

Repository

Repository Name: Waterford County Archives

Identity Statement

Reference Code: IE WCA WCC 1

Titles: Minutes of Waterford County Council

Dates: 1899-2000

Level of Description: Fonds

Extent: 59 items

Creator

Creators: Waterford County Council

Administrative History: Waterford County was one of the earliest counties established by the writ of John, King of England and Wales and Lord of Ireland. In the medieval period a County Sheriff appointed by royal authority administered the County. The County Sheriff was assisted in the administration of the County by the Grand Jury, the members of whom he chose. The Grand Jury of Waterford County consisted of a number of the larger local landowners in Waterford.

Under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 the Grand Juries ceased to exist and the functions of the Grand Jury were taken over by Waterford County Council. The local electorate elected the members of Waterford County Council. In 1898 the local electorate consisted of the parliamentary electorate and also women and peers. The parliamentary electorate were property owners, occupiers of property who paid rates direct or through the landowner as an addition to rent and any lodger paying more than £10 rent per annum.

Waterford County Council met quarterly in the early days and as the business of the council increased so too did the meetings of the Council until they met, as they do now, once a month. The matters dealt with at these meetings are detailed in the Minute Books. A broad range of information is available in the Minute Books of Waterford County Council relating not only to the work of the County Council but also to events of local and national significance. The development of Waterford County and the services provided by Waterford County Council can be traced in the Minute Books. The

development of the infrastructure of Waterford County can clearly be followed in the details of road works and other vital services in the County.

Resolutions of the County Council give an insight into national and international events. The Minute Books contain an important record of local views of these events. The resolutions of the Council in relation to the 1916 Rising are a clear indication of the change of heart experienced throughout Ireland (WCC/1/3). During the War of Independence the Council made their loyalty to Dáil Éireann clear and as a result suffered a loss of funding from the Local Government Board (WCC/1/4-5). The Council does not hesitate to give its views on international events such as the Boer War, World Wars I and II, the assassination of John F. Kennedy and the invasion of Czechoslovakia by Russia. Reference can be found to the increase of motor traffic on the roads, the development of the Tourism Industry and the closure of the Railway Stations that at one time were dotted throughout every town in Ireland.

Archival History: The Minute Books are largely complete and were stored by the County Secretary and are official transfers. However, the Minutes for the period 9 June 1948 to 28 May 1956 were taken to the Dungarvan Courthouse for an audit and remained in the Courthouse Store until being taken into the Archives Service in 1999.

Acquisition: Official Transfer Waterford County Council

Content and Structure

Scope and Content: Collection details the Councillors present at each meeting. Records the annual election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman and the appointment of Rate Collectors. Contains reports from the County Surveyor and committees such as the Finance Committee and Roads Committee. Records the proposals for works, works carried out, contracts, tenders for new works and payments made by the Council. Details the vacancies and resignations in the Council and refers on occasion to the staff of the County Council. Records the correspondence of the Council and their resolutions, resolutions of sympathy and resolutions made with regard to matters of local, national and international significance. Details the financial relationship of the Council with other local

authorities such as the Dungarvan Urban District Council, including demands from the Urban District Council. On 22 May 1934 the last meeting of the Council was held before it was dissolved and the work of the County Council was undertaken by S.J. Moynihan who was appointed Commissioner by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Sean T. O’Kelly (WCC/1/8). The County Council returned to office on 2 September 1942 with S.J. Moynihan as the newly appointed County Manager (WCC/1/9). The Minutes are recorded in bound volumes until 31 May 1948 (WCC/1/1-10) when they are recorded on typewritten sheets (WCC/1/11). Includes a resolution deploring “...the recent attempt at insurrection in Dublin...” in 1916 (WCC/1/3) and a pledge acknowledging the authority of Dáil Éireann on 18th June 1920 (WCC/1/4). Also contains discussions on matters such as, an outbreak of paratyphoid fever in Dungarvan in 1959 (WCC/1/16) and the closure of the railways and stations serving Waterford City and County (WCC/1/14) and on planning decisions and disputes. Lists the recipients of Scholarships and of War Pensions. Contains records of deputations to the Council meetings.

Collection Type: Local Government Archives
 Content keyw pers/inst: Waterford County Council
 Content keyword: Waterford (subject)
 Content keyword: Local History (subject)

Arrangement: The Minute Books have been arranged in date order with occasional reference to a resolution of note made by the Council.

