

82 Town Clerk directed to take up the matter of light at the north end of Albert Walk; repairs to No.2, St.Patrick's Villas; open gates at People's Park; question of Law Costs for the past 10 years; fencing of allotments at People's Park.

H. Byrne 12/4/43

A Meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to report to the County Manager in connection with Swimming Pools at Bray Head and bathing place, centre of Esplanade, met on Sunday, 14th March, 1943 at 3.30 p.m., at the Pools, and inspected both places.

A Meeting of the Sub-Committee was held in the Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 19th March, 1943, Cr. H.J. Byrne (in Chair); also Crs. Temple, E. Byrne, Bateman, Dempsey, J. Doyle, Craig, Stuart, Martin, Sayers.

83 Consultation with following members of Bray Cove S.C., Messrs. J. Groome, M. J. Maher and Dinnigan, took place. Mr. E. M. Murphy, Surveyor, was also present. After a long discussion on the heads of the proposals of the Swimming Club the following recommendation to be forwarded to the County Manager was passed unanimously:-

1. The letting to be a seasonal one.
2. The Club to place at the disposal of the Council or to spend, in the discretion of the Council, a proportion of the profits on the development of the Swimming Pools.
3. 2 representatives of the Bray Urban District Council to be on the Management Committee of the Cove Swimming Club.
4. A rent of £5 for first season.
5. The Cove Swimming Club to contribute £50 towards the erection of the Club house and to pay £5 per annum until the cost of erection of the Club house has been cleared.
6. The Engineer's estimate of the total cost of works to be carried out at the Cove is £190.

84 Letter from Mr. P. J. Morgan, Sec., Bray Swimming Club, re opening of central baths for Gents' bathing. Read.
It was decided to make the following recommendation to the County Manager:-

1. The letting to be a seasonal one.
2. The Club to place at the disposal of the Council or to spend in the discretion of the Council a proportion of the profits on the development of the baths.
3. 2 representatives of the Bray Urban District Council to be on the Management Committee of the Bray Swimming Club.
4. A rent of £5 for first season.
5. The gates on Sea-wall not to be kept closed unreasonably.
6. The charges for admission to be limited to Adults bathing-3d; Children under 14 years-1d.
7. The Club to be responsible for the proper upkeep and management of the baths.
8. The Engineer's estimate of the total cost of erecting spring board, gates, to open door on to sea-wall and distemper of room is £45.

H. Byrne 12/4/43

A Special Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council called "The Estimates" Meeting was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Wednesday, 31st March, 1943, at 7.30 p.m., pursuant to the following requisition:
"Bray. 26th March, 1943.

"Town Clerk, Bray U.D. Council, Bray.

Please convene a Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council, to be called "The Estimates" Meeting, for WEDNESDAY, 31st March, 1943, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering Estimate submitted by the Wicklow County Manager in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1944, and taking such action in connection therewith as may be considered advisable.

Signed: G.H.G. STUART: MAURICE DEMPSEY: E. BYRNE
PETER LEDWIDGE: JAMES J. DOYLE.

Present:-Councillors H.J. Byrne (in Chair), E. Byrne, Bateman, Dempsey, Doyle, Stuart, Martin, Craig, Temple and Ledwidge.

85 Requisition and Notice convening meeting. Read.

86 County Manager's estimate of rates for financial year ending 31st March, 1944, estimating for a TOWN & HARBOUR RATE of 19/3d in the Pound and a POOR RATE of 10s/7d in the Pound.
Circular and explanatory statement giving details of items in Estimate under each head.
Amended statement showing a TOWN & HARBOUR RATE of 14s/2d in the Pound.
The Council went into all the items seriatim and reduced various amounts which brought the Town & Harbour Rate Estimate down to 12/3d in the Pound. Estimate adopted as amended making a TOWN & HARBOUR RATE of 12s/3d and a POOR RATE of 10s/7d in the Pound.

87 Councillor H.J. Byrne proposed and Cr. Ledwidge seconded:-
"That we, the Bray Urban District Council, at the Estimates Meeting specially convened for the purpose hereby determine and adopt a TOWN AND HARBOUR RATE of 12/3d (Twelve Shillings and Three pence) and a POOR RATE of 10/7d (Ten Shillings and Seven pence) in the Pound for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1944, and, faced as we are with a deficit on this date of £14,258 we hereby decide to raise in our Estimates for the forthcoming financial year 1943/44 the sum of £4258 and we undertake to raise the balance of the said deficit, namely, £10,000, in four equal sums of £2,500 per year during the 4 financial years ending 1947/48".
Passed unanimously.

88 Letter from the Hotel & Boarding-house keepers protesting against proposed abolition of the contribution to the Irish Tourist Association for advertising. Read.

89 Councillor Bateman proposed and Cr. Doyle seconded:-
"That the sum for Public Lighting in Estimate be reduced from £1,350 to £450, for year ending 31st March, 1944". There voted FOR, Crs. Ledwidge, Bateman, Dempsey, Doyle, Stuart, Craig, H.J. Byrne-7- and AGAINST, Crs. E. Byrne, Temple and Martin-3. The Chairman declared the motion carried by 7 voting FOR to 3 AGAINST.

90 Cr. H.J. Byrne proposed and Cr. Dempsey seconded:-
"That the item of £2,700 in the Estimate for Scavenging be reduced to £2,000". There voted FOR, Crs. H.J. Byrne, Bateman, Dempsey, Doyle, Stuart and Craig-6- and AGAINST, Crs. Ledwidge, E. Byrne, Temple and Martin-4-. The Chairman declared the motion carried by 6 voting FOR to 4 AGAINST.

91 Cr. Doyle proposed and Cr. Dempsey seconded:- "That the item of £130 for bands of music in Estimate be left out and added to Scavenging Wages". There voted FOR, Crs. H.J. Byrne, Bateman, Dempsey, Doyle, Stuart and Craig-6- and AGAINST, Crs. Ledwidge, E. Byrne, Temple, Martin. The Chairman declared the motion carried by 6 voting FOR to 4 AGAINST.

- 92 Councillor H.J.Byrne proposed and Cr.Stuart seconded:-
 "That the Hot Sea Baths be closed for the whole year".
 There voted FOR, Councillors H.J.Byrne, Bateman, Dempsey, Doyle, Stuart,
 Craig and Martin-7-and AGAINST, Crs. Ledwidge, E.Byrne, Temple-3.
 The Chairman declared the motion carried by 7 voting FOR to 3
 AGAINST.
- 93 Councillor Martin proposed and Cr.Ledwidge seconded:-
 "That the item of £100 contribution to Irish Tourist Association
 "be included in Estimate".
 Councillor Dempsey proposed as an amendment and Cr.Craig seconded:-
 "That the amount be reduced to £50".
 There voted FOR the amendment, Councillors H.J.Byrne, Bateman, Dempsey,
 Doyle, Stuart and Craig-6-and AGAINST, Councillors Ledwidge, E.Byrne,
 Temple and Martin-4.
 The Chairman declared the amendment carried by 6 voting FOR to 4
 AGAINST and it was taken as a substantive motion on the same vot-
 ing.
- 94 The County Manager submitted a report from the Surveyor recommend-
 ing the appointment of a Housing Inspector of the Council's
 dwellings for recommendation from the Council.
 Read. The Council were unanimously of opinion that no such
 appointment be made.

H.J. Byrne
 12/4/43

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council
 was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Monday, 12th April, 1943, at 7.30
 o'clock p.m.

Present:- Councillors H.J.Byrne (in Chair), Ledwidge, Bateman,
 Dempsey, Craig, Stuart, Temple, Sayers, Martin, E.Byrne. (10).

