

CARRICKFERGUS TOWN RECORDS

Short Calendar for Researchers

A Note to the Reader

The following is a descriptive listing of the contents of the volumes held by Carrickfergus Museum pertaining to the town's records from the eighteenth century on. It is anticipated that it be used as a starting point for researchers wishing to investigate the town's municipal past; however, it is not suitable as a wholesale replacement for consulting the documents themselves.

It is not entirely clear what happened to the earlier material; clearly it existed in some form as Richard (Dean) Dobbs made a copy in 1785, but by 1786 the committee set up for the purpose of compiling an updated catalogue complained they had to rely on the catalogue of 1738, as a number of original documents were 'lost or mislaid'. (TR/03). However, there does not seem to be much overlap between the reported missing documents (leases etc) and the contents of Dean Dobbs' *Records of Carrickfergus, as copied from the old books of records* which is altogether more colourful and can be consulted in typescript at Carrickfergus Library.

The concern for the town's records seen in the 1780s marks a gradual shift towards a professional approach to those same records and indeed to the work of administering the borough as a whole. This trend accelerates throughout the nineteenth century and is demonstrated within the records by references to staff salaries, finances, uniforms, the regularisation of meeting times and locations, and increased concern with the security of items relating to the town's administration, including valuable objects such as the mace and sword. Alongside this runs details of Carrickfergus's modernisation during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries; the records tell of the provision of a clean water supply, gas, electric, street lamps, the coming of the railway and the telephone.

In addition, they bear witness to the borough's responses to local, national and international events: war, revolution, pestilence, George III's so-called madness, royal deaths and accessions, and the Irish potato famine, to name a few. The responses vary wildly in lengths and intensity—disproportionately so to contemporary eyes. For example, there's several pages worth of material relating to George III's first bout of illness and subsequent recovery, but only a couple of lines on the impact of the famine. Other events are notable by their very absence; there seems to be very little directly related to the rebellion of 1798, for instance.

This short calendar aims to give researchers a flavour of what is contained within the records as a whole. The entries are defined by the TR reference number held by each volume; additional reference information contains dates, shelf marks and titles, all of which are intended to enable swift sourcing of the material. Short and long descriptions were added where appropriate. In many cases, the long description contains excerpts from the volume in question, whilst the short description generally contains a physical description of each volume and brief summary of its contents.

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Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/01	UDC No.6	1833 ?	H.4	Miscellaneous
Short Description/Notes:				
The front end papers indicate a date of 1877 but this appears to be contradicted internally by a consistent start/transcription date of 1833. Approx folio sized with marbled sepia covers.				
Long Description & Abstract				
Copies of town charters from 1564, 1615				
'Some By Laws of the Town of Carrickfergus', 1564/1654				
'Catalogue of Documents found in the Town Chest of and belonging to the Corporation of Carrickfergus', 1833.				
'Grants made by the Mayor, Sherriffs, Burgesses and Commonality in Fee [sic?] Farm', 1670 1684.				
'Grants in fee Farm [sic] by the Mayor, Sherriffs, Burgesses and Commonality of Carrickfergus in the Catalogue of 1786, as being then missing the particulars of which appear to have been taken from the Catalogue of 17378 in which they are returned and in which the premises itemised are described as if from the grants'				
'Leases for years made by the Mayor, Sherriffs, Burgesses and Commonality of Carrickfergus', 1771 1820.				
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'Grants made by the Mayor, Sherriffs, Burgesses, and Commonality of Carrickfergus of Lands and Tenements and Corporation duties and offices, the terms of which have expired, amongst which there appear many leases of the same premises in consequence of new leases of parts of the original holdings having been granted to purchasers on subdivisions, and of new leases taken out on change of tenants', 1669 1723.				
Several pages entitled 'The following leases for expirable terms are returned in the Catalogue of 1786 as then missing and are not in the [town]chest'.				
'Documents not appearing to be grants or leases from the Corporation returned in catalogue of 1786 in the list of expired leases, not now found in the chest'. [ie, possibly private exchanges of deeds relating to parcels of land]				
Pages of 'Extracts of the Different Grants and Leases made by the Corporation of their Lands'. Names include: Nicholas Wills, Ezekiel Davys, James Savage, Richard Horsman, Thomas Wadman, George Walsh, William Dobbin, Richard Taciffe [sp?], Thomas Whetter [sp], John Roye, Hercules Ellis, Francis Clements, Richard Tennison, Cornelius Bashford, Cornelius Crymble, Francis Ellis, Phelimy Roc[sp] Magee, Thomas Thralcol, Sir Robert Colvill, Richard Kane, Michael Savage, Samuel Davys, Moses Hill, Anthony Dobbin, William Liddel, Edmond Davys, Dudley [Yerworth/Flareworth?], James Dobbin, John Davys, Henry Clements, Patrick Savage, John Savage, John Willoughby, Charles Howard, John Brown, Richard Conlan, Henry Gill, Catherine Scully, James Savage, Thomas Dobbin, Humphrey Johnston, Henry Davys, John Tadnall, Gibey [sp] Magee, Thomas and Anne Hibbotts, Richard Pendleton, William Hilditch, Nicholas Dobbin, Richard Witter, John Dalway, Richard O'Kane, Thomas Witter, Carew Hark [sp], William Iles & John McGaskey, Garret Fitzsimmons, Thomas Gravett, Samuel Welby, John Lyndon, Robert Welsh, Thomas Calvert, William Dawson, Gildony [sp] Kelly & Elizabeth Pierce (widow), Richard Newton, Christopher Carleil, William Fitzanthony Dobbin, Mathew Johnston, Sir Hercules Langford, George Walsh, Martha Glass, William Dobbin, John McFarne [sp], Hugh Fagen, John Davies, Clement Forde, Thomas Lougge [sp], Thomas Cooper, Robert Williams, Thomas McManus, John Clark, James Byrr, John Chaplain, Sir Fulke Conway, Sir Arthur Chichester, Robert Lyndon, Dermott Haynes, James Russell, Michael Newby, James Blackwood, Arthur McKearney, John Orpin, Robert Walsh, Solomon Faish [or Faith], Robert Gardiner, Alexander Gunning, James Cobham, Alexander Kirk, Abraham Woods, Thomas Powell. [NB: NOTE SEVERAL OF THESE NAMES MAY APPEAR MORE THAN ONCE]				
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Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/02	UDC No. 7	1786	H.4	Catalogue of Deeds and Leases in the Town Chest undertaken by order of an assembly held in October 1786
Short Description/Notes:				
Collection of documents from 1770s, loose and bound.				
Long Description/Notes/Abstract				
<p>1. Contains a list of subscribers, Jan. 1798</p> <p>2. Leases Granted in the Year 1770</p> <p>3. Catalogue of Deeds and Leases in the Town Chest '..undertaken by order of an assembly held in October 1786 when Her[cules] Ellis, and Marriott Dalway, Alder[man] Th[omas] Legg, Rev'd Snowden [Cupples?], & Rev'd Richard Dobbs, Burgesses, were appointed a Committee for that Purpose But after much labour, on the part of the Committee, they were prevented (by the Mayor refusing them access to the Town Chest on some frivolous pretence) from concluding the business at that time. — But Rev'd Richard Dobbs having made sundry rough drafts during the proceedings of the said Committee had from the same made out this fair copy, following in which he believed all the Deeds are noticed (except two or three) one of which he thinks is that of the Custom House —Signed, Richard Dobbs.'</p> <p>NB: 1 & 2 missing 'see these numbers among the lost or missing deeds'. See TR/01 for details of individuals named.</p>				

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/03	UDC No. 8	1833	H.4	Catalogue of 1833
Short Description/Notes:				
Internally described as "Records of Carrickfergus, 1834". Bound volume				
Long Description/Notes/Abstract				
Contains:				
(Incomplete) Contents, listing:				
Charter of the 11th (year of) Elizabeth 1569				
Charter of the 44th (year of) Elizabeth 1602				
Charter of the 7th (year of) James I 7 July (1612) Latin				
Charter of the 7th (year of) James I 11 July (1612)				
Charter of the 10th (year of) James I 14 Dec 1615 Latin (plus English translation of above)				
Charter of the 20th (year of) James I ND				
Observations on the Catalogue of Grants				
Catalogue of Documents in Town Chest				
Description of contents of the different parcels in Town Chest				
Catalogue of Expired Leases, Miscellaneous Documents				
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Expansion of the above:				
'Some By Laws for the Town of Carrickfergus' (1569/1659).				
'Grants made by the Mayor, Sherriffs, Burgesses (etc) of Carrickfergus of Lands and tenements, and of Corporation duties and offices, the terms of which have expired, amongst which there appear many leases of the same premises in consequence of new leases of parts of the original holdings having been granted to Purchasers on subdivisions &c of new leases taken out on change of tenants'. (1669c.1721)				
A note regarding missing leases from the 1786 catalogue (original numbers from 1738 & 1786 catalogues:				
1. Edmond Davys, 99 years from 1659, rent reserved of £0 5s 0d plus a note indicating that this lease document was in Chest no. 53 as of 1833.				
2. Edmond Davys, 99 years from 1652, rent reserved of £2 6s 8d; in Chest No. 62 as of 1833.				
3. Robert Colvin, 99 years from 1683, rent reserved of £0 10s 0d. Date: 17 Oct 1833.				
'The following leases for expirable terms are returned in the Catalogue of 1786 as having been then in the town chest and marked expired, but they have not now been found in the Chest.				
5. Roger Lyndon, 99 years from 1636, rent reserved, £10 5s 0d				
28. John Dlaway, 99 years from 1590, rent reserved, £0 4s 0d.' Date: 17 Oct 1833.				
'Documents (not appearing to be grants or leases from the Corporation) returned in the Catalogue of 1786 in the list of expired leases, not now found in the chest. (Numbers relate to 1786 catalogue)				
20. Conveyance from John Long to Thomas Growett				
21. Lease from Charles Wills to John Davys of Moyle Castle for 41 days from 1618.				
24. Deed from Edward Morgan to William Lyddle of a plot of ground on the west side of High Street for 31 years from 1610 (to be found in Parcel G No. 6).				
25. Deed from John Davys to John Bulworthy of a plot of land North side of the West Street for 61 years from 1640.				
26. Hercules Langford, deed of sale or Mortgage.				
27. Deed from Johnston to Richard (Russell?) of a house in Essex Street from 1659 for 72 years. Date: 17 Oct. 1833				

Copious extracts from leases and deeds listed in the 1786 catalogue.

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'Extracts of Leases for Terms of Years'. Shows catalogue numbers of each item as per the 'Commissioner's Catalogue' and that of 1786 ('Dean Dobbs' Catalogue').

Alphabetical list of leasees together with their item/catalogue reference numbers as of 1786.

Orphaned note to back relating to a land transfer involving Edward Dawson, James/Jason Kidd, Anthony Carrey, on 3 Jul 1787. In 1832 lands—it is unclear if it is the same land—'assigned' by (James?) Carrey to Robert Simpson. They then appear to have been sold to/by G(eorge?) Blackwood who 'got into difficulties'. Lands transferred again; details to whereabouts.

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/04	UDC No. 10	1765	H.4	1765-1821; Minutes of Council Meetings
Short Description/Notes:				
N/A				
<p>27 Sept 1765, held at the house of Mrs Wickinson, innkeeper, for the purpose of electing six burgesses.</p> <p>28 Sept 1765 at Mrs Wickinson's, for electing four aldermen.</p> <p>1 Oct 1765, at 'the Tholsel or Court-House' for the resignation of John Ludford as Recorder for the Corporation.</p> <p>9 Oct 1765, at the Court-House, for electing a new Recorder— George Hamilton.</p> <p>20 Mar 1766 Note regarding George Hamilton's swearing-in as Recorder.</p> <p>9 Oct 1765 (or 1769), Ezekiel Davis Wilson authorised to collect rents and examine leases held by the Corporation.</p> <p>3 Nov 1766, at the Tholsel, Henry Ellis sworn in as deputy mayor.</p> <p>4 May 1767 'at the Mayor's room' to allow Ezekiel Davis Wilson to present the accounts (as per 9 Oct 1765?).</p> <p>6 Aug 1767 'at the house late the Rev. David Fullerton' to 'take into consideration the state of the revenues of the Corporation'. As a result of their deliberations they decided it would be 'highly inconvenient and improper' for the mayor or deputy mayor to receive or continue to receive Corporation rents. Consequently, Hercules Ellis was appointed as the Corporation's salaried treasurer. Also: 'Resolved, that the salary be allowed the Miss Kings for the judges lodgings (sic) from the first of May last be a yearly sum of ten pounds in token of the regard this assembly entertains for them'.</p> <p>19 Sept 1768 Richard Barry resigned as an alderman.</p> <p>27 Sept 1768 Hercules Ellis appointed in Richard Barry's place.</p> <p>27 Sept 1768 'Be it remembered that Lord Donegall (mayor) has this day given £25 to Mr James Craig to be by him expended in finishing the market house'. Money also granted for 'such improvements and repairs' that would be 'commodious to the shipping'.</p> <p>30 Nov 1769 in the Market House. Money allocated for town improvements, including street paving. Money also to be distributed 'as premiums to encourage a market'.</p> <p>5 July 1770 Stewart Banks elected as an alderman.</p> <p>19 July 1770 in the Market House. Resignations of Thomas Ludford and Ezekiel Wilson ratified. (NB: Ezekiel Davys Wilson is now mayor)</p> <p>13 (Aug?) 1770 'At the Tholsel or Court House'. Burgesses election.</p> <p>10 Sept 1770, Market House. Money granted for premises to be used by the 'dissenting minister'.</p> <p>11 April 1771 Market House. Discussion of an address to the government opposing the quartering of Light Dragoons—rather than foot soldiers—on Corporation land.</p> <p>3 June 1771 Market Houses 'persuivant to a publick notice posted on the Tholsel'. Leases and deeds granted.</p> <p>23 Sept 1771. Financial affairs.</p> <p>7 Sept 1772. Approval granted by Lord Lieutenant for Daniel Kirk's appointment as Town Clerk. 'Given at the Council Chambers in Dublin on 29 day of July 1772'.</p>				

4 May 1773. Market House. Accounts. Town improvements—more paving. A John Tennant ordered to go to the market and inspect the quality of the linen yarn, 'which if he does faithfully (he) is to have one guinea'.

