

Bandon Town Council/Town Commissioners

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Identity Statement

Reference Code:	IE CCCA/TC/BN
Title:	Bandon Town Commissioners/Bandon Town Council
Dates:	1835 – 2014 (1609)
Level of Description:	Fonds
Extent:	43 items

Context

Creator

Bandon Town Council | formerly Bandon Town Commissioners

Archival History

Deposited in the archives in 1975 by P Ó Maidín, Cork County Library. Further accessions in February 2013 and March 2015 by Pat Moore, Town Clerk.

Administrative History/Bibliographical Note

The earliest surviving minutes of the Bandon Town Commissioners date from 1 April 1837. During this period the Bandon Town Commissioners were appointed under the Lighting of Towns (Ireland) Act, 1828, an 'act to make provision for lighting, cleaning and watching cities, towns corporate and market towns in Ireland in certain cases'. This Act was considered necessary for the conducting of local affairs following the Act of Union in 1800 which saw the disappearance of many municipal corporations, with some exceptions, including large boroughs.

To adopt the 1828 Act, twenty one householders residing in houses valued twenty pounds or more were required to instigate the process of adopting the Act. Householders residing in towns valued five pounds or more were then eligible to vote for Bandon's Town Commissioners. To be eligible for election an individual was required to be a householder of a property valued twenty pounds or more. The minimum number of Town Commissioners required was 9, the maximum number 21. Town Commissioners were elected to serve a three year period with one third of the town's commissioners being elected each year. While Bandon adopted the Lighting Towns (Ireland) Act, 1828 at a meeting on 17 March 1835, it remained a municipal corporation until abolished under the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840. Prior to 1840 Bandon was governed by a Provost and Burgesses who were elected by the freemen of Bandon.

The 1828 Act was followed by the Towns Improvement Act, 1854, but this Act was not adopted by the residents of Bandon. Under section 41 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, the Towns Improvement Act, 1854 was applied to every town which had adopted the Lighting of Towns (Ireland) Act, 1828, including Bandon. Under the Towns Improvement Act, 1854 the duties of Town Commissioners included the maintenance of sewers and streets, the provision of water, fire engines and a library, the regulation of public bathing, provision of licences, the prevention of nuisances, town lighting, the management of slaughter houses, and the sale of food.

The Public Health (Ireland) Act 1874 had established Urban Sanitary Authorities in towns with 6000 inhabitants or more. Town Commissioners in smaller towns which did not become Urban Sanitary Authorities could seek sanitary powers from the Local Government Board, founded in 1872. In 1874 the population of Bandon is recorded at 6131, but Bandon did not apply to become an Urban Sanitary Authority. The Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878 repealed some of the duties of the Towns Improvement Act, 1854.

The Housing of the Working Class Act, 1890, was adopted by the Bandon Town Commissioners in 1901.

The Local Government Act 2001 constituted all Town Commissioners and Urban District Councils as Town Councils.

All Town Councils in Ireland were abolished in June 2014 under the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

Content and Structure

Scope and Content

Minute books of the Bandon Town Commissioners/Town Council (1837-2004). These record proceedings, meetings and decisions and include minutes of monthly meetings, special meetings, and financial meetings of the Bandon Town Commissioners/Bandon Town Council. Many minute books also contain details of elections and Bandon Town Commissioners' declarations of office.

Minute books of the town's Gas Department and Direct Labour Department (1900 - 1917).

Minute books of the town's Joint Policing and Municipal Policy committees (2004-14)

Town Clerk's bound correspondence 2006-14

Files, including documents concerning legal and auditing activities of the Town Commissioners (1835-1918); documents concerned with the management and trustees of Bandon Town Hall (1862-1918); traffic bye-laws (1981-95); Town Hall visitors' books (1991-95), land sale and acquisition including Tenant Purchase (1985-2003); correspondence regarding town mace and arms; Town Clerk's correspondence (2002); Bandon Town Study (1994); and file of historic/heritage images of Bandon (Irish Walled Towns and Irish Historic Trust [1990s])

Rent ledgers, annuity, and purchase books (1959-99). These record payment details and names of tenants and tenant-purchasers of Town Council-owned property, including artisans' dwellings.

*This collection was initially given the reference code TC/42, which was changed to TC/BN in 2012. File TC/BN5/1 was originally coded as U135. Some renumbering of items occurred in the context of 2013 and 2015 accruals.