- 95 Minutes of Meeting of 8th March, 1943. Signed.
 " " Spl. " "31st " " " "
 Votes of sympathy were passed with relatives of Late Mrs.M.Doyle;
 Mr.P.Kirwan; Mr.John Griffin and Mr.A.Fraser.
- 96 Councillor Sayers proposed and Councillor Dempsey seconded the
 adoption of Report of Special Committee of 19/3/1943 re Inspection
 of Swimming Pools at Bray Head and Baths at centre of Esplanade.
 Adopted unanimously.
- 97 Pursuant to notice of motion Councillor Martin proposed:-
 "That, in view of the existing heavy financial burden on the
 "Ratepayers of the Township we, the members of the Bray Urban
 "District Council, call upon the Minister for Local Government
 "and Public Health to abolish the Bray Urban District Council and
 "vest their powers and finances in the County Manager: such
 "powers and finances to be merged with those of the Wicklow County
 "Council and be administered by them through the County Manager".
 The Chairman asked for a seconder and, there being no seconder,
 the Chairman declared the motion fell through for want of a
 seconder.
- 98 County Manager's Order Book (General). Noted.
 " " (Finance). "
- 99 Letter dated 2/4/1943 (G.1483/4/43) from the Minister for Local
 Government sanctioning overdraft accommodation of £10,000 to 15th
 April, 1943, and letter from Manager, Hibernian Bank Ltd., convey-
 ing approval of his Directors in this matter. Read and noted.
 Councillor H.J.Byrne proposed and Councillor Dempsey seconded:-
 "That application be made to the Minister for Local Government
 "for sanction to overdraft on Revenue and Subsidiary Accounts of
 "£10,000 to 15th October, 1943". Passed unanimously.
- 100 Letter dated 5/2/43 (S.3581) from the Commissioner of Valuation
 stating he understands that the Minister for Industry and Commerce
 proposes to adjust, with retrospective effect, the overpayments
 made by the Local authorities on account of the inclusion in the
 Certificates of the valuations of "Small Dwellings" owned by those
 authorities. He had requested the local rating authorities
 concerned to furnish him with particulars of the total valuations
 of the "Small Dwellings" for the years 1933/34 &c., and will
 supply the Minister with the required particulars as soon as all
 the Councils have given the necessary information. Read and noted.
 The Town Clerk submitted statement showing a total of £15,242:10s
 @ 3d in the Pound over the 9 years from 1933/34 to year ended
 31/3/1942 on which Unemployment Assistance was raised and which
 will be allowed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce when
 the Commissioner of Valuation issues his certificate of valuation
 -this will be equivalent to £571:11:10d which has been taken
 credit for in the Poor Rate Estimate for the present financial
 year.
- 101 Copy of Auditor's Report and certified copies of Abstracts of
 A/c's of the Town of Bray Vocational Education Committee for the
 year ended 31/3/1942 submitted by the L.G.Department.
 Read and noted and left on table.
- 102 Letter from Mr.S.O'Meachair, C.E.O., Vocational Education Commee.,
 enclosing copy of letter from Councillor P.Martin explaining his
 non-attendance at meetings of Committee due to late working hours
 and being unable to arrive back in Bray in time to attend, which
 explanation was accepted by Committee. Noted. Councillor
 H.J.Byrne proposed and Clr.Sayers seconded:- "That Council
 "approve of Mr.Martin's explanation". Passed unanimously.

- 103 Report from Surveyor advising that an increase of 10% on her contract for scavenging and 10% on her contract for carting would be an equitable increase. He pointed out that the total amount of payments to Mrs. Roberts last year were:-
- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Scavenging contract ... | £ 715: 0: 0d |
| Carting (ordinary) ... | 187: 0: 6d |
| | <u>902: 0: 6d</u> |

The increased amount which would be payable to Mrs. Roberts would, therefore, be £90 in all. Surveyor's report submitted by County Manager to Council for recommendation thereon. Councillor E. Byrne proposed and Cllr. Ledwidge seconded:-

"That we recommend to the County Manager to grant the increase to Mrs. Roberts of 10%". There voted FOR, Councillors Sayers, Temple, E. Byrne, Ledwidge-4-, and AGAINST, Councillors Martin, Stuart, Doyle, Craig, Dempsey, Bateman and H.J. Byrne-7. The Chairman declared the motion lost by 7 voting AGAINST to 4 FOR.

- 104 The ~~proposed~~ agreement with Messrs. Wm. Toft & Sons Ltd. for site for amusements on Esplanade for ~~season~~ ^{past} season was fully considered.
- 105 Letter from General Manager, Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insoc. Ltd. enclosing form of "Appointment of Nominee" to attend and vote at 17th General Meeting. Read. Councillor Sayers proposed and Councillor H.J. Byrne seconded:-
- "That Councillor Edward Byrne be appointed to act as the "Council's nominee".
Passed unanimously.

H. Byrne
10/5/43

A Special Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Thursday, 22nd April, 1943, pursuant to the following requisition:

"To The Town Clerk,
Bray U.D.C.

"Please convene a Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council to be held in the Town Hall, Bray, on THURSDAY, 22nd April, 1943, at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering suitable steps to be taken in connection with proposed dismissal of 6 of the Council's employees of the extern staff.

Signed: D. SAYERS: JOHN TEMPLE: E. BYRNE
PETER LEDWIDGE: PATRICK MARTIN

Present:- Councillors H.J. Byrne, Ledwidge, E. Byrne, Stuart, Sayers, Dempsey, Bateman, Doyle, Martin and Temple, Craig (11).

- 106 Requisition and Notice Convening Meeting. Read. Councillor Sayers proposed and Councillor E. Byrne seconded:-
- "That we, the Bray Urban District Council, hereby recommends to the County Manager the vital necessity of retaining the present extern staff of the Council to maintain efficiently the scavenging and cleansing services of the Township. We further recommend the County Manager to effect the necessary adjustment in the Rates Estimate for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1944, and, in this connection, recommend a review of the proposed funding arrangement of the Debit Balance of £14,258 which the Council is of opinion could be more equitably distributed, to permit the retention of the six employees under notice of dismissal at present".

There voted FOR, Councillors Sayers, Martin, Ledwidge, Temple, E. Byrne-5- and AGAINST, Councillors Doyle, Craig, Stuart, Dempsey, Bateman, H.J. Byrne-6-. The Chairman declared the motion lost by 6 voting AGAINST to 5 FOR.

Votes of condolence were passed with relatives of Late Mrs. A.O. Reilly, Mr. M.J. Hoey, Mr. D. Harrison, Mr. E. Archibald and Mr. Hollinshead.

H. Byrne
10/5/43

A Special Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Monday, 3rd May, 1943, at 7.30 p.m., pursuant to the following requisition:

"Bray. 6th April, 1943

"To The Town Clerk,
Bray Urban District Council.

"Please convene a Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council to be held in the Town Hall, Bray, on MONDAY, 3rd May, 1943, at 7.30 p.m., for the purpose of making Town & Harbour and Poor Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1944, and taking such action in connection therewith as may be deemed advisable.

Signed: H.J. Byrne: E. Byrne: G.H.G. Stuart
Maurice Dempsey: Peter Ledwidge

Present:- Councillors H.J. Byrne (in Chair), E. Byrne, Temple, Bateman, Dempsey, Craig, Stuart, Martin, Sayers and Ledwidge (10).

- 107 Requisition and Notice convening meeting. Read.
- 108 List of Irrecoverables Town Rates, arrears, rebates, etc.,. Adjourned to Statutory Meeting.

Councillor H.J. Byrne proposed and Councillor Bateman seconded:-

"That we, the Bray Urban District Council HEREBY MAKE a TOWN and HARBOUR RATE of 12/3d (TWELVE SHILLINGS & THREEPENCE) in the Pound and a POOR RATE of 10/7d (TEN SHILLINGS & SEVENPENCE) in the Pound for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1944, as per Estimate of the County Manager adopted at Estimates Meeting of the Urban Council on 31st March, 1943.

"The TOWN & HARBOUR RATES and the several rates hereinbefore set forth were made by the Bray Urban District Council at their Meeting held this day, the same to be collected in two half-yearly moieties, that is to say, the first moiety on and after the 3rd day of May, 1943, and the second moiety on and after the 1st day of October next ensuing". *And that the Rate Book be sealed & signed by*

There voted FOR the Resolution Councillors Stuart, Dempsey, Bateman, Craig and H.J. Byrne-5- and AGAINST, Councillors Ledwidge, Sayers, Martin, Temple and E. Byrne-5. The Chairman gave his casting vote for the motion.

Councillor H.J. Byrne proposed and Councillor Bateman seconded:-

"That the Warrant now submitted for the collection of TOWN & HARBOUR RATES for year ending 31st March, 1944, be sealed and signed by the County Manager and handed to Mr. George J. Byrne, "Rate Collector". Passed, Councillor Temple dissenting

- 109 List of Irrecoverables Poor Rates, arrears, rebates, etc.,. Adjourned to Statutory Meeting. Councillor H.J. Byrne proposed and Councillor Bateman seconded:-
- "That we, the Bray Urban District Council HEREBY MAKE a TOWN & HARBOUR RATE of 12/3d (TWELVE SHILLINGS & THREEPENCE) and a POOR RATE of 10/7d (TEN SHILLINGS & SEVENPENCE) in the Pound for the year ending 31st March, 1944, as per Estimate of the County Manager adopted at Estimates Meeting of the Urban Council on 31st March, 1943.

"The POOR RATE and several Poor Rates hereinbefore set forth were adopted and are allowed by the Bray Urban District Council at their Meeting held this day, having first been certified by the Clerk to the Council to be in conformity with the valuations now in force, the same to be collected in two half-yearly moieties, that is to say, the first moiety on and after the 3rd day of May, 1943, and the second moiety on and after the 1st day of October next ensuing". Passed unanimously.

