin for proceeding to Dublin and serving Mr Cusack with a notice of Demand of Rate	7: 6
Commission for taking down Town lamps	5: 0
Rept P. L. Fleming. one years Rent of New Market	1- 0
Great Northern Railway. for carriage of voters lists	4
	13:10

Thomas Kenny
31st August 1888

1888

August 30. At a Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 8 o'clock the following members attended.

Thomas Kenny, Esq. in the Chair
William G. Percival
William Cunisky
Andrew McDonald and
Patrick Gough,
Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed

Gas Company's office,
Baltriggan,
8th August, 1888.

Dear Sir,

I am desired by my Directors to inform you that at their meeting on yesterday evening they fully considered the offer of £27 made by the Town Commissioners as a Settlement of their gas account and after giving the matter their best consideration they decided not to accept less than £30 the sum named by the deputation (Messrs Hamlet and McGowen) without prejudice on Monday Evening to you Commissioners

I am

Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

John McGeough

Secty

Mr D. Sinnott,
Town Clerk.

It was proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr McDonald, and passed unanimously,

That the following Statement as read be adopted and forwarded by Mr Clerk to the Directors of the Gas Company -

Town Commissioners' Office.
Baltriggan. 31st August, 1888

Dear Sir,

My Commissioners having had under their consideration at a special meeting held this evening your letter of the 8th instant intimating that your Directors decline to accept less than £30 in settlement of their account, furnished for this year's consumption of gas I am desired to forward for the information of your Directors the following observations of my Commissioners in reference thereto and as to why they object to pay that amount.

The Commissioners state that the only item in dispute is the sum of £3 which is an increase in the year's account for 1886. That the account shows that 23 lamps were lighted this year for 28 weeks, 5 days, with one lamp for 6 weeks and 4 days whereas in the year 1886 the whole 24 lamps were lighted for 29 weeks. That altho' the lighting was for two days longer and for one lamp more still the quantity of gas consumed in that year was less, by 16,900 feet, than what is charged for this year. The number of feet of gas stated to have been consumed this year in the meter lamps at Quay street and Dublin street is respectively 2,500 and 14,500, shewing an increase of 2,000 feet.

The Commissioners on looking over the gas account for the previous five years found that in the year

1884 there was a difference of 50 feet
1885 no difference
1886 a difference of 200 feet
1887 a difference of 150 feet

That they therefore consider it most extraordinary that there should be such a large increase this year, as the Commissioners have no doubt of the accuracy of the meters. The question therefore to be explained is how one registered 2000 feet more than the other, assuming both to be correct.

The Gas Company argue that the Dublin street Meter Lamps being situated at a higher elevation than the one in Quay street the pressure caused by such elevation would account for the difference. Now this argument would at least be reasonable if the old burners were still in use, but inasmuch as new patent "Governors" were put up in all the Lamps, including the meter ones, in the month of September 1884, by the Commissioners at the request of the Gas Co, it would be impossible that the difference between the meters in one year should exceed 100 feet or thereabouts, except in the case of a leakage.

From circumstances which have come to the Knowledge of the Commissioners they have good grounds to believe that the cause of the large quantity of gas registered as having passed thro' the Dublin street meter was caused by boys jumping on the flag or covering of the meter, thereby causing the light to go out and allowing the gas to escape by reason of the cock not being turned off, an escape which most probably would not be discovered till the gas-lighter would be on his rounds the following night. This easy extinguishing of the light was due to the imperfect setting of the meter in the ground by the Gas Co.

The Gas Co's employees, from reports

made to them, and of their own Knowledge knew that boys were in the habit of putting out the light of this meter-lamps, and on other occasions, during moon-lit nights, of turning the cock and lighting the lamps. It was their bounden duty to have seen to this matter and as far as possible have prevented the cause of escape, more especially as the person who lights and extinguishes the lamps is in the employment of the Gas Company and not under the control of the Commissioners.

It is therefore unjust that the Commissioners should be called on to pay for Gas which was wasted in the manner above described in consequence of the negligence of the Gas Company's own officials.

Further the Commissioners contend that when the arrangement was entered into in the year 1884 it was not understood by them that Gas which could be proved to have been not honestly consumed should be charged for.

The Commissioners have since learned with much surprise that the Gas manager, in making examination of the Dublin Street meter lamps at the close of the Gas Season, found that a large leakage of gas had occurred, owing to a hole having been in the gas pipe between the meter and the cock. It is very strange indeed that the Gas Co. have not informed the Commissioners of the fact.

Even assuming that the Commissioners are legally liable to pay for the 2,000 feet of gas - the difference between the two meters -

they cannot understand on what grounds or basis the Company have charged the average 1,000 feet, as having been consumed by each of the other 22 lamps, when it is quite evident that the extra consumption was in the Dublin street meter lamps only and caused in the manner already described.

The Commissioners therefore recommend that the sum of £2 7s which includes 13/4 for the extra 2,000 feet as appears registered in the Dublin street meter be offered to the Gas Company, for peace and without prejudice in the settlement of their account.

I am,

Dear Sir,

Faithfully yours

Daniel Sinnott

Town Clerk

To Mr John McGarock,

Secretary Ballinasloe Gas Co.

Thomas Kennedy

5th Sep. 1888

1888
September 5. At an adjourned Statutory meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at the hour of 8 o'clock. The following members attended. viz.

Thomas Kenny, Esq. in the Chair
William Cunniffe
William G. Percival
Andrew McDonald
Patrick Lynch and
Joseph Wade, Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The following was read

Gas Company's office,
Ballinasloe,
5th September 1888

Dear Sir,

I have to inform you that my Directors at their meeting on Monday evening read communication from Town Commissioners in reference to Gas account, After considerable discussion it was agreed with reluctance to accept the Sum offered, namely £27 in full payment of the account for the year ending the 31st March, 1888.

I am, Dear Sir.

Yours faithfully
J. McGarock
Secty

Mr D. Smith. Town Clerk —

It was proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Wade and passed unanimously —

That a cheque be drawn in favour of the Gas Co. for the Sum of £27 in full payment and discharge of Gas account for year ending 31st March 1888

It was proposed by Mr Lynch, Seconded by Mr McDonald and passed unanimously

Resolved - That Mr Percival, with the Chairman, be appointed a deputation to wait upon the Directors of the Gas Co. for the purpose of making arrangements and agreeing to terms for the lighting of the town lamps for the coming season, and that the Clerk communicate with the Secretary of the Gas Co, for the purpose of asking the Directors to fix an hour to-morrow evening for receiving the deputation.

The following Notice was handed in

I beg to give notice of my intention at your next meeting to move to have the resolution establishing the August fair rescinded and varied insomuch as that in future it should be held on the first Monday in August, and I further give notice of my intention to move a resolution establishing a new fair on March 29

Signed, W. J. Cumiskey

It was proposed by Mr Lynch, Seconded by Mr Wade, and passed unanimously

That this Meeting stand adjourned to the evening of the 7th instant, at 8 O'clock

1888
Sept 7. At the adjourned meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 8 O. clock the following members attended.

Thomas Kenny. Esq. in the Chair
Andrew McDonald
Patrick Lynch
William Comiskey
William G. Percival Esqrs

Messrs Percival and the Chairman who had been appointed a deputation to wait upon the Directors of the Gas Co. to arrange for the lighting of the town lamps for the Coming season stated that they attended a Special meeting called by the Directors on the 6th instant for that object, and it was proposed by the latter Body.

That four meters be used in future on the public lamps and that the average register of gas consumed be paid for at 6/3 per 1,000 cubic feet - that uniform burners be used in all the lamps - that a Rent of one shilling per meter be charged for each Quarter in use, and that one of the meters be placed inside the new Market premises at the corner of High street.
One in Quay street.
One in Mill Street, and
one in Dublin street.

In the event of not being able to procure a suitable safe place in Dublin street the Commissioners to purchase at their own expense a meter to affix to the arm of the lamp post in that street at
and that an agreement to the above effect be drawn and signed by both parties

It was proposed by Mr McDonald, seconded by Mr Lyon gh, and passed unanimously.

That the terms as proposed by the Gas. Co. for the lighting of the town lamps be accepted, viz. 6/3 per 1000 cubic feet and one Shilling a Quarter meter Rent for each meter in use, and that the other arrangements as to the erection of meters be agreed to and carried out

Thomas Kenny

8th Oct. 1888

1888
October 18. At an adjourned Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 8 O' clock, the following members attended viz.

Thomas Kenny, Esq. in the Chair
~~William Cunningham~~
Andrew McDonald
Joseph Wade
Patrick Lynch and
William G. Percival, Esqrs.

Mr Percival attended and made the Esqrs Statutory Declaration of acceptance of office as Commissioner

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Mr Percival, on behalf Mr Cunningham who was absent, moved

That the Resolution of the 1st August 1888. establishing the August fair be rescinded and varied insomuch as that in future the fair shall be held on the 29th July instead of the 2nd Monday of August,

and

That an additional fair be established in the Town on the 29th March.

The Resolution being seconded by Mr Wade passed unanimously.

The following bills were ordered to be paid Namely,

Thos. W. Hamlet for Grand Jury Cess	£1-1-11½
Wm. O. Porter for Public lamps (Six)	4-4-0
Local Govt Board, for audit	3-0-0
Daniel Reilly, allowed him per Resolution dated 4th Octr. 1888 for erection of new lamps in Dalkey street	1-0-0
Daniel Sinnott, for 15 Months Salary as Town Clerk ending 4 Octr 1888	15-0-0
Ditto for cash advanced by him to pay the following small bills	

Brought forward £24:5-11½

Insurance of Market premises	8-3
D. Guildea for bringing Rate Books from Kirkhouse to Dundee	
Dundee to make out list of voters	1-6
Posting notices of Electors and Election	1-6
~~Cleansing Commissioners Office repeat~~	~~3-0~~
Horse for Election forms Notices to Commissioners	1-0
Summoning Meetings &c, stationery and postages	7-3
	19:6

£25-5-5½

Thomas Kenny
8th Nov. 1888

1888

November 8 - At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 8 O'clock, the following members attended, viz.

Thomas Kenny, Esq, in the Chair
Andrew Mc Donnell
William George Percival
Joseph Wade
Robert Joseph Wall
Patrick Lynch.

Esqrs -

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

It was proposed by Mr Kenny, Seconded by Mr Lynch, and passed unanimously.

That Mr Cumisky be elected Chairman for year ending 15th October next.

Referring to the arrangement entered into between the Gas Co. and the Town Commissioners for the lighting of the town lamps

It was proposed by Mr Wall, Seconded by Mr Lynch, and passed unanimously.

That Messrs Kenny and Percival be deputed to employ a proper person forthwith to erect a meter upon the arm of the lamp at Mr Malone's, Dublin Street, and do all works necessary for the proper lighting of the town, and that Mr Clerk be instructed to write to the Gas Co. to request that they will without further delay proceed with their part of the arrangement in the regard to the lighting of the town lamps.

Cheque was ordered to be drawn in favor of Town Clerk for Cash advanced by him to pay following bills

Gas Meter Co. for supplying gas meter	19-6
Pocock. Thomas & Co. for glazing lamps	15-8
	£ 1-15-2

1888

December 3- In consequence of the non-attendance of the Commissioners at the Statutory Meeting this day at 12 o'clock I hereby, as their Clerk, under the powers invested in me in that behalf adjourn the meeting to to-morrow (Tuesday) evening at 8 o. clock.

December 4- At the adjourned Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 8 o. clock the following members attended, viz.

William Cunnick Esq. in the Chair
Patrick Lynch
Joseph Wade
Alexander McDonnell
Thomas Kenny
William J. Peterstal
Robert J. Wall.

Esqrs.

Mr Cunnick in appropriate terms thanked the Commissioners for the great compliment paid him in Electing him Chairman of this body.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting an Estimate of the probable amount of receipts and Expenditure for the Ensuing year, when it was

proposed Mr McDonald,

Seconded by Mr Wade and passed unanimously,

That the Estimate be held over for Consideration at next meeting.

Mr Kenny gave notice that at next meeting he would propose that the vacant Seats at the Board be filled

C J Cunnick

1889
January . In consequence of the non-attendance of the Commissioners the Statutory Monthly Meeting summoned for this day was not held.

1889
February 4. At the Statutory Meeting of the Commissioners held this day the following members attended, viz.
William J. Cumiskey, Esq. in the Chair.
Alexander McDonald
Thomas Kenny
Joseph Wade
Patrick Keogh,
Esquires.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr McDonald, seconded by Mr Kenny, and passed unanimously.

Resolved -

"That we, the Town Commissioners of Ballingarane offer our heartfelt sympathy to William O'Brien in the sufferings which he is nobly undergoing in the cause of Ireland,

"That we record our protest against the shameful treatment to which he has been subjected in the name of Law; that we do so the more especially believing it to be prompted by private spite and malice.

"That we appeal to the justice-loving people of England to condemn the coercion policy of the present Government, as administered by Balfour.

That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Mr O'Brien and to Mr Blane, M.P., our County Member.

Mr E. Hayes made application for use of the Band Room in the new Market for the purpose of giving a dramatic entertainment.

It was proposed by Mr Kenny, seconded by Mr Wade, and passed unanimously.

That the application be acceded to on the payment of £1.

It was proposed by Mr Wade, seconded by Mr Lynagh, and passed unanimously.

That this Meeting Stand adjourned until Monday Evening, the 5th instant, at 7:30 o'clock.

1889

February 5. At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Commissioners Summoned for this evening at 7:30 o'clock the following members only attended, namely, Messrs Wall, McDonnell and Peterson, and as five constitute a quorum the Meeting Stands adjourned to Tuesday evening, the 6th instant, at 8 o'clock.

February 6. At the adjourned Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Commissioners held this Evening, at 8 o'clock, the following members attended, viz:—

William J. Cunisky, Esq. in the Chair
Robert Joseph Wall, Esq.
Thomas Kenny
Andrew McDonald
Joseph Wade
Patrick Lynagh.

Esquires.

The Clerk read the following:

Dublin, 1st December, 1888.

Sir,

Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Acts 1871 & 1872 I forward herewith to be laid before the Town Commissioners of Baltrigazan an abstract of their accounts for the year ended the 15th October last; together with a copy of my Report to the Local Government Board for Ireland upon the State of the accounts.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant
Wm. McDermott
Govt Auditor

Daniel Sinnott, Esq,
Clerk to Town Commissioners
Baltrigazan

Dublin, 1st December, 1888,

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report to you that I have audited the accounts of the Town Commissioners of Baltrigazan for the year ended the 15th October, 1888, and pursuant to the Statute, I forward herewith an abstract of the accounts as certified by me.

The accounts submitted to me were prepared by the Secretary to the Town Commissioners, Mr Sinnott, who appears to have discharged his duties in relation to them with his customary accuracy and intelligence.

I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant
Wm. McDermott

To the Local Government Board,
Custom House, Dublin.

The Clerk Submitted to the Meeting an Estimate of the probable amount of receipts and expenditure for the ensuing year.
When it was proposed by Mr McDonald, Seconded by Mr Wall, and passed unanimously.
Resolved -
That the Estimate as read be approved of, and that notice be given by placards and advertisement of our intention at next months Meeting to make a Rate of Fourpence in the pound on all assessable property within the limits of the town

The Clerk intimated to the meeting that the following Sums were received and lodged in Bank since last Meeting.

Baltiggan St Patricks Band Association for 2½ weeks Rent of Band Room	£1-7-0
Baltiggan Industrial and Provident Society. for 3 months Rent of 3 Shops	3:5:0
£	4:12:0

On the Motion of Mr Wall, Seconded by Mr Goff. the following bills due by the Commissioners were ordered to be paid -

Board of Public Works for Instalment of Principal and Interest due on Loan up to 1st November, 1888.	£11:5:7
James Grace, for one years rent of plot of ground at corner of Highst	2:0:0
Daniel Sinnott. Town Clerk, for cash advanced by him to pay the following Small accounts	
John McGarvey for repairing lamps &c	£1-8-6
Jo Reams. for do	8-0 1-16-6
	£15:2:1

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March 14. In consequence of the non-attendance of Commissioners at the Statutory Meeting this day, at 12 O'clock, I hereby as their Clerk under the powers vested in me in that behalf in pursuance of "The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854" and the other acts incorporated therewith ~~and under the~~ I hereby

March 14. At an adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7 O'clock, the following members attended viz.

William J. Cumisky, Esq. in the Chair
William G. Percival
Andrew McDonald
Joseph Wade
Patrick Lynch
Robert Joseph Wall
Thomas Kenny,
Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Mr Joseph Charley attended and made the usual Statutory Declaration of acceptance of office as Commissioner and took his Seat at the Board.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Percival and seconded by Mr McDonald and passed unanimously.

That a Rate be made of Fourpence in the Pound on all assessable property

within the Town of Balbriggan under and in accordance with the provisions of "The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854", and that said Rate shall be due and payable on the 18th. April, 1889, and that the usual legal notices in relation thereto be published

August, 13. At a Special Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening, at 7 O. clock, the only members attending being Messrs Cunningham and Sharkey, and as five constitute a Quorum the Meeting Stands adjourned to the 21st August, 1889, at 8 O. clock P.M.

21 August, 1889

At the adjourned Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 8 o'clock, the following Town Commissioners attended, viz.

William J. Cunnisk, Esq. in the Chair
Robert Joseph Wall, B.L.
William G. Percival
Andrew McDonald
Patrick Lynch,
Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The following letter was read.

Balbriggan Gas Mills, Hosiery Co.
July 8th, 1889

Application for further lights

To the Town Commissioners
Balbriggan.

Gentlemen, We beg to draw your attention to the absence of any gas lights on the Railway Embankment approaching this factory from the tunnel underneath the Railway. This causes great inconvenience to our employees, especially in long and winter nights. We may mention that we large amounts in weekly wages to our employees, the majority of which returns to the Shopkeepers and Householders thereby benefiting the rate-payers in general - Should this application meet with your Sanction we would suggest that it is a suitable time to make the connections for the same, as the gas works are now closed for improvements.

Yours faithfully
Reeds Temple & Co

It was proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Wall, and passed unanimously.

That the letter as read be acceded to so far as to erect a lamp at the east end of the Railway tunnel, Subject to the permission of the Railway Company, provided that Messrs Berdo and Dempster erect another lamp outside their factory or at close to their premises, as owing to the long intervening space of embankment one light would be of little or no Service, and that Mr Clerk be instructed to write to them to this effect.

The following resolution, proposed by Mr Kenny Seconded by Mr Lynch, was also passed unanimously.

That Mr Clerk be instructed to write to the Directors of the Great Northern Railway as to great danger to passengers passing through the Tunnel and Embankment of their Railway Station here for the want of a lamp, as a number of bad characters congregate there at night, followed by language and acts of gross impropriety, accidents are also likely to occur owing to the want of light

It was proposed by Mr Wall, Seconded by Mr Lynch, and Passed unanimously -

That five new town lamps in place of five condemned be purchased and erected, to be Similar in every way with those bought last year.

Proposed by Mr Wall, Seconded by Mr Lynch, and passed unanimously -

That Messrs Percival and Kenny be appointed a committe to take the necessary steps for the lighting of the town lamps from 1st September next,

The Rate collector's account was read from which it appears that the sum of £47:5:6 has been collected and lodged in Bank, leaving a balance uncollected of £8:12:11, namely £2:4:3 from unoccupied premises and ruinous buildings; £6:8:1 due by Mr Cusack.

The Clerk was directed to hand back to the Rate Collector the list of uncollected rates for the purpose of having a Statutory Declaration made by him and returned to the Comrs as to the correctness thereof.

It was proposed by Mr Kenny, Seconded by Mr Percival, and passed unanimously -

That the Clerk be authorized to engage the Services of Mr Ennis, Solicitor for the purpose of instituting legal proceedings by Civil Bill against Mr Cusack for the recovery of the Rates due and demanded from him

The following bills were submitted, and on the motion of
Seconded by Mr were ordered to be paid
viz -

Board of Public of Works for Instalment of Principal and Interest to 1st May 1859,	£10:19:4
Local Govt Board for Audit 1888	3:0:0
James Stack, Poor Rate Collector for preparing Rate Book,	2:0:0
Michael Sheerins for Salary as Rate collector (£4) and Stamps	4:1-0
Daniel Sinnott for cash paid by him to pay small bills: as per account-	1:8:11
Gas Company	15:18:3
Total	£37:7:6

D. Sinnott's account of cash advanced by him to pay small bills, viz -

carriage of barrel from Straglea	4
Ditto	4
P. Walsh, cleansings market house sheets	1-6
W. Curtis for gas burners	18 6
P.O. Order Hastage	3
B. Somers for putting pane of glass in comps	2-0
Removing 24 lamps from Fort	5-0
Repts of B. P. Flemond for 1 year's Rent of Market to Jany 1859	1-0
	£1:8:11

The Clerk submitted Bank Book and stated that the following Sums appeared therein Since last meeting.

Poor Rate	£47:5:6
Rent paid by Baltinglass Industrial and Provident Society to 30 June 1889	6.10-0
Ditto by St Patricks Band Association	17:0
Dog Tax	1-8.2
Total	56:0:8

Consumption of Gas by Town Lamps from the 23rd November 1888 to the 1st April. 1889

Statement of Metres at Commencement of the Year		Statement of Metres at close of Season		Number of feet Consumed,
Quay Street	11.500	Quay Street	13.200	1-700
High Street	21.700	High Street	23.400	1-700
Drogheda St	100	Drogheda St	1-800	1.700
Dublin St.	—0—	Dublin St	1-300	1.300
		~~Average~~		6.400

24 Lamps (Average $\frac{1600}{}$) = 38.400 ft Consumed

Signed,

James McGarock
Secty Gas Company

C J Cumisky

Referring to Resolution of the 7th August, 1888, by which the Rent of the holding of the Balbriggan Industrial & Provident Society Fund was reduced £2 per year a discussion ensued as to the making of the reduction permanent owing to the depressed state of trade, when it was proposed by Mr Wall, seconded by Mr McDonnell and passed unanimously that the reduction as made by resolution of 7th August 1888 on said holding be permanent and that the rent of said holding be £3-5-0 per Quarter from 30th Inst

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September 20. At a Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this Evening, at 7 O'clock, for the purpose of meeting a Deputation from the Balbriggan Band Association to discuss and recommend, if approved of, the advisability of acquiring by purchase or otherwise the present old Market House in the Fair Green, and Converting it into a public Town Hall, and of doing anything that may be considered necessary for that purpose; and for the transaction of General business and all such business as may be brought before the Meeting, the following members attended, viz.

William J. Cumiskey, Esq. in the Chair
William J. Percival
Joseph Wade
Robert Joseph Wall
Andrew McDonald

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

The Clerk stated that in compliance with directions given at last meeting he wrote the following letters

Town Commissioners' office, Balbriggan.
22nd August, 1889,

To the Directors of the
Great Northern Railway.

Gentlemen. I am directed by my Commissioners to draw your attention to the great necessity of erecting a lamp on the embankment of your Railway Station in this town, at the east side of the tunnel.

My Commissioners have been extensively memorialized by the Ratepayers to use their influence in this matter. They desire to state that, owing to the want of light passengers through the tunnel and along the embankment are subject to personal danger, as a number of bad characters congregate there at night, followed of course by language and acts of gross impropriety, and that accidents are also likely to occur in consequence of the dangerous slopes of the embankment.

The Commissioners will feel extremely grateful on behalf of the Ratepayers if you will kindly accede to their prayer. The cost of lighting would be more than compensated for by the improvement and safety of the place.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant
Daniel Sinnott, Town Clerk

Town Commissioners' office,
Balbriggan, 19th September, 1889.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by my Commissioners to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th. July last, advocating the erection of a

lamps upon the Railway Embankment, and to State, in reply, that they are willing to erect one at the east end of the tunnel, on the following conditions only, viz - that you will also erect another lamp outside your factory or as close to your own premises, as, owing to the long intervening space of embankment, one light would be of little or no service. On a receipt of a reply acceding to these conditions my Commissioners will proceed with the erection and lighting of the lamps which you have suggested.

The Erection of the lamps, of Course, would be subject to the approval of the Railway Company.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant
Daniel Linnett
Secretary

Messrs Reeds, Semple & Co
Balbriggan Sea Mills

The following in reply to No. 1 letter was read,

Great Northern Railway Co.
Secty's Department, Amiens St Terminus.
Dublin. 17th September. 1889

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 22nd Ultimo relative to the necessity of a lamp being erected on the Embankment at the east side of the tunnel at Balbriggan, has been laid before the Directors, and I am instructed to inform you that they

conceive that this is more a matter for the Town Commissioners than for the Railway Company.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant
D. Culverwell
Secretary

Daniel Sinnott, Esq,
Town Clerk, Baltriggan,

No reply was received to No. 2 letter.

The Commissioners having perused the Lease, dated 23rd January, 1877. by which the late Becker P. Fleming, Esq. demised and granted unto the Commissioners the plot of ground upon which the new Market now stands, situate in George's Square, in said Indenture of lease particularly described to hold the same unto the said Commissioners and their Successors for ever subject to the yearly rent therein mentioned and also subject to the covenants and conditions therein.

It was proposed by Mr Percival, seconded by Mr Goff, and passed unanimously,

That our Clerk be instructed to wait upon Mr Gerald Deane, Solicitor, to ascertain what his charge would be for drawing up and obtaining the opinion and advice of a Queen's Counsel thereon a statement relative to the alleged breaches of the covenants and conditions contained in the foregoing lease as served upon the Commissioners by the Trustees of the Will of the said Becker P. Fleming in the month of November 1886. and also as to what rights, powers and authority the Commissioners possess under said lease, and whether the Commissioners can convert any part of the demised premises into a Town Hall or Concert Hall or other

purposes, the Sum not to exceed £ 3:3:0 (including his own and Counsel's fees) and if he agree to those terms he be authorized to proceed with the matter forthwith.

Read Memorial from Some of the inhabitants of George's Hill relative to the necessity of a Lamp to being erected in that Street.

It was proposed by Mr Wall, Seconded by Mr Percival and passed unanimously.

That the Memorial read be held over for Consideration at next meeting.

Received deputation from St Patricks Band Association (Messrs David Ellis, Joseph Keenan and James Gough) who urged the advisability of the Commissioners renting the Market House in the Fair Green, there not being at present a Suitable Place for any Sort of amusement in the Town.

The Commissioners after hearing the views of the deputation acquainted them that a resolution had been just passed at their Board authorising the Opinion of Counsel to be taken as to whether part of the new Market premises could be converted into a Town Hall without being an infringement of the lease, and if Such could be accomplished it would in every way be more suitable than the one in the fair green

The following bills were ordered to be paid

W. O'Brien, Abbey Street, Dublin, for Making 5 Strong copper lamps with trap doors at 14/- each £3:10:0

Messrs Brooks Thomas & Co Sackville St Dublin for glazing same 19:10

£ 4:9:10

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October 7. C. J. Kennedy

The Monthly Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners not held this day in consequence of the non-attendance of Members.

October 14. At a Special of the Commissioners held this evening, at 8 O'clock, pursuant to Requisition of five Commissioners, the following members only attended, Messrs Joseph Sharkey Joseph Wade, and as five constitute a quorum I hereby as Town Clerk under the powers vested in me in that behalf to Tuesday evening, the 22nd October, 1889, at 7:30 O'clock

C. J. Kennedy

October 15. The following persons on the nomination of Mr Thomas Kenny were duly elected Commissioners without opposition, namely.

Thomas Kenny, Andrew Mc Donald and Joseph Wade

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October 22. At an adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 8 O. clock, the following members attended.

William J. Cumisky, Esq. in the Chair
William Ly. Percival
Patrick Lynch
Joseph Wade
Thomas Kenny,
Esqrs.

This being the first meeting held since the annual Election Messrs Wade and Kenny two of the elected Commissioners attended and made the usual Statutory Declarations of acceptance of office as Commissioners

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Chairman brought before the Meeting the advisability of selecting other dates for the holding of the new fairs as the present dates were found to be unsuitable and clashed with the fairs in the neighbouring towns. He then read several Decisions he had received from both buyers and sellers on the Subject.

Mr John King, of Portmore, who was in attendance, gave valuable assistance as to the Selection of dates.

After some discussion Mr Percival gave notice that he would at next Meeting move that the different Resolutions Establishing the new

fairs be varied in so much as that in future they shall be held on the following dates

January	24th.
February	28th.
March	28th.
May	23rd.
October	24th.
November	28th.
December	15th.

Irish Conference on Railway and Canal Rates.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a circular on the subject received from the Committee in Dublin

After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Percival, seconded by Mr Lynch, and passed unanimously,

That our Clerk reply to the circular and state that we sympathise with the object of the Conference and will support the movement in every possible way and that we authorize the Committee to enter us as objectors under the Railway & Canal Traffic Acts, but we regret we are unable to contribute any portion of the town rate towards the expenses of the conferences and the furtherance of the movement,

The following bills were ordered to be paid

Daniel Sinnott. for 12 months salary as Town Clerk £12-0-0

Ditto to pay Small accounts
Cleansing Commissioners
Room for 2 years 6-6
Insurance 8-3
Posting notices 2-0
Summoning Commissioners
meetings 7-6
Stationary 6

1. 4-3

The Clerk Stated that the following Sums had been lodged in Bank to the credit of the Commissioners Since last Meeting.

Ist fines £7-15-0
for Rent
from Baltiboggan
Industrial Industrial
Society 3. 5-0
ratto from St
Patricks Band Association 1. 12-0

C. J. Cunniffe

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November 4. In consequence of the non-attendance of the Town Commissioners at the Statutory Monthly Meeting this day & thereby as Town Clerk under the powers vested in me in that behalf adjourn the meeting to the 7th instant at 8 o'c p.m.

" 7 Ditto. Meeting stands adjourned to the 15th instant, at same hour.

" 15 Adjourned meeting not held

November 22. At a Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 8 o'clock, duly convened by 5 Commissioners. The following members attended, viz:

William J. Cumisky, Esq. in the Chair
William J. Percival.
Robert Joseph Wall, B.L.
Thomas Kenny
Joseph Sharkey
Joseph Wade
Patrick Lynch
&c

Esquires

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

The Clerk read the notice convening the Meeting, namely:

To consider notice of motion by Mr Percival to change the dates for holding of the new fairs.

To consider and approve of draft case for Opinion and advice of Counsel re Market House.

And for the Transaction of all business that may be brought before the meeting.

Mr Percival, pursuant to notice given at last Meeting, moved that the various resolutions now in force relating to the establishment and regulation of the new fairs be varied insomuch that in future there

Shall be held on the following dates:-

January	24th.
February	28th.
March	28th.
May	23rd
October	24th.
November	28th.
December	15th.

Being Seconded by Mr Gough the Motion passed unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr Wall. Seconded by Mr Sharkey, and passed unanimously.

That in order to advoid clashing with Navan fair the December fair for Baltrioganan be held on Monday. the 2nd. December, and that Notice to that effect be published in the newspapers and by placards.

The Clerk Submitted to the meeting for approval the draft case re. Market house drawn up by Mr Deneh. Solicitor, for Opinion of Counsel.

On the motion of Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Kenny.

The draft case was approved of.

It was proposed by Mr Wall, Seconded by Mr Kenny, and passed unanimously.

That Mr Percival be instructed to purchase for the Commissioners one new lamp for erection in Hampton street.

The following bills were ordered to be paid

Patrick Harford. for Poor Rate	£1-10-0
James Kearns. Repairing lamps	19-0

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December 2. The Statutory monthly meeting of the Town Commissioners not held this day in consequence of non-attendance of members.

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January 6 Ditto

February 3 Ditto

March 3. Ditto

April 7. Ditto

May 5. In consequence of the non-attendance of the Town Commissioners at the Statutory Monthly Meeting this day I hereby in pursuance of the provisions of the "Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854", and under the powers vested in me in that behalf as Town Clerk adjourn the Meeting to the 22nd. instant, at 8 o'clock.

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May 22. At the adjourned Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening at 8 o'clock. The following members attended viz:-

William J. Cumisky, Esq, in the Chair.
Robert Joseph Wall, B.L.
William Ly. Percival
Patrick Lyough
Andrew McDonald
Thomas Kenny.

Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

It was proposed by Mr Kenny, Seconded by Mr Lyough, and passed unanimously.

That Mr Cumisky be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Read Auditor's Report of audit of the Commissioners accounts for year ended 1st Oct. last.

The Clerk Submitted to the Meeting an Estimate of the probable amount of receipts and Expenditure for the Ensuing year.

It was proposed by Mr Wall, Seconded by Mr Percival, and passed unanimously.

That the Estimate as read be approved of, and that notice be given by placard, and advertisement of our intention at next Monthly Meeting to make a Rate of Sixpence in the pound on all assessable property within the limits of the town.

Read letter from Mr Veneh, Solicitor. Enclosing Opinion of Mr Roche, Q.C. with reference to the Lease of the New Market Premises and the Converting of part thereof into a Town Hall.

Read the following.

Balbriggan, 22nd Mar. 1890

To the Chairman of Town Commissioners.

Sir - I beg to ask leave to take down the Gas lamps at present opposite the new Bank building in Drogheda Street, which is in danger of being broken during the building, and I shall engage to put it back again in same place if required in good order.

Your obedient Servant
Michael Keenan

Proposed by Mr Hall, Seconded by Mr Percival and passed unanimously.

That permission as requested be granted on the understanding that the lamps shall be put back in same place before 1st Sept. next in as good a condition and repair as it now stands.

It was proposed by Mr Hall, Seconded by Mr McDonald, and passed unanimously.

That the Balbriggan Industrial and Provident Society, Limd., be authorised to employ a proper person to paint the front of the new Market, namely, all the doors, windows and Shutters including the yard gate, at a Sum not Exceeding £3-5-0.

On the motion of Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Kenny, the following accounts were ordered to be paid:-

Mr James Seaver. for one Year's Rent of plot of ground at corner of High Street and George's Square to the 1st Nov. 1889 £2

and

and to Daniel Sinnott, Town Clerk, for Cash advanced by him to pay the following bills, viz.

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Oct. 26. Paid Guilden, for cleaning Market premises and cutting weeds 2-0

Dec. 3 do. J. W. Hamlet for Grand Jury Cess 1-1-11

do W. O'Brien for making town Lamps 14-0

" Brooks, Thos. & Co. for glazing same 3-8

1890

" Rep. of P. Fleming, for 1 year's rent of Market ground 1-0

April 3 " Commissioners of Public Works for Instalment of loan & Interest 10:16:10

P.O. order 3

24 Jm. Walsh, for taking down town Lamps 5:0

Clerk stated that the following Sums were received since last meeting. Viz. from Balbriggan Industrial Provident Society, for 6 months Rent of Halls to 20 April, 1890. 6-10-0

St Patrick's Band Association 25 weeks rent of Band Room to 24 March, 1890. 1-5-0

£ 7:15:0

£ 13:4:8

Consumption of Gas by Town Lamps

From the 12th September 1889 to 1st April, 1890, as furnished by the Gas Company, per Secretary

Statement of meters at Commencement of the Season	Statement of meters at close of Season	Number of Feet consumed	
Quay Street 13.200	16.100	2.900	
High Street 23.400	25.800	2.400	
Droghedast, 1.800	5.000	3.200	
Dublin Street 1.300	5.300	4.000	wrong
		12.900	

	Consumed	
Quay Street	2.900	
High Street	2.400	
Drogheda St	3.200	
Dublin Street	2.833	charged in the average of the other 3 meters
	11.333	
Average Lamps	2.833	
	24	
	67.992	

Jno. Carroll
Chairman of the Meeting
July 16th 1890

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June 2. In consequence of the non-attendance of the Commissioners at the Statutory Monthly Meeting this day I hereby, in pursuance of the provisions of the "Town Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854" and under the powers vested in me in that behalf as Town Clerk, adjourn the Meeting to Tuesday, the 17th. June, 1890, at the hour of 8 O'clock P.M.

June 17. In consequence of the non-attendance of Commissioners at the adjourned meeting Summoned for this Evening, at 8 O'clock the Meeting stands further adjourned until the evening of the 24th. instant, at Same hour.

June 24. The Adjourned Meeting not held this evening owing to the non-attendance of Commissioners.

July 7. In consequence of the non-attendance of the Commissioners at the Statutory Monthly Meeting this day I hereby, in pursuance of the provisions of the "Town Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854" and under the powers vested in me in that behalf as Town Clerk adjourn the Meeting to Thursday evening, the 10th. instant, at 8 O'clock.

July 10. In consequence of the non-attendance of Commissioners at the adjourned meeting Summoned for this evening, at 8 O'clock, the meeting stands further adjourned until the 15th. instant, at 8 O'clock.

July 15. In consequence of the non-attendance of Commissioners at the adjourned meeting Summoned for this evening, at 8 o'clock, the Meeting Stands adjourned to the evening of the 18th. instant, at 8:30 o'clock.

July 18. At an adjourned Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening at 8:30 the following members attended viz:-

William Fy. Percival
Andrew McDonald
Robert Joseph Wall
Thomas Kenny
Patrick Gough and
Joseph Sharkey
Esqrs.

It was proposed by Mr Wall, Seconded by Mr Kenny and passed unanimously, That Mr Percival do take the Chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and Confirmed

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Wall, Seconded by and passed unanimously -

That a Rate be made of Sixpence in the Pound on all assessable property within the Town of Balbriggan under and in accordance within the provisions of "The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act. 1854" and that Said Rate Shall be due and payable on the 22nd August, 1890, and that the usual legal notices in relation thereto be published.

