

The Statutory Monthly of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 10th July, 1945 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor P. Ledwidge (in chair); Councillors --- E. Byrne, C. Byrne, H.J. Byrne, Temple, Dempsey, Sayers, Dunne, McGarry, French, Craig, Little. (12)

The notice convening meeting was read.

13. The minutes of Annual Meeting of 25th June, 1945, as circulated. SIGNED.

Votes of sympathy were passed in silence, the Council standing, with the relatives of:- Mrs. McGannety, Mrs. Bethell, Bartholomew Naylor, Miss Farde, George Muck, William O'Brien, Mr. Deddows, Mr. O den, Dr. Burke.

14. It was unanimously agreed that in view of the fact that copies of the County Manager's Orders had not been circulated as heretofore the consideration of the Manager's Orders be postponed until such time as these Orders were circulated.

The Councillors expressed their dis-satisfaction at the absence of the County Manager from this important meeting.

15. Circular letter dated 22/6/45 from the Minister for Local Government regarding the important problems dealt with during their terms of office, etc. READ: Members expressed their appreciation of the Minister's letter, but all expressed the opinion that something should be done by the Minister to hasten housing schemes so necessary in this area.

Councillor Little proposed and Councillor Dempsey seconded that money be made available for housing schemes at a low rate of interest to Public Authorities, and that advances by Commissioners of Public Works be reviewed and revised by the Government by reduction of rates of interest payable thereon to a flat rate not exceeding 3 per cent and that the Government subsidy per house be increased on the basis of an all-in-cost of the building. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. Letter from Councillor French enclosing resolution from the Irish National Teachers Organisation re increase in salaries of National Teachers. READ: Councillor French proposed and Councillor Dunne seconded:- "In view of the nature and importance of the work done by National teachers, we, the members of the Bray Urban Council, call upon the Government to increase substantially the salaries paid to teachers in accordance with the claims made by the Irish National Teachers Organisation." PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Council Meeting was adjourned for the purpose of holding a Special Meeting re Making of Rates.

After the Rates Meeting the business of the Statutory Meeting was resumed.

17. Letter from Mr. John Cowan, Esplanade, Bray, appealing for relief of charge of six guineas for licence to take photographs. Referred back to County Manager.

18. Referred from County Manager to Council for their recommendation in connection with letter from Surveyor re the depositing of material on the Housing Site at Hudson's Terrace. Letter from Surveyor on matter read. Councillor Little proposed and Councillor H.J. Byrne seconded the following resolution in connection with the letting of plot to the monument Press:- "That the Surveyor be required to report to the Council for its next meeting giving information in relation to the depositing of builders rubbish on the Clearance Area at Hudson's Terrace: the origin of this user, the approximate number of tons of rubbish so deposited, and the cost to the Council of loading and carting away to a place suitable for dumping as and when this Council proceeds with the aid of loans at low rates of interest, the erection of the 26 houses provided for in the Building Scheme for houses for the Working Classes at Hudson's Terrace Clearance Area. READ: ~~XXXX~~ PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Omitted from minutes in Error

Proposed by Councillor H.J. Byrne and seconded by Councillor Little --

"That we, the members of the Bray Urban District Council learn with amazement that the County Manager, Mr. P.T. Healy, has sub-leased on 27th March 1944 another portion of the Hudson's Terrace Building site without first seeking the Opinion of the members of the Council or approval of the Minister or determining the best price that can reasonably be obtained. A copy of this resolution to be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with an assurance of our sincere wish to co-operate fully with the Government and the County Manager and so make the Co. Management Act the success it is sought to make of it."

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

18a. Extension of Overdraft accommodation in Revenue and A.R.P. Accounts: Councillor Temple proposed and Councillor Dunne seconded that application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to the extensions for Revenue Account and Subsidiary Account to £15,000 to 15th October, 1945, until Rates were struck and began to be received. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Resolution requesting sanction to £1000 in A.R.P. a/c. PASSED UNAN.

18b. Councillor Dunne handed in the following Notice of Motion:- "We, the members of Bray Urban District Council feel that the men dismissed in recent years from the Council's employment should be re-employed or, alternatively, recompensed, for their long service, by pension, gratuity or other means." RECEIVED.

The question was raised by Councillors H.J. Byrne, D. Sayers, and P. Ledwidge, as to why the work was not being carried out at the Railings North-end of the Esplanade. The Town Clerk explained the reason for the delay and stated that they were awaiting the Board of Work's decision as to when they were satisfied the work should proceed.

The Meeting adjourned to 17th July for consideration of list of irrecoverable rates, arrears, etc.

Peter Ledwidge
14/8/45

The Special Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 10th July, 1945, pursuant to the following requisition:-

"That we, the five undersigned members of the Council, hereby call for a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday, 10th July, to strike the Rates for the year ending 31.3.46, for 8.30 p.m. Signed: Edward J. Little: A.D. Craig, H.J. Byrne: M. Dempsey, Peter Ledwidge." The same councillors were present as at statutory Meeting. Requisition and Notice convening Meeting read.

List of irrecoverable Town Rates etc. consideration postponed to 17th July, 1945.

20. Councillor H.J. Byrne proposed and Councillor Craig seconded "That we, the Bray Urban District Council, hereby make a Town and Harbour Rate of Ten shillings and in the pound and a Poor Rate of Eleven shillings and three pence in the pound for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1946, as per Estimate of the County Manager as amended at Estimates Meeting on 26th March, 1945." For -- Councillors Little, Craig, Dempsey, H.J. Byrne, Chairman (5) Against-- Councillors Dunne, G. Byrne, Sayers, Temple, E. Byrne (5) Councillors French and McGarry not voting. The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the Motion which was declared carried.

21. List of irrecoverable poor rates, arrears, etc. consideration postponed until 17th July, 1945.

Councillor Little proposed and Councillor Ledwidge seconded:- "That we the Bray Urban District Council hereby make a Poor Rate of Eleven Shillings and Three Pence in the Pound for the year ending 31st March, 1946, as per Estimate of the County Manager adopted at Estimates Meeting of the Urban District Council on 26th March, 1945.

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 10th Day of July, 1945, 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."

Councillor Ledwidge proposed and Councillor Little seconded:-

"That the Warrant now submitted for the Collection of Town and Harbour Rates for year ending 31st March 1946 be sealed and signed by the County Manager and handed to Mr. George J. Byrne, Rate Collector."

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councillor P. Ledwidge proposed and Councillor H.J. Byrne seconded:-

"That the Warrant now submitted for the collection of Poor Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1946, be sealed and signed by the County Manager and handed to Mr. George J. Byrne, Rate Collector."

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Peter Ledwidge
14th August 1945

The adjourned meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday 17th July, 1945 at 7.50 p.m.

PRESENT: - Councillors H.J. Byrne, E. Byrne, Dempsey, French, Temple, Sayers. (5) *Peter Ledwidge*

22. Notice convening Meeting read.

23. List of irrecoverable Town Rates, arrears, etc. was gone through ~~Seriatim~~ and disposed of as follows:-

REBATES: 2721.5.4d.	}	25614.19.2d.
Arrears Taken		
Forward: 256 93.15.10d.		

24. List of irrecoverable Poor Rates, arrears, etc. was gone through ~~Seriatim~~ and disposed of as follows:-

REBATES: 2689.15.9d.	}	25059.9.2.
Arrears taken		
forward: 24369.15.5d.		

Peter Ledwidge
14th Aug 1945

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 14th August, 1945.

Present:- Councillors P. Ledwidge (in Chair), Temple, Dunne, French, Sayers, G. Byrne, Dempsey, Little, H.J. Byrne, E. Byrne-10.

25 Minutes of Statutory Monthly Meeting of 10th July. Councillor Little proposed and Councillor Dempsey seconded:- "That the words in the fifth line of paragraph 18, i.e. "in connection with the letting to the Monument Press" be deleted". Councillor Temple proposed as an amendment:- "That the Minutes, as circulated, be signed". There being no seconder the motion was carried and the words - "in connection with the letting of plot to Monument Press" were deleted. Councillors G. Byrne and Temple dissenting. The Resolution of 10th July in reference to the letting of portion of Hudson's Terrace building site having been omitted in error it was directed that it be inserted at the end of Minutes.

Minutes of Statutory Meeting of 10th July; Minutes of Special Meeting of 10th July and of Adjourned Meeting of 17th July, were signed.