21 (May) 1773. Thursday. Market House. Accounts and salaries.

30 (May) 1773 Saturday. Market House. Arrears. 'Ordered that the sum of ten pounds lately paid to Mr Daniel Kirk (town clerk) be in full for his trouble in attending the House of Commons in the late application to remove the Assizes to Antrim'.

12 April 1775 Market House. Burgess election.

10 April 1775 Meeting convened to 'open the Town Chest on business of importance relative to the town...'

6 Sept 1775 Market House. Treasurer's accounts.

1 July 1776 'the day appointed by Chater for choosing a mayor and sherriffs'. Edward Brice Dobbs elected as mayor 'commencing at M'mas'.

3 August 1776 Market House.

19 Aug 1776 Market House.

25 April 1777. Edward Brice Dobbs now mayor. Amongst others, 'Ordered that the judgement entered in the King's Courts Dublin against Alexander Gunning ... be reversed and the costs thereof paid by this Corporation'.

7 July 1777 Market House. Meeting called in response to a petition to settle encroachments 'being made on the commons in the liberties of and contrary to the interest of the Charter'

27 Sept 1777 Market House. For the purchase of the lease of Captain Ellis's house. Also: 'At said assembly it is ordered the sum of £1.2.9 be (expended) by the Treasurer to Mary Carmichael Da(ur?) of the late towns sergeant Daniel Carmichael dec'd in lieu of her father's cloak'. In addition 15 guineas paid to Councillor Dobbs for his 'spirited supporting the presentation made at last assizes for building the goal (gaol?) and court house on the house where Captain Ellis now lives for the County of Antrim...'

8 Dec 1777 George Hamilton resigned as Recorder.

17 Jan 1778 'Tholsel or Court House' for the election of a new Recorder.

30 May 1778 Market House. Ordered that the mayor purchase the house of Mr Mc(unclear), formerly belonging to Rev. Philip Gayer.

14 July 1778 Market House. Election of aldermen.

20 Oct 1778 Market House. 'Ordered ... That after the foundations of the Court House and Gaol are laid out a proper place be laid out for Mr Drew to build an office ..'

19 Aug 1779 Market House. Accounts, deeds, leases.

22 Aug 1779. Leases involving Dean Dobbs, Ezekiel Davys Wilson and Daniel Kirk.

4 Nov 1779. Letter addressed to 'Conway, Richard Dobbs, and Barry Yelverton, esq, representatives in Parliament for the county of the town of Carrickfergus'. It expressed a desire to record for posterity 'in our annals and as such publicly declare to you the sentiments of free minds loaded with unmerited and unremitting oppression'. Complaint against economic restrictions placed on Ireland. Expresses the belief that the King would abolish them as 'repugnant to justice' but 'we fear he cannot effect these wise purposes without the consent of the British Parliament, a Body to whose power we are no strangers but with whose justice we are totally unacquainted and we likewise fear that the consent of the British Parliament depends upon the humour of the British Minister, a character yet unknown to the confidence or qualities of this country'.

Undated response from Conway et al to above: 'We are deeply sensible of the impoverished state to which this kingdom is reduced by restraints imposed on its commerce with as little regard to the constitution of Ireland as to the general interest of the empire'.

1 July 1780 Market House. £60 paid to Thomas Legg to purchase 25 (stands?) of arms for the use of the Volunteers and Inhabitants to be left in the Market House to be always ready upon any Emergency...'

21 Dec 1779 Market House. 120 guineas to be raised from town revenues and paid to Mariott Dalway 'to purchase arms for the Volunteer Company belonging to this ancient and loyal Corporation amounting to sixty stands of arms and for which Mr Dalway must be accountable'.

9 Sept 1780 Meeting called at the Market House for 20 Sept, but note attached to the summons of 9/9 states 'same day adjourned to the Tholsel usually called the Town Hall'. New treasurer (Alexander Gunning) elected.

11 Dec 1780 Court House. Selection/election of burgesses and Sherriffs. William Kirk now mayor.

15 Feb 1781 Court House. '..to consult how we are to conduct ourselves in regard to the shire hall and the goals (sic) thereunto belonging'. Also: 'Ordered that no school shall be kept in the Court House from this day forth'.

16 June 1781 Court House or Tholsel. Accounts.

9 Sept 1781 Court House or Tholsel. 'To enquire if any and what rent is paid from the houses at the back of the church yard'.

29 Nov 1781 Court House. Elect burgesses.

30 Nov 1781 Court House. Elect aldermen.

1 Aug 1785 regarding 'a riding of the franchise of the county of the town of Carrickfergus' and taxes payable.

6 Oct 1786 'To open the Town Chest'. 'Resolved that the Town Chest containing the deeds and other papers relative to the Corp'n shall for greater security be removed from the Market House and henceforth kept in the house of the Mayor for the time being. And that the following persons be appointed a Committee to examine the said deeds and papers and put them into regular order; viz., the Rev'd Dean Dobbs, Capt'n Ellis, Marriott Dalway, Thomas Legg and Snowdon (C.....)'.

29 Sept 1786 Retrospective note that William Kirk was sworn in as mayor with Robert Clements and Thomas Legg as burgesses.

9 Oct 1786 Daniel Kirk sworn in as town clerk 'in the place of Daniel Kirk dec'd'.

Note this section also exists in TR/06

19 June 1787 Market House. Leases and deeds, Repair the Market House. '...to take the state of the quay into consideration'. 'Ordered that the sword and mace shall be sent to Dublin and repaired at the expense of the Corporation'.

24 Sept 1787 (originally for 8 Sept) Market House. Notice expressed concern for the state of the Market House so resolution passed that 'Elinor Hay ... shall keep the Market House and furniture clean and keep the key of the same and that she shall be paid five pounds annually for the faithful discharge of that duty...'. Election of burgesses.

29 Sept 1787 Ezekiel Davys Wilson sworn in as mayor; Robert Clements and Thomas Legg as Sherriffs.

29 Sept 1788 Sir William Kirk sworn in as mayor,

11 April 1789 'The Mayor requests a full meeting ... At the Court House on Monday the 13th ... For the purpose of addressing his Majesty (sic) with Congratulations on his late happy recovery'.

1 July 1788 'I do hereby resign my aldermanship of the corporation of Carrickfergus in Ireland provided the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of said Corporation do choose to succeed me and on no other condition, Edward Kingsmith of Belfast. Given under my hand at Waxlow Farm in the county of Middlesex, Edw(ard) Brice'.

13 April 1789 Letters addressed to George III and Queen Charlotte, congratulating them on the King's recovery from his first bout of 'madness'. Also a loose paper addressed to the Marquess of Buckingham, Lord Lieut. General and General Governor of Ireland regarding those letters and a comment that 'We cannot omit this opportunity of expressing the high sense we entertain of those principles of public economy, correction of abuses, and attention to the general interest and prosperity of this kingdom, which have so honourably distinguished you Excellency's administration'.

24 Sept 1789 Court House. Election for burgesses and aldermen. Edward Kingsmith elected as per Brice's request. Lord Chichester and James Leslie of Leslie Hill proposed and seconded as burgesses. Payment made to a Hugh McCollough of Belfast for silver work, the lease to the dissenting minister renewed.

29 Sept 1789 Ezekiel Davys Wilson sworn in as mayor.

17 Nov 1789 Retrospective collective note relating to administrative meetings in September.

18 Sept 1792 Town Hall. Elections for burgesses and aldermen.

Jan 1798 Town Hall. Resolved to present a letter addressed to John, Earl of Westmoreland, Lord Lieut. General and General Governor of Ireland protesting against govt intentions to convert the castle into barracks on the grounds that the resulting alterations would 'deface its ancient and respectable appearance'. They suggest that troops might instead be quartered in the town itself at 'reasonable rates' which would avoid 'altering and thereby destroying the castle'.

22 Jan 1793 Town Hall. Full meeting prepare an address of loyalty to George III which is transmitted to Lord Westmoreland (for the King) by Ezekiel Davys Wilson and Alexander Hamilton (both MPs). Copies of letters from Wilson and Hamilton follow.

23 Sept 1793 Tholsel or Court House. Election called for two coroners and general assembly.

5 Aug 1793 Resolutions include:

'... that the Land called the Trooper's Land (sic) be set up in future to auction...'

'... that Francis Shaw, Henry Ellis ... and the Rev'd Dean Dobbs be a Committee to make new windows for the Market House, and the Corporation will make good the Charge'.

See p. 103 for accounts, May 1796, signed off on 27 March 1797.

27 Mar 1797 'Resolved that the Sheriffs and Sword bearer be provided with new Clothes and that the Treasurer do pay for the same'.

Meeting called for 16 April 1798. Note attached that reads 'No business done for want of a sufficient number of Members'. A further meeting was called for 22 October 1798, and again no business was done due to insufficient attendance. No further meetings are recorded as being called or held until 26 September 1799.

26 September 'Resolved that a further sum of £10 be granted for raising the wall 18 inches including a Coping the full breadth of the Wall and with ... Stone.'

16 Dec 1799 Business revolves around improvements to the Quay.

14 Sept 1802 Burgess elections,. List of names, p 115-117.

17 June 1809

Election held 'for an Alderman' 'in the room of the Rev'd William Bristow deceased' when Rev'd Rich. Dobbs was duly elected...'

Election contested by Mr May on the grounds that 'there was not the necessary time or notice given (for the election) ... Secondly that Mr Wilson had no right to vote in the two distinct capacities of Mayor and Alderman. Thirdly, that the Town Clerk or his Deputy were neither of them called on or employed to enter the s(tandard?) notice in the Corporation Books or to post them.' Names attached: (Lord) Donegall, Edward May, Alexander Gunning and William (Kirk?)

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/05	UDC No. 11?	17711832	H.4	Minute Book of Assembly Meetings
Short Description/Notes:				
<p>Considerable overlap with TR/04. Perhaps used as a draft book for formal letters, and also seems to be something of an attendance roll, with attendees to meetings signing their names. Longer minutes often relate to leases and later, planned improvements to the quay and harbour.</p>				
Long Description/Notes/Abstract				
<p>14 May 1772 Declaration in opposition to General/Major Gisborne of the Light Dragoons trying to appropriate the 'lands called Knockagh' for his use/that of the Dragoons as had previously been the case when troops were in barracks. Carrickfergus Corporation protests, arguing that the lands in question are theirs by charter—and were already in use. Resolve to have a copy of the charter sent to the House of Commons.</p> <p>(NB: is this 'the Knocker' referred to in the British Magazine's map of Carrickfergus in May 1760? See Ruairi O Baioll, *Carrickfergus: the story of the Castle and the Walled Town,* p. 80)</p> <p>(NB 2: See reverse of volume for entry dated 11 April 1771. Assembly resolve to write to the govt re quartering of two troops of Light Dragoons in Carrick who would 'take possession of the lands called ... the Knockagh'. Assembly states that they would prefer to quarter foot soldiers and that the (former?) Dragoon barracks 'are in no condition to quarter the troops' and asserts that the Knoackagh was Corporation lands which 'many years ago were allowed to be occupied by the Dragoons' but the land was now tenanted, as per above.</p> <p>(NB 3: as of 28 May 1787 the Knockagh is described as an area comprising 'houses and land', the latter 'containing by estimation about three acres together with grazing for four cows'.)</p> <p>21 April 1774 'Ordered that the sum of ten pounds lately paid to Mr Daniel Kirk, Town Clerk, be in full for his trouble in attending the House of Commons on the late application to remove the Assizes to Antrim'.</p> <p>27 Sept 1785: '.. it was resolved that the Town Chest containing the Deeds and other papers relative to the Corporation, shall, for greater security, be removed from the Market House, and henceforth kept in the House of the Mayor for the time being'.</p> <p>24 Sept 1787: 'Resolved that for the future, no grant made of Lands or Tenements by this Corporation, or disposing of any money, shall be good & binding, unless made at some assembly of which fourteen days previous notice shall be given of the time & place, & of the purpose for which such assembly shall be holden; & unless thirteen members of the Assembly shall be present, one of whom shall be the Mayor for the time being; and unless Public notice shall be given of the holding of such assembly three times in the Belfast Newsletter'.</p> <p>24 Sept 1789 (? date unclear) Section of page highlighted by doodling. It says: 'We the undernamed burgesses protested against the proceedings of the mayor in electing this day of of the three above named Gentlemen a Burgess of this Corporation without sufficient notice of a vacancy having happened, being contrary to Law and to the usage of this Corporation. (signed) Richard Dobbs, Dean, Thomas Legg, Sheriff, Richard Dobbs, William Craig and (a fourth signatory, nearly illegible)'.</p> <p>18 Sept 1792: top of p. 61 missing, probably cut out and possibly contemporary as the '61' is written in the same hand as the following minutes.</p> <p>Jan 1793, p. 64 (scribe seems to have omitted date) 'At a meeting of the Aldermen, Burgesses, Freemen and Freeholders of the County of the town of Carrickfergus held in the Town Hall ... in order to consider of the speediest and most effectual means of preventing His Majesty's antient Castle being demolished and converted into a Barrack; it was resolved that the following Memorial (letter/memorandum) be transmitted to our Representatives, to be by them laid before His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant'.</p>				

22 Jan 1793: letter addressed to George III, declaring the Corporation's 'disapprobation of every tenet or measure which has the remotest tendency to promote disloyalty or dissatisfaction in the minds of our fellow subjects'. Goes on to comment that they 'are happy that {the House of Commons} have instituted an inquiry into the state of Representation in this Country, from which investigation we hope that Your Majesty's subjects at large will receive a peaceable and permanent reform. May Your Majesty long reign over a grateful and loyal People, duly sensible of the inestimable advantages of your mild and auspicious Government'.