Councillor H.J. Byrne proposed and Councillor Bateman seconded:-

"That the Warrant now submitted for the collection of Poor Rates for year ending 31st March, 1944, be sealed and signed by the County Manager and handed to Mr. George J. Byrne, Rate Collector". Passed unanimously.

And that the Rate Book be sealed & signed by

H. Byrne
10/5/43

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Monday, 10th May, 1943, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-Councillors H.J.Byrne (in Chair), E.Byrne, Bateman, Dempsey, Stuart, Craig, Martin, Doyle, Temple, Ledwidge and Sayers-11.

- 110 Minutes of Meeting of 12th April, 1943. Circulated and signed.
" " Spl." 22nd " " Do.
" " " 3rd May " Do.
- 111 County Manager's Order Books submitted. Noted.
- 112 Letter dated 27/4/43 (G.1483/e/43) from Minister for Local Government sanctioning overdraft accommodation of £10,000 to 30/9/1943. Letter from Manager, Hibernian Bank Ltd., conveying approval of his Directors to this arrangement. Read and noted.
- 113 Letter dated 3/5/43 from Secretary, Bray Trades Council, embodying copy of resolution: Councillor Sayers proposed the adoption of the resolution and Councillor Temple seconded, as under:-
"We, the members of the Bray Trades Council, wish to draw the attention of the Electricity Supply Board to the anomaly existing between the Dublin and Bray rates of charges for electricity. We consider that the charges in Bray should bear a fair relation to the large numbers of consumers now in the District compared with the relatively small number of users at the time the Electricity undertaking was absorbed by the Electricity Supply Board and we request that the present charges for domestic consumption of electricity in the Bray District be immediately reduced".
Passed unanimously.
- 114 Letter from Mr. J. Dunne, Secretary, Bray Trades Council & Labour Party, asking reception of Deputation in connection with proposed dismissal of 6 men of Council's extern staff. Read. Deputation consisting of Messrs. W.P. Bergin, R.J. Connolly, D. McAleer, J. Byrne and J. Dunne attended and stated their case.
- 115 In connection with Irrecoverable Town & Poor Rates, arrears, rebates &c. the Council recommended that the County Manager enter into an agreement with defaulting Ratepayers by which an instalment of the arrears is paid together with the current year's rates: if this undertaking is not kept then legal proceedings to be instituted forthwith.
- 116 Signing of Town Rate Book for financial year ending 31/3/1944. Completed. Signed by Councillor J.J. Doyle.
- 117 File submitted by County Manager in connection with application of tenants of Nos. 1 to 8 O'Byrne Villas to have lane at the rear of their premises kept open. Recommend County Manager to restore position here as soon as possible when crops (if any) are removed.
- 118 Councillors Sayers and Bateman were appointed to act on the Management Committee of the Bray Cove Swimming Club and Councillors Ledwidge and H.J. Byrne to act on Bray Swimming Club.
- 119 Letter from Mr. E.W. Hosey for Mr. L. Breen, Electrical Contractor, asking permission to erect loudspeakers along Promenade or around the Bandstand to take the place of bands and to be permitted advertise Sweep programmes, etc., submitted by County Manager for recommendation. Recommend that County Manager make no order.
- 120 In connection with Public Lighting the Council agree to accept the County Manager's suggestion for all lights - except Pilot lights - to be extinguished until 31st August, 1943. Question of winter lighting adjourned to next Statutory Meeting.
- 121 Letter of 19/5/43 (S.740/14) from Min. for Supplies re Potato supplies stating the matter is one for the Department of Agriculture. Read. Town Clerk to write again to the Minister and draw his attention to the fact that quantities of potatoes are being carried by passenger trains to people able to pay the charges involved.
- 122 Question of legal charges raised by Cr. Craig referred to Co. Manager to take up with legal adviser.

The Adjourned Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 29th June, 1943, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-Councillors H.J. Byrne (in Chair), E. Byrne, Temple, G. Byrne, Ledwidge, Doyle, Craig, Stuart, Dempsey, Bateman, Martin, Sayers.

- 123 Minutes of Meeting of 10th May. Circulated and signed. Councillor E. Byrne proposed and Councillor H.J. Byrne seconded:-
"That we, the Bray Urban District Council, being aware of Cr. George Byrne's unavoidable absence through illness, hereby grant him six months leave of absence to cover period of non-attendance".
Passed unanimously.
- 124 County Manager's Order Books. Submitted.
- 125 Letter from Mr. E. Archer, Hon. Representative Royal Humane Society, asking that presentation of Award for Bravery be made to Mr. Geo. Ryan of 12, Harbour View for rescuing a boy from drowning in Harbour on 24/1/1943. Presentation made.
- 126 Letter from Town Clerk, Dungarvan U.D. Council, subjoining copy of resolution protesting against the individual allowance of $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of butter per week under the proposed Rationing Scheme, etc. Read.
- 127 Councillor H.J. Byrne proposed and Cr. Ledwidge seconded:-
"That we, the Bray Urban District Council, desire to place before the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs the great necessity for at least one switchboard additional to cope with the present demand for telephone service between Bray and Dublin and hope that this will be given effect to as soon as possible and, if possible, before the Summer season proceeds much further".
Passed unanimously.
- 128 Report of Committee in connection with Public Lighting during the Winter months adjourned to next Council Meeting.
- 129 Letter from Acting Secretary, Kerry County Council, appending copy of resolution requesting the Government to release the political prisoners at present on hunger strike, etc. No action taken the Chairman ruling the matter out of order.
- 130 Letter submitted by County Manager from Department of Defence pointing out that a special Whole-time A.R.P. Officer should be appointed for Bray @ £300 per annum for 6 months and thereafter if and as required, for recommendation from Council. Read.
Recommend to the County Manager to adopt Part 2 of the proposals sent forward by Mr. Devitt, Deputy Town Clerk.
- 131 File submitted by County Manager for recommendation from Council in regard to proposal to re-open lane at rear of Nos. 1-8, O'Byrne Villas. No order made.
- 132 In connection with inadequate transport facilities during the summer months to take people arriving in Bray by bus back to Dublin a deputation consisting of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillor G. Byrne and Town Clerk was appointed to interview the Minister for Supplies with a view to effecting some improvement in the position.

Bateman
12/7/43.

H. J. Byrne
29/6/43

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 29th June, 1943, immediately after the adjourned Statutory Meeting.

Present:-Councillors H.J.Byrne (in Chair), E.Byrne, Temple, G.Byrne, Ledwidge, Doyle, Craig, Stuart, Dempsey, Bateman, Martin, Sayers.

- 133 Councillor Bateman proposed and Councillor Dempsey seconded:-
"That Councillor H.J.Byrne be elected Chairman of Bray Urban District Council for one year or until his successor be appointed".
Councillor Geo. Byrne proposed and Councillor Martin seconded:-
"That Councillor P. Ledwidge be elected Chairman of Bray Urban District Council for one year or until his successor be appointed".
Councillor Temple proposed that Councillor Geo. Byrne be elected Chairman of Bray Urban District Council for one year or until his successor be appointed but Councillor G.Byrne did not allow his name to go forward.
There voted FOR Councillor H.J.Byrne, Councillors Bateman, Dempsey, Stuart, Craig, Doyle, H.J.Byrne-6; there voted FOR Councillor Ledwidge, Councillors Ledwidge, Martin, G.Byrne, Sayers, Temple, E.Byrne-6.
Voting being equal - 6 voting for Clr.Ledwidge and 6 for Clr. H.J. Byrne - and, on being decided by lot, Councillor Byrne's name was withdrawn from the hat and eliminated. The Chairman declared Clr. Ledwidge elected Chairman.
Declaration of Chairman was then taken by Councillor Ledwidge who then took the Chair.
- 134 Councillor H.J.Byrne proposed and Clr.Dempsey seconded:-
"That Councillor Bateman be elected Vice-Chairman of Bray Urban District Council for one year or until his successor be appointed".
Councillor Temple proposed and Clr.G.Byrne seconded:-
"That Councillor Sayers be elected Vice-Chairman of Bray Urban District Council for one year or until his successor be appointed".
There voted FOR Councillor Bateman:-Clrs.Bateman, Dempsey, Stuart, Craig, Doyle, H.J.Byrne-6; and FOR Clr. Sayers:-Clrs. Martin, G.Byrne, Sayers, Temple, E.Byrne, Ledwidge-6.
Voting being equal - 6 voting for Clr.Bateman and 6 for Clr.Sayers - and, on being decided by lot, Councillor Sayers' name was withdrawn from the hat and eliminated. The Chairman declared Clr. Bateman elected. Councillor Bateman then took the Declaration of Vice-Chairman.

