

Dundee Town Council Minutes - September 1790 - September 1791

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New Council Appointed - 23rd September, 1790

Provost: James Johnstone (Surgeon)
Baillies: James Haliburton, David Myells, Alexander Thoms, Peter Kidd (Merchants)
Patrick Smith
Dean of Guild: John Guild
Treasurer: John Cairncross (Merchant)

Address

- An address sent to the King, concerning the late convention with Spain (1st December 1790).

Academy

- Two academy masters disagree over class teaching times (16th June 1791).
- Mr. Tourner, academy master, not to be continued at his post (30th July 1791).
- Letter sent to Mr. Tourner demanding his keys and telling him to leave the academy forthwith (22nd September 1791).
- Clerk writes to Edinburgh, advertising for a new master (22nd September 1791).

Acts (of Parliament)

- Act of Parliament concerning bribery and corruption read to all members (21st September 1790).

Association for the Improvement of British Wool

- Sends letter to the Council (5th February 1791).
- Council agrees to a five guinea annual subscription (5th February 1791).

Bond

- A bond of £500 drawn up for Robert Skinner's (Coppersmith) children (5th February 1791).

Cess

- James Dick continued as collector of the cess (8th September 1791).

Charter of Confirmation

- Given in favour of John Maxwell, Tenant at Denoon, concerning land on the Hilltown (4th October 1790).

Constables

- Constables appointed (12th October 1790)
See also Overgate, Murraygate and Nethergate

Convention of Burghs

- Commissioners appointed to the July convention (16th June 1791).
- Commissioners report that the stent roll remains unaltered (30th July 1791).

Counsellor to the Guild

- Alexander Riddoch, late provost, appointed (28th September 1790).

Fares for the Carriage of Goods

- Transcript of fares for the carriage of coal and flax included in the minutes (5th February 1791).

Fine(s)

- Six shillings for baillies missing a Council meeting (28th September 1790).
- Twelve shillings for baillies missing church (28th September 1790).

Gravemen

- A Committee considers the dues paid to the gravemen (28th April 1791).

Hospitalmaster

- Ordered to give charity to widows and other poor (3rd January 1791).
- Ordered to end the lease of hospital land at Skirlings Park (28th April 1791).
- Disagreement between the kirk session and the hospitalmaster concerning the ownership of land in the hospital ward (16th June 1791).
- Late hospitalmaster's accounts discharged (30th July 1791).

King's Birthday

- A Committee elected to prepare the birthday solemnities (28th April 1791).

Kirk

- Unoccupied seats in the kirk to be rented (28th April 1791).
- A Committee appointed to measure the land belonging to the kirk session (16th June 1791).

Kirkmaster

- Baillie Patrick Smith appointed as kirkmaster (28th September 1790).
- Late kirkmaster's accounts audited and discharged (5th February 1791).

Leets

- Leets for magistrate's office made up (21st September 1790).
- Leets for provost's office made up (21st September 1790).

Letter(s)

- From the Association for the Improvement of British Wool (5th February 1791).
- Letter received concerning the new intended Corn Law (5th February 1791).
- A Committee set up to consider this letter (5th February 1791).

Locked Book of Burgesses

- John Alison (Merchant) added as burges, by maternal privilege (21st September 1790).
- Opened and the following names added (4th October 1790): -
John Scott (Wright) by marital privilege
John Mitchell (Weaver) by marital privilege
- Opened and the following names added (1st December 1790): -
George Hill (Merchant) by marital privilege
James Clark (Shoemaker) by marital privilege
- Opened and the following names added (3rd January 1791): -
John Watson (Hammerman)
William Watson (Son of the above)
James Law (also by paternal privilege)
- Opened and the following names added (5th February 1791): -
Charles Graham (Merchant)
- Opened and the following names added (28th April 1791): -
James Maxwell (Shipmaster)
James Black (Shipmaster) all by paternal privilege
James Allan (Shoemaker)
George Gray (Merchant)
- Opened and the following names added (22nd Sept 1791): -
James Lawson (Flesher)
James Lawson Junior (by paternal privilege)
George Nicoll (Writer) (by paternal privilege)
Alexander Bennet (Merchant) (by paternal privilege)
John Bennet (Mason) (by paternal privilege)

Malthouse Close

- To be paved (28th April 1791).

Murraygate

- Thomas Muir Smith and David Thomson (Merchant) appointed as Murraygate constables (12th October 1790).

Nethergate

- James Dick Smith and Alexander Coupar (Merchant) chosen as Nethergate constables (12th October 1790).
- Properties purchased in order to build road between the Overgate and the Nethergate (5th February 1791).
- More land purchased for the road building (30th July 1791).

Overgate

- Mungo Shepherd (Merchant) chosen as Overgate constable (12th October 1790).
- Properties purchased in order to build a road between the Overgate and the Nethergate (5th February 1791).
- More land purchased for the road building (30th July 1791).

Petition

- By the Dundee Glass work company, requesting an exemption from shore dues (1st December 1790).
- By James Saunders, teacher in the Grammar School, requesting a bursary for his son (1st December 1790).
- By Charles Graham (Merchant) respecting a deficiency in the town's measure (28th April 1791).

Petty Customs

- Overgate and Nethergate petty customs sold to Thomas Bruce and William Luke, meal sellers (1st December 1790).
- Wellgate, Cowgate, Murraygate and Seagate customs sold to John Thrift (1st December 1790).
- Craig customs and fish stocks sold to David Bell (1st December 1790).

Precept of Close Constat

- Given in favour of John Mill Weaver, for the property of Alexander Mill (deceased), his cousin (28th April 1791);
- Given in favour of Peter Lawson (Mariner) concerning his parents' property (28th April 1791).

Provost

- Accepts office and takes oath (4th October 1790).

Proxies

- Proxies chosen for absent baillies (19th September 1790).

Regulations

- A set of regulations for the city carters introduced (5th February 1791).

See also fares for the carriage of goods.

Schoolmaster

- Francis Sievwright, schoolmaster, to be given £5 to enable him to hire an assistant (8th September 1791).

Seagate

- Andrew Cuthbert Smith and John Thoms (Weaver) chosen as Seagate constables (12th October 1790).

Shoremaster

- Andrew Peddie, Shipmaster, appointed (28th September 1790).
- Accounts of late shoremaster audited and discharged (5th February 1791).

Stentmasters

- New stentmasters appointed (30th July 1791).

Tack

- A seven year tack given to George Gray. The land at the Dock (30th July 1791).
- A seven year tack of the town's salmon fishing to be roused (8th September 1791).

Town's Officers

- Thomas Farquharson appointed one of the Town Officers (5th February 1791).

Town's Revenue

- The branches of town revenue to be sold at public auction (12th October 1790).
- The collector of the two pennies on the pint account discharged (16th June 1791).
- Collector of the town's land rents accounts discharged (16th June 1791).

Treasurer

- Late treasurer's accounts audited and discharged (5th February 1791).
- Treasurer agrees a contract to hire a public lamp lighter (8th September 1791).

Turnpike

- The three different routes for extending the Coupar Turnpike road considered (9th June 1791).
- The Northern route selected by Council (9th June 1791).
- Road to go through Dudhope Park and the hospital ward (16th June 1791).

Tyndal's Wynd

- The land taken in from the sea rented to Andrew Peddie for £25 (16th June 1791).