12 Sept 1797 Resolution passed that 'Mr William Richey of Belfast, Ship and Dock builder do view the Quay and Harbour ... and prepare and furnish a plan of such improvement as may be necessary ... together with an estimate of the expense that will attend the said improvement'.

10 Oct 1797 Plan submitted by Richey accepted.

27 Sept 1802: pp 9597 Lists of freemen proposed as burgesses.

28 Sept 1807 Decision to install lamps 'on the Point of the Quay'.

2 Aug (p. 111): Resolved to build a meeting house for the Methodists and land granted 'for that purpose only'.

(Date Unclear) p. 142

Resolved that 'in future all grants or leases made hereafter by the Corporation, there shall be annexed thereto a map or plan (plain?) description of the premises so granted'.

27 Mar 1824: Business included:

'To take into consideration the memorial of the Inhabitants of this Town for assistance to procure a Supply of Spring Water to the town by such means as may be found necessary...

'To consider a proposal to procure a plot of ground sufficient to erect a Schoolhouse for the School endowed under the Will of the late Ezekiel Davys Wilson, Alderman'.

12 Aug 1831 Notice given that Chichester intends holding a 'court in the Court House ... for the purpose of admitting such of the persons as have lodged [petitions?] to be admitted to the freedom of (Carrickfergus) and who shall appear to be entitled thereto'.

Back of TR/05 contains entries from 1760-1770.

4 Aug 1767 Resolved that it was 'improper that the Mayor or deputy Mayor should receive the rents of the Corporation ... he is the person to convene and preside at assembly's for settling the accounts of such receipts and therefore it becomes necessary to appoint a Treasurer with a salary for receiving and disbursing the rents of said Corporation'. Hercules Ellis appointed.

23 Aug 1768 Treasurer to 'prepare two more parts to be made of the Rent Roll prepared in the year 1730 and now delivered to him'.

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/06	UDC No. 12	MaySept 1789	H.4	Minute Book of Assembly Meetings
Short Description/Notes:				
Slim volume of original minutes from 20 May 1787 29 Sept 1787. These were copied into TR/04. Written in several different hands and signed by meeting attendees; eg, Alex Gunning, Robert Clements, William Kirk, Thomas Legg, Thomas Kirk etc.				

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/07	UDC No. 13	Mar 1832 Oct 1841	H.4	Minute Book of Assembly Meetings
Short Description/Notes:				
<p>Collection of minutes and other minutiae relating to Council business, including: the council's response to the 1832 Reform Bill and proposed disenfranchisement of Carrickfergus, largely because of accusations of bribery and corruption being rife through the borough. building a Market Place building a school house near the Methodist Meeting House/and in Trooperslane regulating the market New clean water supply</p> <p>NB: At this point page numbers start to be used, thus references below.</p>				
<p>p. 8 'Be it remembered that on this first day of October 1833 Messrs Hudson and Sauss (sp) two of the Commissioners appointed by Royal Authority to inquire into the state of Municipal Corporations in Ireland opened their inquiry and continued their investigation for a considerable time, concluding on the 6 January 1834...'</p> <p>p. 10 Improper conduct of the Harbour Master; see also p. 15</p> <p>p. 12 re payment to Lord Belfast for opposing Carrickfergus Disfranchisement Bill; also petitions relating to the same. See also pp 1516.</p> <p>p.13 re petition for building a parochial school house</p> <p>p, 18 Council allocates up to £430 to fight proposed disenfranchisement</p> <p>p. 21 'The Corporation are anxious to build a new Market House and to defend the Corporation from Disenfranchisement under the Bill now before Parliament or any other Bill'. Also: pp 21, 22, 24</p> <p>pp 4345 Schedule of 'Rents, Tolls, Fees and Duties payable and to be paid by all persons resorting to the market in Carrickfergus and for and on goods and merchandise to be weighed at the crane'.</p> <p>pp 4550 'Rules Regulations and By Laws for the regulation and good Government of said Market, to be observed by all Persons resorting to the Same or in any way connected therewith, and to the observance and fulfilment of which all such persons are subject and liable'.</p> <p>p. 57 'Be it remembered (that) I Peter Kirk, Mayor, opened a court in the Tholsel or Town Hall in Carrickfergus for the election of Clerk of the Tholsel or Town Clerk of the Corporation and Town of Carrickfergus... '</p> <p>p. 76 28 Jan 1840 Resolved that the council 'do highly approve of a grant being made for the purpose of supplying the town with pure water'. See also p. 79; £300 allocated.</p> <p>p. 80 3 Mar 1841 Note that the roof of the Town Hall was in a bad state 'and it being thought prudent to convert the Town Hall into a fit room for the purpose of holding quarter sessions and other public Town meetings' steps would be taken to repair.</p> <p>pp 89 106 3 Mar 1841: Reports</p> <p>p. 90 Reference to Peter Kirk: ' successfully resisted the Bill for Disfranchisement'.</p> <p>p. 97 'That it being found most desirable and convenient to make a new entrance into the Town from Belfast road commencing at Mr Barnett's house in the Irish Quarter and the Grand Jury of the county of the town having offered to subscribe two thirds of the expense if the Corporation would subscribe the remaining...'</p> <p>pp 106108 'Schedule No. 1 ... being the Rental of Corporation of Carrickfergus furnished by the Treasurer'.</p> <p>pp 109110 'Schedule No. 2 ... debts and sums of money owed to the Corporation'</p> <p>p. 110 'Schedule No. 3 ... debts and sums of money owing by the Corporation'</p> <p>pp 111 113 'Schedule No. 4' Two parts. Part 1: sums to be paid to the Corporation; Part 2: salaries.</p>				

pp 125147 Material relating to catalogues of records in Town Chest.

NB: 'On the 1st October 1833 Wm E Hudson and Nathaniel R. Sause(sp) ... two of the Commissioners appointed by Royal Commission to inquire into the state of the Municipal Corporations in Ireland opened and proceeded in their Commission in the Corporation of Carrickfergus and after examining witnesses the Town Chest of said Corporation was opened in their presence and in court on Saturday 25 Oct...'

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/08	UDC No. 6?		H.4	Records of Carrickfergus
Short Description/Notes:				
<p>Contains various info relating to people and lands from 1600s on. Historical accounts rather than minutes of meetings.</p> <p>Also contains letter to Col Jennings re defence of Carrickfergus in 1760. Transcription dates Unknown.</p>				

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/09	UDC No. 14a	Sept 1862 Dec 1914	H.4	Carrickfergus Harbour Committee
Short Description/Notes:				
Minutes of meetings. Stores with a folder containing reports and letter of the Harbour Committee.				

Concerns meetings of the Harbour Committee from 4 Sept 1862 3 Dec 1914. Minutes generally brief and indicate that the main concerns of this committee were:

to keep the harbour in good order, especially in regard to lighting and cranes. Also concern with subsidence in the East Pier through much of this period.

to ensure the collection of relevant rates and duties from boatsmen etc using the harbour

to manage accounts relating to the harbour and its business

dealing with requests from ship masters of vessels regarding the use of the harbour

dealing with relevant business coming from other committees and boards, e.g., Board of Woods and Forests, Belfast Harbour Commissioners, Dept of Agriculture.

Later entries become largely concerned with financial matters and settling accounts—and insurance as concern about liability for accidents grows.

30 Mar 1865 'Memorial from Masters ... of Vessels praying that Tidal signals should be erected at the Pierhead and Plan of Same produced.

'Resolved that the prayer of the memorial be complied with ...'

29 Oct 1868 'Resolved that Alexander Jones do provide an anchor for the New Buoy to be placed between the present outside Buoy and the next shoreward Buoy.

Resolved that Mr Jones do provide an oil lamp to be placed as a light at the extreme end of the new landing stage.

Resolved that Mr Jones be instructed in future to enforce payment of ... dues strictly.

Resolved that Mr Jones do provide a small stove for the Harbour Watchtower and do have the roof on the house on Wilson's Quay repaired...

18 May 1887 Resolved that 'we accept the proposal of Messrs. George Russell & boy, to supply the portable steam crane as offered by Mr Russell ...'

29 June 1894 'Resolved that a special meeting of the Harbour Commissioners be called to consider the propriety of engaging ... (a)Digger to deepen the water at the East Pier'.

28 Jan 1898 Report commissioned inquiring into the following:

'Advisability of providing a digger for Harbour Dredging\

'Providing a 3 ton crane for West Pier and remove present Crane to east Pier

'Removal of portion of Quay Wall at West Pier...'

15 Mar 1898 'Captain Shaw, assistant Harbour Master was present. Specifications for removal of portion of Quay Wall and making of a Roadway at West Pier prepared and approved and advertisement for Tenders for said Work was directed to be published in the Carrickfergus Advertiser'.

15 Feb 1899 'That the Harbour Master be directed to put a temporary poling round the subsidence at the West Pier so as to prevent accidents'.

29 July 1910

t West Pier, at which he intimated ... that he held the ground in perpetuity entirely free from rent, and ... would dispose of it to the Harbour Commissioners for the sum of £120. The ground measures about 59 feet frontage to Governor's Place, 81 feet to Quay, 37 feet (here?), and 50 feet to other property of Mr Hilditch. The Committee recommend the Harbour Commissioners to avail themselves of this offer in view of the great advantages which would accrue in widening the roadway at this (the West Pier)'.

29 Feb 1913

'The Committee having considered the application of Mrs McGifford for ground adjoining her premises at Quay Gate and after an inspection of said ground, are of opinion that it should not be let but kept as an open space and passage to the shore and they Recommend that the iron seats be put on said grounds, to be put in cement and that steps be made in battery leading to the shore'.

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/10	UDC No. 14	18361849	H.4	Carrickfergus Harbour Committee
Short Description/Notes:				
Minutes of meetings				
<p>Title page shows a printed 'Regulations of the Harbour of Carrickfergus' dated 19 May 1836. Larger poster version also half pasted in.</p> <p>19 May 1836 'Regulations' supplemented by Committee resolution: 'the Harbour Master be required to report to the Treasurer the arrival and departure of each vessel from the port, and that he shall see that no vessel is permitted to commence loading or discharging until the captain of such vessel shall have reported in the treasurer's office...'.Harbour Master would pay a fine equivalent to double the vessel's port dues if he did not do this. Also reference to subs collected for harbour improvements.</p> <p>Standing Order No. 15</p> <p>Business of harbour committee included: Deciding what harbour dues should be paid Ensuring that harbour dues were paid Chasing said dues when they fell into arrears Managing harbour staff and recruiting as appropriate; defining their duties 'Lighter' maintenance General harbour and quay maintenance and repair</p> <p>27 Feb 1840 Resolved that 'the Secretary do advertise for a competent person to act as Ballast Master whose duties will be to keep the Harbour account books and Book of Import and Export and to collect the Harbour dues ...'.</p> <p>11 Nov 1841 'That the Ballast Master do attend to the removal of all nuisances and it is also his duty to (keep) "Rule 11" of "Harbour Regulations" strictly enforced...'</p> <p>Rule 11 reads: 'Any person laying Merchandise, Stones, Sand etc on the Quays, will be allowed three days for their removal; and the Owners of same refusing to remove said Merchandise etc etc after the period allowed as above shall have expired, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding Ten Shillings per day for every day such Merchandise etc etc shall remain'.</p>				

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/11	15	1769-1774	H.4	Salaries and Accounts, 18th c./Rental Book
Short Description/Notes:				
Possibly rebound? Date on fep indicates 1849 but internal dates run from 1769 - 1774. Laid out with rents first, organised alphabetically as per the marked pages. Thereafter columns of accounts and salaries signed of by Captain Hercules Ellis, the Corporation's treasurer.				
Sums paid out for wide range of goods and services, including: *room hire *Entertainment *Repair work to civic buildings *For tax/rent collection *Taking care of the church clock *Regular payments to 'scavengers' also; e.g., on 1 Oct 1767 the Corporation paid £2 *to 'Bryan Macatiminy Scavenger one year's salary due 29 September 1767'.				

