

Index to Dundee Town Council Minutes - September 1789 - September 1790

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Council Minutes September 1789-90

New Council appointed 24th September, 1789

Members

Provost: Alexander Riddoch

Treasurer: Andrew Peddie

Dean of Guild: James Halliburton

Baillies: James Johnston, John Guild, John Thoms, John Patrick, Patrick Smith, James Robertson, Thomas Webster, James Halliburton, David Myells, Alexander Thoms.

Academy

- Mr Ivory, assistant master at the Academy resigns (19th November 1789)
- James Saunders, Doctor at the grammar school takes up post (19th November, 1789)
- Decide to reconsider the rules and regulations of the Academy (18th November, 1798)
- David Moncur appointed assistant master as Dr Saunders is busy at the grammar school (16th September, 1790)

Accidents

- Accidents to children caused by tradesmen's ladders (4th January, 1790)
- Ladders ordered to be removed immediately after work completed (4th January, 1790)
- Padlocks to be used on ladders longer than twelve feet (4th January, 1790)

Accounts

- Committee for auditing accounts chosen (29th September, 1789)
- Hospital accounts 1787-88 examined (4th November, 1789)
- Accounts of Patrick Smith, late treasurer, audited (3rd April, 1790)
- Hospital accounts 1788-89 approved (3rd April, 1790)
- Accounts of Robert Pattullo, shoremaster 1788-89 approved (3rd April, 1790)

Acts of Parliament

- Act against bribery and corruption read to new members (24th September, 1789)
- Parliament requests an account of previous ten years less revenues (29th September, 1789)

Birthday (King's)

- See Committees

Board of Trustees (Edinburgh)

- Application made by Council for third stamp office in Dundee (28th January, 1790)

Bond

- Council gives £200 bond to guildry in respect of a loan (19th November, 1789)

Bounty

- Of 2 guineas given to seamen for joining the new ship the Defence (16th September, 1790)

Burial Wynd

- A garden purchased for widening the burial wynd (20th May, 1790)

Charters of Confirmation

- Given in favour of the following, concerning Hilltown land (5th October, 1789)

James Rutherford, tenant in Strathmartine
 James Smith, weaver in Longforgan
 George Greig, tenant in Denside
 Robert Hill from the Dighty Flour Mill
 Gilbert Lowden, carter in Dundee
 David Brown, weaver in Hilltown

- Given in favour of the following, concerning Hilltown land (4th January, 1790)

William Ogilvie (Mealmaker)
 Frederick Gourlay (Merchant)
 David Watson (Weaver)
 Henry Feggan (Merchant)
 George Baxter (Hilltown resident)

- Given in favour of the following, concerning land on the Hilltown (20th May, 1790)

Kirk session of Dundee
 Alexander Watt (Dyer)
 John Kerr (tenant at Magdalen Kirkton)

Charity

- Hospital master ordered to pay charity money to widows and other poor (4th January, 1790)

Church

- See also steeple Church
- Roof of the south Church in considerable disrepair (20th May, 1790)
- Report considered and repairs to be done (20th May, 1790)
- Repay money borrowed from Kirkfabrick (20th May, 1790)
- A report from the Kirk session advises replacement of the whole roof (15th June, 1790)
- The Kirkmaster empowered to hire more tradesmen (15th June, 1790)

Committee(s)

- A committee for auditing accounts chosen (29th September, 1789)
- A committee chosen to revise share dues table (3rd April, 1790)
- Decides upon enclosing some land on Tyndals Wynd (3rd April, 1790)
- Appointed to solemnise King's birthday (20th May, 1790)

Constables

- Appointed for the Overgate, Murraygate, Seagate and Nethergate (5th October, 1789)

Convention of Royal Burghs

- To be held in Edinburgh on 13th July (30th June, 1790)
- Baillie Guild and Provost Riddoch chosen as delegates (30th June, 1790)
- Delegates report from the convention, stent roll to remain unaltered (2nd August, 1790)

Council

- New Council chosen and take oath (24th September, 1789)
- Threatens to find absentees at Council meetings six shillings (29th September, 1789)

Council Officer

- John Nicoll continues as Council Officer (28th September, 1789)

Discharge

- Received from the receiver of the land tax (4th November, 1789)

Duke of Atholl

- Council give note of thanks to the Duke for his support of their application (28th January, 1790)
See Board of Trustees)

Fines

- £1 fine for ignoring new ladder rules (4th January, 1790) - See also accidents

Hilltown

- Charters of confirmation of Hilltown land given (5th October, 1789)
- Alexander Beig, weaver and Alexander Duncan, reedmaker, appointed to be Baillies on the Hilltown (5th October, 1789)

Hospital Master

- John Cavincross appointed (29th September, 1789)
- See charity

Kirkfabrick

- John Renny's children to be paid £500 sterling from the Kirkfabrick fund (4th November, 1789)
- Money for repair to south Church borrowed from Kirkfabrick fund (20th May, 1790)

Kirkmaster

- Baillie David Myells appointed as Kirkmaster (29th September, 1789)
- Due money from the accounts of building the Steeple Church (4th November, 1789)

Locked Burgess Book

- Opened and Thomas Webster, Merchant, added (22nd September, 1789)
- Opened and following added (24th September, 1789)