Conditions of access and use

Access Conditions: Full Access
 Language: English
 Finding Aids: Descriptive List
 Physical/Technical Reqs: Bound volumes cannot be copied.
 Copies Information: Some documents have been digitised
 Related Material: WCC/GNA Waterford County Council General Administration Collection
 WCC/PLN/TP Waterford County Council Town and Regional Planning Collection

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Archivist's Note: Joanne Rothwell

Rules/Conventions: IGAD: *Irish Guidelines for Archival Description*,
Dublin, Society of Archivists, Ireland, 2009
ISAD (G): *General International Standard Archival
Description*, 2nd ed., Ottawa, International Council on
Archives, 2000

National Council on Archives: *Rules for the Construction
of Personal, Place and Corporate Names*, Chippenham,
National Council on Archives, 1997

Date of Description: May 1999, Revised October 2009

Link to Website: <http://www.waterfordcoco.ie/en/services/archives/>

- Reference Code:** IE/WCA/WCC/1
- Title:** Minutes of Waterford County Council
- Creation Dates:** 1899-2000
- Level of Description:** Series
- Extent and Medium:** 59 volumes
- Scope and Content:** Minute Books for the meetings of Waterford County Council. Details the Councillors present at each meeting. Records the annual election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman and the appointment of Rate Collectors. Contains reports from the County Surveyor and committees such as the Finance Committee and Roads Committee. Records the proposals for works, works carried out, contracts, tenders for new works and payments made by the Council. Details the vacancies and resignations in the Council and refers on occasion to the staff of the County Council. Records the correspondence of the Council and their resolutions, resolutions of sympathy and resolutions made with regard to matters of local, national and international significance. Details the financial relationship of the Council with other local authorities such as the Dungarvan Urban District Council, including demands from the Urban District Council. On 22 May 1934 the last meeting of the Council was held before it was dissolved and the work of the County Council was undertaken by S.J. Moynihan who was appointed Commissioner by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Sean T. O'Kelly (WCC/1/8). The County Council returned to office on 2 September 1942 with S.J. Moynihan as the newly appointed County Manager (WCC/1/9). The Minutes are recorded in bound volumes until 31 May 1948 (WCC/1/1-10) when they are recorded on typewritten sheets (WCC/1/11). With the passage of time the Minutes increase in frequency and volume. Signed by the Chairman of the County Council and the County Secretary.
- Arrangement:** Records are arranged chronologically

WCA Reference	Description	Dates
WCC/1/1	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a resolution stating that the transfer of the barony of Kilculliheen from County Waterford to County Kilkenny as per the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 is detrimental to the interests of County Waterford and of the barony of Kilculliheen. States that an appeal against the order to transfer the barony is to be prosecuted on behalf of the Council. Passed unanimously (p 21). 303pp	22 April 1899 – 17 August 1903
WCC/1/2	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a resolution proposed by Mathias Walsh and seconded by James Queally stating that the Council ‘...deprecate any opposition to the re-election of J.J. O’Shee...’, parliamentary candidate for West Waterford and directing that ‘O’Higgins’ be requested to desist from ‘...throwing the division of West Waterford into the turmoil of an election contest...’. States that if he fails to comply with this request he will be called upon to resign the office of Rate Collector (p 121). 317pp	24 August 1903 – 17 January 1910
WCC/1/3	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a resolution passed on 23 May 1916 stating that ‘...we deeply deplore the recent attempt at insurrection in Dublin, which has been the cause of so much bloodshed and destruction of property...that the only hope of salvation for our Country lies in removing the causes of discontent by the establishment of a broad system of self government under which we are confident that all sections of our countrymen could work together for Ireland.’ This resolution was expunged from the minutes by a resolution of the Council on 3 July 1920 (p 289). 304pp	11 April 1910 – 22 August 1916
WCC/1/4	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a resolution of 24 April 1917 stating that the Council direct the attention of ‘...the Board of Trade Mining Expert now in Ireland to the mines,	10 October 1916 – 6 December 1921