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/12	UDC No. 17a		N/A	The Grand Charter of the Town and Corporation of Carrickfergus
Short Description/Notes:				
Missing				

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/13	17	1839-1843	H.3	Rental, 1839 - 1843
Short Description/Notes:				
Partially filled rental records, a significant number of which are indexed in the A-Z index at the front.				
Also a loose invoice from 1842 entitled 'Henry Adair Costs' from Henry Adair Esq., late Deputy Mayor and Treasurer of the Corporation of Carrickfergus; to David Legg, Solicitor.				
Names include: Robert Gamble, Lord Blaney, John Bashford, Peter Kirk, Stewart Dunn, John Legg, Lord Donegall, William Hamilton, William Catherwood, Cobham's heirs, Lord Downshire, George Kinney, D. Legg, H[enry] Ellis heirs, John Fraser's heirs, D. Bliar, W.D.D. Wilson, [Mssrs?] Nicholas, Henry Dobbs, Miss M. Crymble, M. Dalway, A. Donaldson, Thomas Kirk's heirs, Gunning's heirs, Ann Hill, S[amuel?] Misskimmon, Newton's heirs, John Poag, John Smith, Wm. Stevenson, James Addison, Thomas L. Stewart, Dawson Esq., A. Bowman, A.E. Dobbs, Wm. Askin, John Kirk's heirs, Paul Logan, Roger Robinson.				
Other surnames include: Nelson, Barnett, Hanly, Barron, McIlRoth, Morrison, Wilson, Hannah, Reilly, Cowan, Eccleston, McSherran?.				

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/14	UDC No. 18	Dec 1843 - Dec 1861		Borough of Carrickfergus Draft Minute Book
Short Description/Notes:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -cleansing the town -lighting the town -ensuring adequate water supply -setting salaries of town officials -maintenance of town records in the Town Chest -receiving reports from the various committees -settling accounts (detailed accounts given throughout) -public buildings and infrastructure maintenance -agreeing railway routes and negotiations with railway companies on various matters. 				
<p>Municipal Commissioners elected 25 Nov 1843 Peter Kirk, William Burleigh chs (sp?), John Legg, Daniel Blair, James Barnett, Richard Battersby, Russell K(er?) Bowman, James Cowan, John Coates, Alexander Johns, Paul Logan, William Kirk Morton (sp?), John McGowan, Stephen Kirkland Rice, Samuel Davis Stuart, Richard Thompson, William Walker, James Wilson.</p> <p>1 Dec 1843 Considering proposals as to 'the best method of lighting the town and suburbs'.</p> <p>4 Jan 1844 Institution of the Law and Property Committee.</p> <p>9 Mar 1844 Agreement that 'the road along the seashore from Joymount Court to Bridge at the commencement of the Scotch Quarter is not only disgraceful to the town but most dangerous to travellers and that the footpath is very bad and the sewers and channels totally in-sufficient ...'. As a result Legg, Blair, Coates and Stuart ordered to consult with the County Surveyor 'on the work necessary to place the road, footpath, sewers etc in a proper state and the probable expense thereof ...'</p> <p>4 April 1844: 'Resolved, ordered and ordained that the Treasurer of the Borough be al-owed five percent on all monies received by him on account of the Borough in full of his salary or allowance as such Treasurer'. Moved and seconded by Mr Legg and Mr Rice respectively. 'Resolved, ordered and ordained that the Law and Property Committee do have such parts of the Great Commons as they may think necessary sown with Grass-seed and that they be authorise to expend for this purpose any sum not exceeding £20.'</p> <p>10 April 1844 Additional water fountains approved. 'Resolved and ordered that a Committee be appointed to draw out a memorial to the Treasury to establish a second delivery of letters from Belfast to Carrickfergus and vice-versa, Mr Cowan, Mr Barnett, Mr Johns, Mr Stuart and Mr Wilson to form the committee.'</p> <p>18 July 1844 Board agrees to pay 'the sum necessary to make that portion of the intended new line of Road from Ballynure to Carrickfergus to pass through the Commonable lands ...'</p> <p>16 Feb 1845 'Resolved ... that the Borough Improvement Committee have power to con-sider applications for the use of any of the rooms in the Town Hall and decide there on with-out reference to the Board'.</p> <p>15 April 1845 Carrickfergus supports the proposed Glasgow, Dumfries and Carlisle Rail-way on the grounds that it 'is likely to benefit the communication between this country and Scotland and the North of England...'</p> <p>17 Nov 1846 'That in consideration of the real diminution of the profits of the market arising from the failure of the potato crop for the last two years, and the subsequent loss to the Tennants (sp) and his inability to pay the rent a sum of £20 instead of £32 he (the treasurer?) received from Mr Lockhart the the tenant in full of the rent up to the 1 Dec next, he paying that sum on or before the 1 Dec; and that the Town Improvement Committee do make a new management for the collection of the Tolls of the Market under existing circumstances for any term not exceeding twelve months to commence from 1 Dec next'.</p>				

30 Jan 1847 'Resolved that as Parliamentary plans deposited by the Belfast & Ballymena Railway Co propose alternative lines by which to reach the Terminus at the Quay of Carrickfergus and as authorised by their Act viz the one line crossing the Turnpike Road near the new Entrance into the town and the other crossing said road near the site of the old Horse Barracks after maturely considering which of the above lines will be most convenient for the inhabitants of Carrickfergus and the surrounding Districts most beneficial in regard to the interest and general trade of the town and neighbourhood we are unanimously of the opinion that the for-mer line is decidedly the best and without attempting to dictate to the Company ... we would respectfully recommend that line for their adoption ...'.

12 Aug 1849 'Resolved that ... as the state of our Treasury notch having improved since the resolution to withdraw the Grant of the £10 a year to the Trooper(slane?) school was passed, that the grant be not for the present renewed. "That inasmuch as this Board have withdrawn the Grant to the Schoolhouse from want of funds we hereby authorise the original subscribers or the majority of them to appoint a Committee of their own Body to manage the affairs of the School reserving the right to this Board of again taking charge of it at any future period"'.
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24 Mar 1852 A meeting to consider "the effect the provisions of a Bill at present pending before Parliament entitled 'A Bill for besting in the Belfast Harbour Commissioners the conservancy of the Port and Harbour of Belfast and for confirming additional powers on the said. Commissioners and for "other purposes" if passed into a law will have on the property, rights and privileges as vest in said municipal Commissioners (of Carrickfergus) and to determine on the course of be pursued by them in regard to opposing said Bill or seeking to modify its pro-visions ..."'.
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19 Dec 1853 Appointing a committee to 'investigate and ascertain what quantity of Gas may be required in private Homes and Shops in Carrickfergus, and also to ascertain the probably cost and number of Lamps required to light the Streets ...'.

18 May Reference to report of deputation to London re the Town Improvements Bill; re-port copied into an unspecified minute book. Report included suggested versions of Clauses 3-6. Resolved that 'the Chairman do write to Lord Donegall requesting him to use his influence with Sir John Young to induce him to have the clauses .. proposed to be inserted in the Towns Improvement Ireland Bill...'.
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31 Aug 1854 After 'the 1st day of September 1854, an account be kept in the Northern Bank (Carrickfergus Branch) entitled the "Account of the Treasurer of the Borough of Carrickfergus". That the Treasurer do pay into said account the balance in his hands on the first day of September instant and all monies received by him as Treasurer from time to tome as Received.
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That the Bank do pay out the said Borough money so lodged upon chequers signed by three Commissioners countersigned by the Town Clerk and endorsed by the Treasurer.
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That a pass book be kept by the Treasurer with the Bank in which entries of the said monies of the Borough shall be entered as the same as lodged, and that entries of the cheques, distinguishing numbers and amount of each cheque drawn on the Treasurer, shall be made by him at the time of Endorsing that this pass book shall be deposited with the Town Clerk during all Meetings of the Board and and its Committees...'.
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1 Nov 1854 'That Mr Chas Kirk be informed ... that he can have a copy of the Document required ... on paying the costs thereof.
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... That Mr Verner (sp?) be informed in reply to his letter of the 26 August last, that he cannot have access to the Deeds in the Town Chest'.
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3 May 1855 'Application having been made for permission to remove the Town Wall ... where the new schoolroom is to be built. Resolved that unless the architects of the Board of Education considers that it will be necessary for the proper lighting and ventilating of the school ... the wall shall not be interfered with'.
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2 Aug 1855 'That, inasmuch as the late Marquess of Donegall's salary for the years as Mayor amounting to the sum of £92:6:2 is still unpaid and owing to lapse of time and the embarrassed state of his affairs at the time of his death in the year 1844, and the present Marquis having paid ten years of Rent & arrears accused due in his own time of enjoyment, and all at-tempts to recover the Balance due by process of Law having proved abortive, we hereby order the Treasurer to strike out of the Rental all arrears opposite the name of the Marquis of Done-gall prior to the 1st Nov 1854.
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Contrast with, immediately below: 'That the Treasurer give an explanation in writing to the Board why he has not recovered the arrear of £44:11:4 due by Mary Massey or her representatives'.
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7 Feb 1856 Cites correspondence with the 'Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury' regarding how the (then) Corporation on
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25 Feb 1834 'granted to one John Montgomery (whose interest is now vested in one Charles Edmonton Kirk) a Mortgage over all the Lands belonging to the Corporation to secure a sum of £4200' and the Board's failed attempts to regain the sums owed and, failing that, sell the relevant property. They required permission to proceed and this is duly granted.
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Also: 'That, as the Quay has suffered considerable damage from the recent storm, the re-pair of same be referred to Ports & Harbour Committee...'.
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2 Oct 1856 Letter read before the Board from a Mr Pasley: 'Dear Sir, I beg to state on the part of the Total Abstinence Society that they have no claim to the plot of ground on Corkhill called the Rampart Inn...' Note adds that 'Resolved that Mr Pasley's surrender be accepted' and the relevant lands were not to be put out for let. '(Resolved) that the Literary and Scientific Society be permitted to use a portion of the Town Hall board room as a temporary newsroom'.

1 Dec 1856 'That it is the opinion of this Board that the Towns Improvement Act 1854 be adopted with a circumscribed boundary—provided that the Constitution of the Board remains as present'.

5 Feb 1857 'That the present purchasers of the Trooper Lands (Trooperslane?) be only charged the rents revered by the 4 leases under which same are held from the date of their re-spective purchases and that the amendment of the Rental be referred to the Law & Property Committee'.

'Resolved ... That the 3 Corp'n pews are to be kept exclusively for the use of the Com-missioned officers of the Army and Navy and strangers of respectability and that any Residents in the Parish, who may now occupy the seats, be directed to leave within one month'.

2 Nov 1857 'That Mr James Wilson be discontinued as Treasurer ... from this date in consequence of repeated irregularity in furnishing his accounts and paying money into Bank and allowing also large sums of rent to remain unpaid from parties well able to pay'. As a result it is resolved that in future monies received by the Treasurer were to be lodged in their Northern Bank account within a fortnight; if he continued to fail to do so he would have a correspond-ing reduction in salary. If such a thing happened twice, his office would automatically be forfeit. 'That the following societies—viz., The Bible—the Deaf and Dumb—the Union Hall—and the (unclear) Societies—be charged 5/- for the use of the Town Hall in addition to the Porter's fee'.

1 Nov 1858 Forestation of the Knockagh area: James Walker, the Board's Land Agent, writes to register the planting of 12000 trees: 9000 Larch Fir, 1300 Scotch (pine), 800 Beech, 100 Silver Fir, 300 Birch, 300 Poplar, 200 Ash. Also: 'That an Index of the Minute Book be prepared and that the Town Clerk be allowed £3:3:0 for his trouble in preparing same'.

1 Nov 1860 'That the Treasurer be required to explain why he has not accounted for the last half year and that his sureties be written for informing (the Board) that he is in default in that respect'.

1 Dec 1860 'That the Town Clerk does apply to the Government to have Police Regulations for Castle amended'.

'That the monthly cattle market be held for the future in the Back Lane on the first Saturday in each month and that same be advertised in the Morning News and by handbills'.

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/15	UDC No. 19	June 1843- May1864		Borough of Carrickfergus: Minute Book, Vol. 1

Short Description/Notes:

Primarily a fair copy of TR/14. Note below, which is additional.

6 Aug 1863 'Notice from the War Office determining Contract supply of water to the Castle and new proposal read'.

1 Dec 1863 Amongst other items on the agenda, 'to approve or disapprove of the pro-posed Tramway between the Harbour and the Railway'. (It was approved)

5 Feb 1864 'Application from the Carrickfergus Committee for Conducting the Opposition to the Water Bills, dated 1 Feb 1864, read.

Moved by Mr Cunningham, seconded by Mr Hamilton and resolved:

That the Town Clerk on behalf of this Board do sign an undertaking that the Board will contribute £100 towards the expenses—the Chairman protesting'.

19 Feb 1864 'That the Petition against the (Belfast Water) Bill now pending in Parliament and promoted by the Belfast Water Commissioners which has been prepared by Mr William Johns and been approved of by the Carrickfergus Committee(appointed by the Public Meeting held on the 16th inst to be adopted and signed by the Commissioners as the Municipal Commissioners of the Borough'.

5 May 1864 'That Mr Cunningham, Mr Stewart, Mr Larmour (sp), and Mr Hamilton be appointed to select and determine on the site and quantity of land to be taken for a Reservoir and thereupon to agree with Lord Downshire for a Lease of the same in Exchange for the land now held for said purpose'.

