

Yard etc. Town Trust Property we are satisfied this could be amicably settled by Arbitration and we hereby direct that this matter be brought before an Arbitration Court at once

No. H. 501/2303/1921

5th January 1922

Read Circular from L.G.B. pointing out Rates of Interest chargeable on housing loans

the rate varies from 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ %

The Commissioners discussed the dangerous condition of some of the houses in East Port St. and directed that Mr Reid agent, be communicated with on the matter with the view of having the dangerous buildings pulled down

The Clerk reported the new Rate collector had lodged his

The following payments were ordered

J. Myles & Co	1st Instalment Lighting Contract present Season	£50.0.0
E. Dolan	Rate Collection fees	9.3.0
P. M. Dermott	grs Salary to 31/12/1921	£5.0.0
	Cost of Rate Colln bond	5.5.0

No. B. 6

10 Jan 1921

Circular from Dept of Local Govt. Dist. Council asking for list of certain commodities required by

the Commissioners for coming 3 months was submitted

Memo:- none of the articles named are used by Commissioners

Seánur Tzac o' Cairn

a special meeting of the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners was held in the Town Commissioners Office Ballyshannon on Wednesday 25th January 1922.

The business was consideration of a Resolution relating to demand for release of 3 prisoners sentenced to death & at present imprisoned in Derry jail

Mr J. Ward presided

There were also present Messrs:- M. Gallagher, J. Cameron, J. M. Givley, J. Holland, J. Kane,

Mr J. Ward proposed and Mr J. Kane seconded the following Resolution which was passed unanimously.

"Resolved:- that we demand the immediate release of prisoners J. M. Shea, P. Johnston & P. Keenan imprisoned, and sentenced to death at Belfast recently.

That our demand be placed before Provisional Government whom we request to take the necessary action for their release.

Seánur Tzac o' Cairn

Minutes of proceedings of Ballyshannon  
Town Commissioners at annual meeting  
held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 1922

Mr. A. Ward

Presided subsequently Mr. M. Cready

There were also present Messrs. F. M. Guley, J. Holland,  
F. M. Cready, R. Neely, J. Cameron, Mr. Gallagher, E. Mullen,  
J. Kane

Mr. J. Cameron Proposed that Mr. James M. Donoghue  
be appointed Chairman for coming year

Mr. S. Ward. seconded the proposal.

This was carried unanimously

Mr. F. M. Guley proposed

Mr. M. Gallagher seconded

That Mr. S. Ward

be chosen Vice Chairman for coming year.

The proposition was declared Carried and Mr. Ward  
then signed his declaration of acceptance of office

Seamus Mac o' Ciáird

The Monthly meeting of the Ballyshannon Town  
Commissioners was held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1922

Mr. S. Ward presided.

There were also present Messrs. M. Gallagher,  
J. Stephens & M. Guley, R. Neely, J. Holland  
J. Cameron

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

25<sup>th</sup> January 1922

Read telegram from

Mr. P. J. Ward Solo J.D. stating

he will arrange for arbitration in the matter of  
the Market yard at about 5<sup>th</sup> Feb'y

The Clerk reported he had later sent word  
verbally through Mr. Sweeney Justice that he would  
not be able to attend re arbitration for a couple weeks later

Mr. J. Tullih reported two dangerous gratings  
one at upstend of Bridge & the other at Rooney's garage.  
He reported that the Mall quay requires to be cleared.  
Nothing has been done about the dangerous  
buildings in East Port.

The gable of a house in Pierce St is in danger  
of falling:-

Minute:- The dangerous gratings to be brought  
under notice of Co-Surveyor. The Ballyshannon  
R.D. Council to be notified re dangerous buildings  
in East Port. Mr. Rowry of Carnlesabons  
to be asked to have dangerous building at  
Pierce St put into proper condition

The circular of the North Westford Employees & Trades  
Federation of 31<sup>st</sup> January 1922 recommending a  
general uniform half holiday in the country  
was submitted. - The circular was marked "Read"

It was decided that Messrs. Neely, Ward,  
M. Cready, M. Guley & Kane be appointed  
to arrange about arbitration in Market  
Yard & other Town Trust Property

It was decided that steps should be taken to have the Streets of the town put into proper repair and with this object in view the Co Surveyor should be asked to meet the District Council at next meeting when the Chairman can discuss the matter with him.

R. Neely  
April 18<sup>th</sup> 1922

A special meeting of Ballyshannon Town Commissioners was held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 1922

Mr F McCready presided. There were also present Messrs: J. Holland, Bloomson, H Neely, S. M. Shea, M. Gallagher, J. McGinley

The meeting was summoned to consider means for raising ~~a police~~ funds for paying a police force for the town.

The clerk reported that some funds had already been raised voluntarily on 25<sup>th</sup> inst

The following Resolution was passed unanimously on the motion of Mr S. M. Shea recorded by Mr M. Gallagher.

That we approve of fund for assisting in upkeep of police for the district and recommend that steps be taken to secure a reasonable share of amount being levied by Co Council for police upkeep. In addition we recommend that an auxiliary fund already stated in Ballyshannon is deserving of support and we agree and are desirous to assist in the collection of same.

We approve of establishment of police force for maintenance of law and order in the district

R. Neely  
April 18<sup>th</sup> 1922

Summary of Accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1922

Dr		Cr	
1921	To Bal in favour	3-5-6	
1922	Nov 31 Town Rates yr 1920-21	86-19-9	
	" " " 1921-22	147-17-2	
	Rents City and dwellings	59-10-0	
	Court fines	16-6	
	Interest	6-8	
			1922
			March 31 By Public Lighting
			99-0-0
			" Cottage repairs
			3-5-6
			" Law Expense (Shops)
			5-0
			" Printing Stationery & advertising
			7-18-1
			" Salary Clerk to 31-3-21
			20-0-0
			" " 31-12-21
			15-0-0
			" Streets Inspector to 31/3/21
			6-0-0
			" Rent Collo fees
			4-6-0
			" Rate " "
			21-16-2
			" Shops Act Inspector
			1-0-0
			" Repayment of loans to Nov 1920
			25-16-7
			By Balance to credit of Commissioners
			69-12-6
			298-15-7
			298-15-7

Income £295-10-1

Expenses £229-3-1

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Minutes of proceedings of Ballyshannon Town  
Commissioners at meeting held in Town Commissioners  
Office on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 1922

Mr R Neely presided

There were also present Messrs:- J. M. Shea, J. Kane  
F. M. Ginley and J. J. Stephens

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

No. E/2061  
15<sup>th</sup> March 1922

Read circular from Local Govt  
Dept. Dail Eireann stating  
their address now is 76 Horse Court St  
Dublin

No 676

15<sup>th</sup> March 1922

Read circular from Ministry of  
Local Govt enclosing circular for on  
which to fill in prices of food stuffs

in 1913, 1914 and 1922

The Clerk reported he had filled up return from books  
of traders in town & returned it.

No E. 210

22<sup>nd</sup> March 1922

Read letter from Local Govt Dept  
enclosing audited abstract of accounts  
of the 6 commissioners for the year

ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1920. The Auditor in his report  
points out that Miss McGrath was appointed Rate  
collector in December 1919. She received warrant for  
collection of Rates for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1920.

She also received subsequently warrant for collection  
of Rates <sup>year</sup> ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1921. She lodged  
in year ending 31/3/20 £94-5-3 and in year  
ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1921 £169-1-1, leaving arrears  
of £118-15-4 at 31/3/1921. Of this sum she since  
lodged £86-19-9 leaving arrears of £28-16-2½  
which in the opinion of the Clerk is irrecoverable  
except about £4. The Rent collection showed  
arrears of £9-8-0 at 31/3/21 with £9 in Collector's  
hands at end of year.

Minute:- The arrears of 10p shown against  
M.A. Gallagher and £6-7-0 against J. Word.

to be struck off as they are irrecoverable in our opinion  
The collector has lodged the £9 in hands at end of 31/3/1921

Mr P. Rooney applied for a vacant Cottage

Minute:- "No Cottage Vacant"

The Clerk reported that the valuation list was revised  
and showed same valuation as last year.

18/3/1922 Read telegram from Mr Word TD fixing  
4<sup>th</sup> May as date for arbitration of Market yard & road  
property.

Minute:- Committee to deal with matter

7<sup>th</sup> March 1922

Read letter from Rating of  
Government Property Department  
forwarding claim form for payment of rates on Govt  
property.

The Clerk reported having forwarded application  
for £1-14-7

Mr J. Tuttle applied for bonus on Rent collection for  
year also for £3 wages as Street Inspector for  
half year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1922

Minute:- Payment of £3 ordered for acting  
as Street Inspector for past half year and that  
Mr Tuttle be reappointed to 30 September at same  
duty to 30 Sept 1922 at £3. Bonus of 2½% on Rent  
Collection <sup>lodged</sup> granted to Mr Tuttle for past year.

The following payments were ordered:-

J. Gillispi	Port Rates to 31/3/22	11-16-8
P. McDermott	Salary for 1922	5-1-11
J. Tuttle	Fee for 1922	5-10-3

It was decided to advise for Shops Acts Inspectors  
on same terms as last year. Appointment to be  
made on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1922

Seamus Mac O'Garra

Minutes of proceedings of Ballyshannon  
Town Commissioners at meeting in Town  
Commissioners Office Ballyshannon  
on Tuesday 2nd May 1922

Mr. J. Ward presided

There were also present Messrs. J. McKinley, J. W. Shee,  
J. Holland, J. Kane, S. Mullen, J. M. Cready & R. Neely.

on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1922

On night fixed for meeting of Market Trust Committee only Messrs. Ward & McKinley were able to attend

The Clerk reported that Messrs. Ward & Cready, Neely  
& McKinley the members of the committee appointed  
by the Commissioners to assist at arbitration  
in Market yard etc met on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1922.

They decided that some of the records of ~~the~~  
speeches made by late Robert Sweeney should be  
procured from local press. They also decided  
to appoint Mr. R. A. Reid Solicitor to act on  
the Commissioners behalf at the arbitration  
which is fixed for 4<sup>th</sup> May 1922

Seán Mac Giobáin

There was one application received for post of Shops Acts  
Inspector for <sup>1922</sup> town at K1 viz. Patrick Gallagher

Minute:- P. Gallagher appointed Inspector

29<sup>th</sup> April 1922

Read letter from Mr. M. Cassidy  
one of the Market Yard Trustees stating  
he has an appointment in Dublin on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1922  
and asking that ~~the~~ some other date be tried be arranged

The Clerk reported that he replied to Mr. Cassidy  
stating Mr. Ward who acts as Arbitrator has fixing of  
date and apparently only he can alter date

27<sup>th</sup> April 1922 Read telegram from Mr. Ward J.D. Soler  
who is to act as Arbitrator in the Market  
yard question stating he is sending  
submission form to be signed

Minute:- Clerk to have forms taken round  
to members to be signed

The Clerk reported he notified the Market yard etc  
Trustees that Mr. Ward & Soler J.D. is acting as Arbitrator  
in the Town Trust property. He also notified Mr.  
Ward of Mr. Cassidy stating he would be in Dublin

It was decided the committee already appointed  
should make all necessary preparations for holding  
of arbitration and give all possible evidence to Solicitor

It was directed the Rate Collector be notified  
to close his collection for year ended 31/3/22 with  
least possible delay.

Seán Mac Giobáin

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Minutes of Ballyshannon Town Commissioners  
at a special meeting held on Monday 8th May 1922  
to appoint Arbitrator to determine matters in  
dispute between the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners  
and Ballyshannon Market Trustees

Mr A. Ward presided

There were also present Messrs. J. M. Guiley  
J. Meshea, R. Neely & J. McCrady.

Mr R. Neely proposed  
Mr J. Meshea seconded

That we hereby that the  
seal of the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners  
be affixed to submission form appointing Mr  
P. J. Ward Solicitor and J. D. of Killybegs as sole  
Arbitrator to determine the matters in dispute  
between the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners  
and Ballyshannon Market Trustees relative to  
the Tolls and customs of the markets of Ballyshannon  
and the market yard <sup>garden</sup> + buildings thereon as well as  
the other Trust property held by said Trustees in trust  
for the Town. That the sealing Mr. S. Ward & Mr. McCrady witness  
witness affixing of seal as well as clerk. (Minute Passed Unanimously)

Mr. R. Neely proposed & Mr. J. Meshea seconded.

That we appoint Mr P. J. Ward Solicitor and J. D.  
of Killybegs as Arbitrator to determine the matters  
in dispute between the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners  
and Ballyshannon Market Trustees relative to the  
tolls & customs of the markets of Ballyshannon  
together with the market yard <sup>garden</sup> buildings thereon  
as well as the other property held in trust for the  
Town by said Trustees

Minute:- Passed Unanimously.

Seamus Mac O'Gaird  
May 8th 1922

Minutes of proceedings of Ballyshannon Town  
Commissioners at a special meeting held on Monday  
22nd May 1922

Mr J. M. Cready presided. There were also present Messrs:- R. Neely,  
J. Meshea, J. M. Guiley, E. Mulholland, J. Kane & J. Stephens

The Clerk reported that on Monday 15th inst. <sup>at 12 noon</sup> Messrs  
R. Sweeney and E. Kelly two of the ~~Town~~ Market Trustees  
met Messrs J. M. Guiley, J. M. Cready, S. Ward & J. Kane.  
Town Commissioners and discussed the Market yard  
etc question. The Town Clerk and Mr. Reid Solicitor  
for Commissioners were also present. The Commissioners  
present indicated they desired the market yard ~~etc~~, Market  
House & Gas oven, Gasworks & Tolls & Customs of the  
Markets to be transferred to them from the trustees

Mr Sweeney appeared agreeable to this and no final  
or binding decision was arrived at until the matter  
should be brought under the notice of Mr M. Cassidy. Intimation  
was conveyed to the meeting that Mr Cassidy  
was unable to attend at the time having had to go  
to Sligo previous to 12 noon on that day

The Clerk also reported that a number of the  
Commissioners met on 16th inst and discussed the  
Housing question. And on 19th inst the following  
Commissioners met Mr King Local Govt Dept.  
Inspector under the Housing Dept. Messrs:- J. M. Cready,  
J. Meshea, R. Neely, J. Kane, S. Ward.

