

This précis of the minutes of Dundee Police Commissioners was indexed by Meghann Thow, an undergraduate student at Dundee University on placement with Dundee City Archives in 2011. In Dundee the Police Commissioners carried out functions such as streets (known as "Works"), sewers, sanitary improvements and fire fighting as well as "watching" through their constabulary

Dundee Police Commissioners' Meetings 1870-1871

1870

January

- **3rd** - New Sewers: Surveyor reported that notices had been given and certificates produced for the sewers intended for Pitkerro Road, Eliza Street, Well Road, Derby Street, Bruce Street and Kemback Street. No objections to the sewers were heard so Messrs J&R Band of Union Place, Lochee, were employed to execute the sewers as follows: Pitkerro Road-£149 15s 10d; New Street off Pitkerro Road- £7 6s 10d; Eliza Street- £30; Well Road and Derby Street- £55 9s 4d; Bruce Street- £30 13s 8d; Kemback Street- £24 13s- in all £297 18s 8d. **(Works Committee)**
- **3rd** - Plans of New Houses: The following plans were put forward to, examined by, and approved by the meeting:
 1. Unnamed street off Pitkerro Road-Plan of cottage for Mr Robert Fletcher.
 2. Rankine Street-Plan of cottage for Mr David Lamb.
 3. Taylor's Lane: Plans of three-storey dwelling-house for Messrs Bain and Ramsay.
 4. Westfield Lane- Plans of two-storey dwelling-house for Mr David Crow. **(Works Committee)**
- **4th** - Expenditure of Departments: This meeting resolved that the Conveners of the several departments be requested to prepare and submit to the next meeting Committee Returns for their departments showing:
 1. Amount of estimated expenditure for the year.
 2. Abstracts of expenditure under the estimates up to this date.
 3. Details of expenditure not provided for in the estimate. **(Finance Committee)**
- **7th** - Prevalence of Fever: The meeting resolved that the following measures be taken with the view of improving the sanitary conditions of the burgh:
 1. Paving of closes and courts-Surveyor was instructed to make a report of those closes and courts that required paving or improvement of some sort, starting with the more dense parts of the town.
 2. Urinal at West Dock Street- Applications were resolved to be made to the Works Committee of the Harbour Trust for a site at Earl Grey's Dock on which to place the public urinal currently standing at the corner of Greenmarket.
 3. Emptying of Ashpits- Rather than the manure from the barrows being laid on the street, it was resolved that the contents of ashpits and privies would be more safely removed by means of portable depots.
 4. Flushing and Cleaning of Closes- The Inspector of Cleaning was instructed to flush closes and courts in the more densely populated parts of town with water and to spread disinfectant on them. Inspector Kinnear was instructed to report which of these courts required to be whitewashed.

5. Schools- Meeting considered that a circular be sent to schoolmasters in the town recommending them to prevent the attendance of children in whose families fever is known to be present, and that the number of children who this affects is reported. **(Sanitary Committee)**
- **17th-** Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the meeting:
 1. Church Street, Clepington- Plans of four-storey tenement to be erected on east side of this street by Mr William Young.
 2. South Road, Lochee- Plan of washing-house on north side of this road for Mr James Graham, mason.
 3. Mortimer Street & Hill Street- Plans of two-storey dwelling house on east side of Mortimer Street and south side of Hill Street for Mr Robert Anderson.
 4. Murraygate-Plans of alteration on and addition to premises on south side of this street for Mr James Yeaman. Three grating allowed, 7 feet 3 inches by 2 feet 4 inches, as long as there is no encroachment on the close adjoining.
 5. High Street, Lochee- Plans of United Presbyterian Church on north side of this street.
 6. Bucklemaker Wynd- Plan of F.C. Mission Chapel on south side of this street. **(Works Committee)**
 - **19th-** Cleaning of Closes: The Inspector of Cleansing reported that since the meeting of 7th January, a number of the closes in the more populous parts of town had been flushed with water. The Convener reported that it had been found necessary to employ an additional man in the Cleaning District in connection with the flushing of closes, etc. **(Sanitary Committee)**
 - **19th-** Prevalence of Fever: A handbill of health was produced and distributed throughout the dwelling-houses of the burgh. A placard containing the same information as the handbill was also produced and posted up throughout the town. The circular agreed upon in the meeting of the 7th January had been sent to headmasters throughout the town and Dr Pirie reported that he had received some replies from the headmasters. **(Sanitary Committee)**
 - **22nd-** Plans of New Houses: The meeting examined and approved the following plans:
 1. Bucklemaker Wynd- Plan of temporary joiner's shop and smithy for Messrs Carver and Clark.
 2. Magdalen Yard Road- Plan of alterations and additions on house for Mr Patrick Dow.
 3. Hawkhill- Plan of houses to be erected by Mr Charles Thomson-the Surveyor being to see that the drains are laid down to his satisfaction. **(Works Committee)**
 - **31st-** Lochee Road and Liff Road: After considering the state of the Dundee and Coupar Angus Turnpike Road at its junction with the Liff Road, the meeting instructed the Clerk to write to the Surveyor of the Turnpike Trustees calling attention to the dangerous state of the Turnpike Road and asking him to get it put into a proper condition. The Clerk was also instructed to imitate in his letter that the Trustees would be held liable for any accidents that might occur in consequence of the present condition of the road. **(Works Committee)**
 - **31st-** Magdalen Yard Road: Plans were examined and approved by the meeting for the widening of the road. The Surveyor was instructed to call on the proprietors in the road whose property would be affected by the proposed improvement, and ascertain on what terms they would give off ground to allow the road to be widened. **(Works Committee)**
 - **31st-** Plans of New Houses: The meeting examined and approved of the following plans:

1. Foundry Lane- Plan of temporary stables for Messrs Wordie & Co.
2. Dock Street- Plan of workshop and engine house for Messrs Fyffe and Robertson, marble cutters- but on the condition that the chimney stalk is made not less than 60 feet in height.
3. South Road, Lochee- Plans of house for Mr John Wilson. **(Works Committee)**