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/16	UDC No. 20	Aug 1864- Nov 1891		Borough of Carrickfergus: Minute Book, Vol. 2
Short Description/Notes:				
<p>The Index to this volume gives a real favour of its contents and the concerns of the Carrickfergus Board throughout the period covered. Note that page numbers have been omitted.</p> <p>Accounts; see Finance, Treasurer etc, and auditing of.</p> <p>Arrears; see 'Law and Property'.</p> <p>Advertising—in the Carrickfergus Freeman, payment of account for.</p> <p>Belfast Water Bill—subscription to opposition, petition against, compensation, costs of opposition.</p> <p>Batteries—memorial against establishment of.</p> <p>Board Room-letting to Mr Birinne (sp).</p> <p>Bonnybefore; see Corporate Property.</p> <p>Bathing Place; see Model School.</p> <p>Commons—Commissioners vs McClean; trespasses on; sale of; proposed arrangement with Freeman; 'Gallows Green' lease to James Bailey; (an adjoining area of) 'Gallows Green' lease to Mrs M. Connell.</p> <p>Corporate Property—Execution of mortgage for security of loan; sale of; application for renewal of Lease by Elinor Robinson; ditto from several parties; advertising as to letting; ... execution of leases; proceedings to take possession of...</p> <p>Church—Repairs to clock; subscription for painting of, setting Corporation pew; salary to bell ringer.</p> <p>Chairman—appointment of; thanks to; cheque in favour of.</p> <p>County Matters—Removal of Gravel from Shore.</p> <p>Clocks—resignation of caretaker; payment of salary; acceptance of Tender for keeping in repair; repairs to.</p> <p>Commissioners—Resignation of; committee to enquire into the law of (re: 'necessity for an alternation of the Law regulating the powers etc of Municipal Commissioners', p. 80) ...; election of new members; election of; powers of...</p> <p>Deeds; execution of.</p> <p>Freemen; fees on admission of.</p> <p>Fiancee; see Law and Property, Rental etc. Payment of salaries, accounts ... ; cheques un-stamped.</p> <p>Gas Company; payment of...</p> <p>Gallows Green (see Commons, Corporate Property)</p> <p>Harbour—collateral security for loan for; payment of Interest on loan; (collaterals security for loan for) and Shipping dues; execution of conveyances of; balance of account; application of Harbour Commissioners for Loans of £323:86.87.</p> <p>Hall, Town—painting of (see Town Hall).</p> <p>Larne Railway; compensation.</p> <p>Law and Property—Mrs Lowe's memorial (reminder, circular); Commissioners v McClean & others; management of Commons; lease to George Harrison; appointment of Committee ... ; minutes of Committee; lease to Misses Gunning; execution of; Troopers Lane lands; Harbour loan—security for; arrears; costs; report of; sale of property; proposals for leases; leasing of.</p> <p>Letters: Thomas Crozier & Sons re Commons; Mr McAuliffes re ('offering £40 on behalf of') Mr Owden; Mr Torrens, re payment of rent; Portadown Commissioners.</p> <p>Lamps, Public—account for repairs of; repairs; inquiry to; removal of one at Old Railway Station.</p> <p>Market—tender for tolls; accommodation; claim of Lessee (sp); execution of agreement for; overdue accepted; Committee to examine (market) sheds (to assess for repairs); repairs to.</p> <p>Mace etc—'The Chairman reported that the Mace and Sowrd had been handed over to him by the late Chairman' p. 10.</p> <p>Model School—pathway through grounds of; bathing place (The latter refers to selecting 'a person for taking charge of the passage to the sea shore next the Model Schools for the year ending 1872...', p. 104).</p> <p>Methodist Chapel; application for new lease of.</p> <p>Pringle (area of land); proposal for.</p> <p>Poor Rate; payment of on Market.</p> <p>Rents—amendment of rental; tender for print of rental; payment of Rent Charge; ejection against Mrs Poag (for nonpayment of rent).</p> <p>Reservoir; see Water Supply—rent of; letting of; lease of; possession of; grant execution of; costs of.</p> <p>Solicitor—costs; vote of thanks to; copy letters of; resignation of; appointment of; report re Commissioners v Belfast Water Commissioners.</p> <p>Seashore—claim of Woods and Forests to; removal of sand; sale of sand; appointment of caretaker; claims of caretaker; permission Lord Lockhart to remove stones.</p> <p>Streets—Naming of (re: the new Albert Road); cleansing of.</p>				

Seals—Execution of documents by means of; to be kept in one box.

Sanitary Act; appointment of inspector.

Town Clerk—salary of; expenses; resignation of; election of; not to lend office (this relates to the habit of 'different parties having the use of the Town Hall 'borrowing the Clerk's office which the Board considered 'inexpedient', p. 52).

Treasurer—to receive fees on admission of Freemen; direction to furnish rental etc; direction to made lodgements etc; appointment of; balance of account of; compensation to for making out extra account.

Thompson's Point—lease to Mr Stannus; removal of dung off; lease to James Bailey; application for; tenders.

Tramway; alteration of line.

Town Improvement—appointment of Committee; appointment of 4 new members.

Telegraph; application to erect wires. (This came from the Secretary of the General Post Office in October 1869, see p. 71)

Town Porter—livery; suit of clothes for.

Town Hall; see Board Room—proposed fireplace in court room; coal cellar; spouting for rear(sp) of; repairs to do; letting of to dancing class; water supply to; painting of; repairs of.

Water Supply—reservoir; report of caretaker; claims of; Belfast re arbitrator's award (re a dispute over the Woodburn river, p. 37); traverse; accommodation works; deputation as to; closing of fountains; change of course.

Roads were an ongoing consideration, both creating and maintaining them.

29 Sept 1879: 'Making our estimate of the expenses likely to be incurred in completing these five different connexions, we think all may be accomplished for a less sum than £200 and when these several connexions are carried into execution and suitable provision made for maintaining the Roads when made in good repair, as far as human foresight goes, adequate provision will have been made to supply travelling accommodation to this district of County for the next hundred years'.

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/17	UDC No. 121	1785 - 1831		An alphabetical roll of the Aldermen, Freemen etc of the Corp. of Carrickfergus from the earliest records to the present time, taken from the Records of said Corporation, in the Town Clerk's office by me, this seventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty one. David Legg.'
Short Description/Notes:				
<p>Alphabetical list of names; note it is NOT organised chronologically—or not very precisely.</p> <p>This could serve as a census of sorts. Initial 1785 listing organises names by rank but thereafter it's a simple listing organised into five fields: No, Name, Residence, Occupation and Claim.</p> <p>NB: 'Claim' is usually by birth but other qualifications are listed including 'marriage' and 'servant'.</p>				

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/18	UDC No. 21			
Short Description/Notes:				
<p>This volumes contains many tenant lists, see pages: 251-252, 257-260, 263-265, 272-278, also re Great Commons tenants pp 263-265, 272-278.</p>				
<p>1 May 1862 Arrangement of waterworks and the railway, 'whether the water should be brought under or over the railway and to arrange size of pipe'.</p> <p>7 Aug 1862 'a committee to arrange with the Marquis of Devonshire for an exchange of the plot of ground held form him for the town reservoir for another plot at a higher level'. -Arrangements re crossings at the railway</p> <p>28 Aug 1862 Town Improvements Committee tasked with improving 'the approaches to the Harbour and the entrance to the town'. This included levelling the area known as the sluice.</p> <p>1 Nov 1862 Re quarterly meetings: 'That quarterly days be fixed the first Thursdays in February, May, and August'.</p> <p>7 May 1863 re water supply: 'That an exchange be affected with the Marquis of Downshire on fair terms and a dam made upon the site recommended by Mr Hastings. That a junction be made with the present pipes ... all at an expense not exceeding £310'.</p> <p>1 Dec 1863 Agenda included: 'to approve or disapprove of the proposed tramway between the Harbour and Railway'.</p> <p>6 Jan 1864 Resolved that 'the strongest possible opposition be given by this Board to both the Belfast water Bills as now framed'.</p> <p>4 Feb 1864 Tramway Company permitted to use the Town Hall 'pro tempore' to hold their meetings. Also reference to upholding the resolution made by the board on 6 Aug 1857. Also: 'That the Town Clerk do write to the promoters of the Belfast water Bills asking them to specify what waters they (respectively) now propose to divert from Carrickfergus district'.</p> <p>19 Feb 1864 Petition to be drafted and presented to Parliament against the Water Bills.</p> <p>4 Aug 1864 Resolved that the Town Clerk's salary be reduced to £35 pa after Aug 1865</p> <p>11 Aug 1864 'The solicitor reports the long pending litigation with regard to the right of common claimed by the freemen had been brought to a conclusion, a verdict on all the issues have been given in favour of the Commissioners...'. 1 Nov 1864 'That the new street leading from West Street to the North Gate be henceforth called "Albert Road" and the name put up at each end'. Also 'application from Carrickfergus Tramway Co. suggesting an alteration in the line' - resolved, and the Board 'hereby consent to give the land required'.</p> <p>18 Feb 1865 Petition drawn up against the Belfast Water Bill.</p> <p>10 June 1865 Petition vs Belfast Water Bill signed and released to be forwarded for presentation to Parliament.</p>				

2 Aug 1866

'That the seals of the municipal and harbour committees be kept in future in the box to be provided for that purpose, said box kept in the Town Chest locked and the key of said box be kept by the Chairman for the time being and handed over by him to his successor along with the sword and mace...'

2 April 1866 Agenda included considering response to the Belfast Water Act of 1865.

4 Aug 1870 Example of minutiae:

Proposed 'that our porter be directed to have the Town Hall coal cellar cleared out, and that our clerk do take the steps to see the slack (sic) at present therein'.

3 Aug 1871

Resolved 'that the town clerk do have a notice put up at the entrance to the passage to the bathing premises behind the model schools stating that the Bathing Place is intended for the exclusive use of women and children'.

1 Feb 1873

Resolved 'that on hearing the statements to the Board by Mr Henry Laverty and it appearing that the Commissioners have by lease bearing date the 5th day of May 1869 granted to him the entire of the ground occupied by the old Town Hall and bounding his premises on Albert Road on the North, whereas they had only power to grant a lease of one (m---) of such ground'.

Also:

'That on the departure of Thomas S. Singleton Esq—Royal Irish Constabulary—from Carrickfergus we the Municipal Commissioners desire to convey to him our high appreciation of the assiduous (indicious?) and energetic manner in which he has discharged the duties of Sub-Inspector in this district for the period of four years and to express our regret at his removal from amongst us'.

20 March 1875

Discussion about ongoing debate regarding the leasing of the Commonables/Great Commons. Board combating allegations of inflated rent charges and favouritism (when allocating leases?). Also complaints that 'a few families are in possession of nine tenths of the lands', a claim the Board opposes. Complaints coming from a group calling themselves the Memorialists.

29 April 1875 Board contacted the Treasury; response considered.

6 May 1875

Situation of Freemen vs Commissioners re Common Lands summarised thus:

'These lands were suffered to reman unenclosed and waste. And accordingly ... freemen and inhabitants living on their borders freely used the vacant possession.

When at length their importance and increasing value were recognised it was found that long usage had established in the minds of the parties who had enjoyed the benefits of the vacant possessions a belief in their legal right to hold what they had been so long suffered to enjoy without disturbance and hence arose a tedious and expensive litigation by which the inhabitants of the Corporation were agitated and divided for over 20 years'.

Further explanation of situation continues.

See p. 345 for report of the settlement of the dispute.

16 Mar 1876 New road— Isle of Glass road, perhaps through Lot No. 9?

7 September 1876

New road going through the previous Great Commons—of which Lot No. 9 was a part. Report regarding clearing that land to allow for the new road.

14 Dec 1876

Suggestion that several members of the Board should be provided with 'copies of the acts of Parliament under the authority of which they act'.

17 April 1877 Item on the agenda:

'To consider whether or not it is the duty of the Municipal Commission to talk any action to abate the nuisance of Mr Brown's "Chemical Works"'.
'

11 Sept 1877 Agenda:

'To consider the proposal of Mr Paul Rodgers for enclosing the foreshore at the shipyard with a Breakwater and his application for a lease'.

Details re terms, p. 355-356.

14 Feb 1878

Report from the First Presbyterian Congregation re a new National School House they want to build on premises at Albert Road/Lancasterian Street.

1 Nov 1880 Reading an application from Paul Rodgers re 'a supply of water to the shipyard for condensing purposes'.

26 Jan 1882 Speech prepared in advance of the Duke of Edinburgh's upcoming visit.

4 May 1882

Resolved that

'The secretary of the Town Hall News Room be informed that the rent of £2- per annum must be paid regularly in future ... and. that in default ... the Town Hall be closed as a News Room'.

'On reading the letter form the Treasury in reply to the Memorial presented by this Board for liberty to make a new lease to the Trustees of the Methodist Body of the Premises they hold in West St and Albert Road and the valuation therein referred to and it appearing by such valuation that the Commons have a reversionary (sic) interest in such premises equal to one half year's purchase'.

Result is new lease is increased to £8/50 from £7/10 or by 5%.

18 Aug 1882

'That we ... desire to express our abhorrence and detestation at the atrocious and dreadful from committed in the Phoenix Park on the 6th inst on the brutal assassination of Lord Frederick Cavendish Chief Secretary and Mr Thomas Burke Under Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant and to express our sincere condolence with the bereaved Families and earnest hope that the assassins may be brought to justice. We declare our unalterable loyalty to our Most Gracious Queen, to her Throne and constitutions and our determination as far as in us lies to maintain intact the Union between Great Britain and Ireland. Proposed by Mr Legg, seconded by Dr Patrick, and Resolved.'

12 Oct 1882 Amongst agenda:

'To consider communication from the National Telephone Company Limited'.

Resolved that 'liberty be granted to the National Telephone Coy (sic) ... to run wires and to erect the necessary appliances for running same.' Telephone co made responsible for keeping them 'in order order so as to prevent annoyance or damage to residents and passengers'.