The collection provides a detailed record of the history of Bandon, one of Cork's most significant urban centres from the time of its foundation by Richard Boyle, earl of Cork, in the 1600s. While there are some gaps in the minutes, taken together the records cover most of the nineteenth and twentieth century, and the early years of the twenty-first century, prior to the abolition of town councils in 2014. The collection is of interest to students of local government, and of urban, local, and social history and heritage.

Arrangement

1. Minute Books 1837 – 2004 (11 items)
2. Gas Department Minute Books 1900 – 1917 (3 items)
3. Committee Minutes, 2004-2014 (1 item)
4. Correspondence 2006 – 2014 (8 items)
5. Files and other items, 1835 -2004 (8 items)
6. Rent Books 1959 – 1999 (5 items)5 items

Conditions of Access and Use

Access: Open by appointment to those holding a current reader's ticket

Language: English, some Irish

Finding Aids: Descriptive Lists

Related Material

CCCA:

Bandon Board of Guardians

Bandon Rural District Council

Cork County Council.

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List of Items and Descriptions

TC/BN/1 Minute Books (1837 - 2012) 17 items

	<p>Scope and Content: Minutes of Bandon Town Commissioners, recording the proceedings and decisions made at monthly meetings, special meetings and financial meetings.</p> <p>Dates: 1 April 1837 - 7 Feb 1933</p> <p>Level of Description: Series /Item</p> <p>Extent: 6 volumes</p>
1/1	<p>1 April 1837 – 31 July 1846, (162 pp)</p> <p>Includes:</p> <p>Proposal to form as subcommittee to accompany the engineer from Limerick in his investigation of the works (13 March 1838)</p> <p>A warrant executed by John Beamish Esquire, M.D. Chairman, Councillor, authorising collection of a rate on the 20 day of August last (6 September 1838)</p> <p>On demand, that five watchmen be continued during the winter and that they be directed to commence their walk at ten o'clock at night and to continue until six o'clock in the morning (3 December 1838)</p> <p>On demand, that the public lamps be taken down the time of the first light nights in May next (1 April 1839)</p> <p>Proposal, that the watchmen pay of six shillings per week be continued throughout the year (17 May 1842)</p> <p>Proposal, that the gas commissioners will not offer any opposition to the Cork and Bandon Railway Company making their rail pass the Bandon gas works as proposed if a clause is included in the company's act (6 January 1845)</p>
1/2	<p>1 August 1846 – 9 July 1868, (250 pp)</p> <p>Includes:</p> <p>Proposal, that a public meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Bandon be called for the purpose of taking into consideration the presenting of an address to the Lord Lieutenant on his arrival in this town (17 May 1852)</p>

	<p>Motion, that a sum of money be given for the purpose of buying 120 additional feet of hose for the Ballywooden Parish fire engine (2 July 1866)</p> <p>Proposal by Mr Toole, that the lamps be put up as long as possible (1 August 1851)</p>
<p>1/3</p>	<p>28 July 1986 – 1 July 1891, (200 pp)</p> <p>Includes:</p> <p>Proposal by Mr Fuller and Seconded by Mr Hayes, that a committee be appointed to examine the town and to ascertain the locations requiring a supply of water (9 August 1870)</p> <p>A letter from the Rev. Robert Eccles pointing out the necessity for a lamp in North Church Lane (2 January 1871)</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board dated 9 October 1874 stating that in the Parliamentary Census the population of the town of Bandon was 6131 (2 November 1874)</p> <p>Letter read from Mr Daly of the Peoples Refreshment Rooms applying for two lamps (3 January 1881)</p> <p>Proposal, that having heard with much surprise that a movement had been set on foot in the town of Clonakilty to induce the Lord Lieutenant to alter the present arrangement in relation to the Quarter Sessions with a view to having the Q Sessions held in Bandon and one or more of them held in the future in Clonakilty we the Commissioners of the town of Bandon protest against any such changes (4 July 1881)</p> <p>The manager drew attention of the board to the disgraceful state of the road leading to the gas work (18 November 1881)</p> <p>Proposal, appeal to the authorities to reconsider the recent withdrawal of the military detachment from Bandon in the view of the serious loss to the town which such steps must involve. While gratified by the strong proof felt by the Government in the tranquillity of the district (1 September 1882)</p> <p>The clerk was directed to draw attention of the county surveyor to the practice of throwing quantities of rubbish and broken bottles at the edge of the river near the railway with the view of preventing a recurrence of the practice (6 November 1882)</p> <p>The Watchmen Well and Gallagher reported that for some time past the police had refused to assist them in preserving the peace of the town during the night (2 June 1884)</p> <p>A special meeting was held for the purpose of framing a register of voters for the township of Bandon (24 June 1885)</p> <p>Proposal, that we respectively beg to call the attention of the Irish Parliamentary</p>