February

- 4th- Interments Under the Public Health Act: The Treasurer reported that he had arranged with Mr Alexander Lindsay, undertaker, the conducting of funerals at the following reduced charges commencing immediately: under 4 years old-12s. 9d.; between 4 and 12 years old-14s. 9d.; adults-22s. 9d. **(Sanitary Committee)**
- 4th- Prevalence of Fever: Dr Pirie read responses from teachers regarding the circular that was sent round and these, along with a report written up by Dr Pirie, were deemed satisfactory. **(Sanitary Committee)**
- 7th-Applications for Lamps: The following applications for street lamps were granted:
 1. An application by Mr Robert Kerr and others for a lamp at No.2 Daniel Street was granted on condition of the parties paying 13s. per year.
 2. Mr John Adam requested that a lamp be shifted on the road that leads down to Magdalen Place from the North.
 3. Meeting gave power to the Convener and Messrs Moncur and MacDonald to consider the improvement of the lighting of Brown Street. **(Light Committee)**
- 14th- Albert Institute-Fountain: Meeting resolved to accept the offer of Mr Robert Laing, builder, to erect the fountain in the Albert Institute Grounds-plans for which were put forward by Mr George Gilbert Scott- for the sum of £440. **(Works Committee)**
- 14th- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved of by the committee:
 1. Caldron Street-Plan of three-storey tenement for Mr Andrew Gray.
 2. Muirton Road, Lochee- Plan of two-storey houses for Mr Andrew Guthell.
 3. Dudhope Crescent Road- Plan of U.P. Church to be built on the north side of Dudhope Crescent Road and south side of New Street. **(Works Committee)**
- 28th- Horses: Surveyor reported on the condition of horses belonging to the Paving Department. This report alongside a letter from Mr Andrew Spreull, Veterinary Surgeon, resulted in the meeting authorising the surveyor to purchase other horses and dispose of the present ones "to the best advantage." **(Works Committee)**
- 28th- Plans of New Houses: The meeting examined and approved of the following plans:
 1. Wilkie's Lane, East Side- Plan of one-storey dwelling house for Mr Robert W. Stewart.
 2. Ash and Hop Streets- Plan of addition to premises on the south side of Ash Street and the east side of Hop Street for Messrs J. & W. Scollay.
 3. Hawkhill- Plan of shed and washing house at no. 140 for Mr Daniel McIntosh.
 4. Arthur Street, South Side- Plan of two-storey dwelling house for Mr William Findlay.

5. Nethergate, no. 76- Plans of alteration on shop for Mr William Thomson as to the cellar. The Surveyor instructed that the floor would not be made too low for being drained.
6. High Street, Lochee- Plan of shop for Mr Thomas Fyffe.
7. Soapwork Lane- Plan of boiler house and chimney stalk for Messrs Charles Parker & Son-approved on condition that chimney stalk is not made less than 80ft high.
8. Perth Road, North Side- Plan of dwelling houses for Mr William Brownlee. **(Works Committee)**

March

- 7th-Applications for Lamps: Applications by Mr John Rattray for a lamp behind Mr Young's new property in South Road, Lochee, and by Mr Sturrock for a lamp in Balfour Street were both granted and the inspector was instructed to get the lamps put up. **(Lighting Committee)**
- 14th - Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. Scouringburn- Plans of alterations on shop nos. 25 and 27 for Mr William Cleghorn.
 2. Murraygate- Plans of alterations on shop no.16 for Mr James Macdonald.
 3. Tay Street Lane- Plans of stable and hay loft for Dr Robert Cocks.
 4. Rosebank Road- Plans of three-storey dwelling houses for Mr David Mills. **(Works Committee)**
- 28th- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. St. Peter Street: Plan of four-storey dwelling houses for Mr John Ferguson. Upper ceilings to be at least 9 feet high.
 2. Ryehill Lane- Plan of two-storey dwelling houses for Mr John Ferguson- same rules apply as above.
 3. Hilltown- Plan of addition to premises behind no. 72 for Mr Thomas Paterson.
 4. Hilltown- Plan of dwelling houses for Mr Alexander Calder, in garden behind nos. 223 and 225.
 5. Cotton Road, no. 28- Plan of alterations on house for Mr James McLeod.
 6. Loon's Road- Plan of byre and alterations on house for Rev. John Hunter.
 7. Arthur Street, no. 16- Plan of alteration on property for Mr James Chisholm.
 8. Bucklemaker Wynd- Plan of additions to house for Mr Robert Mathers. **(Works Committee)**

April

- 5th- Murraygate and Nethergate Improvements: After the appearance of an advertisement in the Dundee newspapers announcing a sale of certain properties in the above areas, a sub-committee was put together and instructed to go to the sale and make purchases on behalf

of the Commissioners in order to enable them to widen the two streets in question. **(Works Committee and Finance Committee)**

- **11th**- Murraygate and Nethergate Improvements: The following properties were purchased:
 1. shop no. 77, Nethergate
 2. shop no. 79, Nethergate
 3. shop no. 81, Nethergate
 4. shop no. 85, Nethergate
 5. shop no. 87, Nethergate
 6. Subjects in Rankine's Court, top of Murraygate, consisting of the Fleece Tavern and flats.
 7. Shop no. 18, Murraygate

The Treasurer and Convener authorised such leases to be continued for a year. **(Works Committee)**

- **11th**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. East Dock Street- Plans of office for North British Railway Company.
 2. Lochee Road- Plans of two-storey tenement on south side of the road for Mr William Robertson.
 3. Mains Road- Plans of additions and alterations on tenement at no.50 belonging to Mr William Stewart.
 4. Erskine Street- Plans of three-storey tenements for Mr David Anderson. **(Works Committee)**
- **25th**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. Logie Street- Plans of cottage to be built off the west side of this street for Mr A. Burns.
 2. Balfour Street- Plans of additions to St John's Sessional School on the west side of this street.
 3. Caldron Street- Plans of house on the east side of this street for Mr Thomas Cameron.
 4. Taylor's Lane, West Side- Plan of bakehouse and oven for Mr Alexander Beattie.
 5. Harefield Road, Lochee- Plan of addition to dwelling-house belonging to Mr George F. Elder.
 6. Overgate- Plan of alteration on shop no. 157 for Mr F. H. Todd.
 7. Logie Den- Plans of house for Mr Charles Low, engineer. **(Works Committee)**

May

- **9th**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. Balgay Street- Plans of dwelling houses, two storeys and attics, for Mr David Nicoll.
 2. New Inn Entry- Plans of warehouse for Messrs James Keiller & Son.