Wm. Percival
Chairman of Meeting
Sept. 15th 1890

September 15. At the adjourned Statutory meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 8:30 the following member attended.

Viz.

Robert Joseph Wall B.L.
Thomas Kenny
William Ly. Percival
Patrick Lynch and
Andrew McDonald,

Esquires.

On the motion of Mr Wall, Seconded by Mr McDonald the Chair was taken by Mr William Ly. Percival,

Minutes of last meeting read and Confirmed The Clerk having drawn the attention of the Commissioners to the proposed sale in Chancery by the Land Judges of the Estate of the late B. Fleming, Esq, and the advisability of the Commissioners to purchase that portion upon which the new market is erected,

It was proposed by Mr Kenny, Seconded by Mr Wall and passed unanimously

That our Clerk be instructed to write to the

Solicitor having the carriage of Sale of the property and offer him on behalf of the Commissioners the Sum of £10 for the purchase of the plot upon which the new market Stands, and at same time to point out to him the Small annual rent which is paid by the Commissioners for Same

It was proposed by Mr Wall. Seconded by Mr McDonald, and passed unanimously.

That Messrs Percival and Kenny be appointed a Committee to examine into the state of the town lamps and be empowered to get all necessary repairs done previous to putting them up and be further Commissioned to purchase new lamps in place of any found not worth repairing, and that they make the necessary arrangements for the lighting of the town for the coming Season.

Proposed by Mr Wall. Seconded by Mr Lynch, and passed.

That the Dublin Street meter be forwarded to Mr J. Cotton, Inspector of Public Lighting, Dublin for the purpose of being tested.

The following was read.

30th August. 1890

The Baltrasna Town Commissioners,

Gentlemen. I most respectfully apply for an increase of £1 a year to my present Salary of £4 as Rate collector. By taking into consideration the fact that no rate was struck in the years 1886/1888 for which I received no salary except an addition of £1 in the year 1887 leaving me at a loss of £7. Hoping you will give my application your Kindest

Consideration,

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant
Michael Sheerin

It was proposed by Mr Kenny,
Seconded by Mr Mc Donald, and passed
That the Rate collector be allowed the
Sum of £1 in addition to his present Salary
for the collection of the Rate for this
year only.

The Clerk was instructed to write to
Messrs Ennis, Solicitors, with reference to the
amount paid them by Mr Cusack for rates
due to the Commissioners, and ask them to
lodge the amount in Bank here to the
credit of the Commissioners.

W. J. Cunnick

1890
October 8- At the Statutory meeting of the Town
Commissioners held this day
the following members attended
William Cunnick, Esq. in the Chair
William G. Perusal
Robert Joseph Wall B.L.
Andrew Mc Donald
Joseph Shanker
Thomas Kenny
Patrick Lynch,
Esqrs-

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

It was proposed by Mr McDonald and seconded by Mr Percival

That cheque be drawn in favour of the Balbriggan Gas Co. Limited for the Season's Gas, amount £27:5:10

The following was read.

Town Commissioners office
2nd October 1890

The Directors Balbriggan Gas Co.

Gentlemen -

The town lamps being now ready for lighting I am instructed by my Commissioners to request that you will be good enough to have them lighted with gas during the coming season on the same terms they were lighted last year.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant
Daniel Sinnott
Town Clerk

Balbriggan Gas Light Co.
Balbriggan, 8 October 1890

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday requesting the town lamps to be lighted with Gas, I am instructed by my Directors to say they are willing to do so but not until a provision be made by the Town Commissioners for the protection of the Company's meters.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
J. McCormack
Secty

Mr D. Sinnott.
Town Clerk

It was proposed by Mr Wall.

Seconded by Mr Goff and passed unanimously.

That we, the Commissioners, Consider the request of the Gas Company in asking us to make provision for the protection of their meters to be unreasonable but for peace sake we authorize Mr Kenny with our Clerk to wait on the Chairman of the Gas Co. with a view to coming to some arrangement in the matter.

On the motion of Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr McDonald, that this Meeting Stand adjourned to the 15th instant., at 8 o'clock, p.m.

Passed

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October 15. At the adjourned Statutory meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 8 o'clock. The following members attended.

William J. Cunniffe, Esq. in the Chair
William G. Percival
Robert Joseph Wall, B.L.
Thomas Kenny
Andrew McDonald
Patrick Lynch
Michael King

Esqrs.

Mr Cunniffe, Mr Lynch and Mr Michael King the three Elected Commissioners at the Annual Election this day took the usual Statutory Declaration of acceptance of office as Town Commissioners.

Mr Cunniffe stated that it was time to arrange for the holding of the fairs

for the year 1891 and for that purpose submitted for approval of meeting the following list of dates:-

January	26th.
February	23rd
March	30th.
April	29th.
May	25th.
September	29th.
October	19th.
November	23rd
December	14th "

After some consideration the foregoing dates were approved of for the holding of the fairs.

It was then proposed by Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr King, and passed unanimously.

That nine fairs be held in this town for the year 1891. on the above dates.

The Clerk having called on the Chairman of the Gas Company as directed last meeting now stated that the Company refused to contribute any portion of the expense to be incurred in covering the meters.

It was proposed by Mr Wall, seconded by Mr King, and passed.

That the meters be covered with wood, tin or other substance to protect them from the weather at a cost not to exceed 15/-.

Mr McDougall's account for printing and advertising was submitted for payment. When on examination thereof the following resolution was proposed by Mr Wall, seconded by Mr McDonald and passed.

That a deduction of 18/- be made on Mr McDougall's account. he having charged that

Sum for the insertion of advertisements a second time which he did without authority, and that his account be further reduced by 10/- as some of the items charged are considered too high - and that a cheque for the balance, £6:10-0, be signed, which is to be paid Mr McDougall if he agrees to accept same in full payment of his account and give a receipt for same -

The amount of his account furnished up to 5th October, 1889. was £17:18:0.

The following bills are also ordered to be paid :-

Board of Public Works for Instalment of Principal and Interest due on Loan to 30 April 1890 £10:12:10

Daniel Linnett, for 12 months Salary as Town Clerk ending 3 October 1890 12-0-0

Ditto for Cash advanced by him to pay the following bills viz -

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June 3 - Baltiegan Industrial and Provident Society Limd. for painting Shop fronts, windows and doors of new market also repairing and dashing front of Market and Supplying materials, as per Resolution of Commissioners £3-5-0

July 14 P.C. Hartford for Poor Rate made 7 Oct. 1889 1-10-0

Oct. 6 Mess. Thom & Co for notices of Election and nomination papers 1-6

Mr Guilden for posting notice of intention to make rate 1-0

Ditto do of Rate having been made 1-0

Ditto carrying Rate book from Ballyrotten union to Clerk of Com's. office to enable votes list to be made out 1-0

Do posting votes list and notices of election of Com's 1-0

Oct. 15 Cleansing Com's Room for 1 year 3-0

Fire Insurance New Market 8.3

" " Summoning Commissioners meetings Supplying postages & Stationery one year 7-6

5:19:3

Clerk Stated that the following Sums were received and lodged in Bank Since last meeting, viz,

From the Balbriggan Industrial and Provident Society, Limited. for

3 months Rent of Stalls to 30 Septr 1890	£3-5:0
St Patrick's Band Association for 27 weeks Rent of Band Room to 29 Septr 1890	1:7:0
For Penalties under Licensing Acts and Towns Improvement Act	8:10:0

~~From Messrs G. A. Evans & Son, being the amount of Town Rate received by Law from Mr Cusack~~

See next meeting

Total Receipts for year ended 15th day of October, 1890 in respect of

Rates under Towns Improvement Act	19:3:0
Penalties	8:10:0
Rent of New Market	15:12:0
Dog Case	2:6:7
Total and Lodged in Bank	£45:11:7

The Clerk was directed to forward Meter belonging to the Commissioners to Irish Meter Manufacturing for Repairs

He was also directed to get printed 1000 bills of list of fairs - and to employ Mr James Malone to fence and repair part of Fair Green.

C J Cummins
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February 24. At the adjourned Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening at 8 o. clock the following members attended, viz

William J. Cumiskey, Esq. in the Chair
Andrew McDonald
Patrick Lynch
Joseph Shanker
Michael King,

Esqrs,

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

The Clerk intimated to the Meeting that he had had an interview with the Solicitors having the carriage of the Sale of the Estate of the late Beckett P. Fleming, Esq. with reference to the proposal of the Commissioners to give £10 for the purchase of the plot upon which the new Market Stands, and then read the following

53 Dame Street, Dublin,
February 20th 1891

Re Fleming's Estate

Dear Sir,

Referring to our interview a few days ago, if the Commissioners do not send in the proposal spoken of with regard to Holding No. 32 on Rental we shall be obliged to sell this Holding with the rest.

We were surprised at not seeing the Commissioners represented at the settling of the Rental at Court this morning.

A reply as soon as possible will oblige

yours faithfully
Wm Hindlater & Co

The Town Clerk
c/o The Town Commissioners
for Balbriggan,
George's Square,
Balbriggan

In the High Court of Justice in Ireland.
Chancery Division — Land Judges.

In the Matter of the Estate of
the Reverend Samuel P. Warren and the Reverend Henry Fiske, Trustees for Sale under the Will of Beecher P. Fleming, deceased — Owners;
Ex parte —
Robert C. Culbertson and William Thomas Duke,
Petitioners.

Proposal

I, Daniel Sinnott, Clerk to the Commissioners of the Town of Baltriggan, in pursuance of a Resolution passed by them in Meeting assembled, do hereby on their behalf offer the Sum of £10 for the purchase of the plot of Ground marked No. 32 on the Rental of the Estate in this matter, situate in Gerrard's Square, Baltriggan, and held by the said Commissioners under Lease for Lives, made 23rd January 1877, at the yearly rent of one Shilling —

Daniel Sinnott, Town Clerk.
Dated 21st February 1891.

53 Dame Street, Dublin
Feby 23rd 1891

Re Fleming's Estate

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 21st February with proposal, with regard to No 32 in Rental, enclosed came duly to hand and shall have our attention in due course.

Yours faithfully
Wm Hinde[illegible] & Co.

Daniel Sinnott, Esq,
Clerk to the Commissioners of Baltriggan.
Baltriggan

Baltriggan Gas Co. Ltd
9th January, 1891.

Dear Sir — I beg to hand you a note showing how meters at Town lamps are Registering since the commencement of Consumption, viz — 10th October, 1890

Yours, Dear Sir,
faithfully
J. McEvoy, Secty Gas Co

Mr D Sinnott
Town Clerk

State of Meters up to 1st January 1891

	10 Octr	13 Novr	1st January
Quay street	16.100	16.700	17-500
High Street	25.900	26-400	27-100
Drogheda street	1.200	1-800	2-400

The Rate Collectors account was read from which it appears that the Sum of £71:16:10 has been collected and lodged in Bank, leaving a balance uncollected of £5:1:5½, namely £2:6:4½ from unoccupied premises and ruinous buildings, and £2:9:1 due by Mr Cusack, Solicitor, and 6/- by Miss Anne Jane Comerford.

The Clerk was directed to hand back to the Rate collector the list of uncollected Rates for the purpose of having a Statutory Declaration made by him as to the correctness thereof, and then to return both to the Commissioners for examination.

Read letter from Balfours & Co. Limited, of 17 and 18, Basinghall Street, London asking for permission to fix Automatic Delivery Machines for the sale of postage Stamps and cards in Suitable places in the Streets.

Ordered to be left over for further consideration

Read the following report from Auditor -

Dublin 6th February, 1891

Gentlemen - I have the honour to transmit to you an abstract of the accounts of the Town Commissioners of Balbriggan for the year ended the 15th October last, the said accounts having been duly audited and examined by me -

The accounts submitted to me were prepared with extreme accuracy by the Clerk to the Town Commissioners, Mr David Sinnott, and the payments contained in them were vouched in a satisfactory manner -

I have the honour to be Gentlemen, your obedt servant
Wm McDermott Audr

The Local Government Board
Custom House Dublin

The following resolution was proposed by Mr McDonald, seconded by Mr King, and passed unanimously -

That our Clerk write to Mr Turner, County Surveyor, to call his attention to the damage now being done to the Kerb Stone and pavement of the foot paths of the town by the erection of telephone poles thereon, also to the great obstruction caused to several of the inhabitants by the erection of same close to the entrance of their business premises, and that he be requested to take immediate steps to have the damaged Kirbing Stones taken up and replaced at the cost of the Telephone Company - also for him to inform the Commissioners by whose authority (if any) the telephone poles are permitted to be erected in the Streets -

On the motion of Mr King, seconded by Mr Charters, the following bills were ordered to be paid -

Commissioners of Public Works for Instalment of Loan and interest thereon	£ 10-10-5
James Leaver, for 1 year's rent of plot of ground corner of High Street	2-0-0
James Stack, clerk of union for preparing Rate Books	2-0-0
Daniel Sinnott, Town Clerk, for cash advanced by him to pay	
Michl Sheerins, for Salary	£5:0:0
Ditto Stamps	2-2
D. W. Hamlet for Grand Jury Cess	1-2-3 6-4-5
James Malone, for fencing and repairing Fair Green	1-10-0
Total	£ 22:4:10

The Clerk informed the Meeting that a Sum of £6:8:1 had been lodged since last meeting to the Credit of the Commissioners in Bank by Messrs Tennis & Son, Solicitors, being the amount recovered from Mr Cusack for Town Rate.

The Chairman brought under the Consideration of the Commissioners the advisability of making arrangement for holding of the new fairs for next year and future years. He would advise the Selection of a certain day and have no departure therefrom, as the continual changes of dates yearly to avoid clashing with Navan and Drogheda fairs are detrimental to the Success of our fairs, and he would recommend the new fairs to be held on the last Monday of the months of January, February, March, May, October & November the old fairs to be held on the usual dates, namely the 29th of April and 29th September and 2nd monday of December.

The Commissioners having unanimously agreed to this arrangement the Clerk was directed to notify to the Clerk of the Navan Town Commissioners the foregoing change of the dates of the fairs to be held in Balbriggan for the year 1892.

C. J. Cusack
3 March '91

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March 3. At the Meeting held this evening at 8 o'clock the following members attended, namely.

William J. Cumisky, Chairman.
Andrew McDonald
Thomas Kenny
Patrick Lynch
Michael King and
Joseph Sharkey,
Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed
The following account was ordered to be paid.

Local Government Board for audit of the Commissioners accounts £3-0-0

C. J. Cumisky
15/6/91

March 25. At a Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 8 o'clock the following members attended namely, William J. Cumisky, Esq. in the Chair.

Patrick Lynch
Joseph Sharkey
Andrew McDonald
Michael King
Robert Joseph Wall,
Esqrs,

The following was read.

Telephone Company of Ireland Limited
Commercial Buildings, Dublin 13 March 1891

The Town Clerk Baltriggan
Township Commissioners

Dear Sir - If you will kindly inform me when the Commissioners will hold their next Meeting I shall have pleasure in waiting upon them with

reference to the poles erected through the town. In the meantime I beg to enclose our usual form of wayleave agreement and as you will observe we agree to make good any damage or remove the poles whenever called upon - I trust there will be no objection offered as we have now the poles erected through every town between Dublin and Belfast and no objection has been ~~taken~~ raised, seeing that it is a work of progress and as we shall connect Ballinagan with our Dublin Central Station it must prove of advantage to the people of your town.

Yours faithfully
H. F. Bottomley
Secretary

The following resolution was then proposed by Mr King, seconded by Mr McDonald, and passed unanimously.

That the Telephone Company be written to to say that the poles erected by them lately in the Main Streets of the town being an obstruction to the thoroughfare must be removed, but that the Commissioners are desirous to assist them in every way in procuring another route which would not inconvenience the public.

The following was also read,

53 Dame Street, Dublin,
23rd March, 1891.

Fleming's Estate

Dear Sir.

With regard to your proposal dated 21st of February, 1891, for the purchase of plot No. 32 on the map for £10. It appears by the lease

of the Commissioners they are bound to use the place exclusively as a market for the benefit of the whole property - . If we understand your proposal aright it means that the Commissioners are in Consideration of the £10 to be at liberty to give up the market. We have had a valuation made by Messrs Bennett, auctioneers, and they report that the holding would be worth £200 if freed from the market restriction. Before we again bring the matter before the Examiner we would like to hear from you. We would probably advise the examiner to accept the £10 on the condition that the Market was still kept up. but not otherwise

Yours faithfully
Wm Findlater & Co.

53. Dame Street
Dublin. 26th March. 1891.

Re Flemings Estate

Dear Sir -

The final Settlement of the rental and the Sale therefore of the Estate is being delayed by us to enable the Commissioners to decide as to their holding No. 32 - Please let us have at once a reply to our letter of the 23rd instant - Will the Commissioners agree to keep up a market and if not what increase purchase money will they agree to pay?

Your immediate attention will oblige

Yours faithfully
Wm Findlater & Co

Alex Daniel Finnt. Esq
Clerk of Petty Sessions
Town Commissioners -

It was proposed by Mr King
Seconded by Mr McDonald and passed unanimously.

That We the Town Commissioners of Baltriggan hereby agree in the event of our proposal of £10 being accepted for the purchase of plot No. 32 on the map Re Fleming's Estate to Keep up the market premises thereon as heretofore for a market, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by our Clerk to Messrs Findlater & Co. in reply to their letter of the 23rd instant now read.

It having been brought under the notice of the meeting that Complaints have been made as to the present defective postal delivery in the town, the Clerk was directed by the Commissioners, on behalf of the commercial and residential community, to write to the Secretary General Post Office to State that they feel greatly inconvenienced by the present postal delivery arrangements in this town, and they therefore in the interest of the town beg to call his attention to this grievance with a view to correct it.

C. J. Cunningham
15/6/91

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June 15. At the adjourned Statutory meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 8 o'clock, the following members attended, named:

William J. Cunisthy, Esq. in the Chair,
William L. Perceval
Patrick Keough
Robert Joseph Wall, B.L.
Andrew McDonald
Joseph Shartan
Thomas Kenny,
Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Clerk read the following letters forwarded by him in pursuance of resolutions passed by the Commissioners.

Town Clerks office, Baltinglass,
March, 1891.

To the Town Commissioners of Naran,

Gentlemen,

I am directed by my Commissioners to ask your kind consideration of the following Statement with regard to the dates of the new monthly fairs of this town. Hitherto those dates have been altered from year to year so as not to clash with those of your town. The want of uniformity in the dates of the new fairs of this town, caused by a desire of my Commissioners that they should not clash with those of Naran, has practically resulted in their being a failure. My Commissioners therefore, ask your attention to the following Suggestion; that the dates of the old fairs of this town should remain as they have hitherto been, but that the dates of the new fairs should be so altered for next year

as to have a uniform occurrence, inasmuch as the old fairs are held at the end of the month, and that they should be held on the last Monday in the months of January, February, March, May, October and November — the old fairs to be held on the usual dates, viz - the 29th of April, 29th September and the Second monday in December. If the Town Commissioners of Navan could see their way, without of course any detriment to themselves or to the public, to altering the dates of their monthly fairs for next year so as not to clash with the dates which my Commissioners suggest my Commissioners would feel deeply grateful.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant

Daniel Simon

Town Clerk

Town Clerk's office, Baltiggan,

To the Secretary

General Post office, Dublin,

Sir. I am directed by the Town Commissioners of Baltiggan, on behalf of the Commercial and residential Community, to State that they are greatly inconvenienced by the present arrangement for the delivery of letters whereby they are unnecessarily delayed more than half an hour beyond the time at which the principal merchants and traders could conveniently receive them. As now arranged the letter carrier takes as his first walk Dublin Street, which is not a Street of any

importance, and containing few, if any, of the trading and commercial community. By this arrangement the delivery of letters to the residents of the more important Streets, viz. George's Square, Bridge Street, Drogheda street and the Streets in the north part of the town is half-an-hour later. Owing to this many of the Commercial Community have frequently to leave Baltriggan, on business, without receiving letters which might be of a very urgent nature. The inconvenience could easily be remedied by having the more important Streets, which I have named, selected for the first postal delivery.

I am further directed to state that under existing arrangements letters from the north of Ireland are allowed to remain in the Baltriggan Post Office from 4.30 a.m. on Sundays until the following morning before being delivered. For this reason traders in this town cannot reply to their northern Correspondents until Monday evening so as to be delivered the following morning.

My Commissioners would feel deeply grateful if you would kindly remedy the inconvenience which I have Stated.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant
Daniel Sinnott
Town Clerk

In the matter of the Estate of the Reverend Samuel P. Warren and the Reverend Henry Fiske, Trustees for Sale under the Will of Becket P. Fleming deceased.

Owners.

Robert C. Culbertson and William Thomas Burke.

Petitioners.

Re Market House plot.

The following correspondence with reference to the proposal of the Commissioners for the purchase of plot No. 32 (Market ground) on the above Estate was read

53. Dame Street, Dublin,
26th March 1891.

Dear Sirs,

The final Settlement of the rental and the Sale therefore of the Estate is being delayed by us to enable the Commissioners to decide as to their holding No. 32. Please let us have at once a reply to our letter of the instant. Will the Commissioners agree to keep up a market, and if not what increase purchase money will they agree to pay?

Your immediate attention will oblige

Yours faithfully
William Sudlate & Co

Daniel Sinnott. Esq.
Clerk Balbriggan Town Commissioners

Town Commissioners Office, Ballsbridge.
26th March 1891.

Messrs Hindlate & Co
Solicitors.

52 Dame Street. Dublin.

Gentlemen -

My Commissioners having had under consideration at a meeting held yesterday evening your letter of the 23rd instant, in which you state that you would probably advise the Examiner to accept the proposal of my Commissioners of £10 for the purchase of their holding, plot No. 32 on the maps, on the condition that my Commissioners would keep up the market. I am directed by them to state for your information in reference thereto that it is their intention to carry on the market as heretofore, and they hereby renew their proposal of £10 on that condition.

Since receiving the instructions I have received your letter of this date asking what increase purchase money would my Commissioners agree to pay for their holding in the event of their not agreeing to keep up the market. Although my Commissioners intend keeping up the market I think they would be satisfied if freed from the Market restrictions to increase their proposal of ~~£10~~ £10 by another £5. That is to say £15.

If you accept this offer of £15 on the condition named I will on hearing from you to that effect call a meeting of the Commissioners to approve of it.

Yours faithfully
Daniel Ennis
Town Clerk

53 Dame Street, Dublin
April 6th, 1891.

Dear Sir,

Please sign the enclosed Proposal in the presence of a Witness and let us have same by return of post.

Yours faithfully
Wm. Findlater & Co

Daniel Sinnott, Esq,
Clerk to the Baltriggan Town Comrs

Proposal

In the High Court of Justice in Ireland,
Chancery Division — Land Judges.

In the Matter of the Estate of the Rev Samuel P. Warren and the Rev Henry Fiske. Trustees for Sale under the will of Becher P. Fleming. deceased

Owners:
Robert J. Culberston and William Thomas Burke
Petitioners.

I, Daniel Sinnott, Clerk to the Commissioners of the Town of Baltriggan, in pursuance of a Resolution unanimously passed by them in meeting assembled, do hereby on their behalf offer the Sum of Ten Pounds Sterling for the purchase of the plot of ground marked No. 32 on Rental of the Estate in this matter and held by the said Commissioners under Lease for Ever dated 23rd January 1877, at the Yearly Rent of one Shilling, Situate in Gerges Square, in the Town of Baltriggan, and County of Dublin, and in the event of this proposal being accepted the Commissioners will use the premises Solely for the purpose of a

market for the benefit of the adjoining property the terms of which being those mentioned in said lease dated 23rd January 1877 between Becher Pitcairn Fleming and the said Commissioners and the said Commissioners also to be at liberty to use the said premises for public purposes

Dated this 8th day of April, 1891.

Daniel Sinnott
Clerk to the Balbriggan Town Comrs

To Messrs William Findlater & Co
Solicitors having the carriage of Sale in this matter.
53 Dame Street, Dublin.

53 Dame Street, Dublin
April 22nd, 1891.

Dear Sir,

We have submitted your proposal to the Examiner who will in due time place same before the Judge for final Sanction.

Yours faithfully
Wm Findlater & Co

Daniel Sinnott Esq,
Clerk to the Balbriggan Town Commissioners

53. Dame Street, Dublin,
29th April, 1891.

Dear Sir,

Referring to No. 32 being the plot of ground in Lyerger Square held by the Commissioners of Balbriggan we find that we have no power to vary the terms of the original lease - We have instructed the Ordnance Survey to put up the lands in a seperate lot, but it is on the terms that you pay the £10 and Keep up the market, that is to say

we return the proposition mentioned in your letter of the 26th March. That there may be no mistake in the matter we have struck out the words in red ink in the agreement, and we shall be obliged if you will sign it and return it to us. Please also send the £10. The putting up of this plot in a seperate lot causes us a great deal of trouble and we want to be perfectly certain that it is carried out.

Your reply by return will oblige as the maps are in hands.

Yours faithfully
Wm. Findlater & Co

Daniel Sinnott Esq.
Clerk to the Commissioners of Balbriggan

53. Dame Street. Dublin.
May 15th 1891.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your proposal herein we have again seen the examiner about it. We must retain the provision in your proposal about the keeping up of the market, but to oblige and facilitate the Commissioners as much as we can and to enable you to buy we are putting the ground in a seperate lot. Be good enough to send us the proposal and we will at once apply to the Judge to sanction it - Do not fail to let us have it later than Wednesday next as we have already been delayed about this small holding.

Yours very truly
Wm. Findlater & Co

to Sinnott Esq.
Clerk to Balbriggan Town Comrs.

53 Dame Street, Dublin
26th. May, 1891.

Dear Sir,

We are bringing forward an application to the Court to accept your proposal dated the 21st February 1891 to purchase the head rent of one Shilling a year for the sum of ten pounds as renewed and added to by your letter of the 26th. March, 1891. namely, on the terms that the premises are used solely for the purpose of a public market, and for the accommodation of persons resorting thereto for the Sale and purchase of Commodities and the benefit of the adjoining property. Please send us a post card by return stating the name of the Solicitor upon whom the notice is to be Served on behalf of the Commissioners.

Yours faithfully
Wm. Findlater & Co

Daniel Sinnott. Esq.
Clerk to the Balbriggan Town Commissioners.

To the Commissioners of the Town of Balbriggan.

Gentlemen,

Take Notice that we will on the 10th. day of June, 1891. or the first opportunity after, apply to the Land Judge Sitting at Chambers for the Chancery Division for an order sanctioning proposal to purchase Lot 3 on the Rental and Map, namely that Lot 3 be sold to the Town Commissioners of Balbriggan for the Sum of £10, on the terms mentioned in the proposal of Daniel Sinnott, their Clerk, made 21st February, 1891. and as per letter of Daniel Sinnott, dated 26th. March, 1891. Subject to the terms of the printed conditions of Sale, which application will be grounded on the draft Rental and the several documents above mentioned

Wm. Findlater & Co.
Solicitors for Petitioners having carriage of the Order for Sale.
53 Dame Street, Dublin

53. Dame Street. Dublin.
10th June. 1891.

Dear Sir.

The Judge refused the proposal to day of the Commissioners. We have already been much delayed in trying to facilitate them and in trying to meet their views, and unless we hear from you to the contrary we shall amalgamate the holding with the other part of the Estate. The reason of the refusal was that we could not be clear that the Commissioners would continue to Keep up the market.

Yours faithfully
Wm. Sindlater & Co

Daniel Sinnott, Esq.
Clerk of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners

In the High Court of Justice in Ireland.
Chancery Division — Land Judges.
In the matter of the Estate of the Rev Saml P. Warren and the Rev Henry Wake. Trustees for Sale under the Will of Becher P. Fleming — deceased.

Owners:
Ex parte. Robert G. Culbertson and Wm Thos. Burke
Petitioners.

Sir. Take Notice that unless this Honorable Court is moved by the Town Commissioners of Balbriggan before Thursday the 18th day of June. 1891. requesting liberty to purchase Lot 3 on the Rental and Maps in this matter all negociations with reference to a Sale of said Lot Separately will be treated as at an end and we will take the necessary Steps to amalgamate the holding of the Town Commissioners of Balbriggan with such lot or lots of the Estate purposed to be Sold as we shall deem most advantageous for the benefit of the Owners and petitioners.

Dated this 13th day of June. 1891.

William Sindlater & Co
Solicitors having carriage of the Order for Sale.
53 Dame Street. Dublin

Daniel Sinnott Esqr.
Clerk to Balbriggan Town Comrs.

The following Resolution, proposed by Mr Percival, seconded by Mr Lynch, was passed unanimously.

Resolved -

That We the Commissioners of the town of Baltriggan in meeting assembled hereby authorize and empower our Clerk to resign for us and on our behalf the proposal, dated 8th April 1891, to purchase plot of ground No. 32 on Rental of the Estate of Beecher P. Fleming, deceased, and forwarded to Messrs Hindlater & Co., the Solicitors having the Carriage of the Order for Sale, and which was returned by them on the 29th of Same month for re-signature the words "and the said Commissioners also to be at liberty to use the said premises for public purposes" having been struck out of the proposal; and that we also authorize and empower McGerald Jenck, Solicitor, to apply, on our behalf, to the Land Judge sitting in Chamber for the Chancery Division for liberty to purchase under said amended proposal the plot mentioned therein and that he be paid the sum of £1-1-0 for his services in the matter.

Offices 16 Lower Dominick street,
Dublin, 17th June, 1891.

Daniel Sinnott, Esq; Clerk to
the Baltriggan Town Commissioners.

Fleming's Estate

Dear Sir - To day I had an interview with Messrs Hindlater and arranged with them to make application upon next motion day to Judge Monroe to have proposal dated 15th June accepted.

I understand it is intended to have Conveyance provide that Commissioners shall continue to use premises as market so that their position may not be improved by the purchase but in

doing so (i.e. purchasing themselves) then present others purchasing this portion and ejecting premises upon breach of covenants

Yours faithfully
Gerald Tench
Wm Harris by 12th Oct 91

October 12th. At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening the following members attended. Viz.

William J. Cumisky, Esq. in the Chair
William G. Percival
Andrew McDonald
Joseph Sharkey and
Patrick Gough,
Esquires,

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed

The recent death of Mr King, J.P. having caused a vacancy at the Board.

It was proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Cumisky and passed unanimously.

That Mr Thomas William Hamlet be elected a Commissioner in place

It having been brought under the notice of the Commissioners that Mr Joseph Wade not having attended any of the meetings of the Commissioners during Six months in Succession has thereby become disqualified from acting as a Commissioner.

It was proposed by Mr McDonald and Seconded by Mr Sharkey.

That Mr James McGlew be elected a Commissioner in the room of Mr Wade who has become disqualified.

The following amendment was proposed by Mr Gough and Seconded by Mr Cumisky.

That Mr. William Fullam be elected in the room of Mr Wade.

The amendment being put by the Chairman the following was the result.

For
Mr Gough
Mr Cumisky
Mr Percival

Against
William McDonald
Joseph Sharkey

The amendment was declared carried and it was ordered on motion of Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Sharkey, that the meeting stand adjourned to 16th instant at 8 o'cl. p.m.

October 15. The annual Election of Commissioners in place of those retiring by rotation took place this day.

The following were the retiring Commissioners

Robert Joseph Wall, B.L.
William George Percival and
Joseph Sharkey

The following persons were nominated

William George Percival
Joseph Sharkey
Two of the Retiring Commissioners

Michael Murphy, B.L.
Thomas Graham
Thomas Duff and
Thomas William Hamlet

Mr Hamlet having been co-opted a Commissioner at a meeting of the Commissioners on the 12th instant Served notice of his withdrawal as a candidate

Mr Duff also gave notice of his withdrawal as a candidate.

The poll commenced at 8 O'clock in the morning and ended at 8 O'clock in the evening with the following result.

Michael Murphy B.L.	57 Votes
Thomas Graham	53 "
William George Percival	47 "
Charles Gallen	37 .
James Melylew	31 "
Joseph Sharkey	25 .
Thomas William Hamlet	2 .
Thomas Duff	1 "

The first three persons were therefore declared duly elected.

William J. Cunnistr, Esq. acted as Returning officer and Patrick Lynch Esq. J.P. as presiding officer.

W. J. Cunnistr
16th Oct 1891.

October 16. At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 8: o'clock the following members attended. viz,

William J. Cunnistr, Esq. in the Chair
Andrew McDonald
Michael J. Murphy. B.L.
Wm. William Hulham
Thomas Graham and
Thomas W. Hamlet
Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read and Confirmed

This being the first Meeting held Since the annual Election Messrs Murphy and Graham two of the Elected Commissioners attended and made the usual Statutory Declarations of acceptance of Office as Commissioners

Wm. Hulham and Mr Hamlet, co-opted Commissioners, also made the Statutory Declarations of acceptance of Office as Commissioners.

Read the following correspondence & Document page

On the motion of Mr Murphy, Seconded by Mr McDonald, it was passed unanimously that Messrs Percival, Graham and Lynch be appointed a Gas Committee and that they be authorized to do all necessary works and repairs in relation thereto without any minute or resolution of the Commissioners at a Sum not exceeding £10 to be defrayed out of Town Rate

General Postoffice, Dublin,
10th. August. 1891

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 8th. May I beg leave to acquaint you for the information of the Balbriggan Township Commissioners that arrangements have been made under which an earlier delivery will be given in the more important parts of the town, to which you refer, and I trust that this will obviate any inconvenience hitherto felt.

As regards a Sunday morning delivery in the town, I have to state that it is necessary for the consideration of an application for a Sunday post that a Memorial should be received Signed by all the persons in the neighbourhood who are in favour of the change.

Such a Memorial to be Successful must bear the Signatures of the recipients of not less than two thirds of the Correspondence for the District affected.

I may add however that as the Down Night Mail of Saturday, is at present effected the same evening very few letters would fall into a Sunday morning delivery, and these can be obtained by callers at the post office between 9 a.m and 10 a.m. on Sunday.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
W. Lidwell,
Secretary

To Mr Patrick Sinnott
Clerk to Balbriggan Town Commissioners

Town Clerk's office.
Navan, 14th Jan. 1891

Dear Sir,

Referring to yours of the 4th inst. re fairs you will find annexed a list of the dates on which Navan fairs will be held next year as fixed by Committee appointed for the purpose. This is final except as to 4th and 25th April, the former which may clash with Slane and the latter with Nobber, both of which places I have written to and expect an arrangement will be come to. The Commissioners never take Baltriggan into consideration when fixing their fairs as they think it is too far away. From time to time they have actually to change their old patent fairs in order to prevent clashing and even then do not succeed at all times.

Your obedient Servant
J. Lawless
Town Clerk

To
R. Smith, Esq.,
Town Clerk, Baltriggan

Navan Fairs year 1892

January 4
February 1
March 7
April 4 & 25
May 23
June 13
July 11
Aug 8
Sept 5 & 26
Oct 10 & 24
Nov 14
Dec 5

It was proposed by Mr Hamlet, seconded by Mr Moxley, and passed unanimously,
That our Clerk be instructed to get printed at Drogheda Conservative office 1000 hand bills of fairs for year 1892, and that same be posted and distributed, and that he will, until notice to the contrary be given him, continue advertising as heretofore the fairs in the Dublin newspapers, the cost of same to be defrayed by the Commissioners.

Read following Correspondence
Re Fleming's Estate

16 Lower Dominick Street,
Dublin, 15th June, 1891

To Daniel Smith, Esq,
Innislark, Balbriggan.
Dear Sir,

Herewith we send draft Conveyance as altered by Messrs Findlater. As time for lodging is limited Kindly return it when read with any observations written upon other paper. Enclose Lease about Markets with premises in Lease. Send us Cheque for £10 purchase money paid 4th July

Yours faithfully
Jones & Reynolds

16 Lower Dominick street.
Dublin. 10th Oct 1891

Dear Sir,

We sent you the draft Conveyance of the Premises purchased by the Commissioners for Education. The matter will be in before the Court on the 22nd instant and Shortly after that time Conveyance should be Signed and the Estate wound up.

Kindly direct the attention of your Commissioners to the advisability of having Conveyance completed, and you might also request them to send me a cheque for Case Submitted to John Rooke Q.C. and for purchase money of this holding paid in us long since.

Yours faithfully
Jones & Reynolds

Daniel Smith Esq,
Innislark
Balbriggan

Proposed by Mr Hamlet,
Seconded by Mr. Hulkam, and
passed unanimously.

That the draft conveyance as read be approved of and forwarded to Messrs Deneh & Reynolds. Solicitors, for engrossment and perfection

It was proposed by Mr Murphy.
Seconded by Mr Hamlet, and passed
unanimously.

That Cheques be drawn for payment of the following accounts,
viz:-

Messrs Deneh & Reynolds. Solicitors.
Amt cash advanced by him for Fee to John Roche, Esq. JC.
for opinion re market premises Lease £2:2:0
Costs for preparing instructions for opinion 1-1-0
Costs for cash advanced for purchase of Market House plot of ground 10:0:0
£13:3:0

Daniel Sinnott, for cash advanced by him
to pay the following accounts, viz:-
Board of Public Works for instalment
of Principal and ~~Interest~~ due 1st May, 1891.
on account of Loan to build Market premises £10:4:8
P. Hanford for Poor Rate made Sept 1890 1-15-0
Messrs Thom for Election Bills 15:1
Keegan, carpenter, for erection of booth 4:8
Margt Keegan, lighting fire and cleaning booth 1:6
Mary Murphy, for calico, pencils &c for booth 1:11
Keenan for book of ballot box 8
Railway fare & Expenses to Strokestown & back 3:3
to get Stamp to account election by Ballot
Lynch's bill for posting bills, cleaning market premises 8:0
and bringing Rate Books from Ballintemple &c

Freeman's Journal for advertising fares 4:0
cleansing Commissioners Rooms for 1 year 4:0
Postage Stamps & postcards for 1 year 8:6
Stationery 2:0
Daniel Sinnott for
12 months Salary as Town Clerk £12-0-0
ending 3rd October, 1891.

