



SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

MINUTE BOOK 2 FROM JULY 1878 TO JUNE 1899

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COASTGUARD STATION NUMBER 324

TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE JULY 18TH 1878

Mr Ald. Glover (Chairman)

Moved by Mr James Wood sec. by Mr Bell

That the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting as read be confirmed.

Moved by Mr Wood sec' by Mr Coulson

That the General Report and Financial Statement be adopted, printed and circulated among the members and friends

Moved by Capt. Cay sec. by Mr Potter

That Dr Crease be re-elected Honorary Surgeon of the Brigade for the ensuing year.

Moved by Capt. Mabane sec. by Mr Whitelaw

That a vote of thanks be given to those gentlemen who supply the Watch House with gratis daily papers.

Moved by Capt. Cottew sec. by Mr Watkins

That a vote of thanks be given to the Harton Coal Co. for supplying the Watch House with coals

Moved by Mr Coulson sec. by Mr Potter

That the best thanks of the meeting be given to Capt. Mabane for presenting a number of boards containing the names of the principal vessels to which assistance had been rendered by the members.

The following gentlemen were elected officer for the ensuing year

Captains

Mr W. Cay
" M. Cay

Mr T. G. Mabane
S. Cottew

Deputy Captains

Mr James Wood
And. Whitelaw
Hon. Sec. & Treasurer
Hon. Surgeon

Mr Thos. Watkins
B. Birch
Mr S. Malcolm
Mr J. R. Crease

Committee

Mr R. Hobson
Mr H. Richardson
T. Watkins
T. A. Wilson
A. Whitelaw
J. Ross

G. R. Potts
James Wood
J. Hopper
T. Potter
R. Bell
Thos. Coulson

Attendance of Committee for the Year ending June 30 1879

| Name | Address | July 26 | Sep 2 | Oct 4 | Dec 5 | Feb 28 | June 30 | July 8 |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|--------|
| Mr R Hobson | 31 Eleanor Street | | | | | | | |
| " T Watkins | Challoner Grove | | | | | | | |
| " A Whitelaw | Charlotte Street | | | | | | | |
| " G R Potts | Lawe Buildings | | | | | | | |
| " J Hopper | 22 Franklin Street | | | | | | | |
| " R Bell | 61 Woodbine Street | | | | | | | |
| " H Richardson | Cleveland St | | | | | | | |
| "T A Wilson | Albert Terrace | | | | | | | |
| "J Ross | 39 Cuthbert St | | | | | | | |
| " James Wood | 46 Alma St | | | | | | | |
| " T Potter | River Police Station | | | | | | | |
| " Thos. Coulson | Sea View | | | | | | | |
| Capt W Cay | Charlotte Terrace | | | | | | | |
| " M Cay | Wellington Terrace | | | | | | | |
| " T G Mabane | do do | | | | | | | |
| " S Cottew | East Winchester Street | | | | | | | |
| Dr Crease | | | | | | | | |
| Mr Hart | Coastguard House | | | | | | | |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE JULY 26 1878

Capt W Cay Chairman

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

Moved by Capt M Cay sec by Mr Hopper

That Messrs Whitelaw, Wilson, Hobson, Potts, Bell & Dr Crease be the House Committee for the following year.

The following tenders were received for erecting the New Drying Room

| | | | |
|---------------------|----|----|---|
| | £ | | |
| Brown & Gillespie | 88 | 12 | |
| Nichol | 83 | | |
| Harper | 69 | 15 | |
| Holliday & Christie | 54 | 17 | 6 |

Moved by Mr Hobson sec by Mr Wood that Messrs Holliday & Christie's tender be accepted and that the Secretary have power to allow any additions to the Tender that may have been omitted in the Plans and Specification.

Moved by Capt Cottew sec by Dr Crease

That Mr Wilson & the Secretary be empowered to appoint a Clerk of Works at a reasonable sum.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE FREE LIBRARY SEPT 2ND 1878

Capt M Cay Chairman

Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed

Moved by Capt Mabane sec by Mr G R Potts

That Messrs Bambridge & Crimson's Tender to supply and fix the Iron Railings and Messrs Wilson Brothers tender for the necessary Concrete Walling @ 6/3 per lin. Yard be accepted.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE

OCT 4TH 1878

Capt Cottew in the chair

The Secretary reported that Messrs Wilson Brothers were unable to fulfil the contract for the Concrete Wall round the Watch House. Mr James Wilson was present and offered explanation to the Committee which was deemed satisfactory and the contract was cancelled.

Moved by Capt Mabane sec by Mr Wood

That Messrs Mabane, Cottew & the Secretary be a sub committee to see Mr Raven as to tendering for the concrete wall with power to conclude a contract

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE FREE LIBRARY ON THURSDAY
DEC 5TH 1878

Capt M Cay (chairman)

Moved by Mr Wood sec by Mr Hopper

That the Minutes of the previous meeting as read be confirmed

Moved by Mr Coulson sec by Mr Wood

That the Secretary pay £30 on a/c of Contract to Messrs Denning Hooke for Drying Apparatus & the same amount to Messrs Bambridge & Crimson for Iron Railings

Moved by Mr Potts sec by Mr Wood

That Messrs Garbutt & Jamison's Tender of £5 for doing the necessary Staining, Varnishing & Painting of the New Drying Room be accepted.

Moved by Capt Mabane sec by D Crease

That the 2 women who were engaged to clean the Watch House be paid 1/- per day above what they have already received

An Amendment was moved by Mr Bell sec by Mr Wilson

That they be paid 6d per day extra

The motion was carried making the rate 2/6 per day each for cleaning & 2/- each for subsistence

Moved by Capt Mabane sec by Mr Hobson

That Robt Wells be given 10/- for the extra cleaning in addition to his usual allowance

Moved by Capt M Cay sec by Mr Wilson

That the following Candidates be elected Members

William Thompson

Geo Hall

Ed White

J W Miller

Joseph Burdis

Moved by Mr Wilson sec by Mr Wood

D Nutting

James Thompson

Thomas

T D Hails

Johnson

That the Rev I W Culliss American Evangelist have the use of the Watch House on Saturday next for a religious service at 7p.m.

Moved by Capt Mabane sec by Mr Potts

That the drill be held at 6 o'clock on Saturday next

It was agreed that the above arrangements should be advertised and tickets printed for the admission of Brigadesmen & Pilots only

An a/c of 3/6 for Glass Chimneys was ordered to be paid.

The secretary reported having received a further grant of £25 from the board of Trade towards the Watch House Drying Room etc.. Also a letter from German Consul Newcastle on Tyne asking for particulars of the saving of the crew of the "Jacob Rothenburg". The reply thereto was read and approved of.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE FREE LIBRARY

FEB 28 1879

Capt Mabane chairman

Moved by Mr Wood sec by Mr Richardson

That the Secretary's letter to the Board of Trade respecting the Proposed alterations on firing the Signal Guns be approved

Moved by Mr Wood sec by Mr Richardson

That a letter of thanks be written to Mr Thompson of Newcastle for presenting the Brigade with another New Clock for Watch Ho.

Moved by Mr Wilson sec by Mr Wood

That the following candidates be elected Members viz. Messrs Young, Moffett & Easton

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE

JUNE 30TH 1879

Cat Mabane (chairman)

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

A letter from Mr Robt Watson Artist offering to present to the Life Brigade his original Sketch of the Wreck of the s.s. "Stanley". It was moved by Mr Richardson sec by Mr Hopper that the same be accepted and that Mr Watson be elected an Honorary Member of the Brigade.

Moved by Mr Wood sec by Mr Hopper

That the outstanding a/c be paid

The Sec read letters from Capt M Cay & Dep Capt Whitelaw resigning their membership. It was moved by Mr Coulson sec by Mr Wood

That Messrs Mabane & Watkins be a deputation to wait upon these gentlemen and ask them to withdraw their resignations.

Moved by Mr Richardson sec by Mr Wood

That the Annual Meeting be held in the Watch house on Thursday July 10 at 7 30 p.m.

It was assumed that the Officers would provide a Supper as usual

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE ON JULY 8TH 1879

Capt M Cay (chairman)

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

Mr Watkins reported that Messrs Cay and Whitelaw had withdrawn their resignations

The Secretary read the General and Financial Reports which were received and adopted for presentation at the General Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE ON THURSDAY JULY 10TH 1879

Mr Ald. Glover Chairman

Moved by Mr Wood sec by Mr Bell

That the General & Financial Reports be adopted, printed and circulated among the members

Proposed by Capt M Cay sec by Mr T A Wilson

That Dr Crease be appointed Hon. Surgeon for the ensuing year

Moved by Capt W Cay sec by Capt Cottew

That a vote of thanks be given to the Harton Coal Co. for the gratuitous supply of Coals during the year.

Moved by Capt Mabane sec by Mr Wood

That the thanks of the Members be given to the Donors of the Daily papers

Moves by Mr Thompson sec by Mr Lawes

That a vote of thanks be given to Mr Rob Watson for his gift of the sketch of the wreck of the "Stanley"

Moved by the Secretary sec by Capt Mabane

That the best of thanks of the meeting be given to Capt Johnson & the Officers of the Coastguard.

| Captains | Votes |
|------------|-------|
| W Cay | 62 |
| M Cay | 62 |
| S Cottew | 64 |
| T G Mabane | 64 |

| Officers | |
|-----------------|-------|
| Deputy Captains | Votes |
| A Whitelaw | 55 |
| Thos. Watkins | 53 |
| Jas Wood | 63 |
| Thos Coulson | 36 |

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|-----------------------|----|
| T Coulson | 58 |
| R Hobson | 57 |
| Jas Wood | 56 |
| T A Wilson | 56 |
| T Watkins | 56 |
| A Whitelaw | 53 |
| Surgeon | |
| Secretary & Treasurer | |

| Committee | |
|--------------|----|
| J Hopper | 52 |
| T Potter | 49 |
| Jas Ross | 48 |
| R Bell | 48 |
| G R Potts | 42 |
| H Richardson | 40 |
| Dr Crease | |
| S Malcolm | |

Attendances of Committee Year ending June 30 1880

| Names | Address | Sep 30 | Nov 25 | Jan 21 | May 13 | |
|--------------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|
| T Coulson | Sea View | | | | | 3 |
| R Hobson | 67 Winchester St | | | | | 3 |
| Jas Wood | 48 Alma St | | | | | 5 |
| T A Wilson | Albert Terrace | | | | | 4 |
| T Watkins | Challon Grove | | | | | 4 |
| A Whitelaw | Argyle Terrace | | | | | 3 |
| J Hopper | 37 Franklin St | | | | | 3 |
| T Potter | River Police Station | | | | | 1 |
| Jas Ross | 39 Cuthbert St | | | | | 4 |
| R Bell | 36 Alma St | | | | | 3 |
| G R Potts | So View Terrace | | | | | 3 |
| H Richardson | East Bath St | | | | | 3 |
| W Cay | | | | | | 1 |
| M Cay | | | | | | 2 |
| S Cottew | | | | | | 1 |
| T G Mabane | | | | | | 1 |
| Dr Crease | Ogle Terrace | | | | | 2 |
| G Hart | | | | | | |

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COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE FREE LIBRARY SEPT 30 1879

Mr Coulson Chairman

Messrs Whitelaw, Wilson, Hobson, Potts, Bell & Dr Crease were appointed the House Committee for the ensuing year

Committee Meeting held in the Free Library Nov 25 1879

Mr Coulson Chairman

The following a/cs were passed

Shields Gazette 18/-

Committee Room 2/6

The Secretary reported having received a letter from Mr McDowell on behalf of the Amateur Dramatic Society to give entertainment the proceeds of which to be divided between the widows and orphans of the Pilots recently drowned & the Life Brigade. It was moved by Mr Watkins seconded by Mr Hobson

That the Secretary write and thank them for the kind offer and to state that the Committee would prefer the whole of the proceeds to be given to the Widows and orphans and that the Members of the Brigade would gladly give their patronage & support on the occasion.

Moved by Mr Whitelaw sec by Mr Wood

That the Committee use their best efforts to raise funds for the Life Brigade

Moved by Mr Wilson sec by Mr Ross

That Mr Geo R Palmer be elected a member of the Brigade

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE FREE LIBRARY JAN 21 1880

Capt M Cay chairman

The following a/c were ordered to be paid

L Wright & Son 19/- W Trobe 4/- S L Hall 12/1 Daily News 3/6 Free Library 5/-

Moved Capt Mabane sec by Mr T A Wilson

That Joseph Pollard & Alex Purvis be elected Members

Moved by Capt Mabane sec by Mr Whitelaw

That Messrs Dinning Hartles Tender be accepted for altering the Drying Rooms Pipes and Fixing a New Boiler on condition that after the job is finished it is proved to be a success and that they give a guarantee to that effect.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE MAY 13 1880

Capt Mabane (Chairman)

Moved by Capt W Cay sec by Capt Cottew

That the thanks of the Committee be given to Messrs Wilson Brothers for their kindness in doing the necessary in fixing the New Boiler in the Drying Room to the amount of £2-3

Moved by Mr Wilson sec by Mr Wood

That the House Committee be instructed to advertise the Tenders to paint the outside of the Watch House and that they have power to accept such tender as they may think suitable.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE JULY 14TH 1880

Mr Watkins (Chairman)

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

The following Tenders for Painting the Watch House Railings and Exercise mast were received viz

Messrs Garbutt & Jamieson £18 17 6

Mr Jno Sanderson 22 10 0

Moved by Mr Wilson sec by Mr Wood

That Messrs Garbutt and Jamieson's tender be accepted

The Secretary read a draft General Report and Financial Statement

Moved by Mr Wood sec by Mr Wilson

That they be approved and presented to the Members at the Annual Meeting

Moved by Mr Wood sec by Mr Bell

That the Annual Meeting be held in the Watch House on Friday July 23rd 1880 at 7.30 p.m.

The Secretary reported that the Officers would provide a Supper as usual for the Members

Mr Ald. Glover in the chair

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read and confirmed

Moved by Capt W Cay sec by Mr Wilson

That the General Report as read by the Secretary be adopted & printed

Moved by Mr Whitelaw sec by Mr Wood

That the Financial Statement be adopted and printed

Moved by Capt Cottew sec by Mr Coulson

That Dr Crease be Honorary Surgeon

Moved by Capt W Cay sec by Capt Cottew

That a vote of thanks be given to the Donors of Daily Newspapers

Moved by Mr Wilson sec by Mr Bell

That a vote of thanks be given to the Harton Coal Co. for the gratuitous supply of coals to the Watch House

Moved by Mr Potter sec by Mr Learmount

That the Monthly Drills be held at 6 p.m. throughout the year not carried

Moved by Mr Wilson seconded by Mr Richardson

That a memorial be sent to the Corporation praying that a more suitable Mortuary be provided near the So Pier

Moved by Mr Bell sec by Mr Barrett

That the attendance at Drills be printed with the General List of Members names

The following were elected Officers and Committee for the ensuing year

| | | Captains | |
|----------------------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| W Cay | 35 votes | S Cottew | 35 |
| M Cay | 34 votes | T G Mabane | 34 |
| | | Deputy Captains | |
| And Whitelaw | 35 | Thos Watkins | 33 votes |
| James Wood | 35 | Thos Coulson | 32 |
| Surgeon | | Dr Crease | |
| Honorary Secretary and Treasurer | | S. Malcolm | |

| | | Committee | |
|--------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Name | Votes | Name | Votes |
| James Wood | 34 | Joseph Hopper | 30 |
| Thos Coulson | 34 | R Bell | 30 |
| And Whitelaw | 33 | G R Potts | 27 |
| R Hobson | 33 | Jas Ross | 24 |
| Thos Watkins | 32 | H Richardson | 23 |
| T A Wilson | 31 | T Potter | 22 |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD N THE WATCH HOUSE AUGUST 21ST 1880

Capt W Cay Chairman

The Committee expressed themselves as being highly satisfied at the way Messrs Garbut & Jamieson had painted the Watch House and Mast. It was moved by Mr Coulson sec by Mr Hopper

That Messrs G & J's a/c £18 17 6 be paid

Moved by Cap M Cay sec by Mr Watkins

That Messrs Whitelaw, Wilson, Hobson, Potts, Bell & DR Crease be the House Committee for the ensuing year

Moved by Capt W Cay sec by Mr Coulson

That a vote of thanks be given to the old House Committee for their services during the past year

Moved by Mr Watkins sec by Mr Wood

That all the cloths be overhauled washed and aired

The Sec reported having received 8 volumes of Books from Mrs Perry of Harton

Moved by Capt M Cay sec by Mr Whitelaw

That a vote of thanks be given to Mrs Perry for her handsome gift

In consequence of the misconduct of Learmont at the last Annual Meeting it was moved by Mr Wilson sec by Mr Coulson

That his name be struck off the Roll and that he deliver up his Guernsey.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE OCT 23RD 1880

Capt Mabane (Chairman)

The Coastguard men supplied & fixed a Post in lieu of old one used for securing the Hawser at Drill. The a/c for same (12/-) was ordered to be paid.

The Following were elected members

George Robson

John Robinson jun

W Glaholm Black

Robert Kell

Edward Blair

William Dalziel

The Secretary read a letter from the Board of Trade enclosing a Grant of £29 9 2 for the past year

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE NOV 10 1880

Capt M Cay (Chairman)

The meeting was held to make arrangements for the Inspection of the Brigade by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh Admiral Superintendent Of Naval Reserves on Nov 16th

It was decided to have a Special Meeting of the members on Saturday the 13th at 6 p.m.

Also That the House Committee get the House cleaned

That the Sec provide Curtains & bedding

That leave of absence be asked for the Pier Watchman

That the Sec draw up an Abstract Statement of the services rendered by the Brigade for the presentation to H.R.H.

The following were elected Members

John Brown, Walter Ross, Geo Ogilvie

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE DEC 18 1880

Capt M Cay Chairman

The following a/c were ordered to be paid

Walter Ross 7 3 6

Gazette 15/10

Daily News 5/6

Emmett 8/3

Moved by Capt Mabane sec by Mr Bell

That the Coastguard be paid 21/- for extra cleaning to the Watch House

A letter was read from Jesmond Cricket Club asking for the patronage of the Brigade at an entertainment on behalf of the Widows and Orphans of the men lost in the Steam Trawlers at the mouth of the Tyne. It was considered by the Committee that sufficient efforts had already been made in that direction, but that they would be willing to encourage any efforts on behalf of the Tyne Widows & Orphans fund.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE FEB 12 1881

Capt M Cay Chairman

Moved by Capt Cottew sec by Mr Potter

That the following a/c be paid

| | |
|----------------|--------|
| E Jennings | 18/5 |
| Wright & Son | 18/6 |
| J N Hall & Son | 24/4 |
| Reed Newcastle | 4 15 0 |

The Secretary reported that he had received the sum of four hundred and twenty five pounds from the Execs of the late Mr Harrison Gregson formerly of this Town, being a legacy left by the deceased to the funds of the So Shields Volunteer Life Brigade

Moved by Mr Potts sec by Mr Wood

That the sum of four hundred pounds be invested with the River Tyne Commissioners for seven years in the names of the four Captains and the Treasurer

Moved by Mr Hobson sec by Mr Wood

That Robert Wells be paid 10/- for extra cleaning to the Watch House previous to the visit of the Duke of Edinbro

Moved by Capt Mabane sec by Capt Cottew

That sawdust be kept off the Watch House floor and that a dozen spittoons be provided

Moved by Mr Watkins sec by Mr Ross

That George Wilson and J T Ross be elected Members.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE APRIL 9 1881

Capt Cottew Chairman

Moved by Mr Wood sec by W Hopper

That the following a/c be paid

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Tyne Commissioner | 14/- |
| Cusp & Hails | 14/- |
| Burn & Shittorm | 14 |

Mr Whitelaw reported that R J Mitcheson had conducted himself one night during the Winter in a manner which was disrespectful to this Brigade (see Log Book). This conduct was confirmed by other Members who were present whereupon it was moved by Mr Coulson sec by Mr Richardson

That R J Mitcheson be dismissed from the Brigade & that the Secretary write informing him of this

Moved by Capt Whitelaw sec by Mr Hopper

That the Pier Policemen Joseph Pude and Alex Purvis be elected Members

Committee Meeting held in the Watch House June 4th 1881

Captain Mabane Chairman

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed

There was no business of importance but it was decided not to take any action with reference to the Resolution passed at the last Annual Meeting that the attendance of Members at Drills should be published with the list of names

Committee Meeting held in the Watch House July 7th 1881

Capt M Cay (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed

The Secretary read the General Report and Financial Statement which were adopted for presentation to the Members at the Annual Meeting to be held in the Watch House July 1881 at 7 30 p.m.

The Secretary exhibited a specimen Storm Cap which he had got made at Goy's Leadenhall St It was highly approved of and it was decided that each Member should be provided with one

The usual Supper given at the Annual Meeting by the Officers was postponed until a later period of the year

15TH ANNUAL MEETING WAS HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE ON MONDAY JULY 18TH 1881

Capt Cay in the Chair

Moved by Capt Cottew sec by Mr W Thompson

That the Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting as read be confirmed.

Moved by Mr R Bell sec by Mr Jas Wood

That the General Report be adopted

Moved by Mr Wood sec by Mr H Rochester

That the Financial Statement be adopted and both reports be printed and circulated amongst the Members

Moved by Capt M Cay sec by Mr Pollard

That Dr Crease be re-elected Hon. Surgeon for the ensuing year

Moved by Capt Mabane sec by Capt Cottew

That a vote of thanks be given to the Harton Coal Co. for the gratuitous supply of Coals to the Watch House during the year

Moved by Dep Capt Watkins sec by Capt Cottew

That the Committee take into consideration the best means of calling out the Members in stormy weather

The whole of the Officers and Committee were re-elected

Attendance of Committee Year ending June 30 1882

| Names | Address | Sep 17 | Oct 15 | Nov 12 | Feb 4 | May 27 | July 12 | |
|--------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------|---|
| Jas Wood | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Thos Coulson | | | | | | | | 6 |
| And Whitelaw | | | | | | | | 2 |
| R Hobson | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Thos Watkins | | | | | | | | 6 |
| T A Wilson | Deceased | | | | | | | 2 |
| Jas Hopper | | | | | | | | 6 |
| R Bell | 34 Alma St | | | | | | | 2 |
| G R Potts | | | | | | | | 6 |
| J Ross | | | | | | | | 5 |
| T Potter | | | | | | | | 4 |
| H Richardson | | | | | | | | 4 |
| W Cay | | | | | | | | |
| S Cottew | | | | | | | | |
| M Cay | | | | | | | | |
| T G Mabane | | | | | | | | |
| Dr Crease | | | | | | | | |
| G Hart | | | | | | | | |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE SEPT 19TH 1881

Captain Mabane in the Chair

Moved by Mr Potts sec by Mr Wilson

That Goy's a/c for the new caps be paid £21 17-

Several applications for Membership were read, but their consideration was ordered to stand over and the names in the meantime to be posted in the Watch House

Moved by mr hopper sec by Capt M Cay

That Messrs Whitelaw, Wilson, Hobson, Potts, Bell & DR Crease be the House Committee for the ensuing year

Moved by Capt M Cay sec by Mr Wood

That Mr Hart have instructions to get a Shifting Stay & Watch Tackle fitted to the Mast

Moved by Mr Wood Sec by Mr Hopper

That a Key of the Captain's Cupboard be given to Mr Hart

New Caps were served out this day to the Members

The New Wagon in lieu of the Old Rocket Cart containing the Apparatus was used at the Drill today for the first time

Committee Meeting held in the Watch House Oct 15 1881

Capt Mabane in the Chair

The following Candidates were elected Members

| | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Edward Taylor | 64 King St |
| T D Marshall | King St |
| Chas. N Woosnam | Mission Ship |
| J B Sanderson | 32 Wellington St |

Moved by Capt Mabane sec by Mr Wood

That Silver Badges be provided for the Dep Captains Caps

The Secretary read the correspondence he had with Capt Johnson & Mr Spence relative to the Signal Guns having been fired when no wreck had occurred when it was agreed that Mr Spence should be again written to pointing out the inconvenience arising therefrom

It was suggested that a block be provided for the hauling part of the whipline for use at wrecks

Moved by Mr Bell sec by Mr Wilson

That the drying Room Pipes be repaired and that a valve be fitted so as to shut them off from the Bath when necessary

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE NOV 12TH 1881

Captain Cottew Chairman

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed

Moved by Capt W Cay sec by Mr Potts

That the following a/cs be paid

| | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Goy New Caps | 4 8 6 |
| Wright & Son | 8 3 |
| J Ross | 14 |
| A Simon | 2 2 |
| R H Metcalf (Slating) | 3 13 6 |

Moved by Capt Mabane sec by Mr Potts

That William Steel 3 Dale St be elected a Member

Moved by Capt Mabane sec by Mr Wood

That Dr Crease having kindly undertaken to conduct an Ambulance Class in connection with the Brigade, this Committee cordially approves of the same and undertakes to pay the expenses in connection therewith which are estimated not to exceed Six pounds £6

Several applications for membership were read. The names of the Candidates were ordered to be posted in the Brigade House.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE FEB 4 1882

~~T G Mabane~~ W Cay

Capt ~~M Cay~~ (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

Moved by Mr Coulson sec by Capt M Cay

That Mr W A Smith be re-elected a Member

The applications for Membership were then considered Where the following Candidates were elected viz.