27 Nov 1882

List of nominated Municipal Commissioners, together with addresses and number of votes gained, p 551-552.

1 Dec 1882

'That the request of Miss Nelson ... be granted and that she be allowed the use of the Town Hall for a dancing class on every Saturday during the course of lessons from ten o'clock AM until one o'clock PM and be charged therefor the sum of five shillings each day'.

7 Feb 1884 Proposed, seconded, resolved:

'(The Board) consider the Harbour of this Town (when the improvements ... have been completed) the most centrally situated and of possibly greater advantages than any other port, for carrying out the contemplated New Mail Service between London and the North of Ireland via Stranraer...'

'That the fee of £5 heretofore charged to persons applying to be admitted Freemen of the Borough be in future abolished'.

5 Feb 1885

'That a memorial be presented ... to the Lord Lt requesting him to direct that the Court for the Civil Bill business for the district of Carrickfergus be held in future at Carrickfergus instead of at Belfast'.

'That in the event of the Borough of Lisb--- (Lisbevill?) and the Borough of Drogheda being constituted under the Redistribution Bill as constituencies of 15,000 inhabitants each, ... Carrickfergus be also constituted thereby as a similar constituency of 15,000 inhabitants by the addition to the limits of the present Borough of a small portion of the County of Antrim lying adjoining thereto'.

'That the charge for the use of the Town Hall in future be at the following rate, viz: 12/6 per morning up to 12 o'clock and if required after 12 then £1 per evening'.

3 April 1885 Agenda item:

'To make the necessary arrangements for the purpose of receiving Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales on their visit to Carrickfergus on the 27th April next'.

7 May 1885

Copy of address to the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Asserts the town's loyalty to the Crown and reminds the royals of Carrickfergus's past military significance.

Emphasises again Carrickfergus's loyalty as opposed to the 'spirit of disloyalty, which, in the few past years, has shown itself in other parts of this island'.

See also a copy of the Prince's reply.

Paul Rodgers involved in boundary dispute of the shipyard; Committee finds against him.

27 Nov 1885 Nominated Municipal Commissioners, together with addresses and votes received, pp 655-657.

13 May 1886

Salary list for civic jobs, includes: town clerk, water caretaker, town porter, care of clocks, ringing bells, executive sanitary officer, medical officer of health.

3 May 1888

'That the use of the Town Hall be granted to the Imperial Orange Council for the Wednesday and Thursday the 18th and 19th July next'.

2 Aug 1888 Salary list. Includes an Eliza Laverty for bell ringing, for £2, 10.

6 Nov 1888

'That the Market Committee be empowered to provide three new galvanised iron Buckets capable of weighing a half hundred weight for use in the Market.'

'Plans of proposed new houses to be built by Mr W Laverty at new street leading from Irish Quarter West to Albert Road ... were examined and approved of'. (NB: several pages later it states house construction is in progress)

'Letter from Mr Robert Carnaghan ... stating that the Committee to whom the use of the Town Musical Instruments had been granted, had returned them...'

25 Nov 1888 Result of elections for Municipal Commissioners. Lists names, addresses and occupation.

7 Nov 1889 Salary list.

2 Dec 1889 New laws implemented:

-Prevention of Cruelty to and Protection of Children Act, 1889

-Technical Instruction Act, 1889

-Sale of Horseflesh and Regulation Act, 1889

6 Feb 1890

Board objects to suggestion that the District Inspector and HQ of the Police District be moved to Larne from Carrickfergus. They resolve to send a 'memorial ... to the proper authorities praying that no such change in the constabulary arrangements at Carrickfergus be made'.

-Salary list.

8 May 1890 Salary list, rental list for the Commons

7 Aug 1890 Salary list

1 Nov 1890 Salary list

5 Feb 1891

'Application of ... Balfours & Co. for leave for the erection at suitable places in district of automatic postage stamp delivery machines'. Application accepted.

-Salary list

9 Nov 1891

Report from the Market Committee complaining about the 'objectionable practice of the weigh-master occasionally allowing shows of various kinds of occupy the Market space, especially on market days. They would recommend this to be discontinued in the future'.

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/19	22	1891		Carrickfergus Municipal Commissioners Draft Minute Book, No.3

Short Description/Notes:

1891-1899. Contains an A-Z index at the front which gives an indication of some of the topics covered within, ie, asylum, accounts, burgess roll, legislation, salaries, water supply etc, but it would seem that no sustained effort was made to keep this up as it remains scanty with very few page references.

The index gives a flavour of the concerns of the commissioners during this period:

'Asylum; (see Lunatic)

Accounts—payment of; auditor's reports

Burgess Roll; names on

Borough Treasurer; arrears rent

Commissioners (see Municipal)

Chairman (see Municipal)

Committees—sanitary; market

Commons—letting lots; drainage of lots

Costs; Sobs (sp) payment of

Duke of Clarence; death of

(Belfast District) Lunatic Asylum; representatives on Board

Local Government Bill; statement re.

Municipal Commissioners—election of 1891; Chairman.

Markets—(see Committees). Tolls. Letting of; Committee Report.

Originating Notices—Fair Rent.

Rights of Way: Committee on Bonnybefore.

Sanitary: (see Committees)

Streets: cleansing agreement

Salaries: payment of.

Technical Schools: Dublin

Treasurer: (see Borough)

Water Supply: Rhanbury Park

Lists names of new commissioners: William A.Adamson, Robert Alexander, Daniel Bowman, Hugh Douglas, William Gorman, David Gray, James (or Jasper) Campbell Holden, Robert Johnstone Sr, David Kerr, Charles M. Legg, James Logan, William Mann, Samuel Maxwell, Thomas Moore, Alexander McAlister, Charles M. Brian, Alexander Rodgers, Robert Shaw.

David Gray, Robert Johnstone and Thomas Moore are listed as gentlemen. William Mann, Alexander McAlister was a farmer, Charles Brian a farrier and Rodgers is a builder. The others were merchants. (3:1:1:11)

Addresses were:

1 Irish Quarter South

2 Albert Street

2 High Street

1 Eden

1 Market Place

4 West Division

1 Scotch Quarter

2 West Street

3 North East Division

1 Middle Division

22 Jan 1892

'We deeply sympathise with Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family, and with Her Serene Highness Princess Victoria May of Teck (NB: the future Queen Mary, consort to George V) and we pray that God may grant them comfort and support in their sad bereavement'.

5 May 1892 Copy of a letter from Princess Victoria May of Teck's equerry re: condolence.
Chicago World Fair

4 Aug 1892 Reprimand from the Local Government Board in Dublin

4 November 1892 RE: new militia barracks

23 Jan 1893 Public Health inquiry

4 May 1893: Board resolves not to comply with the Irish Education Act 1892 because they 'have no rating powers (they) consider the provisions of the 3rd and 15th sections of the ... Act inapplicable to the Town of Carrickfergus'.

18 May 1893 'Directions' in the event of 'cholera visiting this country'.

3 Aug 1893 Report of the inquiry re: Public Health/Sanitary compliance (82)

As a result:

'... in compliance with the directions of the Local Government Board as set forth in the ... communication this Board take the necessary steps to obtain a Charter of Incorporation for the Borough of Carrickfergus ...'

6 Nov 1893 'Report of Committee re proposed Charter' (100)

'Copy Report of Committee on Irish Education Act 1892' (106)

1 Dec 1893 School Attendance Committee instituted as per 1892 Act (110)

28 Dec 1893 Board resolve that 'it would not be advisable to proceed ... with the application for a Charter of Incorporation' due to negative response from Local Government Board. (114-115)

1 Feb 1894 Local Govt Board's response to the resolution against charter application—tangible annoyance and impatience. (122-3)

Also:

'The Chairman having reported that there was not proper and sufficient safe and press accommodation in the Town Clerk's office for the Books, Deeds, Documents etc connected with the Borough, and that the lighting of the Town Hall was bad and defective.'

Resolved that 'a Committee (decide) on the best means of providing the accommodation required and improving the lighting of the Town Hall and have the necessary work carried out'.

8 March 1894 Further communication from the Local Government Board regarding the implementation of the Public Health Acts in Carrick. Copy of letter appended.

Carrickfergus wanted special legislation passed to allow them to implement the PHA in a manner that they preferred. The Local Government Board opposed this on the grounds that there was several legal alternatives:

-apply for a charter under the 1840 Municipal Corporations Act

-adopt the Towns Improvement Act of 1854

-by promoting a Local Act of Parliament

-by going through the Local Government Board and asking them to transfer the 'sanitary jurisdiction of their district to the Boards of Guardians of Larne Union'.

As a result the Local Government Board 'do not consider that any sufficient grounds exists for asking for Government by special legislation to relieve the Municipal Commissioners from difficulties which it is their duty and within their own power to endeavour to remove'. They warn 'if they fail to recognise the gravity of their position they may at any moment find themselves involved in difficulties of a serious character'.

Carrickfergus's response:

They would have preferred to proceed with a charter application but the Local Government Board had informed them that 'the expenses of such could not be paid out of the current revenue in the event of a Charter not being granted or made a charge on the rates if granted. If ... the Local Government Board can assure the Commissioners such expenditure can be so met they will at once proceed with the application ... but they submit it is not their duty to pay out of pocket or become personally liable for such expenditure ...It appears ... that the Local Government Board do not fully understand the exceptional position of Carrickfergus District which consists of a town and a large rural area (about 26 square miles) and the Commissioners are of the opinion that had the Government when passing the Public Health Act of 1878 been aware of such, special provision would have been made ... to meet the case of Carrickfergus as was done regarding special matters in other places'. They add that much of this could have been avoided if the Board had agreed to receive a deputation when it was suggested.

19 April 1894

Letter from the Board of Public Works to Carrickfergus Harbour regarding the impact of the ongoing dispute over a charter:

'... I am to request that your Commissioners ... should take immediate steps to have them-selves relieved, pending the settlement of the question of Incorporation, of their Sanitary du-ties the expenses of which seriously affect the payments due in respect of the Board's Loan'.

More conciliatory letter from the Local Government Board in Dublin regarding the issue of expenses:

'... the Board are of the opinion that in the event of a Charter being obtained the Corporation ... will be entitled to defray the expenses by means of the rate which they will have power to levy, and if the application for a new Charter should not succeed the Commissioners could charge the expense to any of their funds which may be available for that purpose'. They also agree to receive a deputation as Carrickfergus had requested.

The Commissioners resolve to send a deputation.

3 May

Petition from Kingstown Commissioners 'relative to Leasehold Enfranchisement in Towns' regarding 'the power at present possessed by landlords to appropriate, on the expiry of leases ... tenant improvements works grievous injustice ...'. As a result, they say 'capital is not being expended in improving house property, Irish towns are in many cases falling into decadence, trade is languishing or leaving this Country, the population is rapidly diminishing, many works of General Public utility are delayed, necessary sanitary reforms are neglected, and such of the working classes as elect to remain in their native land are not only deprived of regular employment, but are also in innumerable instances forced to live in wretched hovels in which a healthy existence is impossible'.

Carrickfergus resolves that the 'Form of Petition be approved of and adopted by this Board, and that a Copy of same be sealed and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Board and forwarded to the Town Clerk of Kingstown to be brought with others under the notice of the legislature'.

17 May 1894

Report of deputation to the Local Government Board re: implementation of Public Health Act read. As a result, earlier resolutions to proceed with an application for a charter rescinded and the Commissioners elect to proceed with the drafting of a Local

Bill specific to Carrickfergus's case.

The attached report (see pp 149 -153) indicates that the Local Government Board had come round to Carrick's perspective and agreed that the dual (ie, urban and rural) powers sought by the Commissioners could only be gained through parliament. Carrickfergus wanted the Local Government Board to promote the bill but the Board disagreed, urging Carrickfergus to promote it themselves. This was still problematic as Carrickfergus had no money ('all their revenue after payment of working expenses being paid to the Board of Works on account of the Harbour loans').

They asked the Board of Works to defer loan payments so that Carrickfergus could resolve the Public Health matter, during which they'd gain rating powers which would increase their revenue. Board of Works agreed, clearing the way for the resolution above.

2 August 1894

Copies of resolutions on various local and national matters received from the Town Com-missioners and councils of: Mallow, Limerick, Waterford, Galway and Coleraine.

8 November 1894

Report of a deputation sent to meet with the Local Government Board re the proposed bill for rating powers (relating to sorting out the sanitary/public health dispute). Carrickfergus wish to refrain from pushing the bill through during the current parliamentary session unless the Board of Works can be persuaded to allow Carrickfergus to defer their loan repayments as requested.

The Local Government Board insist that Carrickfergus proceed immediately.

21 November 1894 Further correspondence re: rating/sanitary powers bill, pp 173 - 178.

4 December Correspondence from solicitor re: proposed bill for rating purposes. See also letter from Board of Public Works re deferment of loans.

Further correspondence on this matter, pp 189 -191.

18 December 1894

Summary wording of the proposed bill:

'To authorise the Carrickfergus Town Commissioners to levy rates for sanitary and other purposes throughout their entire district; to make provision for the adjustment of such rates as between the Urban and Rural portions of such district; to enable the said Commissioners to exercise powers as Urban and Rural authorities respectively in the Urban and Rural positions of such district; to define the Urban and Rural districts; to amend the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878 and

To resolve that the promoting of such Bill shall be paid out of the Income of the Corporate property of the said Commissioners'.

