

FALKIRK ARCHIVES

Local authority records

Water Local Authorities Finding Aid

This finding aid lists the records of the separate water authorities in the Falkirk area from 1892 to 1975. Sewage and drainage plans are listed in the finding aids for the relevant town councils as these are the records of the relevant Burgh Surveyor, the Burgh Engineer or the Sanitary Inspector. Additional records concerning water, sewage and drainage can also be found in the finding aids for Falkirk Feuars and Falkirk Stentmasters

Records of successor bodies and related central government water authorities are held by the National Archives of Scotland and by Scottish Water.

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Administrative history of water supplies

Water supply, sewerage and river pollution control was the responsibility of local authorities until the creation of Scottish Water in 2002, but central government exercised considerable control over the functions and activities of the local authorities. Water in towns was the responsibility of the town councils. Parochial boards were given water responsibilities under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867 which also set up the Scottish Board of Health. The Local Government (Scotland), Acts, 1899 and 1894, the Burgh Police (Scotland) Acts, 1892 and 1903, the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897 and the Burgh Sewerage Drainage and Water Supply (Scotland) Act, 1901 each gave greater powers to the Scottish Board of Health and by 1914 the Scottish Board of Health was responsible for approving the creation of special water, lighting, and scavenging districts within landward areas, and approving local byelaws concerning the regulation of pigsties, offensive trades, common lodging houses, accommodation for agricultural workers and temporary accommodation for seasonal workers. The Board was replaced by the Department of Health for Scotland in 1929. Subsequent legislation provided grants to local authorities to improve water supplies

The Water (Scotland) Act, 1946, made the Scottish Secretary responsible for all aspects of the public water supply service, including the quality and quantity of water, the approval of new works and obtaining co-operation between local authorities through joint boards. The Act also required every house to be provided with an inside water supply and prohibited the building of any new house without an inside supply. The Water (Scotland) Act, 1949 further extended the powers and functions of the Scottish Secretary.

In 1967 the Central Scotland Water Development Board was set up to supply more water for sale to Local Authorities and local water boards and trusts were replaced by regional boards. In 1975 as part of local government re-organisation, the nine Regional Councils and Islands Councils were given responsibility for the control of public water supply, sewerage and sewage disposal. In 1996 three new water authorities were created - East, West and North of Scotland Water to take over water and wastewater services from the former Regional Councils. In 2002 Scottish Water replaced these water authorities.

{Source: Scottish Archives Network: www.scan.org.uk}

Falkirk & Larbert Water Trust

Falkirk & Larbert Water Trust was established in 1888 following the Falkirk & District Water Act, 1888. It was replaced in 1921 by the Stirlingshire and Falkirk Water Trust.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A285.03	12 Nov 1900-28 Oct 1901	Minutes of Trustees
A812.005/01	1892-1894	Minutes of Reconstruction Committee
A812.005/02	1893-1905	Minutes of Finance Committee
A812.005/03	1893-1905	Minutes of Works Committee
A812.005/04	1888-1902	Minutes
A812.005/05	1902-1919	Minutes
A812.005/06	1900-1901	Minutes
A812.005/07	1901-1902	Minutes
A812.005/08	1902-1903	Minutes
A812.005/09	1905-1906	Minutes
A812.005/10	1906-1907	Minutes
A812.005/11	1907-1908	Minutes
A812.005/12	1908-1909	Minutes
A812.005/13	1909-1910	Minutes
A812.005/14	1910-1911	Minutes
A812.005/15	1911-1912	Minutes
A812.005/16	1912-1913	Minutes
A812.05/17	1913-1914	Minutes
A812.005/18	1914-1915	Minutes
A812.005/19	1915-1916	Minutes
A812.005/20	1916-1917	Minutes
A812.005/21	1917-1918	Minutes
A812.005/22	1918-1919	Minutes
A812.005/23	1919-1920	Minutes
A812.005/24	1920-1921	Minutes
A812.005/25	1888-1921	Abstracts of Accounts
A1148.001	22 Aug 1888-02 May 1898	Scroll Minute Book No 1 (draft minutes)
A1148.002	25 Jul 1893-13 May 1901	Scroll Minute Book No 2 (draft minutes)
A1148.003	10 Jun 1901-13 Oct 1903	Scroll Minute Book No 3 (draft minutes)
A1148.004	30 Aug 1888-05 Jun 1893	Committee Minute Book
A066.012	1892-1900	Letter book (wet copy) of James Wilson, (Falkirk Town Clerk) as secretary of Falkirk Water Trust
A1263.001	14 Mar 1891-1894	Letter book No 2
A1263.002	1894-1899	Letter book No 3
A1263.003	1899-1901	Letter book No 4
A1263.004	Mar 1901-Nov 1901	Letter book No 5
A1263.005	Nov 1901-Sep 1902	Letter book No 6
A1263.006	Sep 1902-Apr 1903	Letter book No 7
A1263.007	04 May 1903-08 Mar 1904	Letter book No 8
A1263.008	08 Mar 1904-20 Apr 1906	Letter book No 9
A1263.009	24 Apr 1906-12 May 1908	Letter book No 10
A1263.010	24 Oct 1911-19 Jan 1920	Letter book No 12
A1263.011	19 Jan 1920-19 Nov 1921	Letter book No 13
A1263.012	Sep 1888-Jan 1901	Cash book No 1
A1263.013	Feb 1901-Sep 1909	Cash book No 2
A1263.014	Sep 1909-Nov 1921	Cash book No 3