The Inspector explained particulars of  
Housing Scheme as outlined in Local Govt  
Circular of 16 March 1922 and pointed out  
that the term 1/- in 1/1 Rate meant the sum  
which 1/- would raise on total Valuation of Township.  
He submitted specimen plans and the matter  
was discussed at length. He recommended  
that a sites Committee be appointed; and  
the Commissioners present decided a special meeting be  
called for 22nd inst to go into the matter fully.

The following correspondence from Local Govt Dept Provisional Government was submitted:-

- (1) Circular No H 501/2335/1922 relative to terms on which the Govt give a free grant for housing purposes. date 16<sup>th</sup> March 1922
- (2) 5<sup>th</sup> May 1922 Telegram that unallocated portion of grant must be distributed
- (3) 15 May 1922 Telegram that £1000 Housing grant already earmarked for Ballyshannon
- (4) 15<sup>th</sup> May 1922 Letter that Housing Inspector will call at Ballyshannon on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1922
- (5) 8<sup>th</sup> May 1922 } Circular stating that Town Commissioners appear to have some

misapprehensions as to their powers and duties under the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act 1890 to 1919. The Minister for Local Government points out that he is prepared on application being made to approve of the increase of the existing maximum rate by whatever rate is struck by the Town Commissioners for the purposes of the special Housing Rate for new construction mentioned in his Circular of 16<sup>th</sup> March last and for the purpose of meeting the loan charges on the local loan which will be required under his Scheme.

- (6) 2nd H 501/2363/1922 15<sup>th</sup> May 1922 Circular showing method of distributing the grant to those authorities which have adopted the Government Scheme.

- (7) H 501/2351/1922 Circular and memorandum for guidance of local authorities with respect to the selection of sites and the accommodation to be provided in houses erected under State aided schemes.

The financial and other aspects of the

Housing Scheme as outlined in the correspondence and explained by Inspector (on 19<sup>th</sup> inst) were discussed and on the motion of Mr J Kane seconded by Mr Kelly the following resolution was passed unanimously:-

That we avail of Government grant and proceed with a Housing Scheme as outlined in Local Government Minister's letter of 16<sup>th</sup> March 1922 and subsequent correspondence on the subject.

It was decided that the deputation who met Inspector here on 19<sup>th</sup> inst be appointed sites committee.

The Clerk was instructed to write to surveyors re Architects work under Scheme.

It was decided to hold a special meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> inst to make application for Grant and make the necessary preliminary arrangements.

The Correspondence showed that the Town Commissioners to avail of the Grant required to raise by local rate £235 and by local loan (for 15 yrs) £705, when the Government would give a free grant of £1880.

### Market Yard etc

22<sup>nd</sup> May 1922 Read letter from Mr R H Reid who is acting as solicitor for the Commissioners as follows:- "As you are aware an informal meeting of some of the Town Commissioners and the Justices of the Market Yard, and other premises was arranged for 15<sup>th</sup> inst, in the Market House, but only Mr Edward Kelly and Mr Robert Swaney, two of the Justices, turned up. Mr Michael Barry being unavoidably absent, having to go to the Dublin Market. But notwithstanding same, the matter was discussed at considerable length by the Town Commissioners present, and the said two Justices. A short consent and

agreement was drawn up for the signatures of the Town Trustees, and same has been signed by Messrs Michael Cassidy, Edward Kelly and Robert Sweeney. The other Trustee Mr Michael Flanagan has not yet signed.

By this consent the trustees offer to hand over all the Trust property to the Town Commissioners or their nominees provided they take over the overdraft in the Bank and also the present tenants in the Market Yard and Market House.

So far as I can gather from Mr Robert Sweeney the tenants in the Market Yard consist of Messrs Logue, Edward Johnston, John Gillispie and Michael Ward.

There are no agreements so far as Mr Sweeney can find out between the Trustees and Messrs Logue Johnston & Ward, but it may be that agreements may yet turn up, as I don't think it could be possible that the Trustees would let premises in the Market Yard and allow erections to be put on same without having the terms put in writing.

In regard to John Gillispie there is an agreement in writing making him caretaker, agent and weighmaster for all the Trust premises, including the market yard, the Market House, and Fair Green, and directing him to receive the tolls and receive a commission on all stuff weighed on the weighbridge, also £2 a month, and the use of the dwellinghouse in the yard with one month's notice to quit on either side.

This agreement drawn with Mr Gillispie does not seem to include an office and store, that he has on the premises, but it is probable there may be some agreement for these, but Mr Sweeney cannot find it.

Before deciding if the Commissioners will take over the premises as offered by the Town Trustees they should take into account among other things the following:-

If they will require the Trustees to furnish

and vouch accounts for the overdraft in the Bank before accepting liability therefor.

If they will require the Trustees to produce the agreement of all lettings of premises in the Market Yard.

If and when the Commissioners decide to take over the Trusts at present vesting in the said Trustees it will be necessary that the Deeds be very carefully drawn, and I am afraid the Commissioners as a body will not be able to hold the Fair Green or the Market House, but some scheme can be devised whereby these premises will vest in their nominees. I consider the first thing is for the Commissioners to decide if they will accept the premises offered and on what conditions as to vouching accounts etc. and then a scheme can be devised for taking over the premises.

I might mention one difficulty, the Trustees when last appointed, put a provision in the Trust Deed that the Heir at Law of Robert Sweeney deceased, should always be one of the Trustees. It appears to me that they exceeded their rights and powers in doing this.

I enclose copy of consent as signed by the Town Trustees and also a copy of agreement with Mr John Gillispie. I would like to get the agreement back as it is the only copy I have of same.

Signed R H Reid.

To the Town Clerk.

Minute:- A Committee of Messrs:- S. Ward, R. Keely, J. M. Shea, J. M. Cready, to be appointed to apply for particulars of agreements & lettings, also for particulars of overdraft alleged to be against Trust property.

Copy of agreement referred to as being signed by three Trustees.

We, Michael Flanagan, Michael Cassidy, Edward Kelly and Robert Sweeney, Trustees

of the Market yard and Tolls and Customs of the Town of Ballyshannon, and Trustees of the Market House and Fair Green and Gasworks of said Town, hereby agree and consent to hand over said premises and Trust thereof to the Town Commissioners of the Town of Ballyshannon or, in case they cannot hold said premises or any portion thereof, to hand over same to their nominees on their behalf, subject to the Commissioners or their nominees taking over the liabilities of the Trustees due to the Bank amounting to about £975 and subject to the tenancies of ——— Hoque, Edward Johnston, John Hillier in office store house, Ward, and of the tenant (if any) in the Gas House.

Dated this 22nd day of May 1922

Signed by Michael Casady, Edward Kelly, Robert Seamus.

It was decided to hold a special meeting on 29th May 1922

Seamus Mac O'Beirne  
5/6/22

Minutes of proceedings of Ballyshannon Town Commissioners at meeting held on Monday 5th June 1922

Mr. Ward presided

There were also present Messrs:- F. M. Cready R. Neely.

F. M. Kinley. J. M. Shee

No - -  
30 May 1922

Read Circular from Local Govt. Dept stating they have decided to have contracts for supplies taken in

4 monthly periods

No 21. 457/14/1922  
30th May 1922

Read letter from Local Govt Ministry Housing Dept re ~~not~~ special rate for housing. They point out that the rate can only be assessed on the net annual value of Land.

No 6 457/15/1922  
30 May 1922

Read letter from Ministry of Local Government asking to be furnished with amount of rate struck for

new construction and to meet loan charges respectively. If a reasonable rate can be procured by agreement, particulars thereof should be forwarded to the Department, and an application can be made for sanction to loan at same time. The Commissioners will require to appoint an Architect. In acquiring land action could be taken under section 7 of the Housing (Ireland) Act 1919

The Lites Committee reported that suitable sites are

- (1) plot and dilapidated houses on Wash Rock
- (2) Mrs Lowmy's House near Fair Green
- (3) Plot at end of Commissioners house in Eoin St

The Clerk was instructed to inquire of the owners and occupiers if they are agreeable to give the sites by agreement.

31st May 1922

Read letter from Provincial Bank stating they will favourably consider application for housing loan at 4½% interest for 15 yrs

Mr Hoaffrey offered to act as Architect under Housing Scheme at 4% on outlay if in Block or at 5% on outlay if cottages be built singly

Mr E Daly wrote stating he had not time to take up the work 'Humble' Architect to be advertised for in Independent

(13) It was unanimously resolved that a rate be made by the Commissioners at next monthly meeting for service of year ending 31st March 1923 including special rate for new construction & and interest on loan under Housing Scheme. - The general rate to be 1/6 in £ and special Housing rate 7/18 in £

The question of the Market Yard was considered and the Clerk was instructed to write the Market Trustees for copies of the statement of accounts & balance sheets for past 3 years as well as particulars of Rents paid by each tenant

It was decided the Rate to collect be notified before his collection within this month

Specimen plans from the Housing Department were submitted

The following expenses were passed for payment

J. Myers & Co Town lighting	50.00
Local Govt Dept Audit Fee	2.2.0
Independent Newspaper advertising	1.11.0
Total	53.13.0

It was decided to hold special meeting this day two weeks to appoint Engineer

J. K. Keenan  
4 July '22

A special meeting of Ballyshannon Town Commissioners was held on Tuesday 13th June 1922.

Mr J Ward Presided

There were also present Messrs: J Holland, J McShea, F McQuinley, J Kane & E Mulhern.

The Clerk read the requisition summoning the meeting to deal with, a proposed fair at Ballyshannon on 19th June 1922 and appointment of delegates to attend a trade and transport meeting at Doneyal on 14th June 1922.

Mr J Holland proposed and Mr E Mulhern seconded and it was carried unanimously

"That we hold a fair at Ballyshannon on 19th inst. owing to restrictions to facilitate farmers & dealers, owing to restrictions imposed at Bellinagh & neighbourhood by British troops & specials and that notice of fair be published in Independent, Derry Journal, two local papers & by posters through the district & neighbouring towns.

Messrs J. McShea & E. Mulhern were appointed to represent the Commissioners at trade & transport meeting at Doneyal on 14th inst.

J. K. Keenan  
4 July '22

A Special meeting of the Ballyphannon  
Town Commissioners was held on  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 1922

Mr S. Ward Presided

There were also present Messrs: R. Neely, F. McGinley,  
E. Mulhern, J. J. Stephens & F. M. Cready.

Applications for the position of architect for Housing  
Scheme were considered as follows the following

J. C. Coffey @ 5% on outlay of single Houses or 4% of a block  
P. H. Elliott @ £1 per house + 5% on cost of houses  
A. E. Williams @ Scale of Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland 5%  
Donnelly Moore Keefe & Robinson at varied scale  
James & Kelly @ terms to be arranged by Institute of Architects & G. Dept.

Mr Coffey was appointed on the motion of Mr Neely seconded  
by Mr M. Cready.

The following replied to questions as to what terms they  
would sell sites for Cottages

W. R. Buzers - site on West Rock @ £25

E. B. Jamison for site on Rock. He asks Comms to make offer

Mrs Sweeney " " " " " "

Mrs Melton came before Comms & offered site on Rock @ £25

Mr Reid stated he had no interest in site on rock.

It was decided to make the following offers

Mrs Sweeney - £15.00 for site on West Rock

Mrs Green or Buzers £15 " " " "

Mrs Melton £20 " " " "

Dickson Trustees £30 " " " "

Mrs Lowry £25 " " at Fairgreen

re Market Yard Mr R. Sweeney, Trustee wrote date 17/6/22  
stating the Trustees were having a copy of Market Yard  
property for past 3 years audited by Mr Magee accountant  
of Duncannon St. Dublin & would furnish audited statement in  
due course. He would endeavour also to furnish particulars

of agreements if he could obtain same.

Mr S. Ward proposed and Mr E. Mulhern seconded that  
"The Commissioners enter by their Esteemed Chairman  
Mr James McGeorge their sincere sympathy with him  
on the death of his father. The motion was  
passed in silence the members standing

J. M. Cready

4 July '22

Minutes of proceedings of Ballyshannon Town Commissioners at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1922

Mr F. McGready presided

There were also present Messrs H. Neely, J. Kane, J. J. Stephens, E. Mulhern, J. Holland, F. McShinley

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

17<sup>th</sup> June 1922  
No 17116  
of the Commissioner accounts

Read letter from Local Govt Dept. acknowledging receipt of paying order £2.2 in respect of audit

17<sup>th</sup> June 1922  
17126  
year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1922

Read letter from Local Govt Dept. acknowledging receipt of abstract of Commissioner accounts for

3<sup>rd</sup> July 1922

Read letter from the Chairman Mr. James McConigle, thanking the Commissioners for their vote of sympathy with him on the death of his father

27<sup>th</sup> June 1922

Read letter from Mrs. Sweeney brevity stating if the plot of houses of hers which the Commissioners desire to purchase at West Rock is worth only £15. there is nothing more to be said

The Clerk reported he had interviewed her son who stated the lowest sum she would accept is £35 for the plot on West Rock.

19<sup>th</sup> June 1922

Read letter from Mrs. Lorry stating she is willing to sell the plot, freehold, which she owns at Fairgreen extending from Patterson's garden to occupied house at end of big yard. The small yard is rented to James Gallagher at a weekly rent

Mr. Gaffrey Architect was present at the meeting and explained the classes of houses most likely to be suitable.

After some discussion it was decided that two houses each should be erected at West Rock, two at Fairgreen and two at College St.

Pursuant to the publication of advertisement and notice the Rate Book was submitted along with the Estimate for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923

Estimate	
Public Lighting	10-0
Scavenging	6-
Abolition	20-
Rent Collection	3-10
Rate "	35-11
Law Exp	10-0
Printing and Stationery	4-
Rate	12-
Rent	3-10
Cottage Repair	8-0

New Construction Housing including

Repayment of Debt	
Principal Interest	3/8 11-11
Total	5/8 2-11

Mr. R. Neely proposed the following Resolution which was recorded by Mr. J. Kane and passed unanimously:

Resolved:- That a Rate of two shillings and eight pence in the pound be this day assessed on all occupiers and owners of premises and eight pence in the pound on all occupiers and owners of land within the township to defray the expenses as set forth in the foregoing Estimate for the service of the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923. Said Rate to be payable on and after the 9<sup>th</sup> August 1922.