Replies to votes of sympathy read. Votes of sympathy were passed on deaths of:- Ald. Corish, Mr. D.J. Hennessy, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Toole, Mrs. Gilmore. Letter from Co. Manager stating he would not be able to be present at the meeting as he had a good deal of important and pressing work to look after at the moment. Councillor H.J. Byrne proposed and Councillor Dempsey seconded:- "That the Council adjourn to next Monday, 20th August, 1945, for the attendance of the Co. Manager. Councillor Dunne proposed as an amendment and Clr. Temple seconded:- "That the consideration of the Manager's orders be adjourned for the attendance of the Co. Mgr. on the 20th August". There voted FOR the amendment, Clrs. Sayers, Dunne, Temple, E. Byrne-4 and AGAINST, Clrs. Little, Dempsey, H.J. Byrne, French and Ledwidge-5. The amendment was declared lost and there voted for the Motion, Messrs. Little, Dempsey, H.J. Byrne, French, Ledwidge-5 and AGAINST, Clrs. G. Byrne, Sayers, Dunne, Temple, E. Byrne-5. The Chairman, Clr. P. Ledwidge, gave his casting vote for the Motion and declared it carried.

Meeting adjourned to Monday, 20th August, 1945.

J. Sayers

11/9/45

The Adjourned Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Monday, 20th August, 1945, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors Ledwidge (in Chair), E. Byrne, Temple, Dunne, French, G. Byrne, Dempsey, H.J. Byrne, Little and Sayers - 11. McGarry - 11.

26 Notice of Meeting. Read. Letter from Co. Mgr. stating that when there was no item on the Agenda that demanded his attendance at meetings it was unreasonable to expect him to absent himself from his own household from 9.40 a.m. to 11.25 p.m. for the sole purpose of defending his orders-more particularly as there was no obligation on him, whatsoever, to do so. He had instructed the Surveyor and Town Clerk to submit to the Council every factor and every document that was before him when he made any specific order, should information be required in respect to any order. Read. Clr. H.J. Byrne proposed and Clr. Little seconded:

"That we, the members of Bray U.D.C., view with concern and dis-appointment that, despite adjourning our statutory meeting from the 14th August till the 20th August, for the attendance of the Co. Mgr. the Manager had refused to attend said adjourned meeting at which he had presented for the Council's consideration 240 orders made by him from May 8th to July 30th, inclusive; a copy of this resolution to be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health". There voted FOR, Clrs. H.J. Byrne, Little, Ledwidge, Dempsey, McGarry, French-6 and AGAINST, Clrs. G. Byrne, Sayers, Dunne, Temple, E. Byrne-5. Resolution carried by 6 voting FOR to 5 AGAINST.

Clr. E.J. Little proposed and Clr. H.J. Byrne seconded:-

"That, regard being had to the average number of orders made by the Co. Manager in each of the three months from May 8th to July 30th 80 per month - and to their definitive and conclusive character, the Council was of opinion that the provision of monthly statutory meetings was insufficient in number and that the Council was further of opinion that only on matters of urgency should Managerial orders be made without previous consultation with the Council in session; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister". All the members, with the exception of Councillor Geo. Byrne voted in favour, and the motion was carried by 10 voting FOR to 1 AGAINST.

26A Pursuant to Notice, Clr. Dunne moved:- "That, we the members of the Bray U.D.C. feel that the men dismissed in recent years from the Council's employment should be re-employed or, alternatively, recompensed for their long service by pension, gratuity or other means". The Chairman refused to allow a discussion on the grounds that this matter had already been before the Council. He agreed to accept the amended resolution, as follows:- Councillor Dunne proposed and Clr. Temple seconded:- "That we urge the Minister to make any legislation now being considered in connection with a Pension Scheme for manual employees of local Councils retrospective so as to cover the men dismissed in recent years from employment of Bray U.D.C.". Passed unanimously.

27 County Manager's Order Book, as per copies of orders circulated. Noted. Several orders made were the subject of discussion by some of the members present. Report of Surveyor re depositing of excavated material on Hudson's Tce., stating a quantity of this was deposited by the Contractor when the first building was erected and this was done in such a manner as to leave the hollows in the area filled. There was no "builder's rubbish" deposited on the site. Noted.

28 Clr. Ledwidge proposed and Clr. Little seconded:- "That the Co. Mgr. be authorised to expend the sum of £140 extra to amount allowed in Estimate for Public Lighting, i.e. Cost £890; amount allowed in estimate, £750; Increase £140". Passed unanimously.

29 Clr. Ledwidge proposed and Clr. Temple seconded:- "That the Co. Mgr. be authorised to expend the sum of £450 to cover Workmen's wages under the various heads in last Estimate, being the increase over the amount allowed". Passed unanimously.

- 30 Clr. Ledwidge proposed and Clr. Temple seconded:-
 "That the Co. Mgr. be authorised to expend the sum of £30 in connection with examination and relaying of portion of sewer in Presentation College grounds, over and above the sum of £75 allowed in the Estimate under the heading of "Repairs-Sewers &c.",
 Passed unanimously.
- 31 Clr. Ledwidge proposed and Clr. Temple seconded:-
 "That the County Manager be authorised to increase the amount allowed in Estimate for Bands of Music from £140 to £156,"
 Passed unanimously.
- 32 Letter from Town Clerk, Dungarvan U.D.C., appending resolution, which, proposed by Clr. French and seconded by Clr. Sayers, was passed unanimously, as follows:-
 "That, in the very best interests of Eire and especially of those of the rising generation, the Dungarvan Urban District Council urgently call on the Government to increase substantially and immediately the Salaries of the Irish National Teachers and the Pensions of ex-Teachers, who have made repeated applications for "same".
- 33 Letter from Runaidhe, Cothrom na Feinne, requesting co-operation to help their endeavour in demanding an increase to all Old Age Pensioners and the modification of the Means Test. Passed unanimously.
- 33A Resolution submitted by Hon. Sec. Aghrim Old Pensioners Protection Association, as under:-
 "We, the Aghrim O.P.P. Association, wish to place the plight of the Old Age Pensioners before your Council for consideration and respectfully request the co-operation of all your members to help our endeavour in demanding an increase to all Old Age Pensioners and the modification of the Means Test as we fully realise it is utterly impossible for any person to exist to-day on the meagre sum of 10/- weekly, etc".
 Passed unanimously
- 34 Letter from Hon. Sec., Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, asking if some member would read a paper to Annual Conference to be held in Ballina on 19th and 20th September, on some subject of local government interest; also urging early submission of motions etc. Read. After discussion it was agreed that Chairman and Town Clerk draft a resolution re Housing - money to be made available at low rates of interest; also consider suggestion from Clr. Dempsey re funding of public loans.
- 35 Letter from Town Clerk, Mallow U.D.C., appending resolution urging that the Acts and Regulations governing the letting of allotments to unemployed and employed persons be amended to provide for:-
 1. The letting of an Allotment at the nominal rent to a married man with a family whose means do not exceed £104 in the year; 2. The letting of an Allotment at the nominal rent to persons in receipt of Old Age Pension and National Health Insurance; 3. The exclusion of any amount received as Old I.R.A. Pension when calculating the means of an applicant for an Allotment; 4. The acquisition of land for allotments by Local Authorities by Agreement or compulsorily, for such period exceeding 5 years as may be considered necessary and the provision of Allotments for employed persons on any land acquired by a Local Authority, on the differential rent system, the rent for each allotment to be fixed by the Manager at his discretion, and to vary from the economic rent for those able to pay down to a minimum nominal rent for those unable to pay - each application to be considered on its merits".
- 36 Notice of motion from Clr. Dunne for next meeting. Received.

J. Sayers.
 11/9/45

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 11th September, 1945, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Councillors Sayers (in Chair), E.E. Byrne, J. French, G. Byrne, H.J. Byrne, Dempsey, Craig, Little, Temple, Dunne, McGarry - 11.