	<p>Party to the many services faithfully and honestly rendered by Mr C. Crowley of Bandon on behalf of the National Cause, not alone in Bandon but in the County Cork, and we would suggest for their consideration that his name be put forward for one of the seats yet vacant in the hands of the Irish Party (7 December 1885)</p> <p>Proposal, that in view of the depressed state of the weather and the very low prices for agricultural produce we are of the opinion it will be impossible for farmers to satisfy the exorbitant demands of their landlords this season and in order to prevent ruin not only from amongst farmers themselves but also from traders to whom farmers have been heavily indebted we respectfully request her majesty's government to promptly pass some measure that will prevent the carry out of unjust evictions in the county (6 September 1886)</p> <p>Resolution, that we protest in the strongest manner against the bringing into this town without necessity a large force of extra police and at considerable expense to the tax payer and for the foolish object of trying to crush the national sentiment of people by preventing the annual procession in memory of the Manchester Martyrs and that we take steps to oppose the giant before the Grand Jury.</p> <p>Enclosures:</p> <p>Newspaper cutting dated 12 August 1883, address of G.W. French Chairman, Bandon Town Commissioners on visit of the Vice Regal to Cork (22 August 1883)</p> <p>Boundary Commission, reasons why Bandon should be placed at the head of division 7, West Riding County Cork (23 January 1885)</p> <p>Recruitment poster for Bandon Gas Works ordered by order of John McDonnell, clerk of the Bandon Town Commissioners (11 April 1887)</p> <p>Copy of Memorandum to Mr Haynes, Office Gas Works regarding the cost of laying pipes in the interior of the work house (1 June 1887)</p>
1/4	Missing
1/5 [Formerly 1/4]	<p>17 April 1901 – 6 January 1911, (205 pp)</p> <p>Includes:</p> <p>There was no business of importance to be dealt with by the meeting. The progress of the collectors rate was deemed satisfactory (24 April 1943, p.2)</p> <p>The chairman explained that the object of the meeting it being in connection with the industrial revival and to establish and carry out some undertakings which would benefit the town and surroundings (22 June 1903, p.22)</p> <p>Some discussion took place about the upkeep of the clock, why it was not striking and why the curator, Mr. Lawton was not keeping it striking the hours (5 October</p>

	<p>1903, p.26)</p> <p>Reasons for the opposition of the Bandon Town Commissioners to the proposal of the District Council to borrow £1400 for the purpose of certain alterations and repairs to the Bandon waterworks (2 November 1903, p.39)</p> <p>Resolved, that we the members of the Bandon branch of the Gaelic League are of the opinion that the making of St Patrick's Day a National Holiday is worthy of the support of all the towns people of Bandon irrespective of class or creed (1 March 1901, p.66)</p> <p>Resolution proposed by Mr James Donohue and seconded by Mr John McCarthy, Cork Road, and unanimously passed, that we make an assessment on rate of one shilling in the pound for the service of the financial year ending 31 March 1906 on all the rateable hereditaments within the township (16 June 1905, p.127)</p> <p>An application from Night Watchman William Collins, North Side, was read asking for a watch coat and hat. (2 November 1905, p.2)</p> <p>Reasons submitted to the Bandon Commissioners against the proposed scheme of houses for the working classes under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1880 (12 May 1909, pp. 290 -291)</p> <p>Auditors report (15 September 1910, pp. 384 -388)</p> <p>Enclosures:</p> <p>His majesty, the Kings reply to address Bandon Town Commissioners, presented at Cork International Exhibition (1 August 1903, p.22)</p> <p>Enclosure, Telegram from Buckingham Palace, Queen Alexandra sends her thanks for kind expressions of sympathy (p.368)</p> <p>Correspondence between WB Rose, Surveyor of Taxes and Clerk of the Bandon, Town Commissioners, (August 1910)</p>
<p>1/6</p> <p>[Formerly 1/5]</p>	<p>2 January 1911 – 1 March 1920, (352 pp)</p> <p>Includes:</p> <p>Copy of estimate of the town rate for service of the financial year from the 31 March 1911 to the 31 March 1912 (2 July 1911)</p> <p>The clerk said that he had received a communication from the residents in Dunmanway road refusing to pay the town rate on the grounds that the public lighting was insufficient to give any benefit from it (17 July 1911, p.33)</p> <p>The clerk read a letter from the Bandon Working Men's Society enclosing a resolution calling on the commissioners to request their chairman The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Bandon to reconsider his position as to the closing of Castle Bernard Park (12</p>