3. Mid Wynd- Plan of two-storey offices for Messrs J & W Scott.
 4. Seafield Lane- Plan of addition to factory for Messrs H & A Scott.
 5. Bank Street- Plans of additional storey to Advertiser office buildings for Mr John Leng. **(Works Committee)**
- **23rd**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. St Roque's Lane- Plan of proposed alterations on St Roque Works for Messrs W.R. Morrison & Co.
 2. Raglan Street- Plan of three-storey house for Mr John Scott.
 3. Milnbank and Pole Park Roads- Plans of four-storey houses for Mr James Reoch.
 4. Pole Park Road and Pole Street- Plans of four storey houses for Mr Henry McGrady approved as long as the houses are kept 20 feet from the middle of the street and an ashpit is provided at the site.
 5. Pole Park Road- Plan of workshop for Messrs Bell & Sime as long as the building is kept back 20 feet from the middle of the road and the chimney is put at the west end of the building.
 6. Watson's Lane- Plan of stable and potato store for Mr Maiden. **(Works Committee)**

June

- **1st**- Public Privy at Watson's Lane: Clerk produced and read a memorial by house proprietors protesting against the erection of the proposed privy at the top of Watson's Lane on the grounds that it would damage the health and property of inhabitants, and stated also that it was not actually needed due to the fact that all properties in the area have ashpits of their own. The committee instructed the convenor and surveyor to visit the area again with power to build the privy there or any other suitable site. **(Sanitary Committee)**
- **2nd**- Street Improvements: Meeting was called in order to consider the street improvements which should be provided for in the proposed New Improvement Bill. Various plans were examined, including:
 1. A line of improved street from Brown Constable Street west by Bucklemaker Wynd, Ladywell Lane and Powrie Lane, to East Bell Street.
 2. Proposed extension of Commercial Street and High Street, widening of the Murraygate and Seagate, and new streets between Crichton Street and Union Street.
 3. Proposed improvement and extension of Guthrie Street to Scouringburn.

But before considering said plans in detail, it was advised to investigate what sites would be available and what properties, if any, would need to be purchased. **(Improvement Committee)**

- **6th**-Application for Lamps: The following applications were granted:
 1. Lamb and Co., Reform Street, requested permission to place six ornamental lamps round their hotel in place of the three that were already there. They were held

responsible for paying for the gas used in the three extra lamps as well as for the erection of them.

2. D.G. Bruce for a lamp in the back court of Mr Easson's property in Euclid Crescent.
 3. John Rattray for a lamp at Victoria Street. **(Lighting Committee)**
- 6th- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. Scouringburn- Plans of three-storey tenements to be built at no. 155 for Mr Lawrence Deuchars.
 2. Annfield Road- Plans of two-storey houses to be erected for Mr David Peter.
 3. Bonnybank Toad- Plans of additions to premises for Messrs J & F Stevenson.
 4. Ure Street- Plans of one-storey house for smithy Mr James Nay.
 5. Panmure Terrace: Plans of two-storey dwelling houses to be built for Smith & Caird, builders.
 6. Jamaica Street- Plans of additions to and alterations on Mr John Chalmer's property.
 7. Guthrie Street- Plans of warehouses for O. G. Miller & Company. **(Works Committee)**
 - 20th- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. Panmure Terrace- Plans of two-storey houses for Messrs Smith & Caird.
 2. Benvie Road- Plans of factory of two storeys for Messrs Smith, Mitchell & Co.
 3. Hawkhill and Ford's Lane- Plans of two-storeys for Mr Andrew Johnstone.
 4. Croft's Lane- Plan of three-storey house for Mr John Logie.
 5. Caldrum Street- Plan of a one-storey house and stable for Mr Alex Shepherd.
 6. Laurence Street- Plans of four-storey tenements with attics for Mr Jackson.
 7. King Street- Plans of home for Sisters of Mercy and additions to three-storey house off the north side of King Street for the Right Rev. the Bishop of Brechin.
 8. Jamaica Street- Plans of additions to and alterations on Mr John Chalmers' property. **(Works Committee)**
 - 20th- Sewerage of Albany Terrace: After there were found to be no objections to the plan of building a sewer in Albany Terrace, the committee ordered for the work to be proceeded with. **(Works Committee)**

July

- 4th- Magdalen Green-Cricket Playing: Clerk read a letter from Mr P.H. Thoms complaining about the playing of cricket at Magdalen Green. Mr Thoms stated that not only was it annoying but it was also to dangerous to passers-by. The Superintendent reported that on receiving the latter, he had ordered his constables to see that the game was conducted in such a way that would not endanger the general public. **(Police Committee)**
- 4th- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. Ogilvie Street- Plans of one-storey house at Ogilvie Street for Mr John Gordon.
 2. Forfar Road- Plans of two-storey houses for Messrs Allardice and Winter.
 3. Perth Road- Plans of three-storey house for Messrs J & J Gray.

4. Euclid Crescent- Plans of additional storey to north-east wing of the Dundee High School.
 5. Overgate- Plans of four-storey tenements for Mr W. Blair. **(Works Committee)**
- 4th- Proposed water pipe between Messrs Grimond's works at Bowbridge and Maxwelltown: Messrs J. and A.D. Grimond wrote to the commissioners stating that since the withdrawal of water from their Maxwelltown Works by the Commissioners, said works were suffering from a scarcity of water. They asked permission of the commissioners to enhance the water supply of the said works by constructing a pipe from their Bowbridge works (where water is plentiful) through a street not yet opened, through Caldrum Street to Elizabeth Street, on the west side of which the works are situated. The committee agreed to the request on the conditions set forth by Messrs Grimond in their letter, i.e. the pipe would be laid to the satisfaction of the surveyor, it would be removed whenever required by the commissioners, and it would be paid for by themselves. **(Works Committee)**
 - 6th-Harbour-Complaint of Nuisances: Letter was read from Messrs Brown and Simpson amongst others complaining about the dusty state of the roads at the harbour, especially the one running in front of Victoria Dock and the shipbuilding yards. They asked that more scavengers be sent to the harbour to deal with the quantity of dead animals that have been allowed to accumulate and also to deal with the state of the water closets at the south-east end of the Graving Dock. The committee agreed these issues should be dealt with and remitted to the Convener and Provost to obtain cart water tanks for watering the roads and streets at the harbour and within the rest of the burgh. **(Sanitary Committee)**
 - 18th- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. Lower Pleasance- Plans of proposed new factory for Messrs J. Hoile and Co.
 2. Flight's Lane- Plans of one-storey house with attics for Mr Robert Keay.
 3. Lawrence Street- Plans of four-storey houses for Messrs Scott and Crabb.
 4. Logie Feus- Plans of one-storey house with attics for Mr Thomas Gilchrist. **(Works Committee)**

August

- 1st- Magdalen Green-Cricket Playing: Mr P.H. Thoms appeared at meeting and explained that this matter had not yet been seen to and had in fact gotten worse. Adults had now taken to playing and the public now refrained from walking in the area from fear of being hit by a ball (as one woman reportedly had been.) He also stated that balls are frequently being hit into adjoining gardens and occasionally break windows of nearby houses. Committee instructed Clerk to present to the Town Council the idea of strictly regulating such activities on Magdalen Green. **(Police Committee)**
- 1st- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. Littlejohn Street- Plans of four-storey tenements for Mr James Crighton.
 2. Barrack Road- Plans of four-storey tenement with attics and cellars for Mr W.H. Tosh.
 3. Hilltown- Plans of three-storey tenement for Mr Alexander Calder.