J. Bateman
12/7/43

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Monday, 12th July, 1943, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-Councillors Bateman (in Chair), H.J.Byrne, Craig, Doyle, Temple, Dempsey, Martin and Sayers-8.

- 135 Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of 29th June, 1943. Signed.
" " Annual Meeting " " " "
Acknowledgments of votes of sympathy received from Mr. John Allen and Mr. J. Egan. Vote of sympathy passed with relatives of Late Mr. Matt Devlin.
136 County Manager's Order Book (General). Submitted.
" " " (Finance). " "
Manager's attention to be drawn to over expenditure at both Swimming places.
- 137 The Deputation which waited on the Minister for Supplies on 7th July, 1943 at his Office in Leinster House, for the purpose of discussing with him the matter of provision of additional transport to take people from Dublin to Bray and back during the summer reported that they had been received very favourably and had been assured that everything possible would be done in the matter, which assurance had since been implemented. Noted.
Councillor Bateman proposed and Clr. H.J.Byrne seconded:-
"That we, the Bray Urban District Council, return our very best thanks to Mr. Sean Lemass, T.D., Minister for Industry and Commerce, for the manner in which he received the Deputation appointed to interview him in connection with the restoring of the Sunday train service to Bray and for his kind acquiescence in complying with the Council's request so promptly".
Passed unanimously.
- 138 The question of Public Lighting was discussed at length; also the question of the number of lamps to be kept lighted within the amount allowed in Estimates, 1943/44 (i.e. £450, which sum to include cost of lighting from 1/4/43 to 31/8/43). Councillor H.J.Byrne proposed and Councillor Craig seconded:-
"That the Electricity Supply Board be informed that Bray Urban District Council has a sum of £450 to cover the cost of Public Lighting for the period from 1st April, 1943 to 31st March, 1944, and that the E. S. B. be asked to make the necessary adjustment in the lighting of the Town".
There voted FOR Councillors Dempsey, Doyle, Craig, H.J.Byrne, Bateman-5-and AGAINST, Councillors Martin, Sayers, Temple-3.
The Chairman declared the motion carried by 5 voting FOR to 3 AGAINST.
- 139 Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Sayers. Received.

Peter Ledwidge
9/8/43

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 9th August, 1943.

Present:-Councillors:- Ledwidge (in Chair), Sayers, Byrne G., Martin, Bateman, Dempsey, Stuart, Doyle, H.J. Byrne, E. Byrne, Temple-11.

- 140 Minutes of Meeting of 12th July, 1943. Signed.
Votes of condolence were passed with relatives of late Miss Mullally, Mrs. Whelan, Mrs. J. Byrne and Mr. C. Doyle
- 141 County Manager's Order Books submitted.
Councillor Temple proposed and Clr. G. Byrne seconded:-
"That the County Manager be asked to reconsider Mrs. Robert's application for increase of her contract for Scavenging and Carting".
There voted FOR, Clrs. G. Byrne, Temple, Sayers, E. Byrne, Ledwidge-5- and AGAINST, Clrs. H.J. Byrne, Martin, Bateman, Dempsey, Stuart, Doyle-6.
The Chairman declared the motion lost by 6 voting AGAINST to 5 FOR.
- 142 Pursuant to notice, Councillor Sayers proposed and Councillor Temple seconded:-
"That this Council urges the County Manager to obtain the necessary sanction for the payment of a gratuity, based on service and seniority, to the members of the extern staff who had their employment terminated without any remuneration after years of long, faithful and efficient service to the community and the Bray Urban District Council". Passed unanimously.
- 143 Councillor H.J. Byrne proposed and Clr. Ledwidge seconded:-
"That we, the members of the Bray Urban District Council, request the Minister for Local Government for permission to change the date of the Statutory Meeting from the second Monday in the month to the second Tuesday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.". Passed unanimously.
- 144 Questions were raised by Councillor H.J. Byrne regarding the apparent lack of supervision with regard to the extern staff. Discussion deferred to later date.
- 145 Complaint by Councillor G. Byrne regarding breaches of Council's Promenade, Esplanade and Seashore Bye-laws, as to Photographers, &c. Recommended that County Manager take steps to see that the Bye-laws are enforced.
- 146 Recommendation that Pilot light be provided at Wolfe Tone Square. To be conveyed to County Manager.
- 147 Disappointment was expressed by the members present that complaints made by them at various times have not been attended to. This expression of opinion to be conveyed to the County Manager.

Peter Ledwidge
14/9/43

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 14th September, 1943, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-Councillors Ledwidge (in Chair), E. Byrne, Sayers, Temple, Craig, J.J. Doyle, Dempsey, H.J. Byrne, Bateman, Stuart and Martin (11).

- 148 Minutes of Meeting of 9th August, 1943. Read and signed.
Acknowledgments of votes of condolence from Miss A. Mullally, Mrs. Turton, Mr. J.L. Robinson, Mr. A. Cullen, Mr. G. Doyle, Rev. Br. J.N. Allen and Mr. R. Clifton. Read.
Votes of sympathy were passed with the relatives of late Mr. Bailey, Mr. T. Kenny, Mrs. J. Cullen, Mr. Clifton, Mrs. P. Byrne, Mr. J. Ledwidge, Mrs. T. Brayton.
- 149 Letter dated 3/9/43. (G.3635/43) from the Minister for Local Govt., transmitting his Order under seal changing the date of the monthly meeting of the Urban District Council to the second Tuesday in each month. Read and noted.
- 150 County Manager's Order Books submitted.
Complaint by Councillor Sayers re dump; also complaints by Clrs. Bateman, Martin and Byrne re smells from sewerage. The County Manager asked Engineer to give explanation. Engineer made a lengthy statement in reply to complaints made. Chairman suggested to Co. Manager that enquiries should be made as to possibility of obtaining grant for Public Health Work.
- 151 Letter of 13/8/43 from the Wicklow County Manager enclosing printed detailed Schedule of proposed Emergency Employment Scheme showing proposals for Public Works for consideration by Council (in so far as Bray is concerned) and to make additions thereto, if considered necessary. Letter read. Copy of Schedule of proposed Emergency Employment Schemes to be circulated among members for their consideration.
- 152 Letter from Acting Town Clerk, Skibbereen U.D.C., appending copy of a Resolution adopted by his Council on 25/8/43 submitting to the Minister for Local Government that the County Management system during the 12 months in which it has been in operation has shown itself to be an unsatisfactory system for the discharge of public business, etc. etc. Proposed by Clr. P. Ledwidge and seconded by Clr. H.J. Byrne that the resolution be marked "Read". Passed unanimously.
- 153 Notice of motion by Councillor Sayers re insufficient Public Lighting service in Township. Received.
- 154 A number of complaints made by various Councillors were noted by the Deputy Town Clerk to be put before the Co. Manager for his consideration.

Peter Ledwidge
12/10/43

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 12th October, 1943, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Clr. P.Ledwidge (in Chair), G.Byrne, Sayers, H.J.Byrne, Craig, Martin, Dempsey, Bateman, E.Byrne, Doyle and Temple - 11.

- 155 Minutes of Meeting of 14/9/1943. Read and signed.
A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. Edward Farrell on the death of his wife.
Councillor H.J.Byrne suggested that Schedule of proposed Emergency and Post Emergency Employment Schemes (Item 151) be included on Agenda for next meeting.
- 156 County Manager's Order Books. Left on Table.
- 157 Pursuant to notice, Councillor Sayers proposed and Clr. E.Byrne seconded:-
"That this Council considers that it is not possible for the County Manager to provide an adequate or proper Public Lighting Service in the township within the present estimate of £450 and it is agreed, therefore, to authorize the County Manager to expend an additional amount of £400 on this particular service in the interests of the residents".
Councillor H.J.Byrne proposed as an amendment and Clr. Bateman seconded:-
"That the additional sum of £100 be provided to relieve the present lighting of the Town".
There voted FOR the amendment: Councillors H.J.Byrne, Craig, Doyle, Dempsey, Bateman, Ledwidge-6-, and AGAINST, Clrs. G.Byrne, Sayers, Martin, Temple, E.Byrne-5. The amendment was declared carried by 6 voting FOR to 5 AGAINST, and it was carried as a substantive motion on the same voting.
- 158 Councillor P.Ledwidge was appointed on the Maternity & Child Welfare Committee in place of Clr. Maurice Dempsey who failed to attend any meeting since his appointment on Committee.
- 159 Letter from Mr. P.J.Hernon, City Manager & Town Clerk, Dublin City Council, appending resolution adopted at meeting on 6/10/43 as under:
"That, having regard to the changed political status of this Country we the elected representatives of the Capital City of Ireland request the Government to have the monument to the late English Queen Victoria removed from its site in front of the Parliament House and to have a fitting memorial to Lord Edward Fitzgerald erected in its stead in front of his family home".
That copies of this resolution be forwarded to An Taoiseach; the Minister for Local Government and to the County, Urban, Borough and Local Councils throughout Ireland". Read.
Councillor Martin proposed the adoption of the resolution and Clr. Ledwidge seconded.
Clr. H.J.Byrne proposed and Clr. Craig seconded:- "That it be marked Read". There voted FOR the amendment Councillor H.J.Byrne-1-, and AGAINST, Clrs. G.Byrne, Sayers, Martin, Bateman, Temple, E.Byrne, Ledwidge, 7-, 3 not voting. The original was carried as a substantive motion by 7 voting FOR to 1 AGAINST.
- 160 File submitted by County Manager with letter from L.G. Department and Report of L.G. Inspector on the manner in which the Employment Schemes 1942/43 were carried out with references to 1941/42 Scheme. Councillor H.J.Byrne proposed and Clr. G.Byrne seconded:-
"That a copy of the letter from the Local Government Department, a copy of the report of the Local Government Inspector, both dealing with the manner in which the Employment Scheme works 1941/42 and 1942/43 were carried out, together with the reports of the Township Surveyor and Road Overseer relative thereto be circulated without delay to the members of the Bray Urban Council and that this Meeting stands adjourned until Monday, 18th October, 1943, at 7.30 p.m. to enable the members of the Council to consider the matter fully".
Passed unanimously.