<p>October 1911, p.46)</p> <p>Special meeting for the purpose of executing a deed forwarded by Mr A Julian, Solicitor, Cork in connection with the transfer of a piece of ground sold by the commissioners of the Cork Bandon and South Cost Railway Company (16 November 1911, p. 49)</p> <p>Special meeting for the purpose of executing a deed of mortgage in connection with the Housing of the Working Class Act between Bandon Town Commissioners and the commissioners of Public Works in Ireland and dealing with other important issues in connection with the housing scheme (12 February 1912, pp.67 -71)</p> <p>Consideration of the Shops Act, 1912, as it relates to the township of Bandon (21 May 1912, p.92)</p> <p>Following consideration of the watchman's report on a dispute last Xmas morning, the chairman said that nobody regretted more than him that anything in the nature of religious disputes should be brought into the town. Those who had differed from him in class and creed had always shown him the greatest tolerance and kindness and he hoped the same good feelings would continue for the future (6 January 1913, p.133)</p> <p>Removal of Lord Bandon from the Chair and his resignation in light of the introduction of political matters, the boards support for Home Rule (3 February 1913. Pp. 140 -141)</p> <p>Auditors report for the two years ended 31 March 1912 and 31 March 1913 (2 September 1913, pp. 186 – 188)</p> <p>Response from the Bandon town Commissioners to a letter from the Local Government Board regarding the housing conditions of the poorer classes in Bandon (27 November 1913 pp, 207 – 2011)</p> <p>Letting of the Gas Works to Mr Hickey (19 November 1914, pp. 297 -299)</p> <p>Adoption of the Resolution, that we desire to put on record our respect and admiration for the men of the 29th Battalion Royal Field Artillery during the time they have been stationed in Bandon. We hope and expect that the military authorities will continue to recognise this town as a military station and we guarantee on our part to do everything in our power to keep on the responsible authorities in this matter (3 August 1915, p. 355)</p> <p>Discussion on rent collection of 9rtisan dwellings (7 March 1916, p.414)</p> <p>Special meeting to consider Crisis in Ireland, town commissioners protest against the continuance of the death penalty being carried out in Dublin, request for government to withdraw marshal law and for the release of prisoners from Bandon and district (12 May 1916, p. 427), (4 July 1916, p. 435)</p> <p>Bid for the establishment of ammunion or other factories for war purposes in the town. We desire to point out that Bandon has contributed close to a thousand men</p>

	<p>to the army and navy since the outbreak of war (5 December 1916, p. 454)</p> <p>Resolution, that a war bonus of 3s per week be granted to the night watchmen ... so as to make their wages £1 per week each, net exclusion of insurants payments. This increase is to date from 3 April 1916 and to continue during the period of war or for such time longer as the commissioners may deem expedient (1 May 1917, p.475)</p> <p>Resolution received from the Bandon Branch of the Irish Transport and General Unions Workers Union requesting the Bandon Town Commissioners to recommend to that Cork County Council that the County Council Labourers be paid a minimum wage of at least 25 Shillings a week with proportionate increases for foremen (4 December 1917, p. 516)</p> <p>Mr Joseph Brenan came before the meeting accompanied by his electric engineer Mr Murphy on behalf of his electric lighting company and stated that he wished to relay a proposal for the public lighting of the town before the committee (17 June 1919, p. 601), (1 July 1901, pp.606 -608)</p> <p>Petition for a provisional order constituting the town an urban sanitary district (19 August 1919, p.617)</p> <p>Enclosures:</p> <p>Letter concerning financial adjustments between H.H. Government and the provisional government of the Irish Free State. Addressed to the clerk of the Town Commissioners of Bandon from F.C. Rudie, Rating of Government Property Department, 29 Abingdon Street London, and S.W.1 dated 7 March 1922.</p> <p>Letter regarding a special enquiry into retail prices. Sent by the Ministry of Local Government, City Hall Dublin dated 15 March 1922, addressed to the Clerk of the Town Commissioners of Bandon</p> <p>Letter concerned with supplying the Town of Bandon with electric lighting. Dated 20 June 1919, from Joseph Brenan, Miller and Corn Merchant, Cool Fadda Mills addressed to John Coughlan Esquire, Clerk Town Commissioners of Bandon</p> <p>Estimates of Town Rate for the Financial Year from the 31 March 1913 to 31 March 1914.</p>
<p>1/7</p> <p>[Formerly 1/6]</p>	<p>1 June 1920 – 7 February 1933 (357 pp)</p> <p>Includes:</p> <p>Special meeting of the Bandon Town Commissioners to take into account the question of holding the next Bandon Monthly Fair (26 August 1920)</p> <p>Mr O'Donovan called attention to the present excessive prices of milk in Bandon. The Chair and members present agreed that something be done to bring the price down but it was a question as to whether any action of the commissioners as a board could affect the matter (1 June 1929, p.47)</p>

