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493 Housing Schemes - alterations in Specification

In a Report of 20th October, 1947, the Surveyor suggested, for the consideration of the Council, minor alterations in the Specification as follows:-

- (1) Omission of front railings and erection instead of small wall 2' high with weathered coping.
- (2) Omission of back intermediate fences and provision of quicks to tenants for planting; but provision for a screen wall between yards.
- (3) Substitution of Litollo blocks for Nofrango - latter is difficult to procure at present. These alterations would save approximately £12-15s-0d per house, or a total saving of £1,007-5s-0d.

The suggestions of the Surveyor were adopted with the exception that partition fences in rear of houses be provided.

493 Housing Schemes - shortages of cement and Labour difficulties.

(a) The Manager reported to the Council on certain difficulties which had arisen in connection with the Housing Schemes at present in progress. The Contractor had experienced great difficulty in securing adequate supplies of cement. Representations in connection with this matter had been made to the Department of Industry and Commerce and the Department of Local Government. It had been represented by the Contractor that there was difficulty in procuring sufficient Bricklayers. Many of these tradesmen were unwilling to work unless they were paid "country-money" which amounted to £1-16s-0d per week, in addition to a standard rate of wages. Moreover, it appears that the Contractor had received a demand from the unskilled labourers for an increase of 4d per hour. If these increases in wages were allowed by the Contractor and accepted by the Council there would be a substantial increase in the cost of the houses and it seemed that they could not be let to the persons for whom they were intended. Councillor P. Ledwidge and Councillor J. Temple, accompanied by the Manager, had attended at the Dept. of Industry and Commerce and Department of Local Government on 13th November, 1947. The Department of Industry and Commerce informed them that any question of wages increases would be a matter for the Labour Court. At the Dept. of Local Government it was indicated that an additional Grant from the Transition Development Fund to meet any increases in costs of erecting the houses could not be expected. Consequently it seemed that additional costs could

only be offset by an increase in the rents to be charged.

After lengthy discussion a decision as to the question of closing down the Housing Scheme or other appropriate action was deferred until there would be consultations with the Unions involved and the Federation of Employers.

It was proposed by the Chairman (Clr. H. J. Byrne) seconded by Clr. J. Temple, and resolved:-

"That the Council views with grave concern the inability of Contractors who are engaged on important public works, Housing, Roads, etc. on behalf of the Council, to procure adequate supplies of cement and asks that the Ministers for Local Government and Industry and Commerce should ensure that sufficient supplies of cement are made available to these Contractors."

494 Revision of Salary Scale of Sanitary Inspector

It was pointed out by the Manager that in a recent Circular from the Department of Health it was indicated that the Minister would be prepared to sanction a salary scale of £300 by £15 to £375 per annum for County Sanitary Inspectors. The Local Government Officials' Union had asked that this scale be applied to Mr. James Nolan, Sanitary Inspector. On enquiry from the Department of Health it had been ascertained that whilst the recommendation in the Circular related to County Sanitary Inspectors it was considered that the remuneration of Sanitary Inspectors to Urban Authorities also should be revised on somewhat similar lines. Enquiries had been addressed to other large Urban Authorities, i.e. Dundalk, Wexford, Drogheda and Tralee as to the revised scales determined by them and it was found that the salary scale of £300 by £15 to £375 per annum had been applied.

It was decided to recommend that the Manager would fix the Sanitary Inspector's salary at £300 per annum rising by annual increments of £15 to £375 per annum as from 1st January, 1947. It was proposed by Clr. G. H. G. Stuart, seconded by Clr. J. Temple, and resolved:-

"That we authorise additional expenditure of £62-10s-0d in current financial year to meet expenses arising from revision in salary of Mr. J. Nolan, Sanitary Inspector."

Notices of Motion

The following Notices of Motion were accepted by the Chairman:-

- (1) From Clr. E. J. Little regarding filling of vacancy in membership of Council consequent on death of Clr. Maurice Dempsey.
- (2) From Clr. P. Ledwidge regarding status of Council's temporary workmen.

Signed: Henry Byrne
CHAIRMAN.

Date: 9/12/47

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Statutory Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday 9th December, 1947, at 7-30 p.m..

Present:- Cllr. H. J. Byrne (in chair)
Cllrs. J. French, D. Sayers, P. Ledwidge,
J. Temple, L. J. McKeown, G. H. G. Stuart
and E. J. Little.

