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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

MUNICIPALITY OF GALLE

Minutes of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council of Galle held at the Municipal Office on May 11, 1901, at 1.30 p.m.

Present:—The Chairman; Dr. P. D. Anthonisz, C.M.G.; Dr. W. G. Keith; Dr. E. Ludovici; H. A. Grant, Esq.; N. Dias Abeyesinha, Esq.; and Magdon Ismail, Esq.

1. Read and confirmed Minutes of Meeting held on March 23 last.
2. Pursuant to notice Dr. Anthonisz put the following questions:—

(1) If better arrangements than those existing at present could not be made to have the sand and street refuse in side drains in the Fort and the openings from them into the sewers daily removed.

The Chairman replied that the present arrangement is to sweep off the street refuse and remove the sand in the drain with a spade. The refuse and sand in the openings into the sewer are removed in the same way. If any special cases of neglect are brought to his notice, he promised to take action.

(2) If a more satisfactory way of flushing the side drains daily, except in stormy weather, could not be made, as the present system is most defective, and all that is done is, I hear, putting a few buckets of water in the water valves.

The Chairman replied that open side drains having house drains connected with them are flushed daily. Other side drains into which no house drains empty are cleaned out with a spade. The new drains in Lighthouse street and Leyn Baan street are shallow and do not admit of flushing. Water is thrown into the syphon traps three times a week. He will issue orders to flush the syphon traps daily.

(3) In order to have the covered side drains in the Fort cleaned, that movable slabs of stone be placed at convenient distances to prevent the drains being broken each time the sand is removed.

The Chairman replied that the only covered side drains are in Middle street, which are provided with movable slabs. If these are considered too few the number may be increased.

(4) If the present practice of exposing food and sweets for sale over dirty stinking drains should be allowed, as the flies from the drains settle on the food; and is there no means of having a light glazed cover to be placed over the baskets or boxes, or a fine net on a bamboo or cane frame to keep the flies from settling on the food.

The Chairman replied that it is already illegal to expose goods for sale over drains, and that he will call the attention of the Inspectors to the infringement of the rule. There is no means of compelling traders to provide covers for the goods exposed to sale by them.

(5) Why the dung of cattle and street refuse are allowed to remain in the streets in the Fort for hours when they should be removed at once? Has not this been brought to the notice of Council before, and what little attention has been paid to it?

The Chairman replied that dung of cattle and street refuse are removed every morning and afternoon. Action will be taken if any cases of neglect are brought to his notice.

(6) Is the Council aware of the number of wells within the Municipality from which water is drawn for drinking, and whether these wells are protected from surface water and sewage flowing into them, and has the water been analyzed, so that water of wells not fit to drink may be closed, as the Sanitary Officer reports that dysentery is prevailing among children at Dadalla, and that the locality is not in a sanitary state.

The Chairman replied that the Sanitary Officer will be called upon to report as to the condition of the drinking wells. On receipt of his report the Member may move for analysis required.

3. Pursuant to notice Dr. Anthonisz moved—That a walk, six feet wide, be made from the entrance into the New Gate along the fortification, passing the footbridge leading into the Park and along the canal and ending at the bridge on the Colombo road to enable pedestrians without taking the carriage road to go into the Park, and those from the railway station into the Fort.

Seconded by Dr. Ludovici.

Resolved—That an estimate for the work be called for.

4. Pursuant to notice Dr. Anthonisz moved—That steps to communicate with this walk be placed on the fortifications near the clock tower for pedestrians.

Seconded by Dr. Ludovici.

Resolved—That an estimate for the work be called for.

Pursuant to notice Dr. Anthonisz moved—That the walk in the Park on the seaside at the back of the tennis court and hill be made into a drive for carriages.

Seconded by Dr. Ludovici.

Resolved—That an estimate for the work be called for.