Read following
Balbriggan Gas Light Co Limd
12th Septr 1891

Dear Sir.

I beg to inform you that
Town Lamps commenced to be lighted
on 2nd September inst. Indexes of
meters as under, viz:-

Quay Street, 19.200
High Street 28.000
Asgheda Street 3.300
Dublin Street —0—

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours very truly
J McDonnell
Secty

D M Sinnott
Town Clerk, Balbriggan

J W Lambert
Chairman
2nd Nov 1891

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November 2. At the Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this day the following members attended

Thomas W. Hamlet
St. William Fulham
Michael Murphy, B.L.
Thomas Graham and
Patrick Gough.

Esqrs.

It was proposed by Mr Murphy, Seconded by Mr Gough, and passed unanimously That Mr Hamlet do take the Chair.

Minutes of last Meeting were then read and confirmed.

It was moved by St. Fulham, Seconded by Mr Graham, and passed unanimously. That Mr William J. Cumiskey be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Clerk Submitted to the Meeting an Estimate of the probable amount of receipts and Expenditure for the ensuing year, when it was proposed by Murphy, Seconded by Mr Graham, and passed unanimously. That the Estimate as read be approved of and that notice be given by placards and advertisements of our intention at next Monthly Meeting to make a Rate of Sixpence in the Pound on all assessable properties within the limits of the Town.

The Clerk intimated to the Meeting that, from instructions received from Mr Cumiskey, he had written to Town Commissioners of Several Towns in Ireland enquiring as to the borrowing powers of Commissioners to Erect Town Halls.

We then read correspondence on the Subject from the Town of Maryborough, Newry. Navan. Dundalk. Carlow Enniscorthy and Wicklow

It was ordered that the correspondence be marked Read.

The following letter of resignation as Town Commissioner was received from Mr Thomas Kenny.

17th October, 1891.

To Mr Daniel Sinnott.

Dear Sir - I wish to inform you that I resign my position as Town Commissioner for Balbriggan.

Yours truly

Thomas Kenny

It was proposed by Murtagh, Seconded by McHugh, and passed unanimously.

That Mr Kenny's resignation as Town Commissioner be accepted.

The following was read

Balbriggan Co. Dublin

October 31st, 1891.

Mr D. Sinnott.

Dear Sir,

We hope you will be pleased to bring before the present board of Town Commissioners our previous application for a gas lamp on the Sea Side of the tunnel under the Railway approaching our factory at their next Meeting on Monday Nov. 2nd. - We hope you will impress on them the pressing necessity there is for this lamp. owing to

the assaults which occurred last winter on some of our young girls employees.

Yours faithfully
Deedes Templer & Co.

It was ordered that the letter be held over for consideration at next meeting.

The Clerk read the following in reply to his letter to the Telephone Company calling their attention to Resolution of the Commissioners passed 25th March last, re Telephone poles, and forwarded to them on the 26th.

Telephone Company of Ireland
Dublin 19th October 1891.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant I beg to state that Mr Bottomley the Secretary is away ill and cannot be communicated with but a representative of the Company will see you on Thursday next, at 3 O'clock.

Yours faithfully
C. Fitzsimon
for Secty

Daniel Sinnott, Esq,
Town Clerk, Balbriggan.

Telephone Company of Ireland
Dublin, 23rd October 1891

Daniel Sinnott, Esq,
Town Clerk, Balbriggan.

Dear Sir - Referring to your letter of the 19th instant and the interview which Alderman Dillon, the Chairman of the Company, had with the members of your Board yesterday

I am to express his thanks for the courteousness with which he was received and to say that in accordance with the arrangements made orders have been given to dispense with one of the poles in the centre of the town and remove the others to the sites agreed on and which my Board trust will not be objectionable.

The alterations will be pointed out to your Board by the members who met Alderman Dillon.

My Board trust that these alterations will meet with the sanction of your Board and that they will rescind the resolution on the subject of the 25th March last.

The poles in the centre of the town will be painted white if your Board desires but possibly on consideration they may not think this necessary.

Yours faithfully
G. Fitzsimon
for Secty

After some discussion Mr Murphy gave the following notice of motion

I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of this board I will propose that the Resolution of the 25th March 1891, re the Telephones poles be rescinded and the following resolution substituted therefor.

That the Telephone Company of Ireland be requested to substitute more light poles for those at present erected in the town undertaking at

same time to Keep them painted white and to make the changes in Sites as ~~agreed upon between~~ suggested by Alderman Dillon ~~and the Committee~~ and that a copy of this notice be forwarded to the Company, trusting that it will meet their views and approval and that they will see their way towards carrying out the requirements therein in the event of the Motion passing: 1876

Attention was called by Mr Murphy to the want of a Urinal in the lane or passage to the back entrance of the Courthouse. That on Court days the place is in a disgraceful State, which is not alone abominable unsightly but positively dangerous to health.

The Guardians of the Union not being an Urban Sanitary Authority repudiated responsibility in the matter. On the Motion of Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Graham.

The Clerk was directed to write to the Secretary of the Grand Jury to request that he will bring the matter before the Grand Jury at their next meeting with the view of having the work carried out so as to abate the nuisance complained of.

Proposed by Mr Fulham, Seconded by Mr Goff that this Meeting Stand adjourned to the 9th instant, at 11.30 P.M.

C J Cunningham
13 Nov 1891

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November 13. At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7.30 o'clock, the following members attended, viz:

William J. Cumisky, Esq. in the Chair
William G. Percival
Thomas H. Hamlet
Michael J. Murphy, B.L.
Mr William Fullam
Thomas Graham and
Patrick Gough,
Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

Mr Percival, one of the Elected Commissioners at the annual Election, attended and made the usual Statutory Declaration of acceptance of Office as Commissioner.

Mr Murphy, in pursuance of notice given last meeting, proposed that the following resolution, passed on the 25th. March last, be rescinded,

"That the Telephone Company be written to to say that the poles erected by them lately in the Main Streets of the town being an obstruction to the Thoroughfare must be removed. but that the Commissioners are desirous to assist them in every way in procuring another route which would not inconvenience the public".

Being seconded by Mr Hamlet the Resolution passed unanimously.

The Clerk read the following:

Telephone Company of Ireland
Dublin, 12th November 1891.

Dear Sir.

The Directors at their meeting yesterday had before them your letter of the 3rd. instant enclosing copy of resolution to rescind that passed on the 25th March when I was directed to write you and state that the Company could not remove the poles save those arranged upon between the Chairman of the Commissioners and Alderman Dillon without completely stopping the work for months. We are however quite willing agree to any reasonable arrangement suggested as to improving the appearance of the poles in the town of Baltrizgan which I may mention are exactly similar to those erected all along the line, it is to be hoped therefore your Commissioners will not put the Company to unnecessary expense.

Yours faithfully
L. Fitzsimons
Secretary

David Sinnott, Esq.,
Town Clerk, Baltrizgan

After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Murphy, Seconded by Mr Percival, and passed unanimously.

That the Telephone Company, Ireland, be requested to substitute more sightly poles for those at present erected in the Streets of this town and such as can be painted, and that the Sites of the new poles be Selected by our Sub Committee, which shall consist of the following Commissioners.

William J. Cunniston. Wm. G. Percival, Thos W. Hamlet. W. Fullam and Patrick Lynch.

Letter from Messrs Reeds and Templar advocating the erection of a lamp at the east side of the Railway tunnel and held over for discussion from last meeting was read.

It was proposed by Mr Hamlet. seconded by Mr Lynch, and passed unanimously.

That if Messrs Reeds and Templar erect and maintain at their own expense at the place mentioned a proper lamp post with a copper lantern and connect same with their own main we, the Commissioners, will undertake to supply the lamp with gas and light and extinguish same at our expense

The Clerk read the following

Town Commissioners' Office,
Balbriggan, 3rd November 1891.

Sir.

It having been brought under the notice of my Commissioners at their meeting held on the 2nd instant the want of a proper urinal in the lane or passage at the back entrance of the Courthouse in this town for public accommodation and the great necessity of having one provided at once. I am directed by my Commissioners to request that you will bring the matter before the Grand Jury of the County of Dublin at their next meeting with the view of

having the work carried out.

Persons having business to transact here at Petty Sessions, Quarter Sessions, Presentment Sessions and Revision Sessions are very much inconvenienced for want of a urinal, and they are therefore forced to make use of this lane or passage for the purpose, in fact to use it as a public latrine, which causes the place to become filthy and offensive, and thereby causing, there can be no doubt, a most serious and dangerous nuisance, the speedy abatement of which is, in the Commissioners' opinion indispensible. The expense of affording this necessary accommodation to such of the inhabitants and general public as resort to this Courthouse would be inconsiderable, and it is hoped effective steps will be taken for the abatement of the nuisance, which has been justly complained of as a disgrace to the town and dangerous to public Health.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Daniel Bennett

Town Clerk

To R. J. Blackburne, Esq.,

Secretary Co Dublin Grand Jury

P. S. In case the Grand Jury decline to entertain the matter should a presentment for the execution of the necessary work be put in at the next presentment Sessions

Secretary's office. Co. Grand Jury Room
Town Centre. Dublin. 12th. Nov.r 1891.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th. instant. and in reply beg to state for the information of your Commissioners that the Grand Jury cannot have the work you refer to carried out unless an application for same has been approved of by the Presentment Sessions for the County at Large.

Your obedient servant
R. J. Blackburne

Mr Daniel Connell.
Town Clerk, Balbriggan

The Clerk was directed to write to the Clerk of Balrothery Union for a Statement of account in reference to the loan of £300 borrowed by the Commissioners for Sanitary works in the town and afterwards handed over to the Guardians of said Union on the passing of the Public Health Act. 1874. Constituting them the Sanitary authority for the district.

The clerk was also instructed to write to the Secretary of the Drumcondra Commissioners to ascertain the Shape of the telephone poles recently erected in their Township - whether Square or round, and if Square was same owing to any action taken by the Commissioners

It was brought before the meeting the advisability of writing to the Directors of the Great Northern Railway Co. asking them to have the old pathway on the East side of the viaduct from Georges Street to the Station restored, which if conceded many who are deterred by the inhospitable appearance of the locality from visiting it would make it a Sea Side resort and thereby confer many benefits to the town too important to detail and assist materially to increase the revenue of the Railway.

Mr Murtagh, B.L. was deputed to draw up a letter to that effect and have same forwarded by the Clerk to the Directors.

The following account was ordered to be paid.

James Kearns, for repairs done to the town lamps, fitting up same and supplying one new lamp, from Nov^r 1889 to Sept^r 1891 £ 3:6:0

Jas Cummins
7th Dec 1891.

1891

December 7 At a Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7-30, the following members attended, viz:

William J. Cumiskey, Esq. in the Chair.
Andrew McDonald
Patrick Lynch
Michael J. Murphy B.L. and
William George Percival.
Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

Read the following correspondence.

Town Comrs Office, Baltimore
14th. November 1891

The Secretary Telephone Co.

Dear Sir, I beg to inform you that my Commissioners have had before them your letter of the 12th. instant, and I am directed by them to forward you the enclosed resolutions passed unanimously at their meeting yesterday in reference there.

Yours truly
Daniel Sinnott
Town Clerk R

Town Comrs. Office, 18 Nov. 1891

The Secretary Telephone Co.

Dear Sir. I am directed by my Commissioners to acquaint that your men are putting up telephone wires on the poles in this town which will cause unnecessary expense should an alteration be made in the present position of the poles.

Yours truly
Daniel Sinnott
Town Clerk R

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Telephone Co.

Dublin, 19th Nov 1891

Dear Sir – Referring to yrs letter of the 14th. instant I beg to State that the Chairman (Alderman V. B. Dillon) leaves Dublin by the 2 o'clock train to morrow, and shall have pleasure in meeting yrs Sub. Committee at the Town Hall about 3 o'clock

Yrs faithfully

C. Fitzsimon Secty

To the Town Clerk Balbriggan

Telephone Co

Dublin, 23rd November 1891

Dear Sir. I am instructed to inform you that the Company will Substitute eight pitch pine poles for those already erected, six at sites agreed on, between the Sub Committee and Alderman Dillon on Friday and two more at Dublin end of the town.

It is to be hoped that as these poles really clear the town the Commissioners will be quite Satisfied

Yrs faithfully

C. Fitzsimon Secty

The Town Clerk Balbriggan

Town Clerks Office, Balbriggan

2nd Nov 1891

The Secty Telephone Co.

Dear Sir. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yrs letter of the 23rd instant and to inform you that the Sub Committee report that Alderman Dillon at his interview proposed to erect 8 pitch pine poles on Site agree upon, to paint white and keep painted all the poles within the town – to put a Stencil notice "post no bills" upon them, and further that in the event of the creosoted

poles in Dublin Street not retaining the white paint to the Satisfaction of my Commissioners to Substitute pitch pine poles for the creosoted ones on receiving written notice to that effect from the Commissioners - This proposition reduced to writing the Sub Committee were to bring before the Commissioners for ratification.

Yours truly
Daniel Bennett
Dunboyne R

Telephone Co
Dublin, 30 Nov 1891

Dear Sir. I am much obliged for your favour of the 27th Nov 1891 received on the 28th.

Yours faithfully
C. Fitzsimon Secy

The Dunboyne R. Balbriggan

Dunboyne office. Balbriggan
4th December 1891

The Secty Telephone Co

Dear Sir - I beg to inform you that a Meeting of my Commissioners will be held on Monday next when your letter of the 23rd instant and the report of the Sub Committee with reference to erection of the telephone poles will be taken into Consideration.

I think objection will be given to the creosoted poles being allowed to remain up in the Streets of the town unless your Company agree to carry out the proposal of Ald. Dillon as arranged with Sub Committee.

Yours truly
Daniel Bennett
Dunboyne R

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Telephone Co.
Dublin. 5th December, 1891

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter of yesterdays date I beg to state that the company is quite willing to carry out the arrangement entered into between your Sub Committee and Alderman Dillon.

Your faithfull
Servt
Pitzpatrick Secty

The Town Clerk. Balbriggan

Town Comrs. office.
Balbriggan. 14th Nov 1891

The Secretary Drumcondra Comrs

Dear Sir - I am directed by my Commissioners to request that you will be kind enough to inform them as to whether the telephone poles recently erected in the Township of Drumcondra are Square or round - If Square did the company erect them of that shape of their own free will or were they obliged to do so by action of your Commissioners. The Telephone Co are erecting round poles in this town contrary to the wishes of my Commissioners, and it is with the view to embol them to put up Square ones that the information is required.

Your obedt
servt
Daniel Timmons
Town Clerk

Inn Hall, Strumendra.
Dublin, 15th Nov 1891

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of yesterdays date I beg to inform you that the Telephone poles erected recently in this Innship are round. There was no question raised at the time as to shape of pole.

The only condition required was that the poles should be erected in the positions approved by our Engineer,

Yours faithfully
Michl Petit
Secty

To D Sinnott Esq.
Innbeg R. Balbriggan

Inn Comrs Office, Balbriggan
15th November, 1891.

Messrs Verdon, Templer & Co

Gentlemen -

I am directed by my Commissioners to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st October last advocating the erection of a lamp upon the Railway embankment on the Seaside of the tunnel, and to state that if you will erect and maintain at your own expense at the place mentioned a proper lamp post with a copper lantern and connect same with your own main the Commissioners will undertake to supply the lamp with gas and light and extinguish the same at their own expense.

Yours faithfully
Daniel Sinnott
Inn Clerk

Town Commissioners' office.
Baltriggan. 15th. November 1891.

Dear Sir -

I am directed by my Commissioners to request that you will be good enough to supply them with a Statement of account with reference to the loan of £300 borrowed by them from the Public Works Loan Commissioners and transferred to the Guardians of the Balrotheny union on the passing of the Public Health Act 1874, which substituted them the Sanitary authority, to be expended on Sewerage works in this town -

Yours truly
Daniel Sinnott
Town Clerk

To James Stoekl. Esq.
Clerk of Balrotheny union

16 Lower Dominick Street.
Dublin. 21st Nov. 1891

Dear Sir. Re Flemings Estate

Herewith we send you copy letter received from Solicitors having carriage of Sale we presume there is no objection to insertion of this Condition in Conveyance and have accordingly lodged Same in Court for the purpose of having it printed.

It was a mistake of Messrs Hindlates in preparing rental not to have set out liabilities of respective lots but as it makes no practical difference we cannot object very much though it might be Sufficient ground to withdraw from Contract if we were unwilling purchasers.

Yours faithfully
Tench & Reynolds

P.S- owing to conveyance being slightly informal not yet lodged -

Letter referred to
53 Dame Street, Dublin
Nov. 20th, 1891.
Re Fleming's Estate

Dear Sir,

We now return you the draft Conveyance with a provision inserted as to the Tithe Rent charge of £1-0-8 payable to Wilson's Hospital which you will see by referring to same is primarily charged on Lot 1, and as the rent of Lot 1 will always be sufficient to bear this amount the Commissioners we are of opinion will never be called upon to pay same.

Kindly get the Conveyance settled by the official at Court and sent to Court Printers as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully
Wm. Kindlater Hall.

To Messrs Deneh & Reynolds
Solicitors.

Town Commissioners' Office.
Baltriggan. 16th November 1891

Sir,

At a meeting of the Town Commissioners of Baltriggan on the 13th instant it was decided to apply to your Board asking to have the old pathway on the East side of the viaduct from Georges Street to the Station restored.

The advantages to be gained by the restoration of this pathway are great when compared with the small cost of the project, as the level crossing at George's Street must be used by almost all residents

on the east of the railway and South of the harbour in passing to or from the Station as well as by all persons passing from the Sea-Shore on the north of the harbour to the Shore on the South the erection of a pathway as Suggested would remove the necessity for any of these persons to use the level crossing thereby in great measure lessening the present great risk of accident at that place.

Furthermore this town has of late years shown Signs of becoming a favourite Seaside resort and the absence of any continous footpath along the Shore has operated to retard the advancement of the town.

The pathway we Suggest in conjunction with that leading from the railway arch at the Loretto Convent would furnish a pleasant promenade along the Shore from George's Street to the premises of the Balbriggan Bath Co. thereby increasing the attractions of the town.

This would operate to induce land Owners to build increased accomodation for visitors and thereby materially add to the passenger and other traffic over your line.

The advantages which my Commissioners claim for the project are shortly as follow.

1st. The lessening of the risk of accident at the level crossing.

2- The forming of a convenient route to and from the Railway Station for all residents South of the harbour and east of railway.

3- By furnishing a pleasant promenade along the Sea Shore from George's Street Northwards it will increase the attractions of Baltriggan as a Sea side resort and thereby tend to add materially to the traffic over your line.

4. It will remove the present unfinished appearance of the viaduct when viewed from the East.

5. That the foregoing advantages may be reaped at a trifling cost.

My Commissioners request that you will kindly lay this application before your Board at their next Meeting.

Yours faithfully
Daniel Sinnott
Town Clerk

The Secretary
Great Northern Railway Co
Dublin.

Great Northern Railway Co (Ireland),
Secty's office. Amiens Street Terminus.
Dublin. 18th Nov 1881

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of 16th instant, which shall be laid before my Directors at their next meeting.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant
Henry Plews
Sec

Mr Daniel Sinnott
Town Clerk
Balbriggan

The following Resolution
was proposed by Mr Murphy
Seconded by Mr Gough, and passed
Unanimously.

That a Rate be made of
Sixpence in the Pound on all assessable
property within the town of Baltriggan
under and in accordance with the provisions
of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854
and that Said Rate shall be due and
payable on the 8th January, 1892.
and that the usual legal notices in relation
thereto be published.

Re Telephone Poles

The following report of Sub Committee
was read.

Gents Sub Committee report that
Alderman Dillon at his interview on the
20th November, 1891. proposed to erect
eight pitch pine poles on Site agreed
upon - To paint white and Keels painted
all the poles within the town. To put a
Stencil notice "post no bills" upon them,
and further in the event of the erected
poles in Dublin Street not retaining the
white paint to the Satisfaction of the
Commissioners to Substitute pitch pine
poles for the erected ones on receiving
written notice to that effect from
the Commissioners. Having carefully considered the
whole matter Gents Committee recommend
that Alderman Dillons proposal
be accepted.

After Some discussion

The following Resolution proposed by Mr Murphy, Seconded by Mr Percival, passed unanimously

That the Report of the Sub Committee be adopted and that the necessary Steps be taken to carry it into effect, and for that purpose a letter of Consent to the erection of the poles in the town be written to the Telephone Company for their approval and acceptance and on the understanding that the details Stated in the report will be carried out by them in accordance with their proposal of the 20th November 1894 and Subsequently confirmed by their letter of the 5th instant, and that they remove the Said poles within three months of the receipt of a notice in writing from the Commissioners to that effect.

A Memorial to the Government to make better provision for Technical Instruction in Ireland was Submitted for adoption and Signature of the Commissioners,

When it was proposed by Mr. Percival, Seconded by Mr McDonald, and passed unanimously.

That the Memorial as read be adopted and that the Seal of the Town Commissioners be affixed thereto.

A Memorial from a number of inhabitants of Chapel Street praying that a Street lamp be erected at or near the pumps in that Street was read and considered,

When it was proposed by Mr Murphy, Seconded by Mr Percival and passed unanimously -

That the prayer of the Memorial be

acceeded to Subject to the carying down of a main gas pipe in the Street by the Gas Company

Attention having been drawn to the delapidated State of part of the roof of the market premises, it was proposed by Mr Murphy, Seconded by Mr Percival, and passed unanimously.

That mr Clerk be instructed to employ a man to take down all loose Slates and Store them and repair all broken Slates.

Accounts in relation to Sanitary Loan and Sewerage works executed in the Town of Balbriggan furnished by Mr Stack, Clerk of Balrothery Union, were Submitted to meeting, and upon examination of Same it was found that the total of Sanitary Rates collected from the year 1876 was £678-8-1 and the amount expended in the repayment of loan with interest and constructing Sewerage works in town was £413-2-9 — The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Stack to ascertain to what purpose was the difference between the Sums, £265-5-4, allocated.

The following account was ordered to be paid, viz —
Mr James Stack for preparing Rate Books, £2 C. J. Cummins
5th Feby 1892

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February 5. At a meeting of the Town Commissioners held this day at 7.30 o'clock the following members attended,

William J. Cumisky Esq. in the Chair
Michael J. Murtagh B.L.
Mr. William J. Fullam
Andrew McDonald
Thomas W. Hamlet
Patrick Lynch

Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The following was read

The Telephone Company
Dublin, 1st February, 1892

Dear Sir,

I beg to return your letter of Consent, received with your favour dated herein reference to erection of poles in the town of Baltrigggan which has been signed by Alderman Dillon, Chairman of the Company.

Your faithfully,
C. Fitzsimons
Secty

Rate Collector
Town Clerk R. Baltrigggan

Upon perusal of letter of Consent it was found to bear the year 1891 as the year in which it was signed instead of the year 1892, and that it was unstamped

It was proposed by Mr Murtagh, Seconded by Mr McDonald and passed unanimously.

That in consequence of error in year of date of Signature of Chairman

of Telephone Company in letter of Consent referred to that a new one in the same terms and containing the same Stipulations as inserted in the one returned be forwarded to Telephone Company for re Signature of its Chairman, and when Signed to be Stamped, and that the Telephone Company be called on to replace the broken Kerbing in the Streets as promised by them to do when laying down their poles

The Copy of the Rate Book for the Year 1891 was Submitted by the Clerk for Signature. when

it was proposed by Mr Hamlet, Seconded by Mr Murphy, and passed unanimously,

That said Rate Book be Signed by the Chairman and two of the Commissioners, Countersigned by the Clerk, and handed to the Collector for collection,

It was proposed by Dr. Hullam, Seconded by Mr Hamlet.

That Messrs Percival, Graham and McDonald be appointed a Gas Committee

It having been brought under the notice of the Commissioners the resignation of Mr Thomas Kenny as Town Commissioner,

It was proposed by Mr Murphy, Seconded by Dr Hullam and passed unanimously.

That Mr John Dotham be elected a Commissioner in place of Mr Kenny, resigned.

The following Resolution was proposed by Mr Hamlet, Seconded by Mr Hullan and passed unanimously,

Resolved,

That we, the Commissioners of the Town of Balbriggan, respectfully call the attention of the Guardians of Balrothery Union, as the Burial Board of the district, to the great necessity which exists for a new burial ground or Cemetery for the town of Balbriggan and district arising from the overcrowding of graves in the burial grounds at Balrothery and Bremore and the prohibition of burials of Strangers therein.

In consequence of which there is now no burial ground convenient for the interment of Strangers dying in this town or locality, and it is in view of this fact that we, the Commissioners would Strongly urge the Guardians to forthwith proceed to provide a Suitable and Convenient burial ground for this town and district

Read the following
1st February, 1892

To the Balbriggan Town Com?

Gentlemen - I most respectfully apply for an increase of £1 a year to my present Salary of £4 as Rate Collector. I think my request is not unreasonable when taking into consideration the fact that no rate was Struck in the years 1886 and 1888, for which I received

no Salary except an addition of £1 in the years 1887 and 1890, leaving me at a loss of £6.

Hoping you will give my Application your Kindest consideration I am,

Gentlemen.
your obedt Servant
Michl Sheerins,
Collector.

After a lengthened discussion it was agreed to mark the letter Read

The following was also read

Baltrasna Gas Co Limd
28th December 1891

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you of the State of meters at Inn lamps taken very Carefully on the 18th Inst at following indexes, viz-

Quay Street	20.700
High Street	29.300
Drogheda street	4.800
Dublin Street	1.500

Your faithfully
J McCarock,
Secty

Mr D Sinnott
Inn Clerk

The Clerk Stated that in compliance with instructions received at last meeting he forwarded a letter to the Clerk of the Union asking him to inform the Commissioners to what purposes the difference between the amount received and amount expended Re Baltrasna Sanitary was allocated, and

that no reply had been received,

Some of the Commissioners being of the Opinion that this Body had nothing whatever to do with the making of the Sanitary Rate to defray the expenses of Constructing a Sewer in Chapel Street in the year 1885 and building a main Sewer through the bed of the river from Bridge Street to the Harbour in the year 1892 and that the acts of the Guardians, as Rural Sanitary authority, in the matter could not be challenged. The Clerk was directed to write to the Clerk of the Union for a Statement of account with reference to the loan of £300 borrowed by the Commissioners in September, 1874, for the purpose of constructing a main Sewer in Magheda Street, and which amount was transferred to the account of the Guardians of Ballyshannon Union, as the Sanitary authority, in the month of February, 1875, Shewing the amount of Rate Struck and received each year by the Guardians to repay instalments of principal and interest due on said loan, also the amount of principal with interest repaid yearly to the Public Works Loan Commissioners since the loan was obtained. The Commissioners being the borrowers of the £300 and consequently interested in the matter are anxious to know how the accounts Stands.

1897

The following account was ordered to be paid, viz.

James Seaver for one years Rent of plot of ground at Corner of new Market, High Street. to the 1st November 1897. £2

Jno Cumming
8 March 1897

1892
March 8. At a Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening, at 7:30 o. clock, the following members attended.

William J. Cumisky, Esq. in the Chair
Thomas M. Hamblet
William Sy. Percival
Andrew McDonald
Alt. William D. Sullam
Thomas Graham and
John Durham,
Michael J Murphy Esqrs.

Mr Durham made the usual Statutory Declaration of acceptance of office as Commissioner he having been co-opted as such in place of Mr Thomas Kenny resigned.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

It was proposed by Alt Sullam seconded by Mr McDonald and passed unanimously.

That the following accounts be paid.

The Baltriggan Gas Company for one years gas supplied to the Town lamps and lighting and extinguishing Same	£ 23: 7: 0
Board of Public Works for principal and Interest due 1st November 1891 on loan of £300 to build Market premises	10: 1: 7

Read Statement of account furnished by Clerk of Baltrotheron anim relating to the loan of £300 borrowed by the Commissioners in the year 18[illegible]4 for the purpose of laying down a main Sewer in the Town of Baltriggan and which was declared to be Satisfactory

Read letter from Mr Michael Sheerins, Rate Collector, asking the Commissioners to reconsider his letter of the 1st. ultimo, which was marked Read at last meeting

After considerable discussion it was proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Hamlet, and passed unanimously,

That Michael Sheerins Salary as Rate Collector be increased to £5 for this year only

O.T. Cumiskey
11th April 1892.

1892
April 11 - At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening at 7:30 o'clock, the following members attended, viz -

William F. Cumisky, Esq, in the Chair
William G. Percival
Michael J. Murphy, B.L.
John Dorham
Patrick Lynch and
Andrew McDonald,
Esqrs

Minutes of last Meeting read confirmed

The Mayor of Waterford wrote enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by his Council in reference to the Christian Brothers' Schools and the Education Bill.

The Board decided not to express any opinion in the matter,

Mr Hamlet called the attention of the Board to a report in the Drogheda Independent of the 9th instant of the proceedings at a Meeting of the Guardians of Balrotheny Union the previous Monday in which a Statement was made in which it was implied that the Steps taken to procure a new burial ground for the district of Balbriggan emanated from the Commissioners.

After some discussion the Clerk was directed to write to the Guardians to say that such a Statement is incorrect and that it was the Dispensary Committee

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Who instituted the Steps in the first instance.

Dny. Carmichy
17th June 1892.

1892
June 17. At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening, at 7-30 o'clock, the following members attended, viz.

William J. Cunisky Esq, in the Chair
Thomas Graham
Patrick Lynagh
John Derham and
Andrew McDonald,
Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Clerk stated that in compliance with directions received last meeting he forwarded the following letter to the Guardians of Balrothery Union -

Town Commissioners office,
Balbriggan, 12th. April. 1892.

Sir,

The attention of my Commissioners having been called to a report published in the Freeman Independent of the 9th. inst. of a discussion which took place at your Board Meeting of the previous Monday with reference to a proposed new burial ground for the town of Balbriggan and district wherein a statement was made implying that the initiatory steps taken to procure the burial ground emenated from my Commissioners -

I am directed by my Commissioners to say that such a statement is erroneous, and that it was the Dispensary Committee, most of whom are not residents of the town,

upon the report of Dr. Nolan, the dispensary doctor of the district, who originated the proposal, as shown by the following extracts from their minutes of the 30th June last: -

"Dr. Nolan brought under Notice of "Committee the great want of a burial ground "for Strangers at Balbriggan, we recommend "that the Guardians take immediate Steps "to procure ground for burial purposes. "That Patrick McCabe, J. Searer and "W. J. Cumisky, be appointed as a Sub "Committee to select for approval Suitable "ground as a Site for a new burial "ground for this district and to report "Same to next meeting";

My Commissioners, neither directly nor indirectly, moved the dispensary Committee to take any action in the matter. Observing, however, that the Subject was allowed to drop, while the greatest necessity existed for a new burial ground, my Commissioners felt it incumbent on them, as a public body, to revive the question, by proposing a resolution, which might strengthen the hands of the dispensary Committee in seeking to have the required ground provided.

My Commissioners will therefore feel much obliged by your bringing the matter before your Board meeting to-morrow, as they wish to give a direct contradiction to the Statement that they were the originators of the proposal. The Commissioners, recognising the urgent want of a new burial ground, merely Supported the Dispensary Committee, who are appointed by the Board of Guardians, in their demand for the required ground.

I am, Sir.
Your obedient Servt
Daniel Smyth
Town Clerk

To James Slack. Esq.
Clerk of Balrothery Union

Board Room, Lusk,
14th April, 1892

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by the Board of Guardians to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst, written at the instance of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners on the Subject of providing a new Burial Ground for the Town of Balbriggan.

The Burial Board note its contents, and have instructed me to send the following copy of a resolution for the information of the Commissioners.

Yours faithfully
James Stack
Clerk of the Union

Copy

Resolved - That the Local Government Board be requested to have a Sworn enquiry held by one of their Inspectors into the necessity of providing a new Burial Ground for the Town and neighbourhood of Balbriggan; and of closing the grave yard at Potterrel (except to those having vested interests), it being reported by the Medical Officer of health to be overcrowded.

William Borrlan
Presiding Chairman
13th April, 1892.

The following resolution forwarded by the Maryborough Commissioners for adoption was read

Resolved,

Resolved - "That we, the Maryborough Town Commissioners, desire to express our Sincere Sympathy with our respected Townsman, Mr John Hipwell, under the gross Legal Injustice of which he has been the victim; and we also reprobate in the Strongest manner the action of his Landlord in his dealings with Mr Hipwell. and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to each Town Commission in Ireland together with an explanation of the facts of the case, with a view of obtaining their assistance in procuring a change in the unjust laws now existing regarding the relations between Landlords and Tenants in Cities and Towns in Ireland; and that we call upon them to press their Candidates at the approaching General Election, and to make this a test Question with them".

It was proposed by Mr Cunniffe, Seconded by Mr McDonald, and passed unanimously -

That the Resolution read be approved and adopted, and that a copy of same of Same be forwarded, by our Clerk, to Mr Blowen, M.P. with a respectful request that he will aid and Support the cause of the tenants in Cities and towns in procuring a change in the laws Complained of -

Read letter from the Secretary of the Gas, Co, intimating that the meters were removed from the town lamps on the 1st April last, Shewing the following indexes -

Quay Street	22.300
High Street	30.800
Drogheda street	6-100
Dublin Street	3.300

The Rate Collectors account was read from which it appears that the sum of £72:10:3 has been collected and lodged in Bank, leaving a balance uncollected of £7:13:9, namely £2:15:7 from unoccupied premises and ruinous buildings and £4:18:2 arrears due by Mr. Cusack.

On the motion of Mr Bertram seconded by Mr Lynch the said sum of £2-15-7 due on occupied premises was declared to be irrecoverable.

It was proposed by Mr McDonald, seconded by Mr Cobb, and passed unanimously.

That the Clerk be authorised to to engage the Services of Mr Ennis, Solicitor for the purpose of instituting legal proceedings by Civil Bill, against Mr Cusack for the recovery of the Rates due and demanded from him.

Read circular letter from Mr F.W. Crossley, Organizer, with reference to Irish Inviat Development.

The Clerk was directed to reply and state that the Commissioners sympathise with the object of the circular, and will Substant the movement in every possible way.

Read Communication from Registrar of Clerks of Petty Sessions Stating that a Sum of £4-5-3 has been lodged in Bank in aid of the Town Rates, Same being Surplus money arising from Bank Fair.

to write

The Clerk was instructed ~~to the Secretary~~ Great Northern Railway Co, and draw his attention to the fact that no reply has been yet received from his directors to the letter of the Commissioners, dated 16th November 1891, asking to have the old pathway on the east side of the Viaduct from George's Street to the Station restored, and requesting to be favoured with an answer.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid, viz;

Commissioners of Public Works for instalment of principal and Interest due on loan to 1st May, 1892. £ 9-17-6

Daniel Smith, Town Clerk,

~~to pay~~ for repairs to new Market £2-0-0 / repairing Court Cross 19-10 } 2: 19:10

Michael Sheerins, for collecting Town Rate for year 1892, per Resolution of 8th March 1892.

£5:0:0

Receipt Stamps and postage Stamps used by do in collection of Rate 2:1

5: 2: 1

£ 17: 19: 5

T. J. Cummins
9th Nov '92

1892
October 3 - At an adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening the following members attended.

William J. Cumisky. Esq. in the Chair
Thomas W. Hamlet,
Alt. William F. Fullam
Andrew MacDonald
Michael J. Murphy
Patrick Lynch
Thomas Graham and
John Derham.

Esqrs.

Mr Edward King also attended and assisted in fixing the dates for fairs to be held in Balbriggan for year 1893.

It was proposed by Mr Hamlet. Seconded by Mr Murphy. and passed unanimously -

That the fairs for 1893 be held on the following dates.

Namely.

January	Monday	30th
February	Monday	27th
March	Monday	27th
April	Saturday	29th
May	Monday	29th
August	Monday	21st
September	Friday	29th
October	Tuesday	24th
November	Monday	27th
December	Monday	11th.

and

that copies of Same be sent to Purdon's, Eason's and Morre's almanacks also that the usual number of hand bills be printed -

1892
October 15. At the annual Election of Town Commissioners the following persons were this day, on the nomination of William J. Cumisky Esq., duly elected Commissioners without opposition, viz:-

John Dexham, Drogheda Street. Spirit Balbriggan merchant

William Ennis Elmord and Grazier Bridge Street, Balbriggan,

William Fullam, Drogheda Street. Medical Balbriggan Doctor

W. J. Cumisky
9 Nov '92

1892
November 9. At an adjourned Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at half past 7 O. clock, the following members attended, viz -

William J. Lumiskin, Esq. in the Chair
Thomas W. Hamlet
Thomas Graham
Mr. William F. Fullam
John Derham
William Ennis

Messrs.

Messrs Fullam, Derham and Ennis, the three elected Commissioners at the annual Election, made the usual Statutory Declaration of acceptance of office as Commissioners.