Officials Present:- County Manager, Surveyor and Acting Town Clerk.

495 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of Meetings held on 11th November, 1947, and 18th November, 1947, which had been circulated, were adopted and signed, subject to the amendment of item No. 492 by the substitution of the words:-

"Cllr. E. J. Little handed in the following
"Notice of Motion"

in lieu of

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seconded by the Chairman (Cllr. H. J. Byrne)
and resolved."

495A Housing Schemes

Arising out of the Minutes enquiry was made by Members as to the present position in connection with supplies and skilled labour for the Council's Housing Schemes. It was indicated by the Manager that supplies of cement are still inadequate. Regarding skilled labour there had been a conference attended by the Contractor (Mr. Joseph Rooney) Mr. E. O'Connor (representing the Bricklayers Union) Mr. Thompson (Secretary to the Builders Federation) Cllr. J. Temple, County Manager and Surveyor. From the discussion which took place it was evident that if the Scheme were to proceed the Contractor would have to pay an allowance in respect of Travelling Time, or "Country Money" to skilled workers employed in the erection of the houses. From the information procured it appeared that an adequate supply of skilled labour was not available within the Urban District and consequently workers would have to be brought in from outside. The extra cost involved by payment of these allowances would have to be allowed to the Contractor as an extra under the Prices Variation Clause incorporated in the Contract. The application which had been received by the Contractor from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for an increase in the remuneration of unskilled labourers employed on the Scheme was also discussed at the Conference. On behalf of the Builders Federation it was indicated that the Federation regarded the present Agreement covering the rates of wages for unskilled labourers as operative until June, 1948.

After a discussion on the difficulties arising in connection with the Schemes it was agreed that the Council under present circumstances had no option but to accept the increased costs arising from special allowances which must be paid in order to procure the necessary skilled labour.

495A Housing Schemes (continued)

It was then proposed by Cllr. P. Ledwidge,
seconded by Cllr. James French, and resolved:-

"That we, the members of Bray Urban District Council, request the Minister for Local Government to receive a deputation with a view to placing before him the crux that has arisen in connection with the Housing problem as it affects Bray."

It was also agreed that the following deputation should approach the Minister for Local Government and put before him the difficulties which the Council were experiencing in their endeavour to provide houses to meet the acute shortage which existed:-

Clr. H. J. Byrne, Chairman,
Clr. P. Ledwidge,
Clr. J. Temple, and
the County Manager.

495B Votes of Sympathy

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. W. Dundas, Acting Overseer to the Council. Other members and the County Manager, on behalf of the staff, supported the vote of sympathy which was passed in silence all members standing.

496 Manager's Orders.

It was explained by the Manager that owing to pressure of other work it had not been found possible to circulate the Manager's Orders. They now, however, were ready and would be available for the next Meeting of the Council.

Arising out of this matter enquiry was made as to the possibility of expediting the reconstruction of Meath Road. In reply the Manager indicated that the Contractor had been unable to procure the required supplies of cement and that in consequence the work had been delayed.

Reference was made by members to insufficient lighting in various parts of the Urban District. It was indicated that the lighting at present in operation was that for which provision had been made in the Annual Estimates. It was agreed that, on the suggestion of the Chairman, the possibility of utilising fluorescent lighting should be investigated.

497 Vacancy in membership of Council

The following Notice of Motion from Clr. E. J. Little was considered:-

"I hereby give notice that at Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 9th December, 1947, I, or somebody on my behalf, will move that the Council fill the vacancy in membership arising from the death on 7th November, 1947, of Clr. Maurice Dempsey."

It was agreed to fill the vacancy in the membership of the Council by co-option.

It was then proposed by Clr. E. J. Little, seconded by Clr. L. J. McKeown, and resolved:-

"That Patrick McLoughlin be co-opted to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Clr. Maurice Dempsey."

Mr. McLoughlin thanked the Council for his co-option to membership.

498 Employment of workmen

The following Notice of Motion from Clr. P. Ledwidge was considered:-

"Take notice that at the next Statutory Meeting of the Council, I, or somebody on my behalf, will move that we recommend to the County Manager that the men now employed in a temporary capacity be appointed to the permanent staff of the Council workmen."

After lengthy discussion it was decided to recommend that the Manager employ the workmen concerned on a continuous basis and to consult the Council beforehand if any change be proposed.