John Ogilvy	(Tailor)
William Strachan	(Tailor)
Alexander Keillor	(Weaver)
David Jobson	(Merchant)
William Anderson	(Merchant)
Thomas Webster	(Merchant)

- James Keillor, Shipmaster added (29th September, 1789)
- Opened and the following added (4th January, 1790)

Thomas Guthrie	(Merchant)
George Murray	(Baker)

- Opened and the following added (28th January, 1790)

Peter Gondy	(Resident of Dundee)
James Speid	(Merchant)

- Opened and the following names added (2nd August, 1790)

William Thomson	(Merchant) (by privilege of his spouse)
Francis Drummond	(Merchant) (paternal privilege)
Patrick Duff	(Writer) (paternal privilege)

- Opened and the following names added (20th May, 1790)

Charles Drummond (Merchant)
 John Baxter (Flax dresser)
 Alexander Miller (Merchant)
 (All entered by paternal privilege)

Nethergate

- A part of the Nethergate, formerly a house to be paved (29th September, 1789)
- Purchases made in order to build a street connection with the Overgate (20th May, 1790)

Oath to King George 3rd

- Taken by new Council 24th September, 1789

Overgate

- Overgate street squared (28th January, 1790)
- House damaged by work to be purchased (3rd April, 1790)
- Purchased house demolished and street widened (20th May, 1790)
- More purchases to be made in order to build a street connecting to the Nethergate (20th May, 1790)
- A yard in the Overgate purchased in order to build the new street (15th June, 1790)

Parliament

- A delegate to be chosen, due to a writ of election from Westminster (21st June, 1790)
- Election to take place on 25th June (21st June, 1790)
- Provost Riddoch chosen as delegate (25th June, 1790)
- Provost to go to Perth with other delegates and choose a burgess for parliament (25th June, 1790)
- Other delegates present from Perth, St Andrews, Coupar and Forfar (25th June, 1790)

Petition

- Given by shipmasters, considered by committee for revising the share dues table (3rd April, 1790)
- By Alexander Black requesting a bursary position in Clerk's mortification shop (3rd April, 1790)

Petty Customs

- To be sold in public on 8th November (4th November, 1789)
- New Table of Petty Customs drawn up with dues to be paid by freeman and unfreemen on each item listed (4th November, 1789)
- Petty customs sold to the following (19th November, 1789)

Overgate and Nethergate to Thomas Butter (Sawier) Wellgate, Cowgate and Murraygate to John Swift (customer).

Fleshmarket dues to David Bell (resident in Dundee)

Mealmarket dues to John Swift

Craig Customs to David Bell

Porter

- Two pennies levy on the pint of porter to be reinstated, after a period of neglect (30th June, 1790)

Proxy

- Proxies chosen for absent baillies (24th September, 1789)

Renny George, Captain

- Dies and leaves money to his son, Ensign John Renny (19th November, 1789)

Revenue

- The following branches of Town revenue to be sold in public on 8th November (4th November 1789)

Petty customs at the Overgate and Nethergate

Petty customs at the Wellgate, Cowgate, Murraygate and Seagate

The Mealmarket dues

The customs at the Craig

The fish stocks

- Tonnage, anchorage, beaconage and shore dues contract expired (4th January, 1790)
- New three year lease set (4th January, 1790)
- Lease signed (28th January, 1790)
- Collector of the two pennies accounts discharged (15th June, 1790)
- Collector of the land rents accounts discharged (15th June, 1790)

Sclait Wynd

- To be paved (29th September, 1789)
- To be widened (30th June, 1790)

Shoremaster

- Baillie John Patrick appointed to be shoremaster (29th September, 1789)
- Shoremaster requests more shore regulations to be made (16th September, 1790)

St Andrews

- James Dorward, shoremaker's son to be a Bursar at the college of St Andrews (4th November, 1789)

Stamp Office

- Council apply to Edinburgh Board of Trustees for a third stamp office (28th January, 1790)
- Office to be situated at the Overgate (28th January, 1790)

Steeple Church

- See Kirkmaster (4th November, 1789)
- An additional stipend for ministers willing to perform evening service (3rd April, 1790)

Stentroll

- Sent to the receiver of the land tax (4th November, 1789)
- New stentmasters chosen (2nd August, 1790)

Tables

- New table of petty customs drawn up (4th November, 1689)
- Present table of shore dues causing disputes between shipmasters and tacksmen (3rd April, 1790)
- Table of anchorage and tonnage dues approved of (2nd August, 1790)
- A transcript of the dues entered into the minutes (2nd August, 1790)
- Towns Bulker to mediate in any disputes between seamen and tracksmen (2nd August, 1790)
- A copy of the new tables to be posted on all warehouse doors (2nd August, 1790)
- Tracksmen to carry a copy of the new tables at all times, for reference purposes (2nd August, 1790)

Town Officers

- Previous years town officers continue at their posts (29th September, 1789)

Town Keeper

- Donald Gunn appointed town keeper (29th September, 1789)

Turn Pike Roads

- £100 of credit advanced to the four turnpike roads (30th June, 1790)

Tyndals Wynd

- Committee decides upon enclosing a piece of land at Tyndals Wynd (3rd April, 1790)
- Baillie Myells empowered to hire the necessary tradesmen (15th June, 1790)

Will (Last will and testament)

- Will and testament of Captain George Renny overseen by Baillie Guild (19th November, 1789)