It was proposed by Mr Hamlet, Seconded by Mr Fullam, and passed unanimously,

That Mr William J. Lumiskin be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Clerk Submitted to the Meeting an Estimate of the probable amount of receipts and expenditure for the ensuing year, when it was proposed by Mr Hamlet, Seconded by Mr Derham, and passed unanimously.

That the Estimate as read be approved of, and that notice be given by placards and advertisements of our intention at next meeting to make a Rate of Sixpence in the pound on all assessable property within the limits of the Town.

Read the following letters See next page

On the motion of Mr Fullam, Seconded by Mr Ennis, Messrs Percival, Gough and Graham were reappointed as Committee with the same powers and authorities as were invested in them by resolution of 16 October 1891

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Northern Railway Co (Ireland)
Secretary's office,
Dublin.

Sir,

With further reference to your communication asking the Company to provide a pathway over the viaduct at Baltriggan on the east side of the Railway. I beg to say that the matter has been carefully considered by my Directors, and it appears to them from the information that has been placed before them that the path on the West side of the Bridge provides a convenient access not only to the Station but to the main portion of the Town, and for access to the Sea there is a Subway at the north end of the Station through which passengers at all times get access to the Sea.

Under all the circumstances of the case my Directors regret that they do not see their way to open up a footpath on the east side of the viaduct as requested.

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
Henry Plews

To Daniel Smith Esq.
Town Clerk R. Baltriggan

Read letter from the Secretary of the Gas Company intimating that the meters to the Town lamps were verified on the 1st September 1892. at the following indexes -

Drogheda Street	22.300
High Street	30.800
Drogheda Street	6.100
Dublin Street	3.300

and that the lighting of the Town lamps commenced upon the night of that date

Proposed by Mr Hamlet, seconded by Mr Graham, and passed unanimously. That the following accounts be paid viz:-

Joseph Dollard, for printing Rate Books	12:6
W. Curtis & Son for Gas burners	3:3
Irish Times for inserting Notice of audit	5-0
Commissioners of Public Works for Instalment of Principal (£7:10-0) and Interest (£2-3-9) due on Loan to 31st Oct 1892	9:13:9
James Keatro for repairs to Town lamps and Supplying one new lamp	2:6-11
Local Government Board for audit of Commissioners' accounts	3:0:0
Baltiggan Gas Co. Ltd. for Gas consumed by meter, 24 public lamps, from 2nd September. 1891. to 1st April. 1892. 72.000 cubic feet at 6/3 per 1000. £22:10:0	
Lamp lighters wages, 30 weeks and 2 days, at 4/- per week.	6:1:0
Meter Rents	6-0
	28:17:0

Daniel Sinnott, Town Clerk, for Cash advanced by him to pay the following Small accounts. viz-

1890 Sept 25	Carriage meter to Dublin	6
1890 Nov 26	" " from Dublin	1-3
" "	" " " Railway	6
1891 March 13	Repn of Fleming. 1 years Rent plot of ground Law costs against Bissett for throwing three waggons on Street.	1-0 2-0
Octr	Insurance Market premises	8-3
Nov 21	Advertising fairs in Freemans Journal for one week	2-0
" 18	Paid Metric Co for repairing meter	10-0
Mar 3	Freemans Journal advertising Notice to make Rate & postage	2-0
		1-7-0

44:18:5

		Brought forward £	44:18:5
	Brought forward £	1-7-0	
1891			
Sept 12	Carriage by Railway of bills		
	and do to office	9	
14	Advertisement Hard in Freemans		
	Journal for 1 week	2-2	
23	Ditto Rate made	2-8	
1892			
Feb. 26.27.29	Advertising fair in Freemans Journal	1-2	
" "	printing fair bills	4	
Aug. 26	P. Harford, for Poor Rate	1:12:6	
Octr 5	Thos for Election forms	5.3	
"	Insurance of new Market	8.3	
" 15	Cleansing Town Office	4-0	
	Postcards for meetings and		
	postages	7-0	
	Stationery	6	
25	paid Guildea posting placards		
	Election	1-6	
		4:13:1	
	Total £	49:11:6	

Statement of Consumption of Gas

Meters placed at 7mm lamps on the 2nd September 1891. at the following Indexes	Meters removed from Town Lamps on the 1st April, 1892. at the following indexes	Consumed
Quay Street 19.200	22.300	3.100
High Street 28.000	30.800	2.800
Drogheda Street 3.300	6.100	2.800
Dublin Street —o—	3.300	3.300
		12.000
Average per Lamps £ " -18-9		
Total 24 Lamps 22-10-0		
Lamp Lighters wages 30 weeks 2 days at 11- 6:1:0	Average Lamps	3-000
Meter Rents 6-0		24
£28:17:0		72-000

Read letter from Corporation of Cork enclosing resolution passed at the Council relative to Agriculture and Dairy Education.

On the Motion of Mr Hamlet, Seconded by Mr Ennis it was resolved unanimously that the said resolution be adopted and notice thereof be forwarded to the Corporation of Cork

Read circular from the Town Commissioners of Cashel accompanied by copy of a petition to the House of Commons praying that a law may be enacted, giving to Town Tenants Compensation for all Substantial Improvements; and also giving them the right to Compulsorily purchase the ownership of their Houses

On the motion of Mr Hamlet, Seconded by Mr Durham the said petition was unanimously adopted and intimation to that effect be given to the Cashel Commissioners.

J. W. Hamlet
21st March 1893

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March 21. At a special Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 7 O'clock. for the purpose of Striking a Rate of Six pence in the Pound on all assessable property within the limits of the town, and transact all such business as may be brought before the meeting. the following members attended, viz:

Thomas W Hamlet,
William George Percival
W. William F. Fullam, M.D.
Patrick Lynch
John Dorham and
William Dennis, Esqrs

In the absence of the Chairman

It was proposed by Mr. Fullam, seconded by Mr Percival, and passed unanimously.

That Mr Hamlet do take the Chair

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The following resolution proposed by Mr Percival, seconded by Mr. Fullam, was passed unanimously.

That a Rate be made of Six pence in the Pound on all property assessable within the limits of the Town of Baltriggan, under the provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, and that said Rate be due and payable on and after the 21st April, 1893. and that legal notices to that effect be placarded and advertised.

The following was read.

Drogheda, 30 September 1892

Dear Sir.

As we are about to extend the advantages of a proper System of Bill posting to Baltriggan

and adjoining districts, we beg to apply to yrs Commissioners for the right to use the gable of the old Store of premises Situate in Lyeneges Square for the above purposes. We Shall be happy to take a letting under agreement terminable one, two 3 or 6 months notice at the option of yrs Commissioners, and will pay rent at a rate of £1 per annum for use of premises. as they are not being used at present the establishment of proper advertising Station will prove of considerable advantage to the Traders of Ballyjegan, and we Shall undertake to have the premises neatly boarded in Same manner as Sites already licensed in Drogheda, and Surrounding Towns and Villages -

Awaiting yrs Kind reply.

We remain

Yrs obedient servant

Drogheda Advertising Co

per

R M Intosh

Secretary

To Daniel Sinnott

Secretary Ballyjegan Town Comrs

It was proposed by Mr Hullan, Seconded Mr Percival, and passed unanimously -

That we, the Town Commissioners, consent and agree to the terms Set forth in the proposal read, except that the tenancy is to be from month to month, at the monthly rent of 9/8d. Either party to be at the liberty to determine the tenancy on giving to the other one months notice in writing - The Gable end and boarding to be used for the purposes of "Bill sticking" only, and that the Co. Shall make good any damage which may be done to the Commissioners property in the execution or maintenance of the work.

Dr. Mullan brought under the notice of the Meeting that the train accommodation afforded to Balbriggan from Drogheda on Sundays during Summer months were wholly insufficient for the requirement of the Season, and Suggested that a letter to that effect be forwarded to the General Manager of the Great Northern Railway.

Whereupon it was proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Dr Mullan, and passed unanimously.

That Mr Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Manager on the Subject, and Submit for his consideration the many advantages to be gained by running Suitable trains on the afternoon of Sundays, during Summer months, from Drogheda to Balbriggan, and which would operate to induce land owners to build increased accommodation

J. W. Spencer Chairman
8th May 1893

1893

May 8. At an adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7:30 O'clock, the following members, viz

Thomas W. Hamlet
William G. Percival
Patrick Lynch
John Durham
Thomas Graham and
William G. Percival.

Esqrs

It was proposed by Mr Percival, seconded by Mr Graham, and passed unanimously.

That Mr Hamlet do take the Chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The copy of the Rate Book was submitted by the Clerk for Signature of the Commissioners.

It was proposed by Mr Durham, seconded by Mr Graham, and passed unanimously.

That said Rate book be signed by the Chairman and two of the Commissioners by the Clerk, and handed to the Collector for collection.

Read the following.

Baltiboys Industrial & Provident Society
15th April, 1893

Dear Sir.

I am desired by the Committee of this Society to request you will have the goodness to bring under notice of your Commissioners the condition of the Ceilings of the Stalls rented by the Society caused by leakage from Hall above. The Committee are of opinion the Commissioners should make an allowance to enable them to have the Ceilings cleaned and newly papered. At present they are in a very dirty and unsightly condition from leakage of liquids of some kind from room above.

Edmond. Esq Town Clerk. Thomas Harges. Secty

It was proposed by Mr Graham, seconded by Mr Goff, and passed unanimously

That Mr Percival with proposer and seconder be appointed a committee to view the premises and that they be empowered to get painted such work as, in their opinion, requires to be done,

The Braqheda Advertising Co. Limd.
8th. May, 1893.

To Daniel Sinnott.

Innkeeper, Ballinagan,

Re posting Station Georges Square

Dear Sir,

Enclosed we send you agreement duly signed and executed. As this is our busy season we shall not be able to proceed with the erection of the Station sooner than the 1st. proximo.

We are, Dear Sir.

Yours truly

The Braqheda Advertising Co. Limd.

per R. McIntosh

To the Ballinagan Town Commissioners

Gentlemen,

I most respectfully apply for an increase of £1 a year to my present Salary of £4 as Rate Collector. I think my request is not unreasonable when taking into consideration the fact that no rate was struck in the years 1886 and 1888 for both years receiving no salary. Since then I received on account £1 in the years 1889, 1890 and 1892, leaving me at loss of £5.

Hoping you will give my application your favourable consideration

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedt Servant

Michael Sheerin

Rate Collector

8th. May, 1893.

Proposed by Mr Graham, Seconded by Mr Percival, and passed unanimously.

That Mr Sheerin be referred to Resolution of the 8th. March, 1892, wherein it is distinctly and emphatically stated that the increase of £1 sought was to be paid for that year only.

Read the following letter—

Ltr to be entered in the Minutes of 8/5/93

Town Clerk's office.
Balbriggan. 3rd April. 1893.

Sir.

I beg leave to acquaint you that at a meeting held on the 21st ultimo. of the Town Commissioners of Balbriggan, it was decided to communicate with you, asking you to direct that some of the Sunday afternoon trains from Drogheda to Laytown should proceed as far as Balbriggan, during the Summer months. The advantages to be derived from such an arrangement are many, and the additional expense would be almost imperceptible.

The town of Balbriggan is a favourite watering place; and, owing to its beautiful and smooth Strand, would be much frequented by Strangers if the Railway communication were improved. It has, of late years, been much enlarged, and improved in appearance, many new buildings having been erected, and Shops neatly fitted up. There is a Splendid hotel, which is now being renovated at considerable expense, and which will be a great acquisition to tourists and other visitors. Commodious hot and cold Salt water baths have also been erected by a Company. The new Bank of the Northern Banking Co. built within the last two years is a large and handsome Structure.

The Situation of the town is highly picturesque, commanding fine views of the Sea and Surrounding Country; and having in its vicinity the beautiful demesnes of Gormanston Castle, Hampton Hall and Ardgillan Castle, as well as many other residences of the nobility and Gentry. If convenient communication were afforded by your Railway, on Sundays, from Drogheda to Balbriggan, there would be a great influx of all classes of visitors, more especially of those desirous of Sea-bathing.

The inhabitants of Drogheda consider Laytown too near

neart for the purposes of pleasure seeking and would prefer the longer journey to Balbriggan, where they could enjoy the delightful walks at Hampton, Gormanston and other immediate neighbourhoods.

Again there is no siding at Laytown, and consequently trains from Drogheda to that place are compelled to return without passengers, whereas if the trains were continued to Balbriggan, and which could be done at very little additional expense, owing to the shortness of the distance, the siding there could be utilised.

Such being the many advantages of Balbriggan the Commissioners are convinced that the inhabitants of Drogheda would largely avail of it as a place of Sunday resort, if suitable Railway accommodation were afforded.

If the train leaving Drogheda at 2 o.clock were continued from Laytown to Balbriggan, it would be extensively availed of by the Drogheda excursionists, as they would thereby be enabled to partake of dinner before starting.

From all this I am quite certain that you will readily perceive the advantages, in the way of revenue from passenger traffic, to be derived from the alterations which I have suggested in behalf of the Commissioners, and that you will willingly put them into operation during the approaching Summer season.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant
Daniel Grimes
Town Clerk

To
Robertson, Esq.
General Manager Great Northern Railway Co.

Office of National Education
Dublin, 4th April, 1893

Sir,

We are directed by the Commissioners of National Education to call your attention to the 3rd and 15th Sections of the Irish Education Act, 1892: and to request that you will be good enough to inform the Commissioners of National Education as to what steps you propose to take for complying with the Act

We are,

Your obedient servant

D. C. Taylor
W. R. Mallon
} Secretaries

After some discussion the letter was marked "Read"

Read Report of Auditor relative to audit of the Commissioners Accounts for the years ended the 15th October 1891 and 15th October, 1892, in which he states,

"In reporting upon these accounts I have simply to state that they were prepared with unquestionable accuracy by the Clerk to the Town Commissioners, Mr Daniel Emmott, and that the payments contained in them were vouched in a satisfactory manner".

Read communication from the Secty of the Gas Co. intimating that the meters have been removed from the Town Lamps at the following indexes:

Quay Street	26.500
High Street	34.600
Dublin Street	7.100

C. J. Cumiskey
19 July 1893

1893

July 19. At an adjourned Statutory meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7:30 O'clock, the following members attended. viz.

William J. Cunningham, Esq. in the Chair
Thomas W. Hamlet
William F. Sullam, M.D.
Thomas Graham
Patrick Lynch.

Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.
Read Communication from Registrar of Petty Sessions Clerks intimating that a Sum of £5:5:9 proportion of Surplus moneys arising from the Sale of Licenses under the Dogs Regulation Act. 1865, for the year 1892 for the Town of Balbriggan had been lodged in Northern Bank to the credit of the Commissioners

Read copy of Resolution forwarded by the Corporation of the City of Waterford for adoption of Commissioners, Relational Education (Ireland) Bill. which was ordered to be marked "Read"

The following Resolution adopted by the Guardians of Dismore union and forwarded by their Clerk for the Consideration of the Commissioners was read.

"That we view with amazement the action of those Irish Members who on Monday night, the 11th. instant, voted for the reduction of Irelands Representation in the Imperial Parliament from 103 to 80, and that their having so voted in the face of Mr Gladstone's Statement, that he would be satisfied to adopt the decision of the House of Commons on this Question constitutes in our minds a grave impeachment on their honesty

and patriotism, and makes the chances of an ultimate Satisfactory Settlement of the Land Question by the Imperial Parliament for which it is reserved, more and more remote."

It was proposed by Dr. Fullam, Seconded by Mr Bertham, and passed unanimously.

That the resolution read be and is hereby adopted, and that copies of Same be Sent to

The Right Hon. John Morley, M.P. Chief Secretary
Justin McCarthy, Esq. M.P. and
John E. Redmond, Esq. M.P.

Read the following:

Ballyeggan, 19th July, 1893

Gentlemen,

I most respectfully mind you of your promise of reconsidering my application of the 8th May, 1893, respecting a balance of £5 due me in consideration of two years' Salary at £4 per year, and out of which I received £3.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant
Michael Sheerin
Rate collector

To the Ballyeggan Town Comrs.

After Some discussion, Mr Bertham gave notice that he would at next Monthly meeting move a Resolution to rescind the following one of the 8th May last, namely,

That Mr Sheerin be referred to Resolution of the 8th March 1892. wherein it is distinctly and emphatically stated that the increase of £1 Sought was to be paid for that Year only, and further that the word "only" be struck out of Said Resolution of 8 March 1892.

Mr Hamlet Read a lengthened resolution

prepared by him for the adoption of the Commissioners as to the great necessity which exists for the appointment of some proper persons residing in the town of Baltriggan to the Commission of the Peace.

After a protracted discussion it was agreed to leave the consideration thereof for an adjourned meeting, when it was proposed by Dr. Fulham, Seconded by Mr Dorham, and passed unanimously.

That this Meeting Stand adjourned to Wednesday evening, the 26th instant, at 7: 30 O'clock.

July 26, At the adjourned meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7: 30 O'clock, the following members attended, viz.

William J. Cumisky, Esq. in the Chair
Thomas W. Hamlet
William G. Perceval
William J. Fullam, M.D.
Thomas Graham
John Dorham,
Esqrs.

Doctor Fullam moved the following Resolution for adoption.

"Whereas, owing to the frequent absence of the only Justice of the Peace residing in Baltriggan, Prisoners who have been arrested for minor offences have often been either released without trial, Kept over night, or brought to a neighbouring town for trial in custody, and as grave inconvenience

is also caused to those inhabitants who require the Services of a Justice of the Peace for making affidavits, affirmations &c. &c. we, the Town Commissioners of Balbriggan, hereby record our dissatisfaction with the State of Public Works".

That copies of this Resolution be forwarded, by our Clerk, to

His Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland,
The Right Honble John Morley, Chief Secretary,
The Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor
The Right Hon. Jon Grant Hamilton,
H.M. Lieutenant for the County of Dublin,
and John Clancy, Esq. M.P. for North Co Dublin.

after considerable discussion the foregoing resolution was seconded by Mr Dorham. and passed unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Hamlet, and passed unanimously.

That cheques be Signed for payment of the following accounts.

viz -

Commissioners of Public Works for Instalment of Principal with interest due on Loan to 1st May, 1893. £ 9:9:3

James Stack, Clerk of Union. for preparing Rate Books 2:0:0

Daniel Sinnott. Town Clerk, for cash advanced by him to pay Jas Seaver, for 1 years Rent of plot of ground, corner of High St to 1st Nov 1892. 2-0-0

and
J.W. Hamlet, for Grand Jury fees 1-6-2

£ 14:15:5

Michael Percival
Chairman
28th Oct. 1893

1893

August 7. In consequence of the non-attendance of Commissioners at the Statutory meeting Summoned for this day at 12 O'clock I hereby, under the authority vested in me in that behalf, adjourn the meeting to the 16th instant, at 7.30 O'clock P.M.

Daniel Sinnott
Town Clerk

August 16 In consequence of the non-attendance of Commissioners at the Statutory Meeting adjourned to this evening I hereby further adjourn this meeting to the 28th instant, at 7.30 O'clock P.M.

Daniel Sinnott
Town Clerk

August 28. At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 7.30 O'clock the following members attended viz -

William G. Percival
A. Fullam
John Bertram
Patrick Lynagh
Thomas Graham.

Esq^rs -

In the absence of Mr Chairman,

It was proposed by A. Fullam, Seconded by by W. Bertram, and passed unanimously.

That Mr Percival do take the Chair.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

The following communications acknowledging receipt of Commissioners resolution in connection with the absence of Magistrates at Balbriggan were read.

Abbotstown, Castleknock R.
29th July, 1893.

Sir, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. forwarding resolution of the Baltrieggan Town commissioners adopted on the 26th same month.

Your faithfully
Jon J Hamilton

To Mr Simmott. Townlobert R.

Lord Chancellor's Secretary's office, Thur Courts.
29th July 1893.

Sir. I have to acknowledge your letter enclosing a copy of a resolution of the Town commissioners of Baltrieggan which I shall submit to the Lord Chancellor in due course,

I am, Sir.

Your obedient servant
J. Nugent Lentaigne

To D. Simnott. Esq. Townlobert R.

Vice Regal Lodge. Dublin
30th July, 1893

Sir. I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th instant containing a copy of the Resolution passed by the Commissioners of the Town of Baltrieggan on the

I have the honour to be,
Sir, Your obedient servant
Arthur Guise

Daniel Simnott, Esq, Townlobert R.

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House of Commons.

1st August, 1893.

Dear Sir,

Mr Morley desires me to acknowledge your letter of the 28th ultimo enclosing copy of Resolution connected with the absence of Magistrates at Balbriggan.

Yours truly
Joseph A. Pease

A. Smith Esq.

House of Commons
August 1st, 1893.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter conveying the resolution of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners relative to the necessity for the appointment of new Magistrates in the town and district.

In reply I beg to say that I shall send the resolution to Mr Morley with the expression of my own opinion that the state of the Magisterial Bench in every part of the County of Dublin is a Scandal and that the Town Commissioners are very moderate indeed in the demand which they now make.

Yours faithfully
J. J Clancy

Daniel Sinnott, Esq. Town Clerk R-

The following was also read.

Balbriggan Gas Light Co. Ltd.

Balbriggan, 14th August 1893.

Dear Sir - I beg to hand your Statement of Account for Town Comrs lamps for year ending 1st April, 1893, which you will please Kindly place before your Board at their next meeting - I would have sent in this account a good deal sooner only waiting to get the meters tested, which I did on Saturday last - the meters are right, some of them a shade slow if anything although the account seems pretty high on this occasion -

Yours faithfully
J. McCarde R
Secty

A. Smith, Esq,
Town Clerk R

Account enclosed.

1892		
Sept 21	To gas consumed on 24 Public lamps from 1st Septr to 21st Septr. 10-400 cubic feet. at 6/3 per 1.000	£ 3 : 5 : 0
1893 April 1.	" with consumed on 25 public lamps from 21 Septr. 1892 until 1st April, 1893. 87.500 feet at 6/3 per 1,000 -	27 : 6 : 10
	Lamplighter's wages 30 weeks, 2 days at 4/- per week	6 : 1 : 0
	Meter Rents	4 : 0
		36 : 16 : 10
	" Lamp Pillar ordered and paid for by Baltinglass Gas Co. for Commissioners -	1 : 10 : 0
	" Carriage by Railway	1 : 6
		£ 38 : 8 : 4

Mr Bertham, with view to enable the Commissioners to re-consider Mr Sheerin's Application for an increase of £1 a year to his present salary, moved, pursuant to notice, that the Resolution of the 8th May last in reference thereto be rescinded, and that the word "only" be struck out of Resolution of the 8th March, 1892.

The following is the notice of Motion, To Rescind Resolution of 8 May, 1893, namely:

That Mr Sheerin be referred to Resolution of 8th March, 1892, wherein it is distinctly and emphatically stated that the increase of £1 sought was to be paid for that year only - and

That the word "only" be struck out of said Resolution of 8th March, 1892.

The motion not being seconded fell through.

It was proposed by Mr Fullam, seconded by Mr Lynch, and passed unanimously - That our Clerk be instructed to have the Gas meters tested by the official Inspector of Dublin Corporation.

Mc Lee Secretary Chairman pro tem
Oct 23rd 1893

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October 16. At the Annual Election of Town Commissioners held this day the following persons (the three outgoing Commissioners, were, on the nomination of Thomas W. Hamlet Esq., duly elected Commissioners of the Town of Baltriggan,
No other person was nominated.

William Cumiskey. Esq
Patrick Gough. Esq.
Thomas W. Hamlet. Esq.

Wm. D. Kenrick
Oct. 23rd 93 Chairman pro tem.

1893
October 23. At an adjourned Statutory meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7.30 o'clock, the following members, viz -

William Cy. Percival
Thomas W. Hamlet
William H. Fullam, M.D.
Thomas J. Graham
John Dexham,

Esqrs,

Mr Hamlet made the usual Statutory Declaration of acceptance of office as Town Commissioner and took his Seat at the Board.

Proposed by Dr Fullam, Seconded by Mr Hamlet, and passed unanimously.

That Mr Percival do take the Chair.

Proposed by Mr Hamlet, Seconded by Dr. Fullam and passed unanimously

That Mr Cunningham be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Read the following

Corporation of Dublin

Meter Testing office
Dublin 4th Sept 1893

I certify that I have tested the following Gas meters forwarded for examination by the Balbriggan Town Commissioners and found them as described below

Size	Number	Index	Observations
2 D	255420	26600	4% fast Rejected
2 D	255505	34700	10% fast Rejected
1 D	3457	7100	Correct

Thomas J. Cotton
Official Inspector

To Daniel Sinnott, Esq,
Town Clerk, Balbriggan

It was proposed by Mr Fullam, seconded by Mr Berham, and passed unanimously,

That the Clerk write to the Gas Company calling their attention to the large sum charged in their Statement of account submitted at last meeting for last Seasons gas, and at same time to forward a copy of Mr Leathems Certificate as to the state of the meters, and to request that a fair and reasonable reduction be made by the Company in accordance with said Certificate

Read communication from the Commissioners of National Education requesting to be informed as to what Steps the Town Commissioners propose to take for complying the Act, 1892 for Compulsory Education in Ireland -

It was ordered to be marked Read

The following resolution forwarded by the Town Commissioners of Cashel for the Co-operation and active Support of this Board was also read -

"That circulars be sent to all public bodies and Secretaries of public meetings who have sent on nominations for the Magistracy inviting them to send delegates to a public conference, to be held in November next, for the purpose of Considering what effective Steps can be taken to Secure proper respect for the wishes of the Irish people and for the vote of the House of Commons in the important matter of the reform of the magisterial Bench.

After short discussion it was marked "Read"

On the motion of Mr Fullam Seconded by Mr Berham Messrs Percival, Lynch and Graham were re-appointed Gas Committee with the same powers and authorities as were invested in them by resolution of 16 October 1895

The Clerk intimated to the Meeting that the following Sums had been received and lodged in Bank.

From Drogheda Advertising Co. Limited, for one half years rent of gable end and board at old Stable new market to 1st Nov 93 10-0

Balbriggan Provident Society Limd. for one years Rent of Front Stalls 13-0-0

St Patricks Band Association for 66 weeks Rent of Concert room to October 1893 3:6-0

For Petty sessions fines 9:12:6

It was proposed by Mr Hallam, Seconded by Mr Hamlet, and passed unanimously that the following accounts be paid viz

Daniel Sinnott: for 12 months Salary as Town Clerk to the 4th October, 1892 £12:0:0

Bills for cash advanced by him to pay the following small accounts viz

1892

October 8		Guilden for posting fair bills	1-4 ✓
Nov 22		Advertising fairs	6-0 ✓
December 2		Advertising fairs	
" Oct 18		Bill Independent 3 insertions	1-2 ✓
		Bill Freemans Journal	1-0 ✓
	25	Guilden posting election notices and voters list	1-3 ✓
Nov	21	Inserting fair in Irish Times	2-3 ✓
	23	Do Notice of Market in Freemans Journal	1-3 ✓
		Guilding posting notice of Fairs	6
Dec	13	P.K. Keating carriage of fair bills	6
		Railway carriage of do from Drogheda	6
1893			
January Fairs		Insertion in Freeman	1-6 ✓
		Independent	1-6 ✓
		postage on do	4

1893

Feb 25.	Guilde posting fairs notice	6
March 2	postage to Drogheda notice of Rate	2
	March 31st Insertion in Freemans Journal & postage	1-2
	Guildea distributing fairs bills	6
May 25.26 & 27	Insertion fairs in Freemans Journal & postage	1-2
	do Independent	1-2
August	do Fairs Freemans Journal & postage	1-2
	postage Re magistrals appointment of	8
August 21.	Paid for Poor Rate	1-7-6
24	Paid Railway for carriage 3 Gas meters to Dublin for inspection	6
	ditto for canvas for do	8
	ditto Guildea for carriage to Railway	6
September	paid for testing meters	1-6
	do for man to pack same	1-0
	Railway fare for Self & pack with meters	2-8
	Railway carriage of meters to Balbriggan	6
October	Steven for telegram election notices	6
	Telegram to Mc Dougall. Drogheda in reference to list of voters	6
	Railway carriage voters list to and from Railway	1-0
	Guildea posting list of voters	1-0
	ditto notices of Election	1-0
	Railway hire carriage of Rate Books	3
October 15	Northern Bank commission in check of Drogheda Advertising &c	3
	Insurance	9-6
	Licensing Commissioners Room 1 year	4-0
	Stationery	1-6
	postcards postages	7.6

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Notices of Motion for next meeting
by Mr Detham

To rescind Resolution of the 8th
May 1893 in reference to Rate collectors
application for increase of Salary.

and that the word "only" be struck
out of Resolution of the 8th March 1892
relative to same matter.

also notice of Motion handed in
by Mr Fullam for consideration
at next meeting.

That Rate collectors Salary
be increased to the Sum of £6:10:0
for this year only.

Read copy of the Honorary of the
Working classes Act 1893

P. W. Fanning
24th Nov 1893

1893

November 24. At an adjourned meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7. 30 O. clock. the following members attended, viz.

Thomas W. Hamlet
William G. Percival
Patrick Lynch
Thomas J. Graham
John Bethan
William Ennis.
Esqrs

It was proposed by Mr Percival, seconded by Mr Graham, and passed unanimously.

That Mr Hamlet do take the Chair.

Mr Lynch made the usual Statutory Declaration of acceptance of office as Commissioner and took his Seat at the board.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Mr Betham, in pursuance of notice, moved that the Resolution of the 8th May, 1892, in reference to Rate collectors application for increase of Salary be rescined, and that the word "only" be Struck out of Resolution of the 8th March 1892. relative to same matter.

Being seconded by Mr Percival it passed unanimously.

Pursuant to notice given at last meeting by Mr Tallam, and in his absence at this meeting, the following resolution was proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Graham, and unanimously passed.

Whereas additional labour has been caused in the collection of Rate this year owing to the fact that no Rate was Struck in the years 1891 and 1890. That the collector be paid the Sum of Six Pounds, ten Shillings for the collection of this years rate - the Said Sum to include and be in full discharge of all claims and demands for compensation, or otherwise by him against the Commissioners with reference to alleged Salary due him for the three years that no Rate was made - cheque to be handed to him for the £6-10-0 upon receipt being given by him for same as a final Settlement.

Read the following letter forwarded by Gas Co, by mr Clerk, as directed at last meeting.

Town Commissioners' office.

Baltinglass, 4th November 1893.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by my Commissioners to acknowledge yours letter enclosing account for £36:16:10½ for the Season gas ending the 1st April last, and to state that inasmuch as the figures furnished show a large increase in the consumption for the Season, they are desirous that an explanation be given as to the cause thereof.

I am instructed to forward for the information of your directors the following observations of the Commissioners in reference thereto.

From your account the number of feet of gas stated to have been consumed in the meter lamps at Quay Street, High Street and Dublin Street from the 1st September to the 21st of same month is respectively 300. 400 and 400, shewing an increase of 100 feet by the Quay Street meter, and from the 21st September to the 1st April following 3.700. 3400 and 3. 400 shewing an increase of 300 feet by same meter.

If the cause of the large quantity of gas registered as having passed through the Quay Street meter was due to leakage it was the bounded duty of your directors to have seen to the matter and as far as possible have prevented the cause of the escape, more especially as the person who lights and extinguishes the lamps is in the employment of your directors and not under the control of the Commissioners.

My Commissioners are aware that one additional lamp was lighted from the 21st September to the 1st April, but they consider it

most extraordinary that there should be such a large increase last year if the meters were correct, and for the purpose of testing their accuracy they forwarded the three meters to the Meter Testing Office, Dublin, and received back the following certificate,

Corporation of Dublin.

Meter Testing Office,
Dublin, 4th. September 1888.

I certify I have tested the following gas meters and found them as described below:

	Size	Number	Index	Observations
Quay St.	2 D	255420	26600	4% fast. Rejected
High St	2 D	255505	34700	10% fast. Rejected
Dublin St.	1 D	3457	7100	Correct

Thomas J. Cotton
Official Inspector

My Commissioners are satisfied that the large increase in last season's gas was due solely to the fact stated in the foregoing certificate, and they desire to call attention that the two rejected meters are the property of your directors, for the use of which the Commissioners pay rent.

The Commissioners contend that when the arrangement was entered into in the year 1882 it was not understood by them that the gas which could be proved to have been not honestly consumed should be charged for.

Even assuming that the Commissioners are legally liable to pay for 400 feet - the difference between Quay Street meter and the other meters - they cannot understand on what grounds or basis your directors have

charged the average Registes as having been consumed by each of the other 25 Lamps, when it is quite evident that the extra consumption was in the Quay Street and High Street meter Lamps only, and caused in the manner described.

It is therefore unjust that the commissioners should be called to pay the large sum ~~expended~~ furnished for last Season's gas, and it is hoped that your directors will give the matter their best consideration and make a fair and reasonable reduction in the sum charged.

Yours faithfully
Daniel Smith
Town Clerk

To Mr John McCarrick,
Secretary Balbriggan Gas Co. Limd.

Reply.

Balbriggan Gas Co Limd
Balbriggan. 7th Nov 1883.

Dear Sir.

I beg to inform you that I have placed your letter of the 4th instant before my Directors and after a very full consideration of the whole matter they came to the conclusion to allow a rebate of 4½ per cent on £30-11-10 making a sum of £1-8-4. The Directors admit that the Quay Street and High Street meters registered too much and does not object to allow for the difference but they cannot see why the Town Commissioners can expect any other reduction.

Yours very truly
J. McCarrick
Secty

D. Smith Esq.
Town Clerk

Proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Graham, and passed unanimously.

That we agree to the rebatement made by the Gas Company, and that their account as amended for last Season's gas, £37. be paid.

Proposed by Mr Graham, Seconded by Mr Parham, and unanimously passed,

That two new coloper lamps be purchased and put up in Town in place of two old ones.

It was proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Ellis, and passed unanimously.

That this Meeting stand adjourned to the 28th. instant, at 7.30 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of considering letter from the Commissioners of National Education asking what Steps the board had taken in connection with putting the provisions of the compulsory Education Act 1892 in force in this district,

also to Elect a Commissioner in place of Mr Michael J. Murphy, disqualified.

1893
November 28 - At the adjourned Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7.30 o'clock. the following members attended, viz:

William J Cumisky.
Thomas W. Hamlet
William George Perceval
William F. Fullam, M.D.
John Bertram
Thomas Graham

Mr Cumisky made Statutory Declaration of acceptance of office as Commissioner and took his Seat as Chairman at the board.

Read the following:

Irish Education Act, 1892.

Office of National Education
Dublin, 23rd November 1893,

Sir,

Referring to previous communications regarding the arrangements to be made by the Town Commissioners of Baltriggan in connection with the Irish Education Act, 1892. I am directed by the Commissioners of National Education to request that you will be good enough to state by return of post, if possible, whether the sample regulations - sent to you on the 6th current - as to the appointment and procedure of School attendance Committee, have been adopted by your Commissioners or whether they have themselves framed Regulations.

The Commissioners of National Education will be glad to receive the names of the persons appointed by your Commissioners to form half the School attendance committee for Baltriggan.

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
W. R. Molloy Secretary

The Town Clerk,
Baltriggan

Read the Regulations referred to.

After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Percival, seconded by Mr Bertram, and passed unanimously.

That we, the Commissioners of the Town of Baltriggan, having considered the provisions of the Compulsory Education Act, 1892, hereby adopt for said Town the set of regulations furnished by the Commissioners of National Education as to the time and mode of appointment of School Attendance Committee, and for the conduct of the proceedings of such Committee.
And that the School Attendance Committee for this town consist of Six members, and that the following be the three appointed by this board in accordance with the regulations adopted.

Mr William J. Cumisky. J.P.
Dr. William F. Fullam. J.P.
Mr William George Percival. J.P.

Proposed by Dr. Fullam, seconded by Mr Percival, and passed unanimously.

That Mr Patrick McDonnell, of Drogheda Street, Baltriggan, baker, be elected a Commissioner in place of Mr Michael J. Murphy, disqualified.

Read the following

Baltriggan,
28th/11/93

Dear Sir,

There was a meeting held last week at which there were about twenty-five of the inhabitants of Baltriggan present. Mr Warren in

the Chair - It was then decided to start a Gymnasium. The Instructor we have engaged, Professor Mc. Naughton, states that the new market Hall would be a very Suitable room. I therefore on behalf of the parties who have given in their names as members apply to you for the use of Same for three nights per week, of course the members would be bound by any rules you have in connection with the letting of the room. We will be able to arrange with the Balbriggan Band, who at present have it as to nights they would require it for practice.

Yours faithfully,
H. B. Nowlan M.B.
Hon Sec (pro tem)

The Chairman of
Balbriggan Town Commissioners,

It was proposed by Mr Berham, Seconded by Mr Percival, and carried unanimously,

That we the Town Commissioners regret being unable to accede to the request that the Concert hall be let for Gymnasium exercises but we are willing to let the large Shed in the market Yard for the purpose by the week at the weekly rent of One Shilling, to be paid monthly.

The Gymnasium Club, its members and Servants to have a right of way through Yard to Said Shed.

Any fixtures to be made to said Shed by the Club to be the property of the Commissioners.

All repairs and alterations made to the Shed

to be at the expense of the Club.

The Shed not to be used for any purpose other than and except gymnasium purposes unless by the consent in writing of the Commissioners first had and obtained.

The tenancy to be determined by either party giving to the other a months previous notice in writing.