	<p>The Bandon Town Commissioners appeal with all their confidence to the people of Bandon to do all in their power to conserve the water supply. There is imminent danger of a water famine and the commissioners urge all consumers of water not to waste even a simple gallon during this trying weather. (5 July 1921, p. 49)</p> <p>Special meeting to consider the best means of efficiently watching the town (25 July 1921, pp. 51-52)</p> <p>Meeting to deal with the question of the public markets in the town and the town park (3 November 1921, pp. 72 -73)</p> <p>The chairman referred to the matter of reviewing the housing scheme which had been temporarily dropped and said he supposed the new government would follow up the matter (7 February 1922, p. 83)</p> <p>The passing of the Local Election Postponement Bill (2 January 1923, pp.139 -140)</p> <p>Meeting to consider the question of acquiring the site of a dilapidated houses in Kilbrogan Street and Convent Hill (14 March 1923, pp. 157 – 158)</p> <p>The question of arrears on rent of 11artisan dwellings (4 May 1923, p.165)</p> <p>Special meeting to meet delegates of the Gaelic Athletics Association to arrange a temporary or otherwise recreation ground (17 July 1923, pp. 177 -178)</p> <p>Mr John Buckley in accordance with notice duly given proposed that the poor rate on the 11rtisans dwellings in the town be not in the future paid (6 October 1925, p.313)</p> <p>A special meeting to consider an application from Mr Thomas J. Powell for a licence to carry on pictures at his Cinema Hall in Market Street Bandon (17 September 1926, pp. 356 – 358)</p> <p>Report of Mr O’Flynn , engineer to the Cork County Board of Public Health re: the Bandon water works and the proposed scheme for improving water supply to the town (pp. 356 – 358)</p> <p>Auditors report, the rate structure for the services of the year 1927-1928 amount to 1/6 in the £ as compares with 1/3 in the £ for 1913 – 1915. The chief reason for this being the increased expenditure on the 11rtisans dwellings and the higher cost of labour materials (22 June 1928, p.465)</p> <p>List of names and addresses of Bandon Town Commissioners deemed to be re-elected (June 1928, p. 472)</p> <p>No necessity seen for the adoption of the Education (Provision of Meals) Amendment Act, 1930, for the town of Bandon (5 May 1931, pp. 617 – 618)</p> <p>Enclosures:</p>
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	Enclosure, See Ireland First, Tourist Map, Issued by the Irish Tourist Association, (p.119) Paying order for £25 3s for the price of old ruins in Cork Road dated 4 November 1924, (p.225) Approval of grant form dated 31 July 1933, from the Department of Government and Public Health addressed to the Town Clerk of Bandon. Payment for one house, grant of £45, full grant under Housing Act.
1/8	Missing
1/9	4 February 1941 – 12 February 1980 (603pp)
1/10	8 April 1980 – 13 December 1988
1/11	10 January 1989 – 9 March 1993
1/12	11 May 1993 – 14 December 1999 (File)
1/13	11 January 2000 – 15 December 2004 (File)
1/14	Missing
1/15	2007
1/16	2008
1/17	2009
1/18	2010
1/19	2011
1/20	2012

TC/BN/2 Gas Department Minute Books (1900 – 1917) 3 items

Scope and Content:

Minutes of Bandon Town Commissioners Gas Department, recording the proceedings and decisions made at monthly meetings, special meetings and financial meetings. Includes some joint meetings with the Bandon Town Commissioners Direct Labour Department.