6. Pursuant to notice Dr. Anthonisz moved—That the pond in the Park, which is offensive as it receives the surface sewage, be filled in and the reclaimed ground used as a tennis court.

Seconded by Dr. Ludovici.—Carried.

7. Mr. N. Dias Abeyesinha moved on behalf of Mr. D. G. Goonewardene, who had given notice of the motion—That the Auditor's monthly reports be circulated among the Councillors as they come in one at a time, and not several together as was done recently.

Seconded by Dr. Keith.—Carried.

8. Mr. N. Dias Abeyesinha moved on behalf of Mr. D. G. Goonewardene, who had given notice of the motion—That the cross road connecting the main road to Colombo with the Templer's road near the new Roman Catholic Convent be widened and made straight at the expense of the Council, the owner of the land adjoining being willing to allow the land necessary for the work free of any cost.

Seconded by Dr. Ludovici.

Resolved—That an estimate for the work be called for.

9. The reply of His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York having been circulated among the Members of the Council was taken as read.

10. Submitted the following documents :—

- (1) Sanitary Officer's Report for Fourth Quarter, 1900.
- (2) Accounts for March, 1901.
- (3) Progress Report of Works brought up to March 31, 1901.
- (4) Auditor's Report for March, 1901.

Confirmed.

GEORGE M. FOWLER,
Chairman.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Municipal Fund from January 1 to April 30, 1901.

No. 1.—GENERAL ACCOUNT.

REVENUE.	Estimated Amount.		Receipts.		EXPENDITURE.	Estimated Amount.		Disbursements.	
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
Balance on December 31, 1900 ...	12,632	14½	16,858	43½	Salaries and pensions ...	6,473	87	2,150	27
Taxes ...	18,319	24	13,058	12	General office expenses ...	1,265	0	309	18
Tolls ...	16,162	50	5,538	10	Revenue services ...	1,444	0	127	63
Stamp duties and fees ...	22,268	25	329	50	Lighting ...	5,558	0	1,266	24
Market licenses ...	10,996	34	3,301	61	Sanitary charges ...	19,301	0	5,056	15
Slaughter-house licenses ...	1,303	0	400	98	Market charges ...	790	0	222	21
Miscellaneous licenses ...	334	0	192	25	Slaughter-house charges ...	830	0	212	46
Fines ...	1,245	0	529	89	Miscellaneous ...	14,386	0	2,959	43
Rents ...	412	0	134	0	Public works ...	31,471	0	5,248	0
Miscellaneous ...	4,390	0	2,127	67	Cemeteries ...	930	0	240	0
Cemeteries ...	341	0	138	0					
					Balance ...	82,448	87	17,791	57
								24,816	98½
								82,448	87
								42,608	55½

No. 2.—LOAN FOR SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS.

REVENUE.	Estimated Amount.		Receipts.		EXPENDITURE.	Estimated Amount.		Disbursements.	
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
Balance on December 31, 1900 ...	46,875	55	2,700	12	New roads and alleys in Fort ...	—	—	5,454	20
Third instalment of loan ...	—	—	5,000	0	Balance ...	—	—	2,245	92
								7,700	12

No. 3.—ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT.

REVENUE.	Estimated	Receipts.	EXPENDITURE.	Estimated	Disburse-
	Amount.	Rs. c.		Amount.	ments.
	Rs. c.	Rs. c.		Rs. c.	Rs. c.
Balance on December 31, 1900 ...	2,248 48	2,635 72	Police bill for 2nd half of 1900 ...	4,200 0	—
Assessment tax—arrears of 1900...	2,066 0	1,565 87	Police bill for 1st half of 1901 ...	4,200 0	—
Assessment tax for 4th quarter of 1900 and three quarters of 1901	9,002 0	1,822 88	Pay of four rural constables ...	960 0	220 0
Assessment tax on Municipal buildings ...	592 25	—	Assessment clerk ...	560 0	186 72
			Stationery and printing ...	180 0	23 50
			Commission to collectors ...	680 0	43 30
			House numbers ...	100 0	—
				10,880 0	473 52
			Balance ...	—	5,550 95
	13,908 73	6,024 47		10,880 0	6,024 47

No. 4.—WATERWORKS ACCOUNT.