The following account was ordered to be paid.

Daniel Sinnott for cash advanced by him to Ballyhegan Industrial and Provident Society, Limited, for painting, papering and other materials used for Stalls in Market premises £1-5-0

painter and paper hangers time at above. 8 days at 5/- 2-0-0

June 1893.

£ 3:5:0

Wm. Jas. Kennedy
Chairman of the Meeting 23rd Feb 1894

1894

February 23. At a Special meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at ½-30 O'clock, the following members attended viz:-

William J. Percival
Thomas F. Graham
John Derham
William Tennis
Patrick Lynch,

Esqrs,

It was proposed by Mr Derham, seconded by Mr Lynch, and passed unanimously -

That Mr Percival do take the Chair

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Read the following communication from the Commissioners of Irish National Education in reference to the completion of the local attendance Committee under the Compulsory Education Act. 1892.

Irish Education Act. 1892

Office of National Education

Sir. The Local Authority of Baltriggan having determined that the School Attendance Committee for the place shall consist of Six members, one half of whom have been appointed by that Authority, 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. Francis Nowlan, Esq. M.D.
2. Revd S. P. Warren
3. Revd J. K. Walsh, P.P.

The Entire Committee will consist accordingly of the following members.

By whom appointed	Names &c	Place of Residence
By Local Authority	William J. Lumisden, Esq. William H. Fullam, Esq. M.D. William George Percival, Esq.	Baltrizgan
By Commissioners of National Education	Francis Rowlan, Esq. M.D. Revd S. P. Warren Revd J. K. Walsh, P. P.	Baltrizgan Baltrizgan Skerries

This Committee being thus now complete, the Act may be set in motion on the 1st proximo.

We are. Sir,
Your obedient Servants
J. B. Taylor
W. R. Mallon } Secretaries

To
Daniel Sinnott. Esq
Town Clerk. Baltrizgan

The Clerk stated that the Committee is now so far perfect, but it will require action on the Commissioners part to make any more.

The Chairman said this matter seemed to be adopted by every township in Ireland pending further legislation.

The Commissioners were of opinion they should not rush the matter.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted :-

Proposed by Mr Barham, seconded by Mr Keogh. That this Board is of opinion that expenses connected with carrying out the compulsory Education Act should be defrayed out of the Treasury Funds. We therefore respectfully urge upon the Government, in bringing in an act to amend the Act of 1892, to provide such funds for this purpose as shall relieve the Local Rates of any expenses in connection therewith. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to John Morley, Esq. M.P. Chief Secretary.

Proposed by Mr Ennis, seconded by Mr Keogh

That We, the Commissioners of the Town of Ballincollig, entirely endorse the action of the Mayor of Cork in Strongly and respectfully urging upon her Majesty's Government the just and undoubted claims of the Queenstown route as the most Suitable for the carriage of the Transatlantic mails between America and London. a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Postmaster General

Read communication from Irish Association for the prevention of Intemperance enclosing Memorial to House of Commons in favour of having the Sunday Closing and the Early Saturday Closing Bill passed into Law, and requesting the Chairman to add his Signature to the memorial.

On the motion of Mr Dorham, seconded by Mr Lough, the Communication was marked "Read".

Proposed by Mr Graham, seconded by Mr Ennis, and passed unanimously:
That Cheques be drawn to pay the following accounts.

Commissioners of Public Works for Instalment of Principal and Interest due on loan to 31st October, 1893.	£ 9 : 6 : 2
Michael Sheerins, Rate Collector, for ~~remuneration~~ allowance as per Resolution of 23 November last, for collection of Rate for 1893	6 : 10 : 0
	£ 15 : 16 : 2

Wm J Cummins
27 April 1894.

1894
April 27. At a Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 7.30 o'clock, the following members attended, viz

William J. Cunisk Esq. in the Chair,
William Ly. Perceval
Thomas W. Hamlet
John Dexham and
Patrick Lynch.
Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.
The Clerk Submitted to the Meeting an Estimate an Estimate of the probable amount of receipts and expenditure for the ensuing year when it was proposed by
Seconded by Mr Perceval and passed unanimously
That the Estimate as read be approved of, and that notice be given by placards and advertisement of our intention at next Meeting to make a Rate of Sixpence in the pound on all property assessable within the limits of the Town.

Read letter from Clerk to the Kingstown Commissioners stating that he was directed by a Committee composed of the Commissioners and Several influential ratepayers of that Township to request the co-operation of the Ballsbridge Town Commissioners in bringing under the Notice of Parliament the great necessity that exists for some change of the Law of Landlord and tenant whereby tenants in town would be enabled to enjoy in Security the fruits of their expenditure in effecting permanent improvements in their holdings, and enclosing a draft petition to Parliament on the Subject which if approved of by the Ballsbridge Town

Commissioners should be sent to their Representative to be Submitted to the House of Commons

It was proposed by Mr Hamlet, Seconded by Mr Gough, and passed unanimously.

That the Petition read be adopted by us, and that our Chairman and Clerk be authorised to Sign Same and that the Town Seal be attached thereto, and that the Petition be forwarded to our Representative John J. Delaney, Esq. M.P. for presentation to Parliament.

Annual Report from Loan Fund Board was Submitted and read to Meeting, when the Clerk was directed to write to the Secretary to get particulars of information as to the mode of establishing Public Loan Funds.

Submitted letter from Mr Deneh, Solicitor, enclosing conveyance dated 16th February, 1894. to the Commissioners of Market Plot, Re Fleming's property recently purchased by them in Landed Estates Court, also Sending particulars of Costs to £ 9: 8: 9 in connection with Same.

The Commissioners being of opinion that the Sums charged were excessively high for a £10 purchase the Chairman Suggested that the Clerk be instructed to arrange a Settlement with Mr Deneh for a Sum not exceeding £6. and this was agreed upon.

The following accounts, on the motion of Mr Perceval, Seconded by Mr Barham, were ordered to be paid viz -

James Kearns for repairing town lamps, erecting and taking down Same	£ 3-5-0
Local Government for two years 1891 and 1892, audit	6-0-0
Daniel Sinnott, Town Clerk, one years Salary up to and ending 4th October, 1893.	12-0-0
With for cash advanced by him to pay County Cess for year, 1893.	1-6-11
	22: 11 - 11

The Clerk laid before the meeting a proposal signed by Patrick Nolan, Hemp-maker, to become a weekly tenant for the Shop or Stall now vacant in the new market, next the gate entrance, at 2/6 per week - to commence and be computed from the 29th January, 1894, and stated that he, on behalf of the Commissioners, accepted the proposal and handed him over possession of the premises. Nolan has paid 8 weeks Rent, and three are due. He has gone to reside in Drogheda, but before doing so sent the Key of the premises by his wife - He declines to pay the arrears due inasmuch as it cost him 14/- to put in a front window in the Shop -

The Clerk asked for instructions to proceed against Nolan for the recovery of the rent due - The Commissioners would not give any intimation that they were satisfied with what was paid taking into consideration what it cost for the window -

The Clerk was directed to write to Mr Ennis, Solicitor, to inquire what had become of the process proceedings against Mr Cusack, Solicitor, for the recovery of Rates -

W. J. Cusack
11th May 1894

1894

May 11 - At a Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7:30 o'clock the following members attended, viz:

William J. Cumisky, Esq. in the Chair
William George Perceval
Thomas H. Hamlet
John Dorham
William Ennis.

Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

The following Resolution proposed by Mr Hamlet, Seconded by Mr Percival, was passed unanimously.

That a Rate be made of Sixpence in the Pound on all Property assessable within the limits of the Town of Balbriggan under the provisions of the "Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act. 1854" and that Said Rate be due and payable on and after the 14th day of June 1894, and that legal Notices to that effect be placarded and advertised.

Number of Circulars, Rules and other documents forwarded by Loand Fund Board as to the mode of Establishing Public Loan Funds were Submitted and read: After a thorough discussion no action was taken in the matter; they were left over for next meeting.

The Clerk having intimated to the Commissioners that Mr Lynch, Solicitor, has agreed to accept the Sum of £6 in full payment of accounts and debts due him by them, it was ordered on the motion of Mr Percival, Seconed by Mr Dorham, and unanimously passed.

That a cheque for £6 be drawn in the name of Mr Gerald Lynch, Solicitor, in Settlement of all accounts due him by the Commissioners to this date.

Submitted to meeting four Specimen forms prepared by the Commissioners of National Education under the Irish Education, 1892. for the use of School Attendance Committee.

June 4 - Statutory Meeting not held this in consequence of non attendance of Commissioners

June 26. At a Special Meeting, duly convened at request of five commissioners, was held this evening, at 7-30 O'clock. for the transaction of General business;

and

To receive a deputation, consisting of William Wright, Esq. J.P. and Terence O'Neill, Esq., appointed, at a large and influential meeting of the Rate payers held at the Courthouse, on the 18th instant, to wait on and present to the Commissioners certain resolutions passed thereat relative to the necessity for a Suitable Town Hall for Baltinglass, and to submit for the consideration of the board the views expressed at the Meeting, the following members attended, viz:

William J. Cunniffe, Esq. in the Chair
William Ly Perceval, William Tennis,
John Dorham, Thomas Graham,
Patrick Lynch and Thomas W. Hamlet.

Esquires

Read communication from the Town Commissioners of Clonmel, relative to Compulsory Education Act 1892 calling upon the Government to remove the disabilities that attach to the Christian Brothers, as teachers, by which they are precluded from receiving a fair share of the funds granted for Educational purposes in Ireland, and enclosing copy resolution in form thereof passed by said Commissioners for adoption by this board,

Proposed by Mr Hamlet, seconded by Mr Graham and passed unanimously.

That We the Commissioners of Ballincollig adopt the Resolution in form of above object forwarded to us for that purpose by the Commissioners of Clonmel

Read also communication from Mallow Town Commissioners forwarding resolution in favour of making provision that the expenses of carrying out the Compulsory Education Act, 1892 should be met out of the Imperial Treasury and not by the "Local Authority" out of the "Local Rate" and asking the co-operation of this board in the matter

Resolved - That the Resolution of the Mallow Commissioners now read be and is hereby adopted by us the Commissioners of Ballincollig.

On the Motion of Mr Dorman seconded by Mr Gough passed unanimously.

Read copy Resolution adopted at a meeting of the Town Council of the City of Dublin, and forwarded to this meeting with a view to its adoption, in favour of Amnesty for the Political prisoners -

On the Motion of Mr Hamlet, Seconded

by Mr Graham the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

The following was read.

Loan Fund Board
Dublin Castle. 28th May 1894

Sir -

I am directed by the Loan Fund Board to state that as they will meet on the 29th. inst. they would be glad to be informed ere then as to whether any progress has yet been made locally in ascertaining whether a Public Loan Fund for your town and district can be established.

I am obediently
N. J. Nicolls
Secretary

To the Town Clerk, Baltinglass

The Clerk was directed to reply that no action in the matter has yet been taken

Read communication from Registrar of Petty Sessions clerks acquainting that a Sum of £5-3-9 being Surplus money has been lodged in Northern Bank to credit of the Commissioners.

Cheque was signed in favour of the Commissioners of Public Works for the Sum of £9:2:4 on account of Principal and Interest due on Loan to 1st May. 1894.

The Clerk read the following

Baltriggan.

Gentlemen,

Herewith you have copy resolutions passed at a public meeting held in the Courthouse, Baltriggan on the 18th. instant. in favour of a proposed new Town Hall for the Town, and requesting you to take Steps in accordance with the prayer of the resolutions in that behalf.

Hoping this important subject will receive the earnest and prompt attention it merits, and that you will fix a day for receiving the deputation, Messrs William Whyte and Terence O'Neill, to present the resolutions and Submit for the consideration of the board the views expressed at the meeting.

Your obedient servant
Daniel Smith
Secretary to the meeting

To the Town Commissioners
Baltriggan

Town Commissioners' Office
Baltriggan June 18/94.

Gentlemen,

I am desired by my Commissioners to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's letter of the instant forwarding copy resolutions passed at a public meeting held in the Courthouse on the 18th. instant giving expression to the unanimous expression of approval of the proposed erection of a town Hall, and promising the Support of the Ratepayers to carry the project to a Successful termination; and to State that the Commissioners have fixed Tuesday evening, the 26th. instant. at 7 O'clock, at their Office, Courthouse, to receive the deputation appointed in that behalf at Said meeting.

Your Obedient Servant
Daniel Smith
Town Clerk

To Messrs William Whyte
and
Terence O'Neill
the Deputation

The deputation from the Ratepayers' meeting, consisting of Messrs Whyte and O'Neill, waited on the Board in reference to the proposed new Town Hall and stated their came as Representatives of the Ratepayers to acquaint the Board with information as to the wishes of the Ratepayers.

The following was then read,

At a very large and influential Meeting of the Ratepayers held at the Courthouse, Balbriggan on Monday evening, the 18th June, 1894.

Mr William Whyte J.P. in the Chair.

The following resolutions were proposed, seconded, and unanimously adopted:-

Proposed by Mr Terence O'Neill: Seconded by the Rev. Samuel P. Warren, and

Resolved - That Mr William Whyte, J.P. be requested to take the Chair.

Proposed by Mr Richard McCabe; Seconded by Mr James Malone, and

Resolved - That there is a necessity for a Town Hall suitable for the town.

Proposed by Mr Charles Gallon: Seconded by Dr. Nowlan, and

Resolved -

That this meeting of the largest Ratepayers of the Town of Balbriggan outside the Commissioners, who were not asked to attend, request the Commissioners to take such measures as they think proper to get plans for a Town Hall to be erected on the grounds already in their possession and put themselves in communication with the Local Government Board and the Commissioners of Public Works to raise such money as may be necessary to carry out Same. The Ratepayers present are

aware that the Town Commissioners have powers under the Towns Improvement Act 1854 to levy a Rate of One Shilling in the Pound instead of Sixpence as at present levied by them but the Ratepayers present do not wish the increase for the purpose named to exceed three pence in the pound,

Proposed by Mr Charles Gallon; Seconded by Mr Andrew McDonnell, and

Resolved,

That Mr Terence O'Neill and the Chairman (Mr Whyte) be named to carry out the object of our resolutions, and for that purpose be requested to communicate with the Town Commissioners asking to have a day fixed for receiving the deputation to present the resolutions, and submit for the consideration of the board the views expressed at this Meeting.

William Whyte. Chairman
Daniel Sinnott. Secretary

Proposed by Mr Charles Gallon; Seconded by Mr Andrew McDonald, and

Resolved – That Mr Whyte do leave the Chair, and that the Rev Samuel P. Warren do take the Same.

Whereupon it was proposed, Seconded, and carried by acclamation, that the thanks of the meeting are due, and hereby tendered, to Mr Whyte for his dignified and courteous conduct in the Chair and the great interest he has taken in bringing this meeting to such a success.

After a lengthend discussion the deputation withdrew when it was proposed by Mr Percival, Seconded by Mr Hamlet and passed unanimously –

Resolved – That the consideration of the erection of the proposed Town Hall be postponed until such time as this board shall have ascertained whether the majority of the Ratepayers of the town are in favour of it or not, and that steps be taken to learn the views of our Constituents in the matter as soon as possible.

Wm J Twomey
7th Sept. 1894.

1894

September 11 At an Adjourned Meeting of the Town Commissioners held at their office, Courthouse, this evening, at 7-30 o'clock, the following members attended, viz.

William J. Comiskey, Esq. in the Chair.
William G. Perceval
John Dorham
Thomas Graham
Patrick Lynch
William Ennis.

Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

The Rate Collectors account was examined from which it appears that the Sum of £73-15:6 has been collected and lodged in Bank for Rate made 18th April 1893, leaving a balance uncollected of £9:18:7½, viz. £2:11:4½ from unoccupied premises; premises in occupation of the Commissioners, and ruinous buildings and £7-7-3 and for arrears due by Mr Cusack.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that a letter had been received from Messrs Ennis & Son, Solicitors, stating that they had been paid by Mr Cusack this Sum of £7-7-3, which they lodged in Bank to the credit of the Commissioners on the 28th ult.

It was proposed by Mr Perceval, Seconded by Mr Dorham, and passed unanimously.

That the Sum of £2:11:4½ for unoccupied houses and ruinous buildings &c. be Struck off as we are satisfied that the Same are irrecoverable

The Chairman brought before the meeting the advisability of selecting dates for holding of the fairs for the year 1895 so as not to clash with fairs in the neighbouring towns

On the motion of Mr Berham, seconded by Mr Graham, it was resolved that the selection of the dates for holding of the fairs be referred to a committee of Messrs Ennis, Lynch. Mr John King and Chairman, and that they be invested with full power to take such steps as may be deemed necessary to enable the fairs to be a success and a commercial benefit to the town

The Clerk stated that a sum of £1-10-0 was still due by Messrs Gilmore and Berham for two nights use of the Concert hall in January last, and that he had been asked to represent to the Commissioners with a view of an abatement that the Committee was obliged to incur expense in the cleansing of the room and doing repairs,

It was proposed by Mr Graham, seconded by Mr Berham, and passed unanimously

That £1 be accepted from Messrs Gilmore and Berham in full payment for the use of the Concert hall on the night referred to,

The following was read

Dublin 21st August 1894

Proposed Town Hall of Ballinagan

Dear Sir -

I will be glad to give the Commissioners a design for the above if they will let me know the amount ~~they~~ they are prepared to spend on the building, the accomodation required and the area of the site.

If they do not approve of my design I will not ask for any payment,

Kindly lay this before the Commissioners at their next meeting and oblige

Yours faithfully

William Leader

Co Surveyor

To W A Connell

Clerk of the Comrs,

The foregoing was marked "Read"

Receipts by Daniel Sinnott, Town Clerk, for Town Commissioners since the 15th day of October 1893 and lodged in Bank to their credit, viz -

1893			
November 18 -	Levitts Operatic Ministrels for use of Concert Hall	£1: 0: 0	
1894			
May 1	Drogheda Advertising Co, 6 months	£. 10: 0	
	Rent of market wall for bill posting.		
April 2 -	Patrick Nolan, Saddler, for 9 weeks of Stall in new market	1- 2: 6	
1894			
June 30.	Balbriggan Industrial Provident Society, One years Rent to this date -	13- 0 -0	
" "	Fines for one year "	7- 5 -3	
August 28	Mr Lowsack for Rates, per Commissioners Solicitors.	7. 7. 3	
	£	30: 5: 0	
	One years Dog Tax, per Registrar Petty Sessions Clerks	5. 3 -9	
		35. 8: 9	

The following account was ordered to be paid Daniel Sinnott, Town Clerk, for cash advanced by him to pay Proportion for Poor Rate for year 1893 £ 1-10-0
(Struck Sept, 1893,

C. J. Tunnick
14 Nov 1894.

1894.

October 15 - At the Annual Election of Commissioners for the Town of Balbriggan this day the following persons, nominated in writing by Mr John Derham, of Drogheda Street, in the Town of Balbriggan, Town Commissioner, were duly elected without opposition, namely.

William J. Percival
Thomas J. Graham
Patrick McDonnell

November

November 14 - At an adjourned Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening at 7-30 O'clock the following members attended, viz.

William J. Cumisky, Esq. in the Chair
William J. Percival
Thomas W. Hamlet
Thomas J. Graham
Thomas Derham

Esquires.

Annual Meeting.

This being the first meeting held since the annual Election the newly elected Commissioners, Messrs William J. Percival, Thomas Graham and Patrick McDonnell, made the usual Statutory Declarations of acceptance of office and took their Seats at the board.

Minutes of last Meeting having been read and confirmed, the Chairman said their first

business was the Election of a Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Commissioners being anxious to re-elect Mr. Cumisky to the office the proposition was being put to the meeting when Mr Cumisky expressed his dissent thereto, and stated that for some time past the personal attention demanded by his business prevented him from being able to give as much time to the duties of the Chair as it required. In addition to this, he added, that he did not wish to stand in the way of any of the members of the board who desire to fill the position, which he thought a very laudable ambition. He could not, however, vacate the Chairmanship which he has now held for so many years without expressing his thanks to all the members of the board for their assistance and support while in the Chair.

It was then proposed by Mr Hamlet, Seconded by Mr Durham, and passed unanimously,

That Mr Williamly. Percival be elected Chairman of the Commissioners for the ensuing year. to wit, until the next annual Meeting of the Commissioners,

Mr Cumisky having vacated the Chair, it was then taken by Mr Percival who, in suitable terms, returned thanks for the honour paid him.

It was proposed by Mr Hamlet, Seconded by Mr Durham, and passed unanimously,

That a cheque be drawn, in the name of the Clerk, to pay the following accounts, viz -

John Melgarn. for repairing Town Lamps, putting them up through town, and supplying burners	£ 1-3-0
James Stark. Clerk of Union. for preparing Rate Books for year 1894	2-0-0
D. H. Hamlet. Esq - for one year's Grand Jury fees made Easter 1894	1-6-6½
	4:9:6½

Michael Sheerins, Rate Collector, and his two Sureties, Michael Heaney, Builder, of Dublin Street, Baltriggan and John Knox, Shopkeeper, of Edmond Street, Baltriggan, attended and Signed Bond in the Sum of £80, jointly and severally, for the faithful performance and execution by the said Michael Sheerins of the duties of his office as such Collector, and honestly and faithfully account for all Sums of money which may come into his possession as such Collector in such manner as he may be directed by the Commissioners.

The Clerk intimated to the Meeting that the following Sums received and lodged to the credit of the Commissioners in Bank will appear in the Annual Account ending 15th October last, viz -

St Patrick's Band Association for 52 weeks Rent of Band Room ending 9th October 1894	£ 2 : 12 : 0
Baltriggan Industrial and Provident Society (Limited) Three months Rent of 3 Stalls or Shops ending 30th September 1894	3 : 5 : 0
Messrs Barham and Gilmore, for use of Concert Hall for one night's dance (6 January 1894)	1 - 0 - 0
The Baltriggan Gymnasium Club for 52 weeks Rent for use and occupation of Shed for exercise	2 : 12 : 0
	9 : 9 : 0

The Clerk laid before the meeting copy of the Public Libraries (Ireland) Act, 1894, and copy of the rules which the Local Government Board have made pursuant to the powers conferred on them by the 11th Section of the Act, and forwarded for the information of the Commissioners.

A short discussion ensued, but no action was taken in the matter -

Read communication from Secretary Gas Co, 18 Sept. 1894, stating that Meters have been attached to the town lamps in the Streets at the indexes as under,

Quay Street	3.600
High Street	35.700
Dublin Street	10.800

Wm. Lee Percival Chairman

March 8th 1894-5

1895

March 8. At an adjourned Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 7.30 o'clock the following members attended, viz -

William Ly. Percival, Esq. in the Chair
William J. Cumisky
Thomas W. Hamlet
William Ennis
Thomas J. Graham,

Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

The Clerk Submitted to the Meeting an Abstract of the Accounts of the Commissioners for the financial years ending 15th October, 1893, and 1894, prepared for auditor, but not yet audited by that official. also the financial Account 1895 to the present date.

Mr McDonagall, Drogheda Conservative, forwarded for payment an account for printing and advertising, Commencing on the 23rd July, 1887, and ending the 13th October, 1894 - amount £23: 1: 3, less £6: 10: 0 paid him by Cheque on account on the 15th October 1890. leaving a balance due of £16: 11: 3.

Mr Cumisky intimated to the Meeting that about 6 years ago additional fairs to the ones then existing were established in the town, and for the purpose of giving publicity to the arrangement and to ensure them a success a collection was made through the town to meet the expenses of advertising and placarding. out of the Collection a Small Sum remained in hands which he would lodge to the credit of the Commissioners immediately on ascertaining the exact amount, as Some of the accounts in connection therewith are Still outstanding -

After Some discussion a deduction of 3/- overcharge was made in Mr McDougall's account. Whereupon it was proposed by Mr Hamlet, Seconded by Mr Graham and passed unanimously -

That a cheque be drawn in favour of Mr McDougall in full Settlement of his account up to the 13th October, 1894 - amount £16: 8: 3

and

That cheques be also drawn in favour of Commissioners of Public Works, for Principal and Interest due on loan to 1st November, 1894. 8: 18: 4

and

to Daniel Sinnott, for Twelve months Salary as Town Clerk ending the 4th October, 1894. 12: 0: 0

£ 37: 6: 7

The Chairman called the attention of the Meeting to the fact that the town lamps have not been cleaned for Some time, and were in a most disgraceful State, and he expressed his opinion that our Clerk Should be directed to write to the Secretary of the Gas Co. a Strong letter calling his particular attention thereto.

The Meeting unanimously decided that the Clerk write to the Secretary on the Subject.

Inasmuch as the amount Standing to the credit of the Commissioners in Bank is not Sufficient to meet payment of cheques ordered to be drawn this day the Chairman thought it would be as well to write the Collector requesting him to make an effort to get in the outstanding rates -

The Suggestion was agreed to -

The following account was ordered to be paid -

Messrs

The Balbriggan Town Commissioners.

Bought of Balbriggan Gas Co Ltd

1894

April 11. To Lamp account Supplying Gas per Meter to 25 public lamps from 8th September 1893 to the 10th April, 1894. Consumed 98.325 cubic feet at 6/3 per 1,000 £ 30 : 14 : 7

" To Lamplighters Wages 30 weeks & 5 days at 4/- per week 6 : 2 : 10

" To Meter Rents 3 : 0

£ 37 : 0 : 5

Wm. J. Percival
Chairman May 30th 1895

1895

Mar 30 -

At a Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners, duly convened by five commissioners, held this evening, at 7 O'clock, the following members attended, viz

William J. Percival, in the Chair, John Bertram, William Ennis, Thomas Graham, Patrick Keough and Patrick McDonnell, Esquires.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

Rate collectors account of Rate made 11th ~~May~~ 1894, was examined very carefully, and from which it appears that the amount of collection was £78-5-1. There was collected thereout and lodged in Bank £73-17-4, leaving £4-7-9 uncollected, and it was found that £1-10-6 out of this £4-7-9 should be struck off as being uncollectable owing it to be made up of Rates on vacant and ruinous houses, and that the balance £2-17-3 should be carried forward as collectable arrears, viz. £2-4-6 due by Mrs J. A. Lovatt, 3/9 due by Mrs Pike, 2/1½ due by Reps. R.C. Houghton and 1/10½ due by Miss Commerford.

It was proposed by Mr Graham, Seconded by Mr McDonnell, and passed unanimously -

That the Sum of £1:10-6 as uncollectable arrears be struck off as we are satisfied that the same is uncollectable, and that the Sum of £2:17:3 be carried forward into new Rate as collectable arrears

Read Letter from Mr John J. Clancy, M.P. asking meeting to be postponed for his attendance tomorrow evening at 6:15. it being impossible for him to do so this evening.

The following cheque was ordered to be signed, Michael Sheams for Collecting 1894 Rate £4 : 0 : 0
Stamps, ink & carriage of Parcel 10-6
£4 : 14 : 6

It was proposed by Mr Graham, Seconded by Mr McDonnell, and passed unanimously

That this Meeting Stand adjourned until to-morrow (Friday) evening at 6:15 O'clock.

W. J. Percival
30 Mar 95

269 1895

May 31. At the Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 6:15 o'clock, at their office, Courthouse, to

Receive the following communication from John J. Clancy, Esq. M.P.

"I have had a lengthened correspondence with Mr Morley in reference to Balbriggan Harbour and I have also had an important interview with the Chairman of the Board of Works and Mr Stevenson, a Commissioner; and the result is that I have a proposal to make to the Balbriggan Town Board which I wish to lay before that body at once, together with the correspondence to which I have referred. J. J. Clancy"

To approve of an Estimate of the probable amount of Expenditure to be incurred in the ensuing year and agree to a Rate to meet same.

and

Transact all such business as may be brought before the meeting, the following members attended,

William Ly. Percival, in the Chair.
William J. Cumisky
Thomas W. Hamlet
Thomas J. Graham
William Timms
John Durham
Patrick McDonnell.

Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

Mr Clancy, M.P. attended and briefly explained the Steps taken by him for the improvement of the harbour, and read the correspondence which had taken place between him and the Right Hon John Morley, M.P. Chief Secretary, and the Board of Works in reference thereto, which appear on the minutes at the end of this meeting. He gave a resume of the whole subject, and stated that in the month of November last he accompanied Messrs Cumisky, Hamlet,

Percival and Graham as a deputation to Mr Morley relative to the disgraceful condition of the harbour. It was explained to Mr Morley all the circumstances in connection with the harbour and the borrowing of the money, about £1,600, laid out some years ago in the extension and improvement thereof, and that the revenue derivable therefrom was unable to meet the interest due on the loans. Mr Morley gave a vague promise that he would do something to improve the harbour, and also stated that when the revenue was unable to pay off the loan to Her Majesty's Treasury the debt might to be wiped out by the Treasury. Not having heard any more on the subject Mr Glancy wrote to Mr Morley in the month of March last to know what had been done or whether anything had been done. Six letters which had passed between Mr Glancy and Mr Morley were read by Mr Glancy, who stated that he then had an interview with the Board of Works, and was informed that the Board would willingly grant a loan of £1000 for the cleaning out and improvement of the harbour upon two Guarantees of £500 each - one by the Harbour and the other by the Town Commissioners - being given for the repayment of the loan with interest at £4 per cent. per annum in 25 years. Mr Glancy then read two communications, which appear at end of minutes of this meeting, from the Board of Works in the matter, and he expressed his believe, in fact guaranteed the extinguishment of the debt if the Town Commissioners would carry out the following arrangement proposed to him - viz:

The Balbriggan people to take the necessary steps by Provisional Order to form a Harbour Authority; and to borrow £1,000 for the improvement of the Harbour on the Security of the Harbour dues and Town Rates, to wit £500 each -

The question of improving the Harbour was then

discussed at great length, and it was decided that as the Subject was a very important one, involving large issues, that it would be well to call a Meeting of all persons entitled to vote at an Election of Commissioners under the Towns Improvement Act, 1854, to ascertain their views as to the advisability of borrowing money from the Board of Public Works to clean out and improve the Harbour for the benefit of the town, and giving a guarantee on the Security of the Town Rates, for the repayment thereof, with interest at £4 per cent. per annum in twenty-five years.

It was then proposed by Mr Cunniston, Seconded by Mr Hamlet, and passed unanimously

That a Meeting of the voters under the Towns Improvement Act, 1854, be held on Wednesday evening the 5th June prox, for the purpose of ascertaining by voters the opinion of the voters thereon, and that this Meeting, after the conclusion of other business, Stand adjourned to Friday evening next, 7th June at 7 o.c. to receive the report of the voting, and take whatever steps may be deemed advisable, and transact all such other business as may be brought before the adjourned meeting

On the motion of Mr Hamlet, Seconded by Mr Cunniston, the following resolution was passed unanimously

That we approve of the correspondence read, carried on by Mr Delaney with Mr Morley, and that the thanks of this Meeting be and are hereby given to Mr Delaney for his great Kindness in attending this meeting and the efforts he is making to improve the Harbour.

Jno. Lee Secretary

Sept 6th 1895

June 7. At an adjourned Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7 O'clock P.M. to receive the report of the voting held on the 5th instant, and take whatever may be deemed advisable, the following members attended, viz.

William George Percival, Esq. in the Chair
Thomas R. Hamlet
William J. Curnis Esq
John Derham
William Ennis
Thomas Graham,

Esqrs.

The Chairman, Mr Percival, intimated to the Meeting that, in pursuance to Resolution passed at last Meeting of the Commissioners, held on the 31st ultimo, he sent a copy of the following notice to each voter entitled to vote at an Election of Town Commissioners under the Towns Improvement Act, 1854, and every publicity in relation thereto was given by placards through the town.

BALBRIGGAN HARBOUR.

NOTICE.

At a Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners held on Friday evening, the 31st May, 1895, at the Courthouse, John J. Clancy, Esq., M.P., attended and explained the nature of certain correspondence which has taken place between him and the Right Hon. John Morley, Chief Secretary, relative to Balbriggan Harbour.

The question of improving the Harbour was discussed at great length, and it was decided that as the subject was a very important one, involving large issues, that it would be well to call a Meeting of all persons entitled to vote at an Election of Commissioners under the Towns' Improvement Act, 1854, to ascertain their views as to the advisability of borrowing money from the Board of Public Works to clean out and improve the Harbour for the benefit of the town, and giving a guarantee on the security of the Town Rates, for the repayment thereof, with interest at £4 per cent. per annum in twenty-five years.

The Chairman of the Town Commissioners will on the evening of Wednesday, the 5th day of June, now next ensuing, at the Courthouse, commencing at Six and terminating at Nine o'clock, proceed to ascertain by votes the opinion of the voters with respect to the following questions:—

(1) Whether the necessary steps by Provisional Order to form a Harbour Authority, and borrow £1,000 for the improvement of the Harbour, should, or should not, be taken.

(2) Whether a guarantee of £500 for the repayment of said loan, with interest, in twenty-five years, should, or should not, be given by the Town Commissioners, on the security of the Town Rates, in addition to a guarantee of a like sum by the Harbour Authority, on the security of the Harbour Dues, and on the understanding that all loans or sums now due Her Majesty's Treasury by said Harbour of Balbriggan shall be first extinguished.

You, the undernamed voter, are requested to attend and record your vote at the Courthouse, on Wednesday evening next, at Six o'clock.

A Special Meeting of the Commissioners will be held on Friday evening, the 7th June, 1895, at 7 o'clock, to receive the report of the voting, and take whatever steps may be deemed advisable.

WILLIAM GEORGE PERCIVAL { *Chairman of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners and Returning Officer.*

Report of Returning Officer.

Re Balbriggan Harbour.

I hereby report, for the information of the Town Commissioners, that in pursuance of said notice a Meeting of the voters was held at the time and place therein mentioned for the purpose of ascertaining their opinion with respect to the following questions:-

(1) Whether the necessary steps by Provisional Order to form a Harbour Authority, and borrow £1.000 for the improvement of the Harbour, should, or should not, be taken.

(2) Whether a guarantee of £500 for the repayment of said loan, with interest, in twenty-five years, should, or should not, be given by the Town Commissioners, on the security of the Town Rates, in addition to a guarantee of a like sum by the Harbour Authority, on the security of the Harbour Dues, and on the understanding that all loans or sums now due Her Majesty's Treasury by said Harbour of Balbriggan shall be first extinguished.

and that the numbers of the majority and minority of votes for or against the forming of a Harbour Authority and the borrowing of money for the improvement of the Harbour, as set forth in No 1 Question. For 25 votes. Against 2 votes. and the numbers of the majority and minority of votes for or against Giving a guarantee, subject to the conditions and understandings set forth in No. 2 Question. are as follows, that is to say.

25 votes for
2 votes against.

Dated this 5th day of June, 1895.

(Signed)

William George Percival { Chairman of the Town Commissioners and Returning officer

Further Report of Returning Officer.

It is to be regretted that, apparently through a misunderstanding, so many voters absented themselves from the meeting held on the 5th for the purpose of discussing the question as to the best means of improving the harbour and giving their opinion thereon by voting as to whether the work should or should not be done.

A feeling had gone abroad that the tolls or dues upon fishing boats would, in case of a loan being granted for the work, be increased from ten Shillings now paid to £2 each as also in proportion upon all commodities brought into the harbour. It is a grave mistake that the voters did not attend and discuss the Subject in a friendly way. Mr Hamlet, J.C. did attend and address the voters present, but at once displayed that he was antagonistic to the movement on foot to improve the harbour, which appeared to have a great effect upon many of the voters who went away without recording their votes. Seeing this I, as Returning officer, then addressed the voters present, and explained why they had been invited to record their votes that evening and gave a Summary of the Statements made by Mr Blaney at the Commissioners' meeting on the 31st ult. and read all the correspondence which passed between Mr Blaney, Mr Morley and Board of Works. I concluded by saying that the Ratepayers ought to be grateful to Mr Blaney, and I Sincerely hoped that all classes will give their united assistance and Support to him in the efforts he is making to accomplish all he can in the direction of improving the Harbour of Balbriggan

(Signed) William George Percival.

Returning officer

After a long and protracted discussion it was proposed by Mr Cunnister, Seconded by Mr Graham, and passed unanimously.

That whilst agreeing that the Harbour of Balbriggan Should be cleaned out and improved for the benefit of the town we are of Opinion.

That the consideration of the proposal to apply to Parliament for a Provisional Order and the borrowing of

money for the improvement of the Harbour Should be postponed until Such time as this board Shall have ascertained whether the loans now due by the Harbour to Her Majesty's Treasury will be first wiped out and extinguished — and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr Blanev with the view that he obtain for us in that behalf the definate and necessary information.

The Clerk Submitted to the meeting an Estimate of the probable amount of Receipts and expenditure for the ensuing year when it was proposed by Mr Bertham Seconded by Mr Graham and passed unanimously —

That the Estimate as read be approved of, and that Notice be given by placards and advertisements of our intention at next Meeting to make a Rate of 5 pence in the Pound

The following were read.

9th March 1895.

The Secretary Gas Co.

Dear Sir — I am directed by my Commissioners to inform you that when the question of payment of gas account came before their meeting held last night they expressed their dissatisfaction in the Strongest terms at the present disgraceful condition of the town lamps owing to the want of proper cleaning — They pronounced them as an absolute disgrace to the town, and remarked that the Same Supervision was not exercised over the Lamplighters as formerly.

I am requested to ask why are the lamps Kept in Such an unsatisfactory and intolerable State Contrary to the terms of the Contract, which provide that they Should be Kept thoroughly cleaned.