The Rate Book was then signed.

The following motion was also passed unanimously. We hereby appoint Edward Dolan of Killybegs Ballyshannon to be our Collector to collect

the Rate made on the 4th day of July 1922 and to collect the sums allotted against all occupiers and owners of premises when they are liable according to this allotment and not otherwise and for so doing this shall be sufficient warrant and authority.

The Collector's book was then signed.

The Rate book for year ended 31/3/1922 was submitted showing arrears of £ 33. 5. 2 and the collector was instructed to notify those in arrears that proceedings will be taken against them should they fail to pay.

It was unanimously decided that Monday 29th will be a general Holiday in Ballyshannon town.

The following payments were ordered.

P. M. Dermott	2rs Salary as Clk to 30/6/22	5.00
	Postage	1.76
	Hely's Ltd Abstracts Papers	6.3
	Total.	6.13.9

Mr. E. Mullen Member of the Class and the following Resolution was passed unanimously.

Resolved: That we demand the immediate release of Mr. John Murray who has been illegally detained on a charge not proven, after the Justice granting bail, bail bonds being filled in by solvent Sureties at Ballyshannon, and he is still detained in Military Custody.

Seamus Mac O'Gaird  
8th Aug 22.

The usual monthly meeting of Ballyshannon Town Commissioners was held on Tuesday 8th August 1922. Mr. S. Ward presided; there were also present Messrs:- F. McCreedy, N. Kelly, J. McGinley, J. J. Stephens, J. McShea.

24 July 1922

Read letter from E. O'Maillie Local Govt Housing Inspector stating he would visit Ballyshannon on 27th July. wished to meet some of the Commissioners.

The Clk reported the Inspector called and interviewed the Architect, and a few of the Commissioners. He inspected the proposed sites and had not yet replied as to the decision of the Department on same.

19th July 1922

Read letter from Mr. W. R. Burgess stating he has referred the Commr's offer of £20 for site at West Rock to Mr. Reid, Solr. He points out it must be understood he will not be accountable for any costs or expenses.

28 June 1922

Read letter from Mr. E. L. Jameson regarding offer for sites in West Rock - Dickson Property. He asked for names of tenants that he may identify plots & rents. He will prepare necessary Affidavit to ground application to Land Judge for direction as to whether offer should be accepted. He desires to know if Commr. will pay his costs in connection with the matter & wishes to know what is required in respect of title or Conveyance.

The Clk reported having furnished names of present & last tenants, and the Engineer furnished tracing of plots. He pointed out the original offer of £30 included two houses owned by Mrs. Sweny which are now included in Architect's sketch.

Minute:- Mr. Jameson told informed offer of £30 includes Mrs. Sweny's two houses as originally stated. Mr. Ward, J.D. was requested to ask Land Judge deal with the matter without delay.

28 July 1922

Read letter from Secretary  
Provisional Governmentstating the question of allowing abatement in loan  
instalments is receiving attention of the Government19<sup>th</sup> July 1922Read letter from M. M. Grogan  
Local Govt. Inspectorstating he is now appointed Inspector in Co. Donegal etc.  
All official correspondence for the Dept. should be addressed  
to him at G.N. Hotel Bundoran. Any matter requiring  
attention should be brought to his notice.

19 July 1922

Read circular from M. M. Grogan  
Local Govt. Inspectorurging the public to support the Government of  
Dair Eireann now as in the past 2 years. He  
suggests formation of vigilance committees to do  
police work particularly in the towns.18<sup>th</sup> July 1922Read letter from local  
Govt Dept. stating MrE. Grogan of G.N. Hotel Bundoran now represents the  
Dept. in Donegal. Mr. O'Donovan has been recalled.Mr Reid Solis, Ballyshannon wrote date 20/7/22  
asking for instructions regarding Mr. Simpson's plot at Wick RockMrs Lowry wrote date 27/7/22 stating she could not  
accept £25 for plot at Fair Green Ballyshannon.The clerk was instructed to communicate with her & Mr. Horcadden on the matter.  
Mrs Sarah <sup>Reps</sup> Egan wrote stating she claimed tenancy  
of Mrs Lowry's plot at Fair Green Ballyshannon.  
She does not wish to show hostility to building of cottages  
but wishes to assert her claim as tenant

No. N.O. H. 457/10/1922

15/7/22

in L1 for Housing purposes

Read letter from Housing  
Dept. Poor Govt. approving  
of Additional Rate of 1/8  
They state Mr. CaffreyArchitect should make application for admission to panel of architects  
& submit evidence of his qualifications

The following payments were ordered

(1) W. B. Johnston insurance premium on cottage	£. s. d. 1-1-0
(2) Independent newspapers for Advt. Architect wanted	1-2-0
	Total £ 2-3-0

Two petitions were submitted signed by a number of  
Ratepayers and others in the town.one petition dated 15/7/22 protested against building cottages  
the other dated 25/7/22 urged the building of cottages  
many people signed both petitions and Messrs P. H. Daly &  
J. J. O'Dowd came before the Commissioners and stated that when  
asked to sign petition of protest against building the case was  
misrepresented to them. They accordingly asked to have their names  
erased from petition of protestSewerage Board  
H. G. 22.

A meeting of Ballyshannon Town Commissioners was held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 1922  
Mr S. Wood presided

There were also present Messrs:- R. Neely,  
J. M. Cready, J. Holland, M. Gallagher, J. M. Shea.

Pursuant to advertisement one tender was received for public lighting for coming season viz.

J. Myles & Co £100 + £2 for any new light  
minute:- Accepted at £100 for usual number & quantity of light

1922  
Aug 21 Read letter from Mr Lowry stating she will let Commers have offer for plot 2000

1922  
4<sup>th</sup> Sept Read letter from R. Hipsett & Co Auctioneers stating Mr Lowry has instructed them offer building plot at Fairgreen at £60.

Minute:- Refused as offer is too high

1922  
1<sup>st</sup> Sept Read letter from Mr S. Jameson stating he will apply to Vacation Judge in the matter of offer for building site at West Rock Ballyshannon

Read letter from Housing Dept Local Govt Dept approving of sites 1 & 3 provided they can be acquired by agreement on reasonable terms. They have also approved of site no. 2. Though space is rather limited for even 2 houses.

It was decided that Mr Reid solicitor be appointed to look into the title to the plot, <sup>as alleged</sup> & safeguard the Commissioners

The Resolution of the Booterhill Urban Council asking that the law relating to rating be amended so that the handbills be rated for holdings of £4 valuation, was submitted and adopted.

29<sup>th</sup> Aug 1922

Read letter from Local Govt Dept stating that Mr. Scanlon & Farrell

Has been appointed Inspector for this area in room of Mr Coogan whose services are required at Headquarters.

The following Resolution was proposed by Mr M. Gallagher, recorded by Mr R. Neely and passed in silence

"Resolved - That we deplore the untimely deaths of President Griffith and General Collins and that we convey to their relatives and to the Heads of the Government our sincere sympathy with them in their sad loss."

Seumas Ward  
6/11/22

A Special meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> September on requisition of 9 members, to apply for release of Don Kane.  
Mr S. Wood presided.

There were also present Messrs:- J. McKinley, J. M. Shea & J. J. Stephens.

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved. "That regarding Daniel Kane, at present imprisoned by National Troops - having regard to the fact that he is the sole support of the family, is in delicate health and only about 15 years of age we request that he be released particularly as the family are in poor circumstances owing to his father's internment for a year previous to Decr 1921

Seumas Ward.  
6/11/22

The usual monthly meeting of Ballyshannon Town Commissioners was held in Town Commissioners Office on Monday 6th November 1922

Mr S. Ward presided

There were also present Messrs J. M. Cready  
J. McShea, K. Neely, F. M. Guilty

As the Commissioners were about to proceed with their meeting a number of townsmen entered the room and asked the Commissioners to pass a resolution asking the Dair & the Tironagh County Council that the Rock Hospital at Ballyshannon open for the accommodation of the sick and infirm poor of the District.

The Deputation withdrew.

The following resolution was <sup>unanimously</sup> adopted on the motion of Mr J. M. Cready seconded by Mr F. M. Guilty  
"Resolved

That we the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners desire to impress on the Dair and the Tironagh County Council, the desirability and importance of keeping the Rock Hospital at Ballyshannon open until the Shiel Hospital should be in a position to receive patients of this district by arrangements with the County Council

6th Oct 1922

Read letter from R. H. Reid Esq  
Solicitor stating he is not in

a position to draw any Deed from Mrs Mehan - in respect of site in West Rock until he sees her title & det her Deeds of the premises. He believes the documents are with Mr P. M. Gallagher Solr. Donegal.

4th Nov 1922

Read letter from P. M. Gallagher Esq. Solr. Donegal stating he has not any Deeds of

relating to Mrs Mehan's premises at West Rock Ballyshannon Mrs Mehan had instructed him to try and settle arrears of rent matter for her. A receipt for the purchase money and one year's rent receipt may have been handed him; the late Receiver of the Estate Dickson Estate contended there was 9 years arrears of rent due against it in 1916 £1-10-0 year.

A number of letters were received from Mr E. C. Jamison who has carriage of Sale of the Dickson Estate - the principal one of which is dated 31st Oct 1922 enclosing affidavit to be made by Town Clerk to the Commissioners urging the God hand Judge accept offer of £30 for plot on West Rock (for Dickson Interest Estate Interest). Mr Jamison in his letter states he believes there are tenancies existing in the plot which have never been determined and the Commissioners are taking a certain risk as they may have to settle with the tenants

The Clerk reports he had the affidavit signed before a Commissioner for Oaths and returned on 4th inst. Minute approved.

No H 457/21/1922

11th Sept 1922

Read letter from L. Gort Dist stating Mr John Caffrey has been included in panel of architects qualified for employment by Local Authorities under Housing Schemes

Mr P. Skeword applied for tenancy of one of the battays about to be built

No action taken

No H 457/23/1922

14th Oct 1922

Read letter from L. Gort Dist acknowledging receipt of plans & specification of proposed Town houses

Circular no 64 <sup>4/1/22</sup>

28th Oct 1922

Read Circular <sup>from L. G. Dist</sup> stating the Circular no 64 of 22 May

last relative to taxation of Costs is withdrawn and article 23 of Public Bodies Order 1904 now applies

20 5/24  
19<sup>th</sup> Sept 1922

Read letter from Ministry of Finance stating £30,005 7 4 was paid to Donegal Co Council on 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 1922

in respect of Grants withheld by the British Government and they hope all arrears of ~~loan~~ public loans now outstanding in the County will be paid off.

In discussing the cottages question it was decided that the two houses at College St. be proceeded with without delay. The local Govt Dept. be asked to issue their sanction. The necessary formalities to be completed as soon as possible.

Mr. E. Dolan Rate collector came before the Commissioners & said he would scarcely be able to proceed with collection of current year's rate till January but ~~sub~~ after some discussion he agreed to proceed this week or next with the work.

Seumas Ward  
St. M. 22

Meeting of Ballyshannon Town Commissioners held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1922.

Mr. S. Ward Presided

Also Present Messrs R. Kelly, J. M. Cleary, M. Gallagher, J. M. Guiley & J. M. Shea

The Clerk reported that as the result of negotiations the following offer terms were accepted for plots on West Rock for building site

Land price for Dickson Trustees	owner	30.00
Mr. P. Sweeney	occupier	27.10.0
W. H. Burgess	occupier or agent	20.00
Ms. Meehan	occupier	25.00

The Commissioners unanimously agreed to these terms and request the local Govt. Ministry to approve of same.

It was directed that Mr. Reed Solicitor take the necessary steps for conveyance <sup>to Commission</sup> as soon as approval as local Govt. Ministry approve of this.

20<sup>th</sup> Nov 1922

Read letter from Manager

Provincial Bank stating his bank are holding at their disposal £705 amount of loan repaid for erection of cottages by Ballyshannon Town Commissioners. The loan to be repaid by half yearly instalments with 4½% interest in 10 years. Mortgage to be prepared by the Bank's Solicitor. Minute Approved.

It was unanimously decided to have a special meeting summoned to apply for sanction for loan as soon as approval for amount of compensation is obtained.

10 Nov 1922

Read letter from <sup>Mr. Cunningham</sup> representing J. M. J. Sweeney Ltd acknowledging

receipt of resolution of the Commissioners urging necessity of keeping Ballyshannon Rock Hospital open

21/11/22 Read letter from Local Government Dept acknowledging receipt of copy of same Resolution

22nd Nov 1922 Read Circular from Local Govt Dept stating the Government proposed introducing legislation to postpone Elections which would normally be held next January

1st Dec 1922 Read letter from Mr R Sweeney Solr. one of the Market Yard trustees stating the trustee placed the accounts of the Market Yard etc in the hands of an Auditor some time ago but owing to the many outstanding accounts it was considered as many as possible of these accounts should be collected before the Auditor's report was completed. The statement of accounts will be available at the earliest possible date.

It was decided that the insanitary condition of the sewer at West Rock be brought under the notice of the District Council with the view of having it put into proper repair.

The Presiding Chairman brought under the notice of the Commissioners a plucky action of Dickie Bramley on 11th Nov 1922 in that he did stop a frightened vicious horse at Bridge End. The horse had jumped, kicked & reared & smashed the trap in which he was being driven & was proceeding down down West Rock St, crowded at the time when Di Bramley rushed out & caught the animal and controlled it at the risk of being kicked & trampled on.

Mr Ward proposed

Mr JM Shea seconded That we recommend the plucky action of Dickie Bramley to the Carnegie fund for a recognition award for his bravery in stopping a runaway horse from dashing

into and injuring people on crowded Street, West Rock Ballyshannon on 11th Nov 1922

The following payments were ordered, and the treasurer authority for payment signed

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|---|----------------|
| (1) The Commissioners of Public Works instalment of loan due Nov 1921                       | £ 26-11-4      |
| (2) John Sweeney - Rent Delap Salate  | 2-9-0          |
| (3) Patrick Gallagher Shop Act Inspector Salary paid 7/11                                   | 1-0-0          |
| (4) Benny Boyle Billposting   | 10-6           |
| (5) Francis Tuttle wages as Act Inspector 10/7/22/3 and Commission on Rent Collected £1-7-9 | 4-7-9          |
| (6) P.M. Dermott 2m Salary to 20/9/22   | 5-0-0          |
|   | Total £39-18-7 |

J. H. Keenan

Presiding Chair 8-1-23.