John Henry Wood 10 Challoner Terrace

W McDowell Bank

James W Scott 25 King St

Charles F Waltin 60 Alma St

An application was read from the Secretary of the So Shields Town & River Mission asking permission to hold a Service in the Watch House every Sunday evening. It was moved by Capt Mabane sec by Dep Capt Watkins

That permission be granted for a Service of one hours duration, the Committee reserving the right of withdrawing this sanction of which due notice would be given.

The Secretary reported formally the death of Mr T A Wilson which took place Jan 2 1882 Mr Wilson was a Member of the Brigade and Committee since the formation and took a lively and active interest in its welfare more especially with regard to the internal management of the Watch House and we wish to place on record the deep sense of loss at his removal.

Moved by Capt W Cay sec by Capt M Cay

That T Coulson be added to the House Committee

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE MAY 29TH 1882

Capt M Cay Chairman

Moved by Mr Wood sec by Mr Richardson

That the following a/cs be paid

| | |
|----------------|--------|
| Wright & Son | 9/6 |
| Daily News | 2/6 |
| Gazette | 6/- |
| Buckland | 11/2 |
| Emmett | 5/10 ½ |
| Harton Coal Co | 8/- |

Applications for membership were read when it was resolved on the motion of Capt Mabane seconded by Mr Wood

That no more Members be elected until after the Annual Meeting

The following a/cs in connection with the Ambulance Class were ordered to be paid

| | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Examiners Fee | 1 1 – |
| Travelling Expenses | 2 4 2 |
| Stores | 6 4 7 |
| Incidental expenses | 2 2 0 |
| Hand books | 3 5 |
| | <u>11 15 2</u> |

With regard to the suggestion of the St John's Ambulance Association to have a Public Presentation of the Certificates to the successful Candidates, it was decided to give out the Certificates at the Annual Meeting of the Brigade in July next.

Moved by Capt Cottew sec by Mr Wood

That the following Rules for the Ambulance Class be sanctioned also that the Certificated Members of the Class be allowed to wear the St Johns Ambulance Badge stitched on to their Guernseys.

ANNUAL MEETING (16TH) HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE FRIDAY JULY 21ST 1882

Capt Cottew (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read and confirmed

The Secretary read the General Report and Financial Statement

Moved by Mr James Wood sec by Mr Whitelaw

That they be adopted, printed and circulated among the Members

Moved by Capt Buckland sec by Mr J E Smith

That Dr Crease be re-appointed Honorary Surgeon and that the thanks of the Members be given to him for his services during the past year

Votes of thanks were also passed to the Hon. Sec. & the Coastguard

The following is the result of the voting

| Captains | | Deputy Captains | |
|------------|-------|-----------------|-----------|
| T G Mabane | W Cay | A Whitelaw | T Watkins |
| S Cottew | M Cay | James Wood | T Coulson |

| Committee | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| J Hopper | Thos Potter |
| G R Potts | A Whitelaw |
| R Hobson | T Watkins |
| R Bell | George Gray |
| James Wood | J W Buckland |
| Thos Coulson | Geo Robson |
| Hon. Sec & Treasurer | S Malcolm |

Attendance of Committee Year ending June 30 1883

| Names | Address | Aug 9 | Sept 16 | 11 Nov | Jan 6th | Mar 1 | April 28 | June 13 |
|---------------|----------------------|-------|---------|--------|---------|-------|----------|---------|
| James Wood | 48 Alma St | | | | | | | |
| Thos Coulson | | | | | | | | |
| And Whitelaw | | | | | | | | |
| R Hobson | 24 Winchester St | | | | | | | |
| Thos Watkins | Removed to Gateshead | | | | | | | |
| Jos Hopper | 37 Franklin St | | | | | | | |
| R Bell | 34 Alma St | | | | | | | |
| G R Potts | | | | | | | | |
| T Potter | River Police Station | | | | | | | |
| J W Buckland | 12 Winchester St | | | | | | | |
| George Gray | | | | | | | | |
| George Robson | | | | | | | | |
| W Cay | | | | | | | | |
| S Cottew | | | | | | | | |
| M Cay | | | | | | | | |
| T G Mabane | | | | | | | | |
| Dr Crease | | | | | | | | |
| G Hart | | | | | | | | |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE AUGUST 9/82

Capt Mabane (Chairman)

Moved by Mr Hobson sec by Mr Potts

That the following form the House Committee for the ensuing year viz. Messrs Buckland, Bell, Coulson, Whitelaw, Potts & Dr Crease

Moved by Mr Whitelaw sec by Mr Buckland

That each Captain write to the Members of his Division who have left to return their Caps.

Moved by Mr Wood sec by Mr Hopper

That the following Candidates be elected members

Frederick Oliver 70 Winchester St

Geo W Patterson 3 Morton St

Andrew Stott 19 Long Row

Robert S Buckland 12 Winchester St

Thos Vasey 35 King St

J J Humphrey 3 Challoner Grove

The Secretary reported the receipt of £20 from the Life Boat Trustees

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE SEPT 16 1882

Capt Cottew (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Moved by Mr Potts sec by Mr Hobson

That Mr Ross's a/c for printing £4 18 2 be paid

Moved by Capt M Cay sec by Mr Bell

That the Brigade accept the invitation of the Chairman of the North East Coast Exhibition to have a Drill with the Rocket Apparatus in front of the Exhibition at Tynemouth on Saturday the 23rd inst at 4 p.m. and also that each Member attending the Drill be provided with a Ticket of admission to the Exhibition

The Secretary read a letter from the Board of Trade enclosing a Grant of £50 and also thanking the members for their services during the past year.

The Secretary also reported the receipt of 100 New Waist Belts the gift of the Board of Trade which were distributed to the Members at the Drill held on this date.

Two applications for membership were ordered to stand over for the present.

Committee meeting held in the Watch House Nov 11 1882

Capt Cottew Chairman

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed

A letter was read from Deputy Capt Watkins resigning his position as a Member of the Brigade owing to his having to leave the Town. It was moved by Capt M Cay sec by Capt Cottew

That Mr Watkins resignation be accepted and the Committee desires to place on record the deep regret of the Members that the Brigade has lost his valuable services

Moved by Capt Mabane sec by Dep Capt Wood

That the following Candidates be elected Members

viz

Alfred E Hunter

Cuthbert Ward 3 Erskine Road)

John Jarvis Smithy St)

John Bailey East Holborn) River Policemen

Robert W Porter 4 Somerset St)

W Williams 11 Barrington St)

The following a/cs were passed

John Wilson Repairs to House £1 13 0

Tyne Commissioners 2 yrs Ground Rent 4/-

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE JAN 6 1883

Capt Mabane Chairman

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed

Moved by Capt Mabane sec by Capt M Cay

That a gross of Mugs as per sample be ordered @ 3/6 per dozen

Moved by Mr Geo Gray sec by Mr Wood

That the offer of the Officers to give the Brigade a Ball on Monday Jan 22 be accepted and that the House Committee be a subcommittee to carry out the arrangements

The Secretary reported that the Old Stove had been removed to the sleeping room and that a New Stove had been bought for the Large Room.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr Mathew Stainton for presenting a metal plate value 1 guinea for the New Stove to stand on.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE MARCH 3RD 1883

Capt W Cay (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed

A letter was read from the Store Keeper Board of Trade asking for the loan of any objects of interest belonging the Brigade for exhibition at the forthcoming Great International Fisheries exhibition. The Committee considered the matter and the Secretary was instructed to reply that there was nothing belonging to the brigade of sufficient International interest to send to the Exhibition.

The Secretary reported that he had written to the Lifeboat Trustees suggesting that the Coxswains of the Lifeboat should exhibit a Blue Light as soon as the last man was taken off a wreck as a Signal to the lifebrigadesmen on duty that their services were no longer required.

A letter was read from the Lifeboat Trustees adopting the suggestion and at the same time asking whether the Brigade would be willing to send up a Rocket to intimate that the Signal was understood.

The Committee decided that they thought there was no necessity to make a return Signal, but at any rate the Lifeboat Signal should in the meantime be tried alone as it might safely be taken for granted that the Blue light would be seen from either shore.

An application was read from the Town & River Mission for the use of the Watch House as a Sunday School on Sunday afternoons.

It was moved By Mr Geo Gray seconded by Mr Wood

That the consideration of the matter be adjourned for a month some of the Committee in the meantime undertaking to attend the Sunday evening services to see how they were attended

On the motion of the Chairman a hearty vote of thanks was awarded to Mrs Coulson and Mrs Potts for their services at the Supper & Ball given by the Officers to the Members and Lady friends Jan 22 1883.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE APRIL 28 1883

Capt Mabane (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

A letter from Mr Robt Hobson a Member of the Committee was read resigning his membership of the Brigade

Mr Potts moved & Mr Wood seconded that it be accepted with regret.

Moved by Capt M Cay sec by Mr Coulson

That the following a/cs be paid viz

| | |
|----------------------------|------|
| Coastguard painting Mast | 30/- |
| Brash & Millar Towelling | 6/9 |
| Can & Sons Balance of Mugs | 8/9 |

The Secretary reported that the House required Painting & cleaning

Moved by Mr Wood sec by Mr Hopper

That the matter be left in the hands of the House Committee

Moved by Mr Coulson sec by Mr Wood

That it is not desirable to allow the Watch House to be used as a Sunday School on the Sunday afternoons

The above was in reply to an application on behalf of the Town & River Mission

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE 23 JUNE 1883

Capt M Cay Chairman

The House Committee reported that owing to Robert Wells continued neglect with regard to keeping the Watch House cleaned they recommended that he be discharged and that the Coastguardmen be appointed in his place at a salary of £10 per annum, this sum to include all duties which have hereto been paid for as extras.

On the Motion of Capt Mabane sec by Mr Wood

The House Committee report was confirmed

The Secretary read a Draft of the Annual Report which was adopted.

Moved by Mr Potts sec by Mr Wood

That the Annual Meeting be held in the Watch House on Friday July 6th at 8 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE JULY 6TH 1883

Capt W Cay Chairman

Moved by Capt Cottew sec by Mr Hopper

That the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting be confirmed

Moved by Mr Bell sec by Mr Brown

That the general Report be received and adopted

Moved by Mr Potts sec by Mr Bell

That the Treasurer's Report be received and adopted and that both Reports be printed and circulated among the Members.

Moved by Capt M Cay sec by MR Wood

That Dr Crease be re-appointed House Surgeon

Moved by Mr Geo Robson sec by Mr Bell

That a vote of thanks be given to Dr Crease for his services during the past year

Moved by Mr G R Potts sec by Mr Wood

That a vote of thanks be given to the Secretary

Moved by Mr Coulson sec by Mr G R Palmer

That a vote of thanks be given to the Coastguard

Moved by Mr Bell sec by Mr Hopper

That a vote of thanks be given to the Scrutineers

Moved by Mr Bell sec by Mr Gray

That a vote of thanks be given to the donors of Newspapers

Officers

Captains

W Cay
M Cay

S Cottew
T G Mabane

Deputy Captains

T Coulson
G R Potts

A Whitelaw
Jas Wood

| Committee | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| G Gray | Geo Robson | R Bell |
| Jas Wood | T Coulson | A Whitelaw |
| W Ross | T Potter | G Scrafton |
| J W Buckland | G R Potts | J Hopper |
| Hon. Surgeon | J R Crease | |
| Hon. Sec & Treasurer | S Malcolm | |

Attendances of Committee Year ending June 30 1884

| Names | Address | July 21st | Sept 15 | Dec 8 | Feb 2/84 | Mar 18 | June 21 | |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------|---------|-------|----------|--------|---------|---|
| James Wood | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Thos Coulson | | | | | | | | 3 |
| And Whitelaw | | | | | | | | 5 |
| Jos Hopper | | | | | | | | 6 |
| R Bell | | | | | | | | 1 |
| G R Potts | | | | | | | | 4 |
| T Potter | | | | | | | | 2 |
| J W Buckland | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Geo Gray | | | | | | | | 4 |
| George Robson | | | | | | | | 4 |
| George Scrafton | 11 Alderson St | | | | | | | 4 |
| Walter Ross | | | | | | | | 5 |
| W Cay | | | | | | | | 5 |
| S Cottew | | | | | | | | 2 |
| M Cay | | | | | | | | 4 |
| T G Mabane | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Dr Crease | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Geo Hart | | | | | | | | 4 |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE JULY 21 1883

Capt M Cay Chairman

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

Moved By Capt W Cay sec by Dep Capt Whitelaw

That the following a/cs be paid

| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| Ross Printing | 3 12 – |
| Hall & Son | 3 4 2 |
| St John Ambulance Fees | 1 11 0 |

The Secretary read a letter from the Board of Trade stating that Capt Prowse R.N. in company with Lieutenant C H McLellan of the United States Life Saving Service would inspect the Brigade during the next week

Moved by Mr Whitelaw sec by Mr Wood

That the Inspection take place on Wednesday July 25th at 7 p.m. and that arrangements be made accordingly

Moved by Mr Gray sec by Mr Robson

That the following be the House Committee for the ensuing year viz Messrs Buckland, Bell, Coulson, Whitelaw, Potts & Dr Crease

Mr Potts agreed to act as House Steward until further arrangements

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE 15 SEPT 1883

Mr M Cay Chairman

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

A letter was read from Messrs Tippetts Son & Co Plymouth quoting 10/- & 10?8 for 2 sizes of Guernsey Frocks with 2/- each extra for embroidering same as before

Moved by Capt Whitelaw sec by Capt Cottew

That 18 Guernsey Frocks of each size (36 in all) be ordered

It was also agreed to order New Storm Caps for the Members who have not already received them

Moved by Mr Wood sec by Mr Hopper

That the following Candidates be admitted to membership

T F Wilson Wellington Terrace

Thos Mitchelson So. Pier

James Mitchelson “

A Letter was read from the Board of Trade enclosing an Order for £50 for the year ended June 30 1883

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE DEC 8TH 1883

Capt Mabane (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed

Moved by Capt W Cay sec by Mr Wood

That the following a/cs be paid

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Tippet & Sons Guernsey Frocks | £22 7 2 |
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| | |
|----------------------|------|
| L Wright & Son Bread | 18/- |
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Moved by Mr Potts sec by Mr Wood

That the Secretary arrange with Messrs Dinning & Cooke for the repair of the pipes in Drying Closet

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE FEB 2 1884

Capt M Cay Chairman

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed

A letter was read from Mr Harmston asking for the Patronage of the Brigade at a performance in the Circus

It was moved by Mr Whitelaw sec by Mr Wood

That the application of Mr Harmston be acceded to and that the ~~Brigade~~ Members be asked to attend on Friday evening March 28th

ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE JULY 4TH 1884

The Mayor Capt T G Mabane (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read and confirmed

Moved by Mr Gray sec by Mr Geo Robson

That the general Report & Financial Statement as read by the Secretary be adopted, printed and circulated among the members

Moved by Mr G R Palmer seconded by Mr Hopper

That a Plan showing the week each Division is responsible for being on duty be printed in a card and given to each member

Moved by Capt Mabane seconded by Capt Cottew

That the ordinary Drills be held on the final Saturday in each Month

Moved by Mr Geo Robson sec by Mr Ogilvie

That Dr Crease be re-elected Honorary Surgeon

Moved by Mr Marshall sec by Mr Robson

That a vote of thanks be given to Dr Crease for his services

A vote of thanks was also given to the Donors of newspapers to the Watch House

The following suggestions were also made

That it be a recommendation to the Committee to provide 20 oilskin jackets & trousers for the use of the Members on night Duty to be kept in the Watch House and that a Drill be arranged if possible on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in August to open the Coble Dene Dock. Also that a notice be sent to Candidates when elected or not elected

The following Officers & Committee were elected

Officers

Captains

W Cay

S Cottew

M Cay

T G Mabane

Deputy Captains

T Coulson

G R Potts

A Whitelaw

James Wood

Committee

R S Buckland
T Coulson
A Whitelaw
Geo Robson
W Ross
G R Potts

G Scrafton
G Gray
J Wood
J Hopper
P S Wood
J D Marshall

| | |
|--------------|-----------|
| Hon. Surgeon | Dr Crease |
|--------------|-----------|

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Hon. Secretary & Treasurer | S. Malcolm |
|----------------------------|------------|

Attendance of Committee Year ending June 30 1885

| Name | Address | Aug 2 | Nov 3 | Dec | July 4 | Oct 3 | Nov 7 | Dec 16 | Jan 2 | Feb 6 | Apr 3 | June 5 | |
|--------------|------------------|-------|-------|-----|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---|
| J W Buckland | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | 5 |
| T Coulson | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | 5 |
| A Whitelaw | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | 4 |
| Geo Robson | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | 6 |
| W Ross | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | 6 |
| G R Potts | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | 7 |
| G Scrafton | 13 Denmark St | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | 6 |
| R Gray | Eastbourne Grove | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | 6 |
| James Wood | 48 Alma St | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | 7 |
| J Hopper | 37 Franklin St | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | 7 |
| P S Wood | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | 6 |
| T D Marshall | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 5 |
| W Cay | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | 7 |
| S Cottew | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | 5 |
| M Cay | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | 8 |
| T G Mabane | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | 4 |
| Dr Crease | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Geo Hart | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |

Year ending June 30 1886

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE AUGUST 2ND 1884

The mayor in the Chair

The Proof Card for attendance at the Watch House during Stormy weather was approved of and ordered to be printed & circulated among the members

The following were elected members

| | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Mr J B Nelson | Belpare Terrace |
| Rev H W Farrar | Tyne Mission Ship |
| Mr D N Law | 68 Saville St |
| “ W W Williams | |

The two last conditional on their promising to conform to the rules

Moved by Capt M Cay sec by Mr Scrafton

That the following be the House Committee

Messrs Buckland, Coulson, Whitelaw, Potts & Dr Crease

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE NOV 1ST 1884

Capt W Cay Chairman

Moved by Mr Coulson sec by Mr Wood

That the Secretary provide 20 oil skin jackets & trousers of a light colour

Moved by Mr Ross sec by Mr Wood

That Mr Jas C Foley Bent Cottages be admitted a member of the Brigade

Committee Meeting held in the Watch House Dec 1884

Capt Mabane Chairman

Samples of oil skin suits were examined from H Goy London

Moved by Mr Gray sec by Mr Ross

That arrangements be made to procure the strong quality and the initials of the brigade be embroidered inside the Collar.

Moved by Mr Potts sec by Mr Coulson

| | | |
|------|------------------|-----------------------|
| That | George Warburton | Mill Dam |
| | M Horner Graham | 13 Wellington Terrace |

Be elected Members

| | |
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| April 4 Wm. Atkins | 1 Woodbine St elected |
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Committee Meeting held in the Watch House June 6th 1885

Capt Mabane (Chairman)

The following a/cs were passed

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| Buckland Coals | 1 1 6 |
| 2 yrs Ground Rent | 4 |
| St John Ambulance Fees (16) | 1 12 – |
| Coastguard | 12 6 |
| Cleaning Watch House & Washing | 3 0 0 |
| Painting Mast & Blacksmith Work | 1 4 0 |

Leave was granted to the Tyne Commissioners to remove a portion of the Roof of the Watch House to allow the large Crane to pass, they undertaking to make good the alterations.

The Secretary reported the receipt of Annual Grant (£20) from Tyne Life Boat Trustees.

Moved by Mr Wood sec by Mr Geo Robson

That the Annual Meeting be held in the Watch house Friday July 3rd 1885 at 7.30 p.m.

It was reported that Humphrey Ashton had ceased his duties as Coastguard. It was moved by Capt Mabane sec by Dep Capt Whitelaw

That he be elected a Member and returned as effective.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE FRIDAY JULY 3RD 1885

The Mayor (Capt Mabane) Chairman

The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read and confirmed

The General Report & Financial Statement were read by the Secretary.

Moved by Mr Potts sec by Mr Wood

That the reports be adopted with the addition of a paragraph relating to the death of Ald. Glover and printed & circulated among the members.

Moved by Dep Capt Whitelaw sec by Mr John Brown

That Dr Crease be elected Hon Surgeon

Moved by Capt W Cay sec by Capt Cottew

That a vote of thanks be given to Dr Crease for his services during the year.

Moved by Mr Potts sec by Mr J W Buckland

That a vote of thanks be given to the Hon Secretary

The whole of the Officers and Committee were re-elected for the ensuing year.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE JULY 4 1885

Capt Mabane in the Chair

Moved by the Chairman sec by Capt W cay

That the old House Committee be re-elected viz Messrs Buckland, Coulson, Whitelaw, Potts & Dr Crease.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE OCT 3 1885

Capt M Cay (Chairman)

The following a/cs were ordered to be paid

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| J Grant Cleaning Clock | 4/6 |
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| J Ross Printing | 51/- |
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James Robertson 16 Lawe was elected a Member

The Secretary reported that Humphrey Ashton had resigned his appointment of Caretaker of the Watch House. On the motion of Mr Potts sec by Mr Wood

Collins Coastguard was elected in his stead

It was also decided that the remainder (18) of the Oilskin Suits should be ordered.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE NOV 7 1885

Capt Mabane Chairman

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Moved by Capt Mabane sec by Capt W Cay

That the following candidates were elected Members of the Brigade

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| M Cay jun. | Argyle Terrace |
| T S Slater | |
| J W Swainston | 1 Ocean Terrace |
| John T Reed | 8 Charlotte Terrace |
| A E Benjamin | 68 Wouldhave St |

The Secretary reported that on Oct 20 Capt Prowse R.N. had Inspected the watch House & Rocket Apparatus and had found everything in working order. It was also arranged that a New Rocket Apparatus House should be built in the Spring on the site of the present House but larger.

The Secretary also reported that the Officers of the Brigade had met Mr Messent on the Pier Oct 27 with reference to the fixing of New Gates for keeping the Public off the Pier during Shipwrecks and very stormy weather. A Site was chosen and the Work was promised to be done as soon as possible & also the extension of the Railings seawards.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE DECEMBER 16
1885

Capt Mabane Chairman

Moved by Mr Potts sec by Mr Whitelaw

That Goy's a/c £18 9 for 18 oilskin suits be paid

Moved by Mr P H Wood sec by Mr Marshall

That when a Member is elected he be served with a Cap, Guernsey & Belt

An Amendment was moved by Capt Mabane sec by Capt M Cay That a Member after making himself efficient one year be served with a Cap, Guernsey & Belt and after completing 2 years as efficient they become the property except the Cap & Belt

The Amendment was carried

It was arranged that 3 doz. Guernseys be procured Mr Wood undertaking to send the Secretary a sample of the last lot about which he complained as to the quality

A discussion then took place as to the Annual Supper. It was reported to the Committee that the majority of the Members desired it to be held in the Free Library Hall. It was moved by Capt Mabane sec by Mr Wood That Messrs Buckland, Robson, Marshall & Ross be a subcommittee to confer with the Officers respecting the arrangements, the meeting to be held in the County Court Office on Friday the 18th Dec at 4 30 p.m.

It was arranged that the Lifebuoys be overhauled and repainted by Mr Whitelaw

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE APRIL 3 1886

Capt M Cay (Chairman)

The following a/cs were passed

Goy Caps 9 7 10

Whitelaw Life Buoys 3 16 0

Grant Clock 1 6

An Application from J M Middleton for admission to the Brigade was allowed to stand over for the present.