- 37 Minutes of Meeting of 14th August and of Adjourned Meeting of 20th August, 1945. ORDER:- Signed.
 Votes of condolence were passed with relatives of the late Mr. Joseph Metcalfe, Mr. Thomas Lloyd and Mr. J. McGinley.
- 38 The Chairman welcomed Mr. K.J. Brangan, Deputy Co. Mgr., and Cr. H.J. Byrne also spoke in support. Mr. Brangan returned thanks and promised his co-operation in every possible way. County Manager's Order Book submitted. Clr. Dunne raised the question of application for a house by Mr. O'Dea and Clr. H.J. Byrne raised the question of application by Mr. J. Carr, reere of "Lisieux". Clr. Craig raised the matter of having Guarantee Form altered and the Co. Mgr. agreed to look into the matter. It was suggested that the Sanitary Inspector's report re Sanitary Conveniences should be much more explicit as to whether they were found in a clean condition or not. It was recommended that tenders for the wiring of "Park Lodge" (which was stated in report of Syr. would cost £360) should be obtained. The Surveyor was directed to inspect and report on the condition of the urinals at the Bridge, reere of Town Hall and north end of Esplan. Corporation's proposal to increase charge for water to be circulated to members of Council.
- 38a Letter from Minister for Local Government re resolution of Council regarding the leasing by the Co. Mgr. of site to Mr. John Flynn, "Monument Press" for industrial purposes, pointing out that the two leases were sealed in the presence of the Chairman and Town Clerk, on 20th December 1938 and 27th March, 1944 respectively. Read & noted.
- 39 Letter dated 28th August (G.16581/45) from Min. Loc. Govt. in connection with resolutions forwarded by Council in regard to attendance of County Manager at meetings and in regard to the Orders of the Co. Mgr., stating the matter is having attention. Read and noted.
- 40 Letter dated 30/8/45 (G.16893/45) from Min. Loc. Govt. acknowledging receipt of letter of 27th instant re superannuation of employees. Read and noted.
- 41 Pursuant to notice Clr. Dunne moved and Clr. French seconded:- "That the designations of local streets and roads be examined for the purpose of ensuring that the traditions and aspirations of the Irish people are not offended against or brought into contempt. Where necessary, that names of streets, etc., be altered so as to honour the memory of those who have given service to the Nation".
 Passed unanimously.
- 42 Resolution submitted by Town Clerk, Arklow, deploring the decision of the Government to disband the Marine and Coast Watching Service and asking the Government to reconsider its decision on the matter. Read.
- 43 Resolution from Arklow U.D.C. calling upon the Government to introduce legislation for the implementing of the Social Security Plans of His Lordship, the Most Rev. Dr. Dignan, Bishop of Clonfert.
 Clr. Temple proposed and Clr. Dunne seconded:- "That the Arklow resolution be adopted". Clr. Little proposed and Clr. H.J. Byrne seconded an amendment:- "That no action be taken". There voted FOR Clrs. Little, Craig, Dempsey, H.J. Byrne, G. Byrne-5 and AGAINST, Clrs. French, McGarry, Temple, E. Byrne, Sayers-5. The Chairman refused to give a casting vote either way and the motion was put as follows:- FOR, Clrs. French, McGarry, Temple, E. Byrne, Sayers-5 and AGAINST, Clrs. Little, Craig, Dempsey, H.J. Byrne, G. Byrne-5. The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the motion and declared it carried.

Council Mtg. 11/9/45 (contd.)

44 Resolution from Westmeath Co. Cl. calling for co-operation between the local bodies and the Local Government Department was marked "Read".

45 Copy of Auditor's Report on his audit of the a/c's of the Council for the 2 years ended 31/3/45. Report read and noted, having been circulated.

46 Referred by Co. Manager to Council for recommendation:-
1. Surveyor's report of inadequate financial provision for maintenance of Roads, Sewers and watermains. ORDER:- Surveyor agreed to prepare a report for submission to the Council at its next Meeting.

47 2. Surveyor's report of urgent necessity for planting of flowers and shrubs on Esplanade. Same order as (1).

48 3. Application from Mr. J. Irvine, Hon. Sec., Caravan Club, for allocation of sites in urban district for Cravans etc., under control of the Council. Read. No sites available.

49 Pursuant to Notice, Councillor H.J. Byrne proposed and Clr. Little seconded:-

"1. That this Council protests against publication, in the public Press of the 23rd August and 1st September respectively, of the letter of 11th August of the Department of Local Government (Roads Section) re necessity of preparation and submission of road schemes for expenditure of grant of £20,000 sanctioned for Road Construction Works within the Urban Area, and of the letter of 16th August of the Commissioners of Public Works (Special Employment Branch) deferring sanction to acceptance of tender of Messrs. H.C. McNally for providing and fixing of protective railings and metal seat backs to seats along Northern end of Bray Esplanade, the grounds of protest being the authorisation by the County Manager of publication of letters so received by him from Government Departments prior to submission to the Council of the letter of 11th August at its meetings of 14th August and of the letter of 16th August at its meeting of the 20th August, for the exercise by the Council of its supervisory and consultative powers in relation thereto, and the false and misleading precis as supplied, sanctioned or permitted, of the contents of the letters referred to published as stated in the Public Press". There voted FOR, Clrs. Little, Craig, Dempsey, H.J. Byrne, French, Temple, E. Byrne, Sayers-8- and AGAINST, -; Clr. G. Byrne not voting. Passed by 8 voting FOR and 1 not voting.

"2. That this Council protests against the drafting of the Managerial Orders as from time to time supplied to the members of the Council for the exercise by them of their supervisory and consultative powers as failing to give in many instances an intelligible precis of material parts thereof". Passed, as above, by 8 voting FOR; Clr. G. Byrne not voting. Councillor Little proposed and Clr. H.J. Byrne seconded:-

"3. This Council urges upon the Minister a Statutory Amendment in Local Government administration enacting that when the services of persons of professional standing are retained for services of part time or periodic character on behalf of Local Authorities whether permanently or for a specific occasion the acceptance of services in any conflicting interest, or interests likely to prove conflicting with those of such Local Authorities should not be permissible. See Manager's Orders Nos. 2888 and 2893. Copies of these resolutions to be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health". There voted FOR, Clrs. Little, Craig, Dempsey, H.J. Byrne, G. Byrne, French, Sayers-7- and AGAINST, Clrs. Temple and E. Byrne-2. Passed by 7 voting FOR to 2 AGAINST.

50 Motion by Clr. Little:-

"That the Town Clerk to issue to the members of the Council copies of the draft form of Standing Orders for Regulation of proceedings and Business of County Councils, as set out at pages 591-595 of Vanston's Local Government, with a view, subject to amendments, to adoption as the Standing Orders for the Procedure and Business of the Council of Bray Urban District". Motion withdrawn. Clr. Little stated he found the Council had no powers to make Standing Orders.

Peter Ledwidge
9/10/45

A Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 25th September, 1945, pursuant to the following Requisition:-

20th September, 1945.

"We, the undersigned, request the Town Clerk to call a Special Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council, for Tuesday, 25th September, 1945, at 7.30 p.m., at the Town Hall, to consider and determine the question of the filling of the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Joseph Metcalfe, Rent Collector.

Signed: H.J. Byrne: M. Dempsey: J. French
A.B. Craig : E. J. Little.

Present:- Councillors:- Ledwidge, (in Chair), Ed. E. Byrne, Temple, Dunne, McGarry, French, Craig, Dempsey, H.J. Byrne, Little-10.

51 Requisition and Notice convening meeting. Read.

Vote of condolence with widow and family and relatives of late Clr. George Byrne was passed in silence the members standing. Mr. Brangan, Dep. Co. Manager, spoke on behalf of the staff and Mr. P. Devitt also paid a personal tribute.

52 Vacancy created by death of Mr. Joseph Metcalfe, Rent Collector. Councillor H.J. Byrne proposed and Clr. Dempsey seconded:-

"That we, the members of the Bray Urban District Council, are of the opinion that, in filling the vacancy in the office of Rent collector for the houses of the Working Classes in this area, the appointment of two collectors is necessary for efficient service, regard being had to the figures contained in the Auditor's Report and abstracts attached thereto and also the correspondence had with the Department of Local Government and Public Health with Special Reference to letter No. H. 8555/39 to the Bray Urban District Council and to the prospect of building, in the near future, of at least 120 additional houses, and that the percentage be raised from 4% to 5%". Passed unanimously.

Peter Ledwidge
9/10/45

COUNCIL MEETING

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 9th October, 1945, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-Councillors Ledwidge (in Chair), Temple, Dunne, McGarry, French, Craig, Dempsey, H.J. Byrne, Little, E.E. Byrne, Sayers-ll.

- 52 Minutes of Meeting of 11th September and Special Meeting of 25th September, 1945. Read and signed. Item No.50 in Minutes of 11th September deleted.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. J. Garvin, County Manager, and promised the full co-operation of the Council during his period of office. Cllr. H.J. Byrne supported. Mr. Garvin suitably replied.

- 53 County Manager's Order Books. Various items were questioned by Councillors. Dissatisfaction expressed with the allocation of houses. Chairman drew attention to the fact that a house had been allotted despite the fact that there was no recommendation from the Co.M.O.H., applicants who had been recommended by Co.M.O.H. being ignored. See copy of Orders made by Co. Manager on 2/10/1945.
- 54 Report of Town Clerk on casual vacancy caused by death of Cllr. Geo. Byrne on 14/9/1945 that the vacancy should be filled after the expiration of one month from the date of death, according to Sec.42 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1941, and that it will be necessary to have a Special Meeting at which this casual vacancy is to be filled. Casual vacancy to be filled at Meeting to be held on 13th November, 1945.
- 55 Councillor Ledwidge proposed and Cllr. Temple seconded:-
"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to extension of Overdraft Accommodation in Revenue and Subsidiary Accounts to £15,000 to 15th February, 1946".
Passed unanimously.
- 55 Councillor Ledwidge proposed and Cllr. Temple seconded:-
"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to extension of Overdraft Accommodation in A.R.P. Account to £1,000 to 15th February, 1946".
Passed unanimously.
- 56 Submitted by County Manager for recommendation:-
1. Applications from:- Miss C. Wallace for light in Glenard Avenue; Do. from Mr. M. Daly for 2 lights on road leading from Brighton Tce. to Herbert Rd; Do. for light at Scapoint Road and at Brighton Tce.
Referred to Surveyor for report. Estimates to be obtained.
- 57 2. Estimate prepared by Syr. of cost of proposed improvements at Swimming Pools, Bray Head, £ 3,519.
The Council agreed in principle with the list of proposed improvements and agreed that the County Manager take up the matter with the Department with a view to getting a Grant.
- 58 3. Estimate of Surveyor re Re-construction of Roads under proposed £20,000 Grant.
It was agreed that this item be adjourned until the Councillors have been circularised giving full details of Scheme.
- 59 4. Estimate of Syr. of cost of reconstruction of other roads (Urban) not included in Schedule "A".
See above.
- 60 5. Estimate of Surveyor of cost of reconstruction of Sewers and Watermains.
See above.
- 61 6. Report of Syr. on tender of Mr. C. Dodd for erection of gates at St. Brigid's Tce. houses. Adjourned. Estimates to be obtained for iron gates.