A Special meeting of Ballyshannon Town Commissioners was held on Monday 11th Dec 1922

Mr S. Ward presided

There were also present Messrs J. M. Shea F. M. Gully R. Keely & J. M. Cready.

The meeting was specially summoned to deal with a communication from the Local Government Department stating they do not approve of proposed purchase price of the Plot on East Rock

No H 457/28/1922

4th Dec 1922

Read letter from Local Government

Department stating they propose

purchase price (£102-10-0) for housing

plot at West Rock St is too high being at the rate of over £500 per acre, and is far in excess of any rate hitherto approved for a housing scheme under

the terms of the Circular of 16<sup>th</sup> March last they cannot approve of price

Minute:- We earnestly request the Local Government Department to reconsider their decision and approve of payment of compensation of £30 to Harold's £27-10 to Mrs Blaney £20 to WK Burgess or May Green, & £25 to Mrs Mahan which sum we consider reasonable for the following reasons. This is undoubtedly the finest site for Dwellings in the town. There are already 3 very dilapidated houses occupied on the site. We have failed to obtain any site equally good at the same figure. We already own site for 2 Houses and the cost of land in this case amounts to only £34-2-6 per House. The site is situated on Rocky land on an eminence over the river thus ensuring dryness. By getting the site on these terms by agreement the usual compulsory purchase powers costs of law advertising etc is saved and should we fail to obtain the site we may be unable to obtain any suitable site on as reasonable terms and may have to leave over part of the scheme. The Housing rate is being collected and we desire to get on with the construction which brings two fold benefit - supplying much needed houses & employment

In the event of ~~the~~ Department not being in a position to sanction payment of compensation as set out above the Commissioners respectfully request that the Housing Department will state what sum they are prepared to sanction.

no H 457/27/1922  
5<sup>th</sup> Dec 1922

Read letter from Local Govt Dept enclosing copy of letter they have addressed to the Commissioners Architect

pointing out that owing to abandonment of Fair Green plot and inability of Dept to sanction West Rock site a change in lay out plans will be necessary. They therefore cannot approve of plans, but formal approval will be given for plans of College St Houses if desired

Minute:-

H<sup>th</sup> Dec 1922

The Clerk reported that on receiving the two foregoing letters he had consulted the Vice Chairman and asked the Local Govt. Dept if the Commissioners might apply for sanction to loan in full and

if possible obtain the necessary sanction for them proceed with erection of two houses at College St. He received the following telegram in reply.

"Commissioners <sup>may</sup> apply for sanction to full loan as suggested. Furnish full statement estimated cost of providing College Street ~~Houses~~ Houses"  
(From) "Housing Dublin"

Minute:- "a special meeting to be called to deal with this matter when reply to our minute on letter no H. 457/28/1922 dated 4/12/22 is received"  
J. H. McQuinn  
Pres. Com 8-1-23

A Special meeting of Ballyshannon Town Commissioners was held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 1922

Mr S. Ward presided

Here were also present Messrs: F. M. Crotty  
J. McShea P. Neely & J. McQuinn

The Clerk reported that in reply to minutes of meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> inst an Inspector of the Housing Dept Local Govt. visited the town during the week and interviewed some of the Commissioners, Architect &c. The Inspector visited the sites as well as fields in the vicinity. He pointed out the high rate of compensation proposed to be paid for site on West Rock. and was furnished with schedule of compensation awards for ~~new~~ sites in the town of previous Habs Cottages schemes.

Minute:- "We are satisfied the site on West Rock is most suitable as a building ground being already supplied with sewer & water & in a very healthy locality. We request the Minister for Local Government to sanction

payment of compensation of £82-10-0 for same. This site will accommodate 3 houses with gardens"

Mr R Neely proposed and Mr J McShea seconded "That we request the Minister for Local Government to sanction loan of £705 for construction of houses under terms of Local Government Circular of 16th March 1922. Loan to be repayable by half-yearly instalments within 15 years.

Minute: - Passed unanimously

The form of application for <sup>purchase</sup> loan was submitted considered and signed by the Chairman & Clerk and directed to be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government

J. H. McCready

Proc. Chm 8-1-23

The usual monthly meeting of Ballyshannon Town Commissioners was held on Monday 8th January 1923 (There was no meeting on 1st January no quorum attending)

Mr. J. McCready presided

There were also present Messrs J. McGinley, J. Holland, R. Neely, J. McShea

No. M 457/2/1922  
30 Dec 1922

Read letter from  
Local Government  
Department relative

to proposed purchase of site for building at West Rock St. They state that in deference to the wishes of the Commissioners and in view of the exceptional circumstances attending its acquisition, they will not raise any objection to the arrangements which the Commissioners are making for its purchase as set out in the minutes. An amended lay-out plan of the site together with suitable house designs (in duplicate) should be forwarded to the Department in order that formal approval may be given thereto.

The Department returns

the plans etc which were forwarded in connection with the Commissioners Housing Scheme with approval marked thereon in respect of two houses on College St site and state the Commissioners may proceed at once to invite tenders for their erection but the acceptance of the tenders should be subject to the approval of the Council.

Minute: - Two houses at College St to be advertised for contract for next meeting

The Clerk reported that he was told another party named McShea was about to purchase or had purchased the plot on West Rock occupied by Mr. McKean.

Minute: - Mr. Reid Solicitor to be consulted on this matter and steps to be taken for transfer of the property to the Commissioners.

No. L. G. 27/49  
29 Dec 1922

Read Circular from Local Govt. Dept. stating the Commissioners of Public Works

are authorized to exclude penalty interest from Renewable Orders from period beginning in 1920 in respect of overdue instalments of loans.

Minute: - Renewable orders to be applied for

22 Dec 1922

Read Circular from Local Government Dept. stating the Local Election Postponement Bill has now been passed by Both Houses of the Oireachtas & has received the Royal Assent of the Governor General

The Supplementary Price List of the Trade Department of Local Government, for period ending 31st March 1923 relating to cement, timber, explosives etc was submitted

A copy of the Order

of Mr Justice Wylie of the High Court of Justice  
in Southern Ireland (Land Judge) of 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 1922  
directing sale of plot on West Rock Ballyshannon to  
Ballyshannon Town Commissioners, <sup>£30</sup> was submitted

Minute:- Approved

Payment of compensation for plot on West Rock as building site  
was varied as well as £1-0 income tax and £50 of Myles & Co  
on account of building contract

It was directed that Mr Caffrey architect  
prepare the necessary amended lay out plans etc  
when arrangements about plot be completed

Seumas Ward  
5/2/23

Minutes of proceedings of Ballyshannon  
Town Commissioners at meeting held  
in Town Commissioners Office on  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 1923

Mr S. Ward presided

There were also present Messrs. J. W Shea  
J. Whinley J. Holland R. Neely & M. Cready

The minutes of last meeting were read  
and agreed

No 1393

12<sup>th</sup> January 1923

Read circular from  
Local Government

Ministry pointing out  
that local authorities should secure that  
the bonus payable to their officers is automatically  
reduced with <sup>fall in</sup> the cost of living

Minute:- no War Bonus payable by commissioners

Copy of The Local Elections Postponement Act, 1922

forwarded by Local Government Ministry was submitted

Copy of the Urban Elections (Postponement) Order 1923  
fixing date of Election of Borough Urban Councillors  
& Town Commissioners for 14<sup>th</sup> June 1923 was  
submitted

30 January 1923

Read letter from the Secretary  
Carnegie Herd Fund Trust stating the  
case of D. Branley referred to on minutes of 8/1/1923  
will be submitted at the earliest opportunity

The Resolution of the Cork Harbour Commissioners  
of 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 1922 was submitted, dealing with  
efforts for Relief in Ireland.

Minute marked "Read"

27 Dec 1922

Read letter from Secretary  
General Post Office stating

that telephone service for Bundoran & Ballyshannon could only be established at heavy capital & annual expenditure. There is no prospect forthcoming that sufficient support would be forthcoming to justify the outlay.

### Housing

No 4. 457/22/1922  
4<sup>th</sup> Dec 1922

Read letter from local Govt. Dept stating it is not necessary to apply for

a Provisional Order to acquire lands for the purpose of a Housing scheme under Part III of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890 if the lands can be acquired by agreement on reasonable terms with the approval of the Minister

Except where the lands have to be acquired compulsorily in pursuance of a Provisional Order notice of the decision of a local Authority to provide houses for the Working classes need not be published

Where land is acquired by agreement with the Minister's approval, and the necessary loan has been sanctioned, the required special Housing rate having been made, tenders may be invited by advertisement for the construction of the Houses

There is no formal scheme in agreement cases such as is made where houses are being provided under the Labourers Acts. In compulsory cases the procedure is that outlined in the memo. of instructions issued by the former Local Government Board, a copy of which is enclosed, and in that case the petition is the equivalent of the Scheme in Labourers Acts procedure.

No 4 501/2467/1923  
31<sup>st</sup> January 1923

The Circular of the Ministry of Local Government, Housing Dept., on Damp proof

Courses was submitted.

Memo: Copy to be furnished to Architect.

Pursuant to advertisements two tenders were received for erection of two Houses at College St Ballyshannon viz: -

Messrs: - Mullen & Martin Donnelly 1175-10 for 2 Houses  
J W Bredt Ballyshannon 1700 " "

Minute: - We consider the tenders too high. We are of opinion specification could be amended to reduce cost by providing substitutes for cut stone etc.  
Memos: - Mr. Ceady & Kelly to go into the matter with Architect with the view of such amendments. Cottages to be advertised for Contract for next meeting in March

The Clerk reported he called on Mr. W. Shea who has purchased Mr. Meehan's interest in portion of plot on West Rock and he declines to hand it over to the Commissioners

Minute: - The matter to be placed in Solicitor's hands to have possession taken over if it cannot be got by agreement.

The Circular of the Local Government Officials Union asking that appointments to public positions be made by competitive examination was submitted

J. K. Ceady,  
Actg. Chairman 5 Mar 1923.

Minutes of proceedings of Ballyshannon Town  
Commissioners at meeting held in Town Commissioners  
Office Ballyshannon on Monday 5th March 1923  
Mr F. M. McCready presided.

There were also present Messrs R. Neely, J. M. Guiley,  
J. McShea, McCallaghs of Holland

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Messrs Boyle & Rooney came before the meeting and asked the  
Commissioners if they would receive a deputation of the labour  
Union on behalf of Mr Patrick McShea.

It was pointed out to above two men that arrangements  
had been made with owners and ~~occupiers~~ occupiers of plot on West  
Rock for purchase of plot for erection of 3 houses, ~~and~~  
now McShea has purchased the interest of one of the occupiers  
as a result of which the Commissioners have placed the  
matter in their solicitors hands who is taking action.  
The men then withdrew.

No 4457/32/1923  
5th July 1923

Read letter from Housing Department  
Ministry of Local Government stating  
that the question of sanctioning  
the Commissioners application for a loan will be dealt  
with on receipt of amended lay out plan and suitable  
house design (in duplicate) asked for in the Ministry's  
letter of the 30th Dec last in relation to the site to  
be acquired at West Rock. The necessary documents  
should be forwarded without delay.

Pursuant to advertisements for erection of two Cottages  
at College St the following tenders were received  
Messrs:- Mullin & Martin Donegal £1112-11 for two houses  
J. McBrade Ballyshannon £1110

These tenders to be for the work after substituting concrete  
for Mountcharles stone and to omit area walls & railings.

The amounts of the tender of Messrs Mullin & Martin submitted  
at last meeting for original work was again tendered.

Minute:- In view of above letter from Housing Dept

dated 5/3/23 we cannot accept tenders till land be acquired for  
remainder of houses. The necessary steps to be taken to acquire  
the land before further proceeded with. Mr McCready & Clerk to consult  
Solicitor

No H. 501/2476/1923  
14th July 1923

Read circular from Local Govt  
Ministry asking for particulars  
of liabilities in respect of  
money borrowed under Housing Act since 1905  
Minute: "None borrowed since 1905"

The circular of the Neutral S.R.A. members association of 16th  
July 1923 dealing with proposals for peace was submitted  
and no action taken.

No 2272/51

Read letter from Valuation Department  
Dublin stating a certificate for  
payment of £4-13-4 bounty in lieu of rates on Government  
property will be issued.

Mr. John Sweeney applied for licence for Cinema also  
Mr F. Graham " " " " Selling petrol.

It was decided that the licences be granted  
Mr R. Neely proposed and Mr McShea seconded and it  
was passed unanimously that we authorize  
our Clerk Mr Patrick McDermott to act on our behalf in  
issuing licences and carrying out with effect under  
Cinematograph Act 1909 and that we authorize  
him to act similarly for us under the Petroleum Act 1871.

The Clerk was instructed to issue licences to the  
petroleum sellers in the town.