4. Watson's Lane- Plans of three-storey houses for Mr Henderson. Levels approved but ashpit and privy as shown on plan disallowed. **(Works Committee)**
- **1st**- Proposed pipe from Stobswell Works to Dens Road Factory: Letter was produced from Messrs Laing and Sandeman asking permission to construct a pipe between the said works and factory in order to transport water from the mill to the factory. The proposed pipe to be laid along Dura Street and Dens Road. The committee granted permission on the grounds that the pipe would be laid under the surveyor's instructions, the work would be paid for by Laing and Sandeman themselves, they would remove the pipe when required and they would have the streets returned to a proper state. **(Works Committee)**
 - **15th**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. Graham Place- Plan of one-storey house for Mr George Slimman.
 2. Sommerville Place- Plan of two-storey houses for Mr Alex Thomson.
 3. Hilltown- Plans of three-storey house for Mr James Duncan.
 4. Queen Street- Plans of three-storey house for Mr Thomas Stronner.
 5. Maryfield- Plans of two-storey houses and attics for Mr David McDonald. **(Works Committee)**
 - **29th**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. William Street- Plans of four-storey tenements for Mr David Macdonald.
 2. New Inn Entry- Plan of new warehouse for Messrs James Keiller & Son. Level approved but committee agreed that the Town Council should see the plan before any action taken.
 3. Plan of four-storey tenement for Mr Allan Geekie. **(Works Committee)**

September

- **12th**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. Elizabeth Street- Plans of factory of one storey for Messrs J &A.D. Grimond. **(Works Committee)**
- **26th**- Deaths of Superintendent Fyffe and Sergeant Watson: Meeting was held to consider the course to be followed after the deaths of James Fyffe, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, and James Watson, Police Sergeant, at the fire which occurred on 18th September at a flax warehouse on Trades Lane belonging to Messrs John Gordon and Company. Committee resolved that:
 1. Mrs Watson should receive an annuity during the pleasure of the board of £21 a year. Also a memorial stone should be erected over the sergeant's grave at the public cost.
 2. A monument be erected at the public cost to Mr Fyffe. **(Police Committee)**
- **26th**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. Coldside- Plans of two-storey house for Mrs Webster.
 2. Baltic Street- Plans of three-storey house for Messrs Edward Baxter & Son.

3. Albany Terrace- Plans of two-storey house for Mr Charles Alexander.
4. Small's Wynd- Plans of three-storey house for Mr James Tyrell. **(Works Committee)**

October

- **10th**- Plan of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. North William Street- Plan of factory for Mr Jacob Lawson.
 2. Candle Lane- Plans of two warehouses for Mr James Yeaman.
 3. Overgate- Plans of four storey tenements for Mr James B. Lawson.
 4. Perth Road- Plans of four-storey tenement for Mr Robert Lickely.
 5. East Whale Lane- Plans of one-storey house for the Dundee Seal and Whale Fishing Company. **(Works Committee)**
- **28th**- Free St. Peter's Clock: Clerk reported that he read advertised for tenders to supply and fit up a public clock in the steeple of Free St. Peter's Church. Committee found that Mr Kelt's offer of £148 10s. was the cheapest and so accepted it on the grounds that the clock fixed be the height recommended by the committee, and also on the grounds that the Deacon's Court Of Free St. Peter's Church assent to the conditions expressed by the committee. **(Joint meeting of the Police and Lighting Committee)**

November

- **21st**- New Street at Coldside: Surveyor reported that public notice had been given as to the purpose of building a new street at Coldside, extending from Loon's Road 100 yards southward. As no objections were heard against the building of the new road, plans were drawn up and the committee named the new street "Lorimer Street" after Mr Lorimer, the builder of said street. **(Works Committee)**
- **21st**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. High Street, Lochee- Plans of four-storey houses for Mr James Gentle with four cellar areas and gratings allowed.
 2. Crofts Lane- Plans of four-storey tenements with attics from Mr John S. Buchan.
 3. West Whale Lane- Plan of one-storey warehouses for Mr David Dick and others. **(Works Committee)**
- **21st**- Seafield Road Crossing: Clerk reported that a number of requests had been made regarding the building of a crossing at the foot of said road between the pavements on the north and south side, as in wet weather the street always ends up in a very bad state. The committee instructed the surveyor to enquire and report on the matter. **(Works Committee)**
- **22nd**- Storage of Unclaimed Property: It was resolved upon that due to a lack of room in the Police Office, the former tinsmiths' shop should be used as a store for unclaimed, stolen and formed property. **(Police Committee)**
- **22nd**- The Late Fire at Trades Lane: Clerk produced and read a letter from Mrs Watson (widow of recently deceased Sergeant Watson) expressing her gratitude for the sympathy

and kindness which the commissioners had shown her, and also giving her approval regarding the erection of the proposed memorial stone. **(Police Committee)**

December

- **5th**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. Barrack Road- Plans of four-storey tenement for Mr William Phillip.
 2. Graham Place- Plans of two four-storey tenements for Mr A.G. Kidd.
 3. Lyon Street- Plans of two-storey brewhouse for Mt Joseph Brown.
 4. Small's Wynd- Plans of four-storey tenement for Mr James Gentle.
 5. Scouringburn- Plans of three-storey tenement for Mr Lawrence Deuchars. **(Works Committee)**
- **5th**- Seafield Road Crossing: Surveyor reported that the cost of said crossing would be about £2 12s. Committee were of the opinion that the crossing should be made and ordered by the surveyor accordingly. **(Works Committee)**
- **7th**- Memorials of Fyffe and Watson: Having considered several designs and offers, the committee decided that Mr John Macfarlane should be employed to erect a monument to Captain Fyffe at the price of £47. They also agreed that a second design of Mr Macfarlane's was suitable for a monument for Sergeant Watson and again employed him for the price of £16 16s. **(Sub-Committee of Police Committee)**
- **19th**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. Rosebank- Plans of three-storey tenement for Mr John Duncan.
 2. Catherine Street- Plan of three-storey house for Mr James Foggie.
 3. Balgay Street- Plans of four-storey tenements for Mr David Nicoll. **(Works Committee)**
- **30th**-Arbroath Road: Clerk read a letter from Mr James Hamilton stating that the tenants in his property at the top of Robertson Street complain that they are inconvenienced by the mud when crossing the Arbroath Road in wet weather. Mr Hamilton requested that a crossing be built there. The committee approved of the proposed crossing. **(Works Committee)**
- **30th**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. Croft's Lane- Plans of three-storey tenement for Mr John Sime.
 2. High Street, Lochee- Plans of two-storey tenement for Mr Stewart Low.
 3. Thomson Street- Plans of two-storey tenement for Mr Duncan Macdonald. **(Works Committee)**