Council Meeting (continued).

- 62 Referred by County Manager to Council:-
7. Letter of 2/10/45 (106/45) from Dept. Local Government enclosing copy of the Local Authorities (Acceptance of Gifts) Act, 1945, which empowers local authorities to accept or hold any gifts of property for civic improvement.
Read and noted.
- 63 Notice of Motion *handed in by:-*
1. Cllr. Sean Dunne re institution of priority list in connection with allocation of houses.
2. Cllr. Sayers re setting up of a Housing Committee with advisory powers.
3. Cllr. Sayers - recommending Co. Mgr. necessity for erecting "Danger-drive slowly" indicators at approaches to all schools etc., and re fixing speed limit.
4. Cllr. Little re Dance Hall licences. *Received*

Peter Ledwidge
13th Nov. 1945

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th November, 1945.

Present:- Councillors Ledwidge (in Chair), E.E. Byrne, Temple, Dunne, Sayers, McGarry, French, Dempsey, Craig, H.J. Byrne, E.J. Little -11.

64 Minutes of Meeting of 9/10/45. Arising out of minutes Clr. E.J. Little drew attention to the fact that the names of officials at meetings were not recorded. He proposed and Clr. H.J. Byrne seconded:- "That at future meetings the names of Officials present be recorded". Passed unanimously. Read and signed. Letter from Department of Local Govt. & Public Health notifying appointment of Mr. Michael Flannery as Wicklow County Manager and enclosing copy of Minister's Order appointing him. Read.

At this stage the Council adjourned for the purpose of holding Special Meeting for co-opting Councillor instead of Clr. G. Byrne, deceased.

On resuming after Special Meeting:

64A County Manager's Order Books. Various matters raised by Councillors, suggestions being put forward in some cases. Points raised replied to by County Manager.

Order 3080: Arising out of this report it was proposed by Clr. Sayers and seconded by Clr. Dunne:- "That reports made by Engineer to the Co. Manager be made available and circularised to each member of Council. Clrs. H.J. Byrne and Little having taken exception to matter contained in this report".

65 Pursuant to notice of motion Clr. Dunne proposed and Clr. Sayers seconded:- "That a priority list be instituted in connection with allocation of houses in Bray. That notice of Council's intention in this matter be published". Passed unanimously.

66 Pursuant to notice of motion Clr. Sayers moved and Clr. Dunne seconded:- "That a Housing Committee, with advisory powers, be set up, such Committee to consist of all Council members". Passed unanimously. Special Meeting to be called when Priority List of Housing is available.

67 Clr. Sayers proposed and Clr. French seconded:- "That this Council recommends to the Co. Mgr. the necessity of erecting "Danger-Drive Slowly" Indicators at the approaches to all Schools in the Urban Area and also at the People's Park, Lr. Dargle Rd. The Council also recommends that, in view of the probable increase in post emergency motor traffic, a reasonable speed limit should be fixed in the Bray Urban District." Passed unanimously. Clr. Sayers suggested that a Conference be summoned of all the various organisations interested to contribute their views. Adopted. Meeting to be called for a later date.

Letters from Sec., Bray Trades & Labour Council re (a) that a Driving Test should be made compulsory before a person be allowed to drive a motor car or lorry and the speed of all motor traffic through the district should be limited to 12 m.p.h.; (b) that Notices be erected at the approaches to all Schools within the Urban District giving warning. Read and adopted. Copies to be sent to Minister for Local Government and Commissioner, Garda Síochána.

68 Notice of motion handed in by Clr. Little re licences for Dance Halls was withdrawn by consent.

69 Letter from Hon. Sec., Assocn. of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, asking for views of Council and any suggestions re amendment of the Co. Management Act, 1940. Referred to adjourned meeting of Council to be held on 27th instant.

70 Copy of report of Special Meeting of Library Committee of 24/10/45, as circulated to Council. Referred to adjourned meeting to be held on 27th instant.

71 Referred by Co. Manager to Council:-
1. Report of Syr. re suggested Parking Place at north end of Esplanade.
2. Proposed widening of Seapoint Rd. Adjourned to Mtg. of 27th inst.

Cl. Mtg. 27/11/1945.

72 Referred by Collgr. to Council:-
2. Surveyor's report on applications for new lights at various places.

Letter from Sec., Bray Trades & Labour Council, re urgent necessity for proper lighting at Dargle & Vevay Roads. It was decided that no further extension of Public Lighting would be made and all the applications would be referred to next Estimates for consideration when the question of additional Public Lighting would come up for consideration.

73 3. Estimate of Surveyor re provision and erection of Iron Gates at St. Brigid's Pce. houses @ 2105. One tender for wooden gates received late. Not opened. It was agreed that in view of the fall in prices of iron and steel that fresh tenders be invited for iron gates.

74 Letter from Rev. Mr. Maguire, C.C., complaining that the Cinema Regulations were not being enforced. Read. Clr. Little proposed and Clr. J. French seconded:- "That the Council regret the failure of the Gardaí to enforce the condition of the licences of the Cinemas prohibiting the attendance of children at the cinemas during School sessions and would urge that an intensive effort be now made to secure compliance therewith". Passed unanimously.

The Council adjourned to 27th November, 1945.

Peter Ledwidge
11/12/45

A Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 13th November, 1945, pursuant to the following Requisition:-

"Town Clerk, Bray,

Please convene a special meeting of Bray U.D. Council to be held on Tuesday, the 15th November, 1945, at 7.30 p.m., for the purpose of electing a fit and proper person to fill the vacancy caused by the death of late Clr. Geo. Byrne. Signed: P. LEDWIDGE: ED. E. BYRNE: J. TEMPLE: SEAN DUNNE: DAVID SAYERS.

"Bray, 8th Oct. 1945.

Present:- Clrs. Ledwidge (in Chair), E.E. Byrne, Temple, Dunne, Sayers, McGarry, French, Dempsey, Craig, H.J. Byrne and Little.

75 Requisition and Notice convening meeting.

Road.

76 Clr. H.J. Byrne proposed and Clr. Little seconded:- "That Mr. G.H.G. STUART be co-opted a member of the Council in room of late Clr. Geo. Byrne". Clr. French proposed and Clr. McGarry seconded "That Mrs. Frances McCallion be co-opted". Clr. S. Dunne proposed and Clr. Sayers seconded:- "That Mr. JAMES BYRNE be co-opted". Clr. Temple proposed "That Mr. PATRICK MARTIN be co-opted". There being no seconder a vote was taken as between STUART, McCALLION AND BYRNE when there voted FOR STUART:- Clrs. Little, H.J. Byrne, Dempsey, Craig, E. Byrne-5; FOR Mrs. McCALLION:- French, McGarry and Ledwidge-3; FOR JAMES BYRNE, Clrs. Sayers and Dunne-2; Clr. Temple not voting. On a FINAL VOTE being taken there voted FOR STUART:- Clrs. Little, H.J. Byrne, Craig, Dempsey and E. Byrne-5; FOR Mrs. McCALLION, Clrs. French, McGarry, Sayers and Ledwidge-4. Clrs. Dunne and Temple not voting. The Chairman declared Mr. G.H.G. STUART co-opted. Clr. H.J. Byrne proposed and Clr. Little seconded:- "That we the Bray Urban District Council hereby co-opt Mr. G.H.G. Stuart as a fit and proper person to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Clr. George Byrne". Passed unanimously.

Peter Ledwidge
11/12/45

An Adjourned Meeting of Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 27th Nov., 1945, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Clrs. Ledwidge (in Chair), McGarry, French, Temple, Sayers, E.E. Byrne, Little, Craig, Stuart, Dempsey, H.J. Byrne, S. Dunne. There were also in attendance, County Manager, Town Clerk, Accountant and Surveyor.

76A The Chairman announced that Clr. Stuart had duly signed his Declaration and congratulated him on his election and before the Meeting started he, Chairman, desired to bring before the Council certain statements which had appeared in the press re enforcement of Cinema Regulations whereby it was implied that statements made by Fr. Maguire were not correct. He proposed and Clr. H.J. Byrne seconded:- "That this Council calls upon the Managers of The Royal Cinema and The Bray Picture House to withdraw statements made by them in the press whereby they implied that statements in the Rev. Fr. Maguire's letter were not correct. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Chief Supt., Garda Siochana." Passed unanimously.