REVENUE.	Estimated	Receipts.	EXPENDITURE.	Estimated	Disburse-
	Amount.	Rs. c.		Amount.	ments.
	Rs. c.	Rs. c.		Rs. c.	Rs. c.
Balance on December 31, 1900 ...	2,282 0	2,148 44½	Pay of overseer, watcher, and coolies ...	624 0	151 20
Water-rate—arrears of 1900 ...	355 45	384 97	Clearing jungle at Bikke ...	600 0	130 11
Water-rate for 4th quarter of 1900 and three quarters of 1900 ...	2,834 16	578 53	Repairs and incidental expenses ...	100 0	11 27
Water-rate on Government buildings ...	1,051 20	—	Commission to collectors ...	300 0	43 86
Water-rate on Municipal buildings ...	74 75	—	Interest and sinking fund on loan ...	3,500 0	1,750 0
				5,124 0	2,086 44
			Balance ...	—	1,025 50½
	6,597 56	3,111 94½		5,124 0	3,111 94½

No. 5.—DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

REVENUE.	Receipts.	EXPENDITURE.	Disburse-
	Rs. c.		Rs. c.
Balance on December 31, 1900 ...	2,779 25	Refund ...	1,591 25
		Balance	1,188 0
	2,779 25		2,779 25

J. E. ANTHONISZ,
Secretary.

Progress Report of Works done brought up to April 30, 1901.

Head of Expenditure.	Amount of vote.		Expenditure in April, 1901.		Expenditure up to April 30, 1901.		Balance.	
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
Upkeep of roads ...	10,000	0	654	2	3,316	3a	6,683	97
Upkeep of bridges ...	715	0	293	45	293	45b	421	55
Upkeep of Municipal buildings ...	1,000	0	1	0	43	96c	956	4
Clearing canals ...	1,290	0	64	86	256	68	1,033	32
Improving drainage and sanitation, Fort	880	0	113	18	330	43d	549	57
Improving drainage and sanitation, suburbs	1,181	0	77	74	556	70e	614	30
Minor works and improvements ...	2,000	0	36	0	54	1	1,945	99
Victoria park ...	810	0	58	96	236	49	573	51
Whitewashing markets ...	180	0	28	0	73	0	107	0
New carts and repair of old ...	1,050	0	328	0	328	0f	722	0
Sanitary improvements chargeable to loan	7,700	12	501	40	5,955	60g	1,744	52

(a) Metalled 53½ lines; used 219 cubes of metal; gravelled 27 lines; used 91 cubes of gravel; patched 151½ squares of road; trimmed sides 458 lines; cleared side drains 395 lines; trimmed and lowered sides 181 lines; levelled wheel trucks 95 lines; removed landslips at Dickson and Hume roads; cleared outlet of drain at Kaluwella; spread and rolled gravel 21 squares and 3½ lines; cleared jungle 185 lines; cut scupper drains 32 lines.

(b) Purchased two na beams and sixty planks.

(c) Rethatched fish auction shed and refuse meat market and repair of Fort market.

(d) Cleared sewers of Pedlar and Lighthouse street; built manholes, to Pedlar and Lighthouse street sewers.

(e) Building China Garden side drains; repair of cross drains, Havelock place.

(f) Repair of one scavenging cart, one hand cart, one latrine cart, and built one wooden hand cart and two iron hand carts.

(g) Compensation for land acquired in Fort; cost of opening roads and alleys in Fort.

J. E. ANTHONISZ,
Secretary.

ROAD COMMITTEE NOTICES.