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January

- **4th**- Petition of Mrs White: A letter from Mrs Mary White was put before the meeting. In said letter, Mrs White states how since the death of her husband she has been 'deprived of her

only means of support' and requests from the commissioners a sum of money to sustain her for as long as the Board deems proper. The Board granted this request due to who her husband was (a Constable in the Burgh Force for ten years) and also after considering how he died (he fell down a flight of stairs in a house in the Overgate and fractured his skull whilst on duty.) **(Police Committee)**

- **16th**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee: **1.** Church Street, Clepington-Plans of four-storey tenement for Mr William Young.
2. Step Row- Plans of four-storey tenement with attics for Mr James Gentle.
3. Daniel Street- Plan of three-storey tenement for Mr R. Kerr. **(Works Committee)**
- **30th**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee: **1.** Hillbank Road- Plans of calender house of two-storeys for Messrs A. Low & Son. **(Works Committee)**
- **30th**- Steelyard at Lochee: The committee decided that a public steelyard should be built at Lochee and remitted to the Convener, Bailie Cox, Mr Ballingall and the Surveyor with powers. **(Works Committee)**

February

- **1st**- District Police Stations: The Superintendent of the Police, Mr D. Mackay, resubmitted a report he drew up in 1865 portraying the necessity of having two police stations built in the burgh-one at the East End and one at the West End. In his report of six years earlier, he mentions factors which attribute to this necessity such as the need to strengthen 'the hands' of officers, the need to add additional security to more densely populated areas of the town, the need to overcome the difficulties often encountered when transporting an arrestee to the station (being only one office in town, if someone is arrested a distance from the office it can often be a difficult task transporting them there as many will put up a fight and crowds are often attracted meaning that the officers are often put at risk.) Mr Mackay states that the need for the stations is even more desperate nowadays due to 'the vast extension of building in the town of late years.' The committee agreed with Mr Mackay and agreed to recommend this matter to the board. **(Police Committee)**
- **13th**- Plans of New Houses: **1.** Trades Lane- Plan of two-storey warehouses for Douglas, Watt &Co.
2. Lochee Road- Plans of five houses of three-storeys for William Small.
3. South Road, Lochee- Plans of one-storey factory for John Potter &Co. **(Works Committee)**
- **16th**- Monuments for Fyffe and Watson: Mottoes for the monuments were submitted to Mr McFarlane and the sub-committee also agreed that the monuments should be erected somewhere in the Balgay Hill Cemetery and remitted to the convener. **(Sub-Committee of Police Committee)**
- **24th**- Ladywell Water: It was decided that the springs of the Ladywell be closed against domestic use after an experiment by Dr Stevenson Macadam showed the water supply to be

contaminated 'with the products of decomposition of animal matter derivable from sewage or other accumulations of animal refuse.' **(Sanitary Committee)**

March

- **1st**- Free St. Peter's Clock: Clerk read a letter from Mr Reid, Clerk to the Deacon's Court of Free St. Peter's Church, expressing their agreement to the proposed clock but on the grounds that the commissioners understand that they have no right of property in the steeple other than the clock. The committee approved of this. **(Joint Meeting of the Police and Lighting Committees)**
- **1st**- Petition of Mrs White: Committee decided that the sum of £30 should be paid to Mrs White as a mark of their sympathy. **(Police Committee)**
- **1st**- Scavengers' and Carters' Wages: The Inspector brought under consideration the low wages of scavengers and carters and suggested a pay rise of 1s. per week to certain classes of said people. The committee approved of this and recommended the idea to the board. **(Sanitary Committee)**
- **13th**- Construction of Sewers: Surveyor reported that notions had been given to all parties interested in/affected by the proposed sewers in Prospect Place, Laurel Bank, Constitution Terrace, Union Terrace, Ann Street and Lawrence Street. As no objections had been heard, the committee ordered that the said sewers be executed. **(Works Committee)**
- **27th**- Contracts: Construction of sewers authorised at meeting of 13th March 1871: James Cowie employed for Laurel Bank, Prospect Place, Union Terrace, Constitution Terrace, Lawrence Street and Ann Street in the construction of sewers and also for flagging in Liff Road. **(Works Committee)**
- **27th**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee:
 1. Scott and Balgay Streets-Plans of three-storey houses with cellars and bakehouse with loft for David Baxter.
 2. West Bell Street- Plan of building for the Industrial Schools Association.**(Works Committee)**
- **27th**- Proposed Tunnel Across Dens Street: Clerk read a letter from W.R. Morrison & Co requesting permission to build an underground tunnel in order to connect their South Mill with their Blackcroft Warehouse. They stated they would pay for the work themselves, would build only to the satisfaction of the surveyor, and would return any part of the street affected by the work to its present condition. The committee ordered the surveyor to examine the proposed plans and make a report to the next meeting. **(Works Committee)**

April

- **5th**- Fire Engines: Superintendent reported to the committee the need for additional fire plugs throughout the town. The committee agreed and left it to the convener and Messrs Mackay and Macdonald to install such fire plugs. **(Police Committee)**
- **7th**- Infirmary Vans: Clerk read a letter from Mr Stewart, Secretary of the Dundee Royal Infirmary, intimating that in order to combat the problems arising out of the use of the same

vans for contagious and non-contagious diseases unknowingly, the Directors had decided that the vans should be kept at the Infirmary in order that the use of the vans could be controlled. This would however incur an extra charge of about £100 and the Directors asked if the commissioners would be willing to pay £30 of this, to which they agreed. **(Sanitary Committee)**

- **10th**- Outfall Sewer at the Harbour: The clerk read a letter from Mr William O. Dalgleish complaining of the depositing of the town's sewage. Mr Dalgleish stated that the pipes carrying the sewage did not travel far enough into the Tay, meaning that the sewage was deposited in very shallow water. This therefore meant that when the tide was out the sewage just lay there, and the smell was even more offensive on a warm day. He stated that this must be dangerous to the health of the public and so asked that the pipes be extended so that the tide is able to carry the sewage away from the shore. The committee believed this to be a matter more concerned with the Harbour Trustees and so remitted the matter to them. **(Works Committee)**
- **10th**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee: **1.** St Mary's Place- Plans of school of one storey for managers of Dudhope Free Church.
2. Nethergate-Plans of church for St Enoch's Congregation. **(Works Committee)**
- **10th**- Proposed Tunnel Across Dens Street: The surveyor reported that in order for the tunnel to be built, the main sewer in Dens Street would have to be lowered. However, he stated that if Messrs W.R. Morrison & Co were willing to pay for the lowering of the sewer, then he saw no reason why permission should not be granted for the building of the tunnel. The committee therefore granted permission on these terms. **(Works Committee)**