A letter from the Board of Trade was read stating that owing to the state of the Mercantile Marine Fund the Building of the Rocket House and supply of a New Van was deferred.

The New Man o' War Caps were served out to the men at the Drill of this date.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE JUNE 5 1886

Cap W Cay Chairman

Moved by Mr Wood seconded by Mr Robson

That the Annual Meeting be held in the Watch House on Friday July 2 at 7 30 p.m. and that the Secretary make the usual arrangements

Moved by Capt M Cay sec by Mr Wood

That the following a/cs be paid

Moved by Mr Whitelaw sec by Mr Scrafton

That the Watch House be painted

A letter was read from Dep Capt Coulson resigning his membership. It was moved by Mr Ross sec by Mr Wood

That the unanimous wish of the Committee that he should withdraw his resignation and that the Secretary write Mr Coulson to that effect

At the close of the Drill Mr J H Wood was presented with an Albert Medal by the Mayor awarded by H.M. the Queen to Mr Wood for his gallant efforts in saving a boy who had been washed off the Pier Oct 24 1885. The medal was "pinned on" by Mrs Vidal wife of Capt Vidal R.N. Inspecting Commander of Coastguard in the presence of a crowded assembly of Ladies & Gentlemen in the Watch House.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE JULY 2ND 1886

Capt M Cay Chairman

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed

A letter was read from Mr Coulson adhering to his former decision of resigning his position as a Member of the Brigade

Moved by Capt M Cay sec by Dep Capt Wood

That in consideration of Dep Capt Coulson's active & faithful services in connection with the Brigade he be elected an Honorary Member.

The Secretary read the General Report & Financial Statement for the past year, when it was moved by Mr Geo Robson sec by Mr P S Wood

That they be adopted & presented to the members at the Annual Meeting

Moved by Mr Ross sec by Mr Gray

That Mr Coulson's Brigade Cap be returned to him.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE ON FRIDAY JULY 2ND 1886

Capt M Cay Chairman

Messrs Walton, Oliver, Reed & P S Wood were appointed to act as scrutineers.

Moved by Capt Mabane sec by Mr T D Marshall

That the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting as read be confirmed

The Hon Secretary read the General Report and Financial Statement for the past year.

Moved by Mr Geo Robson sec by Mr Sanderson

That they be adopted, printed & circulated amongst the members

Moved by Capt Mabane sec by Capt Cottew

That Dr Crease be re-elected Hon Surgeon

Moved by Mr Potts sec by Mr Marshall

That a vote of thanks be awarded to Dep Capt Coulson for his services as a Member of the Brigade with expression of regret at his resignation.

Moved by Mr Gray sec by Mr Robson

That a vote of thanks be given to the Hon Secretary

Moved by Dep Capt Whitelaw sec by Mr W Ross

That a vote of thanks be given to Dr Crease

Moved by Mr Geo Wilson sec by Capt Cottew

That a vote of thanks be given to the Newspaper Publishers for their gratuitous supply of Papers to the Watch House

The Following were elected Officers & Members of Committee viz

Captains

W Cay
S Cottew

M Cay
T G Mabane

Deputy Captains

James Wood
A Whitelaw

G R Potts
Geo Gray

Committee

T D Marshall
Geo Robson
Walter Ross
J W Buckland
G R Potts

Geo Scrafton
P S Wood
Jas Wood
James Henderson
Joseph Hopper

Hon. Surgeon

Dr Crease

Hon. Sec & Treasurer

S Malcolm

Attendance of Committee Year ending June 30 1887

| | Address | Oct 2 | Nov 6 | Dec 4 | Dec 13 | Jan 8 | May 5 | June 4 | Jun 10 |
|---------------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Buckland J W | | | | | | | | | |
| Gray Geo | Eastbourne Grove | | | | | | | | |
| Hopper Jos | 83 Saville St | | | | | | | | |
| Henderson Jas | 26 Berwick | | | | | | | | |
| Marshall T D | | | | | | | | | |
| Potts G R | | | | | | | | | |
| Robson Geo | | | | | | | | | |
| Ross Walter | | | | | | | | | |
| Scrafton Geo | 13 Denmark St | | | | | | | | |
| Wood P S | | | | | | | | | |
| Whitelaw A | | | | | | | | | |
| Wood Jas | 48 Alma St | | | | | | | | |
| Cay W | | | | | | | | | |
| Cottew S | | | | | | | | | |
| Cay M | | | | | | | | | |
| Mabane T G | | | | | | | | | |
| Crease Dr | | | | | | | | | |
| Lordon | | | | | | | | | |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE OCT 2 1886

Capt M Cay Chairman

Moved by Mr Marshall sec by Mr James Wood

That Joseph M Middleton 3 Wentworth Terrace

Charles A Harker 1 Dale St

Be elected Members

Moved by Mr James Wood sec by Mr Hopper

That the following a/cs be paid

Gazette 8/-

Daily News 1/6

Goy for Caps 2 2 2

Hollyer for Framing Lifeboat Picture 20/-

Moved by Mr Wood sec by Mr Gray

That a dozen Triangular Wooden Spittoons be procured and that Mr Scrafton make them

Moved by Mr Potts sec by Mr Scrafton

That the following form the House Committee for the ensuing year viz Messrs Buckland, Whitelaw, Potts, Dr Crease & Henderson

The Secretary reported that on January 15th next the Brigade will have completed its 21st year. It was decided that at the next Committee Meeting it should be considered how the interesting event could be most suitably commemorated.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE NOV 6 1886

Capt Cottew (Chairman)

Moved by Mr Potts sec by Mr Henderson

That the following a/cs be paid

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| New Spittoons & repair to Table | 11/- |
| New Ladder for Mast | 12/6 |

Moved by Mr Potts sec by Mr Marshall

That the following be elected Members viz

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| Mr M W Lambert | 38 Ocean Road |
| "C F Sutcliffe | Sea View Terrace |
| "James Page | Challoner Grove |
| "Robt Brown | 126 Palmerston St |
| "Edmund Brown | Marine Approach |
| "J W Henderson | Fowler St |
| "John Johnson 1 st | Ballast Hill So Park |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE DEC 4 1886

Capt Mabane (Chairman)

The following a/c was passed Wright for Bread 7/6

The following Candidates were elected Members

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|----------------|---------------------|
| John Robe | 141 Livingstone St |
| Michael Walker | 13 Mitre St |
| R O Middleton | 3 Wentworth Terrace |

It was resolved to hold a special Meeting on Monday 13 inst at 7 30 p.m. in the Watch House to consider what arrangements should be made to celebrate the twenty first anniversary of the Brigade January 15th 1887

The above special Meeting was held accordingly when it was agreed that a Supper would be given to the members by the Officers in the Watch House

Committee Meeting held in the Watch House January 8th 1887

Capt M Cay (Chairman)

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Moved by Capt Cottew sec by Mr Hopper

That Thomas Woodhouse 30 Heugh St be elected a Member.

A Volume of the Camelot Classics presented to the Brigade by the Author Mr Ernest Rhys was laid on the table.

Moved by Capt Cottew sec by Capt M Cay

That a vote of thanks be given to Mr Rhys for his present.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE MARCH 5 1887

Capt Mabane (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Secretary reported the receipt of £20 from the Tyne Life Boat Trustees

The following a/c were passed

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| Wright & Son | Bread | 7-9 |
| Bush & Willan | Towels & Dusters | 5-9 |
| Learmont | Paper for Decorations | 6-10 |
| Fyall & Co | Light Funnels | 10-9 |
| Whitelaw & Co | Rope Tar | 10-3 |
| J B Lawson | Paper & Pens | 5-6 |
| J B Johnson | New Yard for Mast | 2-4-6 |
| Gratuity to Coastguard for decorating house at 21 st Anniversary | | 1 - - |
| Coastguard Fitting Yard | | - 10 - |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE JUNE 4 1887

Capt M Cay (Chairman)

The following a/c were passed

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| Daglens for Brushes etc. | 5/1 |
| Gazette advertising | 1/- |
| Cush & Robinson | 15/9 |

The Meeting was adjourned to Friday 10th inst at 7 p.m.

Adjourned Committee Meeting held in the Free Library Friday June 10 1887

R G R Potts (Chairman)

The Secretary reported that he had received letters from Messrs W Cay, M Cay, T G Mabane resigning their appointments as Captains & Members of the Brigade also letters of resignation from Dep Capt Wood & Mr Joseph Hopper.

Moved by Mr Robson sec by Mr Whitelaw

That the resignations of the Captains be accepted with regret and that it be a recommendation to the Members that they be appointed Honorary Captains of the Brigade.

Moved by Mr Buckland sec by Mr Henderson

That the resignation of Messrs Wood & Hopper be accepted and from their long connection with the Brigade they be appointed Honorary Members

Moved by Mr Buckland sec by Mr Gray

That the Annual Meeting be held in the Watch House on Thursday July 7th 1887 at 7.30 p.m.

It was also arranged that at the Annual meeting in order to prevent confusion, only the New Captains would be elected, the Dep Captains & Committee to be elected at an adjourned meeting for which purpose fresh voting papers will be issued.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE THURSDAY JULY 7TH 1887

Dr Crease (Chairman)

Moved by Mr Whitelaw sec by Mr Potts

That the General Report be adopted & printed

Moved by Mr Gray sec by Mr Weightman

That the Treasurer's Report be adopted & printed

The Secretary read letters from Capts W Cay, M Cay, S Cottew & T G Mabane resigning their positions as Captains of the Brigade. These resignations were received with very great regret and on the motion of Mr Sanderson sec by Mr Kell it was unanimously resolved to appoint them Hon. Captains the Secretary writing to them to that effect.

Moved by Mr Ross sec by Mr Kell

Dr Crease was re-elected Honorary Surgeon

Moved by Mr Vasey sec by Mr Henderson

That a vote of thanks be given to the Local Press for the gratuitous supply of Newspapers to the Watch House

Votes of thanks were also passed to the Coastguard & the Secretary

Moved by Mr Cook sec by Mr Barrett

That the Meeting stand adjourned till Thursday the 21st inst for the purpose of electing Deputy Captains, Committee & Secretary & Treasurer

The following were elected Captains

George Gray
Geo. Robson

Captains
Andrew Whitelaw
G. R. Potts

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE
THURSDAY JULY 21 1887

Capt M Cay (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read & confirmed

Messrs Vasey, Oliver, Reed & Page were appointed Scrutineers

Moved by Capt Cottew sec by Capt Robson

That a vote of thanks be given to the Honorary Secretary for the Book he had prepared recording an account of the Shipwrecks and other events in connection with the Brigade since its formation

Moved by Mr Barrett sec by Mr Sanderson

That a vote of thanks be given to Mr Barney Wood & Mr Hopper for their services in the past.

The following were elected

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| | Deputy Captains |
| Walter Ross | J W Buckland |
| James Henderson | George Scrafton |
| | Committee |
| Walter Ross | J W Buckland |
| P S Wood | James Henderson |
| T D Marshall | Geo Scrafton |
| T Vasey | J Barrett |
| M Cay jun | J H Wood |
| Benj. Heron | |
| Honorary Treasurer & Secretary | S Malcolm |

Committee Attendance

| Name | Address | Aug 6 | Sept 3 | Oct 1 | July 7 | Mar 3 | Apr 7 | June 2 |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| Walter Ross | King St | | | | | | | |
| J W Buckland | Winchester St | | | | | | | |
| P S Wood | Challoner Grove | | | | | | | |
| James Henderson | 26 Berwick St | | | | | | | |
| T D Marshall | King St | | | | | | | |
| Geo. Scrafton | 13 Denmark St | | | | | | | |
| T Vasey | King St | | | | | | | |
| J Barratt | River Police Station | | | | | | | |
| John Wilson | 3 Wallis St | | | | | | | |
| M Cay jun | Argyle Terrace | | | | | | | |
| J H Wood | Challoner Grove | | | | | | | |
| Benj. Heron | Bent Cottage South Park | | | | | | | |
| Geo Gray | Eastbourne Grove | | | | | | | |
| A Whitelaw | Argyle Terrace | | | | | | | |
| Geo. Robson | Charlotte St | | | | | | | |
| G. R. Potts | So View Terrace | | | | | | | |
| Dr Crease | Ogle Terrace | | | | | | | |
| Mr Lorden | Coastguard Station | | | | | | | |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE AUGUST 6 1887

Capt Geo. Gray Chairman

Moved by Capt Whitelaw sec. by Mr P S Wood

That the following be the House Committee for the ensuing year viz Messrs Ross, Potts, Henderson, Dr Crease & Buckland

The Secretary read a letter from the Gas Company relating to the supply of Gas to the Watch House

It was moved by Mr Marshall sec by Mr Scrafton

That the matter be deferred till the next Committee Meeting

A conversation took place with respect to filling up vacancies in the Brigade. It was decided to take up the question at the next meeting, in the meantime the committee agreed to look out for suitable candidates.

A letter was read out from the Publisher of the Shields Gazette offering to insert 2 advertisements for each Drill gratis. It was agreed to accept the generous offer with thanks and that the Secretary acknowledge its receipt accordingly.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE SEPT 3 1887

Capt Whitelaw (Chairman)

Moved by Mr Barrett sec by Mr Buckland

That the Sec write to the Gas Co stating that the Committee does not at present feel justified in going to the expense of laying the Gas Piping to the Watch House.

It was resolved that Mr John Wilson do the necessary repairs to the Roof slates.

The Secretary reported the receipt of £25 from the Board of Trade.

Several applications for Membership were read. It was decided to allow the matter to stand over.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE OCT 1 1887

Capt Geo Gray (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The following Candidates were elected Members

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| James Wilson | Henry Street |
| John Thompson | 22 King St |
| J R Mitcheson | Bents |
| James Hill | 18 Ingham Place |

A letter was read from the Rev H.W. Farrar suggesting that the Members should attend the Seamens Mission Church on Hospital Sunday

Moved by Mr Potts sec by Mr J H Wood

That the Secretary writes to Mr Farrar that it was not the wish of the Committee for the Members of the Brigade to have a Church Parade as suggested.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE JAN 7 1888

Capt Geo Robson (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The following were elected Members

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| George Hart jun | 76 Edith St |
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| J Sharman Stevenson | Westoe |
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The following a/cs were passed

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| Goy for Caps | 7/8 3/10 |
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| Buckland Coals | 17/8 |
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| Lawson Plumber | £4 1 3 |
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Moved by Capt Whitelaw sec by Capt Gray

That the model of the Lifeboat hanging in the Watch House be lent to the Model Yacht Club Exhibition and that the same be in charge of Mr Scrafton.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE MARCH 3 1888

Capt G Robson (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

Applications for admittance to the Brigade were read from Mr T S Dourey & Mr Joseph Crisp

It was decided they should lie over until after the Annual Meeting

Moved by Mr Marshall sec by Capt Gray

That the amount of £400 invested with the Tyne Commissioners be invested for a further period of 12 years at 4% per annum.

The Exercise Mast having fallen down owing to the High Tide & Heavy Sea of this date

It was moved by Mr Barrett sec by Mr Vasey

That Messrs Thompson Brothers & Mr B Heron be asked to Tender for its repair & re-erection and that the Secretary write to the Tyne Commissioners as to concrete blocks for securing it on the sand.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE APRIL 7 1888

Capt Potts (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

Moved by Mr Ross sec by Mr Barratt

That the erection of the Mast be left in the hands of the Secretary to make the best terms he can.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE JUNE 2 1888

Capt Potts (Chairman)

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed

The Secretary updated he had arranged for a

Lower Mast price £5

Filling & Fixing it complete with Topmast £12

Concrete Blocks to be fixed by Tyne Commissioners

Moved by Capt Potts sec by Mr Henderson

That Sundry a/cs be paid

Moved by Mr Marshall sec by Mr Buckland

That the Annual Meeting be held in the Watch House on Friday July 6 1888 at 7.30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE JULY 6 1888

Capt A Whitelaw Chairman

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed

The Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the past year were adopted for presentation to the Members at the Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE ON FRIDAY JULY 6 1888

Honorary Captain W Cay Chairman

Moved by Mr Vasey sec by Mr B Heron

That the Minutes of the last annual meeting as read be confirmed.

Moved by Mr Marshall sec by Mr Barratt

That the Annual Report and Balance Sheet be adopted, printed and circulated among the Members

Moved by the Rev H.W. Farrar M.A. sec by Capt Whitelaw

That Dr Crease be re-elected Honorary Surgeon to the Brigade

Moved by Capt Gray sec by Mr Vasey

That a vote of thanks be given to the Newspaper Proprietors who supply gratuitously to the Watch House the Local Newspapers

Moved by Capt Robson sec by Mr Barratt

That a vote of thanks be given to Mr Lorden and the other Coastguardsmen

Moved by Capt Whitelaw sec by Capt Robson

That a vote of thanks be given to the Secretary

Moved by Mr Marshall sec by Mr Henderson

That the 4 Captains be a committee with powers to add to their number for the purpose of collecting subscriptions from past & present Members to be handed over to the Fund now being raised to erect a Memorial to Wouldhave and Greathead the inventors of the Lifeboat

The following were elected for the ensuing year

Captains

Mr Geo Gray
G R Potts

Mr A Whitelaw
Geo Robson

Deputy Captains

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| Mr J W Buckland | Mr Geo Scrafton |
| J Henderson | Walter Ross |

Committee

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Mr J W Buckland | Mr Walter Ross |
| J Barratt | Geo Scrafton |
| J Henderson | F Oliver |
| B Heron | T Vasey |
| A E Hunter | John Wilson |
| T D Marshall | J H Wood |

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| Hon. Secretary & Treasurer | S Malcolm |
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Committee

| Name | Address | Oct 6 | June 5 | 6 April | June 1st | July 5 |
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| Mr J W Buckland | | | | | | |
| " J Barratt | | | | | | |
| " James Henderson | | | | | | |
| " A E Hunter | 49 Erskine Road | | | | | |
| " B Heron | | | | | | |
| " T D Marshall | | | | | | |
| " F Oliver | Winchester St | | | | | |
| " W Ross | | | | | | |
| " Geo Scrafton | | | | | | |
| " T Vasey | | | | | | |
| " John Wilson | Mercantile Marine Office | | | | | |
| " J H Wood | 12 Brompton Road | | | | | |
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| Capt Geo Gray | | | | | | |
| " G R Potts | | | | | | |
| " A Whitelaw | | | | | | |
| " Geo Robson | | | | | | |
| Dr Crease | | | | | | |
| Mr Lordon | | | | | | |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE OCT 6 1888

Dr Crease (Chairman)

Moved by Capt Potts sec by Mr Vasey

That the following a/cs be paid

Tyne Commissioners for Mast Foundation 7 18 9

J L Hall & Sons 11 4

Moved by Mr Vasey sec by Mr Marshall

That the following be elected Members

Mr Joseph Cush Salisbury Place

“ T S Downey Saville St

“ C H Harrison 11 Park Terrace

“ Timothy Heron Bent Cottage

It was decided to postpone the painting of the New Mast till next Spring

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE JAN 5 1889

Capt Potts chairman

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed

Moved by Capt Robson sec by Capt Gray

That the following a/cs be paid

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| Goy for Caps | 5 15 6 |
| Wright & Son | 8 6 |
| T Coulson | 5 6 |
| J W Buckland | 18 4 |
| Lawson Plumber | 3 18 0 |

The following were elected Members

| | |
|---------------|-------------|
| John Hamilton | 8 Agnes St |
| Henry J Adams | 63 Edith St |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE APRIL 6 1889

Capt Gray Chairman

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed

Moved by Mr Vasey sec by Capt Potts

That Mr T F Lefal Park Terrace be elected a Member

Moved by Capt Potts sec. by Capt Gray

That Mr Heron's a/c 9/5 for repairs to Roof be paid

A letter was read from Messrs Carling & Horlington Photographers King St offering to take a Group of the Members

Permission was granted on condition that a framed copy was presented for hanging in the Watch House.

A Pamphlet with chart was laid on the table showing a System of Telephone Communication with Life Saving Stations round the Coasts of the United Kingdom.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE JUNE 1ST 1889

Capt Robson (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read & confirmed

A letter was read from Capt Whitelaw resigning his position as capt of the 3rd Division of the Brigade owing to ill health

Moved by Mr Barratt sec by Capt Potts

That the resignation of Capt Whitelaw be accepted with extreme regret that he be thanked for his past valuable services to the Brigade and that it be recommended to the Annual Meeting that he be elected an Honorary Captain of the Brigade

Moved by Mr Vasey sec by Mr Barratt

That the decayed woodwork of the Watch House be repaired, the Watch House painted outside and painted & varnished inside

Also the Mast be painted and one of the stays repaired

It was arranged for the Annual meeting to be held in the Watch House July 5th 1889.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE JULY 5 1889

Capt Geo Gray (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed

The Sec reported that the Repairs & Painting in accordance with resolution passed at the last meeting were finished.

Moved by Capt Robson sec by Capt Grey

That the General Report & Balance Sheet be adopted for presentation at the Annual Meeting

Moved by Mr Wood sec by Capt Robson

That any Members who have votes for Captain and are not elected those votes to go to their credit for Dep Captain.

TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE JULY 5TH 1889

Hon Capt M Cay in the Chair

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed

Moved by Capt Potts sec by Mr Geo Wilson

That the general Report and Financial Statement as read by the Secretary be adopted, printed and circulated among the Members

The Report included the election of Mr and Whitelaw as an Honorary Captain of the Brigade in consideration of his long and active services

Moved by Capt Robson sec by Mr Jas Henderson

That Dr Crease be re-elected Honorary Surgeon to the Brigade

Moved by Capt Gray sec by Mr Barratt

That a vote of thanks be given to Mr Lorden and the other members of the Coastguard for their attentions to the Brigade during the Year.

Moved by Mr Buckland sec by Mr A E hunter

That votes of thanks be given to the Donors of newspapers for the use of Members at the Watch House

Moved by Capt Potts sec by Capt Robson

That a vote of thanks be given to the Hon Secretary

The Scrutinisers reported the following to be the result of the voting viz.

Captains

Mr Geo Gray
Geo Robson

Mr G R Potts
Walter Ross

Deputy Captains

Mr James Henderson
Geo Scrafton

Mr J W Buckland
J H Wood

Committee

Mr J W Buckland
J H Wood
F Oliver
Jas Henderson
Jas Page
G Scrafton

Mr T Vasey
G Wilson
B Heron
J Wilson 1st Division
J S Stevenson
Jas Thompson 2

Hon. Sec & Treasurer

S Malcolm

Committee 1889

| Name | Address | Nov | Dec | Mar 1st | April 18 | June 2 | July 4 |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|---------|----------|--------|--------|
| J W Buckland | 12 Winchester St | | | | | | |
| JH Wood | 12 Brompton Road | | | | | | |
| F Oliver | 70 Winchester St | | | | | | |
| James Henderson | 26 Berwyk St | | | | | | |
| Jas Page | 10 Brompton Road | | | | | | |
| Geo Scrafton | 13 Mount St | | | | | | |
| T Vasey | 6 Seafield Terrace | | | | | | |
| Geo Wilson | 19 Saville St | | | | | | |
| B Heron | Bent Cottage So Park | | | | | | |
| John Wilson | 7 Wallis St | | | | | | |
| J S Stevenson | Westoe | | | | | | |
| Jas Thompson | Caretaker Laygate Lane Board Schools | | | | | | |
| Geo Gray | | | | | | | |
| G R Potts | | | | | | | |
| Geo Robson | | | | | | | |
| Walter Ross | | | | | | | |
| Dr Crease | | | | | | | |
| P Lorden | | | | | | | |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE AUGUST 3 1889

Capt Gray (Chairman)

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

Moved by Mr Vasey sec by Mr Scrafton

That the following a/cs be paid

| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| Gazette | 13/- |
| Ambulance | 4 11 0 |
| Ross | 1 10 |
| Coulson | 7 7 |
| Cush & Robinson | 2 10 11 |

Moved by Capt Gray sec by Mr Scrafton

That the following be elected Members

| | |
|------------------|------------------|
| Thomas Newby | 12 John St |
| Richard Gardener | 1 Pan Ash Quay |
| Edward Pearson | 30 Wellington St |

Moved by Mr Vasey sec by Mr Scrafton

That the following be the House Committee viz

Messrs Potts, Ross, Buckland & Henderson

Moved by Capt Potts sec by Capt Gray

That 18 New Guernseys be purchased.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE NOVEMBER 2
1889

Capt Ross (Chairman)

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

Moved by Dep Capt JH Wood sec by Dep Capt Geo Scrafton that the following Applicants be elected Members viz

M Stainton Jun 10 Logan Terrace

C R Toomer 11 Winchester St

Peter Marshall Wouldhave St

Wm. Clymer 13 Wouldhave St

Moved by Dep Capt Scrafton sec by Dep Capt J H Wood

That the next Drill be a "Dark Drill" viz at 6 p.m.