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161 Statement submitted by Town Clerk showing position of Revenue A/c at 30/9/1943.
Councillor P.Ledwidge proposed and Clr. G.Byrne seconded:-
"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to overdraft in Revenue and Subsidiary Accounts of £10,000 to the 31st March, 1944".
Passed unanimously.

ADJOURNED MEETING

The Adjourned Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Monday, 18th October, 1943, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Councillors Ledwidge (in Chair), E.Byrne, G.Byrne, Temple, Craig, Bateman, Stuart, H.J.Byrne, Martin, Sayers, Dempsey-11.

- 162-3-4 Letter from Secretary, Department of Local Government (Roads Section) enclosing extract from a report furnished by the Department's Inspector on the quality of work carried out under the 1942/43 employment scheme (Works No. U.893) in Bray Urban District with references to 1941/42 employment Scheme (U.906.E), addressed to the County Manager and submitted by him to Council. Also report of Mr. E.M. Murphy, Surveyor, and Mr. Joseph Devitt, Overseer, in regard to the matter.
Copies of L.G. Department's letter with enclosure and of Surveyor's and Overseer's reports circulated to members of Council.
Considered at length.
Councillor H.J.Byrne proposed and Councillor P.Martin seconded:-
"The Council having considered the letter dated 13th September of the Local Government Board to the County Manager and extract from the Report of the Department's Inspector quoted, condemning the work there specified, and requiring a written explanation from the Town Surveyor, Mr. Murphy, and having also considered the explanation set out in the letter of the 1st October of the Surveyor in reply, together with the letter of the 8th October of the Overseer, Mr. Devitt, in support thereof, is of opinion that by reason of the tremendous increase referred to by Mr. Murphy in the works executed in recent years in the Township the employment of a whole time resident Surveyor has become necessary and resolves accordingly that the County Manager be and is hereby requested to advertise a vacancy for the employment of a whole time resident Town Surveyor at a yearly salary not exceeding that enjoyed by Mr. Murphy, retaining the service of Mr. Murphy, pending selection of a suitable candidate. And it is further resolved that upon the sufficiency of evidence of the failure of the Overseer, Mr. Devitt, to appreciate the obligations of his position and of competent discharge of its duties and in particular his default and neglect to apprise the Surveyor and this Council of the alleged difficulties referred to as and when they arose we recommend his dismissal by the County Manager".
There voted FOR the resolution, Councillors Martin, Craig, H.J.Byrne, Stuart, Dempsey, Bateman, G.Byrne, P. Ledwidge-8- and AGAINST, Clrs. Sayers, Temple and E.Byrne-3.
The resolution was declared carried by 8 voting FOR to 3 AGAINST.
- 165 Printed schedule of Emergency and Post Emergency Planning Schemes. This matter to be brought up at the monthly meeting.

Peter Ledwidge
9/11/43.

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban Council was held in the Town Hall Bray on Tuesday, 9th November, 1943, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Councillors Ledwidge (in Chair), Craig, G. Byrne, D. Sayers, E. Byrne, J. Temple, Bateman, Dempsey, Stuart, Doyle, and H.J. Byrne.

166 Minutes of Meeting of 12th October and Adjourned Meeting of the 18th October, 1943. Read and Signed.

A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of Mrs. McLellan, deceased.

166A County Manager's Order Books submitted. Arising out of Order 1137 re Scabies after some discussion it was recommended that the County M.O.H. be asked to furnish a report and a scheme for combating same, also cost of scheme to Adjourned Meeting on 15th instant.

Councillor Sayers drew attention to the fact that there was still need for improvement in Lighting system and mentioned several points which were considered dangerous. Town Clerk to bring matters to the attention of the County Manager.

167 Letter from Town Clerk, Longford U.D.C. subjoining copy of Resolution adopted at meeting of that body on 8th October, 1943, protesting against the recent action of the Electricity Supply Board imposing an increased charge of 10% on consumers of electric current. Adopted unanimously.

168 Letter from Secretary, Bray Ratepayers' Association referring in detail to the Public Dance Halls Act 1935, with particular reference to the issue of Public Dance Licence in respect of the Town Hall to the Town Clerk; also re failure of Surveyor to furnish detailed reports under the Act, referred to Council by County Manager. Noted. Arising out of this matter, it was proposed, after discussion that the name of licensee (Town Clerk) be changed to that of the Caretaker, as he can be present at all dances held in Town Hall. Proposed by Councillor Temple, seconded by Clr. Sayers, and passed unanimously.

169 Letter dated 19/10/'43 from the Minister for Local Government sanctioning overdraft accommodation of £10,000 to 31st March, 1944. Letter from Manager, Hibernian Bank, conveying his Directors approval in this matter. Read and Noted.

170 Printed Schedule of Emergency and Post-Emergency Planning Schemes for consideration. Clr. H.J. Byrne proposed and Clr. Bateman seconded:- "That the consideration of this matter be postponed until the position of Town Surveyor be clarified." Passed unanimously.

171 The question of providing Relief Work at Christmas was discussed and Clr. E. Byrne proposed and Clr. Sayers seconded:-

"That the County Manager be asked to provide Relief Work for Christmas." Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned to Monday next, 15th instant, to consider the reply made by Town Surveyor to County Manager, and copies of the reply to be circulated to members of Council.

Peter Ledwidge
14/12/43

The Adjourned Meeting of Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Monday, 15th November, 1943, at 7.30 p.m. Present:-Councillors Ledwidge (in Chair), E. Byrne, Temple, Sayers, Bateman, Craig, Stuart, Dempsey, Doyle, H.J. Byrne, Martin, G. Byrne-12.

172 Request from County Manager that Council would consider Surveyor's reply in regard to resolution passed by Council on 18/10/1943 relative to his position, in which Surveyor requests that further consideration of the resolution be postponed for 1 year. After a long discussion it was proposed by Councillor Temple and seconded by Clr. Sayers:-

"That the matter of the letter of Mr. Murphy to Co. Manager be referred back to the Co. Manager". Councillor H.J. Byrne proposed as an amendment and Clr. Bateman seconded:-

"That the Council, having considered the letter of the 8th November 1943 of Mr. E.M. Murphy, Town Surveyor, to the County Manager, together with the terms of appointment attaching to the office of Town Surveyor referred to in minute of 24th November 1925, minute of 18th October 1926, and minute of 23rd November 1937, resolves that this Council recommends to the County Manager the dismissal of the Town Surveyor accordingly". A point of order was raised that the previous resolution should be rescinded. As a result Councillor Temple withdrew his proposal, amendment of Clr. H.J. Byrne withdrawn and Notice of Motion handed in. Received.

173 Printed Schedule of Emergency and Post Emergency Planning Schemes postponed to a later meeting.

Peter Ledwidge
14/12/43

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 14th December, 1943, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

Present:-Councillors Ledwidge (in Chair), E.Byrne,Sayers, Temple,Craig, Bateman,Stuart,H.J.Byrne,Martin,G.Byrne,J.J.Doyle - 11.