499 Cleaning of River Sower

The Surveyor outlined the present position in regard to the cleaning of the sewer. Arising out of this matter the Council noted that the Manager had agreed to provide protective clothing to workmen employed on sewer cleaning.

500 Repairs to Bray Cove Swimming Pools

It was reported that a quotation had been received from Messrs. William Lee & Sons, Arklow, for this work in the sum of £355. The amount available for the work was £200 made up as follows:-

Provided by Council: : £155
Contribution from Bray Cove Swimming Club £45

The quotation, therefore, exceeded the amount available by £155. It was decided to adjourn the matter to the next Meeting. The Surveyor, in the meantime, to ascertain if suitable repair work could be carried out within the limit of the amount available for the purpose.

X. 501 Greyhound Racing Track

Letter of 5th December, 1947, from Mr. J. P. Tyrrell, Solicitor, enclosing site plan of the proposed Track at Sunnybank, Bray, and submitting further views of his clients in connection with this matter was considered.

It was unanimously decided to inform the promoters that the Council had not altered their views in this matter and adhered to their previous decision that permission for the Track should be refused. It was also decided that the promoters should be asked to submit proof of their suggestion that the objection from the clergy in Little Bray did not represent the view of the majority of the clergy, or, otherwise, should withdraw such suggestion.

502 Housing Schemes - Borrowing of Capital Moneys

It was explained by the County Manager that it would be necessary to make arrangements for the requisite loan from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of financing the Housing Schemes and that pending the receipt of moneys from such loan a temporary overdraft from the Council's Treasurer, to meet payments to the Contractor for work already done, would be essential. It was proposed by Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Ledwidge, and resolved:-

"That we hereby consent, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, to the raising of a loan of £92,700 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable in 50 years with interest at the rate of 2½%, for the purpose of defraying the costs of erecting 79 houses under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, on sites at Vevay Road, Hudson's Terrace, Dublin Road and adjacent to the Golf Links. Pending moneys being made available from this loan we hereby consent, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, to any payments arising out of these Housing Schemes being defrayed by means of a temporary overdraft of £10,000 on the Council's Capital Account."

503 Town Planning Scheme

The memorandum of the Manager and the Report of the Surveyor on the Draft Town Planning Scheme, which had been circulated to the Members, were considered.

It was agreed that the following Members of the Council should constitute a Town Planning Advisory Committee:-

Clr. H. J. Byrne, Chairman;
Clrs. P. Ledwidge, J. Temple and E. J. Little.

The Committee would consider the Draft Planning Scheme and report back to the Council in due course.

504. Permission to Mr. A. G. Boud for erection of premises at Bray Head

The Manager read a letter which he had received from the Council's Solicitor in reply to enquiries addressed to him subsequent to the last Meeting of the Council and stated that as a result of the advice tendered by the Solicitor Mr. J. J. McAuley, Arbitrator, had been asked to report as to a suitable rent. The Report of the Arbitrator indicated that a suitable rent would be £35 per annum. There was a lengthy discussion in the matter and disagreement was expressed by Members of the Council with the action taken by the Manager in this matter.

Other business

Owing to the late hour it was agreed to adjourn the following items to an adjourned Meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday 16th December, 1947, at 7-30 p.m.:-

- 505 - Matters relating to appointment of Town Surveyor.
- 506 - Resolution from Fernoy U.D.C. regarding increase in Taxation.
- 507 - Report on Public Library.
- 508 - Improvements to Esplanade.

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An adjourned Meeting of Bray Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday 16th December, 1947, at 7-30 p.m.

Present:- Clr. H. J. Byrne (in chair)
Clrs. P. McLoughlin, L. J. McKeown,
E. J. Little, J. Temple,
D. Sayers and E. E. Byrne,

Officials Present:- County Manager, and Acting Town Clerk.

509 Manager's Orders

The Manager's Orders as circulated were considered and information supplied in connection with matters arising out of them.

510 Repairs to Bray Cove Swimming Pools

In the absence of the Surveyor and of a Special Report from him as to any arrangement proposed to be made with Messrs. William Lee & Sons, Arklow, who had tendered for the work, it was decided to adjourn to the next Statutory Meeting in January, 1948, the question of repairs to the Swimming Pools at Bray Cove.