May

- **8th**- Albert Institute Fountain: The committee had under consideration the use of the water of Ladywell for this fountain, seeing as the water could no longer be used for domestic purposes. The committee ordered the surveyor to investigate and make a report of the matter. **(Works Committee)**
- **8th**- Outfall Sewer at the Harbour: Clerk read an excerpt from the minutes of the Harbour Trustees showing that they had authorised their engineer to extend the pipes of the sewer out into the river so that they would be wholly under water at all times. **(Works Committee)**
- **22nd**- Ladywell and Albert Institute Fountain: The surveyor reported that in order for the water from Ladywell to be used for the fountain, an iron pipe would have to be laid to connect the tank with the fountain. This pipe would lead from the tank at Powrie Lane and Bell Street to the west end of Panmure Street, from which point the fountain is supplied from the Water Commissioner's main pipe. However, he stated that after considering the small head of pressure, it would perhaps be more desirable to form a connection with the present branch pipe supplying the fountain at Panmure Street so that the Ladywell or Monikie water could both be used. The committee considered the matter and ordered the report to be submitted to the board. **(Works Committee)**
- **22nd**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee: **1.** Albert Street- Plan of four-storey addition to factory for Messrs Donald.

2. Milne's East Wynd-Plans of spinning mill and power loom factory for M&C Hill.
(Works Committee)

- **22nd**- Telegraph Wires: The committee granted permission to the Telegraph Superintendent to lay underground telegraph wires between the railway stations and the post office. **(Works Committee)**

June

- **5th**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee: **1.** Ladywell Lane- Plan of workshop for D&A Guthrie.
2. Lyon's Close off Blackness Road- Plans of two houses of four-storeys with attics and cellars for John McKenzie.
3. Airlie Lodge Grounds-Plans of ten houses for Messrs Buchan and McLaren.
(Works Committee)
- **19th**- Plans of New Houses: Albert Institute- Plans of proposed additions to Albert Institute. Approved but committee ordered the convener and surveyor to make sure proper means would be provided for supplying fresh air to the building. **(Works Committee)**

July

- **3rd**- New Street ay Airlie Lodge Grounds: Surveyor reported that Messrs Buchan and McLaren had given notice of their intention to lay out a new street on their ground at Airlie Lodge. The committee approved of this and agreed to meet with the Messrs for the purpose of planning the layout of the street. **(Works Committee)**
- **3rd**- Plans of New Houses: South Ward Road- Plans of mill and factory for Messrs A&J Nicoll were examined and approved by the committee. **(Works Committee)**
- **5th**- Monthly Report of Medical Officer: June-224 deaths. May-238 deaths (death rate of 21.75 per 1000 per annum) Causes of death in June- 5 from typhus, 11 from typhoid, 8 from whooping cough, 7 from smallpox, 2 from scarlet fever, 9 from diarrhoea, 13 from croup and measles, 26 from consumption, 21 from bronchitis, 12 from inflammation of the lungs, 7 from asthma, 7 from heart disease. Of total deaths, 36% were children under 5. **(Sanitary Committee)**
- **5th**- The Late Fire at Trades Lane: Mr Robert McEwan and Mr James Alexander-firemen who were injured in said fire- brought applications for light employment before the committee. Said applications were remitted to the Provost and Messrs Fairweather and Mackay. **(Police Committee)**
- **17th**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee: **1.** Constitution Road- Plan of house of three-storeys at old Watt Institute for Members of Young Men's Christian Association.
2. Binns of Blackness- Plans of double villa for Messrs McGrady and Kennedy.
(Works Committee)
- **17th**- Tramways: Board sent to committee a letter from Kerr and McFarlane regarding the laying down of tramlines in Dundee and its vicinity. Sub-committee was formed to handle this matter. **(Works Committee)**

- **31st**- New Street at Airlie Lodge Grounds: Meeting was held to let any issues/ grievances concerning the proposed new street be heard. No objections were made so the committee approved of the plans made in terms of the Dundee Police and Improvement Act 1871. **(Works Committee)**
- **31st**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee: **1.** Tay Square- Plan of school for U.P. congregation.
2. Plan of extension of Craigie Works. **(Works Committee)**

August

- **23rd**- Cholera Hospital: Meeting was held to discuss with Directors of Royal Infirmary the proposal of the hospital providing accommodation for cholera patients. The directors declined this proposal on the grounds of a lack of room. It was later decided after some input from Dr Littlefield that a temporary hospital would be set up at the docks in the form of a ship or a house on some part of the harbour. Meeting remitted to Provost and Convener to provide such a temporary hospital. **(Sanitary Committee)**
- **28th**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee- **1.** Commercial Street-Plan of factory for G&W Robertson.
2. Clepington- Plan of foundry for Messrs Charles Parker & Sons. **(Works Committee)**

September

- **4th**- Cholera Hospital: Convener reported that he and the Provost had secured a schooner to be used as a cholera hospital should it be required. The committee approved. **(Sanitary Committee)**
- **4th**- Smallpox: Convener reported that smallpox was now epidemic in the town. Dr Pirie suggested that he and three district surgeons be authorised to vaccinate all applicants free of charge. The committee approved of this. **(Sanitary Committee)**
- **11th**- Proposed Tunnel Across Lindsay Street: Clerk read a letter from Don Brothers, Buist & Co requesting permission to build an underground tunnel connecting their property on the east side of said street and their ground on the west side. The committee agreed on the conditions that: **1.** Don Bros, Buist & Co bear all expenses for the work.
2. The thoroughfare is restored to its present condition once the work is complete.
3. They remove the tunnel at the instructions of the commissioners.
4. All work is carried out under the supervision of the surveyor.
5. Don Bros, Buist & Co are bound to provide access to the sewer and repair any water, gas and drain pipes that are affected by the works. **(Works Committee)**
- **12th**- Cholera Hospital: Ship was now ready for use and could be bought for £200- a saving on the monthly rate already agreed on. Committee approved of this suggestion. **(Sanitary Committee)**