77 Report of Special Meeting of Library Committee of 24/10/1945 recommending the Bray Library Authority to relinquish their powers in favour of the Wicklow County Council, as provided in Sec. 65-Sub-Sec. 6, of the Local Government Act, 1925, subject to the terms of Agreement embodied in the report of the Conference of Representatives of the County Wicklow Library Committee and Bray Library Committee held on 9/10/45 and revised at Special meeting of 24/10/1945. Clr. H.J. Byrne proposed and Clr. ~~Stuart~~ ^{ledwidge} seconded:- *P.L.*
"That we, the members of the Bray Urban District Council do approve of the recommendation of the Special Meeting of the Bray Library Committee of the 24th October, 1945, and that we recommend the Co. Manager to ask the Local Appointments Commission to recommend a fit and proper person, fully qualified, to be appointed as Librarian". Passed unanimously.

78 Report of Surveyor re widening of Seapoint Rd. and suggested Parking Place at North end of Esplanade. Adjourned to Mtg. 4/12/45.

79 Letter from Sec. Assn. Municipal Authorities, re suggestions for amendment to County Management Act, 1940. Adjourned to Meeting 6th December, 1945.

80 Letter from Clr. Temple re provision of Christmas Work. Adjourned to Meeting 4th December, 1945.

Meeting adjourned to 4th December, 1945.

Peter Ledwidge
11/12/45

The Adjourned Meeting of Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Thursday, 6th December, 1945, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Ledwidge (in Chair), Dempsey, Dunne, Sayers, Stuart, H.J. Byrne, Craig, Little, E.E. Byrne, Temple-10. Also present County Manager, Town Clerk and Surveyor.

81 Report from Surveyor re proposed parking place at north end of Esplanade and re suggested widening of Seapoint Rd., as circulated. Councillor Little proposed and Clr. Sayers seconded:-
"That this Council approves the enclosure with railing at north end of Esplanade of the portion hatched in on the map produced by Surveyor and the surfacing with tarmacadam thereof, as a Car Park, at a cost of £2,050, for use of incoming motor traffic during Tourist season and that no parking be permitted on Strand Road; and that application be made to the Tourist Board for a grant-in-aid". Passed unanimously.
The matter of Seapoint Road deferred.

82 Letter from Councillor Temple re provision of work to absorb numbers of unemployed at Christmas time; Read.
Report of Surveyor giving works which could be carried out, which are of a high labour content, and estimating cost of work and number of men that could be absorbed in these works; After a long discussion Clr. Dunne proposed and Clr. Sayers seconded:
"That we hereby authorise, in pursuance of Sec. 25 of the Co. Management Act, 1940, the expenditure of £900 on the following Works:-

"Bray Head Pools;
"Car Park at North end of Esplanade.
"Concreting at Junction of Newcourt Rd. and Putland Road;
" " at junction of Boghall Rd. with Wolfe Tone Sq".

Councillor H.J. Byrne proposed as an amendment and Clr. Craig seconded:-

"That a sum of £700 be allowed for works suggested by Surveyor". There voted for the Amendment, Clrs. Little, Craig, H.J. Byrne, Stuart, Dempsey and Ledwidge-6; Against, Clrs. Temple, E. Byrne, Sayers, Dunne-4. The Chairman declared the amendment carried by 6 votes to 4 and, on being put as a substantive motion was carried by the same majority.

83 Letter dated 5/12/45 (L.19347/3/45) from Dept. Loc. Govt. in connection with letter of 30/10/45 transmitting proposals for carrying out of improvements at Swimming Pools, Bray Head, stating that the Schedule of Works furnished contemplates expenditure considerably in excess of the amount of money available for the Urban District Council in the current year's Employment & Emergency Schemes Vote. Various recommendations were suggested in letter to effect a reduction in the total estimate and detailed specifications and a revised schedule of essential works should be re-submitted, and consideration is being given to the allocation of a Grant from the Employment & Emergency Schemes Vote towards the cost of the works. Read. Detailed Specifications and revised Schedule to be prepared and submitted without delay.

Letter from Manager, Local Labour Exchange, giving number of unskilled workmen on Register as 146. Noted.

84 Letter from Hon. Sec., Association of Municipal Authorities, re Co. Management Act, 1940 - asking for suggested amendments. Adjourned to a later date.

Peter Ledwidge
11/12/45

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 11th December, 1945, at 7.30 p.m.
Present:- Councillors Ledwidge (in Chair), Sayers, H.J. Byrne, Stuart, Craig, Little, French, Temple, Dunne-9; also Town Clerk, Co. Mgr., Accountant & Syr.

86 Minutes of Meeting of 12/11/1945, as circulated; Minutes of Meeting (Special) of 13/11/45; Adjourned Meeting of 27/11/45 and 6th Dec., 1945, as circulated. Before the Minutes were signed, Clr. E.J. Little proposed and Clr. H.J. Byrne seconded:- "That minutes of 13/11/45 be amended to read - "that statement by the Surveyor qualifying the matter contained in his report". (Par. 64A). Passed unanimously. Councillor H.J. Byrne proposed and Clr. Stuart seconded:- "That Minutes of 6/12/45, Par. 81, be amended by the insertion of the word "inclusive" before cost, in the 4th line of the resolution". Passed unanimously. The Minutes were then signed. A vote of sympathy was passed with relatives of Late Murtagh Dempsey, P.P., Acton, Birmingham.

86 County Manager's Order Book. Various matters referred to therein noted.

87 Letter from Acting Town Clerk, Dungarvan, U.D.C., appending copy of Resolution calling on Minister for Education to ensure that in all Schools instruction be given in respect for National Anthem and Flag. Councillor H.J. Byrne proposed and Clr. Little seconded:- "That letter be marked "Read". Passed unanimously.

88 Letter from Mr. K.J. Brangan, Co. Sec., Wicklow Co. Council, enclosing copy of Notice of Intention to propose resolution making a District Planning Scheme for the County Health District of Wicklow, under the Town & Regional Planning Acts, 1934 and 1939. Noted.

89 Referred by County Manager to Council:-

Circ. letter of 27/11/45 (G.129/45) from Dept. Loc. Govt. enclosing copy of a White Paper on the demobilisation and re-settlement of members of Defence Forces. Read and noted.

90 Letter from Hon. Sec., Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, asking for suggestions and views of Council on County Management Act, 1940, for transmission to Department of L. Government. Read. Clr. D. Sayers proposed and Clr. S. Dunne seconded:- "That a Special Meeting be summoned for this purpose, the date suggested, 17th instant". Passed unanimously. Copies of Co. Management Act to be supplied to members.

91 Councillor H.J. Byrne asked that letter under Seal of Council notifying Chief Supt. Quinn, Garda Siochana, that the Towns Improvement Act is in full force in Bray Urban Area be sent. County Manager, Mr. Flannery, undertook to carry out the request.

The Adjourned Meeting of Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on MONDAY, 17th December, 1945, at which there attended:- Clrs. Ledwidge (in Chair), Sayers, G.H. Stuart, Temple, H.J. Byrne and Town Clerk.

92 Circ. letter dated 27/10/1945 from Hon. Sec., Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, requesting views of Council and suggestions for amendments to the County Management Act, 1940. Clr. H.J. Byrne proposed and Clr. Stuart seconded:- "A County Manager shall, when so required by a two thirds (or three-fourths, if desired) majority of the members of the Council of a County or of an elective body, present and voting, give effect to the resolution so passed by the Council of a county or of an Elective Body. In this way a better understanding and fuller co-operation between the County Manager and the elected representatives of the people is ensured". Passed unanimously.

Peter Ledwidge
9th Jan 1946

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 8th January, 1946, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Clrs. Ledwidge (in Chair), E.E. Byrne, Sayers, Dempsey, H.J. Byrne, Little, McGarry, French, Craig, Stuart, Dunne, Temple; Co. Manager, Town Clerk and Surveyor.

93 Minutes of Meeting of 11th December, 1945 and Adjourned Meeting of 17th December, 1945, as circulated. ORDER:- Read and signed. Acknowledgment of vote of sympathy from brother and sisters of the late Mr. Patrick J. Dowle, 95, Main St., Bray.

94 County Manager's Order Book. Various matters raised by Councillors were dealt with. Arising out of appointment of 2 Rent Collectors a majority of Councillors protested strongly against the fact that local applicants were not appointed.

95 Letter from Mr. O. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Bray Drama Festival, 1946, notifying that the 2nd Annual Drama Festival will be held in the last 2 weeks of May in Bray and asking if Council would consider offering a Prize for competition during the Festival. ORDER:- Read and noted.