511 Matters relating to the appointment of Town Surveyor.

It was suggested by the Chairman that this might be considered in Committee when the Council had dealt with the other items on the Agenda. After the discussion on the matter Clr. H. J. Byrne (Chairman) proposed and Clr. E. J. Little seconded:-

"That the subject be considered in Committee."

As an amendment Clr. Temple proposed and Clr. Sayers seconded:-

"That the matters relating to the appointment of the Town Surveyor be now considered by the Council assembled in Public Meeting."

On a vote being taken the division resulted:-

"For" amendment - Clrs. P. Temple and D. Sayers - 2
"Against" - Clrs. E. J. Little, L. J. McKeown,
P. McLoughlin and
H. J. Byrne (Chairman) - 4

The amendment was declared defeated and the original motion carried on the same voting.

512 Increase in Taxation - Resolution from Fernoy U.D.C.

A resolution from Fernoy U.D.C. protesting against additional taxation imposed recently on Beer and Tobacco was marked "Read."

513 Public Library

A Special Report on the Public Library which had been circulated to the Members was considered. Subject to the suggestion that the supply of daily newspapers in the Library's Reading Room should be maintained the Report was generally approved.

It was proposed by Clr. E. J. Little, seconded by Clr. L. J. McKeown, and resolved:-

"That the Council approves the appointment of Miss Maire O'Byrne as Librarian at a salary of £300 rising by yearly increments to £400 and also the retention of the services of Mr. Charles Coghlan on part-time service basis at a weekly salary of £3 and adjourns the consideration of all questions as to replenishing of book-stocks, reconditioning of the interior of premises, repainting and alterations thereof pending receipt and examination of a plenary Report on these and other cognate matters from the Librarian and the Council agrees to make the necessary financial provision therefor estimated at £80."

514 Improvements to Northern end of Esplanade

The following Notice of Motion from Clr. E. J. Little was considered:-

"That Mr. Hunt be invited to substitute for the wall referred to in Minutes of 10th June and thereby permitted to be erected by Mr. Hunt, along the length of his Amusements Park a railing in conformity with the existing 5' 5" bar railing similar in pattern and design to fencing as erected along the Strand Road for 300 yds. of the Esplanade and that the Surveyor be authorised to prepare a Specification and invite tenders from Messrs. W. Loughlin, Messrs. Smith and Pearson and Messrs. Thomas Pearson & Co. for erection of plain bar iron fencing 5' 5" in height, spaced 4" apart raised on concrete curved base curbing similar in pattern and design with existing fencing along the Strand Road from the Public Lavatory at South and to the Car Park North and along the entire length save and except where fencing is now provided other than sheet metal standards and bull wire."

It was decided to adjourn this matter to the forthcoming Annual Estimates Meeting of the Council.

515 Public Lighting

Attention was drawn by Members to the inadequate Public Lighting in the Little Bray and other Districts, and it was agreed that the Manager should arrange, if possible, for a number of extra lights at certain places indicated by Members of the Council. It was also agreed that all-night Christmas lighting should be provided on Christmas Eve.

511A Appointment of Town Surveyor

The Council went into Committee to consider matters relating to the appointment of Town Surveyor. The Manager read letters which he had addressed to the Council's Solicitor and to Mr. Murphy. He also gave details of Opinions which had been received from Mr. H. E. Clancy, B.L. and Mr. C. Lavery, S.C.. In July, 1947, he had written to the Local Government Department indicating that the present arrangements, in his view, were not satisfactory and that the part-time service afforded by the present Town Surveyor was inadequate. An Order in April last had been made requiring the Surveyor to attend daily at his Office and to inspect each day all works in progress. This order had not been complied with by the Surveyor.

The action taken by the Manager was noted and it was arranged that a Report should again be submitted to the Council as to the outcome of the present proposals.

Signed: _____

CHAIRMAN

Date: _____

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

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G. H. G. Stuart, E. J. Little,
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Officials present:- County Manager, Town Surveyor and Town Clerk.

(1) Votes of Sympathy

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, on behalf of the Council, proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the following:-

William Redmond; Mrs. McDonnell; Charles Deignan; and James Mullen.

The motion was passed in silence all members standing.

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Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, on behalf of the Council, congratulated the Rev. Fr. A. Moriarity, P.P., on his appointment as Canon.