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	minerals and industrial possibilities of the County Waterford...’ (p 22) and a resolution of 14 June 1917 protesting against further regulations threatened by the Government ‘...by which the Irish brewery and distillery industries were to be crushed..’ p 32). A pledge administered by the Chairman on 18 June 1920 to the elected members acknowledging the authority of Dáil Eireann (p 194). 310pp	
WCC/1/5	Waterford County Council Minute Book	20 December 1921 – 21 April 1925
WCC/1/6	Waterford County Council Minute Book	26 May 1925 – 16 January 1928
WCC/1/7	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a resolution of 16 October 1928 stating that the council ‘...request the Minister responsible to make an order that all motor vehicular traffic within the towns or villages in the County be confined to a speed not exceeding 12 miles per hour, and that silencers be put on same where necessary’ (p 80). 394pp	21 February 1928 – 23 August 1932
WCC/1/8	Waterford County Council Minute Book	22 November 1932 – 13 June 1939
WCC/1/9	Waterford County Council Minute Book	27 June 1939 – 12 August 1946
WCC/1/10	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a resolution of 11 November 1946 to accede to the request of the Vocational Education Committee to raise a loan to build a Vocational School at Kilmacthomas (pp 1-2). 202pp	11 November 1946 – 31 May 1948
WCC/1/11	Waterford County Council Minute Book	9 June 1948 – 2 February 1953
WCC/1/12	Waterford County Council Minute Book	9 February 1953 – 28 March 1955
WCC/1/13	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a resolution approving the erection of a Fire Station at Lismore (p 6). c. 300pp	19 April 1955 – 28 May 1956
WCC/1/14	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a resolution of 19 August 1957 protesting against the recommendations of the Commission of Enquiry into Internal Transport to close down the railways and stations serving Waterford	9 July 1956 – 17 February 1958

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	City and County and a resolution of the same day consenting to the closure of St. Carthage's Hospital Lismore as TB Institution and its return to the Waterford Board of Public Assistance from 1 September 1957. c. 300pp	
WCC/1/15	Waterford County Council Minute Book	10 March 1958 – 28 February 1959
WCC/1/16	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a discussion on the outbreak of paratyphoid fever in Dungarvan (16 November 1959). c. 100pp	16 May 1959 – 14 March 1960
WCC/1/17	Waterford County Council Minute Book	11 April 1960 – 26 June 1961
WCC/1/18	Waterford County Council Minute Book	26 June 1961 – 25 June 1962
WCC/1/19	Waterford County Council Minute Book	20 July 1962 – 1 July 1963
WCC/1/20	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a special meeting called to adopt a formal resolution of sympathy on the recent assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President, United States of America. Details the telegram drawn up by the Chairman and sent to the US Ambassador in Dublin stating that '...On behalf of the members and staffs of Waterford County Council and associated Public Authorities I tender to your Excellency our Profound sympathy on the tragic death of President Kennedy and I ask your Excellency to convey our respectful and very sincere condolences to Mrs. Kennedy and the president's family in their great personal sorrow.' (25 November 1963) c. 120pp	5 July 1963 – 20 January 1964
WCC/1/21	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a letter from Richard A. Walsh, aide-de-camp to Mayor Richard J. Daley, Chicago, US writing to express the thanks of the mayor and his wife at the reception they were accorded on their visit to Dungarvan and stating that '...Mayor Daley and his staff assured me that they would be only too delighted to do anything in their power to promote in any way the interests of the County of Waterford' (1 June 1964). A proposal from J.D. Hally, County Engineer, to establish a Planning Section to meet the	13 April 1964 – 30 December 1964

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	requirements of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 (29 November 1964). A report of a conference between representatives of Waterford County Council and Waterford Corporation at City Hall, Waterford City, regarding the Waterford Borough Boundary extension (20 November 1964). c. 110pp	
WCC/1/22	Waterford County Council Minute Book	7 January 1965 – 15 March 1965
WCC/1/23	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a resolution of sympathy with Liam Cosgrave and the family of the late William Cosgrave, former President of the Executive Council, and expressing their appreciation of Cosgrave's '...outstanding service to our country both as a soldier and as a Statesman'. (13 December 1965) c. 80pp	12 April 1965 – 13 December 1965
WCC/1/24	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a letter from S.J. Moynihan, County Manager, thanking the County for their co-operation during his years as County Manager, a position from which he is now retiring (14 March 1966). A welcome to Cathal O'Concubhair, the newly appointed County Manager (4 April 1966). c. 110pp	10 January 1966 – 12 December 1966
WCC/1/25	Waterford County Council Minute Book	9 January 1967 – 11 September 1967
WCC/1/26	Waterford County Council Minute Book	22 September 1967 – 10 June 1968
WCC/1/27	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a resolution stating, 'That we express our profound sense of shock at the intervention by Russia and its satellite countries in the internal affairs of Czechoslovakia whose people have now been subjected to the depredation and ignominy of tyrannical invasion by Russia and its allies we adhere strongly to the principles of the United Nations and support the members of that body in their present endeavours to restore freedom to that afflicted country'. (26 August 1968). c. 60pp	8 July 1968 – 31 March 1969
WCC/1/28	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes minutes of a special meeting called to discuss the situation in Northern Ireland at which it was decided to	25 April 1969 – 11 May 1970