Dates: 1900 – 1917

Level of Description: Series/Item

Extent: 3 volumes

2/1 **6 August 1900 – 6 March 1905 (205 pp)**

Includes:

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland that a cheque for the sum of £22.10.0 due by the Bandon Town Commissioners for the audit of their accounts may be forwarded to this office without delay. The L.G.B. cannot allow payment of this amount to be any longer deferred. (6 August 1900, p.1)

Proposal of Mr Coffey, I propose that the Local Government Board for Ireland be requested to immediately define the Boundary of the Township of Bandon. (3 September 1900, p.3)

Letter dated 8 October 1900 from H.M. Swaine Secretary, Local Government Board regarding the inquiry heard on the 18 June and 2nd of July last into the matter of the boundaries of the town of Bandon (12 October 1900, p. 20)

Proposal, that a safe be immediately purchased for the safe custody of the debenture deeds and other books and documents of the commissioners as the old safe is without lock and key (2 November 1900, p. 26)

Proposal, that the local government board be requested to hold a sworn inquiry into the present financial position and workings of the town commissioners (5 November 1900, p. 30)

It was decided to get a new ledger and to have an account opened for every consumer to fill in all the arrears (22 November 1900, p.32)

Letter of accusation from [F] Donavan regarding the removal of bricks by a town commissioner from the Gas Works. Let the public see you are determined to bring Mr Wm Crowley and anyone else implicated in this crime to a sense of their duty, the public eye is watching you (3 December 1900, pp. 36 – 37)

Copy of the oath of Thomas Scanlan of Bandon in the County of Cork, Solicitor. High court 1901, No 8535, the case of George Sherlock plaintiff and the Bandon Town Commissioners and John McDonnell their clerk (12 April 1901, pp. 47 – 49) (P.79)

The firemen applied for an increase of wage from £01 to £1.5.0, the matter was left stand until the finances of the board are in a good condition (7 January 1901, p. 48)

Resolution, that the Bandon Town Commissioners record our protest against the terms of the oath taken by King Edward V11 who branded as idolatrous and superstitious the doctrines and teachings of the Catholic Church of which we are members (11 March 1901, p.6)

Patrick McCarthy who had the care of the town clock for some time past appeared before the meeting and delivered up the keys of the clock saying he was not going to keep charge of the clock any longer (11 March 1901, p. 71)

Proposal , that the Bandon Town Commissioners strongly urge the government the necessity of connecting the Great Southern Railway with the Cork Bandon and South Coast Railway by a bridge over the River Lee and that we consider the line from Fermoy to Dunkettle should be dispensed with (2 September 1901, p 100)

The consideration of insuring employees under the Workmen's Compensation Act was discussed (2 December 1901, p. 112)

Resolution from Lismore Union adopted, we are of the opinion as representatives of a police dragooned district that the time has arrived for a full and searching inquiry into the administration in connection with the police force in this county, its numerical strength in proportion to population, the danger of the prevalence of police manufactured crime as publically charged and not yet contradicted (2 December 1901, pp 112 -113)

Special meeting to consider the actions of our collector in returning the books, papers and property of the commissioners ... and also his neglect to furnish his account and to consider what action should be taken against him (18 March 1902 pp. 145 -147)

There being not enough gas to work the creamery gas engine this morning as also the railway engine it was deemed advisable to procure the services of some competent person to carry out the business of the gas works until the manager of the gasworks was able to attend (20 October 1902, p. 218)

The meeting considered the boundary on which the present rate warrant was prepared being not in conformity with the original boundary as made in 1855 (28 November 1902, p. 236)

An account for £5.19.0 for weekly wages was presented and passed (5 August 1904, p. 372)

The manager reported that he repaired a large leak in gas leading to Allmans Distillery on Tuesday (30 December 1904, p. 396)

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10 March 1901 – 3 February 1913 (400 p)

Includes:

An account for £99.8.6 from James & O'Driscoll for coal Acct was presented. It was directed that £50 on the acct of the same be paid (28 April 1905)

Letter from signed by E Pope from George Pope & Co addressed to the Earl of Bandon, dated 18 May 1905. I had never any intention of competing for the last contract, nor have I for any future contracts till the financial condition of the commissioners becomes greatly improved and then they will be able to go into the open market themselves (5 June 1905)

An application from a Mrs Boylan South Main Street for gas was considered, the

secretary in reply to the meeting said that this lady owed almost £4 odd since the close of the works in February 1902. No payment had since been made on this debt. It was eventually decided that she should be interviewed and if she was inclined to pay something substantial out of the debt and also any new fittings required. The gas supply would be given (2 November 1906)