See also letter from Greenisland and John Garret respectively re: the ongoing issue of their water supply or lack thereof, p. 195, pp 200 - 201. Illustration of the issues raised by the Commissioners' reluctance to implement the 1878 Act.

21 February 1895

Letter from Local Government Board advising the Commissioners not to include the clause 'giving power to rate the Urban portion of the District to meet the liability for Harbour Loans'.

7 March 1895 Mention of petitions against proposed Carrickfergus Town Commissioners Bill.

1 August 1895 Bill has now been passed and is the Carrickfergus Commissioners Act of 1895.

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/20	UDC No. 23	1844	H.2	Carrickfergus Borough Finance Committee Minute Book
Short Description/Notes:				
Bound volume, half leather. Minutes of Finance Committee 1844-1865.				
Concerned with:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- extents of Corporation/council rights over various lands- managing theft of stone- 14 April 1860: 'Meeting of Committee appointed by Board's order of 2nd April 1860 to conduct the opposition against the Larne railway'.- managing water supply to the town				

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/21	UDC No. 24	1852		Carrickfergus Borough Committee Minute Book: Port and Harbour Borough Improvement Committee Minute Book

Short Description/Notes:

Includes discussion of:

Waterworks, including sewage

Introduction of gas lighting

Maintenance of lighting

The building of the station

Contracts for cleaning the streets and painting the Town Hall

Determining decor, furnishing and fittings for Town Hall

NB: The question of cleansing the streets was a perennial one, with the committees constantly beset by complaints about the poor state of the streets—and they complain in turn about the inefficiency of the contractors they'd hired to do the work.

'Memorandum and Extract Shewing the limit of the Jurisdiction of the Belfast Harbour Commissioners

The latest Belfast Harbour Act is the 15th and 16th Vic (local and personal act). 121 passed in the year 1852. Sect. 2 recites and adopts the limits as defined in the act of 1847 the 11 and 11th Vict: L. 52- The Act of 1847 repeals all former Acts and section 115 defines the limit of Belfast Harbour as follows:

"And be it enacted that the limits of the said port and harbour, so far as the jurisdiction of the said Commissioners, over the same, is concerned, should be defined considered and taken to text end from the first weir across the river Lagan near Annadale in the County of Down, to Carrickfergus on the Count Antrim side of the said Lough and to Grey Point on the coast of the County of Down".'

28 Mar 1844 (Charles) Lanyon's plans and specifications for work in Town Hall considered.

'Mr Lanyon's specification classes the proposed work under 4 head'gs, viz.:

1. Filling (or fitting) up of court, porter's room, space for water closet
2. Commissioners' Room, (Burrican?), Town Clerk's room, &c
3. Plastering outside
4. Railing, plinth &c'.

Also includes details re tenders from builders. Committee recommended that the cheapest bidder, Francis Reeson, be contracted to complete the inside work listed under 1 and 2 only. Reeson's work to be subject to Lanyon's approval.

20 June 1844 Lists fittings and furnishings for the town hall, including carpets and mahogany armchairs. Also oilcloths and fire irons. The porters' room just gets 'chairs'—mahogany reserved for grander spaces.

Remit of the Borough Improvement Committee:

'shall have charge of all public buildings and markets and of all fountains, water pipes, reservoirs, for the supply of water to the town and of all works for lifting and of all streets, lanes and alleys and shall report all matters for the keeping in good order and improvement of same'.

Town Hall, 29 Oct. 1845: 'This Committee was summoned for this day at 12 o'clock but no members being in attendance no business was transacted'.

Copies of resolutions from meetings from the minute book from 1846, notably:

'That in consideration of the great diminution in the profits of the Market arising from the failure of the potato crop for the last two years and the consequent loss to the tenant and thus his inability to pay the rent a sum of £20 instead of £32 be received from Mr Lockart the tenant in full of the rent up to the 1st of Dec next (1846), he paying that sum on or before the 1st Dec and that the Town Improvement Committee do make a new arrangement for the collection of the tolls of the Market under existing circumstances for any term not exceeding 12 months, to commence from 1st Dec next'.

Also: 'That the Town Improvement Committee do instruct the church sexton that hereafter in case of fire the large Bell of the church be vigorously rung instead of the small and that they give notice of this change'.

28 July 1852: 'That the Town Clerk do post his notices upon the door of the Town Hall opening into the court; and on no other part of the Town Hall, and that £5 be deducted from his salary for ... breach of this resolution'.

Copy of letter from civil engineer R(ober) Young on his examination of new water works in Feb/Mar 1853. Critical of pipe layout; indicates that further work required to fix defects and also restore pavements. Advises £50 be held back until all work completed to satisfaction! Also: 'With respect to the site for your proposed reservoir at "Prospect" I may say it will suit very well although not the most convenient for constructing an embankment'.

6 June 1853 Committee considers a report regarding the proposed reservoir at Prospect. Water quality generally a concern; at the same meeting John Eccleston represents the 'inhabitants of Joymount Bank' to complain of 'the filthy state of the stream that supplies the fountain adjoining the bridge'. Note that Young still dissatisfied with Baxter's pipe work, as per above.

1 Aug 1854. Finances relating to the rebuilding of pier and repair of the market. Also resolved that a market 'for the sale of agricultural produce' be establishing as of 1 Oct inst.

5 Oct 1854: meeting called regarding concerns relating to treasurer's work.

31 May 1855 Quality of water at Joymount continues to be a concern. Committee discusses letter from Captain McCausland. At the same meeting they resolve to have a clock and a water closet (toilet) erected in Town Hall, with the budget for the latter 'not exceeding £15'.

8 Sept 1855 'Resolved that application having been made to Mr Issac Baxter and Mr Robert Stewart to send in tenders for putting up Gas fittings lighting the Town Hall and offices connected with Gas, the former having refused to tender for the same we have agreed to accept that of Mr Stewart for the sum of £15 5s agreeable to his tender and specification lodged with the Committee this day, the work to be finished on Saturday the 15th, instant'.

25 Oct 1855 Mention of annual cattle fairs held on Castle Parade.

31 Jan 1856 Repairs to Quay ordained.

6 June 1861 'Resolved that John Keller(sp) be at liberty to remove the soil at Corkhill for the purpose of filling in Joymount Bank'.

4 July 1861 Decided to contact (Charles) Lanyon 'to know in what manner he proposes to lay the water pipes at Clipperstown'. Also that the gas company 'be required to have the public lights put in proper order'.

Expansion of Carrickfergus, including the railway:

5 Dec 1861

'That it is desirable to open a new street for the intended railway stat opt by opening Antrim Sr and that the new application be made by the Town Clerk to the Railway Company in order that they might purchase some houses in the North Road and also for the Corp'n Antrim Grand Jury and Lord Donegall for their consent'.

23 Feb 1865 'Resolved that new blinds be provided for the Town Hall windows'.

25 April 1867 Payments mentioned to Carrickfergus Gas Company

6 July 1867 'Resolved that a plain suit of clothes be ordered for the Town Porter'.

19 Aug 1867 'Resolved that it is recommended that two life buoys and two life hooks be supplied for the New Pier at an expense not exceeding 50/.

27 Sept 1886 Committee decides to offer award of 10s to anyone with information relating to the smashing of the glass of street lamps .

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/22	UDC No. 26	1844		Carrickfergus Borough Law & Property Committee Minute Book

Short Description/Notes:

Minutes of committee meetings, 1844 - 1889. Includes negotiations over the coming of the railway to Carrickfergus (the station opened in 1862). 26 Dec 1850 - 29 Jan 1852: Notes there was no committee meeting for Law & Property during this time.

7 Jan 1844

'Resolved, ordered and ordained—that Mr Burleigh (the Chairman), Mr Kirk, Mr Legg, Mr Cowan, Dr Martin and Mr Wilson be a Committee to be styled the "Law and Property Committee", to have the care of the Borough property and of all rights and privileges belonging thereto with power to protect the same; to superintend the investigation of all legal questions which may arise, and to direct such legal proceedings as may be necessary in any cases referred to them by this Board and to employ such professional assistance as they may think necessary and that three do form a Quorum'.

26 Dec 1850 - 29 Jan 1852: Notes there was no committee meeting for Law & Property during this time.

12 Feb 1846

'Resolved unanimously that the Levels on the Ballynure Road as laid down in the Plans of the Larne and Belfast Railway would be highly injurious to ... Carrickfergus ... We therefore recommend to the Board that they should adopt such measures and grant such sums of money as would be sufficient to pay the expense of having the levels altered... We would recommend that our solicitor should be sent to London to communicate with the Agents for the Bill to endeavour to enter into an amicable arrangement and if this is found impossible to oppose the Bill in its progress through Parliament...'

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/23	UDC No. 27	1828		Carrickfergus Market Committee Book

Short Description/Notes:

Calf leather bound volume containing a smaller copy-book with some original minutes from the committee commissioned with organising the rebuilding of Carrickfergus's market place/market house. These were transferred into the bound volume (and indicated as such). Front pages of volume contain notes from Committee meetings 1828-1844; the back contains the accounts for the same period.

Title page reads as follows:

County of the town of Carrickfergus: Grand Warrant Summer Assizes 1828 (copy)

30 (sic) Whereas building now erecting for the accommodation of the Grand Jury and has been found to be inexpedient and unnecessary. We therefore present that the future progress of the works be discontinued, and that the Committee for said building be dissolved.

Resolved that the following Gentlemen, Daniel Blair, William Stevenson, John McGowan, Stewart Dunn, Thomas Millar, Peter Kirk and Samuel Wilson Esquires be a Committee for the disposal and removal &c.

And that the said Committee be empowered and requested to obtain from a competent architect a plan and specification for reacting on said Ground a Suitable Market for public accommodation, and to solicit subscriptions for the erection of said market.

On 15 Nov 1832 a meeting of the corporation assembly approved the plans and granted a sum of £670 plus a further £200 from Sir Arthur Chichester for building works.

Committee meeting 'for erecting a new market place in Carrickfergus' met on 6 May 1834. Largely admin matters; e.g., that four members in attendance constituted a quorum and the third person to enter should be chairman of each session.

14 May 1834 'Resolved that advertisements from Builders be inserted twice a week in the Belfast News-Letter and the Chronicle'.

The secretary/note taker changes in Jan 1839 and the minutes thereafter become much harder to read.

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/24	UDC No. 29	1843		Borough of Carrickfergus: Burgess Roll Commencing 1843, ending 1848.
Short Description/Notes:				
<p>Large calf-bound book with red title plate. Quarto? Contains a list of eligible voters for Carrickfergus in 1843. Lists are organised alphabetically by voter together with their address. No further details (e.g., occupation, age, marital status etc) are provided.</p> <p>Borough of Carrickfergus Burgess Roll 'At a court held in the town hall within said borough, on the 25th and continued on the 26th days of October 1843, by and before Walter Hussey Griffith Esquire, the Barrister appointed (by the Warrant of the Lord Justice General and General Governors of Ireland, dated at Dublin Castle, the 2nd day of October, 1843)to revise the List of Burgesses of the paid Borough, the following was revised and settled by the paid Barrister as the List of Persons entitled to vote at the Election of Municipal Commissioners for the Borough of Carrickfergus, completed this 17 day of November, 1843...'</p>				

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/25	31	1892		List of Persons Entitled to be Burgesses
Short Description/Notes:				
<p>Large black book, half bound in leather by James Bell of Carrickfergus. Names ordered alphabetically.</p> <p>'List of Persons appearing Entitled to be Enrolled as Burgesses of the Borough of Carrickfergus in the Burgess Roll next to be made in the Right of Inhabitancy and Occupation and Rating, Dated this 8th day of September 1892'.</p> <p>Fields include: number, name, residence, situation of qualifying property, description of property, and a final field 'Poor Rate' which is subdivided into amount of last payment; date of last payment; amount, if any, due; and date when due.</p> <p>Names include a section for 'Mc' after 'M'.</p> <p>590 eligible burgesses in 1892 562 eligible burgesses in 1893 534 eligible burgesses in 1894 574 eligible burgesses in 1895 569 eligible burgesses in 1896 571 eligible burgesses in 1897</p>				