The following payments were ordered

Board of Works 3 yrs loan instalment + int 6/3/11/21 £ 23-1-11  
 E Dolan on acct of Rate Collection £ 13-18-

Seumas Ward.  
 16/4/23

Statement of a/c for yrs ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923

1922	Dr	1923	Cr
Nov 31	To Balance in favor of Commr. 69-12-6	Nov 31	By Public Lighting 100-0-0
Nov 31	To Town Rates lodged 283-9-4		Printy Salary & out of 3-9-9
	College Rents 50-5-0		Insurance 2-2-0
	Interest on a/c 12-11		Rent 2-9-0
	Cinema Licences 1-0-0		Poor Rates 18-13-4
	Petroleum Licences 1-0-0		Salary - clerk 15-0-0
			"Shin" Inspectors 1-0-0
			Rate Collection fees 13-11-0
			Rent " " 3-18-0
			Wages to street sweepers 6-0-0
			Report of house painter 22-12-2
			" " int 27-1-1
			Postage & stamps 1-9-5
			audit fee 2-2-0
			By Balance in favour of Commr. } 186-12-0
	<b>Total</b> £ 405-19-9		<b>Total</b> £ 405-19-9

\* £9-14-2 - 1921-22 Rate  
 102-13-2 1922-23 Town Rate fees  
 171-2-0 " " " "

As there was no quorum on date for meeting of the commissioners the meeting of Ballyshannon Town Commissioners for April 1923 was postponed & fixed for today Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 1923 at Town Commissioners Office Ballyshannon  
 Minutes of Proceedings of Ballyshannon Town Commissioners at meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 1923

Mr S. Ward presided there were also present Messrs M Gallagher F McBready J McKinley R Neely J J Wether

The minutes of last meeting were read & approved

13<sup>th</sup> March 1923

Read circular from Local Govt Dept asking

the views of the commissioners on the question of consideration of appointment of a National Film censor.

no action taken

3<sup>rd</sup> April 1923

Read letter from Local Govt Ministry relative to powers of Town

Commissioners in regard to borrowing. The Department state the Ministry has been advised that Sect 21 of the Pub. Health Act 1896 applies Sect 103 of Act of 1878 to Commr. of town - and thus enables them to provide markets. The Commissioners are for that purpose to be deemed to be an Urban Authority. This power would be nugatory unless a corresponding power to borrow money for the purpose was implied, and it is considered the Commissioners of a town have the borrowing powers of an Urban District Council under the Act of 1878 for the purpose of providing markets under Sect 103.

These powers are not applicable in

respect of Davis

27 March 1923 Read letter from the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust relative to plucky action of Richard Bramley as reported on Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 1922. They state that at their meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 1923, the trustees after careful consideration of the case, did not see their way to recognize it as coming within the scope of the Hero Fund

No. 11437/23 Read letter from Local Govt. Dept relative to necessity Petroleum licences. They point out regulations were made on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1907 under Sects of Locomotive on Highways Act 1896  
Minute: "Licences issued in 4 cases in the town"

No 10215/1923 date 15 March 1923 to be read from Local Govt Ministry asking for returns of officers, receipts, expenditure etc for year  
Minute: - To be furnished

No 499171 Read letter from Local Govt Ministry applying for £2.2.6 Audit fee for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1920  
Minute: - To be paid.

No 15 March 1923 The Resolution of Inishowen Rural District Council of 12<sup>th</sup> March 1923 relative to Courts legal system in the matter of Courts etc, was submitted & no action taken

Mr F Tullill applied for two franked bonuses of 2½% on his collection of Rents for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923

A deputation of the local branch of the Amalgamated Union of Transport & General Workers (Union) came before the Commissioners and handed in a letter from their <sup>Chairman</sup> Secretary, putting the following points before the Commissioners:-

" That the person appointed contractor for building and completion of cottages in the town shall be bound to employ Ballyshannon labourers and tradesmen only and shall pay them the Union rate of wages  
" They suggest that the Commissioners ask the Contractor to employ only Union men and have this made a condition of the contract, also that none but skilled workmen be employed. They urge that the work of the cottages start immediately and they will assist and support the Commissioners

The deputation stated they would be pleased to interview the Commissioners if they so desired, and then withdrew.

The Chairman pointed out that the delay in proceeding with the scheme arose through one of the Union men purchasing portion of the building site after they had got the approval of the Local Govt Ministry Inspector to purchase it

It was agreed the deputation should be asked to come before the meeting that it might be ascertained if Mr Mulheir (a Union man) was agreeable to allow the Council have the site

The deputation came forward along with Mr Mulheir with the view of coming to some agreement <sup>regarding site</sup> the Council agreed to let the house to him when erected, but he declined to let them have the site by agreement and the deputation then withdrew after explaining they did not intend to <sup>oppose</sup> the Commissioners in acquiring the site

Letters Nos M 457/2/1922 dated 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 1922 and No H 457/3/1923 date 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 1923 from Local Govt Ministry on Housing Scheme were submitted again

No. H. 457/38/1923 Read letter from Local Govt Ministry, Housing  
27<sup>th</sup> March 1923

Department, inquiring whether it is intended to acquire compulsorily sufficient land upon which to build all the houses or whether it is still proposed to build two houses on the Commissioner's property in College Street.

If still proposed to build at College St and fresh tenders have been received since 5<sup>th</sup> (Feb) particulars should be furnished. The Commissioners would then be in a position to know whether the balance would warrant seeking compulsory powers for acquiring land for remaining houses. In the meantime and until further notice the grant already earmarked will be held available but the matter should not be unduly prolonged.

" Minute:- "Fresh tenders <sup>Received</sup> ~~accepted~~ on 5<sup>th</sup> March 1923  
" We propose to erect 2 houses at College St and  
" 30<sup>th</sup> West Rock St."

30<sup>th</sup> March 1923 Read letter from E. L. Jameson 187<sup>th</sup> Gt Brunswick St Dublin (who has sale of Estate on which West Rock site is situated) which estate is in hands of the Court) stating he looked up the tracing annexed to the affidavit of the Commissioners' clerk (seeking authority to purchase plot from Court) and looking at same it appears quite clear that the site proposed to be purchased by the Commissioners is on the right hand side of the school; and from a rough sketch which he received from Mr Rogers (who is acting as solicitor for Mr Patrick Meshea) it appears that the tenant's interest which he purchased from Mrs Mahan is on the left hand side of the school. If it turns out Mr Meshea has purchased the interest of the previous tenant the Commissioners will have to deal with him instead. There was a large arrear of rent due by the previous tenant and Mr Meshea simply paid £5 to get a clear receipt by 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 1922

After discussion on the need for houses it was decided to proceed to acquire the necessary land compulsorily.

The following Resolution was proposed by Mr F. H. McCready seconded by Mr R. Kelly and passed unanimously  
"Resolved

That we, the Town Commissioners of the town of Ballyshannon acting in pursuance of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts, having satisfied ourselves that it is necessary to provide houses for the working classes in the town of Ballyshannon propose to acquire compulsorily the several plots of land described in the schedule hereto and on the attached map and book of reference, for the purpose of erecting houses for the working classes on said lands.

We direct our clerk have the necessary advertisement issued and notices served as required by the Housing Acts.

That at a meeting after requirements as to notices etc be complied with we present a petition to the local Government Ministry for a Provisional Order authorizing the compulsory acquisition of said lands.

Plot No	District Electoral Division	Townland	Street	Number of Cottages proposed to erect
1	Ballyshannon Urban	Cannellory	West Rock Street	3
2	"	"	"	
3	"	"	"	

No. H 501/2494/1923  
4<sup>th</sup> April 1923

has been submitted

The Council of Housing Dept  
Ministry of Local Government  
relating to Quantity Surveyors

F. H. McCready

14 May 1923.



The Architect reported as follows in regard to the work under his charge.

"Plans etc already lodged with Commissioners

The following orders were made on the Architect's report

See minute on letter of 24/4/23 and resolution following thereon

Report from Rent Collectors was made as follows.

The orders made on the Rent Collectors report were:

The following letters were read:

Circular No H 501/2500/1923

date 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1923

Circular from local Govt Dept  
enclosing specimen form of  
minutes ~~and~~ relating to Housing

matters asking that such minutes be sent in a form that they may be readily detached for reference

No H 457/4/1923

5<sup>th</sup> May, 1923

letter from local Government  
Department (Housing) in reply  
to inquiry regarding prop.

notices & petition in connection with Housing Scheme they point out it is not necessary to deposit, House design specification & estimates concurrently with 1<sup>st</sup> advt, but a map of the lands premises is to be deposited. A specimen form of notice was enclosed. The petition is to be presented

not sooner than 14 days after the service of the notices

They ask to be given particulars asked for by them on 24<sup>th</sup> ult in regard to the two houses proposed to be built at College St.

John Forde, a weekly tenant in insanitary house at West Rock site applied for £1 compensation for leaving house

No H 457/40/1923

24<sup>th</sup> April 1923

Read letter from Housing Department Ministry of Local Government asking to be informed of action taken by the Town Commissioners at their meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April 1923 in regard to the Housing Scheme. The postponement of building the two houses at College St means a delay of 4 or 5 months if left over until compulsory powers could be conferred in relation to West Rock site. In the circumstances the Commissioners should endeavour to obtain a suitable tender for the two houses - particulars thereof to be forwarded to the Dept. together with the all in estimate of the cost of providing the two houses. The question of sanctioning the necessary loan will then be considered

Minutes of meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> ult sent to Mayor & Office  
Minutes:- Tenders to be invited for erection of two houses at College St - to be considered at meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June. The specification to be amended as follows:-  
(1) To omit all wrought-iron cut stone and substitute concrete for window & door sills.  
(2) The riser from street to front doors to be also of concrete  
(3) Omit all area gratings and walls at front, just leaving concrete steps leading to Hall door for the present.

The following Resolution was proposed by Mr F R McCready seconded by Mr R Neely and passed unanimously:-

Resolved:-

That we the Town Commissioners of the town of Ballyshannon acting in pursuance of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts 1890 to 1921, having satisfied ourselves that it is necessary to provide houses for the working classes of the town of Ballyshannon to provide

to acquire compulsorily the several plots of lands described on the schedule hereto and on the attached map and book of reference for the purpose of erecting houses for the working classes on said lands.

We direct our clerk have the necessary advertisement issued and notices served as required by the Housing Act

That at meeting after requirements as to advertisement and notice be complied with we present a petition to the local Government Ministers for a Provisional Order authorizing the compulsory acquisition of said lands

Schedule referred to

Plot No	District	Electoral Division	Electoral Area	Townland	Street	Number of houses to be built
1	Ballyshannon Urban	Ballyshannon	South West	Carnellogh	West Rock	3
2	"	"	"	"	"	
3	"	"	"	"	"	

A special meeting to be held on 11th June 1923 to present a petition to the Ministers for local Government for a Provisional Order authorizing acquisition of foregoing lands

General Minutes of proceedings of Ballyshannon Town Commissioners at meeting held on Monday 14th May 1923

Mr J M Cready presided There were also present Messrs E Mulhern M Halliday R Healy & J McQuilly

The Urban Elections (Postponement) No 2 Order 1923 dated 26th April 1923 was submitted fixing date of Election of Town Commissioners as 12th Sept 1923 and first meeting on 19th Sept 1923

The Resolution of the Galway Urban Council of 11th April last regarding waste insolvent premises was submitted and no action taken

The following Resolution of the Bundoran Urban Council of 30th April 1923 was unanimously adopted

That we request the Government to modify the existing regulations governing traffic across the border line between Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State as the continued imposition of the present arrangements

will cause heavy losses in trade, as well as untold inconvenience to the general public, and will lead to the practical extinction of tourist traffic between the two divisions of Ireland

The list of corrections in current price list of goods for public Bodies issued by the Trade Department was submitted

J H Cready City Chairman 4 June 1923

Minutes of Proceedings of Ballyshannon Town Commissioners at meeting held in the Town Commissioners Office on Monday 4th June 1923

In the Chair Mr J H Cready other members present Messrs J Woollie, R Neely & McGenley & E Mulhern

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

No 19614/1923 16th May 1923 Read Circular from Local Ministry of Local Government asking to be furnished with particulars of Rates for years ending 31/3/1920, - 1921 1922 - 1923 & 1924

Minute: Rates for year 1920-21 + 22 @ 1/- in the £ and for 1923 2/8 including 1/8 Housing Rate The Rate for 1923-4 not yet made

No 11556/1923 24th May 1923 Read Circular from Ministry of Local Govt enquiring of

length of streets or highways lighted and as to area of ground under sites for 10 working class houses.

Minute:- The Clerk replied that about 2½ miles of lighting is done. The area in sites of the 10 Houses is about 1-20 <sup>R. Pass. "</sup>

No H 457/44/1923  
17<sup>th</sup> May 1923

Read letter from Local Government Ministry inquiring as to grounds and circumstances upon which it is proposed

to make a payment of a bonus of 2½% to Rent Collector Tutbill on his collection for past year. They desire to know the Collector's poundage fees, and point out that the financial minutes are not furnished as required by the Public Bodies Order.

Minute:- Owing to the collector having only 5% collection fees on such a small number of houses having to collect weekly (2/- each per week) we think the bonus reasonable as 5% is scarcely adequate for the work. The financial minutes have not been furnished since 1904 - the information contained in the yearly abstract probably being considered sufficient. These minutes have now been furnished for April last.

No F 22247/1923  
29<sup>th</sup> May 1923

Read circular from Ministry of Local Government pointing out that the Annual Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman does not take place this year till after the Election in Sept.

Mr P. Gallagher applied for the position of Inspector under the Shops Act for coming year.  
"Memo: no action taken"

24<sup>th</sup> May 1923

The following Resolution of Bundoran Urban Council of 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1923 in relation to Railway facilities was submitted

Copy of Resolution Resolved

That the Bundoran Urban District Council desires to impress upon the Government the urgent necessity that has arisen for the

provision of a Railway to connect the Port of Sligo with Ballyshannon linking up the great Railway Systems of Saorstát Éireann with the Railways of Ulster and Tyrone, and it respectfully requests that facilities will be granted by Government for the construction of this short but essential line, the absence of which has been a fatal hindrance to the industrial development of the country during the past 60 years.

Minute:- The foregoing resolution unanimously adopted by us, the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners with the recommendation that the proposed Railway should be a narrow gauge one to connect with the Co Donegal Railway without necessitating transshipment, as one of the principal needs of the Railway is to connect with Co Donegal Railway which has a terminus at Ballyshannon."

It was decided that the rate collectors surties be notified of the backward state of the Rate Collection with the view of having same expedited.

### Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act

Ballyshannon Town Commissioners  
Minutes of proceedings of the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners, acting as a Housing Authority under the above mentioned Act at a meeting held at the Town Commissioners Office Ballyshannon on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 1923

Number of Members on the <sup>Commissioners</sup> Council 12  
present 5

In the Chair Mr F. N. McCreedy  
Other Commissioners present Messrs:- J. McShea,

R. Neely, F. McGinley and E. Mulhern

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed

The clerk reported the following particulars of the ~~Board~~ Commissioners work to date, and of progress &c since the date of last meeting viz the 14th May 1923

Number of new Houses (if any) provided since last meeting :-	Nil
Total " " provided by the Commissioners	10
" " " " " let	10
Average weekly rent paid by tenants	2/- per week including Rates
Number of approved applicants for houses not provided for	(no applicants offered till a house becomes vacant)
Number of Houses of the Working class type in course of construction :-	Nil
" by the Commissioners	"
" by private builders	"
Number of other dwelling houses in course of construction	Nil
Amount of rent due by tenants at close of last month	£ 5-00
" " " " previous "	4-12-0
Proposals for payment this day in respect of repairs	Nil
Area of land in sites for houses provided - about	R. has 1-20
Area of land in Commissioners' possession available for further Houses	0-11
Amount of Principal outstanding on foot of Housing Loans:	
(a) borrowed from Commissioners of Public Works	£ 734-13-8
(b) " " other sources	Nil
Amount of any instalments due on such loans but not paid to:-	
(a) Commissioner of Public Works	£ 76-3-3
(b) other lenders	Nil

The Clerk also reported having issued advertisement of proposed acquisition of site on West Rocks for building houses thereon on 18/5/23 and served notices on owners & occupiers on 19/5/1923 - also issued notice to members to attend to present petition to ministers for local Govt at meeting of 11th inst. He also issued advt. inviting Contractors to tender for erection of 2 Houses at College St

The following orders were made on the above report:-

"That rent collector be notified to proceed to collect the rent from the two tenants much in arrears"

The Architect report:-

memo:- No report.

Rent Collector's report.

Name of tenant	Rent paid in month	Arrears.
B. Coyle	0-0-0	£ 3-2-0
M. Walsh	8/-	5/-
J. Fox	6/-	-
E. Tate	6/-	2/-
P. Brown	10/-	-
M. Brown	8/-	-
E. McEwan	8/-	-
F. M. Mcenanam	0/-	8/- (10/- house rent)
E. Doogan	4/-	-
J. Hilder	10/-	23/-

Order on Rent Collector:- Report:- "Collector to have arrears reduced by 11th inst"

Response to advertisement on tenders was received for erection of two working class houses at College St viz:- James McBride Ballyshannon @ £ 1170-0-0 on the following conditions:- (1) Architect to supply full working detail drawings for flues, as contractor cannot admit liability for failure to take away smoke. (2) Retention period of 6 months to be changed and to read 3 months. (3) all area walls and Railings to be iron and all mount-charles stone to be omitted

Minute:- "We accept the tender of Mr J. McBride and request Ministers of local Government to sanction same"

Next meeting to be held on 11th June 1923

J. H. Mulhern  
City Chamber 11-6-23

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

Meeting held the 4 day of June 1923

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced, examined, and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been received in the month of May 1923 and the Ledger entries made in respect of same as follows:—

TABLE (a).

Nature of Receipt.	Amount.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>REVENUE ACCOUNT.</b>						
<b>RATES:—</b>						
Town Rates						12
Other Rates, viz:—						5
Bounty in lieu of above Rates						
<b>RENTS:—</b>						
From Corporate Estate						
From Artizans' Dwellings				7	10	0
From Town Hall and other Properties						
<b>GRANTS:—</b>						
Contribution to Sanitary Salaries						
Death Duty						
Other Grants, viz:—						
<b>FEES AND TOLLS AND CHARGES:—</b>						
Water Undertaking						
Light Undertaking						
Burial Grounds						
Markets and Fairs						
Baths and Wash-houses						
Pier and Harbour						
Car Licences and Pawnbrokers						
<b>FINES:—</b>						
Town Court						
Petty Sessions Court						
Sanitary Offences						
Library and Others						
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:—</b>						
Surplus from Sale of Dog Licences						
Contributions from other Local Authorities, viz:—						
Domestic Scavenging						
Sewer and Water Connections, Road Openings						
Other Receipts						
General Revenue Receipts						
<b>POOR RATE ACCOUNT.</b>						
Poor Rate						
Rates for Separate Charges						
Bounty in lieu of Poor Rate						
Poor Rate Receipts						
<b>LOAN ACCOUNT.</b>						
Instalments of Loans						
Sums obtained by issue of Stock						
Loan Receipts						
Total Receipts				3	10	0

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Donegal County Council

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The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was produced, examined, and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been ordered for payment at the last Finance Meeting held on the 4 day of June 1923 and the Ledger entries made in respect of same.

Payments as follows were directed to be made, and the necessary Treasurer's Advice Note was accordingly signed, those made under Article 16 being identified by that number.

TABLE (b.)

Nature of Payment.	Amount.			Total		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>REVENUE ACCOUNT.</b>						
Paving and Repair of Streets, including Wages and Cartage						
Paving and Repair of Main Roads " " " viz. :-						
Scavenging and Watering of Streets, including Wages and Cartage						
Public Lighting, including Lamp-posts and Wages						
Building Improvements, or Demolition of Ruinous Buildings						
Law and Election Expenses						
Printing, Stationery and Advertising						
Rents, Rates, Taxes, and Insurance						
Fire Brigade						
Town Hall						
Public Library						
Public Park						
Technical Instruction Acts						
Irish Education Acts						
Notification of Diseases Acts						
Artizans' Dwellings, Maintenance and Repairs						
Salaries, Town Collectors' Fees, and Superannuations						
Repayment and Interest on Loans for Town Purposes						
Other Expenses, viz. :-						
Sewers, Construction, Maintenance, Repairs, including Wages						
Waterworks " " " "						
Lighting Works " " " "						
Fever Hospital						
Salaries and Superannuations under the Sanitary Act						
Repayment and Interest on Loans for Sanitary Purposes						
Other Sanitary Expenses, viz. :-Baths and Wash-houses						
Disinfecting and Ambulance						
General Payments						
<b>POOR RATE.</b>						
Money supplied to County Council on Demand						
Cost of Preparing and Collecting Rate						
Printing, Stationery and Advertising, and other Expenses connected with the Poor Rate.						
Poor Rate Payments						
<b>LOAN ACCOUNT.</b>						
Total Loan Account Payments						
Total Payments						

The Ledger was produced by the Clerk, posted up to the last day of the previous month, with the proper Debits and Credits.

The following Books were exhibited by the Clerk, he having first ascertained the accuracy of the entries made therein, and authenticated the same by his signature :-

1. The Register of Mortgages.
2. The Abstract of Rates Collection.
3. The Artizans' Dwellings General Rental.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of

May 1923

	Ordinary Account			Loans Account		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>SUMMARY.</b>						
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	169	5	7			
Total Sums received to close of last month	3	10	0			
Total	172	15	7			
<b>RECONCILEMENT.</b>						
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement						
Payments ordered at last meeting						
Total						
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	172	15	7			
Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer	172	15	7			
Outstanding Orders						
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer	172	15	7			

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MONTHLY ABSTRACT of Artizans' Dwellings Rent Collection and of Rent Collectors' Cash Account.

District No.	Date when Collector attended to have his books checked	Number of Houses or Lettings				RENT COLLECTION.				COLLECTORS' CASH ACCOUNT.				
		Houses Let	Houses Unlet	Lettings Let	Lettings Unlet	Arrears due by Tenants at close of last Month	Rents accrued during the Month	Total for Collection	Collected during the Month	Arrears due by Tenants at close of this Month	Balance (if any) in hands at close of last Month	Collected during the Month	Total to be accounted for by Collector	Lodged with Treasurer during the Month
F	4/6/23	10	10	10	10	£ 4 6 0	£ 4 6 0	£ 8 9 0	£ 3 0 0	£ 1 15 0	£ 3 0 0	£ 4 10 0	£ 3 10 0	£ 1 5 0
Totals ...		...	...	...	...	£ 4 9 0	£ 4 0 0	£ 8 9 0	£ 3 0 0	£ 1 15 0	£ 3 0 0	£ 4 10 0	£ 3 10 0	£ 1 5 0

NOTE—Should any of the foregoing books or statements not be duly authenticated and submitted at the meeting the names thereof should be struck out in red ink, and the cause of the omission should be explained on the minutes.

Dated this 4 day of June 1923

*John J. McCreedy*  
Clerk.

Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act

Minutes of proceedings of Ballyshannon Town Commissioners at a special meeting held at the Town Commissioners Office Ballyshannon, acting as a Housing Authority under the abovementioned Acts, on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 1923

Number of members on the Commissioners 12  
Number of members present 5

In the Chair Mr F M McCreedy.

Other Commissioners present Mr. Gallagher, J McQuilly, J M Shea & R Neely

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

The Clerk reported the following particulars of the work of the Commissioners under the Act to date, and of progress etc since last meeting

He had notified the Ministry of Local Government and the architect of acceptance of tenders of Mr J McBride for erection of two houses at College St subject to approval of Ministry

He had consulted Mr R H Reid Solicitor in reference to preparation of petition to the Provisional Order Commission lands compulsorily at Wick Rock Street Ballyshannon for the purpose of providing houses for the working classes and submitted petition and relative documents as specified in his <sup>Statutory</sup> declaration made on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1923

Mr F McQuilly proposed

Mr M Gallagher seconded and it was

unanimously resolved that the Seal of the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners be this day affixed to the petition and schedule (now before the meeting)

to the Minister for Local Government, Saorstát Éireann, seeking an Order for the compulsory acquisition of lands for providing houses for the Working Classes

The Resolution was passed unanimously and the Seal of the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners was affixed to the petition.

It was proposed by Mr F McQuilly, seconded by Mr Michael Gallagher and

That we the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners this day authorize the presiding Chairman and Messrs R. Neely and J. M. Shea two Commissioners to sign (on behalf of the Town Commissioners of the Town of Ballyshannon) the petition and Schedule now before the meeting, to the Minister for Local Government for an order authorising the compulsory acquisition of lands at West Rock Street, Ballyshannon for providing houses for the Working Classes, and that said petition together with the accompanying declaration of our Clerk and other relative documents be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government.

The Resolution was passed and the petition and Schedule were then signed.

Application is made to the Ministry of Local Government for sanction to the loan of £705 for providing houses for Working Classes.

The Government Grant allocated to Ballyshannon Town Commissioners for housing and the rate is £1880 and the Rate raised locally is £235 at 1/- in the £ together with 8d in the £ to cover deficiency in land Rate also to pay interest <sup>on loan</sup> for first year.

J. H. McCreedy - 3.7.23.

Ballyshannon Town Commissioners

Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners acting as a Housing Authority under the above mentioned Act, at a special meeting held at the Town Commissioners Office Ballyshannon on Wednesday 20th June 1923.

Number of members on the Commissioners	12
" " present	5

The meeting was specially summoned to deal with specification, plan & tenders for erection of two houses at College St as accepted at meeting on 4th inst.

Mr F. McCreedy presided

Other members present were: J. M. Shea, Mr Gallagher, J. McQuilly and R. Neely.

Mr E. O'Malley Local Government Housing Inspector was also in attendance as well as Mr Caffrey the Commissioners Housing Architect.

The Architect reported that the local Govt Inspector who had met the Contractor today and gone into the plans etc in detail and had agreed to recommend a revision therein which resulted in ~~a reduction~~ the Contractor Mr M. Bond reducing his tender for erection of the two College St Houses to £1026.

The suggested alterations in plans etc were submitted to the Commissioners and approved.

Mr F McCready proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr F McInley and unanimously agreed to:-

Resolved:-

That we approve of the alterations in plans & specification <sup>plans</sup> for 2 Working class houses at College Street as now before us. That Contractor be notified of same and Contract and bond be executed & that the seal of the Commissioners be affixed to the <sup>agreement</sup> of Mr J Meehan contractor with the Commissioners for erection of said two houses for the sum of £1026.

J. H. McCready - 3.7.23.

### Ballyshannon Town Commissioners

Minutes of proceedings of Ballyshannon Town Commissioners at the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd July 1923

Mr J. H. McCready presides.

Other members present Messrs: R. Kelly, J. McInley, E. Mulhern & J. M. Shea.

The minutes of last meeting were read & agreed.

The Clerk reported that the Local Government Auditor was not satisfied with the state of the Rate Collection.

A letter was submitted from Mr E. Dolan Rate Collector (unsigned) enclosing a certificate from Dr Gordon Med Officer stating he (the Collector) is suffering from Ringworm and will be unable to do any work for 2 months.

The Collector's letter asked that his resignation be put before the Commissioners

also applied for payment of £10-15-0 houseage fees on collection.

Mr Mulhern proposed

Mr McInley seconded and it was unanimously resolved that the Collector be notified to have Collector get in the Rates, and that the collector be notified to close his collection.

17th June 1923

Read letter from Mr N. Ry. boy.

stating they propose to have all lands valued as Railway within Township of Ballyshannon revalued.

The Commissioners expressed dissatisfaction with the manner in which the Contractor is attending to repair of Street of East & West Post Ballyshannon and it was decided to have Co-Surveyors attention drawn to it.

The Clerk reported he had put the Commissioners views before the Co-Surveyor in this matter and he thought the best remedy was to get a better Contractor as on a previous occasion but little benefit was got from the Courts as a result of prosecution.

It was also pointed out that the cutting off of payment to Contractor is but a poor return for the Ratepayers money of the district as they have to pay their rates & the work is not done properly.

The Commissioners unanimously decided that Monday 23rd July 1923 be observed as the General Annual holiday for the town.

Ballyshannon Town Commissioners

Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act

Minutes of proceedings of the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners acting as a Housing Authority under the above mentioned acts at a meeting held at the Town Commissioners office Ballyshannon on Tuesday the 3rd day of July 1923

No of members of Commissioners 12  
 " " present 5

In the Chair Mr F N McCready  
 Other Commissioners present Messrs:- R. Nulty  
 J M Gentry E Mulhern T J M Shea.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.  
 The Clerk reported the following particulars of the Commissioners work to date and progress etc since the date of the last meeting namely 11th June 1923.