WHEREAS the original estimate for the construction of the under-mentioned road having proved insufficient to meet the claim for payment of compensation to the estates for the land taken up for the road and other damage caused in the course of construction, His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, has already granted the sum of Rs. 3,679-27, being the award in full of the compensation made by the assessors, notice is hereby given that the Provincial Road Committee of the Province of Sabaragamuwa, acting under the provisions of the Branch Roads Ordinance, No. 14 of 1896, and in terms of the notice dated June 9, 1897, and published in the *Government Gazettes* Nos. 5,481 and 5,482 of June 11 and 18, 1897, have assessed the proportion of the private contributions due by each estate in the district interested in the said road, as follows:—

GLENALLA-HAVILLAND BRANCH ROAD.		Rs.	c.
Amount of compensation paid to Glenalla estate for land taken up by the road and damage done by a slip to one acre of tea	...	807	7
Amount of compensation paid to Waharaka estate for land taken up by the road	...	2,334	20
Amount of compensation paid to Gangwarily estate for ground rent of buildings put up on the estate and damage for opening a 2-ft. footpath through the jungle belonging to estate	...	75	0
Amount of damage done to a bridle path on Waharaka estate in the construction of the road	...	463	0
		<u>3,679</u>	<u>27</u>
Private moiety to be now recovered	...	1,839	64
1st and 2nd sections.			
Total acreage, 3,358—Moiety of cost, Rs. 613-21—Sectional rate, 18-2611c.—			
Total rate, 18-2611c. Assessment.			
Proprietors or Agents.	Estates.	Acreage.	Rs. c.
Gangwarily Estates Company, Limited	... Glenalla	... 239	... 43 64
1st to 4th section.			
Total acreage, 3,119—Moiety of cost, Rs. 613-21—Sectional rate, 19-6605c.—			
Total rate, 37-9216c.			
George Steuart & Company	... Waharaka	... 486	... 184 29
1st to 8th section.			
Total acreage, 2,633—Moiety of cost, Rs. 613-21—Sectional rate, 23-2894c.—			
Total rate, 61-2110c.			
Gangwarily Estates Company, Limited	... Havilland	... 517	... 316 46
Adikarirallaye Appuhami	... Pitakele	... 44	... 26 96
Donald Reid	... Dedugalla	... 382	... 233 82
H. Whitham	... Maskaloya	... 120	... 73 45
Gangwarily Estates Company, Limited	... Gangwarily	... 423	... 258 92
W. Lumsdon Strachan	... Kelvin	... 944	... 577 83
John Drummond	... Oonankanda	... 153	... 93 65
John Drummond	... Uduwa	... 50	... 30 62
			<u>1,839 64</u>

Which sums the proprietors, managers, or agents of the several estates are hereby required to pay into the Colonial Treasury, Colombo, on or before August 20, 1901.

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Ratnapura, July 1, 1901.

EVAN M. BYRDE,
Chairman.

Dolosbagie Road.

NOTICE is hereby given that in terms of the Branch Roads Ordinance, No. 14 of 1896, a general meeting of the proprietors or resident managers of the estates interested in the above road will be held at Penylan Courts on Wednesday, August 7, 1901, at 2 P.M.

Business.

- To elect a new Local Committee.
- For the Local Committee to consider and report to the Provincial Committee with regard to the acreage of estates and the sections for which they are to be assessed for maintenance during 1901, and to transact such other business as may come before it.

R. A. G. FESTING,
for Chairman.

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Kandy, July 16, 1901.

Padiapelella-Kabragala Road.

NOTICE is hereby given that in terms of the Branch Roads Ordinance, No. 14 of 1896, a meeting of the Local Committee for the above road will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 1901, at 2 P.M., at Ellamulla Factory.

Business.

To consider and report to the Provincial Road Committee with regard to the acreage of estates and the sections for which they are to be assessed for maintenance during 1901.

F. G. HARVEY,
Chairman, Local Committee.

Mandara Nuwara,
Maturata, July 10, 1901.