A1263.015
A1263.016
A1263.017
A1263.018
A1263.019

Ledger No 1
Ledger No 3
Ledger No 4
Ledger No 5
Treasurer's Letter Book

A233.009/01 29 Jul 1890

Photocopy of invitation to banquet at Falkirk
Town Hall to celebrate opening of Little
Denny Water Works issued to J T Borland

A233.009/2 29 Jul 1890

Photocopy of menu for banquet at Falkirk
Town Hall to celebrate opening of Little
Denny Water Works

Stirlingshire & Falkirk Water Board

Stirlingshire & Falkirk Water Board was set up in 1921. It took over the responsibilities of the Falkirk & Larbert Water Trust and in turn it was replaced by the Mid-Scotland Water Board in 1967/68.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Brief Description</i>
A812.005/26	1921-1923	Minutes
A812.005/27	1923-1924	Minutes
A812.005/28	1924-1925	Minutes
A812.005/29	1925-1926	Minutes
A812.005/30	1926-1927	Minutes
A812.005/31	1927-1928	Minutes
A812.005/32	1928-1929	Minutes
A812.005/33	1929-1930	Minutes
A812.005/34	1930-1931	Minutes
A812.005/35	1931-1932	Minutes
A812.005/36	1932-1933	Minutes
A812.005/37	1933-1934	Minutes
A812.005/38	1934-1935	Minutes
A812.005/39	1935-1936	Minutes
A812.005/40	1936-1937	Minutes
A812.005/41	1937-1938	Minutes
A812.005/42	1938-1939	Minutes
A812.005/43	1939-1940	Minutes
A812.005/44	1940-1941	Minutes
A812.005/45	1941-1942	Minutes
A812.005/46	1942-1943	Minutes
A812.005/47	1943-1944	Minutes
A812.005/48	1944-1945	Minutes
A812.005/49	1945-1946	Minutes
A812.005/50	1946-1947	Minutes
A812.005/51	1947-1948	Minutes
A812.005/52	1948-1949	Minutes
A812.005/53	1949-1950	Minutes
A812.005/54	1950-1951	Minutes
A812.005/55	1951-1952	Minutes
A812.005/56	1952-1953	Minutes
A812.005/57	1953-1954	Minutes
A812.005/58	1954-1955	Minutes
A812.005/59	1955-1956	Minutes
A812.005/60	1956-1957	Minutes
A812.005/61	1957-1958	Minutes
A812.005/62	1958-1959	Minutes
A812.005/63	1959-1960	Minutes
A812.005/64	1960-1961	Minutes
A812.005/65	1961-1962	Minutes
A812.005/66	1962-1963	Minutes
A812.005/67	1963-1968	Minutes
A812.005/68	1954-1958	Cash Book
A812.005/69	1921-1932	Abstract of accounts
A812.005/70	1937-1938	Abstract of accounts
A812.005/71	1939-1940	Abstract of accounts