- 174 Minutes of Meeting of 9th and Adjourned Meeting of 15th November, 1943, as circulated. Read and signed. A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Mrs. Maureen Doyle, wife of Mr.J.Doyle,eldest son of Clr.J.J.Doyle.
- 175 The Town Clerk read a letter which he stated the Co.Manager had received that day from Messrs.Jas.L.Burke & Co.,Solrs., on behalf of Mr.E.M.Murphy, Surveyor, suggesting that he (the Manager) should advise the Council not to proceed with the proposed resolution having regard to all the circumstances. Pursuant to Notice Councillor H.J.Byrne moved and Clr.Bateman seconded:-
"That that part of the resolution moved by me on 18th October 1943 dealing with the employment of a whole-time engineer - in "the light of further information - be rescinded".
There voted FOR, Clrs. G.Byrne,Martin,H.J.Byrne,Stuart,Craig, Bateman and Ledwidge-7; and AGAINST,Clrs.Temple,Sayers,E.Byrne-3. The motion was declared carried.
Councillor H.J.Byrne then formally moved and Clr.Bateman seconded:-
"That the Council, having considered the letter of the 8th November 1943 of Mr.E.M.Murphy,Town Surveyor, to the Co.Manager, "together with the terms of appointment attaching to the office "of Town Surveyor, referred to in the minutes of 24th November, "1925, Minutes of 18th October, 1926 and minutes of meeting of "23rd November,1937, resolves that this Council recommends to the "County Manager the dismissal of the Town Surveyor accordingly".
On a vote being taken there voted for, Councillors G.Byrne,Martin, H.J.Byrne,Stuart,Craig,J.Doyle,Bateman,Ledwidge-8. Clrs. Temple, Ed.Byrne and Sayers did not vote.
The motion was declared carried.
- 174A Arising out of minutes the question of providing relief work for the unemployed in Bray before Christmas was raised and it was decided to draw the attention of the County Manager to a sum of £395 estimated for Grant work to relieve unemployment and to ask that it be set aside to provide extra work for the unemployed.
- 176 County Manager's Order Books (General & Finance) submitted. Noted.
- 177 Printed Schedule of Emergency and Post Emergency Planning Schemes for consideration. After a lengthy discussion, when various suggestions were put forward, it was agreed that Councillors would put forward suggestions of schemes in writing to the Co.Manager for inclusion in Schedule of Emergency Schemes to be discussed at next meeting.
- 178 Councillor Temple proposed and Clr. Bateman seconded the adoption of the following resolution submitted by Dundalk U.D.Council:-
"That we, the members of the Dundalk Urban District Council "call on the Government to take the necessary steps to increase "immediately by at least 50% the existing rates of Old Age "Pensions, Widows and Orphans Pensions, Blind Pensions, National "Health Insurance Benefits, Unemployment Benefits, Unemployment "Allowances, Army Dependents, and that we, the members of the "Dundalk U.D.Council call for the immediate abolition of the Means "Test, as at present applicable to applicants for Old Age "Pensions, Widows and Orphans Pensions and Blind Pensions".
There voted FOR, Clrs. Bateman, Temple, Sayers, E. Byrne-4 and AGAINST, Clrs. G. Byrne, Martin, H. J. Byrne, Stuart, Craig, Ledwidge-6. Clr. Doyle not voting. The resolution was declared lost by 6 vot- ing against to 4 for.
- 179 Notice of Motion re provision of Standing Orders handed in by Clr.H.J.Byrne. Received.
- 180 Town Clerk was directed to draw the County Manager's attention to various matters brought up by Councillors. *Peter Ledwidge 11/1/44*

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 11th January, 1944, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-Councillors Ledwidge (in Chair), Stuart,Dempsey,Bateman, Martin, H.J.Byrne,Craig,E.Byrne,Sayers and Temple (10).

- 181 Minutes of Meeting of 14/12/1943, as circulated. Read and signed. Votes of sympathy were passed with relatives of:- Late Mrs. Dempsey, Mrs.Manley,Mrs.Keenan.
The members of the Council request the attendance of the County Manager, Mr. Healy, at their monthly meetings.
- 182 County Manager's Order Books (General & Finance) submitted. Councillor H.J.Byrne, supported by other members of the Council, expressed the opinion that the matter of an alternative site for Mr. H.Toft on Esplanade should be put before the Council for their views before any decision is arrived at by the Co. Manager. Councillor Martin asked that the list of accounts to be passed for payment be put before the Council at each meeting.
- 183 Pursuant to notice Councillor H.J.Byrne proposed and Clr.Ledwidge seconded:-
"That a Committee of this Council be set up to settle and "compile Standing Orders and that same be printed and circulated "to the members of the Council". Passed unanimously.
Arising out of above it was suggested that a drafting Committee, consisting of Chairman (Clr.P.Ledwidge), Clrs. H.J.Byrne and Sayers, be set up.
- 184 Clr.H.J.Byrne proposed and Clr.Temple seconded the adoption of the following resolution submitted by Mr.J.F.Meagher,C.E.O., Bray Vocational Education Committee:-
"That vocational organisation urged by the Taoiseach in his "speech on Friday 3rd March 1939 at the opening of the commission "appointed to enquire into the possibilities of Vocational "Organisation in Eire should, in the opinion of this Committee, "be given statutory expression in the Vocational Education (No.2) "Amendment Bill, 1943, and to that end. That subject to the "Financial control by Local Authorities secured by Part 4 of the "Principal Act, statutory representation as of right should be "given to Managers and to Teachers of all Schools both National "and Intermediate, and like manner to recognised Unions and "Associations of Employees and Employers within the respective "areas and for that purpose that provision should be made for "panels representative of these vocational organisations return- ing two representatives each out of the fourteen members consti- tuting these Committees. That copies of these resolutions be "forthwith forwarded by the C.E.O to the Town Clerk for submission "to the Council and to the County Manager and to the Secretaries "of the Taoiseach of the Executive Council and of the Minister "for Education respectively". Passed unanimously.
- 185 Letter from Mr.P.S.O'Raghallaigh,Hon.Sec.,Vocational Education (Chief Executive Officer's) Association, enclosing 2 copies of a memorandum prepared by direction of the Council,C.E.O.Assoen., relative to the Vocational Education (Amendment)(No.2) Bill,1943, for consideration of the Council. Read.
- 186 Letter from Town Clerk,Tralee U.D.C., appending resolution urging that provision be made in the Vocational Education (Amendment) (No.2) Bill,1943, before it finally passes the Oireachtas, to change the existing law whereby, under Sec.25 of the Voc.Ed.Act, 1930, local authorities are responsible for 50% of the gratuities and allowances payable to officers of Vocational Education Committees, as these charges are and will be a very heavy burden especially on the smaller paying bodies as set out in the first Schedule of the 1930 Act and should be met out of the same fund as their salaries. Read. There voted FOR, Clrs,Bateman, Temple,Sayers,E.Byrne-4 and AGAINST, Clrs.Martin,H.J.Byrne,Craig,

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- 187 Printed Schedule of Emergency and Post-Emergency Planning Schemes and County Manager's request that any suggestions etc., should be put forward in writing by Councillors. Councillor H.J. Byrne proposed and Cllr. Bateman seconded:-
"That this matter be further postponed until the position of the Engineering staff be clarified". Agreed.
- 188 Various complaints were brought forward by several Councillors re:- 1. Condition of Dublin Road path - from bus stop at "Roseville" to Sunnybank; 2. Do. re path on Strand Road; 3. Kerbs and debris from excavations left lying about in a careless manner along the Main St., and some of the excavations left without warning lights; 4. manner in which Main St. was tar sprayed and rolled, etc., etc.
To be brought to the notice of the County Manager.
- 189 The Chairman raised the question of applicants under the Scheme for the provision of Fuel for necessitous households being turned down and the Town Clerk promised to give consideration to any such cases brought to his notice.

Peter Ledwidge
8/2/44.

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 8th February, 1944, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-Councillors Ledwidge (in Chair), Bateman, Dempsey, Temple, E. Byrne, G. Byrne, Martin, H.J. Byrne, Doyle, Sayers and Stuart-ll.

- 190 Minutes of Meeting of 11th January, 1944, as circulated. Signed. Votes of sympathy were passed on the recent deaths of Mr. P.J. Sexton and Mr. George Plunkett.
- 191 County Manager's Order Book (General) submitted. Councillor Temple questioned Order No. 1406 and Cllr. Bateman questioned Order No. 1428. Complaints by various Councillors were noted by Town Clerk. County Manager be asked to ensure that Engineer should see that complaints are dealt with immediately.
- 192 Financial statement for 9 months to 31st December, 1943, as circulated. Noted.
- 193 Letter from Town Clerk, Letterkenny Urban District Council, append-copies of resolutions passed at a recent meeting, as under:-
"That we, the Letterkenny Urban District Council, view with alarm the introduction of any legislation which may, in the Post-War period, have the effect of restricting the use of privately-owned commercial motor vehicles, private motor-cars or hackney vehicles and that we demand an assurance from the Government that no such interference with the fundamental rights of the Individual is contemplated.
"That, we the Letterkenny Urban District Council, in view of the present difficulty in obtaining building materials, call upon the Government to permit the re-letting, during the period of the Emergency, of houses which are the subject of Demolition Orders, Closing Orders or Undertakings made or given under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931". Noted.