Moved by Mr Jas Thompson sec by Dep Capt Henderson

That the ex Members of the old Committee be requested by the Secretary to hand in their door keys & that the new members of the present committee be provided with keys

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE DEC 7 1889

Capt G R Potts (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed

Moved by Capt Robson sec by Capt Gray

That Septimus E Heron South Marine Park be elected a Member

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE MARCH 1ST 1890

Capt Gray (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed

An a/c for coals 10/8 was passed

The Secretary read some correspondence in connection with the position of the Coastguard at the monthly Drills. He had arranged with the Inspecting Commander that while the Coastguard Officer was nominally in charge, the various orders were to be delivered to the Members through their own Captain on duty

The Inspecting Commander having objected to the Coastguard being employed in cleaning the Watch House, it was arranged to make the necessary change at an early date.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE APRIL 18 1890

Capt Potts (Chairman)

The following Applications were received for the vacancy caused by the Coastguardsmen being no longer able to clean the Watch House

B Heron, Joseph Pude & Robt Wells

Proposed by Mr John Wilson sec by Dep Capt Henderson

That Robt Wells be appointed to Clean the Watch House at a salary of £10 per annum including the Washing of Bedclothes, Towels etc.

The House to be kept thoroughly clean to the satisfaction of the Committee. The engagement to cease at the option of the Committee on one month's notice being given at any time it may be deemed necessary

Duties began May 1st

Committee Meeting held in the Watch House June 7 1890

Capt Gray (Chairman)

Moved by Capt Ross sec by B Heron

That the following a/cs be paid

| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| Coastguard | 1 19 2 |
| Hopkins Bucket | 3 7 |
| Scott Rock | 2 4 |
| Jones & Meltrim Duster | 2 3 |

Moved by Capt Potts sec by Dep Capt Buckland

That the Annual Meeting be held in the Watch House on Friday July 4th at 7 30 p.m.

Moved by Mr Vasey sec by Mr Page

That 6 Beds, Pillows & Quilts be purchased from Mr W Ross

It was arranged if the Brigade were invited to take part in the Inauguration of the Lifeboat Memorial on the 25th inst that the request be acceded to. The necessary arrangements being in the hands of the Hon Sec.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE JULY 4TH 1890

Capt Geo Robson (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed

The following a/c was passed

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| J B Lawson Repairs | £1 15 11 |
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The Secretary read the Annual Report and Balance Sheet

Moved by Dep Capt Buckland sec by Capt Ross

That the Annual Report & Balance Sheet as read by the Secretary be adopted for presentation to the Members at the Annual Meeting.

24TH ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE FRIDAY JULY 4TH 1890

Capt Geo Robson (Chairman)

On the motion of Dep Capt Henderson sec by Mr James Thompson

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read & confirmed

The Secretary read the General Report and Financial Statement

Moved by Capt Robson sec by Capt Potts

That the Report & Financial Statement be adopted, printed & circulated amongst the Members

Moved by Capt Ross sec by Dep Capt Buckland

The Dr Crease be re-elected Honorary Surgeon

Moved by Dr Crease sec by Capt Ross

That the thanks of the Members be given to Capt Gray for his efficient services in the past and that he be appointed an Honorary Capt of the Brigade

Moved by Dep Capt Henderson sec by Mr Peacock

That a vote of thanks be given to the Donors of Newspapers for the use of Members in the Watch House

Moved by Capt Potts sec by Mr Cook

That a vote of thanks be given to the Hon Secretary for his past services

It was suggested for the consultation of the Committee the advisability of having the Rocket Practices at 6 p.m. throughout the year

Also as to the Members being instructed in elementary Drill

The following is the result of the Voting

Captains

G R Potts
Walter Ross
Geo Robson
J W Buckland

Deputy Captains

James Henderson
Geo Scrafton
J H Wood
J Thompson 1st

J H Wood

J Thompson 1st

Jas Page

J Wilson 1st

Jas Henderson

J S Stevenson

Hon. Sec & Treasurer

Committee

G Scrafton

T F Wilson

F Oliver

J W Swainston

T Vasey

J Robe

S Malcolm

Committee Attendance

| Name | Address | Aug | Nov | Dec 6 | Feb 7th | April 4th | June 6th | Total Attendance |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----|-----|-------|---------|-----------|----------|------------------|
| J H Wood | 12 Broughton Road | | | | | | | 6 |
| Jas Page | 10 Broughton Road | | | | | | | 6 |
| Jas Henderson | 21 So Palmerston St | | | | | | | 2 |
| G Scrafton | 14 Moon St | | | | | | | 3 |
| F Oliver | 70 Winchester St | | | | | | | 4 |
| T Vasey | 6 Seafeld Terrace | | | | | | | 2 |
| J Thompson 1st | Laygate Board Schools | | | | | | | 6 |
| J Wilson 1st | 7 Wallis St | | | | | | | 2 |
| J S Stevenson | Westoe | | | | | | | 4 |
| T F Wilson | 1 Wellington Terrace | | | | | | | 1 |
| J W Swainston | Ocean Road | | | | | | | 5 |
| J Robe | 141 Livingstone St | | | | | | | 6 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| G R Potts | Southview Terrace | | | | | | | 4 |
| Walter Ross | Charlotte St | | | | | | | 5 |
| Geo Robson | 10 Wellington Terrace | | | | | | | 4 |
| J W Buckland | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Dr Crease | | | | | | | | 1 |
| J Lorden | | | | | | | | 5 |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE AUGUST 2ND 1890

Capt G R Potts (Chairman)

Moved by Mr Page sec by Capt Robson

That the following be the House Committee for the ensuing year viz Messrs Potts, Ross, Buckland & Henderson

Moved by Capt Robson sec by Mr John Wilson

That the following be elected Members

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| T B Grimes | 45 Eastbourne Grove |
| James Gibson | 10 Agnes St |
| Alex Donkin | Livingstone St |
| F Wilson | 39 Geo Scott ST |
| Harold Sweetapple | 12 Park Terrace |
| Robt Bell | 80 Alfred St |
| E W Welch | 73 Baring St |
| John Atkins | 14 George St |
| Geo Stephenson | 5 North St |
| Archie Mitcheson | Lake House |
| Brown | 32 Wellington St |

Moved by Capt Robson sec by Mr Page

That the following a/cs were passed

| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| G T Grey | 1 2 0 |
| J Marshall & Co | 7 10 5 |
| J B Lawson | 1 15 11 |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE NOV 1ST 1890

Capt Robson (Chairman)

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

Moved by Mr Wood sec by Mr Henderson

That the following a/cs be paid

Gazette 1 16 9, Smith & Sons 3/-, Coulson 2/6

A letter was read from the Board of Trade enclosing an Order for £25 for the year ended June 30th last

It was resolved that a copy be posted in the Watch House

Applications from 5 Candidates were read

Moved by Capt Ross sec by Dep Capt Wood

That the election of Candidates be postponed

Moved by Mr Page sec by Mr Oliver

That in future Members be elected by Ballot and that a majority of the Committee present decides the Election

Moved by Mr Buckland sec by Mr Robe

That postcards be sent to non ambulance members asking whether they were willing to join a New Ambulance Class

Moved by Capt Ross sec by Mr Wood

That Mr Barratt be requested to give up his Key, Cap & Belt

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE DEC 6TH 1890

Capt G Robson (Chairman)

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

A letter was read from Mr B Heron suggesting that a light should be shown from the Tower when it was a watch night

Moved by Mr Page sec by Mr Wilson

That it be not adopted

The following Candidates were elected by Ballot

| | |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| J E Purvis | Broughton Road |
| Robt Alexander | 32 Moon St Mile End Road |
| Charles Riley | 124 Cleveland St |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE FEB 7 1891

Capt Potts (Chairman)

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The following a/c was passed

W Ross & Co 2 13 9

It was agreed that the old water pipe running round the Committee Room should be replaced with a new one

The Secretary reported the receipt of the Annual Grant of £20 from the Tyne Life Boat Trustees

Moved by Capt Ross sec by Dep Capt JH Wood

That Capt Buckland be appointed assistant to the Hon Secretary and that he should be paid Ten guineas per annum

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE APRIL 4TH 1891

Capt G Robson (Chairman)

Moved by Capt Potts & seconded by Capt Ross that the minutes are correctly entered

The following amendment to this was proposed by Mr Robe & seconded by Mr Page

That minute relating to the appointment of Capt Buckland as Assistant Secretary be rescinded on the grounds that the appointment was made hurriedly & not sufficient notice given & that they as members of the Committee were taken by surprise assuring the members that such an appointment should be made not least that any salary should be paid- All this was the gist of several speakers on the subject. It was finally ruled out of order by the Chairman & it was decided finally that the matter should stand now till the General Meeting in July

Applications for Membership were read from Messrs Sisterson, C E White & Charles Crookson & it was decided that as the Annual Meeting was near & that new members had now no chance of making themselves efficient by that time, their applications should stand over till after the Annual Meeting

The following account was passed

W Christie & Sons £ for slating & repairs to Watch House

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE JUNE 6TH 1891

Capt W (Chairman)

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & passed

It was moved by Dep Capt JH Wood & seconded by Mr Robe that the attention of the Members be drawn to Rule 12 & that this rule will be strictly enforced

Carried unanimously

Proposed by Mr John Robe & carried that the Secretary write a letter of thanks to Messrs John Thompson, James Gibson & James Mitcheson for doing up the figure head of the "Ploughboy" & carving bracket for the same & fixing it up in the house

The following a/cs were paid

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Shields Gazette | 17/- |
| E Johnson & Co Lamp Glasses | 6/- |
| J Mitchelson Repairs | 5/- |
| Crisp & Robinson | 2 11 6 from Sept/91 to March/91 |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE SATURDAY JULY
4TH 1891 AT 6.30 P.M.

Capt. G.R. Potts (Chairman)

The minutes of the previous meeting being read it was moved by Capt. G Robson & 2nd by Mr T Vasey that they be confirmed-Carried unan.

It was proposed by Capt. Ross & seconded by Mr Vasey and carried that the following a/cs be passed
Smith & Sons £2 9 6

St Johns Ambulance Ass. £4 14 0

A letter was read from Mr Joshua Smith resigning his membership in the Brigade. This resignation was accepted with regret & the Secretary was requested to write to Mr Smith expressing the regret of the Committee & thanking him for the 23 years' service he had rendered to the Brigade.

The date of the Annual Meeting was then discussed when it was finally resolved on the motion of Mr Vasey & seconded by Mr J Thompson that it be on Friday July 17 1891 at 7.30-Carried

THE COMMITTEE TO MEET AT 7 O'CLOCK THAT SAME EVENING.

Committee Meeting held in the Brigade House July 17th 1891 at 7 o'clock

The Secretary read the minutes of the last Committee meeting. It was then proposed by Capt. Robson that the minutes of the last meeting were correctly outlined the motion was seconded by Mr F. Oliver & carried.

The Secretary then read his report for the past year which was adopted by the Committee

The Treasurer read his financial statement showing a substantial balance in favour of the Brigade-This was also adopted.

THE 25TH ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN THE BRIGADE HOUSE JULY 17TH 1891

Honorary Capt. W Cay in the chair

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read & passed.

The Chairman then asked the Secretary to read his report – The Secretary did so.

It was then proposed by Capt. G. Robson & seconded by Capt. G.R. Potts that the report be adopted, printed & circulated among the members – Carried

The Treasurer then read his report which showed a balance in the brigades favour of £58 which was received by the members with acclamation. Proposed by Capt. Robson & 2nd by Capt. Potts & carried unanimously.

It was then proposed by Dept. Capt. Wood & seconded by Dep. Capt. Scrafton that Dr Crease be re-elected Surgeon to the Brigade- Carried unan.

It was proposed by Mr Kell & seconded by Mr J. W. Henderson that a vote of thanks be given to the Proprietors of the various papers who so kindly send them down for the use of Members.

A vote of thanks to the Secretary for his services & a hope of his restoration to better health was proposed by Capt. Potts & seconded by Mr Vasey

Carried unanimously. Mr Malcolm responded

Capt. Potts & the Secretary both spoke of Dep Capt. James Henderson's long illness & said how he had been missed & hoped that his health would soon be re-established. Applause.

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers & Chairman concluded the meeting.

The following is the result of the voting (as declared by the Scrutineers) in the election of Officers & Committee for the year 1891-2.

Captains

Mr G. R. Potts
G. Robson

Mr W. Ross
J. W. Buckland

Deputy Captains

Mr James Henderson
J. H. Wood

Mr G. Scrafton
James Thompson

Committee

Mr James Henderson
J.H. Wood
"James Thompson 1st
"George Scrafton
"Fred Oliver
"J.W. Swainston

Mr James Page
J. Robe
John Wilson
Thos. Vasey
T. Newby
Benj. Heron

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE ON AUGUST 1ST 1891 AT 6.30 P.M.

Capt. W. Ross in the Chair

The Minutes of the last meeting were read over & confirmed

On the proposal of Mr Vasey & seconded by Mr Heron the following a/cs were passed

| | |
|------------------------------|--------|
| J.B. Lawson Plumbing Work | £2 9 2 |
| James Grant Repairs to Clock | 1 |
| J. L. Hall Repairs to Keys | 2 |

The Secretary was instructed to write to Messrs Tippetts Son & Co to ask for quotations of prices for guernseys & to ask them to send us a sample through to inspect before it was further settled. On the proposal of Mr Vasey & seconded by Mr Thompson that 3 dozen should be got if the quality proves to be good.

The House Committee Messrs Ross, Potts, Buckland & Henderson be appointed for the year

It was arranged that Mr B. Heron repair the stay of the exercising mast which has broken away.

The following Members were elected by ballot.

| | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Charles Crookston | 211 Fort Street |
| Charles E. White | 2 Wellington Terrace |
| John Sisturson | 101 Baring Street |
| Sydney Alder | 31 King Street |
| John Cleet | 7 Wallis Street |
| J. H. Anderson | 184 Regent St |
| A.E. Duncan | Wellington Terrace |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD SEPT 5TH 1891

Capt. W. Ross in the Chair

The Minutes of last meeting were read & on the motion of Mr J. H. Wood seconded by Mr James Henderson they were passed unan.

Ambulance Demonstration & Concert Sept 15th Several members of the Brigade having by examination entitled themselves to receive certificates and medallions 90. The subject was brought forward that in recognition of the great good the St John Ambulance were doing in the town the V.L.B. ought to support it in whatsoever means possible-after considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted

Proposed by Capt. G. Robson 2nd by Mr John Robe that "The Brigade attend the Concert and Demonstration & the expenses & the cost of some little refreshment for each member be found by the Brigade" _ There was a long discussion about the best means of lighting the Brigade House with the gas which had just been introduced _ It was finally left in the hands of the House Committee assisted by Mr J.H. Wood to confer with Messrs Dagleas & Sons (who had already attended to the connection with the main) as to the best means to be taken_ The House Committee accordingly held a meeting with Mr Dagleas & after going into the matter very carefully, made the necessary arrangements as they now stand & the work has since been carried out.

Mr Richard Williamson 79 Broderick St was then elected a member & an application from a Mr W. Anderson was deferred till next meeting.

Committee Meeting held in Brigade House October 3rd 1891

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and on the motion of Mr Vasey 2nd by Capt. Robson passed & confirmed

Proposed Trip next Year

It was proposed by Capt. Ross & 2nd by Mr Heron

Capt. Potts & Buckland act as Treasurer & Secretary for the above Trip & receive subscriptions from any of the Members who may wish to pay in that way_ A notice to be put on the Board and a book got to collect subscriptions in

Ambulance Class

Proposed by Capt. Robson & 2nd by Mr Robe that Post Cards be sent to any Members of the Brigade who had not passed through the Ambulance Corps to ask if they will join.

It was arranged that Deputy Secretary should see Mr Dagleas about the old lamps & see what arrangement can be made about him taking them off our hands.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE BRIGADE HOUSE NOV 7TH 1891

Capt Potts in the Chair

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on the motion of Mr Vasey and 2nd by Capt. Robson were confirmed.

The Secretary of the Ambulance Class (Mr Page) reported that a meeting had been held with a view to form a fresh class for this winter but only 7 had attended –it was resolved that another meeting be called and if sufficient names could be got a new class should be formed

It was proposed and carried that the Brigade pay the Rent for the Meter fixed at the commencement of the Pier until such times as the Commissioners begin to use it themselves

It was proposed that Mr G. R. Potts be deputy Treasurer during Mr Malcolm's absence from home.

Committee Meeting held Dec 5th 1891

Capt. Robson in the Chair

Mr Webb Peploe was proposed and balloted for as a member and elected another application for Mr W. Mitford was ordered to wait till next meeting as he was not known to any member of the Committee. The following a/cs were passed Dagleas for Plumbing work in connection with fitting the house with gas- Meter Rent to Gas Company. Ground Rent to Commissioners.

It was proposed by Capt. Ross and 2nd by Mr John Robe that the model lifeboat made by the late Dep. Capt. Birch should be lent to Mr Ambrose Flagg to illustrate the different types of lifeboat built- This was carried.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 6TH 1892

Sundry a/cs were presented to the Committee and passed

Ten applications for membership were submitted but on looking at the Roll Books it was found that each Division was up to full strength so it was decided that the applications be held over for the present.

It was proposed by Capt. Ross seconded by Dep Capt. Thompson that a letter of thanks be written to Supt. Farmer for his kindness in allowing the constables of his force to come and assist in keeping order at the late wrecks-Carried.

The subject of the Church Parade being discussed it was proposed by Capt. Potts and seconded by Capt. Ross that we have this Parade as proposed and if possible arrange to have the Wellesley band to play us to church-Mr Farrar being in waiting to hear what was decided, he was asked to come into the room & explain his views & wishes-After hearing Mr Farrar it was unanimously decided to attend the Seaman's Mission Church on Sunday Feb. 28th and that the collection be given to the National Lifeboat Institution – Brigade to muster at 10.15 on Sunday morning.

An application was read from the Secretary to the Sailors Union asking to be allowed to attend the Watch House after a wreck so as look after any of a shipwrecked crew who may happen to be members of their Union-After some little discussion it was allowed that the Secretary or his Deputy be admitted to the House at any time and that every facility be given him to allow him to remove any of his men as soon as possible.

The behaviour of James Mitchelson at the wreck of the "Huntsman" having been brought before the Committee by Capt Robson it was decided that he be written to and requested to appear at the next Committee meeting to be held March 5th to answer to certain charges of insubordination to orders and impertinence to Capt. Robson and that the Committee shall hear his statement and after that either reprimand him or take any other course of action they may think fit-Carried.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MARCH 5TH 1892

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed –The question of Mr Michelson's

behaviour at the wreck of the "Huntsman" relative to a charge made against him by Capt. Robson of disobedience of orders & insolence- Mr Mitchelson having written a long letter of defence and explanation the same was read to the Committee when it was decided that Mr Mitchelson be called into the room, censured for his conduct & asked to apologise to Capt. Robson-This he eventually did and the matter finished.

The minutes of the last Committee meeting were read & confirmed.

The different places spoken of for trip were discussed & it was settled that the Secretary should write to the N.C.R. asking what trips they intended running during July & August and intimating that we probably would require about 150 tickets- The answer from the Company was posted in the House as requested and is to the effect that they could not inform us how they intended to run their trips as they were arranged from time to time to suit the requirements of the traffic.

The next question was painting the Brigade House when it was proposed by Dep. Capt. Wood & 2nd by Mr Newby that tenders be advertised for to paint the outside of the house-2 coats of Paint

It was decided that the Secretary prepare a list of Wrecks which have taken place since the last printed list was published and have it mounted in a frame & hung in the house & that the Board of Trade be written to & asked to send us a further supply of belts-It was after a little discussion decided to leave the details of the arrangement of the painting &c. in the hands of the House Committee.

ANNUAL MEETING, JULY 14TH 1892

Capt Potts in the Chair

The minutes of last Annual meeting were read and confirmed. Proposed by Mr Thomas Vasey & 2nd by Mr John Brown Scrutineers new then appointed to examine the voting papers. They were Messrs Jas Robertson, R. Alexander, R. Bell & Mr Stainton

The Assistant Sec. Capt. Buckland then read the Secretary's report which report he explained had been sent to the Secretary (then in Switzerland) for his revision and approval. It was then moved by Mr Vasey & 2nd by Mr Grimes that the Secretary's report be adopted, printed & circulated among the members. Mr Potts (acting for Treasurer) then read the treasurers report.

It was moved by Capt. Robson & 2nd by Mr Bell that the report be adopted and printed as usual. It was mentioned by several members that they thought the Treasurers report ought to be circulated among the members before the Annual meeting so as to give it a chance of being discussed. It was finally moved by Mr J.H. Wood & 2nd by Mr Page that the Treasurers report be printed on slips and circulated at the Annual meeting so as to give members an opportunity of seeing it beforehand.

It was then proposed that Dr Crease be elected as Surgeon for the ensuing year- Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr Vasey & 2nd by Mr Sanderson that the thanks of the Brigade be given to the proprietors of the various papers who so kindly send them to the Brigade House.

A letter was read from the Secretary saying how sorry he was not to be with them, but hoped soon again to be present with them in good health again. Capt. Whitelaw spoke on behalf of Former Captains of the Brigade & Captains Potts, Ross, Robson & Buckland also returned thanks on their re-election as officers.

The officers & Committee were all re-elected as per the list on the next page & the meeting concluded with a discussion about the trip when it was finally decided to go to Chollerford.

William Cay

Chairman

Committee for the year ending June 30th 1893

| | | Aug 6th | Oct 1st | Nov 5th | Feb 4 | Mar 4 | April 1st | May 6th | June 4th | Dec 5 | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|----------|-------|---|--------------|----------|
| G.R. Potts | Southview Terrace | | | | | | | | | | 8 | 7 | |
| George Robson | 9 Wellington Terrace | | | | | | | | | | 6 | 6 | 5 |
| W. Ross | 41 Maldon Ter S. Shields | | | | | † | | | | - | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| J. W. Buckland | 12 Winchester St | | | | | | | | | | 9 | 6 | 9 |
| Jas Henderson | 26 South Palmerston St | | | | | | | | | | 8 | 6 | 7 |
| J.H. Wood | 2-10 Broughton Road | | | | | | | | | - | 6 | 5 | 6 |
| G. Scrafton | 14 Moon Street | | | | | | | | | - | 7 | 6 | 7 |
| James Thompson | Laygate Lane Board Schools | | | | | | | | | - | 8 | 7 | 7 |
| James Page | 10 Broughton Road | | | | | | | | | | 8 | | 7 |
| F. Oliver | 70 Winchester St | | | | | | | | | | 6 | | 6 |
| T. Vasey | Seafield Terrace | | | | | | | | | | 6 | | 5 |
| John Wilson 1 st | 7 Wallis Street (Resigned) | | | | | | | | | - | 2 | | Resigned |
| J.W. Swainston | Ocean Road | | | | | | | | | - | 4 | | 4 |
| J. Robe | 141 Livingstone St | | | | | | | | | | 7 | | 6 |
| T. Newby | 12 John St | | | | | | | | | | 7 | | 6 |
| B. Heron | Bents Cottages, S. Park | | | | | | | | | | 8 | | 7 |
| Higgins P. Lorden | Coastguard Station | | | | | | | | | - | 3 | | 3 |
| S. Malcolm (Sec) | 8 Portland Terrace Jesmond | | | | | | | | | | 8 | | 6 |
| Dr Crease (Surgeon) | 2 Ogle Terrace | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | 4 |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AUGUST 6TH 1892

Capt. G.R. Potts in the Chair

The house committee Messrs G.R. Potts, Jas Henderson, W. Ross & J.W. Buckland were re-appointed for the ensuing year.