- **12th**- Hospital Accommodation for Smallpox: Clerk read a letter from the secretary of the infirmary stating that it was down to the commissioners to provide a temporary hospital for smallpox due to a lack of accommodation in the infirmary. A letter from Dr Pirie was also read stating that very few people had taken advantage of the free vaccinations on offer so the service had been stopped. However, he also stated that he feels the service should be started up again in the evenings when more people would be able to take advantage of it. A sub-committee was put together to consider these matters. **(Sanitary Committee)**
- **12th**- Reports for August: 252 deaths in Dundee- 6 from typhus, 3 from relapsing fever, 1 from typhoid, 14 from smallpox, 51 from diarrhoea, 7 from whooping-cough, 5 from croup. There was an increase in deaths of 36 from July. Smallpox was most prominent in the east half of the town. 99 people died from fever. 53% of deaths in August were children under 5. **(Sanitary Committee)**
- **18th**- Smallpox: Clerk stated that he had written to the Secretary of State for War asking for permission to temporarily use the hospital at the barracks for smallpox patients. The clerk also reported that no more smallpox patients were being admitted to the infirmary. **(Sub-Committee of Sanitary Committee)**
- **25th**- Plans of New Houses: The following plans were examined and approved by the committee-
 1. Constitution Street- Plans of church to be erected by the Rosebank Chapel Committee.
 2. Dock Street- Plans of shed for the Dundee Seal and Whale Fishing Company.
 3. Lower Pleasance and Fyffe Street-Plans of additions to Balgay Works for George Schleselman. **(Works Committee)**
- **29th**- Lochee Hospital: Convenor and medical officer reported that the use of this hospital for smallpox patients had been obtained and that it was now ready to start taking in patients if a medical officer and nurses were appointed and provisions and medicines ordered. The committee remitted to the convenor and medical officer to arrange such matters. **(Sanitary Committee)**

October

- **4th**- Reports for September: 260 deaths (4 from typhus, 7 from typhoid, 2 from relapsing fever, 3 from scarlet fever, 30 from smallpox, 38 from diarrhoea, 13 from whooping cough and croup.) Big increase in deaths from smallpox since August-14 vs. 30 (epidemic still thriving.) 30 died from consumption, 25 from bronchitis, 1 from asphyxia, 7 from heart disease. 48% of deaths were children under 5 years. Convenor reported that Lochee Hospital was now ready for receiving smallpox patients. **(Sanitary Committee)**
- **6th**- Smallpox Hospital Accommodation: The need for additional temporary accommodation was brought up with the Directors of the Infirmary to which they stated they might agree on the grounds that:
 1. No expense of building or managing the building should fall upon the infirmary.
 2. The directors should have power to appoint a separate staff with separate appliances to work in the additional building.
 3. The Police Commissioners should pay for any additional expense incurred during the treatment of patients in the new building.

Even after laying down these points, the directors stated that they would meet and discuss the matter and let the commissioners know their decision at a later date. **(Sanitary Committee)**

- **7th**- Convener read letter from Infirmary Directors stating their agreement with the proposed building but on the terms laid down at the last meeting. They also stated that the building would be built under the supervision of the directors. **(Sanitary Committee)**
- **9th**- Smallpox Hospital Accommodation: Clerk read a petition he had received on the matter from the owners and inhabitants of properties in the area. They stated that there is a lack of open space in the area at the moment and that an additional building would become “a source of danger to the whole community.” This would also be the case as a result of accumulating building of this nature in one locality. The convener suggested other possible sites for the building but the committee unanimously resolved to erect the building on the Stobsmuir and to apply to the Town Council for permission. **(Sanitary Committee)**
- **13th**- Fever and Smallpox Hospital: Dr Pirie attended this meeting and stated that the smallpox was in fact on the decline in the town. He stated that a small wing added to the Lochee Hospital temporarily would be more than sufficient to deal with the current problem. The commissioners were then of the opinion that a space should be procured for building a permanent fever and smallpox hospital and so remitted to the Surveyor, Convener of Works, Convener of Sanitary Committees and the Medical Officer to see to the building of the hospital. **(Works Committee)**
- **23rd**- Plans of New Houses: The committee examined and approved the following plans:
 1. Blackness Road- Plans of Mission Church for the promoters of Cowden Knowes Mission.
 2. West Wynd- Plans of factory for J&W Scott. **(Works Committee)**
- **26th**- Fever and Smallpox Hospital: As well as the permanent building, the works committee agreed to build a temporary wing onto the Lochee Hospital if necessary. The cost of this was found to be around £400, so the meeting instead decided to set up the temporary hospital in an existing warehouse in Commercial Court or some other suitable place. Failing that, the committee authorised the extension to Lochee Hospital. **(Sanitary Committee)**
- **27th**- Free Vaccination: Dr Pirie reported that 1906 people had been vaccinated free of cost from 16th September- 21st October but at a cost to the commissioners of £142 19s. It was remitted to the Convener and the Dean of Guild to investigate and to report as to the success of these vaccinations. **(Sanitary Committee)**
- **30th**- Proposed Temporary Hospital at Airlie Lodge: Medical Officer explained that Airlie Lodge had been offered by Bailie Buchan as a temporary hospital. Dr Pirie reported that the lodge had 53 beds and could be used with little or no cost to the commissioners. Offer was accepted. **(Sanitary Committee)**

November

- **6th**- Plans of New Houses: The committee examined and approved the following plans:
 1. Burnside Street, Lochee- Plans of addition to factory for Messrs Cox Brothers.
 2. Lawson Place- Plans of addition to factory for Messrs Stewart Brothers. **(Works Committee)**

- **24th** - Addition to Lochee Hospital: The Convener reported that the accommodation of the hospital had become inadequate and that a new wing for smallpox patients was urgently required. Offers to build the wing were examined and the matter was remitted to the Convener and the Dean. **(Sanitary Committee)**

December

- **6th**- Lochee Hospital: After receiving a petition from those living in Lochee against the extension of the hospital and its continued use for smallpox patients, a report on the matter was issued by Dr Pirie. He stated that the spread of the disease westward across Dundee and into Lochee was simply a natural pattern and had nothing whatsoever to do with the presence of the hospital in Lochee. He stated that the isolated location of the hospital meant that it had no direct impact on the residents of Lochee and that without it the city would have struggled greatly during the smallpox epidemic. The committee therefore resolved that the Lochee hospital should continue to be used for the treatment of smallpox patients and that the proposed extension carried on with. However, they also decided that a suitable site for the proposed permanent hospital be procured as soon as possible and so instructed the committee already appointed for this purpose to report on the matter. **(Sanitary Committee)**
- **6th**- Reports for November: 339 deaths in Dundee- a mortality rate that had not been matched since the scarlatina epidemic of March 1870. Smallpox was mostly responsible for this high death rate with a death rate of 89. By this point, smallpox, which began in the eastern parts of the town, had travelled to the west boundary of Dundee including Lochee and places beyond such as Longforgan, Fowlis, Liff and Birkhill. The deaths in Lochee (25) were entirely in the hospital there, 56 cases were admitted to the hospital-34 from Dundee west, 22 from Dundee east, none from Lochee. A slight abatement of the disease in the eastern parts of the city had begun by this point. **(Sanitary Committee)**