Yours faithfully and Sincerely Town Clerk

9th March 1895.

Mr Michael Sheerins. Rate Collector —

Dear Sir — Inasmuch as the amount Standing to the credit of my

Commissioners in Bank is not Sufficient to meet payments of the Cheques Signed by them at their meeting held last night, I am directed by them to hurry you on in your Collection of the Rate, and to call your attention to the fact that no lodgment has been made by you to the Credit of the Commissioners Since the 23rd January last.

Yours faithfully
Daniel Bennett
Town Clerk

Ballsbridge. 26th March, 1895

Dear Sir - I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th inst, re the unsatisfactory State of the town lamps owing to the want of proper cleaning, and in reply I have to State that it was almost impossible with the Continual frost and Snow which we have had during the past winter to Keep the lamps in a Satisfactory State. But immediately on the Thaw Setting in I had them thoroughly cleaned, and they are now in good order.

In future I Shall See that my lamplighter performs his duty to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners. and that a Similar State of things will not again occur

Yours faithfully
M Mears Secty

Daniel Bennett Esq.
Town Clerk

Read letter from Town Clerk, Dublin, forwarding for adoption a Resolution in favour of Technical (including Agricultural) Education in Ireland. When it was proposed by Mr McDonnell, Seconded by Mr Ennis and passed, that Said Resolution be adopted, and that a notification to that effect be Sent to Town Clerk, Dublin.

Read Communication from Dublin Jurors' association with reference to payment of Jurors, and enclosing Certain queries for answers. Clerk was directed to fill up and return Same to the Secretary of Jurors Association

Mr J. Aloysius, 66. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Wrote letter, enclosing one received by him from the Rate Collector (Mr Stevens) in answer to one addressed him,

requesting an amended account. Rate for unoccupied premises which are exempt having been inserted in list of particulars, and requesting the attention of the Commissioners to the Subject.

The Clerk was directed to write to Mr Cusack R and Sar, "That unoccupied houses and premises being at the time of Striking the rate unproductive are exempted from taxation during the period that such premises are unoccupied and unproductive and no longer. In this case his houses and premises were and are legally occupied within the meaning of the Statute, inasmuch as his Steward resides there, and on his behalf employs workmen to cultivate and crop the Gardens and Lands, the produce of which with the immense quantities of fruit grown there, is sold for his benefit and profit, and consequently the premises are within the meaning of the Act and liable to be rated.

Income Tax.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that a Notice of Assessment of £1:13:4, Income Tax, on the Commissioners had been served on him, and believing the assessment to be illegal he carried on a lengthened correspondence with the Surveyor of Taxes and had also an interview with him at the Custom House on the matter. The Clerk forwarded him an abstract of the accounts for the Years 1894 and 1893, accompanied by a letter in which he Stated "you will perceive by the abstract for the year 1894 that a Sum of £25:1:6 was the amount of Income from the Market for the year and the expenditure during the Same period £32:7:5, leaving a loss of £7:5:11 for the year and if the ground Rent £2 which is Still due had been paid the loss would have been £9:6:11.

" For the Year ending the 15th October, 1893. The amount derived from the market was £16:16-0 and the expenditure £24:19:2 leaving a loss of £8:3:2

" For year ending 15th October 1895 the loss on

the market will be at least £10 as Some of the tenants having given up possession the rent roll will be much reduced - Some years ago I brought to you at your office the Commissioners accounts, and you were then Satisfied that there was no revenue upon which you could assess Income Tax."

The Surveyor of Taxes, in reply, wrote to the Clerk "That the examination of the account furnished by you for year 1894 Shows a liability for income tax on £19:17 in respect of the market - This is the amount arrived at by making all legal deductions from the £25:1:6 rental received and brought to account. You are accordingly requested to pay the Sum of 12/11; if the Town Commissioners desire to appeal they can do So by a written notice to me upon payment of the amount above-mentioned.

Having corresponded again with Surveyor of Taxes, the Clerk received the following.

Income Tax 1894-5

Balbriggan Town Commissioners Assmt No 3 £1:13:4.

Inland Revenue office.

Skerries, 28th May 1895

Dear Sir - With regard to the above assmt. for Income Tax I have now received instructions from the Collector of Inland Revenue, Dublin to collect the Sum of 9/2d - balance having been discharged by Surveyor.

I will thank you to kindly bring the matter under the notice of the Commissioners at their next meeting and acquaint them of their decision

Your obedt servt
J Smyth Offr

To P. Sinnott Esq.
Town Clerk

The Clerk was directed to reply - payment Still refused. Believe tax to be illegal - and if not why not previously

Assessed. Statement of the mode in which amount has been arrived at, and under what Act.

W. Lo Percival
Chairman. Sept. 6th 1895.

1895

September 6. At a Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this day the following members attended, viz:-

William Lo. Percival, Esq. in the Chair
Patrick Lynch
John Barham
William Ennis
Thomas J. Graham
Patrick McDaniell Esqrs.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

It was proposed by Mr

Seconded by Mr

That a Rate of Sixpence in the Pound be made on all assessable property within the Town of Baltriggan under the provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Acts 1854; and that said Rate be due and payable on after the 9th. October 1895 and that legal Notices to that effect be placarded and advertised

The following was ordered to be paid, on the motion of Mr Lynch, Seconded by Mr Ennis.

The Commissioners of Public Works for Instalment of Loan and Principle due 1st May last £8:16:3

1895

September 27 - At a Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7-30 O'clock, the following members attended, viz -

William G. Percival, Esq, in the Chair
Patrick Lynagh
Patrick McDonnell
Thomas J. Graham
William Ennis
John Derham . Esqrs -

Addenda

1. The Lighting of the town Lamps during the coming Season
2. To Receive and consider a communication from the Gas Company relative to making arrangement for the ensuing year.
3. Transaction of general business

The Chairman stated to the meeting that he had received a letter from this clerk to the effect as follows -

As it is now more than a week since you instructed me to have the Lamps lighted you must think it strange that such has not been done - I wrote for a new meter which was received here next day with a certificate as to being correct - gave Orders to gas-man to attach meters and proceed to light town lamps - There was some excuse given for the delay, and then word was sent me for the first time during the past few years that a written authority should be given for the lighting - I did so - It was returned by the Secty of the Gas Co that unless the Rents called upon the Chairman and Settled for last Season's gas no gas would be supplied this year. Subsequently was told that my written authority would be considered at a Gas meeting first Saturday in Octr. I then required them under the provisions of the Gas Acts to proceed with the lighting, and told them they were liable to a penalty of forty shillings during default The Secretary wrote 23rd Septr to say "His Company are quite willing to supply gas to the town Lamps as soon as a satisfactory arrangement is made with your Commissioners as to future payment of Gas account with my Company

On the proposal of Mr Graham, seconded by Mr Derham, it was passed unanimously

That a cheque for £40.16.11 be drawn and signed in payment of a gas account and that a proposal be made to the Gas Co. to pay the price of 1/6 per lamp on certain conditions to be agreed in letter to be forwarded by our clerk

On the Motion of Mr Ennis, seconded by Mr McDonald, this meeting stands adjourned until the 9th Oct at 8 O'clock

1895

October 9 - At the adjourned meeting of the Commissioners held this evening, at 8 O'clock. the following members attended. with George Percival in the Chair. John Derham, Thomas Graham, William Ennis, Patrick Lynagh, Esqrs -

264 Read the following

Town Clerk's Office
Balbriggan 28th Sept 1895

The Secretary
Gas Company Limited
Balbriggan

Dear Sir

My Commissioners having had under their consideration at a special Meeting held last night your letter of the 23rd instant, I am desired to forward cheque for £40:16:11 in settlement of your account furnished for this year's consumption of gas, and at same time to observe that the account shows that the lamps were lighted this year for 27 weeks 5 days, whereas last year they were lighted for 30 weeks 5 days, That although the lighting was for 3 weeks longer last year still the quantity of gas consumed was less by 114,175 Cubic feet. My Commissioners consider it most extraordinary that there should be such a large increase this year Believing it would be more satisfactory to both Com$. and gas Co. to abolish payment of gas rent by meter and instead to pay so much per lamp for the season, it was agreed to and carried unanimously that the following proposal be sent the Gas Co. for their approval, and if agreed to an agreement to that effect be drawn up between the parties, that is to say Balbriggan Gas Co. to light the town lamps with coal gas and to extinguish same and keep lamps clean for one season from 1st Sept. to 1st April every night from half an hour after Sunset until 10-30 o'clock. the fine bright nights in each moon and the 3rd and 4th nights after the full moon excepted - no lamps to be extinguished sooner than 10-30 pm. for the sum of £1-10 for each lamp at present erected (25 in number) and to supply each lamp with a burner warranted to consume not less

less than 4 cubic feet of gas per hour - of course one month of this season having passed the amount to be paid for this year's lighting would be £32:2:10

My Commissioners meeting stand adjourned until Wednesday evening - to receive a reply from your board

Yours faithfully
Daniel Sinnott
Town Clerk

Balbriggan Gas Light & Co Ltd
Balbriggan 5th October 1895

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of 28th ult which I have laid before my directors at their meeting this day and in reply I am to state for the information of the Town Commissioners that they cannot undertake to light the public lamps unless by metre as down in all the neighbouring Towns, and in the manner mentioned to you by the Chairman of the Company which you were kind enough to take the heading of in writing

I am Dear Sir
your obt Servt
H. Logan Secretary

D. Sinnott Esq
Town Clerk

The following resolution was proposed by Mr Graham, Seconded by Mr Derham, and passed unanimously.

That having read communication from Gas Co in reply to ours of the 28th ultimo and given the

matter our fullest consideration we, the Commissioners, have come to the conclusion that unless the Gas Co. agree to light the town lamps as in accordance with our proposal and in the terms mentioned we shall proceed forthwith to light the lamps with oil, but before doing so we give the Gas Co. until the 14th. instant to reconsider the matter, and that this Meeting stand adjourned until that date at 8 p.m. to receive a reply.

October 14. At an adjourned Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening at 8 o. clock, the following members attended, viz.

William George Percival, Esq. in the Chair
Thomas H. Graham. John Dorham, Patrick McDonnell, William Ennis and Patrick Lynch Esqrs.

The Clerk read the following letter forwarded by him to the Gas as directed.

Town Commissioners Office
Ballinrobe 10th October, 1895

The Secretary
Ballinrobe Gas Co.

Dear Sir

I am directed to state for the information of your board that my Commissioners having had your communication of the 5th instant under consideration, they have come to the conclusion not to accept the proposal to burn gas by meter. They strongly recommend for the reasons mentioned in my letter of the 28th ult. that the gas consumed should be charged for per lamp. It would thereby save disputes and unpleasantness, and give greater satisfaction to both parties, but inasmuch as your board, on the contrary appear determined not to

to supply gas except by meter my Commissioners have unanimously agreed to proceed to light the town with oil. Before doing so they are desirous that your board should have an opportunity of reconsidering the question, whether the gas should be supplied by meter or per lamp, with the hope that the latter proposal may not be met with a vote of disfavour, and so as to obviate the necessity of substituting oil for gas for the lighting of the town

My Commissioners have adjourned their meeting until Monday evening 14th instant at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving a reply to this communication. In the event of no reply from your board prior to the hour of meeting the commissioners will take immediate steps for the lighting of the town lamps with oil

Yours truly
Daniel Sinnott
Town Clerk

Reply

Balbriggan Gas Light Co Ltd.
Balbriggan 14th October 1895

Dear Sir

At a special meeting of my directors held this day It has been agreed to make this alternative offer to your commissioners Namely to light 25 public lamps from the 1st Sept. 95 to the 1st April 96 at a rate £2 per lamp Subject to the following conditions,

The Burners to be No 4 and to be furnished with Governor Guages at the expense of the Town Commissioners. The hour of lighting

to

to commence from an hour after Sunset and the extinguishing to commence not earlier than 10 o'clock all moonlight nights to be excepted The price quoted include lighting cleaning & extinguishing

But my directors wish it clearly to be understood that whilst endeavouring to carry out this agreement to the full yet owing to the uncertainty common to gas distribution the the difficulty of forecasting atmospheric conditions they will not be responsible for any penalty for its non performance

I remain Sir
Faithfully your
M. Logan Sec

P. S.

I may add that by the season the price per lamp pro rata

Proposed by Mr Graham Seconded by Mr Durham and passed unanimously

That this Meeting Stand adjourned until the 16th instant, at 8 O. clock P. M.

1895

October 16 - At the adjourned Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this day at 8 O'clock P.M. the following members attended. viz:
William George Percival. in the Chair.
Thomas J. Graham, William Ennis,
William J. Cumiskey, John Derham
Patrick Lynch, Esqrs

The following resolution proposed by Mr Derham Seconded by Mr Graham, was passed unanimously -

Resolved,

Whereas it has been represented to us the Commissioners of the town of Balbriggan, that Mr Whyte J.P. is anxious to erect in our lanthern in George's Square for six nights an incandescent light or lamp (Welsbach System) for the purpose of experimenting and testing with a view to its use for street lighting, and requests our permission to do so on the understanding that the gas consumed be given free by the Gas Company without any charge to the Commissioners, we hereby willingly accede to his request for the purpose - to be lighted at 5-30 and extinguished at 10-30 - and that Messrs Graham J.C. and Mr Derham J.C. be appointed a Committee on behalf of the Commissioners to see to arrangements and report to them full information on all points connected with this System of lighting

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Boyne Harbour Commissioners and Drogheda Corporation for information as to System of Incandescent Lighting and as to whether the System has been Satisfactory in their town -

It was proposed by Mr Graham, Seconded by

Mr Tennis that this Meeting Stand adjourned until the 22nd instant, at 8 O. clock. p.m.

1895

October 22. At the adjourned Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 8 o. clock, to make final arrangements for the lighting of the town lamps. the following members attended.

William Ly. Percival, Esq, in the Chair
William J. Tennis, John Berham, Patrick Lynagh, Thomas J. Graham - William Tennis Esqrs.

Read the following replies to Clerks letter in reference to the System of Incandescent Lighting, viz -

From Secretary Boyne Harbour Commissioners.

"In reply to yours to hand with reference to the System of Incandescent Lighting the only reliable information I can give you on the point is, that the test Lamps erected by the Corporation have given so much Satisfaction that my Board have adopted the System and this day declared a contractor for the necessary Lanthorns &c. &c.

The result of the test has Satisfied the Corporation that economy will be effected while at same time the lighting will be vastly Superior."

From Wrighted a Town Clerk

"I have been speaking to our Borough Surveyor who has the Control of Public Lighting, and he states that the Corporation have practically no experience of the System of Incandescent Lighting which has been only adopted by the Corporation within the past Six months, but that during that time it has given Satisfaction"

After a lengthened discussion it was proposed by Mr Berham, Seconded by Mr Lynagh, and passed unanimously -

Resolved – That after full consideration we, the Commissioners, agree to carry out the lighting of the town with gas by meter as heretofore, and for that purpose that two new meters in addition to the new one in hand be purchased, and that we employ Mr Robert Dennis to erect the three meters at the places where they last stood, and that the lighting and extinguishing of the lamps be carried out on the nights and hours as hitherto, and that a Committee consisting of Messrs Graham and Berham with the Chairman be appointed for the purchase and erection of the meters, covering of same, purchasing burners and the carrying out of the work in a satisfactory manner.

1895

November 28 – At a Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 8 o'clock for the transaction of the following business, viz:

1. To Elect a Chairman for the ensuing year
2. To take Steps for the collection of the Town Rate, and
3. To transact all such business as may be brought before the meeting.

It was proposed by Mr Graham, Seconded by Mr Berham and passed unanimously, That Mr William George Percival be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Read the following

Balbriggan, 7 Nov 1895

To the Balbriggan Town Commissioners

Gentlemen – I beg to inform you that I withdraw my Surety for the collection of the Balbriggan Town Rate, Yours truly

Michael Keenan

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Proposed by Mr Hamlet, Seconded by Mr Graham and passed unanimously.

That Mr Michael Sheerins, Rate collector. be written to to say that unless he is prepared with his Sureties to enter a Bond for the due performance of this office as Rate collector on Monday evening next, the 2nd December, the Commissioners will proceed to take Steps for the Election of a Rate collector in his Stead.

Wm. Geo. Percival Chairman
Dec. 2nd 1895

1895.

December 2. At an adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7:30 o'clock, the following members attended, viz, William George Percival, Esq, in the Chair

John Derham
Patrick McDonnell
Thomas J. Graham
William Ennis
Patrick Lynagh.

Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed

Mr Michael Sheerins, Rate Collector, also attended and in reply to the Chairman as to whether he was prepared to give two Solvent Sureties in place of Mr Heenan and Mr Knox who had withdrawn their names as Such from his bond for the faithful discharge of his duties as collector made a rambling Statement, and then Said "I resign my appointment of Collector the remuneration you give for the collection of the Rate not being

adequate for the trouble in providing new Sureties".
He Stated there were a dozen persons outside the
Courthouse ready ~~ready~~ to go Security for him
but no Such person could be found, and no
person named by him in particular declined to do so.
After considerable delay the following Resolution
was proposed by Mr Durham, Seconded by Mr McDonnell,
and passed unanimously

Resolved, That inasmuch as Messrs Michael Heeney
and John Knox, the Sureties for our collector, Mr Michael
Sheerins, have withdrawn as Sureties from his bond for
the due and faithful performance by him of his duties
as our Collector of Rate, and have refused to continue as
Such Sureties, due notice of which with the intimation
that he would be allowed until this meeting to night
to find other Sufficient Sureties to join with him
in a bond in like Sum and manner as before, and
he not having done So and from certain facts Showing
he is not in a position to do So, and further having
tendered his resignation of his office of Collector
We, the Commissioners of Baltrasna, hereby remove
Mr Michael Sheerins from the office of Collector
and declare the office vacant, and we direct
that immediate Steps be taken for election to the office
of a fit and proper person at the Same remuneration
as now paid - and that the Election be held on the
night of the 10th December 1895. due notice of Same
to be published outside Courthouse - and that this
Meeting Stand adjourned to that night at 8 o'clock
for the purpose of Said Election.

On the motion of Mr McDonnell, Seconded by Mr Ennis
it was passed unanimously that Messrs Percival, Graham and Durham
be appointed a Gas Committee for the ensuing year and that
be authorized to do all necessary works and repairs and
things
repairs in relation thereto without any minute or further
resolution of the Commissioners, at a Sum or cost not
exceeding £10, to be defrayed out of the Town Rates.

21/1895

December 10. At the adjourned meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 8 o'clock, the following members attended, viz:-

William George Percival, Esq. in the Chair
William J. Lumisden
John Derham
Thomas J. Graham
William Ennis and
Patrick Lynch with
Patrick McDonnell,

Esqrs.

The Clerk stated that he duly placarded the Notice of Election of Rate Collector, and that the only application received was the following.

Hampton Street. Balbriggan
10th December, 1895.

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to apply for the vacancy of Rate Collector to the Balbriggan Town Commissioners.

My Sureties are Mr Thomas Hayes, of Hampton Street and Mr Charles Graham, of Bridge Street, Balbriggan.

If appointed nothing shall be wanted on my part to give the Commissioners every Satisfaction

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant
Bernard Henry

To the Balbriggan Town Commissioners

It was proposed by Mr Derham, Seconded by Mr Lumisden, and passed unanimously.

Resolved - That Mr Bernard Henry be elected a Collector of Rate under the Towns Improvement, Ireland, Act. 1854 for the town of Balbriggan at an allowance or commission of Four Pounds (£4) for each collection and that we approve of his Sureties, Messrs Thomas Hayes

and Charles Lyraham who are willing to join him in a Bond for £80 for the due and honest discharge of his duties as such Collector

It was proposed by Mr Dyerham, Seconded by Mr Lynch, and passed unanimously.

That the unused lamps the property of the Commissioners at the old Constabulary barracks, High Street, be taken down and Stored.

Proposed by Mr Dyerham, Seconded by Mr Graham and passed unanimously.

That a Committee consisting of proposer and Chairman be appointed to examine the present State of roof of Stables, new market, and take down and remove all loose and broken Slates and do all necessary works in connection therewith at the expense of the Town Rate so as to prevent danger to passengers.

1896

January 27. At Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners on the requisition of five members was summoned for this evening, at 7-30 O'clock, to consider a communication from the Irish Agriculturists Association inviting the Commissioners to attend a Land conference to be held at the Mansion House, on the 6th February, under the presidency of the Right Worship. the Lord Mayor; to pass accounts, and transact general business -

The Chairman (Mr Percival) and Mr Lyraham were the only members who attended, and as it takes five members

to form a quorum no meeting was held.

W. G. Percival Chairman
Feby. 5th 1896

1896
February. In consequence of the non-attendance of the Commissioners at the Statutory Monthly Meeting Summoned for this day I hereby as Town Clerk adjourn the meeting to the 5th February 1896. at
1896. 7:30 O'clock pm Daniel Sunnott

February 5. At an adjourned Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7-30 O'clock. the following members attended, viz.

William George Percival, Esqr. in the Chair
William Lennis
Patrick Lynch
Thomas J. Graham
John Durham
Patrick McDonnell
William J. Cummiskey.

Rogers

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

Read a communication from the Irish Agricultural Association inviting the Commissioners to attend a Land Conference to be held at the Mansion House, on the 6th February, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, but no action was taken in the matter.

The Rate Collectors account was examined from which it appears that the Sum of £75:1:10 has been collected and lodged in Bank for Rate made 6th September 1895 leaving a balance uncollected of £6:11:1½ viz £1-10-4½ from unoccupied premises - market premises owned by the Commissioners, and ruinous buildings, and £4:18:10½ arrears due

by Mr Thomas A. Cusack. Solicitor, Stephens Green, Dublin.
and £1-10-4½ uncollectable from Miss Lemanford

It was proposed by Mr Graham, Seconded by Mr McDonnell and passed unanimously

That the Sum of £1-10-4½ as uncollectable arrears be struck off as we are Satisfied that the Same is irrecoverable, and that the Sum of £4:18:10½ be carried forward in new Rate as collectable arrears.

It was proposed by Mr Dorham, Seconded by Mr Tennis, and passed unanimously.

That Mr Clerk be instructed to Serve notice of demand for Rate due by Mr Cusack, emblazon Solicitor and take all necessary Steps for the recovery of the rates due by him.

Proposed by Mr Dorham, Seconded by Mr McDonnell, and passed unanimously

That proposer with Chairman, Mr Percival, be appointed a Committee to erect a Suitable fire place with Concrete flooring in the Cement Room, new market. The expense of Same to be paid by the Commissioners.

Proposed by Mr Dorham, Seconded Mr McDonnell and passed unanimously.

That a Lamp be purchased and erected at Georges hill - the place most Suitable to be hereafter Selected.

Proposed by Mr Graham, Seconded by Mr Tennis, and passed unanimously.

That Mr Clerk write to the Gas Co, to express our willingness to erect a Lamp for the benefit and convenience of the public in a Suitable place to be hereafter Selected in Clonard Street, provided the Gas Company will lay down a Gas main for the purpose free of expense.

Proposed by Mr Dorham, seconded by Mr McDonnell and passed unanimously.
That the following accounts be paid viz.

Robert Dennis, for Supplying new lamps repairing old lamps and erecting three meters	£ 9 : 16 : 4
Bernard Honan, for collecting Rate and for postages Rate struck 6 Sept. 1895	4 : 1 : 9
John Canning for taking down lamps repairing same and supplying glass	2 : 1 : 2
Daniel Connors for 12 months Salary as Town Clerk to 4th October 1895	12 - 0 - 0
Bills for cash advanced by him to pay Co Cess presented at Easter Term 1895	1 - 8 - 8
Total	£ 29 : 7 : 11

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury forwarded for the purpose of being filled up and returned a Statement of the Rates made by the Commissioners in the year 1895, so that a Contribution in lieu of Rates on Government property be made -

Total annual valuation of Government property	£ 109 : 5 : 0
Less Half Rents of Hired Property (valuable)	19 : 15 - 0
Rate in the £ six pence made September 1895 upon said Sum	89 : 10 - 0

Amount of Contribution 2 : 4 : 9

The Chairman, William George Percival, Esq., and the Town Clerk, Certified the Statement of the Rates made by the Commissioners for the Town of Ballinrobe during the year referred to -

William Percival
Chairman July 28th 1896

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July 28. An adjourned meeting of the Town Commissioners was summoned for this evening at 7 O. clock, on the requisition of five of the Commissioners, but as only three members attended, and as it requires five to form a quorum the meeting stands adjourned until the 28th July, 1896, at same hour.

July 28. At the adjourned Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7 O' clock, the following members attended, viz.

William J. Percival, Esq. in the Chair
Thomas J. Graham
William J. Cumisky
John Barham
Patrick McDonnell
Patrick Lynch.

Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

Read the following report from the Auditor.

Local Government Board

Dublin, 1st May 1896.

Sir, Herewith I enclose, for the information of the Town Commissioners of Balbriggan, a copy of my report to the Local Government Board on the audit of the Commissioners' accounts for the years ended 18th October 1893, 1894 and 1895 respectively.

The accompany abstracts should be published in one or more of the newspapers circulating in the neighbourhood in accordance with the Statutory requirement in this respect.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant
R. J. Newell
Government Auditor

Daniel Sinnott, Esq.
Town Clerk
Balbriggan

Kingstown,
30th April, 1896,

Gentlemen.

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Town Commissioners of Balbriggan for the years ended the 15th of October 1893, 15th October, 1894, and 15th October, 1895. and I transmit herewith duly certified abstracts thereof shewing the particulars of the receipts and expenditure of the Commissioners during these periods

The accounts were most accurately Kept by the Town Clerk, Mr Daniel Sinnott. and were Submitted for audit in a very Satisfactory manner.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen.
Your obedient servant
signed, R. J. Newitt
Government Auditor

To The Local Government Board

On the motion of Mr Barhard. Seconded by Mr McDonnell, the clerk was instructed in Some one of the Drogheda newspapers to publish the Auditor's audit for the year ended 15th October 1895.

Read letter forwarding resolution for adoption from Skibbereen in favour of Public Recreation grounds for Towns. but no action was taken in the matter

Read the following from J.W. Hamlet Esq. Jr. tendering his resignation as Town Commissioner

Balbriggan, 24th July, 1896

Dear Mr Sinnott.

I received your notice convening a Special meeting of the Town Commissioners to be held on Monday evening next at 7 o'clock and as I will not be able to attend I beg leave to place my resignation in your hands. As you are aware my position, acting as a Town Commissioner and being at the same time a Director of the Gas Company is an invidious one, and I have felt so for some time so that I have made up my mind not to hold the two positions any longer

Thanking you for your invariable Kindness and courtesy

Yours faithfully
J. W. Hamlet

Daniel Sinnott. Esq,
Town Clerk, Balbriggan

The Commissioners expressed their deep regret that Mr Hamlet thought fit to resign. Their desire was unanimous not to accept his resignation, and the Clerk was directed to write to him to that effect, and ask a withdrawal of the letter.

Gas Company's account was read for Supplying Gas to 24 public lamps from 9 Nov 1895 to 23 March 1896

1895 and 1896 dates when indexes were taken

	Nov 9 1895	December 9 1895	January 9th 1896	February 8th	March 9	March 23	Consumed
Quay Street	0	400	900	1300	1700	1900	1900
High Street	0	400	900	1300	1700	1900	1900
Dublin Street	0	400	900	1300	1700	1900	1900

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Average 1900

Number of lamps 24

45600

Average per lamp at 6/3 per 1000 cubic feet 11:10 72

£ 14:5:0

Add 20% on 24 lamps 2:9:0

Lamplighters wages 19 weeks at 4/- per week 3:16:0

£ 20:10:10

No explanation accompanied the account as to why 20% was added on 24 lamps.

Proposed by Mr Barham, Seconded by Mr McDonnell after some consultation, and passed unanimously.

That a cheque be drawn and signed for £18:1 for gas supplied to 23rd March 1896, and lamps lighters wages, 19 weeks, as appears in said account, and to be forwarded to Gas Co in full payment of their claim.

The following bills were also ordered to be paid, on the motion of Mr Barham, Seconded by Mr McDonnell.

Daniel Sinnott for cash advanced by him to pay Poor Rates made October 1895 £2-2-6

P. Melgarrol for work as mason executed Market premises 1:4:0

John Bowling for work as Carpenter at Same 1-1-6

Read Statement of accounts since last meeting.
On the motion of Mr McDonnell, seconded by
Mr Lynch. That this meeting stands adjourned awaiting
reply from Gas Co. as to Settlement of account.

August 3 No Meeting held this day in consequence
of non-attendance of members at the Statutory Monthly
Meeting appointed to be held this day. I under and by virtue of the power
and authority vested in me as clerk do hereby adjourn the holding of the meeting
to Thursday 13th day of August 1896. at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

August 13. At the Adjourned meeting of the Town
Commissioners held this evening at 7.30 the
following members attended. viz
William J. Percival, Chairman.
William Ennis
John Barham
Thomas J. Graham
Patrick McDonnell
Patrick Lynch. Esqrs.

Clerk read the following correspondence.

Town Clerks office, Balbriggan
6th August, 1896

Sir - I beg to state that your letter tendering your
resignation as Town Commissioner having been laid before the
Balbriggan Town Commissioners at their meeting held on the 28th
ultimo, I am directed by them to write to you to say that they
read your letter with extreme regret, and the desire was
unanimous not to accept your resignation. They request
me, on their behalf, to urge you to reconsider your letter,
as they feel that your absence will be a material loss to
the body of commissioners in addition to severing a Kindly
tie that has existed for so many years. They desire to
record the very high esteem in which you were held,
and the very warm feeling of appreciation for the valuable
services rendered by you during the many years of your office.
My Commissioners earnestly but respectfully ask you to withdraw
your letter of resignation. I am Sir, your obedient servant
J. W. Hamlet Esq. Patrick Lynch Town Clerk

Balbriggan, 8 August 1896

Dear Mr Lynch.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your
Kind letter of the 6th instant relative to my
resignation as Town Commissioner and asking me
to reconsider Same.

In reply I cannot express how grateful I feel
to the Commissioners and yourself personally for
the very Kind expressions therein contained but
having carefully thought over the matter I must ask
the Commissioners to be good enough to accept of
my resignation as I do not like the dual capacity
of being a Gas director and a Town Commissioner
feeling how difficult it is to conscientiously
discharge the duties of each office with Satisfaction
to myself and advantage to those whom I represent.

Yours faithfully
J. W. Hamlet

Town Clerks office, Balbriggan
6th August, 1896

Dear Sir, I am directed by my Commissioners
to enclose you cheque £18-1 being for payment
of an account furnished by your directors
to my Commissioners for gas supplied to 24 public
lamps and consumed therein from 2 Nov 1895 to
to 23rd March 1896 as appears on their Statement
of account, and Lamp lighters wages, 19 weeks, at 4/-

Yours faithfully
P. Lynch Town Clerk

To McLoghan Esq
Secty Gas Co

Balbriggan Gas Co. 8 August 1896.

Dear Sir - I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the
6th instant enclosing cheque for £18-1-0 which I have this day
laid before my directors and in reply I am directed by them
to respectfully return cheque as they cannot possibly
accept same as a Settlement in full of their account,
as you are aware there was an addition of 20%

added to £18.1.0 making it £20.10.10 when we might more correctly have added 25°/o as the Gas pipes on the three lamps with meters attached were only 3/8 inch whereas in all the other lamps the pipes are 1/2 inch which is exactly 25°/o greater

I beg to refer you to my letter of 24 Feby last drawing your attention to this difference in the fittings and also of our intention to add the per centage to our account at the end of the Season. Under these circumstances my directors trust your Commissioners will see the justice of their demand and send them a cheque for the full amount claimed.

I am Dear Sir.
Yours truly
M. Keegan Secty.

P. S. If you or any of the Commissioners call at the Gas Works our Manager will be happy to exemplify the matter by showing the two burners as they appear in the lamps posts under the different circumstances.

M.K.

After some deliberation it was proposed by Mr Dorham, Seconded by Mr McDonnell, and passed unanimously - That in order to avoid unpleasantness & further contention our Clerk be again instructed to return Cheque to Gas Co, and to State that the Commissioners do not consider that a greater quantity of gas has been consumed in each of the non-meter lamps than in any of the meter lamps for the last Season, inasmuch as the Commissioners for securing uniformity of Consumption between meter and unmetered lamps affixed to each of the lamps a No 4 Sugg's patent burner. That our Clerk denies all Knowledge of receipt of letter of 24 Feby last referred to. That the Commissioners do not See the justice of the claim of the Gas Co. The Commissioners are however willing to erect a meter to any one of the non-metered lamps for a Period to be agreed upon, and if this lamp consumes more gas than any one of the three

metered lamps for the same period they are willing to pay for the additional gas consumed during the past season. but at present they cannot see the justice of the demand of the Gas Co. and are so advised. and that instructions be given the Gas Co. to commence lighting the town lamps on the 1st September next in the same manner and on the usual terms as heretofore.

It was proposed by Mr Dorham. Seconded by Mr Lynch. and passed unanimously.

That in furtherance of a Resolution passed on the 5th February last the Gas Committee be authorised to take the necessary steps to purchase and have erected at the end of George's Hill. Drogheda Street, a public lamp. the expense of same to be defrayed by the Commissioners.

The following bills were ordered to be paid. on the motion of Mr Ennis. Seconded by Mr Lynch.

Daniel Sinnott for and on account of Salary as Town Clerk	£6-0-0
J. Cannins bill for repairs to Gas lamps &c.	13-3
	£19-13-3

Commissioners of Public Works for two instalments of Loan due 1st May 1896 with interest £17:1:6

J. Ed. Lacey Chairman
9th Sept. 1896

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September 7. That in consequence of no Commissioner having been in attendance at the Statutory Monthly Meeting appointed to be held on this date within the time prescribed and limited by Law, I, under and by virtue of the power vested in me by the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the Commissioners' Clauses Act 1847. Sec. 41, as Clerk to the Balbriggan Town Commissioners, do hereby adjourn the holding of this meeting and the transaction of business thereat to Wednesday evening, the 9th September 1896, at 7:30 o'clock.

September 9 - At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 7:30 o'clock, the following members attended, viz.

William George Percival, Esq. in the Chair
John Derham
William Ennis
Thomas J. Graham
Patrick Mc Donnell

Esquires.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

Read the following correspondence

Town Commissioners' Office,
Balbriggan. 17th August 1896.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant I am directed by my Commissioners to again send cheque for £18:1:0 and to state that they do not see any grounds for coming to the conclusion that a greater quantity of gas has been consumed in each of the non-metered lamps than in any of the three metered ones for the last

season, especially as the Commissioners had supplied and fixed to each lamp a No 4 Sugg's patent burner which is guaranteed not to consume more than the burner is registered for, and therefore do not consider that you are entitled to the additional sum mentioned in your letter. It is a well known and recognised fact, and evidence in corroboration of such by gas experts was given in a court of law recently, that if the burner be of the right sort such as Sugg's patent, the ones now in use – it does not matter what size the bore of the pipe is it will not pass more gas than what the meter registers. The main pipe supplies the meter, and the meter supplies the light. In the non-meter lamps it does not make any difference as to whether the bore is a half-inch or a smaller size. It is the pressure which regulates the consumption, there being but one exit. In the present case the pressure being from the main with only one exit to each lamp, to wit the burner for gas to pass through, the same quantity of gas must be consumed in each lamp. In fact the indexes to the meters prove this to demonstration. With reference to your statement as to letter of 24th February. I have no knowledge of having received it, there must be some mistake as your meetings are held on the first Saturday of the month and your letter according to your statement was not sent until nearly the end of the month. With a view, however to avoid unpleasantness the Commissioners desire to make to your board the following offer:- They are willing to erect a meter to anyone of the non meter lamps for a period to be agreed upon, and if this lamp consumes more gas than any one of the three meter lamps referred to by you for the same period, they are willing to pay for the additional gas consumed during the past season, but at present they cannot

cannot see the justice of your demand and are so advised. They are also willing, if your directors so desire, to put half-inch bores into the three meter lamps instead of three-eight inch bore with which they are at present fitted so as to have uniformity in all the lamps. The Commissioners trust your Board will see their way to accept this offer (which they consider reasonable) and thus terminate the dispute which has unfortunately arisen and end all differences in reference to the matter.

I am instructed by my Commissioners to give you instruction to light the town lamps with gas from the 1st proximo in the same manner and on the same terms as heretofore, an early reply to this communication will oblige.

Yours faithfully
Daniel Sumott Town Clerk

To Michael Logan. Esq
Secretary Balbriggan Gas Co.

Balbriggan Gas Light Co. Limited
5th September. 1896

Dear Sir, — Your letter dated 17th was on this day laid before my directors, and after considering all your arguments on the subject I may state my Board are not to be taken as assenting to same, being fully satisfied of the justice and accuracy of their account. I am instructed by them to return your cheque and to further inform you that until the account is settled in full they ~~they~~ cannot entertain any proposal for the further lighting of the town. My letter to you of the 24th February last contained full information as to the grounds on which our account would be based at the termination of the lighting season

I am Dear Sir, yours faithfully
Michael Logan Secretary

To D. Sumott. Esq
Town Clerk

After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Derham, seconded by Mr Ennis, and passed unanimously.

That the Clerk be instructed on our behalf to employ C. Friery, Esq. Solicitor, to institute proceedings by Summons at Petty Sessions against the Balbriggan Gas Company with the view to compel them to supply gas to the 24 public lamps the property of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners erected in the town of Balbriggan until the end of the Season 31st March 1897 in pursuance of the Gas Works Clauses Act. 1871, and of notice already served on them or take such other proceedings as he may be advised.