Notice to gas consumers. In consequence of the great increase in the price of coals the commissioners are obliged to advance the price of gas by 5d per 1000 cubic feet (7 October 1907)

In reference to Mrs Ryders gas account, the collector stated that she failed to keep her promise and pay as agreed. It was therefore directed that the manager be instructed to cut off her gas supply (3 September 1908)

William Collins night watchman reported to the meeting that a gas lamp was broken by some soldiers on the previous night. He (the watchman) reported the matter to the Corporal of the Guard at the Barrack who promised to find out the name of the soldier who broke the lamp (2 February 1911)

The presiding chairman stated that he heard there was a building in Dealyard Lane dangerous to the public and thought the commissioners had power to compel the occupation of the place to have it taken down (28 December 1911)

The chairman said that he would be for insuring with the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company Ltd which was an Irish firm and which was patronised by the Cork County Council and other public bodies (15 November 1912)

Enclosures:

Copy of a letter regarding the suspension of Mr Wm J. McDonnell, the clerk. Addressed to J E Devlin Esq., Secretary Local Government Board from John Coughlan, Acting Clerk and Secretary of the Bandon Town Commissioners (12 August 1910)

Summons to attend meeting, addressed to each town commissioner to attend a meeting to consider the boards present condition by order of J. Coughlan, acting clerk (15 August 1910)

2/3

6 February 1913 – 2 January 1917, (100 pp)

Includes:

An account from Samuel Rogers, Liverpool for coal amounting to £373.1.1 was presented and it was decided to pay £15 (29 May 1914)

An account for £7. 12.7 for weekly wages and sundries was passed as was also an account for Iron for furnace bars (13 February 1913)

Resolution, that we request the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland to make precautions not to allow any beasts to be brought to the auction

sale of bulls advertised to be held in Bandon on Wednesday next, 3 June by Messrs Marsh and Sons of Cork from places where an outbreak of foot and mouth disease has occurred and that all beasts for sale at the said auction be examined by the departments officials to be free from the disease (29 May 1914)

The chairman said that he referred some time ago to the generous action of a local merchant in raising the wages of his employees and he was now glad to be able to say that other merchants had followed the good example. He hoped that all the merchants and employers would see their way to increase the wages of their workmen who found it very hard at present to support themselves and their families owing to the increased cost of provisions (29 March 1915)

Enclosure:

Business card for Guy & Co Ltd, 70 Patrick Street, Cork

TC/BN/3 **Committee Minutes, 2004-2014**

Scope and Content:

Bound volume containing minutes of two committees: Joint Policing Committee (2010-2014), and the Municipal Policy Committee (2006-2012).

The Joint Policing Committee was made up of councillors, members of community groups, and representatives of an Garda Siochana, to discuss policing and law and order in the town.

The Municipal Policy Committee (aka Municipal Committee) also consisted of councillors and representative members, as well as the Town Manager, Town Clerk, and Town Engineer. It discussed policy on issues affecting the town, most commonly traffic and parking, but also issues arising such as flooding.

Also present is a report on traffic calming for residential estates in South Cork (Tom Coughlan, August 2004), evidently considered by the Municipal Policy Committee.

Dates: 2006-2014 [2004]

Level of Description: Series/Item

Extent: 1 volume

TC/BN/4 **Correspondence, 2006-2014**

Scope and Content:

Bound sets of outgoing Town Clerk's letters and correspondence regarding matters arising at Council meetings, including letters from the town engineer, and correspondence on topics such as the town development plan.

Dates: 2006-2007; 2009-2014

Level of Description: Series/Item

Extent: 13 volumes

4/1	2006
4/2	2007
4/3	Missing
4/4	2009 (2 parts)
4/5	2010 (2 parts)
4/6	2011 (2 parts)
4/7	2012 (2 parts)
4/8	2013 (2 parts)
4/9	2014

TC/BN/5 Files (1835 – 2004) 8 items

Scope and Content:

Files containing correspondence of the Town Clerk and others regarding aspects of the work of Bandon Town Commissioners/Town Council. Also present are some items (eg, reports) from the Town Clerk's Office.