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/26	59			Urban District Council of Carrickfergus Minute Book No. 1
Short Description/Notes:				
Notes: primary concerns here include accounts, roads, the ramifications of the Local Government (Ireland) Act of 1898, lighting, school attendance by children of both sexes, and public health. Also includes copies of correspondence relating to above.				
<p>6 Feb 1899 Town hall accounts</p> <p>6 Feb 'Copy Queries and Replies referred to' re: implementation of the Local Government (Ireland) Act due to come into force on 1 April 1899.</p> <p>6 Mar 1899 References to Poor Law Guardians Also resolved: 'That we, the Urban Council of Carrickfergus take immediate action as to the necessary improvements of our District, including better sanitation, footpaths, streets, cemetery accommodation etc and further the acquiring of land for Recreation Grounds and that we apply for a loan of say £10,000 to meet the expenditure'. (p.16) Accounts, pp 18-19. Resolved that 'a map of the Urban District be provided on which should be shown the Water mains, Gas mains, and sewers.. That monthly Health Reports be furnished by the Medical Officer of Health'. (p.20)</p> <p>6 Mar 1899 'Copy Report of Market Committee' and 'Copy Report of Committee on Financial position of the Urban District of Carrickfergus'. Also 'Statement of Corporate Property' which consists of 'lands throughout the entire district of the county of the town, houses let to week by tenants, Market Place, Town Hall buildings, Town Lamps, Water Pipes and Public Fountains'. (pp 21-22)</p> <p>6 Mar 1899 'Statement of Estimated Annual Income and Expenditure', pp 22-27.</p> <p>3 April 1899. From this point on the order of business is often (but not always) provided as a small printed cutout. Amongst other business for this date is the need to consider switching the town lighting from gas to electricity and also moving the meeting times from the customary noon to 11am,</p> <p>10 April 1899 Business ongoing regarding the implementation of the Local Government (Ireland) Act (1898). Includes acknowledgement of the change in method of account keeping under new rules (p. 34). Also a letter from David Legg Wilson: 'I beg to inform you that I am collector of Poor Rate of the Guardians of the Poor of Larne Union transferred to your Council by the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 and hereby beg to express my willingness to serve under your council'. (p. 34)</p> <p>1 May 1899 Amongst others: discussion re which roads should be considered main roads. Also: 'That the notice ... served on Mrs Arthurs to provide proper and sufficient privy accommodations and a back door to a house in Davys Street her property not having been complied with, the Council do the work and recover from her the expenses incurred by them...' (p.42). Davys Street inhabitants causing other disruption, including 'keeping pigs causing a nuisance'. No decision made as yet re switching town lighting to electricity (p. 43). Council also express their gratification re measures announced in the Queen's Speech re: the establishment of an Irish Board of Agriculture and technical education in Ireland. They 'urge upon the government the importance of dealing with both these matters during the present session and that Copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister... the Lord Lieut., the Chief Secretary for Ireland and the Member of Parliament for East Antrim'. (p. 44) Also: resolved that 'the Sanitary Committee be authorised to have the Street Lamps removed and stored at the Gas Works until required for next season's lighting'. (p. 45) Accounts, p, 46. Copy of the Report of School Attendance Committee. Nos of children between 6 and 14 as per census return of 1896: 757 in town, 761 in country, total of 1518. Also tables showing attendance for boys and girls at district schools. (pp 47-9). Also a table showing numbers of warning notices and prosecutions relating to school attendance for 1897-1898, p. 50.</p>				

5 June 1899 Business includes decision to keep sword and mace in the Town Hall 'in a suitable case'. Communication from the Local Government Board re: providing a water supply to Greenisland and accounts for the same (pp. 56-8).

Institution of Committee of management for the Carrickfergus Harbour Junction Railway, p.59.

Implementing the Irish Education Act (1892) re: attendance, p. 63, p. 65. Also concerns from Carrick regarding how the Local Government Act (Ireland) affects their powers regarding school attendance and a reply from the Commissioners of National Education outlining their limitations, pp 66-68.

8 June Council debating over whether to acquire Wilson's Meadow for the purpose of dividing the land into a recreation area and cemetery, but disagreement re: finances, p. 72.

3 July. Business: appointing of Committee of Management of Harbour Junction Railway, transferring Poor Rate collections to Council Council, delineating main roads, Greenisland water supply, water rents and loan business with Rural District Council. Receipts and Expenditure, April - May 1899, pp 79-80. 'Urban Boundary at shipyard' and 'Carrickfergus to Urban Boundary at Railway Bridge near Green Street via Governors Place' declared to be main roads, p. 82.

7 July 1899 29 July fixed as date for electing (Poor Law?) Guardians for the district.

7 Aug 1899 Belfast to Larne between Irish Quarter South and High Street via Albert Road and North Street ; and Carrickfergus to Ballyclare via West Street, Irish Quarter West, Minorca, Ellis Street and Clipperstown declared main roads, p. 89.

10 Aug 1899 Accounts, pp 93-94. Letter re water supply works refers to 'the new buildings at the site of the old jail at Carrickfergus', p. 96. Public lighting: gas to be consumed in No. 4 Brays Burner. Lamps to be lit from 16 Aug -

1 May 1900 'and to be extinguished five nights each month during moonlight. Lighting to be completed forty five minutes after sunset and extinguishing to commence at 12pm' (midnight), p. 98. Proposed that lamps be lit from 6am on working days, p. 99.

25 Aug 1899 Special meeting mostly concerned with water supplies.

4 Sept 1899 Accounts, pp 108-113. Poor rate. Resolution re state aid for the blind; the Council declare that 'the present system known as the voluntary system of training and educating the blind of the United Kingdom has failed to relieve them from the misery to which they are subject by reason of their affliction'. Request to the govt that 'the blind of Ireland should at once be legislated for', p. 118. Business summary refers to a letter dated 22 Aug re Plague at Operto.

8 Sept 1899 Letter from the Local Government Board regarding ongoing ramifications of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, p. 123.

15 Sept Business: 'To prepare and approve of Statement and Evidence to be given at Adjustment Enquiry to be held at Belfast on the 19th instant, respecting— Main Roads and County at Large Charges, Apportionment of Property between Urban and Rural Councils under Sec. 40 (4) Local Government Act; and Claims, Demands, Liabilities, and Engagements under Article 16 (2) of Transitory Provisions Order; and any other matters affecting the Financial relations of the Urban District with the County', p. 128.

31 Oct 1899 'To consider Final Declaration of Main Roads by Antrim County Council', p, 147.

6 Nov 1899. Accounts, school attendance, new sewerage scheme, and 'to consider the advisability of establishing a Town Court under the Towns Improvement Act', amongst others, p, 149. Meeting also held to consider tenders for 'supplying Road Metal for Roads in Urban District', p. 160.

4 Dec 1899. Accounts, Committee of Management of the Carrickfergus Harbour Junction Railway, loan application for new sewerage scheme, providing Board of Guardians a copy of the rate book, water issues, application for refund to Mr Kirk for 'alleged overpayment' of rent. Also ref to implementing Infectious Disease (Notification) act of 1889 and Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act of 1890 in the Urban District, p. 167.

1 Jan 1900. Correspondence from Local Government Board re Town Clerk demanding higher wages as a result of increased workload deriving from the Local Government (Ireland) Act, p. 174. Also 'it is the opinion of this Council that the Corporation of Belfast should be appointed the Port Sanitary Authority for the whole of Belfast Lough, and that this Council should not contribute to the expenses to be incurred in carrying out the Acts in connection therewith', p. 176.

16 Jan 1900 'Declaration of Result of Election ... of Urban District Councillors', p. 184. David Black, James Brittain Craig, John Hagan, Thomas Jack, James McCullough, and John Patterson elected.

13 Jan 1900 Thomas Vint, William Gorman and Charles Legg appointed to act as members of the Committee of Management of the Carrickfergus Junction Harbour Railway, p. 199.

2 April 1900 Amongst others, 'copy list of cases for hearing' from the Irish Land Commission, p.212.

7 May 1900 Dissatisfaction with the state of Irish railways and canals results in a petition to the Lord Lieut demanding a Vice-Regal Commission to report on the 'existing unsatisfactory condition of Railway and Canal communication in Ireland and upon its iniquitous effect on the trade and agricultural interests of the country', p. 236. Also reference to copy of document from Lisnaskea Rural District Council regarding proposed amendment to the Irish Education Act and a copy of a resolution from the War Protest Committee 're steps to be taken to stop war', p. 237.

14 May 1900 'To adopt whole or such parts of Section 103 of the Public Health (Ireland Act) 1878, 41 and 42 Victoria, Chapter 52, respecting the Regulation of Markets, as may be considered necessary', p.241.

11 June 1900. Amongst documents under consideration were: communications from Carrickmacross Urban Council, Naas Urban Council, Irish National Convention ('copy report of meeting'), p. 254. School attendance records up to

June 1900 Series of tables, pp 255 - 256 incl warning notices and prosecutions for non-attendance. Also a note to the effect that 'there is a considerable number of schools outside the District which children living in the District attend, and the attendance officer, who performs his duties very efficiently, has additional work to do in visiting these schools', p. 257. Main roads delineation rumbles on, p. 259.

2 July 1900 Accounts to June 1900, pp 261-263.

6 Aug 1900 Communications included letter from the coroner 'relative to providing a suitable place as a morgue for the District' — passed to Harbour Commissioners for consideration. Also from Limerick County Council 'copy resolution re Irish language', p. 280.

3 Sept 1900 Letter from Daniel Bowman re: gift of public seating in the hope that 'this patriotic act will stimulate us to further effort to develop the resources of our beautifully situated town, so as to make it attractive to visitors and a more pleasurable residence for the inhabitants', p. 293.

11 Oct 1900 Proceedings surrounding the dismissal/suspension of Robert Alexander as Rate Collector and Borough treasurer, p. 316.

5 Nov 1900 Discussions re appointment of a rate collector, a circular re bubonic plague, matters relating to sewerage works, Greenisland water supply, letter re cases in land court, a letter from Mr William Wellwood re Kirk's Property, North Street.

NB: 1900 saw small outbreaks of plague in San Francisco, Sydney, and Glasgow.

Appointment of James Blackburne as Poor Rate collector for Carrick p. 328.

Cases of measles reported, p. 330.

Provision of 'fire extinguishing appliances' approved, p. 331.

3 Dec 1900 Discussion of Irish Land Commission findings re Tithe Rent Charge and resolution passed for the Finance Committee 'to examine and report thereon', p. 345.

Query addressed to the Home Office re the provision of an inspector for Carrick and what the Council needs to do.

1 Jan 1901 James Blackburne resigns as Rates Collection officer.

16 Jan 1901 New councillors elected:
William Byrnt, boot & shoemaker, of North Street
Walter Carath, builder, Irish Quarter West
Edward Darcy, hotel keeper, High Street
Arthur Franics Bailie, doctor, High Street
Henry McCarana (sp), merchant, Market Place
Paul Rodgers, shipbuilder, Belfast Road
p. 369

28 Jan 1901 Carrick desires 'to place on record our sense of the great loss which we in common with the whole Empire have sustained in the Death of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria', p. 373.

4 Feb 1901 Irish Land Commission: notification of 'fixing fair rent' for Samuel Beggs, Charles Stewart, Alexander Dunn and Samuel Beggs, 'That the foregoing rents be the judicial rents of said holdings—and that the Rent Receiver be instructed accordingly', p. 380.

Drainage of houses Windmill Hill, linking to the Urban Sewerage Scheme, p. 383.

School attendance report, p. 386.

4 March 1901 Amongst other items, a communication from Kenturk Rural Council re 'release of Irish Political Prisoners', p. 391.

Also: 'lands being taken by Belfast Water Commissioners', p. 395.

Nuisances: Daniel Duffin for 'despotism cleansings of ash pit on public place', William Mawhinney for keeping pigs, and Mary Loughlin for 'recurrence of nuisance' by keeping pigs, p. 399.

New houses for the Scotch Quarter, p. 401.

Extract from Drury's (sp?) Report on Corp. property, pp 406-409.

Copy of letter from Whitehall re: condolence Queen Victoria, p. 410.

1 April 1901 New houses approved at Davys Street, p 428.

6 May Business includes communication from the Irish Cyclists Association re: state of roads. Application for tenancy of House Bonnybefore from Thomas Snoddy.

Councillor McCarana/Cavana suggests that the Council should apply 'to the Belfast and Northern Counties Railway Company to make all excursion tickets to Whitehead and Kilroot available to Carrickfergus', p. 442.

3 June 1901 Communications diverse, included:

circulars re smallpox and bubonic plague

Agreement with Antrim County Council re maintenance of main roads

Irish Land Commission: notification of fixing Fair Rent Commons Holding.

Carrickfergus Amateur Rowing Club: re 'Sewerage of Castle'

Irish County Councils' General Council: resolutions re Irish industries.

p. 449.

Medical officer reports two houses on Cheston Street as unfit for human habitation.

Letter from the water caretaker questioning whether it is worth repairing the fountain on West Street as 'nearly all round about has the water in their houses, and in fact (the fountain) is nothing but a place for throwing all filth', p. 456.

Response from Belfast & Northern Counties Railway agreeing to include Carrick on tickets to Whitehead/Kilroot, in force from 1 June, p. 460.

7 Oct 1901 Amongst other business: 1000 copies of a leaflet of info 'for Consumptive People' to be printed and 'circulated in each dwelling house in the district', p. 522.

2 Dec 1901 Communications include:

Circular re Bubonic plague

Irish Land Commission—list of cases for hearing

Application for Water Supply to four new houses, Shiels' Institution.

Dept Technical Instruction—circular re 'Local Science and Art Examinations'

United Irish League—copy Constitution, etc

p. 542.

6 Jan 1902 More communications from the Irish Land League, incl 'objects, constitution, etc', p. 551.

16 Jan 1902 Councillors elected:

William German, merchant, Castle Street

Charles MacFenan Legg (sp), coal merchant, Belfast Road

James Logan, retired merchant, Market Place,

Alexander Miscampbell, manager of Salt Union (sp), Governor's Place,

Thomas Vint, merchant, Irish Quarter South.

p. 567.

3 March Note that the Irish Land Commission had fixed a judicial rent for Samuel McAlister to £1:14, down from £2:10, p. 586.

Reference	Book	Date	Shelfmark	Title
TR/27		1911	H.2	Carrickfergus Urban District Council: Records of Title of the Corporate Property, 1911
Short Description/Notes:				
<p>Collated transcript of town records including lease agreements, extracts from Elizabethan and Jacobean charters, catalogue of books and documents, details of all property/lands held by the Corporation.</p> <p>This Index includes only the names of the original Grantees, Lessees etc of the Corporate property and of the Grantors and Lessors of property conveyed to the Municipal Commissioners and Urban District Council.</p> <p>The Contents (Page 2) comprise Extracts of the Charters, Grants, Leases etc and lists of all property and Miscellaneous Documents and Records'.</p>				