The Balgay Recreational Ground

- **27th January 1870:** Acquisition of Ground: Laid before the meeting: **1.** A plan of the ground to be acquired for said recreational ground prepared by Mr Salmond, Land Surveyor. **2.** A statement of the extent of the ground contained within the boundaries fixed by the committee, the amount of feu duty exigible therefore, and the ground rent which will be payable yearly for the approaches. **3.** The minute for tenants' compensation as adjusted between Messrs Kerr and McFarlane and the committee. **4.** The extended feu contract between Sir William and Lady Scott and the commissioners. Meeting resolved to close the transaction in terms of these documents.
- **31st January 1870:** Meeting instructed Messrs Mackison and McKelvie, along with Mr William Scott, town architect, to prepare a plan and a scheme for laying out the ground and accesses.
- **5th May 1870:** The committee reported to the board on some of the measurements proposed concerning said recreational ground: **1.** The carriageway of accesses will be 25 feet wide, the remaining 35 feet to be laid out in grass. **2.** The carriageways of the drives will in

the meantime be 25 feet wide with drains being formed under such carriageways. **3.** The lodges and gates and the boundary walls are to be built according to specification. An estimate of £6132 was given for the building of the recreational ground (a vast reduction from the original estimate of £10,977.) This estimate however left out aspects such as footwalks, the veranda, flagstaff, chairs, fountain as well as about two-thirds of the drives at the top of the recreational ground.

- **11th May 1870:** Boundary Walls: Committee accepted offer of Mr Adam Will (£9 17s 6d) per rood to build said walls. Accesses: Committee accepted offer of Mr Honeyman to build accesses to ground- Northern approach £387 10s 7 1/2d; Southern approach £359 11s 10d; Western approach £149 11s 9d. Wooden fences and gates: Offer of Wallace and How Joiners was accepted. Inspector of Works: Mr Thomas Ross was appointed to said position at a salary of 35s per week.
- **13th May 1870:** Contracts for lodge and gateways: **1.** Mason Works: Both the lodge and the north and south gateways to be covered by Thomas Lawson & Son at prices of £201 and £95 respectively. **2.** Plaster Work: To be carried out by James Johnstone, Dundee, at a price of £17. **3.** Carpentry and Joining Work: To be carried out by Matthew & Pollock, Dundee, at a price of £111. **4.** Plumbing Work: To be carried out by Thomas Adam, Dundee, at a price of £21. **5.** Slater Work: To be carried out by William Fyffe, Dundee, at a price of £25.
- **4th June 1870:** Contracts for carriage drives within grounds: Offer of Messrs J&R Band, Union Place, Lochee, was accepted being the lowest (£2346 19s 5d.)
- **17th October 1870:** Contracts for gates and railings: Offer of Mr Keay was accepted: **1.** £33 6s 8d for one of the two-leafed gates, wrought iron. **2.** £32 13s 4d for two of the one-leafed gates, wrought iron. **3.** £10 15s for 7 ¼ lineal yards of railing, wrought iron. Convener submitted a sketch of an iron railing proposed to be put up along the southeast end of the hill instead of the wall contracted for. Committee approved of substitution and ordered for offers to be taken due to it being plainer and cheaper than the proposed wall.
- **21st December 1870:** Expenditure on Works: Meeting asked for a report to be drawn up regarding **1.** if the estimate given for building the grounds had been enough so far, and if not how much more money is needed, and **2.** whether any additional works to those already taken into consideration will be needed to complete the building of the park, and they likely cost of any such additional works.
- **12th January 1871:** Messrs Mackison, Scott and McKelvie presented to the meeting the report requested in the last meeting which showed that a further £320 2s 8d would be required to complete the work. The meeting agreed with this and ordered the convener, surveyor, architect and Mr McKelvie to report on the proposal of providing a skating pond within the grounds, and the supposed site and cost of this.
- **25th May 1871:** Opening of grounds: The committee appointed a sub-committee to fix a time for opening the grounds and to make all necessary arrangements. Protection of Borders of Drives: Committee decided that a small rail or fence should be put up along the sides of those drives deemed necessary in order to protect them from damage.
- **19th June 1871:** Gravel for Walks: Convener stated that he had been making enquiries into procuring gravel for the walkways of the recreational grounds and had found that suitable gravel could not be got in Dundee but could be obtained from the Earn at Aberdargie Bank, Forgardenny, at 6s per ton and could be delivered to the grounds. The committee instructed that convener and Messrs Mackison and McKelvie to procure such gravel.

- **22nd August 1871:** Report was delivered by Messrs Mackison and McKelvie as to a proposed opening day for the park. They reported that a number of things had to be done before the park could be opened to the public. **1.** A wooden railing should be put up around the grass embankments to protect them while the grass is still is growing. **2.** The north-south accesses, main carriage drives and foot-walks still require to be gravelled, and again railings should be put up on the edges of the smaller pathways to protect the surrounding slopes from damage. **3.** The levelling and sowing of some slopes south of the high quarry is still to be carried out. Messrs Mackison and McKelvie reported that if these final tasks were taken care of immediately, the park could be opened on the 1st of September. Matter was then left to the sub-committee to finalise all arrangements and arrange an opening day.
- **31st August 1871:** Drinking Fountain: Committee decided that a drinking fountain should be placed on the south side of the hill between the pleasure grounds and the cemetery. Meeting remitted to the convener and Mr Fairweather to procure the fountain and have it erected.
- **31st August 1871:** Provost reported that Lord Dalhousie had agreed to open the park on 20th September. It was remitted to the convener and Mr Fairweather to obtain and put up flower vases along the entrance drive and also to erect a marquee and platform in the park for the opening. It was remitted to the provost, Mr Buchan and the clerk to make a programme of the day's proceedings and to issue invitations to the opening. The provost and Mr Buchan were also instructed to order carriages for processions to the park. **(Sub-committee)**
- **29th September 1871:** Watching of the Park: Due to recent malicious attacks on the park's trees and shrubs, the committee decided that until the culprit was caught, police constables should be placed on patrol in the park. The superintendent was instructed to allot 4 men to this purpose.
- **26th October 1871:** Bell for Park: Committee decided to have a bell fitted in the park to notify visitors when the park was closing.