The Town Clerk read letter dated 4/2/44 from the Wicklow County Manager requesting that the attention of each member of the Council should be drawn to Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1941, which provides that where any member of a Local Authority fails to pay, before the 31st March in each financial year, such rates as have been legally assessed upon him, becomes disqualified immediately from membership of his Local Authority under the Act referred to.

Peter Ledwidge
14/3/44

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 14th March, 1944, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Councillors Ledwidge (in Chair), G.Byrne, Dempsey, Bateman, H.J.Byrne, Sayers, E.Byrne, Stuart, Doyle, Martin, Craig, Temple.

- 194 Report of Meeting of 8th February, 1944. Read and signed.
- 195 County Manager's Order Books (General & Finance) submitted. Councillor G.Byrne asked if anything had been done re complaints made by him regarding Wolfe Tone Sq.,. Town Clerk replied that matters had been dealt with and read Order No.1453A in County Manager's Order Book (General) where matters were dealt with. Councillor P. Martin protested that he had not time to inspect the Order Books and felt that a copy of the Orders should be furnished to each member: the Chairman and Clr. Sayers supported the protest. The following resolution, proposed by Clr. Martin and seconded by Clr.Sayers was passed unanimously:
"That the Manager be requested to furnish to each member of the Council a copy of his orders - General and Financial - weekly, as "the present system is not satisfactory to the members".
- 196 Circular letter No.10/44 dated 27/1/1944 from the Minister for Local Government in regard to the operation of the County Management Act, 1940 and relations existing between local bodies and Managers pointing out that it is evident that the extent of the powers vested in elected bodies under the management system is not generally realised and the various observations, as outlined in the circular, are intended to remove misconceptions on certain matters with a view to securing the fullest collaboration possible between the elected representatives and the managers in the discharge of their respective duties and functions. It was pointed out by the Minister that immediately after the change over to the management system a certain amount of distrust and some resentment was perhaps inevitable, especially as it was to some extent incorrectly represented that the elective bodies had been deprived of all their powers and that their place was one of subordination. The experience over a period of fourteen years in the county boroughs and the experience gained since 1942 in the counties should be sufficient to show that the controlling power in local affairs still rests with the elected body and that the present system can not work with full benefit to the community if the members do not discharge their responsibilities.
Read. Copy to be circulated among members.
- 197 File submitted to Council by County Manager regarding the Public Dance Halls Act, 1935, to ascertain the views of the Council as to whether the Board Room of the Town Hall should be let for Dancing purposes or not in view of the cost of complying with the terms of the Act to make the Town Hall suitable. Engineer to be asked to furnish a detailed specification and a detailed estimate of the essentials necessary to render Hall suitable under the Dance Halls Act, 1935.
Report from Surveyor re work necessary pointing out that, even if the material were available for doing necessary work thereto, it would amount to from £750 to £1,000. Read.
- 198 File submitted by County Manager asking for a recommendation from Council re lane at rear of Nos. 1 to 8, O'Byrne Villas. Councillor G.Byrne proposed and Clr.Martin seconded:-
"That we, the members of the Council, recommend to the Manager that the laneway between O'Byrne Villas and Wolfe Tone Sq. be left as it is at present and the ground taken over by the tenants "in Wolfe Tone Square be left to them for their use". There voted FOR, Clrs.G.Byrne, Martin, E.Byrne-3 and AGAINST, Clrs.H.J.Byrne, Bateman, Dempsey, Sayers and Ledwidge-5, Clrs. Doyle, Stuart, Craig-3, did not vote. The Chairman declared the motion defeated by 5 voting AGAINST to 3 FOR, 3 Councillors not voting.
Petition submitted on behalf of Tenants of O'Byrne Road and W.T.Sq. North to have lane in rear attended to.
Tenants on both sides to be requested to keep lane in rear clean.

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- 199 Letter from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd., re Appointment of Nominee to attend and vote at General Meetings &c. of that body, enclosing form of "Appointment of Nominee".
Read. Chairman, Clr. P. Ledwidge, appointed as Nominee.
- 200 Councillor P. Ledwidge proposed and Clr. E.Byrne seconded:-
"That, in compliance with the provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, we hereby consent to and approve and confirm the expenditure of money, or the incurring of liability in excess of the expenditure, for any particular purpose specified in the Estimate approved and adopted for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1944, and we are satisfied that such expenditure, or the incurring of such liability, was due to matters not within the control of the County Manager".
Passed unanimously.
- 201 Statement showing probable position of Revenue A/c at 31/3/44. Councillor P. Ledwidge proposed and Clr. E.Byrne seconded:-
"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to overdraft accommodation of £10,000 in Revenue and Subsidiary Accounts to the 30th Sept., 1944".
Passed unanimously.
- 202 Letter from Mr.P.Devitt, Clerk to Library Committee, notifying resignation of Rev.Chancellor Scott, M.A., and recommendation of Committee that his successor, Rev.E.H.F.Campbell, be appointed. Approved.
- 203 Question raised by Councillor Bateman re issuing of Conditions attaching to Cinema Licences. After discussion this matter was postponed pending reply from Cinema Owners' Association.
- 195A Councillor H.J.Byrne asked what was meant in the report of the "Wicklow People" about the Rates under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, the Town Clerk informed him that what it referred to was that, as a result of action taken by the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland with the Minister for Industry and Committee, he had agreed to make an allowance in the Valuation of houses of £6 and under to each Local Authority striking a rate for Unemployment Assistance under the Unemployment Assistance Acts, 1933-1940, and, in the case of Bray, this sum annually for the 10 years ended 31st March, 1943, amounted to £17,211: 10s: 0d, which, @ 9d in the Pound, meant an allowance of £645: 8: 9d over the period.

Peter Ledwidge
4/4/44

Pursuant to requisition The Estimates Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Monday, 27th March, 1944, at 7.30 p.m.:

Bray. 21st March, 1944.

To Town Clerk, Bray U.D. Council,
"BRAY.

"Please convene a Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council, to be called "The Estimates" Meeting, for MONDAY, 27th March, 1944, at 7.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering Estimate submitted by the Wicklow County Manager in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1945 and taking such action in connection therewith as may be considered advisable.

Signed: PETER LEDWIDGE: D.J. BATEMAN: H.J. BYRNE
MAURICE DEMPSEY: E. BYRNE.

- 204 Requisition and Notice Convening Meeting. Read.
- 205 County Manager's Estimate of Rates for Financial year ending 31st March, 1945, estimating for a TOWN & HARBOUR RATE of 11s/3d (Eleven Shillings & Three pence) and a POOR RATE OF 10s/3d (TEN SHILLINGS & THREEPENCE) in the Pound, as circulated to Councillors. The Council went into all the items seriatim and reduced various amounts which reduced the Town & Harbour Rate Estimate to 11/3d (Eleven Shillings & Three pence) and the Poor Rate unchanged at 10/3d.
- Councillor H.J. Byrne proposed and Clr. Bateman seconded:-
"That the amount of £900 in Estimate for Public Lighting be reduced to £750".
- There voted FOR:- Clrs. H.J. Byrne, Bateman, Doyle, Craig, Dempsey, Stuart, Ledwidge-7 and AGAINST, Clrs. Martin, G. Byrne, Temple, Sayers, E. Byrne-5. The Chairman declared the motion carried by 7 to 5.
- Clr. H.J. Byrne proposed and Clr. Bateman seconded:-
"That £2,400 be allowed for Scavenging, Wages &c. as against £2500 in Estimate". After a discussion this motion was withdrawn.
- A suggestion that Mrs. Roberts should be allowed £100 on her Contract was not moved as the County Manager stated he could not increase a Contract.
- A proposal that £130 be provided for Bands resulted in a vote as follows:- FOR, Clrs. Martin, G. Byrne, Temple, Sayers, E. Byrne-5 and AGAINST, Clrs. H.J. Byrne, Bateman, Doyle, Craig, Dempsey, Stuart and Ledwidge-7.
- Clr. H.J. Byrne proposed and Clr. Bateman seconded that the amount of £1,500 allowed for Workmen's Dwellings be reduced to £1200. There voted FOR, Clrs. H.J. Byrne, Bateman, Doyle, Craig, Dempsey, Stuart, Ledwidge-7 and AGAINST, Clrs. Martin, G. Byrne, Temple, Sayers, E. Byrne-5. The motion was declared carried by 7 voting FOR to 5 AGAINST.
- A motion to reduce the Irish Tourist Contribution from £100 to £50 resulted in a voting as follows:- FOR reduction:- Clrs. H.J. Byrne, Bateman, Doyle, Craig, Dempsey, Stuart, Ledwidge-7 and AGAINST, Clrs. Martin, G. Byrne, Temple, Sayers, E. Byrne-5. The motion was carried by 7 voting FOR to 5 AGAINST.
- The amount of £3,100 in Estimate to meet Rates uncollected was reduced to £3,000.
- Councillor Peter Ledwidge proposed and Clr. H.J. Byrne seconded:-
"That we, the Bray Urban District Council, at the Estimates Meeting specially convened for the purpose hereby determine and adopt a TOWN AND HARBOUR RATE of 11/3d (ELEVEN SHILLINGS AND THREEPENCE) and a POOR RATE of 10/3d (TEN SHILLINGS AND THREEPENCE) in the Pound for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1945".
- There voted FOR, Clrs. H.J. Byrne, Bateman, Doyle, Craig, Dempsey, Stuart, Martin, G. Byrne, Ledwidge-9 and AGAINST, Temple, Sayers and E. Byrne-3. The Chairman declared the motion carried by 9 voting FOR to 3 AGAINST.