Number of new Houses (if any) provided since last meeting	nil
Total number of Houses provided by the Commissioners	10
" " " " " let	10
Average weekly rent paid by the tenants	2/-
Number of approved applicants for houses not provided for - many applicants but none accepted till a house becomes vacant	
Number of houses of the Working class type in course of construction	nil
(a) by the Commissioners	nil
(b) " private builders	nil
Number of other dwelling houses in course of construction	nil
Arrears of rent due by tenants at close of last month	£4-15-0
" " " " " previous "	5-9-0
Proposals this day in respect of repairing area of land in sites for houses provided	A R nil 0 1 20
" " in Commissioners available for further houses	0-0-11

Amount of <sup>Principal</sup> ~~Interest~~ outstanding in respect of housing loans:-  
 (a) borrowed from Commissioners of Public Works £734-13-8  
 (b) " " other sources nil

Amount of any instalment due on foot of such loans but not paid to:-  
 (a) Commissioners of Public Works £76-3-3  
 (b) other lenders nil

Orders made on the Clerks report:-

{ Architects report — —  
 Orders thereon

The Rent Collectors report was submitted showing £5-14- collected during month.

Orders made on Rent collectors report —

No H 457/55/1923  
 26th June 1923  
 Read letter from Housing Dept Ministry of Loc. Govt. stating they approve of the acceptance of tender of Mr J M Bond for erection of two houses at College St in accordance with plan "C" for the sum of £1026, and requesting to be furnished with an "all in" Estimate under the heading of Building, Land fees etc of providing the two houses with the view to obtaining sanction to the necessary loan. The loan of £405 already applied for in respect of the full scheme, but as portion of the scheme is still pending the loan to be sanctioned at present will be confined to two houses.

Minute:- Estimate is as follows

Building	1026-0-0
Land	— — —
Fees	46-3-5
Incidental Expenses	16-7
Total	1082-0-0

No H/457/52/1923  
 29th June 1923  
 Read letter from to Govt. Dept inquiring as to interests of the Messrs Crook and W R Burgess

of plot no 2 of land when acquired, also of interest of John Forde in plot no 3.

Minute :- 'Already replied to'

The notices served of J.S. Gairford Receiver of on Dickson's Estate were submitted endorsed by Mr Gairford stating he does not dissent to the taking of the lands

11<sup>th</sup> June 1923 Mr S. G. Jamison of 182<sup>nd</sup> Brunswick St Dublin wrote inquiring when arbitrator will be appointed to fix compensation for lands (Dickson Estate) proposed to be taken compulsorily.

James M. Gough Chairman  
9<sup>th</sup> Aug 1923

Donegal County

As no quorum attended on 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 1923 the meeting was adjourned till 9<sup>th</sup> Aug 1923

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

Meeting held the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1923

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced, examined, and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been received in the month of June and the Ledger entries made in respect of same as follows:-

TABLE (a).

Nature of Receipt.	Amount.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>REVENUE ACCOUNT.</b>						
<b>RATES:-</b>						
Town Rates						
Other Rates, viz:-						
Bounty in lieu of above Rates				4	13	4
<b>RENTS:-</b>						
From Corporate Estate				5	5	0
From Artizans' Dwellings						
From Town Hall and other Properties						
<b>GRANTS:-</b>						
Contribution to Sanitary Salaries						
Death Duty						
Other Grants, viz:-						
<b>FEES AND TOLLS AND CHARGES:-</b>						
Water Undertaking						
Light Undertaking						
Burial Grounds						
Markets and Fairs						
Baths and Wash-houses						
Pier and Harbour						
Car Licences and Pawnbrokers						
<b>FINES:-</b>						
Town Court						
Petty Sessions Court						
Sanitary Offences						
Library and Others						
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:-</b>						
Surplus from Sale of Dog Licences						
Contributions from other Local Authorities, viz:-						
Domestic Scavenging						
Sewer and Water Connections, Road Openings						
Other Receipts						
<i>Interest on a/c</i>				1	6	2
General Revenue Receipts				10	19	6
<b>POOR RATE ACCOUNT.</b>						
Poor Rate						
Rates for Separate Charges						
Bounty in lieu of Poor Rate						
Poor Rate Receipts						
<b>LOAN ACCOUNT.</b>						
Instalments of Loans						
Sums obtained by issue of Stock						
Loan Receipts						
Total Receipts				10	19	6

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It was unanimously decided

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was produced, examined, and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been ordered for payment at the last Finance Meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ and the Ledger entries made in respect of same.

Payments as follows were directed to be made, and the necessary Treasurer's Advice Note was accordingly signed, those made under Article 16 being identified by that number.

TABLE (b.)

Nature of Payment.	Amount.			Total		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>REVENUE ACCOUNT.</b>						
Paving and Repair of Streets, including Wages and Cartage						
Paving and Repair of Main Roads " " " viz. :-						
Scavenging and Watering of Streets, including Wages and Cartage						
Public Lighting, including Lamp-posts and Wages						
Building Improvements, or Demolition of Ruinous Buildings						
Law and Election Expenses						
Printing, Stationery and Advertising						
Rents, Rates, Taxes, and Insurance						
Fire Brigade						
Town Hall						
Public Library						
Public Park						
Technical Instruction Acts						
Irish Education Acts						
Notification of Diseases Acts						
Artizans' Dwellings, Maintenance and Repairs						
Salaries, Town Collectors' Fees, and Superannuations						
Repayment and Interest on Loans for Town Purposes						
Other Expenses, viz. :-						
Sewers, Construction, Maintenance, Repairs, including Wages						
Waterworks " " " "						
Lighting Works " " " "						
Fever Hospital						
Salaries and Superannuations under the Sanitary Act						
Repayment and Interest on Loans for Sanitary Purposes						
Other Sanitary Expenses, viz. :-Baths and Wash-houses						
Disinfecting and Ambulance						
General Payments						
<b>POOR RATE.</b>						
Money supplied to County Council on Demand						
Cost of Preparing and Collecting Rate						
Printing, Stationery and Advertising, and other Expenses connected with the Poor Rate.						
Poor Rate Payments						
<b>LOAN ACCOUNT.</b>						
Total Loan Account Payments						
Total Payments						

As no quorum attended on 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 1923 the meeting was adjourned till 9<sup>th</sup> Aug 1923

The Ledger was produced by the Clerk, posted up to the last day of the previous month, with the proper Debits and Credits.

The following Books were exhibited by the Clerk, he having first ascertained the accuracy of the entries made therein, and authenticated the same by his signature :-

1. The Register of Mortgages.
2. The Abstract of Rates Collection.
3. The Artizans' Dwellings General Rental.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of

June 1923

	Ordinary Account			Loans Account		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>SUMMARY.</b>						
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement ...	172	15	7			
Total Sums received to close of last month ...	10	19	6			
<b>Total</b> ...	<b>183</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>			
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement ...	-	-	-			
Payments ordered at last meeting ...	-	-	-			
<b>Total</b> ...	<del>183</del>	<del>15</del>	<del>1</del>			
Net Balance due by Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	183	15	1			
<b>RECONCILEMENT.</b>						
Balance per Bank Book due by Treasurer ...	183	15	1			
Outstanding Orders ...						
Net Balance as above due by Treasurer ...	183	15	1			

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It was unanimously decided

MONTHLY ABSTRACT of Artizans' Dwellings Rent Collection and of Rent Collectors' Cash Account.

District No.	Date when Collector attended to have his books checked	Number of Houses or Lettings				RENT COLLECTION.						COLLECTORS' CASH ACCOUNT.			
		Houses Let	Houses Unlet	Lettings Let	Lettings Unlet	Arrears due by Tenants at close of last Month	Rents accrued during the Month	Total for Collection	Collected during the Month	Arrears due by Tenants at close of this Month	Balance (if any) in hands at close of last Month	Collected during the Month	Total to be accounted for by Collector	Lodged with Treasurer during the Month	Balance (if any) in hands at close of this Month
1	3/7/23	10		10		£ 5 9 0	£ 5 0 0	£ 10 9 0	£ 5 14 0	£ 4 15 -	£ 1 5 0	£ 6 19 0	£ 5 0 0	£ 1 19 0	
Totals	...	...	...	...	...	£ 5 9 0	£ 5 0 0	£ 10 9 0	£ 5 14 0	£ 4 15 -	£ 1 5 0	£ 6 19 0	£ 5 0 0	£ 1 19 0	

The Rent Collection Book and the Report Book of the Rent Collector were then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature.  
On the Report Book of the Collector orders were made in individual cases as follows:—

In what District	Name of Tenant	Nature of Report	Order made by the Council thereon

NOTE—Should any of the foregoing books or statements not be duly authenticated and submitted at the meeting the names thereof should be struck out in red ink, and the cause of the omission should be explained on the minutes.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 19 23

*P. H. W. Donnell*  
Clerk.

As no quorum attended on 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 1923 the meeting was adjourned till 9<sup>th</sup> Aug 1923

Minutes of proceedings of Ballyslannon Town Commissioners at meeting held on the Town Commissioners office Ballyslannon on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1923

Mr James McQuiggle presided  
Other members present Messrs J. M. Cready, E. Mulhern, J. M. Guily, J. M. Shea & Holland R. Neely.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

To L. G. 29086 Audit Section  
2<sup>nd</sup> August 1923

Read letter from Ministry of Local Government enclosing

audited abstract of accounts for years ended 31/3/22 & 31/3/23 with Auditor's report thereon. The Auditor in his report pointed out that greater interest should be taken in the collection of the Town rate

Minute:— collector to be written to to close his collection. The Surveyor also to be written to urging them press on the collection & pointing out present state of collection

To 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 1923

Read letter from Ministry of Local Government pointing out that in future paying orders of Insurance premiums should be made out in the name of the Insurance Company.

2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 1923

Read letter from Ministry of Local Government stating the Local Elections are postponed till Nov next. — the date for Town Commissioners Elections being 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 1925

It was unanimously decided

that tenders for public lighting of the town of Ballyshannon be invited for consideration at next meeting

on the motion of Mr E Mulhern it was unanimously decided that the rate for service of the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1924 be made at meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> ~~August~~ September 1923. The necessary notices and advertisements were issued -

The clerk was instructed to notify the County Surveyor of damaged wall at West Rock Street with the view of having it repaired, as it was damaged by a military lorry a few days ago

The following payments were ordered  
 J. Myers & Co balance lighting Contract to May 1923 £50  
 The Commrs of Public Works loan instalment to May 1922 £25-7-8  
 J. McGowan Plumbing at Commrs Cottages £0-14-6

Town of Ballyshannon  
 Ballyshannon Town Commissioners  
 Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act

Minutes of proceedings of the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners acting as a Housing Authority under the above mentioned Act at a meeting held at Ballyshannon on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> August 1923

Number of Commissioners on the Body 12  
 " " Present 7

In the Chair Mr James McGough  
 Other Commissioners present Messrs J. McGinley, J. McShea, Kneely, J. McGeady, E. Mulhern, J. Holland

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed

The clerk reported the following particulars of the Commissioners' work to date and of progress etc since date of the last meeting viz the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1923

Number of new Houses (if any) provided since last meeting	nil
Total number of Houses provided by the Commissioners	10
" " " " " let	10
Average weekly rent paid by tenants	2/- per wk.
Number of approved applicants not provided for.	{ All applications left over till a house becomes vacant.
Number of working class houses in course of construction:-	
(a) by the Commissioners	2
(b) by private builders	nil
Number of other dwelling houses in course of construction	nil
Arrears of rent due by tenants at close of last month	4-16-0
" " " " " previous "	4-15-0
Proposals for payments this day in respect of unbarring	0-14-6
Area of land in sites for houses provided	14-11-0
" " in Commissioners possession available for further houses	0-1-0
Amount of principal outstanding on foot of Housing loans	{ 734-13-8
Borrowed from Commissioners of P. Works	
" " other	nil

Amount of any instalments due on foot of said loans but not paid to:-

(a) Commissioners of Public Works £76-3-3  
(b) Others nil

Mr S. J. Hickie Local Government Housing Inspector held an inquiry on 3rd inst into petition for provisional order to acquire lands at West Rock St. for providing 3 houses for working classes Messrs M. Cready, M. Shea & M. Glinby attended and the two forms were examined & gave evidence in support of the order. Mr. R. K. Raftery also attended Mr. Reid Solicitor conducted the case for the Commissioners.

~~The following orders were made on the Clerk's report~~

~~Proposed by Mr J. M. Cready~~

He (the Clerk) had written to the Provincial Bank inquiring if they are agreeable to advance loan of £270-10-0 in respect of the two houses in course of construction and they had replied they are holding said loan available for the Commissioners use subject to a charge to the bank being executed over the rates to the required figure, also to be embodied in such charge that repayment of the loan will be made by equal half yearly instalments of principal together with interest thereon at 4½ % per annum in accordance with terms made with the Ministry of Local Government.

The following orders were made on the Clerk's report

Attendance of <sup>Solicitor</sup> ~~Company~~ of Commissioners + officers at inquiry approved.

Proposed by Mr F. N. M. Cready,

seconded by Mr J. M. Glinby.

and passed unanimously:- That we apply for initial instalments of grant of £1,000,000, the initial instalments to be £120 in respect of two houses in course of construction at College Street ~~and~~ on our own plot on which the Commissioners have already erected 10 houses in 1900, and a further instalment of £60-2-7

being on account of contract for these two houses being entered into on 10th July 1923 and the work being proceeded with as collector has already collected £199-5-1 of special Housing rate.

Proposed by Mr E. Kullman

seconded by Mr R. K. Raftery and passed unanimously:- That the necessary documents be completed to obtain loan of £270-10-0 from Provincial Bank for housing purposes, which loan we request the Bank advance us.

The architect reported as follows:-

The foundations of the two houses in College Street had been laid under the supervision of Mr J. Coffey, Architect, who is unavoidably absent, but his son J. Coffey Jr B.S., B.Sc. is attending to his work temporarily. Masonry work has been erected. The damp proof course has also been laid in accordance with instructions of local Government Inspector. The walls are at present one foot above floor level. The building is being done in masonry and plastered.

Order on architect's report

"Approved."

Rent Collector's report

£4 Rents collected during July 1923

No. 457/1923

16th July 1923

Read letter from local

Government Ministry

inquiring why the sum of £76-3-3 due on foot of Housing loans has not been paid.

Minute:- "The Rates have not been yet collected but a sum of £25-7-8 is ordered for payment today & we hope to be able to pay balance next meeting"

No H. 457/56/1923

13<sup>th</sup> July 1923

Read letter from Mr D J Hickie  
Local Govt Housing Inspector  
stating he proposed holding  
inquiry into Housing Retention at Ballyshannon on 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 1923

Memo:- The clerk informed him 2<sup>nd</sup> was a fair day and convenient  
but suggested 3<sup>rd</sup> instead.