Referred by County Manager to Council:-

96 1. Letter from Supt. Hynes, Garda Siochana, stating the Department of Local Government advises that the Towns Improvement (Ir) Act, 1854, applies to Bray Urban Area and asking if, in the event of proceedings under the Act, Council will produce evidence of the adoption of the Act and also produce a copy of the Bray Township Act, 1866 for the information of the Court. ORDER:- Read and noted. and

2. Surveyor's report on application of Mr. J. Flynn, "Muniment Press", for lease of strip of Terrace at rear of 1, Florence Terrace, to enable him to expand the employment capacity of his business. ORDER:- Consideration of this matter adjourned to next meeting. *Site at Hudson's Terrace - Application of Mr. Flynn that request be complied with. P.H.*

97 3. Letter from Mr. J.H. Magee re Special Speed Limit for Motor Vehicles in the Urban District of Bray, stating he has perused the relevant sections referred to in the Road Traffic Act, 1933 and County Management Act, 1940 and advises that he is of opinion that the making of the prescribed application to the Minister as laid down by Sec. 48 of the 1933 Act is a "Reserved Function" of the Council. He would not consider such a regulation to be of the nature of a Bye-law, to come within the meaning of Paragraph 4 of the Second Schedule of the 1940 Act, but he thinks it is clear that it would be covered by paragraph 5 of said Schedule. ORDER:- Noted.

99 4. Surveyor's report re damage caused by high tides on 18/12/45 - approx. 80 ft. of railings damaged and debris washed on to Esplanade. ORDER:- Referred to Estimates meeting.

100 5. Memorial from residents of Westbourne Terrace asking that passage be put in proper condition and Syr.'s report that cost of reasonable repairs would be £40. ORDER:- Refer to County Manager.

101 6. Letter from Capt. Jameson re repairs necessary to boundary wall between Council's property and Bray Head Park and Surveyor's estimate of cost @ £20. ORDER:- Work to be carried out. County Manager to expend the necessary amount.

102 Councillor Ledwidge proposed and Clr. Sayers seconded:- "That the County Manager is hereby authorised to increase the amount of £200 allowed in Estimates for contribution towards Grant Works to £220 in connection with Grant of £1,800 for Swimming Pools". Passed unanimously.

103 Councillor Ledwidge proposed and Clr. Sayers seconded:- "That an additional allowance of £185 be authorised to cover excess cost of Salaries of Officers". Passed unanimously.

Council (contd.)

103 Proposed by Councillor Ledwidge and seconded by Clr. Little:-
"That we, the Bray Urban District Council, having approved by
Resolution passed at meeting of Council held on 6th December, 1945,
of construction of Car Park at the north end of the Esplanade, at
an estimated cost of £2,050, as per plan and specification prepared
by the Surveyor, hereby make application to the Minister for Local
Government for sanction to the raising of a Loan of £2,050 for this
purpose".
Passed unanimously

104 Notice of Motion re equitable distribution of casual work for
labourers on a rotational basis, by Cr. Dunne Accepted.

Peter Ledwidge
12th Feb. 1946.

A Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town
Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 15th January, 1946 at 7.30 p.m., pursuant to the
following Requisition:-
"Town Hall, Bray.
10th January, 1946.

"Town Clerk, Bray.

"Please convene a Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council to
be held on TUESDAY next, 15th instant, at 7.30 p.m., in the Town Hall,
Bray, for the purpose of making recommendations to the County Manager in
connection with lettings for Amusements etc., on Esplanade for coming
season.

Sd: PETER LEDWIDGE: H.J. BYRNE: JAMES FRENCH
MURICE DEMPSEY: DAVID SAYERS

Present:- Councillors Ledwidge (in Chair), H.J. Byrne, Stuart, Little, E.E.
Byrne, Temple, French, Dempsey and Sayers-9, and Co. Manager, Town Clerk
and Surveyor.

105 Requisition and Notice convening meeting. ORDER:- Read.
Letter card from Clr. Craig apologising for absence. "

106 Consider question of lettings on Esplanade etc., for purpose of
making recommendation to County Manager.
ORDER:- The question of various lettings on Esplanade was discussed
by the members of the Council and certain recommendations were made
to the County Manager.

Re letting of Kiosks. ORDER:- Lettings to be made by Auction, as
in former years.

107 Consideration of Counsel's Opinion re Bye-laws.
ORDER:- Copies to be furnished to members of Committee for their
consideration.

Peter Ledwidge
12/2/46.

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Bray U.D. Council was held in the
Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 12th February, 1946, at 7.30 p.m.
Present:- Councillors Ledwidge (in Chair), Dunne, Sayers, Dempsey, H.J.
Byrne, Stuart, Temple, Little, E. Byrne, French, McGarry; Co. Manager, Town
Clerk, Accountant and Surveyor.

108 Minutes of Meeting of 8/1/46, and of Special Meeting of 15/1/46,
as circulated. Read and signed.

Apology read from Clr. Craig for absence from Meeting.

Employment of Casual Labour.

109 Councillor Dunne proposed, pursuant to notice of motion, and Clr.
Little seconded:- "That any casual work for labourers, which
may become available from time to time should be distributed on a
rotational basis among the unemployed of the town". There voted
FOR, Clrs. McGarry, Sayers, Dunne-3-, and AGAINST, Clrs. French, E. Byrne,
Temple, Stuart, H. Byrne, Dempsey, Ledwidge-7. Clr. Little did not vote.
The Chairman declared the motion lost by 7 voting AGAINST to 3 FOR.

Hudson's Tea Site - Loan to J. Ryan Nominated Press

110 County Manager's Order Books.

ORDER:- Various matters were raised by Councillors present.
Explanations being given by County Manager on the matters raised.
(a) Adjourned consideration of application of Mr. J. Flynn, "Himment
Press", Bray, re lease at Hudson's Tea Site. Adjourned until next
Meeting.

Fire Brigade

(b) Letter from M.P. Doyle, Capt. Fire Brigade, refuting allegations
of Clrs. H.J. Byrne and Clr. Stuart made at meeting on 8/1/46 that
Brigade attended fire without a hose. ORDER:- Read. Explanation
given by Clr. H.J. Byrne. Chairman stated that matter referred to in
letter was a statement made at a Council Meeting some years
previously.

Overdraft

111 Councillor Ledwidge proposed and Clr. Sayers seconded:-
1. "That application be made to the Minister for Local Government
and Public Health for sanction to extension of Overdraft accomodat
ion in Revenue and Subsidiary Accounts to £15,000 to 15/8/1946".
2. "That application be made to the Minister for Local Government
and Public Health for sanction to extension of Overdraft
accommodation in A.R.P. Account to £1,000 up to 15th August, 1946".
Passed unanimously.

Public Lighting

112 Letter from Mr. Geo. Doyle, Sec., Bray Trades Council, asking receipt
of Deputation at meeting preceding Estimates Meeting to put
before Council the need for extra public lighting and re provision
of more suitable public lavatories in township.
Clr. H.J. Byrne proposed and Clr. Little seconded:- "That the
Deputation be not received". Clr. S. Dunne proposed and Clr. Sayers
seconded, as an amendment, :- "That the Deputation be received".
On clear vote being taken there voted FOR the Deputation being
received, Clrs. McGarry, French, E. Byrne, Temple, Sayers, Dunne, Ledwidge
-7-, and AGAINST, Clrs. Little, Stuart, H.J. Byrne, Dempsey-4.
Deputation to be received at next Council Meeting.

Licensing Hours

113 Letter from Clerk, Castlebar U.D. Council, amending copy of a
resolution passed at a meeting held on 15/1/46, urging that
facilities should be allowed for obtaining reasonable refreshments
on Sundays in all Urban areas, as prevails in Municipal areas and
asking that the Minister for Justice amend the existing Licensing
Laws to this effect; and that suitable hours would be 12.30 to
2 p.m., and 5.30 to 7 p.m. Co. ORDER:- Read. Councillor
French proposed and adoption of the resolution and Clr. Temple
seconded, and it was adopted unanimously.

Telephone Directory

114 Letter from Town Clerk, Carrickmacross U.D.C., subjoining copy of
resolution calling on Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to compile
Telephone Directory in alphabetical order by Town and County
instead of as at present. ORDER:- Read.

Repairs to Council House

115 Referred by County Manager to Council:-
1. Report of 2/2/46 from Surveyor referring to the question of
excess expenditure in connection with Council houses. The amount
expended in excess of the amount allowed in Estimates for repairs
and painting was £962-16-6d.

Cl. Meeting of 12/2/46 (contd.)

115 (continued) Clr. Temple proposed and Clr. Ledwidge seconded:-
"That the Manager be authorised to spend an amount in excess of
"the amount allowed in estimates for repairs and painting Council's
"houses, to the amount of £962-16-6d". Passed unanimously.

M. & C. W. Centre Yard.

116 2. Surveyor's Report on application of L.R. Cavey, The Royal Hotel, for
lease of portion of yard at rear of Maternity Centre for parking
purposes. Report of Dr. Raverty in same matter. Read.
Matter adjourned to next Meeting. Meanwhile Mr. Cavey to be asked if
it is his intention to make use of Garage at such hours as would not
interfere with those people using the Child Welfare Centre.