Peter Ledwidge

11/4/44

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 11th April, 1944, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Councillors Ledwidge (in Chair), E. Byrne, Temple, Sayers, Geo. Byrne, Martin, Bateman, Dempsey, Stuart, Doyle and H.J. Byrne-11.

- 206 Minutes of Meeting of 14th March, 1944. Read and signed.
" " Special Meeting of 27th March, 1944. " "
- 207 County Manager's Order Books (General & Finance) as per copy of Orders circulated. Various matters were referred to by a number of Councillors and dealt with. Arising out of Order 1622 (General) in County Manager's Order Book, it was proposed by Councillor H.J. Byrne and seconded by Clr. P. Martin:-
"That this Meeting stands adjourned to Monday, 24th April, 1944, for the purpose of discussing this Order and requesting that the County Manager be present".
Passed unanimously.
- 208 Memorial from Tenants of Fitzwilliam Terrace asking to have concrete wall erected along the shore to prevent flooding in the winter. The Council expressed the opinion that this was a work that should be included in a Post-War Development Works.
- 209 Memorial from Residents on Esplanade urging a cancellation of arrangements made re Broadcasting from Bandstand. The Council recommended that this matter be brought before the County Manager asking, if possible, that effect be given to the views therein.

Peter Ledwidge
11/5/44

A Special Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, pursuant to the following Requisition:-

Bray. 12th April, 1944.

"Town Clerk, Bray.

"Please convene a Special Meeting of Bray U.D. Council to be held in the Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 p.m., on MONDAY, 24th APRIL, 1944, for the purpose of making Town and Poor Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1945; Sealing and Signing Rate Books and Collector's Books and Warrants and taking such other action as may be considered advisable.

Signed: John Temple: Maurice Dempsey: G.H.G. Stuart:
Peter Ledwidge: E. Byrne.

Present:-Councillors:-Ledwidge (in Chair), E. Byrne, Sayers, Temple, H.J. Byrne, Doyle, Craig, Stuart, Dempsey, Bateman, Martin, Geo. Byrne-12.

210 Requisition and Notice Convening meeting. Read.

211 List of Irrecoverable Town Rates, &c. To be considered at Meeting to be held on the 2nd May, 1944.
Councillor Ledwidge proposed and Clr. E. Byrne seconded:-
"That we, the Bray Urban District Council, hereby MAKE a Town and Harbour Rate of ELEVEN SHILLINGS AND THREEPENCE (11/3d) and a Poor Rate of TEN SHILLINGS AND THREEPENCE (10/3d) in the Pound, for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1945, as per Estimate of the County Manager adopted at Estimates Meeting of the Urban Council on 27th March, 1944.
"The TOWN & HARBOUR RATES and the several rates hereinbefore set forth were made by the Bray Urban District Council at their meeting held this day, the same to be collected in two half-yearly moieties, that is to say, the 1st moiety on and after the 24th of April, 1944 and the second moiety on and after the 1st October next ensuing, and that the Town Rate Book be sealed and signed accordingly". Passed unanimously.

Councillor Ledwidge proposed and Clr. E. Byrne seconded:-
"That the Warrant now submitted for the collection of TOWN & HARBOUR RATES for year ending 31st March, 1945, be sealed and signed by the County Manager and handed to Mr. George J. Byrne, Rate Collr... Passed unanimously.

212 List of Irrecoverable Poor Rates &c. To be considered at a meeting to be held on the 2nd prox.,
Councillor Ledwidge proposed and Clr. E. Byrne seconded:-
"That we, the Bray Urban District Council, hereby MAKE a POOR RATE of TEN SHILLINGS AND THREEPENCE (10/3d) in the Pound for the year ending 31st March, 1945, as per Estimate of the County Manager adopted at Estimates Meeting of the Urban Council on 27th March, 1944.
"The POOR RATE and several Poor Rates hereinbefore set forth were adopted and are allowed by the Bray Urban District Council at their Meeting held this day, having first been certified by the Clerk to the Council to be in conformity with the valuations now in force, the same to be collected in two half-yearly moieties, that is to say, the first Moiety on and after the 24th April, 1944, and the second moiety on and after the 1st day of October next ensuing and that the Poor Rate Book be sealed and signed accordingly". Passed unanimously.

Clr. Ledwidge proposed and Clr. E. Byrne seconded:-
"That the warrant now submitted for the collection of Poor Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1945, be sealed and signed by the County Manager and handed to Mr. George J. Byrne, Rate Collector". Passed unanimously.

Peter Ledwidge
9/5/44.

An Adjourned Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 24th April, 1944.

Present:-Councillors:- Ledwidge (Presiding), E. Byrne, Sayers, Doyle, Craig, H.J. Byrne, Boyle, Temple, Stuart, Dempsey, Bateman, Martin, G. Byrne-12.

213 Re County Manager's Order No. 1622 (General) relative to Town Surveyor, E.M. Murphy, Esq., B.E.,.

Councillor H.J. Byrne proposed and Clr. Bateman seconded:-

"That this Council regards with concern and dissent the Order made by the County Manager (Order No. 1622) dated the 3rd April, 1944 - "That Mr. E.M. Murphy, B.E., be informed of the acceptance of the suggestions contained in his letters of 8/11/43 and 1/1/44 to re-organise over a period of twelve months the staff and work for which he is responsible, after which the position to be reviewed again by the experience gained during that year, and that that year be regarded as commencing from the 3rd April, 1944".

"That the grounds of concern and dissent of this Council to the terms of this order are as follows:-

"(1) That the plea so made by an official solely responsible since November 1925 for organisation of the staff is itself an admission of culpable negligence.

"(2) That the order leaves untouched the issue raised by Mr. Murphy's legal advisers, Messrs. James L. Burke & Co., his Solicitors, by their letter of the 14th December 1943 that neither the County Manager nor the Council had, in the opinion of Senior Counsel, power to deprive Mr. Murphy of his position of Surveyor, regard being had to the terms and permanent nature of his employment.

"(3) That the introduction into orders made or to be made by the County Manager of apologetics in support of such orders is contrary to the nature of the Statutory Powers vested in the Manager by the County Managerial Acts.

"(4) That the matters of contention referred to had been deliberated in full debate at successive Council meetings since the receipt of the report of September, 1943.

"(5) That the letters addressed by the County Manager to the Local Government Department on this subject together with the replies thereto have not been disclosed to this Council; and, accordingly, this Council re-affirms its resolutions of 18/10/43 and 14/12/43 failure to implement which by the County Manager has caused a denial of equal justice to the two officials therein named, and leaves unsolved the legal question raised of the tenure of office of Mr. Murphy.

"(6) That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government".

There voted for:- Councillors Martin, Bateman, Dempsey, Stuart, Craig, Doyle, H.J. Byrne-7 and Against, Clrs. Temple, Sayers, E. Byrne, Ledwidge-4; Clr. Geo. Byrne not voting.

The Chairman declared the Motion carried by 7 voting FOR to 4 AGAINST, 1 not voting.

Peter Ledwidge
9/5/44

An Adjourned Meeting of Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 2nd May, 1944, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-Councillors:- Ledwidge (in Chair), Bateman, G. Byrne, Martin, Dempsey, E. Byrne, Temple, H.J. Byrne, Craig, Doyle, Sayers.

214 Schedule of Uncollected Town and Harbour & Poor Rates for year ended 31st March, 1944.
List gone through seriatim. Council recommended that the County Manager explore the possibility of obtaining and registering judgment mortgages in suitable cases.

Peter Ledwidge
9/5/44.