Minute:- "Approved."

No H 457/56/1923

19<sup>th</sup> July 1923

Read letter from Local Government  
Ministry stating their Inspector  
Mr D J Hickie would hold an inquiry  
into <sup>for Prov Order to acquire land,</sup> Petition, + application for loan in the matter of Housing  
loan on 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug 1923 at Ballyshannon

No H 457/60/1923

26<sup>th</sup> July 1923

In reply to inquiry if it was  
necessary to appoint a Medical  
Officer of Health to give evidence  
at Housing Inquiry the Local Government Ministry  
states they considered the evidence of the Commissioners  
or other Ratepayers would be sufficient

No H 457/61/1923

30<sup>th</sup> July 1923

In reply to inquiry if it was  
necessary to notice owners + occupiers  
of date of inquiry in addition  
to the notices already served on them of intention to acquire  
the lands the Local Govt Ministry state it is  
not necessary

No H 457/31/1923

16<sup>th</sup> July 1923

Read letter from Local Government  
Ministry regarding application  
of Ballyshannon Town  
Commissioners for sanction to loan for purpose  
of providing Working Class Houses, stating he  
has sanctioned a loan of £270-10-0 in pursuance  
of Sect 237 of the Public (Ireland) Act 1878, & the  
Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts, the  
loan to be obtained from the Provincial Bank  
of Ireland, limited and to be repaid in 15 years  
on the annuity system @ 4½% Interest  
The loan is sanctioned on the

understanding that a sum of £90-3-4 is applied out of Rates  
apart from the sum applied in respect of loan charges  
bringing the total loan contribution between Rates and  
loan to £360-13-4 on which basis a grant of £721-6-8  
will be allocated to the Council making in all a sum  
of £1,082 available for the provision of two houses on  
the College Street site. (A signed duplicate of foregoing  
letter was forwarded for transmission to the Bank)

Applications for cottages were submitted from Chas Fury and  
Fras Kelly.

Minute left over as no houses yet vacant.

Next meeting to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1923

James M. Gough to Chairman  
14<sup>th</sup> Sept 1923

Minutes of Proceedings of Ballyshannon  
Town Commissioners at meeting held on  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 1923

In the Chair Mr James M Gough  
Other members present Messrs:- J M Cready,  
J McQuinley R Reely J M Shea & J Holland  
The minutes of last meeting were read & signed

No 19614: 1923  
14<sup>th</sup> July 1923  
Read <sup>an</sup> letter from Ministry of Local  
Government inquiring for particulars  
of Rates for current year  
Minute:- "To be furnished"

No G. 30 505/1923  
27<sup>th</sup> July 1923  
Read Circular from Ministry of Local  
Government enclosing copy of an  
order under Sect 15 of the Local  
Government (Temporary Provisions) Act 1923, extending  
Minister's powers with respect to appointments made by Boards  
of Guardians to appointments made by Local Authorities  
to the Office of Town Clerk, Rate Collectors, Rent Collectors etc.

No 20878  
28<sup>th</sup> July 1923  
Read letter from Ministry of Local Govt.  
enclosing copy of order of 28<sup>th</sup> June 1923  
in pursuance of Sect 5 of the Local Govt.  
(Temporary Provisions) Act 1923, amending and modifying the  
Invermay County Scheme.

Pursuant to advertisement one tender was received for  
public lighting of Town of Ballyshannon viz John Hughes & Co  
@ £100 for same number of lights as last year. - and  
additional lights to be £2 - each

Minute:- "accepted"  
(Terms:- lighting period 15/9/23 to 30/4/24)

The Resolution of Macroom Board of Guardians and Rural  
District Council of 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 1923 calling on the Government  
to release all Political Prisoners immediately and  
unconditionally was submitted, and no action taken thereon

The Clerk submitted Estimate of Expenditure for coming year

Pursuant to publication of advertisement and notices  
Mr K Reely proposed and Mr J McQuinley seconded the following  
Resolution which was passed unanimously  
Resolved:- That a rate of one shilling in the pound ~~to~~ be this  
day assessed on all occupiers and owners of premises  
"provided that land be rated at one fourth of valuation" within  
the Township of Ballyshannon to defray the expenses  
as set forth in the foregoing estimate for the service  
of the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1924. Said Rate to be payable  
on and after 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 1923

The Estimate and Rate Book which was submitted  
was then signed by all the members present at meeting

Attention was drawn to the danger caused by  
motorists driving at a dangerous speed through  
the Town of Ballyshannon; and after some discussion  
it was unanimously decided that the speed of  
motor cars within the Town boundary should not be  
allowed to exceed 10 miles per hour as any greater speed is  
a danger to the residents and the public. The matter  
was brought under the notice of the proper authorities to have  
the necessary regulations made. The Civic Guard  
also to be ~~asked~~ <sup>asked</sup> to take measures to assist  
in stopping further driving of motors in the town

A letter date 28/6/23 was submitted from Portnoo  
Worcester Mass. U.S.A inquiring of date of Birth of  
a woman named A. M. Simon.

Memo:- no records here

Ballyshannon Town Commissioners

Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act.

Minutes of proceedings of the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners, acting as a Housing Authority under the above mentioned Act at a meeting held at the Town Commissioners office on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 1923

Number of members on the Board 12  
 " " present 6  
 In the Chair Mr. James McGoignle  
 Other Commissioners present  
 Messrs. J. McCreedy, J. McGuinley, R. Keely, J. McShea & J. Holland.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The Clerk reported the following particulars of the Commissioners work to date, & of progress etc since the date of the last meeting viz the 9<sup>th</sup> August 1923

Number of new Houses (if any) provided since date of last meeting	nil
Total number of Houses provided by the Commissioners	10
" " " " " & let	10
Average weekly rent paid by tenants	2/- per wk each
Number of approved applicants for houses not provided for	71 as notified
Number of houses of the Working class type in course of construction	
(a) by the Commissioners	2
(b) by private builders	nil
Number of other dwelling houses in course of construction	nil
Arrears of rent due by tenants at close of last month	£130
" " " " " " previous "	4-16-0
Proposals for payment this day in respect of repairs	nil
Area of land in sites for houses provided	R P 1-20
" " in Commissioners possession available for other Houses	nil

Amount of Principal outstanding on foot of Housing Loans:-  
 (a) Borrowed from Commissioners of Public Works £723-7-7  
 (b) " " other sources nil  
 Amount of any instalments due on foot of such loans but not paid to:-  
 (a) Commissioners of Public Works £50-15-7  
 (b) Other lenders nil

Architect Report:-

The two Cottages in course of erection at corner of Erne and College St. are now almost ready for the joists. There was some delay during the past fortnight when the work had to be stopped owing to the difficulty of getting bricks. This has now been overcome and work has been resumed this morning. The Contractor is carrying out the work in accordance with the plans and specification, and the workmanship and material so far employed are satisfactory.

(Signed) Geoffrey 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1923

Minute:- 'approved.'

Rent Collectors Report:-

£3-16-0 Rent Collected in August 1923 & also lodged on 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 1923

No. H. 501/2521/1923  
 5<sup>th</sup> July 1923

Read Circular from Ministry of Local Government stating that "The increase of Rent and Mortgage

Interest (Restrictions) Act 1923 came into force on 24<sup>th</sup> June 1923 and is to continue in force till 24<sup>th</sup> June 1926. Copies of the portions of the Act chiefly affecting local Authorities are enclosed

No. H. 457/56/1923  
 30<sup>th</sup> August 1923

Read letter from Mr. Denis J. Healy Inspector, Ministry of Local Government with reference

to Inquiry held by him at Ballyshannon on 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 1923 into petition of the Town Commissioners

for a Provisional Order authorizing them to acquire lands for the purposes of Part III of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890. He states that after careful consideration of the evidence tendered at the Inquiry, and of the difficulties and expenses which the Commissioners are likely to incur in obtaining possession of the site, he does not see his way to make a Provisional Order authorizing the acquisition of the lands in question.

No 4457/64/1923  
14 Sept 1923

Read letter from Local Government Ministry stating that a sum of £180 has been paid

to the Commissioners' Treasury as an instalment of the grant allocated to the Commissioners in respect of their approved Housing Scheme out of the Government Housing Grant of £1,000,000.

Applications for tenancies of cottages were received from P. Baughlin, A. Lapsley, and Thos McGarrahl.  
Minute :- left over as no house vacant

Next meeting to be held on 12 October 1923.

James McConigle Chairman  
15th Oct 1923

Ballyshannon Town Commissioners

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

Meeting held the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1923

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced, examined, and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been received in the month of August 1923 and the Ledger entries made in respect of same as follows:—  
TABLE (a).

Nature of Receipt.	Amount.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>REVENUE ACCOUNT.</b>						
RATES:—						
Town Rates						5617 5
Other Rates, viz:—						
Bounty in lieu of above Rates						
RENTS:—						
From Corporate Estate						
From Artizans' Dwellings						
From Town Hall and other Properties						
GRANTS:—						
Contribution to Sanitary Salaries						
Death Duty						
Other Grants, viz:—						
Housing Grant						1800 0
FEES AND TOLLS AND CHARGES:—						
Water Undertaking						
Light Undertaking						
Burial Grounds						
Markets and Fairs						
Baths and Wash-houses						
Pier and Harbour						
Car Licences and Pawnbrokers						
Petrol Store licence						50
FINES:—						
Town Court						
Petty Sessions Court						
Sanitary Offences						
Library and Others						
MISCELLANEOUS:—						
Surplus from Sale of Dog Licences						
Contributions from other Local Authorities, viz:—						
Domestic Scavenging						
Sewer and Water Connections, Road Openings						
Other Receipts						
General Revenue Receipts						237 2 5
<b>POOR RATE ACCOUNT.</b>						
Poor Rate						
Rates for Separate Charges						
Bounty in lieu of Poor Rate						
Poor Rate Receipts						
<b>LOAN ACCOUNT.</b>						
Instalments of Loans						
Sums obtained by issue of Stock						
Loan Receipts						
Total Receipts						237 2 5

*for a Provisional Order authorizing them to acquire*

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was produced, examined, and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been ordered for payment at the last Finance Meeting held on the 4 day of Sept 1923 and the Ledger entries made in respect of same.

Payments as follows were directed to be made, and the necessary Treasurer's Advice Note was accordingly signed, those made under Article 16 being identified by that number.

TABLE (b.)

Nature of Payment.	Amount.			Total		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
REVENUE ACCOUNT.						
Paving and Repair of Streets, including Wages and Cartage						
Paving and Repair of Main Roads " " " viz. :-						
Scavenging and Watering of Streets, including Wages and Cartage						
Public Lighting, including Lamp-posts and Wages						
Building Improvements, or Demolition of Ruinous Buildings				50	0	0
Law and Election Expenses						
Printing, Stationery and Advertising						
Rents, Rates, Taxes, and Insurance						
Fire Brigade						
Town Hall						
Public Library						
Public Park						
Technical Instruction Acts						
Irish Education Acts						
Notification of Diseases Acts						
Artizans' Dwellings, Maintenance and Repairs					14	6
Salaries, Town Collectors' Fees, and Superannuations						
Repayment and Interest on Loans for Town Purposes						
Other Expenses, viz. :-				25	7	8
Sewers, Construction, Maintenance, Repairs, including Wages						
Waterworks " " " "						
Lighting Works " " " "						
Fever Hospital						
Salaries and Superannuations under the Sanitary Act						
Repayment and Interest on Loans for Sanitary Purposes						
Other Sanitary Expenses, viz. :-Baths and Wash-houses						
Disinfecting and Ambulance						
General Payments						
POOR RATE.						
Money supplied to County Council on Demand						
Cost of Preparing and Collecting Rate						
Printing, Stationery and Advertising, and other Expenses connected with the Poor Rate.						
Poor Rate Payments						
LOAN ACCOUNT.						
Total Loan Account Payments						
Total Payments						
				76	2	2

The Ledger was produced by the Clerk, posted up to the last day of the previous month, with the proper Debits and Credits.

The following Books were exhibited by the Clerk, he having first ascertained the accuracy of the entries made therein, and authenticated the same by his signature :-

1. The Register of Mortgages.
2. The Abstract of Rates Collection.
3. The Artizans' Dwellings General Rental.

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of

*August* 1923

	Ordinary Account			Loans Account		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SUMMARY.						
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement ...	187	15	1			
Total Sums received to close of last month ...	237	2	5			
Total ...	424	17	6			
RECONCILEMENT.						
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement ...						
Payments ordered at last meeting ...	76	2	2			
Net Balance due <i>by</i> Treasurer (being difference of above Totals)	348	15	4			
RECONCILEMENT.						
Balance per Bank Book due <i>by</i> Treasurer ...	344	3	0			
Outstanding Orders ...	25	7	8			
Net Balance as above due <i>by</i> Treasurer ...	348	15	4			

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**MONTHLY ABSTRACT of Artizans' Dwellings Rent Collection and of Rent Collectors' Cash Account.**

District No.	Date when Collector attended to have his books checked	Number of Houses or Lettings		RENT COLLECTION.				COLLECTORS' CASH ACCOUNT.					
		Houses	Lettings	Arrears due by Tenants at close of last Month	Rents accrued during the Month	Total for Collection	Collected during the Month	Arrears due by Tenants at close of this Month	Balance (if any) in hands at close of last Month	Collected during the Month	Total to be accounted for by Collector	Lodged with Treasurer during the Month	Balance (if any) in hands at close of this Month
		Let	Unlet	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	4/9/23	10		4 6 0	3 13 0	0 9 0	3 7 0	4 13 0	1 9 0	3 16 0	5 18 0		5 50
Totals ...													

The Rent Collection Book and the Report Book of the Rent Collector were then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature.  
On the Report Book of the Collector orders were made in individual cases as follows:—

In what District  
Name of Tenant  
Nature of Report  
Order made by the Council thereon

NOTE—Should any of the foregoing books, or statements not be duly authenticated and submitted at the meeting the names thereof should be struck out in red ink, and the cause of the omission should be explained on the minutes.

Dated this 14th day of July 1923

£ 3-16-0 lodged on 4/9/1923

*[Signature]*  
Clerk.

Total Payments