The Secretary was requested to write to Chas. Crookston asking him to return his uniform to the Brigade-

The following members were elected by ballot to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of certain members

J.C. Cairns, Charles N. Thompson

John Johnson jun Robert Teniel R.T.C. Fury

There was some considerable discussion relative to some proposed plan for members to sign a form on being elected such forms to be printed in a book made for the purpose undertaking to obey the rules of the Brigade & return uniforms if leaving before a certain time. After a good deal had been said on the subject it was decided that the Secretary draw up a form suitable & submit it to the next Committee meeting for their confirmation & approval-It was proposed by Capt. Potts that new members should have a sufficient number of drills in to qualify them as being efficient for their first year before being supplied with their uniform-Carried.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 1ST 1892

Capt. Potts in the chair

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed. A vote of thanks was passed to Capt. Robson for the repairs to stove, boiler & latches to windows which he so kindly did.

It was proposed by Capt. Potts and seconded by Capt Robson that a company of recruits be found not to exceed 25 in number, as supernumeraries for 1 year and then to be elected members of the Brigade provided there are vacancies for so many & if not a sufficient number of vacancies then the Committee to decide upon the fittest.

It was decided that the Secretary write to Board of Trade concerning fresh supply of belts

Receiverships of wrecks & other matters

After some conversation upon the subject it was proposed by Dep Cap Wood & 2nd by Mr John Wilson that if the B. of T. approved, the 4 captains Messrs Potts, Robson, Ross & Buckland be appointed Dep Receivers of Wreck-Carried

This concluded the business of the meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE NOVEMBER 5TH 1892

Capt Potts in the Chair

The following a/cs were submitted to the Committee and on the motion of Capt Robson and seconded by Mr Vasey were passed

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|-------------------------------|-------|
| Baxter & Hicks | 3 1 6 |
| Robt Wells | 10 |
| St John Ambulance Association | 2 7 6 |
| Tyne Commissioners | 2 |

An a/c was sent in from Capt Robson receipted. It was ordered to be entered as a subscription & Capt Robson was thanked for his kindness.

A letter was read from Mr Farrar enclosing 3 letters from Edw. Paddey, Thomas Collings & W.W. Whitford the men that were saved from the "Resolute" thanking the Brigade for the kindness & hospitality with which they had been treated-Mr Farrar also asked that the Brigade attend the Seamens Mission Church the last Sunday in February & have a sermon preached on behalf of the national Lifeboat Institution. Moved by Capt Robson & seconded by Mr Newby & carried that the Brigade do attend.

The Hon Secretary reported the receipt of the resignation of Mr T. G. Mabane as a Deputy Receiver of Wreck which had been forwarded to the Board of Trade-Also that the Board of Trade had appointed as additional receivers of Wreck Captains G.R. Potts, G. Robson, W. Ross & J.W. Buckland.

A letter was read from Messrs Leitch Dodd Bramwell & Bell North Shields stating that the late Mr John Ridley of South Shields had bequeathed a legacy of £50 to be applied for the purposes & for the benefit of the Brigade in such manner as the Committee thereof in their discretion think fit- Resolved on the motion of Capt Potts & seconded by Dep Capt James Henderson that Mr S. Malcolm of 8 Portland Terrace, Jesmond Hon Sec & Treasurer of the Brigade be appointed to receive the legacy of £50 bequeathed by the late Mr John Ridley and also to give an effectual discharge for same for and on behalf of this Committee.

After some little discussion on the subject it was moved by Capt Robson & 2nd by Mr Newby that all applicants for membership in the Brigade must promise to make themselves efficient in Ambulance Work & obtain the certificate of St Johns Ambulance Assoc.

COMMITTEE MEETING, DECEMBER 3RD 1892

Captain G. Robson in the chair

It was announced that the Officers Annual supper to the Brigade had fixed for Jan 18th.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and on the proposal of Mr Vasey & seconded by Capt Potts declared to be correctly entered

Sundry accounts were passed

Mr L. M. Snowdons application to be transferred from the Marsden Volunteer Life Saving Company was considered and on the motion of Mr Page & seconded by Mr Vasey it was resolved that Mr Snowdon be transferred to our Brigade and admitted as a fully efficient member.

Dr Crease having reported that the British Medical Association intended to visit Newcastle in August next & having read a letter from Dr Williamson Newcastle the Local Secretary asking if we could possibly hold a special drill on the day of their visit to Shields-It was moved by Mr Vasey & seconded by Mr Heron that the Honorary Secretary should write to the Board of Trade asking for permission to have a special drill on the occasion of the visit of the British Medical Association to S. Shields

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE FEBRUARY 4TH 1893

The minutes of the last Committee meeting were read & it was moved by Capt. Robason & 2nd by Capt Potts that they were correctly entered- Carried

A letter was read by the Hon Secretary from the Board of Trade giving permission to drill on the occasion of the visit of the Medical Association to South Shields. The Hon Secretary also reported that he had received a cheque for £20 from the Tyne Lifeboat Fund-Sundry a/cs were passed.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE MARCH 4TH 1893

Capt Robson in the chair

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on the motion of Mr B Heron & seconded by Dept. Capt Henderson were declared passed.

Various a/cs were presented to the Committee & the following were ordered to be paid

Gas Company, Tennett for Coals, J.P. Wardle

J.W. Henderson for stores.

Applications for membership were read from Kill & Lumsden which were referred to Dr Crease for examination- A letter was read from Mr John Wilson resigning his membership of the Brigade-This resignation was accepted and on the motion of Capt Robson & 2nd by Mr Newby he was elected an Honorary Member of the Brigade and the Hon Sec was requested to write him a letter to that effect. A letter was read from the Y.M.C.A. asking for leave to use the Brigade House for their Ambulance Class. The application was refused on the grounds that we required to have the house always ready for use and had been compelled to decline other applications of a like nature.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD APRIL 1ST 1893

Capt. Potts in the chair

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on the motion of Mr Page & seconded by Mr James Henderson were passed

Messrs Kell & Lumsden were elected as members and placed in the reserve division.

Messrs Whitelaw & Co a/c was passed for flag

Mr Thomas Allan Ravensburne Terrace was proposed for election-It was proposed by Mr Page & seconded by Mr Vasey-That Mr Allan be requested to call upon Dr Crease who would make a report to the Committee as to his fitness to become a member.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MAY 6TH 1893

Capt Potts in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and on a motion of Mr T. Vasey & 2nd by Mr J.H. Wood were confirmed.

A Report was read from Dr Crease saying that he had examined Mr Thomas Arch. Allan & that he was a fit person to be elected a member of the Brigade. On the motion of Mr Vasey & 2nd by Mr John Wood his name was ordered to be added to the supernumerary list.

The following a/cs were passed & ordered to be paid

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|----------|-------|
| B. Heron | 10/6 |
| Dagleas | 17/11 |
| Brown | 2/- |
| Gas Co | 18/6 |

The Secretary was requested to write to Dr Crease about MacDonald who has been to him for examination as to fitness for membership.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN BRIGADE HOUSE JUNE 3RD 1893

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr Crease updated that he had examined Mr MacDonald who had applied to become a member & found him quite fit & well the Secretary was instructed to write to him & inform him that he could attend the drills

Dept. Capt Wood proposed & Mr Page seconded that the Secretary be empowered to pay any outstanding a/cs before the end of the financial year

The date of the Annual Meeting was discussed and finally on the proposal of Capt Ross seconded by Mr Heron it was decided to hold the Annual Meeting on Friday June 30th at half past seven o'clock. A Committee meeting to be held the same evening previous to the Annual Meeting.

The Special Drill to be held on August 4th for the British Medical Association was then discussed and Dr Crease reported what arrangements had been made for their visit to Shields. It was finally decided that the Drill be fixed for 4.30 in the afternoon-the Brigade to be summoned for 4 o'clock

Mr Williamsons resignation was read & accepted

The Church Parade was fixed for June 4th Brigade to muster at Brigade House at 10 o'clock to march to the Sailors Mission Church accompanied by the Wellesly Band.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD JUNE 30TH 1893

Honorary Captain William Cay in the chair

Messrs L. Snowdon, Webb Pepole, Grimes & Duncan were appointed scrutineers to look over the voting papers & report as to the election of Officers & Committee

It was proposed by Mr James Page

“That the minutes of the last Annual Meeting (which had just been read) were correctly entered-seconded by Dep Capt J Henderson & carried

The Honorary Secretary & Treasurer then read his reports for the last year

It was then proposed by Capt G. R. Potts

“That these reports be adopted by the Meeting & that they be printed and circulated among the members”

Seconded by Dep Capt. Thompson & carried

It was proposed by Capt G. Robson that

“Dr Crease be elected Honorary Surgeon to the Brigade for the ensuing year”

Seconded by Mr Robert Bell & carried unanimously

A vote of thanks to the various Newspaper Proprietors who kindly send their papers to the brigade House was then proposed by Dep Capt. Wood & seconded by Mr John Robe-Carried

A Vote of Thanks (with acclamation) was cordially given to Mr Malcolm for his services as Hon Secretary & Treasurer for the past year

Responded to by Mr Malcolm

The Scrutineers then announced the result of their inspection of the voting papers as follows:-

Captains

| Division | Name | Division | Name | Division | Name | Division | Name |
|----------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|---------------|----------|-----------------|
| 1 | G.R. Potts | 2 | G. Robson | 3 | J.W. Buckland | 4 | James Henderson |

Deputy Captains

| Division | Name | Division | Name | Division | Name | Division | Name |
|----------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|------------|
| 1 | G. Scrafton | 2 | J.H. Wood | 3 | Jas Thompson | 4 | James Page |

Secretary & Treasurer

Samuel Malcolm

Committee

Fred Oliver
James Page
John Robe
T.R. Grimes
George Scrafton
J.H. Wood

James Thompson
Ben. Heron
Thomas Newby
R. Bell
Thomas Vasey
John Thompson

Committee for the Year ending June 30th 1894

| | | Septemb er 2nd | Oct 7th | Nov 4th | Dec 2nd | Jan 6th | Feb 3rd | March 2nd | April 7th | May 5th | June 2nd | Total |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------|-----------|---------|----------|-------|
| G. R. Potts | Southview Terrace | | | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| George Robson | 9 Wellington Terrace | | | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| J.W. Buckland | 12 Winchester St | | | | | | | | | | | 10 |
| James Henderson | 4 Bertram St | | | | | | | | | | | 10 |
| George Scrafton | 14 Moon St | | | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| J.H. Wood | 2 Woodlands T'ce Lawe | | | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| James Thompson | Laygate Lane Board Schools | | | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| James Page | 10 Broughton Road | | | | | | | | | | | 10 |
| S. Malcolm | 8 Portland T'ce Jesmond N'castle | | | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Dr J.R. Crease | 2 Ogle Terrace | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fred Oliver | 70 Winchester St | | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| John Robe | 141 Livingstone St | | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| Thomas Newby | 12 John St | | | | | | | | | | | 9 |
| Thomas Vasey | Seafield Terrace | | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| T.B. Grimes | 45 Eastbourne Grove | | | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Ben. Heron | Bents Cottages S. Park | | | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| Robert Bell | 80 Alfred St | | | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| John Thompson | 22 Reay St | | | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| Mr Higgins | Coastguard Station | | | | | | | | | | | 5 |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD SEPT 2ND 1893

Capt. G. Robson in the chair

On the appointment of the House Committee for the following year –It was moved by Dep Capt Wood & 2nd by Mr Oliver

“That Messrs Potts, Robson, Scrafton & Vasey be the House Committee for the year ending 30 June 1894

After some little discussion an Amendment proposed by Mr Page & seconded by Mr Scrafton was adopted

“That the 4 Captains constitute the House Committee for the year”

Carried

Messrs Peter Marshall & John Gardeners resignations were accepted

An application for membership was read from Mr James Higgins son of Mr Higgins Chief Officer of Coastguard

Ordered to be placed on the supernumerary list. He had previously been inspected by Dr Crease who had favourably reported of him.

A Letter was read from Mr Shinnings enclosing a presentation copy of his ode on the occasion of the marriage of the Duke of York.

The Secretary was requested to acknowledge same

Sundry a/cs were passed by the Committee & ordered to be paid.

A letter was read from Dr Clark thanking the Brigade for the attendance of the Ambulance detachment at the review held at Gosforth before the British Medical Association on August 5th

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD OCT 7TH

Captain Henderson in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read & on the motion of Capt Potts & 2nd by Mr Robe were confirmed

A letter of application for membership from M George Wilson asking for re-election The Secretary was instructed to write to him and ask him to call upon Dr Crease who would report upon his fitness to become a member

The Honorary Secretary then asked the Committee to sanction the payment to the Coastguard of the allowance that was used to be paid to them for drills formally- It was moved by Mr Robe and seconded by Mr Bell that it be paid as before-

The subject of the Dummy Drills was then spoken of & after some little discussion it was agreed that the Captains arrange together & find out the most suitable times to hold these drills-

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD NOV 4TH 1893

Capt G Robson in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read over and on the motion of Mr Bell and 2nd by Mr Newby were declared to be correctly entered

A letter was read from Mr G. Wilson (in answer to one written to him by the Secretary informing him of the conditions of membership) withdrawing his application for membership

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Hon Sec (Mr Malcolm) expressing the regret of the Committee on hearing of Mr Malcolms illness with the hope that he will soon recover.

A motion was then brought forward by Capt Henderson as to the desirability of making a convenience for the use of members in the cupboard outside at present used for keeping brushes etc.

This deferred for a month Mr Page promising to examine the place & report to the Committee upon the best manner of making such a place

The following a/cs were then passed & ordered to be paid

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Dagleas | £3 3 8 |
| Fyall | 3 10 |
| Gazette | £4 6 0 |
| do (Advertising) | 12 4 |
| Tyne Commissioners | 2 |
| Gas Company | 8 3 |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD DEC 2ND 1893

Capt Henderson in the Chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read over and on the motion of Mr Newby & 2nd by Dep Cap Scrafton were declared to be correctly entered. Mr Malcolm thanked the Committee for the letter written to him hoping that he would soon be recovered

Accounts passed

Tennett coals

15/4

Two applications were read over. J.C. Blacklock & R. W. Blackburn who were both requested to call on Dr Crease for medical inspection

After some discussion about proposed convenience for members Mr Page promised to prepare a plan and submit it at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 6TH 1894

Capt Robson in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read over and on the motion of Mr Vasey & 2nd by Cap Henderson were declared to be correctly entered.

A plan for the proposed convenience to be erected between the Brigade House & the Rocket house was examined by the Committee and after some little discussion the following motion was carried. Proposed by Mr Vasey & 2nd by Mr Newby

“That the whole arrangements be left with Mr Malcolm & Mr Page who will erect it in the most suitable manner”

Repairs to Boiler

Capt Robson updated having examined the boiler and found that the leak complained of was rather a serious one & that the boiler put in some years ago was much worn & unfit for further service. He strongly recommended ordering a new boiler & not endeavouring to patch up the old one-Capt Robson read an offer from Mr John Marshall to make a new one & fit it in for about £10. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Newby & 2nd by Mr Vasey “That the whole matter be left in the hands of the House Committee assisted by Mr Page”

The following a/cs were passed

| | |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Lanarkshire Insurance Co | 2-12-0 |
| St John Ambulance Ass | 4-10-6 |
| A.Whitelaw & Co (Rope) | 1-6 |
| Coastguards | 13-6 |
| Tennett (Coals) | 15-10 |
| J.W. Henderson (Stores etc.) | 6-9-2 |
| Baxter & Hicks (Caps) | 2-11-7 |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD FEB. 3RD 1894

Capt G.R. Potts in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read over and on the motion of Mr Heron & 2nd by Mr Oliver were declared to be correctly entered

The plans of the proposed Convenience were discussed and the Hon Secretary read over a tender from Mr Moore for £14 & from Mr P Marshall for £15-After a little discussion the tender from Mr Moore was accepted on the motion of Capt Potts & 2nd by Dep Capt Scrafton

The following a/cs were passed & ordered to be paid

| | |
|---------|--------|
| Gas Co | 1-7-3 |
| Coulson | -2-6 |
| Dagleas | 1-7-4 |
| Fawcus | 4-12-6 |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MARCH 3RD 1894

Capt Potts in the chair

The minutes of last meeting were read over & on the motion of Mr Newby & 2nd by Capt Henderson were declared to be correctly entered

The following a/cs were passed

| | |
|---------|-------|
| English | 11/9 |
| Tennett | 15/10 |

A letter was read from Mr Tudor Circus Proprietor asking for the patronage Officers & Members of the Brigade at the Circus on the occasion of his benefit. It being shown that the Lifeboat Trustees & Superintendents had given their Patronage & that the Swimming Club had also promised the application was granted.

It was reported by Capt Potts that he had been informed by Mr James Wilson that the late Mr T.A. Wilson had left an annual donation of £1-1-0 to the Brigade. The matter was talked over & it was proposed by Capt Potts and 2nd by Capt Robson that the Hon Secretary be asked to communicate with Mr J.H. Rennoldson solicitor in order to ascertain the correctness of the report.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD APRIL 7TH 1894

Capt G. Robson in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read over & on the motion of Mr Vasey seconded by Dep Capt Thompson were declared to be correctly entered.

Mr Marshall's a/c for fixing new boiler, altering drying closet, making new arrangements of pipes putting in new wash hand basins new slate slab taps etc. & repairing lead work on roof was discussed & on the motion of Mr Page & seconded by Mr Henderson was ordered to be paid.

Oilskins

The condition of the oilskins kept in the house for the use of members in stormy weather was discussed & after some discussions it was moved by Mr Newby & 2nd by Capt Henderson

"That the suits that were still in decent condition be given out to members of the brigade wishing for them so that they might take them home and repair them for their use in bad weather"

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MAY 5TH/94

Capt Potts in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read over & on the motion of Mr Newby & 2nd by Mr Page were confirmed

The following a/cs were submitted to the Committee & on the motion of Mr Vasey & 2nd by Mr Page were ordered to be paid

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|--------------|------|
| Gas Co | 13/9 |
| A. Whittaker | 3/- |
| W. Garbut | 5/6 |

The Prospectus of the proposed Ambulance Review to be held in the Recreation Park Town moor Newcastle was read over by Mr Page & discussed. It was moved by Mr Newby & 2nd by Mr Thompson that the Brigade class attend if a sufficient number can be got together.

Letters of application for membership were read from

Aaron Robinson Trajan Street

J. Hawdon 16 the Lawe

who were both requested to see the Doctor who will examine them as to fitness, health etc.

COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 2ND 1894

Capt Potts in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read over & on the motion of Mr Bell & 2nd by Mr Grimes were confirmed

The certificate from Dr. Crease testifying to the fitness of Messrs Robinson & Hawdon were then read over & some conversation ensued when it was proposed by Capt Potts & 2nd by Dep Capt Scrafton

“That in future the attendances of the supernumerary members be kept in an attendance book & not put upon the notice board”

A letter of resignation was read from Mr Walter Ross giving as his reason that business would not allow him to attend drills etc.

It was moved by Dep Capt Thompson & 2nd by Me R. Bell

“That the letter be read at the Annual Meeting with a recommendation from the Committee that Mr Ross be made an Honorary Captain & retain his uniform”

A letter was read from the Revd. Webb Peploe asking the Brigade to attend the Sailors Mission Church some Sunday in July & the question of obtaining the services of the Wellely band was raised; it being known that last year the Captain wished to charge for their services. After some discussion it was moved by Dep Capt Wood & 2nd by Mr Bell

“That a Church Parade be held some convenient Sunday in July. That the letter from Mr Webb Peploe be read at the Annual Meeting so as to give the members an opportunity of saying whether the collection should be given to the National Lifeboat Institution or the Shipwrecked Fishermen & mariners Society & that the Wellesly Band be arranged for & if necessary the expense be paid by the Brigade”

Proposed by Capt Potts & 2nd by Dep Capt Page

“That the Annual Meeting be held on Wednesday July 4th”

Letters of application for membership were read from Messrs H. Addington Adams & Revd A. H. Storrs & it was decided to leave them over to next Committee meeting.

The following a/cs were ordered to be paid

Mr John Moore £13-11-6

Shields Gazette 1-5-6

ANNUAL MEETING HELD JULY 4TH 1894

Hon. Capt. W. Cay in the chair

The minutes of the last Annual meeting were read over by the Honorary Secretary and on the motion of Dep Capt Page & 2nd by Dep Capt Thompson were declared to be correctly entered

Messrs M Stainton, J.E. Purvis, R. Kell & C.W. Harrison were appointed scrutineers to inspect the voting papers

The Hon Sec then read over his report for the preceding year

Moved by Mr Thomas Vasey & seconded by Dep Capt Page that the Report be adopted Carried

It was then moved by Capt Potts & seconded by Capt Henderson that Dr Crease be appointed Hon Surgeon to the Brigade for the ensuing year Carried

Moved by Mr Vasey & seconded by Dep Capt Scrafton that thanks of the Brigade be given to the Proprietors of the different Newspapers who are so kind as to send copies of their papers for the use of the Members.

A letter from Mr Walter Ross resigning his membership of the Brigade & giving as his reason that business would not allow him to attend drills etc.

It was moved by Mr Malcolm & seconded by Mr Newby that Mr Walter Ross be elected an Honorary Captain of the Brigade

Carried with acclamation

It was moved by Mr Page & seconded by Mr R. Bell

“That a Church Parade be held some Sunday in July & that if a band have to be engaged the expenses shall not exceed £1-1-0”

Carried

Moved as an amendment by Mr Harker

“That no money be expended on a band”

Motion carried

Moved by Capt Robson & seconded by Mr Adams

“That the collection at the Church Parade be donated to the Shipwrecked Fishermen & Mariners Society”

Carried

Votes of thanks were given to the Hon. Sec & the Chairman (Hon Capt W. Cay)

The Scrutineers had then concluded their duties & the following Officers & Committee were declared to be elected for ensuing year

G.R. Potts
George Robson

George Scrafton
James Thompson
Hon Secretary & Treasure

G. Scrafton
Thos. Newby
James Page
Benj. Heron
F. Oliver
John Thompson

Captains

J.W. Buckland
James Henderson

Deputy Captains

James Page
Thomas Newby

S. Malcolm

Committee

T. Vasey
Robert Bell
Jas. Thompson
T.R. Grimes
J. Robe
C.W. Harrison

Committee for the year ending 30th June 1895

| | | July 7th | Aug 4th | Sept 1st | Oct 6th | Dec 1 | Jan 5 | Feb 2nd | Mch 2nd | May 4th | June 1st | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----|
| G.R. Potts | Southview Terrace | | | . | | | | | | | | 6 |
| G. Robson | 9 Wellington Terrace | | | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| J.W. Buckland | 12 Winchester St | | | | | | | | | | | 9 |
| James Henderson | 4 Bertram St | | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| George Scrafton | 14 Moon St | | | | | | | | | | | 9 |
| James Thompson | Laygate Lane Board School | | | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| James Page | 14 Ravensbourne Terrace | | | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| S. Malcolm | 8 Portland T'ce Jesmond N'castle | | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| Dr Crease | 2 Ogle Terrace | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| F. Oliver | 70 Winchester St | | | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| John Robe | 141 Livingstone St | | | | | | | | | | | |
| T. Vasey | 6 Seafeld Terrace | | | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| Thomas Newby | 12 John Street | | | | | | | | | | | 10 |
| T.B. Grimes | 45 Eastbourne Grove | | | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| Ben Heron | Bents Cottages South Park | | | | | | | | | | | 10 |
| Robert Bell | 116 Alfred St | | | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| John Thompson | 22 King St | | | | | | | | | | | 10 |
| T. Higgins | Coastguard Station | | | † | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Collis | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| C.W. Harrison | Logan Terrace | | | | | | | | | | | 7 |

COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 7TH 1894

Capt Potts in the Chair

It was decided to leave the election of new members till next meeting.

It was moved by Mr Newby & 2nd by Mr R. Bell that the old House Committee be re-appointed for the ensuing year (That is the 4 Captains) Carried

It was arranged that Capt Robson have the stretchers repaired & the question about providing air pillow be reported on by Mr Harrison.

COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 4TH 1894

Capt Potts in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read over & agreed to

It was decided that all those applying for membership should be requested to come down & attend the Committee meeting at the next drill

The supernumerary members who had qualified themselves with the requisite number of drills in the past year were then allocated to various divisions with the exception of Higgins who was left over for consideration

The following a/cs were passed

Shields Gazette 15/-

Gas Company 9/-

T. Coulson 2/10

Wellesly Band 1-1-0

COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 1ST 1894

Capt Robson in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read over & on the motion of Mr Bell 2nd by Dep Capt Scrafton were agreed to

An a/c from the Tyne Commissioners was passed for ground rent 2/-

The applications for membership were then considered

W.A. Adams 43 Salmon Street

James Henderson 7 Cockburn St

John Crosby 125 Fort St

R.W. Manners 48 Bedford St

Revd. A.H. Storr 48 Ocean Road

These gentlemen attended before the Committee who satisfied themselves as to the general fitness & the Secretary was instructed to write to them to that effect

The case of Mr J. Higgins which was adjourned from last meeting was then gone into & after various members of the Committee had spoken on the subject & Mr Higgins had been heard on the matter it was decided that Mr Higgins application to be enrolled as a full member be declined & the Secretary write him to that effect. The next application that of Mr J. Hawdon was similarly disposed of, it being shown that both these men had been guilty of using very disrespectful language to Mr Page & others about the subject of paying for the railway fares for the attendance of the Ambulance class at the Newcastle review. It was the unanimous feeling of the Committee that both of these men be declined.

A letter was then read from Robert Wells asking for an increase of salary-After some little discussion it was proposed by Capt Henderson & 2nd by Mr Robe that R. Wells be paid at the rate of £13 per annum

Carried

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD OCT 6TH 1894

Dr Crease (in the chair)

The minutes of the previous meeting were read over & on the motion of Mr J. Thompson & 2nd by Capt. Henderson were declared to be correctly entered.

A letter from Mr Foley was read about the subject of Mr Higgins

Moved by Dep Capt Newby & 2nd by Dep Capt Scrafton that

“The Committee had previously considered this matter & now decide that nothing further can be done”

Moved by Mr Vasey & 2nd by Mr John Thompson that the following a/cs be paid

Purves 8d

Coastguards 13/6

Shields Gazette 1/16/-

Coals 15/10

St John Ambulance 1/10/6

Marshall 15/17/6

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD DEC 1ST/94

Capt G Robson chairman

The minutes of the last meeting were read over and on the motion of Dep Capt Newby seconded by Mr Oliver it was carried that they were correctly entered

A letter was read from Mr Foley resigning his membership of the Brigade

It was proposed by Mr John Thompson & 2nd by Mr Harrison that his resignation be accepted & the Secretary write to him to that effect & request him to return his cap & belt

Mr Heron moved & Mr Oliver 2nd that the following a/cs be passed

| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| Dagleas | 3/9 |
| Coals | 15/10 |
| Gas Co | 8/- |
| Shields Gazette | 1/8 |
| Expenses to S'land) | |
| Brigade Funeral) | 2-11-7 |
| Fancus slating\repairs | 2-0-0 |
| Henderson stores | 1-17-0 |

A letter was read from Mr James Blacklock 2 Wentworth Terrace asking to be admitted a member of the Brigade-Mr Blacklock was asked to come into the meeting after which the Secretary was instructed to ask him to call on Dr Crease for examination and if the Doctor's opinion was favourable he might be placed on the supernumerary list of members.

COMMITTEE MEETING JAN 5TH 1895

Capt Robson in the chair

The minutes of the previous meeting were read over and on the motion of Mr Vasey seconded by Dep Capt Thompson were confirmed

An application from Mr Frederick Claydon 44 Baring St to become a member of the Brigade was read & the Secretary was instructed to write to him and request him to call upon Dr Crease for examination & if satisfactory to present himself at the next Committee meeting.

The Honorary Secretary then reported that he could invest the legacy of £200 left by Mr Perry with the River Tyne Commissioners for 10 years at the rate of 3 ½ %

Proposed by Mr Malcolm & seconded by Mr Vasey that the money be so invested

Carried

Committee meeting

Feb 2nd 1895

The minutes of the previous meeting were read over & on the motion of Dep Capt Page & 2nd by Dep Capt Scrafton were confirmed

An application for membership was read from Mr William May 110 Morton St-Mr May attended before the Committee and was requested to call on Dr Crease for inspection & to attend again at the next Committee meeting.

The following accounts were passed

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Gas Company | 1-1-0 |
| Coal a/c | -15-10 |
| Freeth (halliards) | -4-3 |
| Shields Gazette | -6- |

COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 2ND 1895

Capt G. Robson in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read over & on the motion of Mr Vasey & seconded by Dep Capt Page were declared to be correctly entered

An application for membership was read over from Mr James Phillips 105 morton St but it appeared that the applicant was sailing in a weekly boat trading to London & it was thought that he would not have enough time to devote to the necessary drills etc. Secretary was instructed to write to him to that effect

Accounts passed

Tennett coals 15/10

COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 6TH 1895

Capt Robson in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read over & on the motion of Dep Capt Page & seconded by Mr Grimes were declared to be correctly entered

The Honorary Treasurer reported that he had received £20 from the Tyne Life Boat Trustees

The Treasurer also reported that the Perry bequest had been invested with the Tyne Commissioners for 10 years at 3 ½ %

The following accounts were passed

| | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Crisp & Robinson | 2/8 |
| Coastguards | 5/- |
| Gazette for printing | 8/6 |
| Henderson | 2/18/8 |

COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 4TH 1895

Capt Potts in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read over & on the motion of Mr Bell & 2nd by Mr Grimes were confirmed

An application was then read over from Mr William Dowell of 8 Agnes Street S. Shields a 6 years efficient member of Sunderland Brigade to be transferred to this Brigade Mr Dowell has passed 2 of the examinations of the St. John Ambulance Association A letter was read from Mr Oliver secretary of Sunderland Brigade saying that "we would do right by accepting Mr Dowell & that he had served them faithfully & that they have always looked upon him as a reliable man"

Proposed by Dep Capt Newby & 2nd by Mr Vasey "That Mr William Dowell be transferred accordingly & that he be supplied with uniform as an efficient member Carried

A letter from Capt James Henderson was read resigning his captaincy on account of continued ill health. Ordered to be read over again at next Committee meeting.

The following accounts were passed

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| Shields Gazette | £1-1-0 |
| Baxter & Hicks | 1-13-9 |
| Hellyer | -3- |

COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 1ST 1895

Capt G. Robson in the chair

The minutes of last meeting were read over and on the motion of Mr Vasey and 2nd by Dep Capt Thompson were confirmed

Capt Hendersons letter of resignation was re-read when it was decided unanimously as follows:-

“That Capt Hendersons resignation be accepted and that this Committee recommend to the General Meeting of Members that Capt Henderson be elected House Captain and that he sit on the Committee by virtue of his office”

The Annual meeting was fixed for July 3rd

An application was read from Thomas Bavidge 39 Brunswick St to become a member of the Brigade- Referred to Doctor in the first place and asked to attend again at next Committee Meeting

A letter was read from Mr Webb Peploe asking the Brigade to attend a Church Parade at the Sailors Mission Church on Sunday July 28th

Proposed by Mr Harrison & seconded by Dep Capt Newby

That the Brigade attend as requested & that the Band arrangements be left with the Captains

Moved by Dep Capt Newby & 2nd by Mr Heron

“That in future uniform must be worn at drill & that notice be given on notice papers to that effect at next and future drills and that any member appearing without uniform be spoken to by the Captain for the day and if no very good excuse be forthcoming his drill be disallowed”

A letter was read from Mr J. Wallace Chairman of committee for the Lifeboat Demonstration to be held at Newcastle on July 27th asking the attendance of the Brigade

The matter was fully discussed & it was proposed by Dep Capt Page and seconded by Mr Bell that

“The Brigade attend the Demonstration and that the Secretary apply through the proper channel for leave to take the Rocket Cart with apparatus

The following accounts were passed

| | |
|-------------|-------|
| Gas company | 18/3 |
| Fawcus | 1/3/1 |
| Dagleas | 2/4/- |

COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 3RD 1895

Capt Potts Chairman

The minutes of last meeting were read over & on the motion of Capt Potts and seconded by Dep Capt Page were confirmed

The Hon Secretary & Treasurer then read his report and balance sheet for the year ending June 30th 1895

Proposed by Capt Robson and seconded by Mr Heron

That the report and Balance sheet as read be approved & that the Committee recommend that they both be read over to the Annual Meeting

A vote of thanks to the Secretary for his preparation of the Report concluded the meeting

ANNUAL MEETING JULY 3RD 1895

Hon. Captain W Cay in the chair

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read over and on the motion of Capt Potts and seconded by Dep Capt Page were confirmed

The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer then read the Secretary's report and treasurers Balance Sheet which on the motion of Mr Harrison seconded by the Revd. F. Webb Peploe were approved of and ordered to be printed and circulated among the members

Capt Jas Henderson's resignation of his captaincy on account of ill health was read and also a recommendation from the Committee meeting of June 1st

Moved by Capt Potts & seconded by Capt Robson that

"The resignation be accepted with regret & that Capt Henderson be elected House Captain with a seat on the Committee"

Supported by Mr Malcolm and carried with acclamation

A vote of thanks was carried and a letter from the Secretary ordered to be written to the widow of the late Joseph Hopper an account of his long services and old membership in the Brigade

It was moved by Capt Potts and seconded by Mr B. Heron

That Dr Crease be appointed Honorary Surgeon for next year

Carried with acclamation

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the various newspaper proprietors who so kindly send copies of their papers down for the use of the Brigade

A vote of thanks to Mr Collis and the Coastguards and one to the Chairman concluded the business of the meeting

In the meantime the scrutineers had been busy examining the voting papers and the result was declared as follows:

| Captains | | Deputy Captains | |
|----------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| G.R | Potts | G. | Scrafton |
| G | Robson | James | Thompson |
| J.W | Buckland | Thomas | Newby |
| James | Page | T.B. | Grimes |

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer

Mr S. Malcolm

| Committee | |
|-----------|-----------|
| T.B. | Grimes |
| C.W. | Harrison |
| Geo. | Scrafton |
| Thos. | Vasey |
| Thos. | Newby |
| John | Thompson |
| | Ben. |
| | J.W. |
| | J.E |
| | J.T. |
| | James |
| | Robert |
| | Heron |
| | Swainston |
| | Purvis |
| | Ross |
| | Thompson |
| | Bell |

Committee for the year ending June 30th 1896

| | | Aug 3rd | Sept 7 | Nov 2nd | Jan 4th | Feb 1st | May 2nd | June 6th | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---|
| G.R. Potts | Southview Terrace | | | | | + | - | | 4 |
| G. Robson | 9 Wellington Terrace | | | | | | | | 4 |
| J. W. Buckland | 12 Winchester St | | | | | | | | 7 |
| James Henderson | 4 Bertram Street | | | | | | | | 6 |
| James Page | 14 Ravensburne Terrace | | | | | | | | 5 |
| G. Scrafton | 14 Moon Street | | | | | | | | 6 |
| James Thompson | Laygate Lane Board Schools | | | | | | | | 7 |
| Thomas Newby | 56 Fort Street | | | | | | | | 7 |
| T. B. Grimes | 45 Eastbourne Grove | | | | | | | | 3 |
| S. Malcolm | 8 Portland T'ce Jesmond N'castle | | | | | | | | 4 |
| Dr J. R. Crease | 2 Ogle Terrace | | | | | | | | 2 |
| C. W. Harrison | 14 Logan Terrace | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Thomas Vasey | 6 Seafeld Terrace | | | + | | | | | |
| John Thompson | 13 King Bath Street | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Robert Bell | 116 Alfred Street | | | | | | | | 7 |
| Benj. Heron | Bents Cottage S. Park | | | | | | | | 6 |
| J. W. Swainston | Ocean T'ce Ocean Road | | | | | | | | 3 |
| J. E. Purvis | Broughton House | | | | | | | | 4 |
| J. T. Ross | 229 Fort Street | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Mr Collins | Coastguard Station | | | | | | | | 6 |

COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 3RD [1895]

Capt Henderson in the Chair

The House Committee consisting of the Four Captains with Capt Henderson [&] Secretary were appointed for the ensuing year

The subject of painting & cleaning the Watch House was discussed when it was decided on the motion of Deft Capt Thompson & seconded by Mr Heron

“That Mr Garbutt be asked to send in a tender for painting the outside with two coats & cleaning the varnish & inside the whole to be done to the satisfaction of the House Committee”

James Thompson Laygate Lane Board Schools presented himself for admission as a member of the Brigade. His name was ordered to be added to the supernumerary list

The following account was passed

Wellesly Band £1-1-0

COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 7TH 1895

Capt Potts in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read over and on the motion of Mr Bell seconded by Capt Henderson were declared to be correctly entered

An application for membership from Mr John Mickle 10 Woodbine St was then read over and Mr Mickle was requested to call and see Dr Crease for examination & to attend the Committee meeting at next drill

It was mentioned by the Secretary that £25 had been received from the Board of Trade as their Annual Donation

Mr Terviel offered a builders model of the ill-fated steamer "London" which founded in the Bay of Biscay some years ago as a present to the Brigade. It was accepted with thanks and the Secretary was requested to write Mr Terviel a letter of thanks.

The following accounts were passed

| | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Gas Company | -8-3 |
| Tyne Commissioners | -2-0 |
| Anderson | 1-0-0 |
| Dagleas & Sons | - 6-10 |
| Coulson | -3-6 |
| Garbutt (Painting) | 19-5-0 |
| Baxter & Hicks (caps) | 3-2-11 |

COMMITTEE MEETING NOV 2ND 1895

Capt G. Robson in the chair

The minutes of the previous meeting were read over and on the motion of Dep Capt Thompson & 2nd by Mr Bell were passed as duly entered

An application for membership from Mr G.T. Smith 31 Florence St Deans was read.- Adjourned till next meeting for the attendance of Mr Smith

John Mickle (10 Woodbine Street). This application was passed & Mickle requested to join the supernumerary division.

A letter was read from Mr George Ogilvie asking to be re-admitted to the Brigade-

It was pointed out that Mr Ogilvie was an old member of the Brigade had passed in the first Ambulance class and had only left the Brigade because his business had called him to live in Newcastle for a time- He had now returned to Shields-

Proposed by Capt Page & 2nd by Mr R. Bell

“That George Ogilvie be readmitted as an efficient member” Carried

Some discussion then took place as to the right of the Coastguards to have a second key to the house-it being thought that as Mr Collis carried one as ex officio member of the Committee that there was no need of another also that the key given to Supt Morant be returned

Proposed by Capt Henderson & 2nd by Mr R. Bell-

“That the second key in the possession of the Coastguard be returned” Motion lost

The motion relating to the return of Supt Morant's key also fell through.

COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 4TH 1896

Capt Page in the Chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read over and confirmed.

An application for membership was read from G.T. Smith 31 Florence St Deans

Referred to next meeting for Doctors report

An application for membership was read from Mr H. Curry

Referred to next meeting for Doctors report

A discussion then took place as to the advisability of getting some lanterns of improved make that could be used in any search work required

Moved by Mr Harrison & 2nd by Mr Scrafton that steps be taken to get suitable lamps and that the House Committee with Mr Collis go into the matter & see what is best to be done.

COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 1ST 1896

The minutes of the last meeting were read over and confirmed

Mr G.T. Smith & Mr Richard Keers applications were read over & the doctors report on both cases being satisfactory their names were added to be entered on the supernumerary list

An application for membership was read from Mr J.G. Johnston Fowler Street. He was requested to call on Dr Crease.

The following accounts were passed an the motion of Capt Robson & seconded by Mr James Thompson

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| Baxter & Hicks | 13/- |
| Gas Company | 23/- |
| John Marshall | 8-9-6 |

COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 2ND 1896

Capt page in the chair

The minutes of last meeting were read over & on the motion of Mr John Thompson & seconded by Mr Bell were confirmed

Two letters were read from Mr Johnstone Wallace dated the 9th & 20th of April –The first asking us to take part in the Lifeboat Saturday Demonstration shortly to be held in Newcastle & the second informing us that the date was fixed for Saturday June the 13th and hoping that we would be able to attend. It was moved by Dep Capt James Thompson and seconded by Mr B. Heron that

“The Brigade attend the Lifeboat Demonstration on June 13th & that Mr Johnstone Wallace be written to that effect”

It was reported that Mr L. M. Snowdon had attended drill not dressed in the proper uniform of the Brigade- After some considerable discussion it was finally moved by Mr Bell & seconded by Capt Henderson that

Mr Snowdon be written to and informed that as he had not attended in proper uniform his drill that day could not be allowed.

The following accounts were passed

Swainston 18/5 Shields Gazette 53/- J. W. Henderson £4-8-5

An application for membership was read from Mr W. M. English Fowler Street

Mr English attended before the Committee & expressed his willingness to attend drills watches &c-He was referred to Dr Crease as to his physical qualifications

COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 6TH 1896

Capt Robson in the chair

The minutes of last meeting were read over & confirmed.

It was reported that Mr Sept. Heron attended at drill without proper uniform

Moved by Mr Bell & 2nd by Mr John Thompson that Herons drill be not allowed & that the Secretary write to him to that effect

A letter was read from the Rev Webb Peploe asking if the Brigade would hold a Church Parade at the Sailors Mission Church some time in July

After considerable discussion it was decided to leave the matter to the Annual Meeting

It was moved by Mr Harrison & 2nd by Capt Page that Capts G R Potts G Robson & Buckland see Mr Savage in the meantime & ask if a Church Parade could not be arranged at St Hilda's Church on some convenient date

It was mentioned that at a previous drill the rocket had taken a downward curve & narrowly escaped hitting some of the mast party

Proposed by Dep Capt Scrafton & 2nd by Dep Capt Thompson

That a shield of iron be erected near the exercising mast so as to form a shelter for the mast party. The affair was left in the hands of Capt Robson who promised to see after it at once

COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 4TH 1896

The minutes of last meeting were read over & on the motion of Mr Henderson 2nd by Mr John Thompson were declared to be correctly entered

An application from Mr John Robe 141 Livingstone St to be readmitted a member- Mr Robe gave reasons why he was compelled to resign before & the Committee having considered the matter, the Sec was instructed to inform Mr Robe that his application was successful

The following accounts were passed

| | |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Gas Company | 5/9 |
| Martin (Telescope repairs) | 20/- |
| Garbutt (Paint) | 2/9 |
| Dagleas (repairs) | 3/8/10 |
| Ainsley | 2/- |
| Treasurer (Ambulance) | 33/- |
| Henderson (repairs lifebuoy) | 3/6 |

The date of the Annual Meeting was discussed-It was proposed by Capt Robson & 2nd by Mr Harrison

“That the Annual Meeting be held on Wednesday July 15th”

A hearty vote of thanks was ordered to be given to Mr George Keatinge St Aidens Road for his handsome present of an oil painting of the ship “Holinsdale” as she appeared sailing out of the Tyne

ANNUAL MEETING JULY 15TH/96

Dr Crease in the Chair

Proposed by Capt Page & seconded by Capt Potts

“That Messrs J.W. Henderson, T. Downey, G. Ogilvie and R. Middleton be appointed scrutineers to examine the voting papers” Carried

The Annual Report and Finances Statement were then read by the Honorary Secretary & Treasurer and on the motion of Capt Potts seconded by Capt Robson were unanimously agreed to and the Secretary was instructed to have the reports printed and circulated amongst the members.

It was moved by Mr Malcolm and seconded by Capt Page

“That Dr Crease be re-elected Honorary Surgeon to the Brigade” Carried unanimously

Moved by Mr Harrison and seconded by Dep Capt Scrafton

“That Mr James Henderson be re-elected House Captain for the ensuing year” Carried

Moved by Capt Potts and seconded by Mr Riley

“That the Church Parade take place on Saturday the 26th July at St Hilda’s Church & that the Wellesley Band be engaged at a cost of Two guineas” Carried

Moved by Dep Capt Grieves & seconded by Mr B heron

“That a vote of thanks be given to the Proprietors of the different newspapers who so kindly send them to the Brigade House.

Proposed by Capt Robson & seconded by Dep Capt Thompson

“That a vote of thanks be given to Mr Collis and the Coastguards for their kindness and attention to the Brigade” Carried

The Scrutineers then brought the result of their labours to the Hon Secretary who read out as follows:-

The for the next year are Messrs

| | Captains | | Deputy Captains |
|-------|----------|-------|-----------------|
| G.R. | Potts | G | Scrafton |
| G | Robson | James | Thompson |
| J.W. | Buckland | Thos. | Newby |
| James | Page | T.B. | Grieves |

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer

S. Malcolm

Committee

G
James
Thos.
J. T
T. B
John

Scrafton
Thompson
Newby
Ross
Grieves
Thompson,

Robert
C. W.
J. E.
Benj
J. W.
Robert

Bell
Harrison
Purvis
Heron,
Swainston
Terviel

Moved by Capt Page & seconded by Mr Bell

“That a vote of thanks be given to the scrutineers for their services”

Moved by Mr John Thompson and seconded by Mr Ogilvie

“That a vote of thanks be given to the Chairman”

COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 1ST 1896

Chairman Capt G. R. Potts

The House Committee on the motion of Mr Bell & seconded by Mr Harrison were with the addition of the House captain re-appointed.

The House Committee now consists of Messrs Potts, Robson, Buckland, Page & Henderson

Moved by Mr Bell & seconded by Capt Potts

“That supper be ready at 10 o'clock on watch nights in future & the roll called at 12”

The motion was discussed but finally it was ordered that it be brought forward again at next meeting

The following A/cs were passed

| | |
|-------------|--------|
| Gas Company | 5/9 |
| Dagleas | 3-8-10 |
| do | 1-19-2 |

COMMITTEE MEETING SEPT 5TH 1896

Chairman Capt G. R. Potts

The minutes of the last meeting were read over and confirmed.

The following motion which was discussed at the last meeting was again brought forward

“That on watch nights the supper be made ready for 10 o'clock and that the roll be called at 12 as usual”

This proposition was fully discussed and on the motion of Mr Terviel seconded by Mr John Thompson was carried

An application from Mr Walter W. Buck was read over but was not entertained as the applicant could not promise to attend at nights

Two guineas to be taken from the collection in aid of the Shipwrecked Fisherman & Mariners Fund to pay for the expense of hiring the Wellesly Band on the occasion of the Brigade attending St Hilda's Church.

COMMITTEE MEETING NOV 7TH 1896

Chairman Capt G. R. Potts

The minutes of the last meeting were read over & on the motion of Dep Capt Thompson and seconded by Dep Capt Newby were declared to be correctly entered.

A letter of resignation was read from Mr C. W. Harrison, who stated that he was leaving England in a few days, & was therefore compelled most reluctantly to resign his membership of the Brigade.

On the motion of Capt Page & seconded by Mr Bell his resignation was accepted & the Hon. Secretary was asked to write Mr Harrison a letter to that effect, and wishing him every good wish for his new undertaking in Cape Colony.

Capt Potts reported that he had recently met Capt Heathcote R.N. who begged him to take leave of the Brigade for him, as he had accepted the appointment of Inspecting Commander of the Sandgate Division in the Coastguard service.

The following accounts were passed

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Coals | -15-10 |
| Gas Co | 3-6 |
| Tyne Commissioners | 1-0 |
| Baxter & Hicks | 11-3 |
| J. Gibson | 1-0-0 |
| Dagleas & Sons | 4-1-0 |
| Northern Press Co | 3-12-6 |

COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 30TH 1897

Chairman Capt Jas. Page

The minutes of the previous meeting were read over and confirmed

Moved by Capt Potts and seconded by Dep Capt Newby That

“A letter be sent to Mrs Mathew Cay and family on the decease of Honorary Captain Mathew Cay who was one of the first Captains of the Brigade” Carried

Moved by Dep Capt Newby and seconded by Dep Capt Grieves that the following accounts be passed

| | |
|--------------|------|
| Coal Account | 13/6 |
| Gas a/c | 12/9 |
| Coastguards | 13/6 |

An application for membership was read from R. B. Robertson 61 King Street-ordered that he should see Dr Crease who would report before next meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 6TH /97

Chairman Capt James Page

The minutes of the last meeting were read over & on the motion of Mr J. E. Purvis & seconded by Mr R. Treveil were declared to be correctly entered.