A812.005/72	1943-1944	Abstract of accounts
A812.005/73	1944-1945	Abstract of accounts
A812.005/74	1945-1946	Abstract of accounts
A812.005/75	1947-1948	Abstract of accounts
A812.005/76	1948-1949	Abstract of accounts
A812.005/77	1960-1961	Abstract of accounts
A812.005/78	1963-1964	Abstract of accounts
A812.005/79	1964-1965	Abstract of accounts
A812.005/80	1965-1966	Abstract of accounts
A812.005/81	1966-1967	Abstract of accounts
A812.005/82	1967-1968	Abstract of accounts
A1264	1921-1967	Letter books. Ledgers
A1264.001	10 Jan 1923-21 Jan 1924	Letter Book No 2
A1264.002	23 Jan 1924-23 Dec 1925	Letter Book No 3
A1264.003	23 Dec 1925-31 Dec 1929	Letter Book No 4
A1264.004	31 Dec 1929-25 Nov 1932	Letter Book No 5
A1264.005	29 Nov 1932-11 Dec 1934	Letter Book No 6
A1264.006	12 Dec 1934-20 Jan 1936	Letter Book No 7
A1264.007	20 Jan 1936-14 Jan 1937	Letter Book No 8
A1264.008	14 Jan 1937-26 Mar 1938	Letter Book No 9
A1264.009	28 Mar 1938-07 Apr 1939	Letter Book No 10
A1264.010	17 Apr 1939-29 Feb 1940	Letter Book No 11
A1264.011	18 Mar 1942-26 Oct 1943	Letter Book No 14
A1264.012	26 Oct 1943-03 Feb 1947	Letter Book No 13 (sic)
A1264.013	15 Nov 1949-07 Dec 1951	Letter Book No 15
A1264.014	07 Dec 1951-26 Aug 1953	Letter Book No 16
A1264.015	31 Aug 1953-04 Feb 1956	Letter Book No 17
A1264.016	07 Feb 1956-17 Mar 1959	Letter Book No 18
A1264.017	06 Mar 1959-23 May 1962	Letter Book No 19
A1264.018	23 May 1962-08 Sep 1967	Letter Book No 20
A1264.019	24 Nov 1938-29 May 1939	Collector's letter book No 4. Contains informaiton on valuations and rates
A1264.020	1927-1928	Abstract of accounts
A1264.021	1921-1925	Ledger No 1
A1264.022	1926-1931	Ledger No 2
A1264.023	1932-1938	Ledger No 3
A1264.024	1939-1945	Ledger No 4
A1264.025	1945-1952	Ledger No 5
A1264.026	1952-1957	Ledger No 6
A1264.027	1957-1962	Ledger No 7
A1264.028	1921-1926	Cash Book No 1
A1264.029	1926-1930	Cash Book No 2
A1264.030	1930-1937	Cash Book No 3
A1264.031	1937-1942	Cash Book No 4
A1264.032	1942-1947	Cash Book No 5
A1264.033	1947-1951	Cash Book No 6
A1264.034	1951-1957	Cash Book No 7
A1264.035	1958-1961	Cash Book No 8
A1264.036	1961-1964	Cash Book No 9
A066.111	1936-1937	Petition of Stirlingshire and Falkirk Water Board against Grangemouth Burgh Extension & c
A233.008/01	12 Jul 1939	Photocopy of letter, Falkirk Town Clerk to J T

A233.008/02 14 Jul 1939

Borland concerning opening of Carron Valley
Reservoir
Photocopy of programme for opening of
Carron Valley Reservoir by Rt Hon John
Colville MP, Secretary of State for Scotland

Mid Scotland Water Board

Replaced the Stirlingshire & Falkirk Water Board in 1968.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A812.005/83	1968-1969	Minutes
A812.005/84	1969-1970	Minutes
A812.005/85	1970-1971	Minutes
A812.005/86	1971-1972	Minutes
A812.005/87	1972-1973	Minutes
A812.005/88	1973-1974	Minutes
A812.005/89	1974-1975	Minutes
A812.005/90	1968-1969	Abstracts of accounts
A812.005/91	1969-1970	Abstracts of accounts
A812.005/92	1970-1971	Abstracts of accounts
A812.005/93	1971-1972	Abstracts of accounts
A812.005/94	1972-1973	Abstracts of accounts
A812.005/95	1973-1974	Abstracts of accounts
A1265	1968-1975	Minutes, ledgers
A1265.001	1970-1971	General Cost ledger
A1265.002	1971-1972	General Cost ledger
A1265.003	1972-1973	General Cost ledger
A1265.004	1973-1974	General Cost ledger
A1265.005	1973-1974	Ledger
A1265.006	1973-1974	Vehicle ledger
A2089.001	1970-71	Capital Ledger
A2089.002	1971-72	Capital Ledger
A2089.003	1972-73	Capital Ledger
A2089.004	1973-74	Capital Ledger
A2089.005	1974-75	Capital Ledger