Dates: 1835-2002

Level of Description: Series/Item

Extent: 8 files

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Scope and Content:

Documents concerning legal and auditing work of Bandon Town Commissioners. Also present is a Xerox copy of a fragile 1609 map of Bandon. [This file originally referenced as U135]

Dates: 1835-1918

Level of Description: File

Extent: 17 items

Includes:

1. Plan of the Towne of Bandon Bridge (1609). [Xerox copy of fragile tracing]. 2. The Commissioners of Lighting, Cleansing and Watching the Town of Bandon. Their costs due to Edward Doherty, Solr. and Attorney. 1835-43. 52pp. 3. Copy of queries submitted with cases for opinions of Sergt. Jackson and Thomas Cronin, Esq. On behalf of the Commrs. For Lighting etc. Bandon with copies of their opinions thereon. 1837. 15pp. 4. The case of the Commissioners of the Town of Bandon for the opinion, advice and directions of Counsel. 28pp. 1835. 5. Case for advice of Counsel on behalf of the Town Commissioners of Bandon 1884. 10pp. 6. Bond of Rate Collector and Sureties and Warrant of Attorney. Messrs. Richard Cole Brady, Richard William Peters and Samuel Godsill to the Town Commissioners of Bandon. 6. 12. 1884. 7. Petition of the Householders of Bandon to the Local Government Board for Ireland. 1893. Note: marked cancelled. 8. As 7 scored out. 9. As 7 incomplete. 10. As 7 1899. 11. Case for Counsel on behalf of the Bandon Town Commissioners re the Bandon Dairy Co. and their gas supply. 1897. 12. Bandon Town Commissioners against Thomas Wall Decree against goods 15. 6. 1898. 13. Bond of Rate Collector and Sureties to the Bandon Town Commissioners, 13. 7. 1899. Richard Lane; Richard McDonnell and Timothy O'Donoghue. 14. Resolution re boundary extension 1898. 15. Grand Jury, Spring Assizes, 1873. Brief for Counsel on the part of the Town Commissioners etc. to oppose granting sum of money to repair the decayed wooden bridge near Kinsale. 16. Copy of the Auditor's report and abstract of accounts for the year ending 31. 3. 1918. 17. Draft instructions for Counsel to advise the Town Commissioners on method of electing the Commissioners 1875.

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Bandon Town Hall and Trustees, 1862-1918

Scope and Content:

One file containing legal documents, letters, regulations and minutes concerning the management of Bandon Town Hall and its trustees.

Dates: 1862 - 1918

Level of Description: File

Extent: 15 items

Includes:

Rules for the regulation and management of Bandon Town Hall (17 February 1862)

Lease of the New Town Hall in North Main Street, Bandon (31 October 1864)

Copy of a mortgage from the Bandon Town Hall Trustees to the Bandon Town Hall Coal Fund (1 March 1877)

Declarations of Trust by trustees with reference to the management of Bandon Town Hall (1864 and 1877)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Bandon Town Hall Trustees (6 October 1902)

Case on behalf of the committee appointed by rate payers and the inhabitants of the town of Bandon (c. 6 May 1905)

Letters from William Guest Lane & Co, Estate and Insurance Agents addressed to Lord Bandon and the Secretary of the Bandon Town Hall (1916 -1918)

5/2 **Bandon Traffic Bye-Laws, 1981-95**

5/3 **Property and Land Sales and Acquisitions, 1985-2003**

Includes sub-file on Tenant Purchase Scheme and two small files on individual sales

5/4 **Bandon Town Mace and Town Coat of Arms**

Includes legal and other correspondence regarding the Town Mace, 1992, 2004-05, in the possession of the National Museum. Some sketches and notes regarding the town coat of arms also present.

5/5 **Town Hall Visitors' Books, 1991-93, 1993-95**

One page only completed in each volume, suggesting they were not in regular use.

5/6 **Meetings 2002**

Town Clerk's file of correspondence, minutes, and agendas, for 2002

5/7 **Bandon Town Study 2004**

Prepared by Dublin Institute of Technology. Published 1996.

5/8 **Bandon Heritage Copy OS Map and Images**

Images from the Irish Historic Trust Atlas relating to Bandon, possibly connected with Irish Walled Towns research.

TC/BN/6 Rent Books 1959 – 1999 5 items

Scope and Content:

Books recording payment of rents or of purchase annuities by tenants of Bandon Town Council. The books note tenant's name, address, and amount paid. Item 3/2 refers to rates in lieu of rents.

Dates: 1959 – 1999

Level of Description: Series/Item

Extent: 3 volumes

- 6/1 Rent and Annuity Book, 1959-69
- 6/2 Receipts and Expenditure Book (Rents and Rates), 1960-83
- 6/3 Rent and Annuities Book, 1984-86
- 6/4 Rent Collection Book, 1986-89
- 6/5 Purchase Annuity Book, 1986-89