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	<p>organise a public collection in the county to help victims in the North. A resolution was adopted stating, 'That we the members of Waterford County Council...protest vigorously against the oppression of our fellow Irishmen and the treatment meted out to them by the machinations of the vested interests in the Six County Area of this Country...'. Includes comments from Councillors including those of Councillor Horace David who, '...introducing himself as the lone Protestant member of the Council said that the Protestant community in the South believe in the right of every man to worship according to his own conscience and also believe that every man is entitled to defend his life, family and property against attack. He said that the Protestant Community deplore and condemn and are horrified and ashamed at the sectarian aggression in the North of Ireland and fully support Dáil Eireann in the steps it is taking towards giving relief to the sufferers and in obtaining justice and peace for them in the future'. (22 August 1969) c. 170pp</p>	
WCC/1/29	Waterford County Council Minute Book	10 August 1970 – 12 October 1970
WCC/1/30	Waterford County Council Minute Book	11 January 1971 – 13 December 1971
WCC/1/31	Waterford County Council Minute Book	10 January 1972 – 19 December 1972
WCC/1/32	Waterford County Council Minute Book	8 January 1973 – 10 December 1973
WCC/1/33	Waterford County Council Minute Book	14 January 1974 – 9 December 1974
WCC/1/34	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a visit to Tramore to inspect the development by Tramore Fáilte (23 May 1975) c. 120pp	13 January 1975 – 12 December 1975
WCC/1/35	Waterford County Council Minute Book	26 January 1976 – 13 December 1976
WCC/1/36	Waterford County Council Minute Book	10 January 1977 – 30 December 1977
WCC/1/37	Waterford County Council Minute Book	9 January 1978 – 11 December 1978
WCC/1/38	Waterford County Council Minute Book	8 January 1979 – 10 December 1979
WCC/1/39	Waterford County Council Minute Book	14 January 1980 –

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	includes tributes from members for Charles O'Connor, County Manager on his retirement. (12 December 1980) c. 120pp	12 December 1980
WCC/1/40	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a welcome to Daniel Hurley as the new County Manager. (12 January 1981) .120pp	12 January 1981 – 14 December 1981
WCC/1/41	Waterford County Council Minute Book	11 January 1982 – 13 December 1982
WCC/42	Waterford County Council Minute Book	10 January 1983 – 19 December 1983
WCC/1/43	Waterford County Council Minute Book	9 January 1984 – 10 December 1984
WCC/1/44	Waterford County Council Minute Book	14 January 1985 – 20 December 1985
WCC/1/45	Waterford County Council Minute Book	13 January 1986 – 9 December 1986
WCC/1/46	Waterford County Council Minute Book	12 January 1987 – 14 December 1987
WCC/1/47	Waterford County Council Minute Book	11 January 1988 – 12 December 1988
WCC/1/48	Waterford County Council Minute Book	9 January 1989 – 18 December 1989
WCC/1/49	Waterford County Council Minute Book	8 January 1990 – 10 December 1990
WCC/1/50	Waterford County Council Minute Book	14 January 1991 – 9 December 1991
WCC/1/51	Waterford County Council Minute Book	13 January 1992 – 14 December 1992
WCC/1/52	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes tributes to Daniel Hurley, County Manager, on his retirement. (13 December 1993) c.80pp	11 January 1993 – 29 December 1993
WCC/1/53	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a welcome to Donal Connolly as County Manager. (29 August 1994) c.140pp	10 January 1994 – 12 December 1994
WCC/1/54	Waterford County Council Minute Book	9 January 1995 – 11 December 1995
WCC/1/55	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a discussion on the Waste Management Strategy Study (13 May 1996). A tribute to the County Secretary, Brian McNally on his retirement. (9 September 1996) c.140pp	8 January 1996 – 9 December 1996
WCC/1/56	Waterford County Council Minute Book	13 January 1997 – 8 December 1997

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WCC/1/57	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a discussion on the crisis in farming and a decision to write to the Taoiseach on this matter. (9 November 1998) c. 140pp	13 January 1998 – 14 December 1998
WCC/1/58	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a report on the success of the appeal for funds for refugees from Kosovo. (12 July 1999) c.140pp	11 January 1999 – 13 December 1999
WCC/1/59	Waterford County Council Minute Book includes a discussion on the N25 Route Selection Report for the Kilmeaden By-Pass (12 June 2000) c.120pp	10 January 2000 – 11 December 2000