Wm. J. Percival
Oct 23rd 1896

October 23rd At a special Meeting of the Commissioners, duly convened on the requisition of five of the Commissioners, held this evening. The following members attended. viz. William J. Percival, Esq. in the Chair.

Also present John Derham
Patrick Lynch
Patrick McDonnell
Thomas J. Graham
William Ennis, Esquires

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

The Clerk made the following official Statement to the meeting.

At the annual Election of the Town Commissioners held on the 15th October. 1896, the following persons:-

William J. Percival } two outgoing Commissioners
Patrick Lynch } and

Joseph Sharkey, were nominated by Mr John Derham J.P. for Election, and no other person being nominated, they were declared by the Returning officer (Wm J. Percival Esq. J.P. as being duly Elected Commissioners for the Town of Balbriggan.

Mr Lynch attended and having made the usual Declaration of acceptance of office as Commissioner took his Seat at the board.

The first business transacted was to elect a Chairman for the ensuing year. and on the motion of Mr Bertham. Seconded by Mr McDonnell, Mr Percival was unanimously re-elected.

The Clerk read the following correspondence

Balbriggan Gas Light Company's office.
3rd October 1896

Sir. In reply to yours Solicitors notice dated 10th. Sept. 1896 addressed to the Directors of the Balbriggan Gas Company on behalf of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners, I beg to State that the Gas Directors are ready and willing and hereby offer to Supply gas to the public lamps on the same terms and conditions as heretofore. the amount paid therefore up to 31st March 1895 being for £ 24 lamps £ on payment the amount due for gas Supplied as heretofore up to 31 March 1896. Viz £ 20: 10: 0 paid on or before the 15th October. 1896. (their adding 25% instead of 20% charged) and in case same is not so paid my directors are ready and willing and hereby offer to Stand by the rule in the Subject as laid down in Section 25 of the 33 and 34 Viets chap 41. by this notice my directors withdraw all former offers at endeavouring to come to an amicable Settlement of a matter in which they, as well as your body, are personally interested

I am Sir
Your faithfully
Michl Corgan Secty

To Thos Sinnott. Esq.
Town Clerk.

52 Rutland Square W.
Dublin. 8th October
re the Gas Company

Dear Sir - I sent you on the 6th instant copy of the notice which you left with me.
I am serving upon the Gas Co. and upon

Mr Smyth, their Solicitor, copy of the notice which I now enclose, and you will please have a Summons issued against them for hearing at next Tuesday's Petty Sessions.

Please let me have details in writing as to what you have to say to the proposal contained in the latter part of the Secretary's letter

Yours truly
C Friery

To J. Synnott Esq.
Town Clerk Balbriggan

Sirs- Whereas by notice bearing date the 7th Sept 1896 on behalf of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners wherein I as Solicitor for the said Town Commissioners required you in pursuance of the Gas Works Clauses Act 1871, as the Undertakers under said Act to supply until the end of the Season 31st March 1897. Gas to the 24 public lamps the property of the said Town Commissioners on the same terms and conditions as heretofore. And whereas the letter addressed by your Secretary on the 3rd day of October inst. by the Town Clerk of Balbriggan is tantamount to a refusal to submit to the demand of my clients, now I, as Solicitor for the said Town Commissioners of Balbriggan hereby give you notice that I shall forthwith cause you to be Summoned for the penalties imposed by the Statute 34 & 35 Vict, cap 41, Sec, 36, or take such other proceedings as I shall be advised and shall use this and the former notices to fix you with the costs and expenses attendant on such proceedings

Dated this 8th day of October 1896

Christopher Friery
Solicitor for said Town Commissioners
52 Rutland Square, Dublin

To the Secretary of the Balbriggan Gas Co and William Smyth Esq. Solicitor 29 Inner Gardiner St

Sir - I beg to inform you that the Balbriggan Gas Company, Limited, are ready and now offer to supply Gas to as many public lamps as may be required for the town of Balbriggan and the Gas for that purpose is ready, the lighting and extinguishing to be done by the Town Commissioners, and the said Gas Co reserve to themselves their rights under Section 25 of the Gas Works Clauses Act 1847 Amendment.

William Smyth
Solicitor for the said
Balbriggan Gas Co Limited
29 Lower Gardiner St Dublin

To C. Friery, Esq
Solicitor for the Balbriggan ~~Gas~~ Town Commissioners
52 Rutland Square,
Dublin

Daniel Sinnott, Esq Town Clerk, Balbriggan

After some discussion Mr Barham proposed, seconded by Mr McDonnell, and passed unanimously.

That a committee consisting of Messrs Graham, Lynch and the Chairman be appointed to do every thing necessary towards the lighting of the town lamps by the Commissioners, and employ a man to light and extinguish same at 4/- per week and that our Clerk write to the Gas Company to notify that we, the Commissioners, propose to light the lamps on Monday night next.

The Clerk was directed to apply to the Gas Co. for permission to lay a pipe connection from the main pipe to the new lamp at Mr P. McDonnells corner, Spencer's Hill.

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Graham, the following bills being found correct were ordered to be paid

Daniel Sinnott, for 6 months salary as Town Clerk	£6:0:0
J. Canning, for repairing lamps, and supplying materials &c.	1:3:6
Nelson, for making an iron lamp bracket	10-6
Grand Jury Cess	1-7-8
	9:1:8

Jas W. Keeve
Chairman Dec 19th 1896

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December . In consequence of the non-attendance of the Commissioners at the Statutory Monthly Meeting Summoned for this day at 12 o'clock I hereby adjourn the Meeting to the 9th December, 1896, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

Daniel Summers

December 9th. At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 7:30 the following members attended, viz:

William H. Percival. Esq. in the Chair
Thomas J. Graham
John Berham
Patrick Lynch
Patrick McDonnell

Esqrs.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.
Read Resolution forwarded by Corporation of Drogheda and one by the Town Commissioners of Naas re Financial Relations between Great Britain and Ireland and the excessive taxation of Ireland which has been disclosed by the Report of the Financial Relations Commission.
It was proposed by Mr Berham, seconded by Mr Mc. Donnell, and passed unanimously.

That we, the Commissioners of Balbriggan, hereby adopt the Resolution forwarded for our consideration by the Corporation of Drogheda, and that a copy of same be sent to John J. Kelaney, Esq. Member of Parliament,

Read Communication from the Secretaries of the National Education relative to the appointment by ~~us~~ as the Commissioners as the Local Authority of half the members of the School Attendance Committee for Balbriggan in accordance with the provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892.

The Clerk stated that a committee was appointed three years ago but they never acted. and there are no funds to meet the expenses. After some remarks the Subject was passed and without any order being made.

Read the following

54 & 56 Thomond Street.
Dublin, 23rd November, 1896.

Daniel Sinnott, Esq.
Town Clerk, Baltinglass

Dear Sir - Confirming tenor of Writer's conversation with you to day on the subject of the Gymnasium premises and adjoining ruinous building the property of your Commissioners we propose to take a lease of same for twenty seven years with right of surrender at end of every third year, at a rent of £10 a year payable half yearly. We should have the use for our vans &c of the yard and be allowed to paint our name on the entrance gate. We would undertake to make good the walls and roof of the ruinous portion. We understand that there is some question of the right of your Commissioners to divert the yard from the purpose of a market and we should agree to a clause in the lease completely protecting your Commissioners in the event of the question being raised hereafter. We should give considerable employment if we succeed in obtaining suitable premises.

We are Dear Sir
Yours truly James Shanks
Managing Director

After a long discussion it was decided before coming to any conclusion to ask Mr Shanks would he have any objection to a clause which would enable the Commissioners to resume possession at any time in giving twelve months notice, also would he object to wiring off a portion of the yard which will not in any way interfere with free ingress or egress through gateway.

Balbriggan Gymnasium.
Nov 3. 1896

Dear Sir,

I herewith tender yrs cheque for £2:12:0 in full payment of our rent for Hall up to this date, it being understood by us that yrs are allowing us one years rent in consideration of the improvements we have made.

I regret to inform yrs that we have not enough members to carry on the working of our Gymnasium this winter, and therefore shall not require the premises for this year, but trust that we may have the pleasure of renting it from yrs next year again. I will give up the Keys to Mr Bynnot whenever it is convenient to him.

I remain
on behalf of the Committee of the Balbriggan Gymnasium
yrs respectfully
Lewis Whyte
Hon Treas,

To the Secretary
Balbriggan Town Commissrs

It was proposed by Mr Dorham, seconded by Mr Graham, and passed unanimously.
That inasmuch as it has been stated that the Balbriggan Gymnasium Committee for their own accomodation had pulled down and removed from the free hold several valuable fixtures & the injury of the premises, our clerk be instructed to call the attention of the Committee thereto, and to say we, the Commissioners, should be only too pleased to do what is right and necessary, but under the circumstances we do not think we can, in justice to the rate payers, give a definite reply to the letter of their Secretary until they shall have first replaced the fixtures removed and returned the Keys of the gate and Gymnasium premises.

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Read the following

Balbriggan Industrial
and Provident Society. 16 Nov 1896

Dear Sir.

I am desired by the Committee of this Society to give you notice that it is their intention to give up one Stall in the market premises (which they have been using as an office) on the 31st December next.

I am, Dear Sir
Your obedient
Thomas Hayes, Secty

On the motion of Mr Graham, seconded by Mr Lynch, the Surrender of the possession of the Stall was unanimously agreed to, the other two Stalls to be held by the Society at a Rent of £2-3-4 quarterly

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr McDonnell, Messrs Percival, Durham and Graham were reappointed Gas Committee for ensuing year with the same powers as last year to all works and repairs necessary, the costs not to exceed £10.

Proposed by Mr Durham, seconded by Mr Lynch and passed unanimously

That cheques be drawn for payment of the following accounts.

Commissioners of Public Works for instalment of Principal and Interest due on loan	8 : 6 : 0
Christopher Friery for fee for attendance at Balbriggan Petty Sessions, Service of Notice &c, in connection with the case of The Town Commissioners v Balbriggan Gasloo	3 : 3 : 0
Daniel Sinnott, Town Clerk, to pay Thomas Hanlon's account for town lamps	1 : 14 : 6
Robert Dennis for repairs to Town lamps	2 : 13 : 0
R. A. Perkins, Surveyor of Taxes, for Income Tax due 94/5 and 95/6	15 : 0

Chairman 12th Jan 1897

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January 12. In consequence of the non-attendance of the Commissioners at the Statutory Monthly meeting this day I hereby as Town Clerk adjourn the meeting until the 12th day of January, 1897. at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Daniel Sinnott

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January 12 - At an adjourned Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7:30 o'clock. the following members attended, viz.

William George Percival, Esq. in the Chair.
Thomas J. Graham
John Derham
Patrick Lynch and
William Ennis, Esqrs

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

Memorial to the Lord Lieutenant on the Sunday and Saturday Early Closing Question, forwarded by the Irish Temperance Association for Signature of the Commissioners, was marked "Read".

Read the following.

574 & 56 Townsend Street.
Dublin, 16th Dec. 1896

Daniel Sinnott, Esq.
Town Clerk, Baltriggan -

Dear Sir - Referring to your visit here and the question of Gymnasium premises we have no objection to the wiring off a portion of the Yard which will not in any way interfere with free ingress and egress through gateway, also we have no objection to a clause which will enable

the Commissioners to resume possession at any time on giving twelve months' notice, and paying us the actual outlay on the premises, the sum not to exceed £75: we on our part to be at liberty to surrender the premises at any time on a like notice of one year. We hope this will clear the way for a letting.

Yours truly
J. Shanks & Co. Limited
Geo Leslie Wells, Secretary

A long discussion ensued, when

It was proposed by Mr Durham, seconded by Mr Graham, and passed unanimously -

Resolved - That we, the Commissioners, agree not to let to Messrs Shanks & Co the premises referred to in their letter of ~~read~~ proposal read, as we consider that an effort should be made to utilize same for the enjoyment and benefit of the Ratepayers, by erecting a Town Hall thereon, the Ratepayers being strongly in favour of it.

In furtherance of the object of the Resolution, Mr Durham gave notice that he would at next meeting move the following Resolution.

"That, in accordance with the general expressed wish and growing demand of the Ratepayers as to the necessity for a Town Hall Suitable for the Town, the Commissioners take such steps as they think proper to get plans for same, and put themselves in communication with the Local Government Board and the Commissioners of Public Works to raise such money as may be necessary to carry out the project."

The following sums were received since last meeting and lodged in Bank

Ballyclogan Industrial and Provident Society, Rent for 3 months rent of Stalls to 31 Dec 1896	£3-5-0
Hospital Advertising Co.	1-0-0
Ireland's Rent of Gymnasium House from Mr Loughlin	2-12-0
	£6-17-0

Wm. Percival Chairman
17th Feb 1897

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February 1st. At a Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners duly summoned on the requisition of five members, held this evening at 7:30 o'clock. the following members attended. viz -

William George Percival Esq. in the Chair.
Patrick McDonnell
John Berham
William Ennis
William J. Lumisden
Thmas J. Graham.
Esqrs -

Mr Lumisden made the usual Statutory Declaration of acceptance of office as Town Commissioner, having been duly elected as such at the annual Election.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

The Clerk Submitted to the Meeting and Estimate of the probable amount of Receipts and Expenditure for the ensuing year when it was proposed by Mr Lumisden. Seconded by Mr Berham, and passed unanimously.

That the Estimate be approved of, and that notice be given by placards and advertisement of our intention at next Meeting to make a Rate of Six pence in the Pound on all assessable property within the limits of the town

Resolution forwarded from Athlone union in favour of Bill by Government to extend the provisions of the Agricultural Rating Act of last Sessions to Ireland. was ordered to be marked "Read"

Pursuant to notice he had given Mr Berham moved.

"That in accordance with the generally expressed wish and growing demand of the

Ratepayers as to the necessity for a town hall for the town, the Commissioners take such steps as they think proper to get plans for the same, and put themselves in communication with the Local Government Board and the Commissioners of Public Works to raise such money as may be necessary to carry out the project".

The Resolution was seconded by Mr Bannister, and adopted unanimously.

Some desultory conversation as to the steps to be taken then ensued, and it was resolved on the motion of Mr Bertram, seconded by Mr Bannister.

That our Clerk be instructed to write to the Local Government Board for permission to borrow upon the Security of the Rates, repayable by an annuity of thirty years, the Sum of £800 from the Board of Public Works, for the purpose of erecting said Town Hall.

passed unanimously.

Wm. Lucas Chairman

March 16th 1897

1897

March 16 - At a Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7:30 o'clock, the following members attended, namely -

William George Percival, Chairman,
John Berham,
Thomas J. Graham
Patrick Lynch
William Ennis,

Esquires.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

The Chairman said

Before we commence business I think we should move a resolution expressing our Sorrow at the death of Mr McDonnell, a member of the board. He was a most regular attendant at our meetings, and we always found him a most painstaking, impartial, and courteous colleague. He had evinced much interest in the Townships affairs.

On the motion of Mr Berham, seconded by Mr Lynch, it was unanimously resolved,

That we, the Commissioners of Balbriggan, tender our Sincerest Sympathy and Condolence with the relatives of our late colleague, Mr Patrick McDonnell, in their great affliction.

The Clerk read a long letter forwarded by him to the Local Government Board relating to the loan of £800 proposed to be borrowed by the Commissioners for the purpose of erecting a Town Hall, stating the nature and objects of the proposed work, the reasons which render its execution desirable, and Soliciting the Boards Sanction of the required loan: also a Communication from the L.G.B in reply thereto transmitting a form in which application may be made for their Sanction to the required loan and calling attention to Section 28 of the Local Govt (Ireland) Act, 1871, which was re-enacted for Town-hall purposes by Section 14 of the Public Health (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1884,

The following resolution, proposed by Mr Derham, seconded by Mr Graham, was passed unanimously.

That our Clerk be instructed to give notice by advertisement in the Drogheda Independent of our intention after the expiration of Six weeks from the publication of said notice, to borrow upon a mortgage of the rates the Sum of £800 for the purpose of erecting a Town Hall.

The following Resolution proposed by Mr Derham, seconded by Mr Lynch was passed unanimously.

That a Rate be made of Sixpence in the Pound on all Property assessable within the limits of the Town of Baltriggan, under the provisions of "The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854", and that said Rate be due and payable on and after the 21st day of April, 1897. and that notices to that effect be placarded and advertised.

It was proposed by the Chairman, Mr Percival, seconded by Mr Graham, and passed unanimously.

That Mr George Morgan be elected a Commissioner in place of Mr Mc. Donnell, deceased.

A letter from Mr Gilmore, Secretary of Dance Committee, asking to be allowed expenses for cleansing and disinfecting room was marked "read".

A letter from the Irish Cattle Traders and Stock Owners' Association enclosing a resolution, for adoption of the Commissioners, protesting against foreign meat being supplied to the troops Stationed in Ireland.

The Chairman moved that the resolution be adopted Mr Derham seconded the resolution which was carried.

W. Percival
Chairman May 9th 1897

R. J. M. 9/5/97

In consequence of the non-attendance of the Commissioners at the Statutory Monthly meeting Summoned for this day I hereby as Town Clerk adjourn the meeting until the 5th May 1897. at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

Daniel Sinnott

May 5. At the adjourned Meeting of the Commissioners held this day. at 7:30 P.M. the following members attended. viz

William George Percival in the Chair
John Derham
Patrick Gough
Thomas J. Graham
George Monger
Esqrs.

Mr Monger having been co-opted a Commissioner at last meeting made the usual Statutory Declaration of acceptance of office.

Mr Thomas Hayes. Secretary of the Balbriggan Industrial and Provident Society wrote drawing the Commissioners attention to the very shabby appearance of front of the Stalls in the market premises occupied by the Society, and requesting that something should be done to them.

It was decided after some conversation to have the outside of the Stalls and windows painted.

The Balbriggan Gas Company forwarded a Bill of £36-5-6 for two years lighting of the town lamps, and on the motion of Mr Derham, seconded by Mr Gough, it was agreed to draw a cheque for the amount due.

Mr Derham gave notice that he would, at next meeting, move the co operation of two gentlemen to fill the positions on the Board vacant by the disqualification of two Commissioners.

The Chairman suggested that the monthly meetings should be held regularly in future at noon the first Monday in each month in accordance with the Statute. If the Commissioners could not attend the meeting could be adjourned until the following evening. He said he would like to elicit from the meeting the opinion of the members on the advisability of making a change as the meetings were carried on rather irregularly at present. A public body like theirs should have a fixed day to meet upon. Some of the Commissioners said day meetings would clash with the convenience of the members, and if the change was made they could not attend the meetings. The tenour of the meeting seemed against a change, but after some further discussion the suggestion of the Chairman was approved of and adopted.

The following is a copy of Gas account furnished

Balbriggan April 1897

Balbriggan Town Commissioners

To The Balbriggan Gas Co. Ltd. Dr.

1896

April 20. To amount of account furnished for Gas supplied to Public Lamps, including lamp Lighters wages £18:1:0

1897

April 5th. 58.325 cubic feet of Gas consumed in 25 Public Lamps at 6/3 per 1000 18:4:6

£36:5:6

Indexes taken

	1896	1897	
	October 26	April 5	consumed
Quay Street	1.900	4.100	2.200
High Street	1.900	4.100	2.200
Dublin Street	1.900	4.500	2.600

Cheque for £4:12:0 was ordered to be drawn in favour of Mr. Wm. J. Percival for cash advanced by him to pay Wm. Whitfield Keeling for 25 months wages as Lamp Lighter ending 3rd April 1897, at 4/- per week 2 - amt. £4:12:0.

Wm. J. Percival
Chairman
8th May 1897

1897
June 7. In consequence of the non-attendance of the Commissioners at the Statutory Monthly Meeting Summoned for this day at 12 O'clock I hereby adjourn the Meeting to tomorrow evening (Tuesday, 8th June, 1897. at 7:30 O'clock) p.m.

Daniel Sinnott

1897
June 8. At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7:30 O'clock. the following members attended, viz.

William G. Percival, in the Chair,
William Ennis
John Durham
Thomas J. Graham
Patrick Lynch
George Morgan

Esqrs

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Read the following notice inserted in the Drogheda Independent of the 24th April last

Town of Baltriggan

Notice of Intention to Borrow £800

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of Baltriggan at a meeting held on the 17th day of February, 1897. passed a resolution that leave be applied for to the Local Government Board to borrow the Sum of £800. required to erect a Town Hall in the Town of Baltriggan, and that the said Commissioners propose to borrow the said Sum of £800 for the purpose aforesaid.

Notice is hereby further given that the said Commissioners will at the next meeting of the Commissioners or some adjournment of the same held after the expiration of Six weeks from the publication of this notice, meet to agree to and confirm the said resolution to borrow the said Sum of £800. and give such directions as may be necessary and proper to carry the said resolution into effect.

Commissioners' Office, Baltriggan. 23rd April 1897.

Signed. Daniel Sinnott. Town Clerk

After a long discussion it was proposed by Mr Dorham, Seconded by Mr Lynch, and passed unanimously

Resolved - That having read said notice we the Commissioners of the town of Baltriggan in meeting assembled, do hereby agree to the proposal therein to borrow money for the purpose named, not exceeding £800. and with the view to forward the project that a Committee consisting of the Chairman and Messrs Graham Morgan and Lynch be appointed to view the market premises for the purpose of ascertaining their suitability for a town Hall by enlarging, altering and improving same, and to report to next meeting their opinion thereon.

The following resolution proposed by Mr Dorham, Seconded by Mr Graham, was passed unanimously.

That Mr James McGlew be elected a Commissioner in place of Mr John Knox, disqualified, and

That Mr John P. Morgan be elected a Commissioner in place of Mr Joseph Sharkey, resigned, disqualified.

The following resolution, on the motion of Mr Graham, Seconded by Mr Morgan, was unanimously adopted,

"We the Town Commissioners of Baltriggan beg to express our earnest hope that the Government will proceed this Session with a measure to endow a System of Agricultural and Technical Education under the Control of an Irish Department, and that the Sum provided in this years Budget for Technical Education in Ireland may be applied towards this purpose".

Read report from Mr R. J. Newall, L.G.B. Auditor, on his last audit of the Commissioners accounts, year ending 15th Oct 1896, The report which was Satisfactory in every way Stated that the accounts had been produced and rendered for audit in a Satisfactory manner by Mr Daniel Sinnott. Clerk to the Commissioners.

Read letter from Registrar of Petty Sessions Clerks

informing the Commissioners that £5-8-10 amount raised from Dog Taxe collected in the town had been lodged in Bank to their credit.

The clerk stated that he had received £1-10-0 from R. Duncan for the letting of the Gymnasium Hall & Room for 3 weeks for Concert and Fancy Bazaar purposes

The following accounts were ordered to be paid on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Munger

Daniel Sinnott, Town Clerk, for cash advanced by him to pay the following accounts.

1894				
October 9 -	Premium for Renewal of Fire Policy, New Market, in the Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Co. (one year).			9-6
1895				
October 8	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	9-6
1896				
6 October	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto	9-6
1897				
May 19	James Stack, clerk of Union, for preparing Rate books for year 1895-1896			2:0:0
1895				
August 19	Hanford for Poor Rate made Oct 8th 1895			1:17:6
1897 April 4.	Half year's Salary as Town Clerk ending 4th April 1897.			6:0:0
1897				
June 28	Hanford, Poor Rate, made 30 Sept 96			1-7-6

£ 12:13:6

Proposed by Mr Durham,

Seconded by Mr Lynch, and passed unanimously.

That this meeting do Stand adjourned until the evening of the 15th instant, at 7:30 o'clock,

1897
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June 15. At the adjourned Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 7:30 o'clock, the following Members attended, viz:-

William J. Percival in the Chair
John Derham.
George Mongan
Patrick Lynch
Thomas J. Graham
James McGlew and
John C. Mangan, Esqrs,

The last two-named gentlemen having been co-opted at last meeting made the usual Statutory Declarations of acceptance of office as Commissioners.

The Chairman Stated the first business was the consideration of the report of the Committee appointed to inspect the Market premises with a view to ascertaining their Suitability for a town hall and an office for the Town Commissioners. The report would be a verbal one. He thought they all knew what was required to be done. The north end would have to be extended to whatever distance was necessary, a good entrance would have to be ~~made~~ formed at the other end, it would have to be raised, and two dressing rooms, as well as two lavatories, and any other rooms such as a Store room would have to be built. The room would have to be increased eight feet in width to make it twenty five feet wide, and raised to a Sufficient height. Mr Graham was in favour of having it a very elevated room, and he was sure that would be very desirable. It also would have to be lengthened. The Committee had not time to go into the question of cost, but in about a week he would be able to give a rough estimate of the probable cost of alterations. Of course it would be nothing like the cost of building a new town hall, and with the expenditure of £300 or £400 the present building could be utilized. If we go beyond 25 feet in

with it will add considerably to the expense, because then you will have to have a framed roof. If the present building is made Seventy-five feet long and twenty five feet wide I think it would be ample.

The Chairman's Suggestion was agreed to, and the further consideration of the matter was postponed pending the furnishing of the estimate of the probable cost of the alterations and additions to the Market and Concert hall.

The following resolution from the Lurgan Town Comrs was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr Graham, seconded by Mr Mangan.

That, while we notice with pleasure and rejoice at the alleviation of the burdens on landlords and agricultural tenants foreshadowed in Mr Balfour's Statement in the House of Commons as to the proposed legislation of Ireland, we cannot but think that residents and ratepayers in towns are equally entitled to the consideration of the framers of the Bill, and that it is our opinion that some adequate provisions should be made to relieve them also of some items of taxation, such as cost of administering the Education and other Acts, which at present press heavily on town ratepayers.

Mr Patrick Corrin, Secretary of the Irish National Foresters Benefit Society "Branch St Malaga", Ballyreagan, wrote 'I am requested by the members of the above branch to ask if the Town Commissioners will let us have the band room or loft over Co-operative Stores on Saturday nights to hold our meetings, for which we are willing to pay £2:12:0 per annum'.

On the motion of Mr Graham, seconded by Mr Lynch, it was agreed to accede to the application for the present by allowing them to have the use of the room for the purpose named at 1/- per week.

Proposed by Mr Graham, and seconded by Mr Lynch and passed That this meeting do Stand adjourned to the 24th instant at 7-30 p.m.

1897

June 24. At the adjourned Statutory meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 7.30 o'clock. The following members attended, viz:

William George Percival in the Chair
Patrick Lynch
John Durham
Thomas J. Graham
James McGlew
John P. Mangan

Esqrs.

The Chairman gave a detailed statement of the probable cost of making additions and alterations in the present Market premises to adapt them to the purposes of a Suitable Town Hall and Concert Room, and stated they would cost at least £600 without putting any value for fancy work. The roof will cost over £100, if primed £120 to £130. £650 is the very smallest sum it would cost to convert the premises into a Town Hall.

After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Durham, Seconded by Mr Graham, and passed unanimously.

That Mr Clerk write to Mr Suite, C.E. to ascertain from him the preliminary cost for preparing a plan and estimate of the probable expense of erecting a Suitable Town Hall, to cost about £600 or £700, ~~either~~ either by enlarging and altering the present Market building into a Town Hall or by erecting a new Town Hall. and that Mr Suite be asked what day and hour would be convenient for him to meet the Commissioners here to learn their views in devising the best means to carry out the work.

The necessity for painting the lamp posts having been brought under the notice of the Commissioners, it was ordered, on the motion of Mr Durham, Seconded by Mr Mangan, That the work be done,

and

that Mr William Corrin be asked to tender for same.

Copy of Rate Book

was submitted by Clerk for Signature. when it was proposed by Mr Lynch,

Seconded by Mr McGlew, and passed unanimously.

That said book be Signed by Chairman and the Commissioners present, Countersigned by the Clerk, and handed to the Collector for collection, and that his Warrant authorizing him to collect and levy said Rate be also Signed and handed to him.

M. W. Leonard
Chairman 4th Aug. 1894

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1897

August 4 - At the adjourned Statutory meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 7:30 O'Clock, the following members attended, viz.

William George Percival Esq. in the Chair,
John Durham, Thomas J. Graham,
James McGlew, Patrick Lynch

Esqrs

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed

Read the following Correspondence

Town Clerk's office, Baltriggan
25th June 1897.

Dear Sir - I am directed by the Commissioners of Baltriggan to state that they purpose making application by Memorial to the Commissioners of Public Works for the grant of a loan to erect a Suitable Town Hall, in which public Meetings and concerts can be held. As the Memorial must state the amount of loan sought, and be accompanied by a plan and Specification they are anxious to ascertain your preliminary charge for preparing such plan and Specification and giving an Estimate of the probable cost of the proposed buildings.

Some of the Commissioners are in favour of enlarging and altering the present Market buildings into a Town Hall, others for the erection of a new building.

The Commissioners also wish to know what day and hour would be convenient for you to meet them here to learn their views as to the requirements and best means to carry out the work.

Yours truly
Daniel Sinnott
Town Clerk

To Charles M. Waite Esq. C.E.
Drogheda.

Dollymount Cottage, Drogheda.
31st June 1897.

re Proposed new Public Hall
Balbriggan

Dear Sir - I am very much obliged to your Commissioners for the favour they have done of enquiring my charge for preparing plans and Specification of your proposed new Hall. I have pleasure in informing you that I will give all architectural Services required and mentioned in yours of the 25th inst. making all necessary Copies for lodgment for the purposes of the loan for a fee of 2½ per cent on the estimated cost costs of the works, or if it is desired I will name a fixed Sum when I am in a position to know about what the requirements of your Commissioners are. I will be happy to meet them any day in the Coming week. Hoping to hear from you if Monday or Tuesday would meet their convenience at noon.

I remain Yours truly
Charles M. Fuite

Daniel Smith Esq.
Town Clerk R. Balbriggan.

Town Clerk's office, Balbriggan
3rd July, 1897.

Dear Sir - I beg to acknowledge of your letter of the 30th ult, received yesterday, and to State that inasmuch as there is no certainty that the erection of the proposed Town Hall will be proceeded with, as all depends upon the cost of same, the Commissioners are not disposed to pay such a large fee as you ask for preparing plan and Specification. They consider a rough preliminary plan and Estimate without going into details could be procured for a much smaller Sum. Were the Commissioners in a position to build the Hall they could then afford to be generous in coming to terms with you, but as matters stand they must make a frugal use of the ratepayers money.

Yours truly
Daniel Smith Town Clerk

To Charles M. Fuite. Esq C.E.

Dalrymount Cottage, Drogheda
5th July, 1897.

Dear Sir - I will be happy to prepare preliminary drawings, estimate and whatever other purposes are required to accompany the memorial of your Commissioners in the matter of the proposed new Town Hall for the sum of Six Guineas (£6:6:0) -

With thanks. I remain yours truly
Charles M. Waite

Daniel Sinnott, Esq.
Town Clerk, Balbriggan.

Town Clerk's office, Balbriggan
11th July, 1897.

Dear Sir - I have been told you were in Balbriggan yesterday, I am sorry you did not call upon the Chairman & some of the Commissioners re Town Hall - The Commissioners consider your fee still too high for what they require to be done - It will be impossible to come to terms until you have first viewed the premises, heard the Commissioners' suggestions and arranged to site, plans and formation of building &c - If you would arrange to come here any evening in the coming week, say at 6 or 7 o'clock, the Commissioners would meet you, and you could get back by the 9.5 train same night. Of course it is clearly to be understood that no charge is to be made for viewing the premises and interviewing the Commissioners.

Yours truly
Daniel Sinnott Town Clerk

To Charles M. Waite, Esq. C.E.

The Town Clerk having informed the Commissioners that no reply had been received from Mr Waite to his last letter a discussion thereupon ensued, when it was proposed by Mr Graham. Seconded by Mr. Beham; and passed unanimously -

That our clerk be instructed to see Mr Shaw C.E., Drogheda, to ascertain his charge for drawing for drawing plan of the proposed new Town Hall and supplying an Estimate

of the probable amount required to erect the necessary buildings, and to know what day would be convenient for him to wait on the Commissioners here to learn their views and requirements, and that, at the conclusion of to night's business, this meeting stand adjourned until such time within this month as Mr Shaw shall appoint for that purpose.

The following account, on the motion of Mr Durham, seconded by Mr Gough, was ordered to be paid, viz:-

Commissioners of Public Works for Instalment with Interest due on Loan to the 1st May, 1897- £7:19:11

Read application from Jas Lestrange, Drogheda to rent one of the Stalls vacant in the Market premises for the purpose of carrying on Beef business.

On the motion of Mr Graham, seconded by Mr Durham, it was unanimously agreed to accede to the application on payment of 2/6 per week Rent.

On the motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr Gough this Meeting Stands adjourned to the 1st. instant, at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

1897
August 1st. At an adjourned Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening at 7:30 o'clock, the following members attended, viz:

William George Percival, Esq., in the Chair
John Durham
Thomas J. Graham
John P. Morgan
James McGlave, Esqrs.

Mr Frederick Shaw B.E. attended and stated to the meeting that owing to an interview with Their Lords

Clerk he had viewed the market Site that evening, and took measurements for the purpose of preparing plans for the proposed new Town Hall, and had fully considered what sort of a construction would be most suitable for all requirements - Various proposals were considered and after a lengthened deliberation Mr Shaw was unanimously instructed to prepare plans to be considered at next monthly meeting on the motion of Mr Graham, Seconded by Mr Durham.

W. G. Percival
Chairman 7th Sept 1897

1897
September 6. In consequence of the non attendance of the Commissioners Quorum at the Statutory Monthly Meeting Summoned for this day I hereby as Town Clerk adjourn the Meeting to the 7th September 1897. at 7:30 o'clock.

Daniel Sennett
Town Clerk

September 7 - At the adjourned Statutory monthly meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 7:30 o'clock the following members attended viz. William George Percival Esq. in the Chair,

John Durham
Thomas J. Graham
James McGlew
John P. Mangan.

Esqrs

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Mr Frederick Shaw, Architect, attended and Submitted plans of the proposed Town Hall, and Stated that his Estimate for the total work was £1050.

The plans were then examined but inasmuch as the Estimate was considerably in excess of the amount Sought to be borrowed it was Suggested to instruct Mr Shaw to amend the plans and estimate So as to bring the cost within the Commissioners limit of £500, and on the proposition of Mr Durham, Seconded by

by Mr Mangan, it was unanimously agreed

That Mr Shaw be requested to modify the plans submitted with a view to a reduction in the estimated cost of the proposed Hall.

The Clerk was instructed to take the necessary steps to have the town lamps lighted during the coming season, and he was further instructed to write to the Gas Company to express the willingness of the Commissioners to erect a lamp for the benefit and convenience of the public in a suitable place to be hereafter selected in Edward Street and to furnish and lay at their own expense a gas pipe, to wit, a three-quarter inch gunbarrel pipe, from their main of the Gas Co. for the purpose, provided the Gas Co. will supply gas to same at the same price charged per lamp for gas consumed by the other public lamps.

Upon the application of Mr Robert Dennis it was agreed to let him the vacant stall near the gate in the Market premises as tenant from week to week, at 2/- per week rent.

Read Mr Shaw's letter of the 18th inst re proposed Town Hall fees, which were accepted of.

Instructions were given Gas Committee to have any necessary repairs required done to the Town Lamps.

The following account was ordered to be paid The Commissioners of Public Works for Instalment with interest, due on Loan to 1st May 1897 £7:19:11

Wm. G. Percival
Chairman Oct 6th 1896

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1897

October 5. At the adjourned Statutory meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7:30 o'clock the following members attended, viz -

Messrs William G. Percival, chairman,
John Durham, Thomas J. Graham,
Patrick Keough, John P. Mangan and James McGlew.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

Mr F. Shaw, Architect, attended and submitted amended Plan and Estimate of the proposed Town Hall, and stated that having gone carefully into all details he found that he could not reduce the estimated cost of the total work to a Sum under £1050.

He then explained the plan and read a Summary of the Specification for the Town Hall.

After some discussion and examination of the plan, it was proposed by Mr Durham, Seconded by Mr Mangan, and passed unanimously -

That the Plan and Estimate of the proposed Town Hall now laid before us be adopted, and we, the Commissioners of the Town of Baltiegan, agree to borrow upon a Mortgage of the Rate leviable under Section 60 of the Towns Improvement Act, 1854, the Sum of £1050, to wit, £250 in addition to the £800 already agreed to be borrowed, pursuant to Resolutions of the 17th February and 8th June, 1897, and that our Clerk be instructed to make application on our behalf to the Commissioners of Public Works for a grant of a loan of the said Sum of £1050, repayable by an annuity of Thirty years, and that he be also instructed to write to the Local Government Board

for permission to borrow a further sum of £250 in addition to the £800 already applied for, and that Mr Shaw be asked to make out copies of his plan and estimate for the purpose of forwarding same to the Board of Public Works and Local Government Board.

The Clerk intimated that he had, in pursuance of Resolution passed at last meeting, written to the Gas Co, and the following was the reply:-

That the request of the Commissioners be complied with on condition that the main used shall be one inch Gun barrel pipe, and laid down to the Satisfaction of the Company.

Proposed by Mr Durham, Seconded by Mr Smyth, and passed unanimously -

That the requirement of the Gas Co. be complied with, and the Gas Committee be requested without unnecessary delay to select a proper Site in Elmard Street for the erection of the Lamps, and do all works necessary in the erection thereof.

