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### **Dundee Town Council Minutes - September 1645-September 1646**

- Members elected on 23 September 1645

Provost - James Persone

Dean of Guild - Thomas Mudie

Treasurer - Alexander Bower (the younger)

Baillies - Thomas Halybutone, Robert Davidson, John Blyth, George Brown

### **Accounts**

- The accounts of the treasurer, kirkmaster and the shire to be made up (16 June 1646)

### **Bond**

- A bond granted from the town to Robert White of Kirkcaldy for 1000 merks for a 1000 weight of powder (5 May 1646)

### **Burned Lands**

- The great number of poor people who had their land burned by the rebels to be given money (28 August 1646)

### **Captains**

- Alexander Stewart to be Captain of the Overgate quarter and to appoint junior officers (18 March 1646)

- Walter Rankine to be Captain of the Murraygate quarter and to appoint junior officers (18 March 1646)

- Robert Davidson to be Captain for the Seagate quarter and to appoint junior officers (18 March 1646)

### **Church, rioting in**

- Dr James Beaton and William Davidson found guilty of rioting in church and fined (20 January 1646)

**Church** see also Longforgan, West Kirk

### **Colleine, John (Merchant)**

- Act against John Colleine for breaking the trading rules (13 November 1645)

### **Convention of Burghs**

- The General Missive for the convention of Burghs given to Thomas Mudie (28 April 1646)

- James Symson appointed as Commissioner to the ensuing convention of burghs (16 June 1646)

- James Symson gives his report (15 July 1646)

- The Clerk to attend the next meeting on 22 July (15 July 1646)

- The Clerk reports that the convention was pleased with his report and it was not necessary for him to continue to Newcastle and meet with the King (28 August 1646)

**Defence, Posture of**

- The town to be put in a posture of defence, the population to be deployed in Companies according to area and that Captains to be chosen the next day (16 March 1646)

See also captains (18 March 1646)

**Ditch**

- The ditch at the East end of town to be extended, all inhabitants to participate or be fined six shillings (28 April 1646)

**Enemy**

- see also Thomas Watson
- James Smith found guilty of coniving with the enemy and sentence deferred to next Council day (8 April 1646)

**Excise**

- the malt excise to be sold for a week (24 February 1646)
- Two honest men to oversee the excise to ensure that no malt is imported or exported until the excise has been paid (24 February 1646)
- Excise collecting to be continued in the same manner for the next month (16 March 1646)
- George Browne (baillie), join James Symson and Alexander Bower to collect the wine, tobacco and flesh duties (16 June 1646)
- Alexander Duncan to supervise the excise collection at the West Port (15 July 1646)

**Fortifications**

- William Davidson and William Rodger to inspect the fortifications and ditches (31 March 1646)

**General Assembly**

- George Halyburton to be the Commissioner to the general assembly in Edinburgh (2 June 1646)

**Guild, Counsellor for the**

- Robert Fletcher elected (30 September 1645)

**Guthrie, James**

- to visit Captain James Ramsay (Sailor) and bring back an account of the ammunition rescued by him (13 November 1645)

**Hospitalmaster (Patrick Guthrie)**

- to continue for the coming year (30 September 1645)
- William Duncan elected hospitalmaster as Patrick Guthrie died (16 March 1646)
- The hospitalmaster to pay the poor their 20 shillings allowance for the past four weeks (18 March 1646)

**Johnstoun, Alexander**

- Given permission to enter the town with his goods (4 November 1645)

**Jonston, Robert**

- Late of Edinburgh, leaves a legacy of 3000 merks for the use of the hospital (2 June 1646) [later known as Johnston's Mortification]

**Kinghorn, Earl of**

- The Council write a letter on matters of mutual interest to the Earl of Kinghorn (16 June 1646)

**Kirk Treasurer**

- William Wright (Merchant) to be Kirk Treasurer for a year (18 May 1646)

**Longforgan**

- The death of David Browne the Minister creates a vacancy of Longforgan Parish Church (16 March 1646)
- Mr Alexander Mylne, expectant in divinity, to be approached (16 March 1646)
- the Kirk presented to Alexander Mylne (5 May 1646)

**Mills see Mynes****Milne, Colonel**

- Colonel Milne regiment to be stationed in Dundee (4 November 1645)

**Mynes**

- The tack of the Mynes set for three years at 7000 merks yearly (24 March 1646)
- James Browne and William Watson to visit the Mylne (28 April 1646)

**Packhouse**

- The packhouse to be redeemed from James Symson (28 April 1646)

**Parliament**

- Alexander Wedderburne to be Commissioner to Parliament at St Andrews, George Halyburton to be his assessor and deputy (4 November 1645)
- Alexander Wedderburne reports and produces an Act of parliament covering the losses incurred during the rebel assault (16 February 1646)

**Perth**

- A letter written to the Council of Perth to prevent any future misunderstandings (16 June 1646)

**Piermaster**

- Robert Stirling appointed (30 September 1645)

**Plague**

- Measures to prevent the spread of the plague from Fife (30 September 1645)
- All boats on both sides of the Tay to hand over their sails and anchors (7 October 1645)
- Another act against the spread of the plague (4 November 1645)

**Provost (James Piersone)**

- takes oath (4 November 1645)

**Ramsay, John**

- Found guilty of insulting two baillies and to be kept in custody (2 June 1646)

**Symsone, James**

- elected Commissioner to attend the next burgh's meeting where the stentroll will be changed (16 March 1646)

**Tenements**

- The council mediates between Thomas Wichtone and William Guthrie, tenement owners as to who owns the land between (20 March 1646)

**Town's Watch**

- Town Watch made up of inhabitants to be set (28 October 1645)
- The following appointed captains for the gates

Nethergate - Andrew Abercromby  
 Overgate - Alexander Wederand  
 Murrygate - Walter Rankine  
 Seagate - Andrew Kynneireis (18 May 1646)

- Town watch to be set nightly (18 May 1646)

**Wall Deacon**

- Patrick Rodger appointed to be wall deacon (28 October 1645)

**Warrant**

- A warrant given to William Kynneireis to have as much ale as his ship requires on its voyage (24 March 1646)

**Watch** see Town

**Watson, Thomas (Merchant)**

- Found guilty of supplying powder to the enemy and fined 200 merks scots (8 April 1646)

**West Kirk**

- James Fithie to take up the psalm in the West Kirk when there is preaching and to be paid 50 merks annually for this (24 February 1646)

**Whyt, Robert**

- Council borrows 600 merks to pay to Robert Whyt in part payment for his powder (3 February 1646)

**Works**

- Work to be begun at the west graff, notice to be given by drum (28 October 1645)