M. & C. W. Committee.

117 Report of Meeting of Maternity & Child Welfare Committee of 25/1/46
re unsatisfactory attendance of members of Committee. Also
Committee's recommendation that 2 new members be appointed and that
Committee meeting be changed to last Wednesday of each month at 8
p.m. ORDER:- It was agreed that Committee stand as at present
constituted and that meeting be changed to last Wednesday in each
month at 8 p.m.

Market Rates.

118 Letter from Town Clerk, Kinsale, enclosing copy of resolution passed
at Meeting on 4/2/46 calling on the Min. Loc. Govt. to make Loans
available to Urban District Councils at a rate of Interest not exceed-
ing 3 per cent. ORDER:- Read.

Bus Shelters.

118A Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor E. Byrne regarding provision
of shelters at Bus Stops.

The Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 26th February, 1946.

The Adjourned Meeting of Bray U.D. Council was held at 7.50 p.m. on
26th February, 1946. Present:- Clrs. Ledwidge (in Chair), Dempsey, Craig,
Stuart, H.J. Byrne, E.E. Byrne, Little, Temple, McGarry, French-10; Also Town
Clerk and County Manager, Accountant and Surveyor.

119 Apologies tendered on behalf of Clr. Sayers, who had met with an
accident, and Clr. Dunne, for inability to attend. Town Clerk to
write to Clr. Sayers expressing sympathy and wishing him a speedy
recovery.

Priority List of Tenants for Council houses becoming vacant.
It was decided that a Special Meeting be called for this purpose
only on 5th March, 1946.

Esplanade Bye-laws.

120 Draft Bye-law No. 12 of Esplanade Bye-laws. The Town Clerk submitted
new draft of Bye-law 12, according to the letter submitted by Mr. J.
H. Magee, making various amendments in old Bye-law. The new Bye-law
had been re-drafted to provide for the sanction of the Ministers
for Justice and Industry & Commerce. It would be necessary to have
a Notice of Intention to make the Bye-law published a month before
the date on which it could be made and sealed.
ORDER:- Draft Bye-law 12 adopted. Town Clerk to take the necessary
steps to have the Bye-law implemented.

Roads Improvement Scheme.

121 Submitted by C.C. Manager for recommendation:-
1. Letter from Dept. Loc. Govt. asking for reply to letter of 11/8/45
re submission of a Scheme of Road works, £20,000 Scheme. Copies
of Surveyor's reports and Schedules giving detailed costs of the
works which could be undertaken under proposed scheme, circulated.
ORDER:- Adjourn to next meeting. Surveyor instructed to prepare
a detailed Specification. Copy of this Specification to be
circulated to members of Council.

Site of Sites on Esplanade.

122 2. Recommendation on tenders received for sites on Esplanade, for
Amusements etc. The Council went into Committee to consider these
tenders and on coming out of Committee made the following recommend-
-ations:-

Site 1. Manager recommended to accept tender of Mr. Gordon Hunt in
sum of £2,150 per annum for 5 year contract.
Site 2. Manager recommended to accept the tender of Bryan Dunne for
£30 for Season only.

Adj. Meeting 26/2/46 (continued).

122 (continued) Site 3: Manager recommended to accept tender of Mr.
Ted Young for £5 for season only.
Site 4: Manager to interview the Bray Development Association and
obtain further details and report back to Council.

123 Notice of motion handed in by Clr. P. Ledwidge. Received.

124 Estimates Meeting. ORDER:- Minister to be asked to sanction the
holding of Estimates Meeting on Friday, 29th March, 1946.

A Special Meeting of Council was held on Tuesday, 5th March, 1946, in
the Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 p.m., pursuant to the following Requisition:
"Bray.

"Town Clerk, Bray.

Please convene a Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council
to be held on Tuesday next, 5th March, 1946, in the Town Hall, Bray, at
7.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering Priority List of applicants
for Council houses.

Signed: Peter Ledwidge: James French: G.H.G. Stuart
Michael McGarry.

Present:- Councillors Ledwidge (in Chair), Dunne, E.E. Byrne, Temple,
McGarry and French; also Town Clerk and Sanitary Inspector.

Card from Clr. Craig apologising for inability to attend.

125 Requisition and Notice convening meeting read.

Housing Priority List.

126 Priority list submitted.

ORDER:- Having examined Priority List members of the Council drew
attention to inaccuracies in some listed cases and recommended that
applicants for Council's houses must have a residence qualification
of 5 years. Councillor Temple proposed and Clr. McGarry seconded:-
"That we recommend the County Manager that applicants for
"tenancy of Council houses must have at least 5 years residence in
"the district".
Passed unanimously.

Housing Schemes.

127 It was unanimously agreed that the County Manager be asked to
arrange for reception of Deputation by the Minister for Local Govern-
-ment and Public Health or the Minister for Finance to discuss with
them the possibility of proceeding with the Council's Scheme of 120
houses, having regard to the great want that prevails for new
houses in Bray.

Peter Ledwidge

12/3/46.

The Statutory Meeting of the Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 13th March, 1946, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-Councillors Ledwidge (in Chair), Dunne, Dempsey, H.J. Byrne, Craig, Little, McGarry, French, Stuart, Temple-10; also Co.Mgr., Town Clerk and Surveyor.

- 128 Minutes of Meetings of 12th Feb., Adjourned Mtg. of 26th Feb. and Special Meeting of 5th March, as circulated. Signed.
Votes of condolence were passed with the relatives of the following, recently deceased:- Mr.Noel Harrison, Mr.E.Campbell, Mrs.Bates and Mr.J.H.Cahill and with the Clergy and people of St.Louis on the death of Cardinal Glennon.
- 129 County Manager's Order Book. Various matters were raised by Council and noted and explanation given by Co.Manager where necessary.
Setts at Bus Termini
- 130 Clr.Temple proposed and Clr.McGarry seconded:- "That we, the members of the Bray U.D.Council do hereby make representation to Coras Timpair Eireann regarding the provision of Shelters at Bus termini and important stops".
Passed unanimously.
Remuneration of Acting Overseer
- 131 Pursuant to Notice Clr.Ledwidge proposed and Clr.French seconded:- "That a sum of £240 be provided in the Estimates for the purpose of remunerating the Acting Overseer, Mr. P.O'Brien, for his additional duties while acting in this capacity as Overseer and at the same time carrying out his own duties as Harbour Master".
Clr.Craig proposed and Clr.H.J.Byrne seconded, as an amendment:- "That the Co.Manager be invited to consider the future position of the Acting Overseer and that the Council recommends that in the event of the appointment being made permanent the present salary should be increased." There voted FOR the amendment, Clrs.Little, Stuart, Craig, H.J. Byrne, Dempsey-5 and AGAINST, Clrs.French, McGarry, Temple, Dunne, Ledwidge-5. The Chairman gave his casting vote against the amendment, which was declared lost. The original motion was amended that the sum of £240 be changed to £150 with the addition - "that his salary for combined duties be increased by £1 per week from 31st March, 1946". The original motion was carried as amended the Chairman giving his casting vote in favour of the motion.
County Management Act
- 132 Circ.letter No.130/45 dated 7/2/46 from the Min.Loc.Govt. in connection with the County Management Act, 1940, as circulated. After a discussion which took place in connection therewith, Clr. Dunne proposed and Clr.Temple seconded:- "That we the Bray U.D. Council desire to express our view that the need for co-operation between County Managers and Local Authorities should first be implemented by the Minister and his County Managers". There voted FOR, Clrs.Temple and Dunne-2 and AGAINST, Clrs.French, McGarry, Little, Stuart, Craig, Dempsey, Ledwidge-7. The motion was declared lost by 7 voting AGAINST to 2 FOR.
Public Lighting
- 133 A Deputation from the Trades Council consisting of Messrs.R.J. Connolly, G.Doyle and T.Nolan attended and expressed their views on the necessity for extra Public Lighting and the provision of more public lavatories in the township. The Chairman thanked the member of the Deputation for their views and assured them that they would be given consideration at Estimates Meeting.
Public Library
- 134 Letter from Rev.M.Browne, C.C., resigning from Bray Public Library. Read. Clr.Little proposed and Clr.Temple seconded:- "That Rev.Fr. Browne's resignation be accepted". Passed unanimously.
- 135 Letter from Hon.Sec., Bray Literary Debating Society, asking that one of their members should be elected on Library Committee and suggesting Mr. Phillip Rooney. It was proposed by Clr.Little and seconded by Clr.French:- "That Mr. Phillip Rooney, President of the Bray Literary Debating Society and Discussion Group, be appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the retirement of Rev.Fr.Browne".
Do
- 134A Letter from Min.Loc.Govt. asking the Council to reconsider their decision in connection with the amalgamation of the Urban and Co. Library services. As the matter was not sent out on the Agenda the Chairman ruled that letter from Minister be read but no motion or discussion be allowed. Copies of the letter to be circulated to members for the next Statutory Meeting.