Proposed by Mr McGlew, Seconded by Mr Durham, and passed unanimously -

That this meeting do Stand adjourned until the 12th. instant, at 8 O'clock.

October 12. In consequence of Sufficient number of Commissioners not having attended the adjourned meeting Summoned for this evening at 8 O'clock the meeting Stands further adjourned until to-morrow evening, 13th. inst., at Same hour

Daniel Sinnott
Clerk to the Commissioners

1897
October 13 - At the adjourned Statutory meeting of the Commissioners held this evening at 8 O'clock the following Commissioners attended.

Messrs William George Percival, Chairman, John Durham, Thomas J. Graham, George Mongey, and James McGlew.

Read the following letter

Balbriggan 12th Oct 97

To the Balbriggan Town Commissioners.

Gentlemen - I most respectfully apply for an increase of £1 a year to my present Salary of £4, or otherwise as a gratuity as rate collector. I think my request is not unreasonable, when taking into consideration the trouble and exertion I had for the last two years to make a good collection, and with success having got in all rates and arrears. Hoping for your Kind consideration of my request.

B. Henry

Proposed by Mr Mongey, Seconded by Mr Graham, and passed unanimously.

That a gratuity of £1, for this year only, be given to Rate collector, in consideration of the trouble he had in collecting the rates.

Proposed by Mr Graham, Seconded by Mr Durham, and passed unanimously.

That J. Critchely be employed to strip and remove the slates from the old Stable roof and carefully pack same in the market shed, for which he be paid the Sum of 10/-, he to be responsible for any injury occurring during the performance of said work.

Read Rate collectors account, collected £83: 15: 5; Irrecoverable 16/7½ struck off.

Proposed by Mr Durham, Seconded by Mr McGlew, and passed unanimously that the following accounts be paid.

A. McDougall for Printing and advertising from the 26th March 1895 to the 3rd April 1897 £ 5: 6: 6

Brought forward £5:6:6

1897

July 1. The Ballinagan Industrial and Provident Society. Limd. for painting externally the front of Stalls, doors, windows and the gutters &c. of Market Premises. £2:3:4

Oct 13 J. W. Hamlett. for County Grand Jury Cess presented at Easter Term 1897 1:13:3½

" James Stack. Clerk of Union, for Supplying Rate Books 2:0:0

" 14 Robert Dennis. repairing, glazing and fitting town lamps and supplying cocks & burners for 6 Months Salary as Town Clerk, ending the 4th October 1897 2:15:2

" 4 Daniel Sinnott 6-0-0

" Same for Cash advanced by him to pay Small accounts due by the Commissioners 6:13:6

" Bernard Henry. Rate Collector. for collecting Rate £4; gratuity allowed by Resolution passed at this meeting, and two Shillings and Sixpence for postage and Stationery used in the collection £5.2:6

Total £31:14:3½

1894

Jany 16	P. Clinch posting fairs bills	1-3	Brought forward 1895		
" 27	Telegram to Dennis. Solicitor.	1-4	Sept 20	By Rice carriage of Rate books from Union	1-6
May 3	Freeman's Journal. advertising Rate	2-1	Dec 16	A. Garner " Bills of Fairs	6
Oct 5	P. Clinch posting list of voters	1-6	" "	P. Clinch. posting do	1-6
" 16	Law Costs prosecution of M. Grimes	2-6	October 15	cleaning Commissioners office one year	4-0
Nov 13	do " McDermott	1-6	" "	postages & post cards do	9-0
Dec 31	J. Hayes plastering Market wall	2-6	"1896" January 21	Stationery	1-6
" "	P. McGavin Removing Slates. old stable	2-0	May 15	Law costs prosecution of Smyth	1-6
Oct 15	postages & post cards one year	9-0	March 30	do " Bryce	3-0
" "	Stationery	1-6	Sept 26	Mr " cock for stall	2-0
1895	do	4-0	" 30	E. Gildea carriage of Rate books from Union	1-3
Jany	cleaning Commissioners office do	1-0	" "	J. McMahon do book	1-6
March 9	P. Clinch posting fairs notices	5-6	" 29	Telegram to Storey & Summons cases for Co. Clerks train fare & Dublin to instruct Solicitor	3-6
June 5	J. McGarry repairing town lamps	3-9	October 10	P. Clinch posting Oct Fair notices	3-0
" "	P. Clinch posting & placards re Harbour meeting	5:0	" 15	do do Election Notices	2-0
July 22	J. Walsh cleaning & levelling Market yard 2 days	4:0	" "	cleansing Commissioners office one year	4-0
Nov. 13	M. O'Neill carriage Rate books from Railway	6	" "	postages & placards do	9-0
			" "	Stationery	1-6
			1897 January 6	P. Clinch posting fair bills	2-6
			June 16	Mr for 3 files & stamps on Rate collectors Bond	6
			Sept 29	J. Donnelly carriage Rate books from Union	2-6
			October 4	A. Traynor carriage Voters lists from Railway	1-6
			May 12	Telegram to Board of Public Works	6
			October 4	Insurance Market Premises	10
			" 15	cleaning Commissioners Office one year	9-6
			" "	Postages and post cards do	4-0
			" "	Stationery do	9-0
					1-6

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November 2nd. At the adjourned meeting of the Commissioners held this evening, at 7:30 O'clock the following members attended, viz.

Messrs William G. Percival, chairman,
Thomas J Graham John Durham
James McGlew and George Munro.

The Clerk made, to the meeting, the following official Statement

"At the Annual Election of the Town Commissioners, held on the 15th October last, the following persons:-

William George Percival
Thomas J. Graham and
George Munro

were nominated by Mr William George Percival for Election and no other person being nominated, they were declared as being duly elected Commissioners for the Town of Baltriggan."

Messrs Percival, Graham and Munro having attended and made usual declarations of acceptance of office as Commissioners took their Seats at the board.

Proposed by Mr Durham, Seconded by Mr Graham, was unanimously passed.

"That the following list of Fairs submitted for our approval be adopted for the Town of Baltriggan for the year 1898: viz.-

January	Monday 24th	May	30th
February	21	August	29
March	28	Septr	29
April	29	Octr	10
		Novr	14
		Decr	12

Proposed by Mr Derham seconded by Mr Mangan.
Was unanimously -

That this Meeting Stand adjourned until next Tuesday evening, at 7-30 o'clock.

Wm. Percival
Nov 9th 1897.
Chairman.

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November 9. At the Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 7:30 o'clock the following members attended, viz:-

Mess. William Jy. Percival in the Chair
John Derham
Thomas J. Graham
John P. Mangan
James McGlew.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed
It was proposed by Mr Graham, seconded by Mr Derham, and passed unanimously -

That Mr Percival be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year

Mr Shaw, Architect, attended the meeting and submitted copy of his plans with Specification for the construction of the proposed Town Hall which were approved of, and were ordered, on the motion of Mr Derham, seconded by Mr Graham, to be forwarded to the Local Government Board together with the application for the Board's sanction to the loan of £1050, as agreed upon at a meeting of the Commissioners on the 5th. Oct last, for the carrying out of the work.

Wm. Percival
Chairman 5th Jan 1898

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January 3rd.

In consequence of the non-attendance of the Commissioners at the Statutory Monthly Meeting this day, at 12 o'clock, I hereby, in pursuance of the Towns' Improvement (Ireland) Act. 1854, and powers vested in me as Town Clerk, adjourn the meeting until the evening of the 4th January, 1898, at 7:30 o'clock.

Daniel Sinnott.
Town Clerk.

January 4. At the adjourned Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening, at 7:30 o'clock, the following members attended,

Messrs William George Percival, chairman,
John Parkam, Thomas J. Graham,
John P. Mangan, and James McGlew.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that he had written to the Local Government Board in reference to a claim of £9:6:0 for four years' audit fees, and pointed out the injustice of the claim, inasmuch as the audit instead of being held once in each year was allowed to run into arrear for four years, and then held upon the same day; and that the arrear which existed so long not being the fault of the Commissioners one year's audit only should be charged or otherwise some abatement made.

The following letter in reply thereto was read,

Local Govt Board, Dublin.
18 December, 1897.

Sir. I am directed by the Local Govt. Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th. instant referring to their communication relative to the payment of the amount, viz:. £9:6:0 due by the Balbriggan Town Commissioners in respect of the audit of their accounts,

and

and in reference thereto I am to state that the Board are bound to recoup to the Exchequer the amount of the assessments already made for the audit of the accounts of the Town Commissioners, and they are therefore unable to comply with the request contained in your letter.

The Board therefore trust that the Commissioners will at once forward the amount due by them.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant
T. J. MacSheehan
Assistant Secretary

The Town Clerk
Town Commissioners, Ballsbridge.

It was proposed by Mr Dexham, seconded by Mr Graham, and passed unanimously that the following accounts be paid, viz:-

Commissioners of Public Works for Principal and Interest due 31st Oct. 1897. being the final payment of Market Loan, £ 7 : 16 : 3

Local Government Board for Town Years audit, '93 : 94 : 95 and 96. 9 : 6 : 0

Robert Dennis, for erecting and fitting lamps in Blessington Street, and supplying materials for same, including labourers time - 6 : 5 : 6

Thomas Manton, of Essex St, Dublin, for supplying two copper lamps with trap doors 1 : 11 : 0

Thomas Walsh, for lighting and extinguishing town lamps for 15 weeks, commencing the 2nd and ending the 14th March, 1898, at 4/- per week. 3 : 0 : 0

Total £ 27 : 18 : 9

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January 18. At the Special Meeting called by the requisition of Six of the Commissioners, and held this evening, at 7 o'clock, the following members attended, viz.

Messrs William George Perceval, Chairman.
John Bersham
Thomas J. Graham
George Monger
John P. Mangan
James Mc Glew

Business to be transacted.

To agree to and confirm the Resolution passed at a Meeting of the Commissioners held on the 5th October, 1897. to borrow the Sum of £1050. required to Erect a Town Hall in the Town of Balbriggan, and give such directions as may be necessary and proper to carry the said Resolution into effect.

The Clerk read the Resolution of the 5th October, 1897. referred to, and also the following notice, which was published in the Drogheda Independent newspaper of the 27th November, 1897.

Town of Balbriggan

Notice to Borrow £1,050.

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of Balbriggan at a Meeting held on the 5th day of October, 1897. passed a resolution that leave be applied for to the Local Govt. Board to borrow the Sum of £1050 required to Erect a Town Hall in the town of Balbriggan, and that the said Commissioners propose to borrow the said Sum of £1050 for the purpose aforesaid.

Notice is hereby further given, that the said Commissioners will at the next Meeting of the Commissioners or some adjournment of the same held after the expiration of six weeks from the publication of this notice, meet to agree to and confirm the said resolution to borrow the said Sum of £1050, and give such directions as may be necessary and proper to carry said resolution into effect

Commissioners' office, Balbriggan 26th Nov. 1897

Signed. Daniel Sinnott Town Clerk

It was then proposed by Mr Derham.

Seconded by Mr Mangan, and passed unanimously.

Resolved.

That we, the Commissioners of the Town of Balbriggan, in meeting assembled, do hereby agree to and confirm the Resolution passed on the 5th October, 1897, to borrow on mortgage of the Rate leviable under Section 60 of the Towns' Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, the Sum of £1050 for the purpose of building a Town Hall on the Site of the Market premises, notice having been given by advertisement, as required by the Statute in that behalf.

Read letter from the Secretary of the Gas Company, drawing attention to the irregular mode of lighting and extinguishing the town lamps on Several occasions during the last Quarter, also claiming 3/8½d for gas consumed by the lamps on the night of the 25th December last from the fact of the meter lamps not having been lighted, and consequently not subject to average.

The Chairman explained that the lamplighter had been working all day on the occasion in question and sent the man to light the lamps. The man not having the Key was unable to light the meter lamps.

Ordered,

That the lamplighter be severely cautioned as to his irregularity in the lighting and extinguishing of the lamps.

Edward Gannon
Chairman
March 15th 1898

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March 15. At the adjourned Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7:30 o'clock, the following members attended, viz:-

Messrs William J. Percival, in the Chair, Thomas J. Graham, John Dorham, Patrick Lynch, George Monger, John P. Mangan and James McGlew.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

Read the following

L. G. Board, Dublin, 22 Feby. 1898.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 5th instant and its enclosures relating to the application of the Town Commissioners of Balbriggan for Sanction to a loan for the purpose of erecting a Town Hall I am directed by the Local Govt Board for Ireland to return herewith plans, &c., of the works, and to State that the Board's Engineering Inspector, Mr Deane, had an interview with Mr Shaw the Architect to whom he pointed out certain matters requiring amendment.

I am at same time to add that no provision is made for Architect's fees, acquisition of Site &c, and that the Board consider that it is desirable that the Town Commissioners should avoid the necessity of applying for a Supplemental order

I am to request that the plans, &c., - which should be sent to Mr Shaw - may be returned when amended.

I am Sir your obedient servant
Thos. Moore Secretary

To Thos Smyth Esq. Swords R

A copy of the foregoing letter with plans having been sent to Mr Shaw a letter was read from him stating that the amendments required were not very much. The Estimate would require a little revision

Some discussion took place with respect to the necessity which exists for a pathway over the viaduct on the East Side

of the Railway at Balbriggan.

The Town Clerk said Some of the people of the town were about appointing a deputation to wait upon the Railway Company in reference to this matter, and they wanted the Town Commissioners to pass a resolution on the subject.

The following Resolution was then proposed by Mr Graham, Seconded by Mr Mangan, and passed unanimously.

That we, the Commissioners of the town of Balbriggan, feel it incumbent on us as a public body to revive the Question as to the great necessity which exists for a pathway over the viaduct in this town on the east side of the Railway, and recognising the want of such pathway we reiterate our former expressions of opinion conveyed to the Directors of the Railway by our Clerk's letter of the 16th November, 1891. as to the many advantages to be gained by the construction of the pathway, and that we respectfully ask the Directors to reconsider our application for the construction thereof which if conceded many who are deterred by the inhospitable appearance of the locality from visiting here would make it a Sea Side resort, and thereby confer many benefits to the town too important to detail and assist materially to increase the revenue of the railway. We desire to place before the directors the fact that had this pathway been formed when our Clerks letter of the 16th Nov. 1891. was sent them, the Company would have been saved the damages and costs paid on account of the death of a man named Halligan who was a traveller by the Railway and fell over the parapet wall at this very place, and we desire further to point out that the same danger still exists. That copy of the Resolution and also Clerks letter referred to be sent to the Directors of the Great Northern Railway Company, in the confident hope that they will adopt the Suggestions Contained therein, and construct the pathway so urgently needed.

The Clerk Submitted to the Meeting an Estimate of the probable amount of receipts and Expenditure for the ensuing year when it was proposed by Mr Dorham. Seconded by Mr Mungey and passed unanimously.

That the Estimate read be approved of and that notice be given by placards and advertisement of our intention to make a Rate of Sixpence in the Pound on all assessable property within the limits of the town

A circular was read from the Belfry Hall Committee '98 Centenary, requesting delegates to attend a Meeting to be held in Dublin. No action was taken in the matter

A resolution from the Tyrrhal Town Commissioners calling upon the Chief Secretary to introduce a provision in the proposed L.G. Board for Ireland to reform the Constitution of the existing Salmon Fishery Boards was marked "read".

The Secretary Ballingeary Gas Co. wrote Stating he had been directed by his directors to Say they had expected a reply to their letter regarding irregularities in lighting and extinguishing the public lamps. No discussion took place, and the letter was marked "read".

P. La Touche
Chairman 22nd April 1898

April 22. At the adjourned Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 7:30 o'clock, the following members attended, viz:

Messrs William George Percival, in the Chair, Thomas J. Graham, John Derham, George Monagee, James McGlew and John P. Mangan.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed.

Read Notice from R. N. Newell, Govt. Auditor, stating that he would attend on the 9th May to audit the accounts of the Commissioners for the year ended 15th October last.

Read letter from the Secretary of the Great Northern Railway Company informing the Commissioners that the Directors will take an early opportunity of inspecting the viaduct at Ballinglan over which the Commissioners think a footpath should be constructed.

The Clerk was directed to reply acknowledging the receipt of the letter, and thanking the directors for giving the matter their attention.

Read Resolution forwarded by Galway Town Commissioners asking the Chief Secretary to amend Local Government Bill so as not to deprive occupiers of land inside the boundary of an Urban district of the benefits of the Financial Contribution.

Proposed by Mr Derham, Seconded by Mr Graham, and passed unanimously.

That the Resolution read be approved of, and that our Clerk write to the Galway Town Commissioners informing them of the fact.

An application was made on behalf of Mr Collins, County Surveyor, for consent of the Commissioners to the erection of direction plates on the lamp post in George's Square, when

the following Resolution, proposed by Mr Graham, Seconded by Mr Monger, was unanimously passed.

That we, the Commissioners, consent to the use of the lamp post in George's Square as a post for the direction plates to be erected by Mr Collins, Surveyor of the County Dublin, on the condition that he be responsible for any damage that may be done to the lamp post in consequence of the attachment of these plates.

Mr Shaw, Architect, attended with the Plans of the proposed Town Hall amended in accordance with the instructions of the Local Government Board, and being approved of by the Commissioners were ordered to be forwarded to the Local Govt Board.

The necessity for painting the lamp posts having been brought under the notice of the Commissioners, it was proposed by Mr Durham, seconded by Mr McGlew, and passed unanimously.

That the town lamp posts, brackets, frames and lanterns be painted in two coats of oil paint, finish green, and that Messrs Corry and Barry be each invited to give tenders for same.

The following accounts, on the motion of Mr Monger, seconded by Mr Mangan, were ordered to be paid, viz:-

Joseph Dollard for Supplying Rate books, 13th April 1895.	14-0
Thomas Walsh for 10 weeks' wages, at 4- per week, for lighting and extinguishing town lamps ending the	2: 0: 0
Daniel Sinnott, for Six months' Salary as Town Clerk, ending 4th April 1898	6: 0: 0

Bills for cash advanced by him to pay the following Small accounts due by the Commissioners. viz:-

1897

October 23. John Critchely for unroofing
market Stables and Stoning Slates. 15-0

Saml Simms. train fare to Dublin to
Nov 14 { lodge plans &c. with L.G. Board - Town Hall 1-9

" 26. G.N. Railway Co. for carriage of Gas pipes from
Dublin - Elmard Street lamp. 1-8

December 21. do do do and carriage of bills. 2-6

14. P. Clinch. posting and distributing Hall bills 2-0

31. Telegram to Board of Public Works. Town Hall loan 2-3

1898
January 14. Paid balance due Comrs. of Public Works on Loan 1-8

P.O. order 2

February 15. Income Tax. Market premises - 10-0

25. P. Harford. poor Rate. do 1-10-0

April 18. Advertising audit notice. Evening Herald. 1-0

£3-0-0

Wm. Lee Chairman.
June 4th 1898

1898

June 7. At the adjourned Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Town Commissioners the following members attended, viz.

Messrs William George Percival in the Chair. Thomas J. Graham, John Derham, William Ennis, John P. Mangan and James McGlew.

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed

The following Resolution, proposed by Mr Derham, seconded by Mr McGlew, was passed unanimously.

That we, the Commissioners of the Town of Town of Balbriggan, do hereby agree that a Rate of Sixpence in the Pound be made on all Buildings and three half pence in the Pound be made on all Lands within the limits of the town of Balbriggan in pursuance of the provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, and that said Rate be due and payable on and after the 9th July, 1898.

Read the following letter.

Local Government Board,
Dublin. 26th. May. 1898.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the application of the Town Commissioners of Balbriggan for sanction to a loan of £1050 for the purpose of erecting a Town Hall, and the Board desire to express their sanction to the loan in question, in pursuance of Section 237 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, and of Section 4 of the Public Health (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1884, repayment to be spread over a period of thirty years, and the loan to be issued in three instalments of £400, £400 and £250.

Application should now be made to the Commissioners of Public Works for the loan with a view to its recommendation under Section 246 of the Public Health Act, but no expenditure should be incurred

in anticipation of receiving the loan; until the Sanitary Authority learn that its issue has been authorised by the Lords Commissioners of the Majesty's Treasury.

The plans. Specification and Estimate are returned, herewith, and the Board request that they may be furnished with certified copies thereof for deposit in this office.

Yours, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

J. J. Bowling

for Secretary

To Daniel Sinnott, Esq. Town Clerk.

It was proposed by Mr Durham, Seconded by Mr Mangan, and passed unanimously.

That our Clerk be instructed on our behalf to write to the Commissioners of Public Works for a loan of £1050 for the purpose of erecting a Town Hall in pursuance of our Resolutions of the 5th October 1897 and 18th January 1898.

Proposed by Mr Graham, Seconded by Mr Dennis and passed unanimously.

That the Seal of the Baltrigan Town Commissioners be affixed to the Petition to the Commons of Great Britain and Ireland - forwarded by the Irish Financial Reform League - praying that effect may be given to the findings of the Royal Commission on the Financial Relations of Great Britain and Ireland

Read Report from R. J. Newell, Esq. Local Government Board Auditor, on his last audit of the Commissioners Accounts for year ending 15th October 1897. The Report which was Satisfactory in every way Stated that "as in the case of previous years the accounts were prepared and rendered for Audit by the Town Clerk, Mr Daniel Sinnott, in a very Satisfactory manner.

Read letter from Mr Scallan, County Surveyor, thanking the Commissioners for their consent to the use of the Lamp post in George's Square as a post for the direction plates to be erected by the County, and accepting the condition to be responsible for any damage that may be done to the lamp post in consequence of the attachment of these plates.

Read letter from Registrar of Petty Sessions Clerk's informing the Commissioners that £6:6:5 amount raised from Dog Tax collected in the town had been lodged to their credit in Bank.

On the motion of Mr. Derham, Seconded by Mr Mangan, the following accounts were ordered to be paid, viz -

Income Tax	11:4
Balbriggan Gas Company for one Seasons gas	20: 3: 0

Jas. Lawless
Chairman.

1898
August 30. At the adjourned Special Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 6 O. Clock. p.m. the following members attended, viz:

Mess. William George Percival in the Chair
Thomas J. Graham
George Morgan
John P. Mangan
James McGlew
John Durham

Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed

Read Clerk's letter to Commissioners of Public Works making application for the Loan of £1050 required for the erection of a Town Hall

Read letter from Commissioners of Public Works acknowledging receipt of above, and stating that they had informed the Local Government Board of the Application and if they the L.G. Board recommend the Loan the Commissioners will take the necessary Steps to enable them to apply to the Lords of the Treasury for authority to make the advance.

Read the following

Local Govt Board, Dublin, 29 June 1898

Sir - I am directed by the Local Govt Board for Ireland to acquaint the Town Commissioners of Balbriggan that they have recommended to the Commissioners of Public Works the Loan of £1050 Sanctioned for the purpose of erecting a Town Hall.

I am Sir.

Your obedt Servant

J. J. Dowling acting Secretary

To Daniel Simon Esq.
Town Clerk

Office of Public Works.
Dublin, 19th August, 1898.

Sir,

The Commissioners of Public Works having received the recommendation of the Local Government Board for a Loan of £1050 to the Balbriggan Town Commissioners I am directed to acquaint you, for their information, that having brought the case before the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, their Lordships have been pleased to authorize this Board to make an advance under the Public Works Loan Acts of £1050 to the Balbriggan Town Commissioners for the purpose of erecting a Town Hall.

The Loan is to be repaid in 30 years with Interest at the rate of 2 3/4 per cent. per annum, and will be issued to the Commissioners in instalments of £400; £400 and £250.

The Boards Solicitor will make the necessary inquiries and should no objection arise, take Steps to Complete the transaction, and I forward herewith a Receivable Order for the Sum of £5 to meet Expenses which should be lodged forthwith.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant
A. Williams
Secretary

To The Town Clerk
Balbriggan

After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Graham, Seconded by Mr Mongey and passed unanimously

That the question of the erection of the Town Hall be held over for consideration at next Monthly Meeting

Copy of Rate Book for year 1898 was submitted by Clerk for Signature.

When

It was proposed by Mr Derham, seconded by Mr McGlew, and passed unanimously.

That the copy Rate Book be signed by our Chairman and two of the Commissioners present, countersigned by our Clerk, and be handed to the Collector for collection, and that his Warrant authorising him to collect and levy said Rate be also signed and handed to him

Read the following application from B. Henry, Rate Collector

"I beg leave to apply for an increase of Salary from £4 to £5. for the collection of the Town Rates, Owing to my experience of the work to be done and mindful of the difficulties involved in procuring said Rates, I am reluctantly obliged to again trouble you with this Application, with the hope you may give it your favourable consideration"

It was proposed by Mr Derham, seconded by Mr Mangan, and passed unanimously.

That the Rate Collector's Salary for collection of this year's Rate be increased from £4 to £5, and on the understanding that the increase is for this year only.

Mr Derham ~~It was~~ proposed ~~by~~, seconded by Mr Graham, and passed unanimously.

That Messrs Graham, Mangan and Derham, with the Chairman, be appointed and authorised to do all necessary works and repairs to the town lamps with the view that the lighting of same be commenced forthwith — a proper man to be employed to light and extinguish the lamps — a new lamp to be erected in Sea Lane on Mr Whyte's garden wall, and when the lamps are in proper order and ready for lighting the Clerk to notify such fact to the Commissioners

The following was read.

Balbriggan. Gas Co Ltd
20th August 1898.

Dear Sir - With reference to the future lighting of the Town I am instructed by my directors to draw your attention to the present unsatisfactory State of the public lamps for want of Stop cocks. My Directors consider that the non-meter lamps should be protected equal with those registering. So convinced are they of the necessity of this that they must in the interest of the Shareholders insist on it carried out. In the event of your non-compliance we shall be obliged to carry out the work and charge the Commissioners with the expence.

Your faithfully
J McCarock. a Secty

Daniel Emmet Jun Clerk.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Gas Company to say that the Commissioners cannot see any necessity for the Stop Cocks referred to.

The following Resolution. proposed by Mr Derham. Seconded by Mr Graham, was passed unanimously.

That We. the Commissioners of the town of Balbriggan. in Meeting assembled, desire to express our dissatisfaction in not receiving a reply from the Great Northern Railway Company to our Resolution of the 15 March last, asking to have the old pathway on the East Side of the Viaduct. from George's Street to the Station, restored, and we direct our Clerk to write to the directors in reference thereto, and request a favour of reply.

Thos Graham
Chairman

September 13. At an adjourned Statutory monthly Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 6 O'clock. the following members attended viz Mess

William George Percival. Chairman.
George Monger
John Derham
John P. Mangan
James Mc. Glew

The Clerk intimated to the Meeting that in compliance with their Resolution passed at last Meeting he wrote the following letter to the Gas Co

Balbriggan. 8 Sept 1898

The Secretary Balbriggan Gas Co.

Sir - I am instructed by my Commissioners to notify your directors that the public lamps are in proper order and ready for lighting: and they require your directors in pursuance of the Gas Works Clauses Act. 1871. to supply gas to same (216 in number) from this date until the end of the Season, 31 March 1899, on the same terms and conditions as heretofore.

The Commissioners cannot see any necessity for the Stop-Cocks referred to in your letter of the 20th ult.

Yours truly
Ad. Sinnott. Town Clerk.

Clerk also read a long letter prepared by him to be sent to the Great Northern Railway Co. pursuant to Resolution of last Meeting, and being approved of by the Commissioners was directed to be forwarded

Read the following letter from Local Govt Board.

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to call your attention of the 26th. of May last, sanctioning the loan of £1050. to enable the Town Commissioners of Balbriggan to erect a Town Hall, and I am to request that certified copies of the plans &c. may be furnished for deposit in this office."

On the motion of Mr Derham, seconded by Mr Mangan, it was resolved that Mr. Shaw &c. &c. be instructed to draw the plans of the proposed Town Hall and furnish same to the Local Government Board, with a certificate that they are true copies of the plans approved of by Local Govt Board.

The communication received from the Commissioners of Public Works read at last meeting, acquainting the Town Commissioners that the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury had authorised them to make an advance under the Public Works Loan Act of £1050 to the Balbriggan Town Commissioners for the purpose of erecting a Town Hall, was again read.

After a lengthened discussion the following Resolution, proposed by Mr Graham, seconded by Mr Derham, was passed unanimously

Resolved, That having taken into our consideration the letter of the Commissioners of Public Works, we do hereby agree and consent to the terms and conditions therein mentioned, that is to say, that the whole principal money advanced shall be repaid by us within a period of Thirty years from the date of advance together with Interest at the Rate of 2 3/4 per cent per annum on the principal from time to time remaining due,

Proposed by Mr Graham, Seconded by Mr Mangan, and passed unanimously.

That a cheque be drawn, in favour of the Commissioners of Public Works, for the Sum of £5 to meet the expenses of the Loan.

The Clerk was instructed to retain the cheque until further instructions.

The Rate collectors account was held over till next meeting.

Wm Graham
Chairman

1898

October 14. At the adjourned Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening at 6 O'clock. the following members attended Mess^rs

William George Percival, Chairman.
Patrick Gough
William Ennis
Thomas J. Graham
John Derham
George Monger
John P. Mangan

The Rate Collectors account was read from which it appears that the Sum of £ 80:1:11 has been collected and lodged in Bank, leaving a balance

uncollected of £1:2:11½ from unoccupied premises and ruinous premises. The amount of Rate Struck was £81:4:10½.

On the motion of Mr Derham, seconded by Mr Gough, the said sum of £1:2:11½ was unanimously declared to be irrecoverable, the premises having been unoccupied and in a ruinous state during the year for which the Rate was Struck, and that the sum of £1:2:11½ be Struck off.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid. Total £18:11:8 — viz.

County Grand Jury Cess	£1:17:2
Income Tax	11:4
James Stack, preparing Rate Books year 1898	2:0:0
Bernard Henry, collecting Rate (£5) and postage (3/2)	5:3:2
Daniel Sunivit, Six months Salary as Town Clerk ending 30th Sept 1898	6:0:0
Insurance on Market premises, for year ending 29 Sept 1898	9:6
Postcards for one year ending 15 October 1898	10:0
Stationery do do	1:0
Cleansing Commissioners Room for one year to 15 Oct '98	4:0
Tinner supplying and putting in glass, Town lamps	7:6
Thomas Walsh for balance of wages as Lamplighter ending 25th March 1898.	12:0
John Geraghty, 4 weeks' wages as Lamplighter from 9 Sept 98 to 7th Oct '98, at 4/- per week	16:0
	£18:11:8

Thos. Graham
Chairman

R. I. Search Aud 10 Feby 1900

Statement of the Ballingzan Town Commissioners of Receipts for the year ended 15th October 1898.

Received for Petty Sessions fines				
for	September Quarter	1897	£ 2 : 13 : 6	
	December "	"	2 : 11 : 3	
	March "	1898	13 - 6	
	June "	"	1 - 9 - 3	
	September "	"	1 - 4 - 3	
				8 : 11 : 9
			Total for fines	
Dog Tax				6 : 6 : 4
Rent				
	As detailed in Commissioners Leger			17 : 9 : 4
Rates				80 : 1 : 11
Total receipts in year ended 15th October, 1898.			£	112 : 9 : 4
Balance in Hands on 16th October, 1897 commencement of year			}	61 : 16 : 4½
			Total £	174 : 5 : 8½

Daniel Linnett
Town Clerk

1898
December. At the adjourned Statutory Meeting of the Commissioners held this evening, at 2: 30 o'clock, the following members attended, viz:-

Messrs Thomas J. Graham
John Berham
John P. Mangan
Patrick Gough
James McGlew
George Mongey

On the motion of Mr Berham, seconded by Mr. Mangan, the Chair was taken by Mr Graham

Minutes of the last three meetings, 30 August, 13th Septr and 11th October, were read and confirmed

Mr William J. Cunisky wrote "on Other Side Mr Edwd King and I beg to submit, for approval of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners, our list of the proposed fairs for year 1899 - On consideration we have abandoned the idea of suggesting the advisability of two fairs for months of Oct and Nov."

The list being approved of, it was thereupon proposed by Mr Berham, seconded by Mr Gough, and passed unanimously.

That the Fairs for the town of Balbriggan be held on the following dates, viz:-

January	23	August	28
February	20	Septr	29
March	27	Oct	10
April	29	Nov	14
May	29	Dec	12

The following was read

Wanderers Football Club
Balbriggan, 14 Nov 1898

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

We beg to apply for permission for the use of the Band Room, Town Hall for two days in the week, namely

Wednesday and Sunday. Our Committee are disposed to pay a nominal rent for the use of the room in which to hold our meetings.

We will give the room up when wanted for any other purpose. Hoping this application will meet your approval.

I remain. Gentlemen, yours &c.
To the Town Commissioners - R. Harford. Sec.

On the motion of Mr Mc. Glew, seconded by Mr Mongey. it was unanimously agreed to accede to the application by allowing them to have the use of the Room for the purpose of holding meetings of their club, at a Rent of One Shilling per week, the meetings to be confined solely to Wednesday nights and from the hour of one o'clock P.M. to 3 o'clock P.M. on Sundays. tenancy

On the motion of Mr Dorham, seconded by Mr Mangan. it was unanimously agreed that permission be given to hold a public meeting, re county Council Election, on the 11th instant, in the Band Room, Market Premises, free of charge.

Read following Drogheda 21 Nov 1898

Dear Sir - Enclosed herewith are copies of plans &c, approved by L. G. Board of the proposed Ballingaan Town Hall. 1. Ground plan, 2. 3 Sections & Elevation and 3, 2 Elevations and Roof plan.
These are exact copies of the original plans - Will you please send the Summary of Specification So that the latter may be fully got out ready for tenders - There is a lot of work in the Specification and it would be as well to do it now and save time when tenders are asked for.

yours faithfully
Fred Shaw

To Daniel Sammett. Esq.
Town Clerk &c -

Proposed by Mr Bertram, Seconded by Mr Mangan, and passed unanimously.

That the Specifications referred to in Mr Shaw's letter be forwarded to him.

Two letters received from Mr J. W. Cumisky asking the Commissioners to erect a lamp at the north end of Drogheda Street were laid before the meeting, and after some discussion they were ordered to be held over for consideration at next meeting.

The following letter was read.

Great Northern Railway Co
Dublin 18 Oct 1898

Dear Sir.

Your letter, and the copy Resolution of your Commissioners enclosed therewith, have been laid before my directors, and in reply I am desired to say that since I last wrote you then have not had an opportunity of inspecting the place in question, but the matter has not been lost sight of and will be gone into the first time they are at Balbriggan

Yours faithfully
J. Morrison
Secty

D. Bennett, Esq.
Town Clerk
Balbriggan

Jno. W. Percival. Chairman
Jany 6th 1899.

1899
January 6. At the adjourned Meeting of the Town Commissioners held this evening, at 6:30 O'clock. the following members attended. viz. Messrs William George Percival, in the Chair,
Thomas Graham
John Gorham
George Mongeon
James McGlew
John P. Mangan
William Tennis
Patrick Keogh

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Mr Patrick J. Cunniston applied, by letter, for a lamp to be placed at the end of Drogheda Street, north side, as owing to the darkness of the locality great inconvenience is felt by the residents and by those who have to pass that way to Messrs Seeds and Templars factory, as also by those leaving the town at night.

The Commissioners having expressed their willingness to erect the lamp.

It was thereupon proposed by Mr Graham, Seconded by Mr Goff, and passed unanimously:

That we accede to the application of Mr Cunniston; and that instructions be given the Gas Committee to visit the place mentioned for the purpose of selecting the most suitable Site for the erection of the lamp, and that they ascertain the cost of providing and laying down the main and the supplying and erection of the lamp, and make a report to next meeting.

353 Read the following

Law Department
Office of Public Works.
Dublin 9th December 1898.

Re Loan to the Balbriggan Town Commissioners

Dear Sir.

I beg to remind you that the sum of £5 referred to in the Secretary's letter of the 19th August last has not yet been lodged and until has been done I am unable to proceed with the preparation of the Deed of Mortgage.

Yours truly
W. M. Lane

The Town Clerk
Town Commissioners Office, Balbriggan.

After some discussion, it was proposed by Mr Graham. seconded by Mr Mangan, and passed, the Chairman dissenting,:-

That the cheque, £5, signed for the purpose by the Commissioners, at their meeting on the 13th September last, be forwarded to the Commissioners of Public Works.

On the motion of Mr Mangan, seconded by Mr Graham, it was agreed to allow J. Geraghty, lamp lighter, five Shillings for extra trouble cleaning the town lamps and supplying matches for the lighting to the end of the season.

It was proposed by Mr Graham. Seconded by Mr Berham. and passed unanimously, that the following accounts be paid. viz:-

1898
Nov 4. Thomas Manton. Dublin.

for supplying 2 copper lamps at 16/6 each	£1:13-0	
18 panes of Glass	6-0	
Carriage	1-6	
		£2:0:6
John Gerty. for 13 weeks wages as lamp lighter. at 4/ per week, ending 6th January 1899		2:12:0
Do for extra work &c, per resolution passed at this meeting see above		5-0
William Ennis. for Six years Rent of plot of ground at Corner of Highst. Market premises, ending 1st November 1898. at £2 per year		12-0-0
		£ 16:17:6

The Clerk informed the Meeting that the Statutory Notices for Election of Commissioners for the Town, to be held on the 16th January 1899. had been posted up, in pursuance of the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Jno. Gaffney
23rd January 1899

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Daniel Sinnott Esqr Town Clerk
Balbriggan

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Ireland.