An application for membership was read over from Joshua Bird 34 Broderick St. It was reported to the Committee that Bird had gone over to the mast with the wreck party & while there had made some very objectionable remarks regarding Dep Capt Scrafton who was in charge. This being reported it was thought that one who could speak so disrespectfully of his future officers would be no acquisition to the Brigade. The Secretary was therefore instructed to decline his application.

A letter was read from F. W. Legat resigning from the Brigade on account of leaving the country for South Africa. Resignation was accepted with regret & good wishes for his future prosperity.

An application was read from James Phillips 105 Morton St for membership. He was interviewed by the Committee & requested to call upon Dr Crease for his opinion.

The following a/cs were passed on the motion of Dep Capt Newby & seconded by House Captain Henderson.

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| Coal a/c | 10/10 |
| Dagleas & Co | 5/1 |
| Wylie & Co | 2-/-/- |
| Shields Gazette | 10/- |

COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 3RD/97

Captain G. Robson Chairman

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

The application of James Phillips was taken & the Doctor's certificate read when it was decided that he join the supernumerary class.

There was some discussion as to the present method of calling out the names before the drill-On the motion of Capt Page & seconded by Mr Bell, it was proposed:-

That in future the divisions be called separately beginning with the one who is acting as No 1 for the day, the idea being that that will avoid the confusion of so many names being called simultaneously-

The following a/cs were passed

Coastguard 7/6

COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 1ST 1897

Chairman Capt G.R. Potts

The minutes of the last meeting were read over and on the motion of Dep Capt Thompson & seconded by House Capt Henderson were declared to be correctly entered.

On the motion of Capt Page & seconded by Mr R. Bell the following a/cs were passed

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Baxter & Hicks | 11/- |
| Shields Gazette | 7/6 |
| Gas Company | 23/9 |

An application for membership was read from J. Carter 121 Morton Street who attended before the Committee and was requested to call on Dr Crease for medical examination.

COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 5TH 1897

Chairman Capt Buckland

The minutes of the previous meeting were read over and on the motion of Mr Bell seconded by Mr John Thompson were declared to be correctly entered

On the motion of Dep Capt James Thompson & seconded by Dep Capt G. Scrafton the following a/cs were passed

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| J.W. Henderson | £4-15-0 |
| Ambulance Fees | 2-9-6 |
| Dagleas & Son | 1-19-4 |

Proposed by Mr Bell & seconded by Mr Heron that

“The Brigade attend the Newcastle Lifeboat Demonstration on Saturday June 12th & that the arrangement be left in the hands of the Secretary”

COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 3RD /97

Captain Robson in the chair

The minutes of last meeting were read over & on the motion of Dep Capt Jas. Thompson and 2nd by Mr B. Heron were declared to be correctly entered.

Proposed by Dep Capt Thompson & 2nd by Mr J. E. Purvis that the Annual Meeting be held on July 14th at 7-30

The Hon. Sec. asked the Committee to meet at 7 o'clock on July 14th to hear the Annual Report read over before the Annual Meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 14TH 1897 AT 7 PM

The Hon. Sec. read over his Annual report & Treasurers report to the Committee before presenting them to Annual Meeting.

Moved by Capt Potts & 2nd Capt Robson "That reports be adopted."

ANNUAL MEETING JULY 14TH 1897

Hon. Capt W. Cay Chairman

The Minutes of last Annual Meeting were read over and on the motion of Dr Crease & seconded by Capt Page were declared to be correctly entered.

The Hon. Sec. then read the General report and Balance Sheet.

Moved by Capt Potts and seconded House Capt Henderson "That reports be adopted"

Moved by Capt Potts & seconded by Mr B. Heron and seconded by Capt Page

"That Dr Crease be re-elected Hon. Surgeon for the ensuing year"

Moved by Dep Capt Newby 2nd by Mr Robt Bell

"That Mr James Henderson be elected House Captain for the ensuing year"

Moved by Hon. Sec. 2nd by Dep Capt Scrafton

"That a vote of thanks be given to the Coastguards"

Moved by Mr Terviel seconded by Mr Riley

"That a vote of thanks be given to the Proprietors of the newspapers for the gratuitous supply furnished to the House."

Hon Capt Whitelaw moved & Capt Page seconded

That a vote of thanks be given to the scrutineers for their services.

The following is the result of the voting:-

Captains

G.R. Potts

George Robson

J.W. Buckland

James Page

Deputy Captains

G. Scrafton

Thos. Newby

James Thompson

T.B. Grimes

Hon. Sec & Treasurer

S. Malcolm

Committee

G. Scrafton
James Thompson
T.B. Grimes
J.E. Purvis
John Thompson
R. Terviel

Thos. Newby
Benj. Heron
Robt Bell
J. T. Ross
George Ogilvie
Charles Riley

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business of the meeting.

Committee for the year ending June 30th 1898

| | | Aug 7 | Sept | Oct | Dec | Jan 1898 | Feb | April | May | June | |
|----------------------------|--|-------|------|-----|-----|----------|-----|-------|-----|------|---|
| Capt. G.R. Potts | 9 Southview Terrace | | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| " G. Robson | 9 Wellington Terrace | | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| " J.W. Buckland | 12 Winchester Street | | | | | | | | | | 9 |
| " James Page | 7 Ravensbourne Terrace | | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| Dep Capt G. Scrafton | 14 Moon St | | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| " Jas. Thompson | Laygate Lane Board School | | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| " Thos Newby | 56 Fort Street | | | | | | | | | | 9 |
| " T. B. Grimes | 30 Vespasian Avenue | | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Hon. Sec. S. Malcolm | 93 Jesmond R'd N'castle | | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| J.E. Purvis | Broughton House | | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| John Thompson | 107 Elizabeth Street | | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| Robt Terviel | 91 Broughton Road | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| Benj. Heron | Bents Cottages, South Park | | | | | | | | | | 9 |
| Robt Bell | 124 Alfred Street | | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| J.T Ross | 229 Fort Street | | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| George Ogilvie | 58 Saville Street 33 Thomas St | | | | | | | | | | 9 |
| Charles Riley | 94 James Mather St | | | | | | | | | | 9 |
| Mr Collis | Coastguard Station | | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| House Capt. Jas. Henderson | 4 Bertram Street | | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Hon. Surg. Dr J.R. Crease | 2 Ogle Terrace | | | | | | | | | | 4 |

COMMITTEE MEETING AUG 7TH /97

Captain G. Robson in the chair

Moved by Dep Capt Newby & seconded by Dep Capt Thompson that the House Committee Captains Potts, Robson Buckland & Page & House Captain Henderson be re-appointed.

A letter was read from Revd. Webb Peploe asking the Brigade to attend the Mission Church on the first Sunday in October. After some little discussion as to the suitability of the date, it was finally proposed by Mr Terviel & 2nd by Mr Bell

“That the Parade be held on Sunday October 3rd & that the Brigade attend the Sailors Mission church as invited by Mr Webb Peploe”

A letter of thanks to the Revd. Mr McCullagh was ordered to be written for his gift of a photograph of the Brass erected in St Stephens Church to the memory of the Pilots who had lost their lives in the “Providence” in 1849 & also of the different Superintendents of the Lifeboat Fund.

The Photograph to be suitably framed and hung in the House.

The following candidates for election as Supernumerarys were brought forward

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| Albert Bird | 117 Eggescliff Road |
| John Cairns | 133 Dale Street |
| John Main | 50 Dale Street |
| E. Thompson | 57 Dale Streets |
| A. Brown | 32 Marlborough St |
| H. Barnsley | 117 Bath St |
| C. Darrell | Seamans Mission |
| D. Dunn | do do |
| W. Watson | 158 Stephenson St |
| M. Owen | 10 Lord Nelson Street |

COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 4TH 1897

Capt G. Potts Chairman

The minutes of the last meeting were read over and on the motion of Capt Robson and seconded by House Capt Henderson were declared to be correctly entered

The question arose about a Band to accompany the Brigade to Church on October 3rd Moved by Capt Potts and seconded by House Capt Henderson

“That the Secretary try to arrange and get the Wellesly Band to accompany us without a fee”

Applications for membership were read over from

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| Mr Frayer | 21 Denmark Street |
| R. Clark jnr | 4 Wellington Terrace |
| Thomas Glinn | 4 Empress St |

The following a/cs were passed

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| Carling & Co Picture frame | 2/- |
| Gazette Advertising | 5/4 |
| do Printing | 35/6 |
| Grant cleaning clock | 3/6 |
| Gas Company | 4/- |
| Labour painting mast | 30/- |

COMMITTEE MEETING OCT 2ND

Capt Potts in the chair

The minutes of last meeting were read over and confirmed

The following applications for membership were read over and ordered to call & see the Hon. Surgeon

J. W. Wills 55 Taylor Street

G. W. Frayer 21 Denmark Street

Thomas Jones 23 Denmark Street

COMMITTEE MEETING DEC 4TH 1897

Capt Robson in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read over & on the motion of Mr Ogilvie & seconded by Mr Bell were confirmed

The following a/c were passed

Gazette 2-3-0 Gas Company 4/2
Dagleas & Son 1-0-10 Bell & Mathews 10/6
Coals -15-10

The following applications for membership were read over

R.G. March Tyne Port Sanitary Authority
J. Carruthers Mile End Road
J. W. Buck Fowler Street
J. Hume 66 Byron Street
David Addison 68 Catherine Street
Georg Masson 40 Osborne Avenue

Moved by Mr Terviel & seconded by Mr Bell

That the above named be admitted into the preliminary classes subject to the Doctors approval

Capt Page was instructed to order a set of splints for the use of the Ambulance class.

Proposed by Mr Heron & seconded by Mr Bell

“That belts be supplied to the Supernumerarys so that they may be distinguished in the darkness”

The Secretary was instructed to write again about the lamps ordered some time ago & inform Messrs Burt & Co that if they were not sent at once the order would be cancelled.

COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 8TH 1898

Capt Potts in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read over and on the motion of Capt Page 2nd by Mr Ogilvie were declared to be correctly entered

It was arranged that House Captain Henderson take charge of the new lamps recently ordered

The following a/cs were passed

Brash & William 6/-

Ambulance St John 2/6

for splints

The Secretary of the Ambulance Class (Capt Page) reported that the list of past candidates in the recent examination had been sent him and he was pleased to announce that all the Brigade Class had passed successfully.

The Hon. Sec. provided a diagram, which had been sent him by the Secretary, Board of Trade, showing the working of the Apparatus and proposed that it should be suitably framed and hung in the Brigade House- Capt Potts kindly promised to have it framed at his expense.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE FEB 5TH 1898

Capt Page (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed Moved by Mr Riley sec by Mr Heron

The following a/cs were passed moved Mr Scrafton sec by Mr Henderson

Hicks & sons New caps 14/-

Gas Co 11/3

Tablet for oil painting of sailing ship 7/6

The 3 new lamps were inspected and as they burnt unsatisfactorily a further trial was arranged for.

Application for admission to Brigade was made by W. Hunter 105 Roman Road.

COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 2ND/98

Captain Potts Chairman

The minutes of last meeting were read over & declared to be correctly entered

Proposed by Dep Capt Thompson & 2nd Mr Ogilvie

The Hon. Sec reported that he had received £20 being the yearly donation from the Tyne Lifeboat Fund

The following a/cs were passed

G. Robson £5-10-0

Tinnet (Coals) -15-10

B. Heron (Repairs) 8-10

Applications for Membership were read from

J. M. Waily 19 Bright St

Not seen G. H. Stephenson 32 Lower Thames St

N. A. Laing 41 Eleanor St

COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 7TH/98

Captain Robson in the chair

The minutes of last meeting were read over & on the motion of Mr Ogilvie & seconded by Dep Capt Thompson were confirmed

The following accounts were passed

Gas Company 7/9

Dagleas 5/1/-

Shields Gazette 1/4/6

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr Thos. Gibson for his present of a portrait of the late Dr Winterbottom & the Secretary was requested to write him a letter of thanks

COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 6TH 1898

Dep Capt Grimes Chairman

The minutes of last meeting were read over and on the motion of Dep Capt Newby & 2nd by Mr Terviel were declared to be correctly entered

The following a/cs were passed

J.W. Henderson 1-2-1

It was proposed by Mr Bell & seconded by Mr Purvis that the House Committee advertise for tenders in the Shields Gazette to paint the outside of the Brigade House & that they arrange for the work to be done as early as possible.

COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 2ND

Capt Potts Chairman

The date of the Annual Meeting was discussed. It was proposed by Capt Page and seconded by Mr G. Ogilvie

“That the Annual Meeting be held on Friday 8th inst. at half past seven o'clock”

It was arranged that the Committee meet half an hour earlier to hear the Hon. Secretary's report

Letters were read from Dep Capt Scrafton resigning from the Brigade & from Mr J. T. Ross resigning from the Committee. It was arranged that Capts Potts & Buckland see these gentlemen & ask them to reconsider their resignations

A letter read from the Secretary of the Gateshead Lifeboat Demonstration was referred to the Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD JULY 8TH 1898

Captain G.R. Potts Chairman

The Hon. Secretary & Treasurer read over the Secretary's and Treasurers reports and it was proposed by Capt Potts and seconded by Captain Robson that:-

"These reports be received and adopted and that they be printed and circulated among the Members"

Moved by Capt Page and seconded by House Captain Henderson That Dr J. R. Crease be re-elected Honorary Surgeon to the Brigade

Moved by Dep Capt Grimes and seconded by Mr Robert Bell that

"Mr James Henderson be re-elected House Captain for the ensuing year.

Moved by Mr Bell and seconded by Mr Riley

"That the best thanks of the Brigade be given to the various Newspaper Proprietors for the gratuitous supply of Newspapers for the use of Members in the Watch House"

Moved by Captain Potts and seconded by Dep Capt Grimes that

"The invitation which had been given to the Brigade by the Gateshead Lifeboat Demonstration Committee be declined"

A vote of thanks to the Chairman then concluded the business of the meeting

The scrutineers who had been busy counting up the Voting Papers then brought in their list of Officers and Committee men, as follows:-

Captains

G. R. Potts
J. W. Buckland

George Robson
James Page

Deputy Captains

G. Scrafton
J. Thompson

Thos. Newby
T. B. Grimes

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| Hon. Secretary & Treasurer | S. Malcolm |
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| G. | Scrafton | John | Thompson |
| Thos | Newby | Robt. | Terviel |
| B. | Grimes | Robt | Bell |
| J. E | Purvis | Ben | Heron |
| G. | Ogilvie | Charles | Riley |
| James | Thompson | J. T. | Ross |

A letter was read from Mr A. S. Williams which was ordered to be entered in the minutes of the meeting:-

6 Ogle Terrace, S. Shields

Dear Sir,

Mrs W. Cay and family wish to thank the Members of the Life Brigade through you for their kind enquiries from time to time and also for their attendance at the funeral of Mr Cay.

The Life Brigade was always a source of much interest to him and far away from South Shields he never tired of recounting with pride the plucky deeds which they have performed on so many occasions and which have rendered them famous throughout the country. The family have received tokens of genuine sympathy from many sources, but nothing has touched them more than the kind feeling which prompted the Brigade to pay a large token of respect to the memory of one so deservedly respected. Believe me.

Yours

A.S. Williams

COMMITTEE MEETING AUG 6TH /98

Capt Robson Chairman

The House Committee consisting of the 4 Captains, Hon. Sec. & House Captain were re-appointed.

The following a/cs were passed

Gazette Office 17/- & 1/11/6

Gas Company 10/3

Jas. Grant 4/6

Letter was read from the Rev Webb Peploe asking the Brigade to attend at the Sailors Mission Church on some convenient Sunday morning

Proposed by Dept Capt Newby & seconded by Mr Riley

That the Secretary communicate with Mr Webb Peploe & arrange some date with him

The list of Members on probation was then read over & they were ordered to be added to the Efficient lists

COMMITTEE MEETING OCT 1ST /98

Capt Page Chairman

A letter was read from Revd. Webb Peplow saying that Oct 23rd would be a convenient date for the Church Parade & that if that date suited us he had arranged with the Revd. Archdeacon Watkins to preach-
Dennisons band had promised to play us to church and back Agreed

The following a/cs were passed

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| A. Whitelaw | 6/6 |
| Coastguards | 6/- |

It was further arranged that Post Cards be sent to each member informing them of the Church Parade & requesting a good attendance also telling them at the same time the date of the commencement of the Ambulance Classes

COMMITTEE MEETING NOV 3RD/98

Capt Potts Chairman

The minutes of the previous meeting were read over and confirmed

The following a/cs (on the motion of Dep Capt Thompson & seconded by Mr Treviel) were passed

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| St John Ambulance Brigade | 4-16-6 |
| Coals | -15-10 |
| Gas Co | - 3-6 |
| Hicks & Sons Caps | 3-10-2 |

Committee Meeting Dec 3rd 1898

Capt Robson Chairman

The minutes of the last meeting were read over and confirmed

the following a/cs were passed

| | |
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| Gazette Office | 1-18-6 |
| Tennet (Coals) | 15-10 |

Applications for membership were read from

G.W. Auty 84 Frederick St

J. Richardson 131 Dale Street

who were asked to call on Dr Crease for examination

COMMITTEE MEETING JAN 7TH/99

Capt Potts Chairman

The minutes of the last meeting were read over & on the motion of Capt Robson seconded by House Capt Henderson they were approved of

The applications of G. W. Auty & J. Richardson were again read over & both were ordered to join the Supernumerary list

The application of Mr William T. Collis, Coastguard Station South Pier was read over & he was requested to call on Dr Crease for examination

The following a/cs were passed

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| Tippetts & Co (Guernseys) | £11-3-6 |
| Shuran & Co (Roof repairs) | 5-10 ½ |
| J. W. Henderson | 3 13 7 |

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE MARCH 4TH 1899

Capt Page (Chairman)

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed

The only a/c was for Gas 16/6

On the motion of Mr Newby sec by Dep Capt Scrafton it was ordered to be paid

An application was made on behalf of Capt Robt Tully, Lawe Cottages for admission to the Brigade he taking a great interest in it and was anxious to be useful

It was felt by the Committee that a practical man like Mr Tully would be a great acquisition and it would be unnecessary to go through the usual course of election in his case It was decided to elect him at once but it had not to be taken as a precedent

Mr Tully was accordingly elected a Member.

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE MAY 6TH 1899

Capt Potts (Chairman)

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed

Moved by Mr Purvis seconded by Mr Thompson

The following a/cs were passed

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| Gas Co | 9/4 |
| Gazette | 2 11 8 |
| B Heron | 7 |

An application from Mr James Mather Dean Lane He was ordered to see the Doctor and if considered a suitable candidate for Membership his name would be placed on the Supernumerary List

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Saturday Lifeboat Movement asking the attendance of the Brigade at the Demonstration June 10th next Also whether the members would enter the Tug of War competition

It was moved by Mr Ogilvie sec by Dep Capt Thompson

That the Brigade accept the invitation provided an allowance of 2/6 per man be granted for expenses and the Tug of War competition be declined

The Committee received with most regret notice from Dep Capt Scrafton that he would be obliged to resign his membership in the Brigade as he was no longer felt equal to the duties and exposures on the Pier in Stormy weather

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE WATCH HOUSE

June 3rd 1899

Capt Page (Chairman)

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed

The acceptance of Dep Capt Scraftons resignation was confirmed and he was recommended to the Annual Meeting as an Honorary Member to mark his long connection with the Brigade

Letters of resignation were read from Capts G. R. Potts & George Robson. These were also received with regret and it was decided that Mr Malcolm should see them both with a view of inducing them to alter their decisions

The Hon. Sec. reported as to the arrangements for the Saturday Lifeboat Demonstration in Newcastle on June 10th The members to assemble at the Shields Railway Station in uniform. Each member attending to receive 2/6 from the Lifeboat Committee for expenses. Some of the members volunteered to collect subscriptions en route.

The following a/cs were passed

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| Henderson & Co | 3/3 |
| John Dagleas & Sons | £2 2 9 |

An application from [blank] was read but he was considered unsuitable

LETTERS

PAYMENT OF YEARLY GRANT BY THE BOARD OF TRADE FOR YEAR ENDING 1877

So Shields

Sept 6 1878

Sir,

I am desired by the Committee of the South Shields Life Brigade to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the 20th all enclosing an order on the H M Payments General for £25 being the contribution of the B. of Trade to the funds of the life brigade for the year ending June 30th last.

I am also requested to bring before your notice the amassed items of expenditure connected with the Drying Room which is nearly finished and also the Railings around the Watch House and B of Trade Rocket House and would ask of you would take the matter into consideration with the view to a further grant towards the deficiency. The cost will be about £202 towards which we have £115 leaving £97 to be persisted for. About £25 of this will be the B. of Trade proportion for railings in the Rocket House.

Yours etc.

S. Malcolm

The assistant Secretary

PAYMENT BY THE BOARD OF TRADE TOWARDS EXPENSES INCURRED
FOR EXTENDING THE WATCH HOUSE

South Shields

Dec 3 1878

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (M 131333) endorsing an Order on H. M. Paymaster General for £25 as a grant towards the expenses incurred in extending the watch house of the South Shields Volunteer Life brigade, and also sending the same together with the B. of Trade Rocket House, an Iron Railing

I am desired by the Committee to return their sincere thanks for the donation and at the same time to draw your attention to my letter of September 6th from which you will see that that the above Grant will only cover that portion of the building which is the property of the B. of Trade.

I am reluctant to again ask the assistance of the B. of Trade, but the fact is we are unable at present to provide more funds and would as we can. I shall as Treasurer to Brigade have to advance the money to meet the pressing demands of the Contractor.

Captain Penrose during his recent visit inspected the work and will be able to testify as to the very good improvements that have been effected.

I think our Watch House is now almost replete with the necessary appliances so much so that I don't anticipate again to appeal to the Board of Trade for grants for further extensions.

Sir

Your obedient. Servant

S. Malcolm

The Assistant Secretary

Marine Department

Board of Trade

WRECK OF THE "JACOB ROTHENBURG" OF ROSTOCK

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th last addressed to Captain Whitelaw requesting to be furnished for the information of the German Authorities with a statement of the facts in connection with above shipwreck as far as regards the operations of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade.

The vessel lights were first observed by the Brigadesmen on duty about 5.30 a.m. Nov ~~27~~ 26 and her movements were watched with great anxiety as it was seen from her position, there would be great difficulty in weathering the South Pier. In a short time she struck the staging at the end of the Pier carrying away her Foremast and Bowsprit and about 6.15 A.M. stranded on the South side of the pier at a distance of 50 yards there from.

In anticipation of this the Brigadesmen who had been on duty all night had taken the Rocket Apparatus along the Pier and had everything in readiness. The first rocket carried the line over the Bows, but the sea was washing right over the vessel and the crew in consequence appeared unable to get to it. A second line was thrown over the main top gallant yard. This the crew failed to reach. A third line was fired on board which landed across the rigging in a similar position. An attempt was then made to fire a line on to the deck within reach of the crew who had taken refuge aft, but owing to the nature of the Pier and the difficulty of adjusting the Rocket. It fell short. After this one of the crew managed to go aloft and get hold of one of the previous lines by which they soon hauled our apparatus on board making the gear fast to the mizan mast. During all this time heavy seas were breaking over the ship and we had grave fears that the other Masts might fall. However without any mishap and in about 20 minutes from the seaman getting the Rocket line the whole of the crew, 7 in number together with the English Pilot were safely landed. They were taken to our Watch House where they received by the medical officer of the Brigade and supplied with warm clothing and refreshments.

The above is a short recal of the facts as seen by Captain Whitelaw from the beginning and also by myself from the firing of the second rocket. I may also state that Captain Prowse R. N. Her Majesty's Inspecting General of Life Saving Apparatus happening to be here on an official visit was present at the wreck and witnessed the saving of the crew.

Permit me in conclusion on behalf of the members of South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade and the officers of the Coastguard to thank you in return for your kind remaeks as to what was done for the crew of the "Jacob Rothenburg " and state that we always fell amply awarded rewarded for our trouble, when successful in saving the lives of our fellow man of whatever nationality, and especially those of a nation so closely allied to our own.