Bray Loc. Educn. Cllr. - Auditor's Report

- 136 Letter from Min.Loc.Govt. enclosing copy of Auditor's Report and Abstract of a/c's of Bray Voc.Education Committee for year ended 31st March, 1945.
Left on table.
Town Tenants' Association
- 137 Letter from Exec.Committee, Carndonagh Town Tenants' Association, appealing for funds to carry on the fight against Landlords. Read. Clr.Dunne undertook to make a collection among Councillors and send it on to Hon.Treasurers.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNTY MANAGER:-

- 138 Letter from Comms.Public Works stating they will not be prepared to consider offers for redemption of Loans borrowed from the Local Loans Fund.
Read and noted.
Housing Scheme
- 139 Letter from Min.Loc.Govt. returning Plans and Specification of proposed Scheme of 120 houses and stating proposed density is too great and should not exceed 12 houses per acre and asking for revised Plan and Specification. Referred to Surveyor to prepare Lay-out Plans and amended plans and specification.
Roads Improvement Scheme
- 140 Letter from Syr. giving detailed specification in connection with 220,000 Scheme of Roads. Adjourned to next Statutory Meeting.
Nativity G.C. W. Centre - Yard at Rere
- 141 Letter from Mr.W.Cavey, The Royal Hotel, re letting of yard at rere of Maternity Centre for storage of cars. Read. County Manager's recommendation agreed to.
Site at Hudson's Terrace - Application of Mr. J. Flynn Monument Press
- 142 Correspondence with Mr.J.Flynn, The Monument Press, re site at Hudson's Terrace. Correspondence read. A motion proposed by Clr. Little and seconded by Clr.Temple was withdrawn and Clr.Craig proposed and Clr.Stuart seconded:-
"That Mr.Flynn be requested to make a firm offer for the entire site by the 31st March, 1946". There voted FOR, Clrs. French, McGarry, Little, Stuart, Craig, Ledwidge-6 and against, Clrs.Temple, Dempsey and Dunne-3.
Storm Overflow Drain at Presentation College Grounds
- 143 Report from Surveyor enclosing Plan and Estimate of proposed Storm Overflow through the Grounds of Presentation College. On the suggestion of Clr.Little a joint consultation of the two Engineers to confer as to the two minor schemes, and report to Co. Manager before Estimates are issued".
Estimates Meeting - Date
- 144 Copy of Order of the Minister for Local Government that the Date of the Estimates Meeting of the Council shall be the 29th day of March, 1946.
Read and noted.

Peter Ledwidge
9th April 1946

The Estimates Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council was held on Friday, 28th March, 1946, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Clr. Ledwidge (in Chair), Clrs. French, McGarry, Little, H.J. Byrne, Stuart, Dempsey, Sayers, Dunne, Craig, E.E. Byrne and Temple; Co. Mgr., Town Clerk, Accountant and Surveyor were also present.

145 Notice convening meeting.

Read.

Annual Estimates.
146 The Council decided to postpone consideration of Estimate pending the submission of detailed statement of expenditure in connection with the various services, for year ended 31.3.1946.
The Meeting adjourned to 5th April, 1946, for this purpose.

The Adjourned Meeting for consideration of Estimates was held on Friday, 5th April, 1946, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Clrs. P. Ledwidge (in Chair), French, Temple, Sayers, McGarry, Stuart, Dempsey, H.J. Byrne, Craig and Little; Co. Mgr., Town Clerk, Accountant and Surveyor also in attendance.

Read.

147 Notice of Meeting.

Annual Estimates.

148 On opening the consideration of the Estimates, Clr. H.J. Byrne proposed and Clr. Sayers seconded:-
to "That we adopt the proposals contained in the Manager's statement dated 2nd April giving particulars of yearly charge for raising of Loans for concreting, relaying sewers and water-

150B) "mains in Meath Rd., Florence Rd. and Sidmonton Road instead of item of £2,077 in Estimate for Scarifying and sheeting in tarmac, as per specification submitted by Surveyor and as per Scheme submitted by Manager".
Passed unanimously.

The Estimates were considered in detail and various amendments made therein and Form C. was duly completed making a gross Town and Harbour Rate of 12s 6d and a Poor Rate of 11s 4d in the £.

Clr. Ledwidge proposed and Clr. Sayers seconded:-

"That we hereby adopt the Estimates of Expenses set forth in Tables A., B. and C of the Estimates appended hereto in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1947". Passed unanimously.

Clr. Ledwidge proposed and Clr. Sayers seconded:-

"That we hereby determine the Rates set forth in column 9 of Table C of the Estimates hereunder, namely:-
TOWN & HARBOUR RATE --- 12s 6d in Pound
POOR RATE --- 11s 4d "
to be the Rates in the £ to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said Estimates for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1947".
Passed unanimously.

The Manager was asked to arrange for the reception of a deputation by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on the question of Loans etc., and it was agreed that the Deputation would consist of the Chairman, Clrs. Byrne, Sayers and Little; County Manager and Town Clerk.

Peter Ledwidge
14th May 1946

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th April, 1946.

Present:- Councillors Ledwidge (In Chair), French, Temple, Sayers, H.J. Byrne, Stuart, Dempsey, Craig, Little-9. Also Co. Mgr., Town Clerk, Acct. & Syr.

151 Minutes of Statutory Meeting of 12th March, Estimates Meeting of 29th March and adjourned Estimates meeting of 5th April, as circulated. Signed.
Votes of sympathy were passed with relatives of Late Wm. Burke, former Librarian, and with relatives of Late Mrs. Kinsella, wife of Mr. F.D. Kinsella, former Councillor. Acknowledgments of votes of condolence received from Mrs. Campbell, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Cahill, Mr. & Miss Harrison. Noted.

Sanitary Conveniences - Lifting of Tolls.

152 County Manager's Order Book. Arising out of Order No. 3340 in connection with Sanitary Conveniences on Esplanade, Clr. H.J. Byrne proposed and Clr. Little seconded:- "That the Co. Manager do not consider the Contractors for the present year when receiving tenders for Sanitary Conveniences for coming year". Passed unanimously. Other matters referred to were discussed and points raised were explained by the County Manager.

Disqualification of Member of Council.

153 Report of Town Clerk of disqualification of Mr. E. Byrne owing to non-payment of Rates in respect of year ended 31/3/46 before that date. Read. The following Declaration of Vacancy, under Local Government Act, 1898 and Local Government Acts, 1925 to 1941, was signed:-
"Whereas by section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1941, it is provided that any Councillor who has not paid his rates on 31st March in any financial year shall be disqualified from continuing to act as such Councillor and WHEREAS Clr. Edward E. Byrne became disqualified on 31st March 1946 by not having paid the rates as assessed on him as Rated Occupier for 3 Oldcourt Tce., Bray, for the year ended 31st March, 1946, and whereas by Art. 12(10) of the Application of Enactments Order, 1898, it is necessary forthwith to declare vacant the seat of any Councillor who becomes disqualified. Now, therefore, we the undersigned, hereby declare this seat vacant and direct that an election be held to co-opt a fit and proper person after one month from this date. 9th day of April, 1946.
Sd: Sean MacCathmhaoil Sd: Peter Ledwidge: James French
Cleireach an phaile. John Temple

Improvement of Bus Services.

154 Letter from Mr. J.B. Martin, Manager, C.I.E., stating that owing to shortage of buses etc. it would not be possible to improve the services at present and that it is the intention to improve the services as soon as more vehicles can be obtained. Read and noted. C.I.E. to be asked to provide, if possible, additional buses between 7 and 9 a.m. and between 5 and 7 p.m. from Bray to Dublin and from Dublin to Bray respectively.

Housing Schemes.

155 Letter from Min. Loc. Govt. dated 25/3/46 (H.7054/46) stating that the question of reception of Deputation to discuss proposed 120 Housing Scheme will be considered when reply is received to Dept's letter of 6/3/46. Read and noted.

Gas Supply.

156 Letter from Alliance Gas Co. notifying increase in Calorific Value of Gas from 380 to 400 B.T. Units as from 1/4/46. Read and noted.

Nursing Service Grants.

157 Letter from Listowel U.D.C. appending copy of Resolution re withdrawal of Grants from Jubilee Nursing Service. Read.

Teachers' Strike.

158 Letter from Dungarvan U.D.C. appending resolution asking the Min. for Education and the I.N.T.O to meet the settle the Teachers' Strike. Passed unanimously.

Broken Railings at North End of Esplanade.

159 Memorial from residents of Fitzwilliam and Marine Terraces asking to have broken railings on Esplanade replaced by a concrete wall and to have an additional Bandstand erected. Report of Syr. estimating cost of erection of wall @ £300. Read. Council regretted that the question of providing a Bandstand could not be entertained as no provision was made in Estimates. The matter must remain over until next year.