(3) Town Clerk

Councillor H. J. Byrne, (Chairman) welcomed the new Town Clerk upon his recent appointment. Other members joined in the expression of welcome.

(4) Approval of Minutes

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(5) Mr. A. G. Boud's Premises at Bray Head.

Arising out of the Minutes (Item No. 504) Councillor French stated that he understood that Mr. Boud was willing to pay a rent of £35 per annum provided that the restrictive clauses were waived by the County Manager. The County Manager, having explained the necessity for the retention of these restrictions, said that the question of an amendment of them would be given consideration when the payment of additional rent for the concession of erection of Cafe had been accepted by Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Boud. He added that Mr. O'Brien was, in fact, the lessee of the premises and that the question of rent was one for adjustment between Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Boud.

(6) Progress Reports

The County Manager read Reports from the Surveyor upon the following Works:-

Housing Schemes - Progress had been delayed somewhat due, inter alia, to skilled labour shortage and scarcity of essential materials, principally cement. The Manager stated that the Department of Local Government had recently approved of the payment of an allowance in respect of "travelling time". Cllr. P. Ledwidge represented that the Contractors had failed to employ local labour on the work. The Surveyor said that he was unaware of such failure and would examine the matter.

Meath and Sidmonton Roads - Sowers and Watermains

The sowers in Meath Road had been completed and the watermains are finished except for the hydrants. The Meath Road is scarified and ready for concreting. All the foregoing work was completed by the 12th November, 1947, when work ceased owing to cement shortage. When supplies are available work will recommence. In view of the closing of the Meath Road to traffic no work has yet commenced on the Sidmonton Road.

Vevay Road Watermains The full length of 6" Main is now ready and all house connections have been completed. The Town Hall connection will be finished at the end of the week and work on Herbert Road will commence immediately thereafter.

Bray Car Park - The rough excavation work is completed. Reports say that it would be inadvisable, owing to the danger of rough seas, to commence work on the final levelling of the site.

(7) Manager's Orders

The County Manager's Orders, as circulated, were discussed. Cllr. French referred to Order No. 5540 and paid a tribute to the men engaged in connection with the fire at 21 Pearse Square. Cllr. Ledwidge said that the men should be provided with protective clothing and the Manager stated that the question of protective clothing for members of the Council's staff at present was under consideration.

(8) Bergin's Cottages

Permission was granted to Cllr. Ledwidge to raise the question of a Notice sent to an occupant of one of the above cottages. The matter having been discussed at length the County Manager explained the circumstances of the case.

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he had two sons interested in farming. He agreed that up to two years ago the land was let for grazing by his uncle but he now owned the grazing cattle on it himself. He maintained that if the Council built houses on the site his own house would become valueless. He would be subjected to loss of privacy and he could not readily sell the house. He had been prepared to sell three and a quarter acres to the Council subject to agreement on price. He would be prepared to sell the eight acres plus the house to the Council. In reply to Mr. McCarroll he maintained that the acre surrounding the house proposed to be left to him was not enough to guarantee privacy.

Mr. Meldrom, Auctioneer, gave evidence on behalf of Mr. Peete to the effect that the building of houses on the site would deduct the value of Mr. Peete's own house to a considerable extent.

Mrs. Smith who owned four houses at Mount Pleasant said she let these houses to retired people and the building of the Council Scheme in the vicinity would render her property valueless. She objected most strongly to Council Houses being built in the area. This concluded the inquiry.

(9) Vacancy - appointment of Councillor in place of Clr. Dunne

In the absence of Clr. Sayers, the following Motion which appeared on the Agenda was adjourned:-

"I hereby give notice that at the next Statutory Meeting of the Council, I, or someone on my behalf, will move that the Council fill the vacancy in membership arising from the resignation from the Council of Councillor Sean Dunne."

The Council agreed to postpone the appointment to the next Meeting.

(10) Notice of Motion re appointment of Mr. Joseph Tyrrell as Solicitor to the Council

It was proposed by Clr. French, seconded by Clr. P. Ledwidge:-

"That we recommend to the County Manager that Mr. Joseph Tyrrell, LL.B., be appointed as Law Agent to the Council and that all future legal work of the Council be entrusted to him, or alternatively if the position of Law Agent is not at present vacant that he be appointed in a temporary capacity."