I have the honour to remain

Sir. Your obedient Servant

S. MalcomHon. Secretary

Robert Eichholt

Consul for Germany – Newcastle upon Tyne

LIGHTS USED AS LIFESAVING SIGNALS

South Shields Jan 22 1879

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter NT 18874 enclosing a copy of a letter received from the Secretary of the Tyne Lifeboat Fund suggesting certain alterations in the present system of Lifesaving Signals and requesting to be favoured with my observations thereon.

In reply I may state at the outset that the present arrangement was established for the convenience and information of the Tynemouth and South Shields Life Brigades any 2 guns fired for a vessel ashore on N side of the harbour and 3 for the South side. As these signals in certain minds were indistinctly heard it was subsequently arranged that HMS "Castor" lying in the river should repeat the same.. This as far as the Brigades are concerned has been found to work very well except that the general public are also at the same time informed that a disaster has occurred and crowd down to the Piers sometimes to the great inconvenience of Members working the Rocket Apparatus.

Previous to the foundation of our Brigades it was the custom of the Pilots to keep a look out in stormy weather and to judge for themselves the advisability of manning the lifeboats. Since then, with some exceptions they appear to depend upon the signals and as soon as they are heard the Boats are manned, not because they may be wanted but because the guns have been fired thereby throwing the onus of the cost to the Life Boat Fund on the present system of signals.

Last year an attempt was made to remedy this by fixing a mast close to our Watch House so that by hoisting certain lights the man in charge could indicate whether the vessel was inside or outside the So. Pier. This is a step in the right direction and should be persevered with until it has had a fair trial.

I think it would be unwise to complicate the present arrangement as suggested. The only alteration that might be attempted would be not to fire the Guns when the coastguard Official in charge thinks he has sufficient assistance to work the apparatus.

In making these remarks I must at the same time it is and always has been my wish that both these institutions should work together harmoniously and what tends to the efficiency of one should not be at the inconvenience of the other.

I shall be glad to have a further reply to my letter of Dec. 3rd 1878.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

S. Malcolm

The Assistant Secretary

Board of trade

BOARD OF TRADE PAYMENT

South Shields

Mar 17 1879

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter IN 18073 enclosing an order for £25 towards the Funds of the South Shields Life Brigade.

In reply I beg to thank the board of trade for this additional Grant to enable us to meet the heavy expenses in extending the Watch House.

Your obedient servant

S. Malcolm

The Assistant Secretary

Marine Department

BOARD TRADE GRANT YEAR ENDING 1878

South Shields

Nov 24 1879

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge with thanks your liberal grant of £40 to the funds of the So. Sh. Life brigade for the year ended June 30th last.

I am also desired to thank you on behalf the members and to express the pleasure it gives them to know that their services meet with the approval of the Board of Trade.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

S. Malcolm

The Assistant Secretary

Marine Department

WIDOWS OF THE PILOTS BENEFIT

South Shields Nov 25 1879

Dear Sir,

I brought your letter before a Meeting of the Life Brigade Committee this evening. I am requested to thank you very much for the kind offer of the Amateur Dramatic Society, but the Committee prefer that the whole of the profits of the proposed entertainments should be given to the widows and the orphans of the Pilots.

I am also desired to state that the Officers and Members (should you think well) will be very glad to give their portion of and support to so deserving an object and do what they can to make it a success.

I may also state that I have just received £40 from the Board of Trade towards the Life Brigade funds. This sum together with what we have in prospect will enable us to wipe off our debt.

Yours faithfully

S. Malcolm

W. McDonell

15 Victoria Terrace

LETTER FROM MALCOLM TO THE EDITOR OF THE SHIELDS GAZETTE

Shields Daily Gazette 6 Nov 1880

SOUTH SHIELDS VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE

We print letter to-day from the Secretary of the South Shields Volunteer Life every word of which we endorse. The public we are certain, need only to be reminded of their duty towards the gallant body organised for the rescue of life on our shore. It is perfectly natural that in the excitement of such a storm as that of last week spectators should lose their heads, and unthinkingly interfere with the work the Brigade. Now that the inconvenience has been pointed out, we trust the crowd will take upon themselves the privilege of protecting the Brigade in the discharge their duty when the misfortunes of storm-tossed mariners next call them to the beach. But, as Mr Malcolm very truly says, "no amount of writing will prevent the risk of crowding when a wreck is on shore. Although the curious are put upon their honour, something more is needed to give honour force. This was foreseen in the first Brigade established, and, as was pointed out in our history of the rise of the Life Brigades, yesterday, a rule was adopted which provides for the appointment of a number of men to protect those engaged with the rocket. The South Shields men will have to face the question in this practical form, and we have no doubt that the increased protection which it will afford, and the increased consideration from people generally which Malcolm's appeal is certain to produce, will prevent any room for complaint in the future. The South Shields Brigade has a record of rescues behind it which places in the foremost of rank such institutions—a rank which it is certain to maintain for so long there are stormy seas there will be brave men amongst us 'always ready' to face them when there is need.

THE SOUTH SHIELDS LIFE BRIGADE AND THE PUBLIC

To the Editor the Shields Daily Gazette

Sir, —Now that the excitement in connection with the recent storm has somewhat subsided, I trust you will give me space for few remarks especially as to the crowding of the public on the pier and the sands at shipwrecks. Under the exciting circumstances no amount of writing will prevent this. People will be attracted thither from a variety of causes, but it must occur to all sensible persons, after a moment's reflection, that the efforts of the Life Brigade should not be impeded those who, from impulsive curiosity, press upon them to see what being done.

In the case of saving the crew of the Isis, October 23, when the apparatus had to be worked the surf, the onlookers did not give room even to run the whipline on the dry sand, but came themselves to the water's edge and beyond. Every time a poor fellow was landed from the wreck there was a regular stampede over the brigadesmen and gear to see what he was like. At the wreck of the Harry Clem, at 8 p.m. the same day, a denser crowd collected, trampling over the ropes that were laid on the sand, and surrounding the rocket cart in such numbers that some of the members could with difficulty find it. Two rockets were thrown on board, but one of the crew told me none of their number knew what to do with the lines. They launched their boat, which a sea half filled, and managed to drift ashore in safety. This was an intense relief to us, for had their lives depended upon our efforts, we could have done very little for them, the gear being such a hopeless mass of entanglement from the cause above-mentioned. When life and death are trembling in the balance, when every moment is precious, and when every nerve is being strained by the rocket party to bring their efforts to successful issue, 'the public should be the last to give any possible cause for failure. The melancholy sequel to all this as seen in the five unfortunate spectators who should have been at their own firesides instead of being brought lifeless to the Brigade House is a lesson which, I trust, all concerned will take to heart. From what I know the number of victims might easily have been hundred.

In addition to the Coastguard, the Board of Trade some time ago invested two of the brigade officers with powers under the Merchant Shipping Act to deal with persons impeding or in any way interfering with the working of the rocket apparatus at wrecks. The offending parties are liable to a penalty of £50. My object in writing is to give this matter publicity, so that spectators at any future wrecks may know the responsibility they incur. I trust, however, that the "powers that be" may never have cause to put their authority to the test, but that the feelings of our common humanity will be sufficient to cause one and all to do nothing to jeopardize the lives of our fellow-creatures who, alas, are so often cast upon our shore,—I remain, yours faithfully,

S. Malcolm,

Honorary Secretary,

South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade,

NEW STORM CAPS

South Shields

September 16 1880

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter M 15575 transmitting an Order of H.M. Paymaster General for twenty nine pounds 9/2 (£29.9.2) being the contribution of the Board of Trade to funds of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade for the year ended June 30 last. I have the pleasure to forward the sincere thanks of the Officers and Members for the very liberal and timely grant which now places the Brigade in a healthy Financial position.

We contemplate spending some money on New Storm Caps and I shall be glad to be informed whether the Board of Trade had any experience as to the most suitable shape and material for the purpose.

I am Sir

Your obedient Servant

S. Malcolm

The Assistant Secretary

Marine Department

STORM CAPS AND THEIR DESIGN

South Shields November 1st 1880

Sir,

In reply to your letter (M 17390) requesting to be informed what defects had been found in the present helmet shaped caps. I have the honour to state that they are made a light drab water proof cloth with a good peak before and behind and applets' at the sides for covering the ears and tying under the chin in stormy weather. The material is tolerably water tight but soon becomes dirty and misshaped and gives a generally untidy appearance to the members. The original shape is all right and the hat is comfortable to wear. I think if a white stiff glazed material could be obtained it would *asunder* the purpose better.

I have also enclosed reports as to the wreck of the "Johanna" "Wonga" "Isis" and "Harry Clem". We had a fearful storm here last week and I have much satisfaction in reporting the the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade stuck manfully at their posts during many trying hours.

I have the honour to remain

Sir

Your obedient Servant

S. Malcolm

The Assistant Secretary

Marine Department

BENEFIT FOR WIDOWS

South Shields

December 18 1880

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 14th inst. was brought before a meeting of the Life Brigade Committee this evening

It was the general feeling of the members that they would gladly have given their patronage to your entertainment if it had been to assist the Funds of the Tyne Widows and orphan Fund of Shipwrecked mariners instead of the special case you mention. Great efforts have already been made for those belonging to the unfortunate crews of the Steam trawlers and in addition to these, the above Fund has granted £150 to the widows and orphans. Other claims from South Shields alone amount to £1000. For the year and to meet which I am given to understand encroachments have been made on the Invested Capital. The Tyne Fund is to meet all cases belonging its ports. Whether the accident happen here or it may be in China or elsewhere. I take the liberty of mentioning these things not because we do not feel deeply for those you wish to assist but for the information of your club.

I remain

Dear Sir Yours faithfully

S. Malcolm

C.H. Parker Esq.

Hon. Secretary

Jesmond Cricket Club

PURCHASE OF NEW HELMETS

South Shields

July 6th 1881

Dear Sir,

I duly received the Helmet and it will be submitted to the committee tomorrow night. Until then I cannot say anything definite as to ordering Helmets for the whole of the Brigade. I note your charge is 7/3 which is more than I expected, I don't quite understand the postscript to your letter which says " There being both more material and more work in the helmet makes a difference of nine pence more which is the lowest. I can quote for any number etc. What other Helmet are you comparing it with? It seems the same as one sent me by the Board of Trade and does the difference of nine pence more mean 8/- each. An early reply will oblige.

Yours faithfully

S. Malcolm

Mr. Goy

Outfitter

Leadenhall St

London

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PAYMENT OF GRANT BY THE BOARD OF
TRADE FOR 1880

South Shields August 22nd 1881

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter (M19383) enclosing an order on H.M. Paymaster General for the sum of £25 being the contribution from the Board of Trade to the funds of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade for the year ended June 30th last.

I have also to thank you for the loan of the specimen Helmet which will be returned to your stores at Poplar in due course. A similar cap has been adopted and ordered for the members of this Brigade.

I remain etc.

S. Malcolm

The assistant secretary

Board of Trade

THE FIRING OF THE SIGNAL GUNS AT TYNEMOUTH

South Shields October 6th 1881

My Dear Sir,

Considerable excitement was caused here by the Signal Guns being fired about 7 o'clock last night. Our Brigadesmen ran down to the Pier expecting a wreck had occurred but nothing of that sort could be seen.

I notice in the paper tonight that it had reference to a Special Drill at Tynemouth and that you were present.

Before taking any steps in the matter I write to ask if you would be good enough to let me know the real facts of the case as the newspaper may have given an incorrect version of the affair.

With kind regards

Yours very faithfully

S. Malcolm

Captain Johnson RN

Sunderland

SIGNAL GUNS BEING MISUSED

South Shields Oct 11 1881

My dear Sir

Our town was thrown into a state of great commotion by the firing of the Signal Guns last week. The So Shields Brigade rushed down to the Pier expecting a wreck had occurred, but nothing could be seen. I learnt after from the newspaper that it was in connection with a Special Drill of the Tynemouth Brigade and certain signals were made to see how quickly the men could muster in cases of a wreck. I can hardly fancy that such an experiment would be tried nowadays and there must have been some mistake. One report I heard was that a vessels towline had broken and she was in danger. As you will however have a correct idea of the real facts of the case, I shall be glad on behalf of our men if you would kindly give me any information to lay before the Committee.

Yours very faithfully

S. Malcolm

J. F. Spence

North Shields

REPLY TO CAPTAIN JOHNSON R.N.

So Shields Oct 17 1881

My dear Johnson,

I am very much obliged for your letter of explanation. I have also a letter from Mr Spence who confirms your statement as to his share in the transaction but he blames the "Castors" people for repeating the signal.

This is not the first Special Drill which has disturbed our equanimity over here owing to the guns being fired and while we are willing to turn out at any time when it is unfortunately necessary we have a decided objection to false alarms. In sending off my Returns of the recent wreck I have taken the opportunity of suggesting to the Board of Trade that an order should be issued prohibiting the signals except in case of Shipwreck or some practical experiment which may be previously agreed upon by all parties concerned. The matter will doubtless be referred back to you for consideration and I think your opinion will confirm the necessity of some such arrangement.

Yours very faithfully

S. Malcolm

Capt. Johnson RN

Letter to Mr. Spence of North Shields

South Shields Oct 17 1881

My dear Sir,

I am much obliged for yours of the 13th inst. It is unfortunate the "Castors" gunner made such a mistake. There is a very strong feeling amongst our men that every precaution should be taken to avoid the guns being fired except for the purpose they were originally intended.

In sending off the returns of the recent wreck I have suggested to the Board of Trade that Signals should only be used in case of Shipwreck or for some practical experiment which may be previously agreed upon by all parties concerned.

Yours vey faithfully

S. Malcolm

J. F. Spence Esq

North Shields

LETTER TO THE BOARD OF TRADE REGARDING THE FIRING OF
SIGNAL GUNS

South Shields Oct 17 1881

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose particulars of the Services rendered by The South Shields Life Brigade at the wreck of the "Atlantic" on the 14th inst.

I also take the opportunity of drawing your attention to a Special Drill of the Tynemouth Life Brigade on the 6th inst in which some Cotton Powder Signals were discharged and were repeated by the Guns of HMS "Castor" causing considerable commotion in the Town and also a needless rush for our Brigade to the South Pier. We are willing at any time and in any weather when it is unfortunately necessary, but we have a decided objection to false alarms. I therefore respectfully suggest whether the Board of Trade should not take into consideration the advisability of issuing an order prohibiting these signals except in the case of Shipwreck or some practical experiment previously agreed upon by all parties concerned.

I remain etc.

S. Malcolm

The Assistant Secretary

Marine Department

EXTENSION OF RAILINGS AND THE INSTALLATION OF GATES TO THE SOUTH PIER

South Shields October 29th 1881

Dear Sir,

A few years ago the Tyne Commissioners were asked to pay for an Iron Railing along the North Side of the South Pier for protection of members of the Life Brigade while on duty in stormy weather. At that time the question of expense was raised as an objection to the suggestion. It was however ultimately decided as the head of the Pier was the most dangerous during the prevalence of South Easterly gales that that part should be proceeded with and for which the Members have felt very grateful. Since then there has been a growing feeling which has been intensified during the recent gales that the Railings should be extended East and West.

I therefore respectfully ask that the Commission should once more take this matter into their serious consideration. It is also very advisable that Gates should be fixed in such a position as would prevent the public crowding on to the Pier in the case of Shipwrecks. On these occasions they assemble in such numbers that the operations of the Brigade are much impeded in consequence. Please bring this matter before the Commissioners at your earliest convenience and oblige.

Yours very faithfully,

S. Malcolm

P. Unwin Esq

Tyne Commission

PERMISSION TO HOLD SERVICES ON SUNDAY EVENING

South Shields March 2nd 1882

Dear Sir

Replying to your application of January 6th it gives me much pleasure to inform you that the Committee of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade has consented to allow religious services to held in the Watch House for one hour on Sunday evening, under the auspices of the South Shields Town and River Mission.

The Brigade committee reserves the right of withdrawing its consent to this arrangement, due and convenient notice of which would be given.

Yours faithfully

S. Malcolm

Mr. T. Alderson

37 CharlotteSt.

FORWARDING THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRADE

August 5th 1882

Sir.

I beg to enclose for the information of the Board of Trade the Annual Report of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade for the year ended June 30th last and in doing so would respectfully direct the attention of the Board to the paragraph having reference to the Ambulance Corps recent established in connection with our Brigade.

I would also remind the Board that the New Waist Belts so long promised have not yet been received.

I enclose particulars of a small wreck service rendered on the 2nd inst..

Yours etc.

S Malcolm

The Assistant Secretary

Board of Trade

GRANT PAYMENT BY THE BOARD OF TRADE FOR YEAR 1881

South Shields September 11 1882

Sir

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter (M18788) enclosing an order on H.M, Paymaster General for the sum of £50 as the contribution from the Board of Trade to the funds of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade for the year ended June 30 last. I am desired to thank you for this liberal grant and to express the pleasure of the Committee and the members that their services during the past year have given satisfaction.

Yours obedient Servant

S. Malcolm

The Assistant Secretary

Marine Department

LINE THROWING GUN BY LOW & DUFF OF DUNDEE

South Shields

30th November 1882

Dear Sir

Yours of the 25th inst. is to hand. I was very sorry not to be well enough to see you when you called here the other week.

With regard to your Gun and its adoption by our Life Brigade I think I pointed out to you at Tynemouth that your proper course would be to get it tried officially by the Board of Trade.

However highly we might approve of it and think it admirably adopted from what I saw, for throwing a line. Yet none of us would undertake the responsibility of attempting to save a shipwrecked crew with it, without the Board of Trade sanction.

Our gear is all kept in order by the Coastguard and therefore no notice whatever would be taken of your invention unless they got orders from Headquarters.

Therefore as I said before your first step should be as indicated above.

Yours faithfully

S. Malcolm

Mr. W. Sturwick

Messer's Low and Duff

Dundee

LETTER TO THE BOARD OF TRADE REGARDING THE GUN INVENTED
BY LOW & DUFF

December 13th 1882

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (M29746) inclosing copy of letter from Messer's Duff & Low to you and also one from me to them.

In reply to your request I have to state that the meaning of my letter has been misconstrued which is perfectly excusable owing to the usual enthusiasm of inventors.

From my official position in the South Shields Brigade and from my 17 years' experience of shipwrecks on the Coast. I have been designedly careful in giving an opinion either verbal or written as to the merits of Messer's Low & Duffs gun for Life Brigade Service and while stating that it is admirably adopted for throwing a line as exhibited in the trials of Tynemouth, yet that is a totally different thing from being admirably adapted for doing the same at shipwreck.

Messer's Low & Duffs application to me was to purchase a gun for the use of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade and my reply was the only one that occurred at the time of writing, and was merely a hurried note, neither intended nor expected by me to be copied and forwarded to the Board of Trade, but merely a guide them as to the steps they should take in the interests of their invention.

That being so it would be premature to say whether or not, or under what circumstances it would sail better than the present Rocket.

Although I have formed an opinion yet my idea is that you will probably some official trial as in the case of another inventor a few years ago, either at Shoebury ness or perhaps here. If the latter then I shall be very glad to report as to its merit or otherwise.

Apart from the question of the use of the invention at wrecks. I wish to repeat what I said in my letter to Messes Low & Duff that having seen it used at before mentioned trials I think it is admirably adopted for throwing a line and would be most useful for ships at sea, and also under certain conditions for a stranded vessel communicating with the shore.

I have the honour to remain

Sir, Your obedient Servant

S. Malcolm

The Assistant Secretary

Marine Department

PROPOSED SIGNALS BETWEEN THE BRIGADE AND LIFEBOAT

February 13th 1883

Dear Sir,

With a view to establish a signal between the Life Boats and the Volunteer Life Brigade, that the latter may know when the former have taken the crew from a wrecked vessel. I beg to suggest for the consideration of the "Tyne Life Boat Trustees" the advisability of each coxswain carrying in his jacket pocket a long Light such as I send for your inspection. It will burn for 20 minutes, If this considered too large, a vessels blue light might answer the purpose; this is easily ignited and will burn in any weather.

If this done as soon as the last man is into the lifeboat it would avoid the unnecessary labour and anxiety which the Brigade have been subjected to not only at the recent Wrecks but from former occasions.

Yours faithfully

S. Malcolm

Hon. Secretary

G. Lyall Esq.

Secretary

Tyne Life Boat Trustees

THOMAS HEWETTS BRONZE MEDAL AWARD

February 15 1883

Dear Sir

Referring to your recent inspection of the South Shields Life Brigade and your presentation of a Bronze Medal to Thomas Hewett Coastguard awarded by the Board of Trade for his gallantry at the wreck of the schooner "Flid".

I wish to state for the information of the Board of Trade that the members of the Brigade feel very much disappointed that no award was made to Humphrey Ashton whose services on the same occasion have already been reported.

I have seen his exertions at several wrecks and if his case can be favourably recommended it will be encouraging to him and pleasing to us.

Yours faithfully

S. Malcolm

Captain Denny R.N.

Inspecting Commander

Sunderland

NEW L.S.A. HOUSE

April 12 1883

Dear Sir,

I beg to remind you of the conversation we had some time ago as to the necessity of enlarging the Rocket House here. When the Waggon is inside there is hardly room to move about and the Coastguard continually complain that they have no proper place to dry the Gear. After the numerous wrecks we had in December it was 3 weeks before the ropes were in proper working order.

The enclosed tracing shows the existing buildings when they were enclosed with the Iron Railings. I arranged them so that this Extension might be carried out without having to apply for additional ground as shown in Red.

Yours faithfully

S. Malcolm

Capt. Denny R.N.
Inspecting Commander
Sunderland

COMMENTS ON NEW L. S.A. HOUSE

Nov 20 1883

Sir,

I have seen the Plan of the Proposed New Rocket Cart House in substitution for the present wooden building and take the liberty of pointing out a few things which I think require further consideration.

The desire for a change is because the existing house is too small. To condemn it and build a new one is, I submit a dear way of only procuring 6 feet additional length. We have the ground and it would be a great pity not to take full advantage of it. The accommodation proposed in the Brick building is not sufficient for this important Rocket Station.

I pointed out in my letter to the late Commander Denny the difficulty the Coastguard have in drying the Gear after wrecks. My plan suggested an additional room of wood for this purpose which could however be of brick. The present house with some repairs at the ground line will last a few years yet and when unfit for use could be replaced with a brick building in continuation of the room now proposed. I also think it would be better to defer the alteration till the spring not only because the "wreck season" is near but also because it is the worst time to build brickwork. I return my tracing with the Brick House shown in Red. for comparison. Our Brigade House is somewhat ornamental in appearance and the new house should have a similar character. In any case the window nearest the Brigade House should be removed to the opposite side and a small doo substituted as at present.

The Design for which Tenders have been asked is probably found to answer in size and appearance for the generality of places but this station is an exception for the reasons stated above.

Your obedient servant,

S. Malcolm

The Assistant Secretary

Board of trade

CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING NEW L.S.A. HOUSE

June 28 1884

Sir

In reply to yours of yesterday's date I have very little to add to my letters of April 12 and Nov 20 1883 the reasons then given still hold good and are approved of by the VLB Committee.

You have already a plan showing my views of the arrangement for the extension in wood from which your architect can design a similar building in brick, stone or rubble. I would suggest brick plastering outside with cement.

Although this is a question with which the Life Brigade is only indirectly interested, I therefore fully appreciate the actions of the B of Trade in consenting to reconsider my suggestions which have from the first been given solely with the view of getting a suitable Rocket Cart House for this important Coastguard Station.

Your obedient Servant

S. Malcolm

The Assistant Secretary

Board of Trade

TIME OF MONTHLY DRILLS

South Shields

November 8 1890

Sir,

I am desired by the Committee to forward to the Board of Trade the enclosed letter received from the Coastguard Officer at this station.

It has been the custom of this Brigade since it's formation to fix it's own time for the monthly exercise of the Rocket Apparatus. It was considered advisable at the last Annual Meeting that the hour should be 6p.m. throughout the year, which would ensure a larger muster and also accustom the junior members to work the Apparatus in the dark during the winter.

There is a very strong feeling among the officer and the committee as to action of the inspecting commander in sending me such a curt, peremptory order ----- Station Officer.

There is also a principal involved which infringes upon an old custom and it is necessary in the interests of the Brigade that the matter should be decided as soon as possible.

I called the last Drill at 4 o'clock only to avoid the probability of the Members not being allowed to use the Apparatus

Yours faithfully

S. Malcolm

The Assistant Secretary

Marine Department

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