The matter was discussed at length and the County Manager stated that in view of special circumstances at present prevailing an alteration in the existing arrangement was undesirable. The following amendment was proposed by Clr. H. J. Byrne and seconded by Clr. G. H. G. Stuart:-

"That we the members of the Bray U.D.C. are prepared to leave the matter of the appointment of a Solicitor to the Council to the discretion of the County Manager."

The amendment was put and the division taken when there voted for the amendment -

Clrs. H. J. Byrne, E. J. Little, G. H. G. Stuart - 3 -

Against the amendment - clr. J. French : : - 1 -

The amendment having been declared carried it was put as a substantive motion and carried with the same division.

Clrs. P. McLoughlin, L. J. McKeown, J. Temple, E. E. Byrne abstained from voting.

(11) Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act, 1947

Submitted letter from the Seanad Returning Officer forwarding copy of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act, 1947, intimating that the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland is a Nominating Body under the Provisions of the Act. Order - Noted.

(12) Bray Cove Swimming Pools - Repairs

The County Manager read correspondence with the Honorary Secretary of the Bray Cove Swimming Club regarding the amount which the Club would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of executing the necessary repairs. The Club was asked if they would contribute £100 towards the total cost of £295 and they indicated in their reply (received during the Meeting) that, subject to sanction of a full Committee of the Club they were prepared to provide the amount requested leaving the Council to bear an expenditure of £195. Following a discussion it was proposed by Clr. J. French, seconded by Clr. E. E. Byrne:-

"That the figure of £155 already agreed upon as a Council contribution be increased to £195."

The following amendment was proposed by Clr. H. J. Byrne and seconded by Clr. G. H. G. Stuart:-

"That no further money be expended by the Council on the repairs to the Cove."

The amendment was put and a division taken when there voted "For" the amendment

Clrs. E. J. Little, H. J. Byrne, G. H. G. Stuart, J. Temple, P. McLoughlin and L. J. McKeown - 6 -

"Against" the amendment - Clrs. E. E. Byrne and J. French - 2 -

The amendment having been declared carried it was put as a substantive motion and carried with the same division.

(13) Dredging of Bray Harbour

The Manager read a Report from the Surveyor in which the opinion was expressed that Coastal Colliers would probably again use the Harbour and in the circumstances dredging work should be commenced without delay. Order:- dredging work to be carried out.

(14) Galtrim Park - taking in charge by Council

The Manager read a Report from the Surveyor stressing the desirability of taking over this road. Councillor H. J. Byrne suggested that the estate owners should be asked to contribute towards the cost of repairing the road and Clr. Little stated that the Surveyor should see that the road is put in proper repair before it was acquired by, and became the responsibility of, the Council. The Local Government Act, 1925, prescribes the procedure in the matter. The Council directed that the matter be adjourned to the next Statutory Meeting and in the meantime inquiry be made from the Estate regarding the cost of putting the road in repair.

(15) Carting Contract

The Manager read correspondence with the Contractor in the matter of the alleged unsatisfactory execution of the Contract by him. It was agreed to adjourn the matter

to the next Statutory Meeting for a further Report.

(16) Borrowing for Capital Works

It was proposed by Cllr. French, seconded by Cllr. Stuart and Resolved:-

"That we hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £6,300 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable in 25 years, with interest at 2½%, for the purpose of meeting the Capital Cost of Relaying Sewers and Watermains in the Meath and Sidmonton Roads."

(17) It was proposed by Cllr. J. Temple, seconded by Cllr. E. J. Little, and Resolved:-

"That we hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £2,700 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable in 25 years with interest at 2½% for the purpose of relaying watermains in Herbert and Voway Roads."

(18) It was proposed by Cllr. J. Temple, seconded by Cllr. E. J. Little, and Resolved:-

"That we hereby authorise the borrowing by means of temporary overdraft on Capital Account of the sum of £5000 for the purpose of meeting payments to Contractors in respect of Reconstruction of Meath Road and Sidmonton Roads and Relaying Watermains in Herbert and Voway Roads pending moneys being available from the Commissioners of Public Works."

(19) Audit

Councillor J. Temple referred to the procedure pursued by the Auditor in making inquiries from officials and ex-employees of the Council and strongly protested against the method adopted by him.

(20) Condition of 22 Wolfe Tone Square, North

Permission was granted to Cllr. P. Ledwidge to raise the question of urgent repairs needed in the above case. The Surveyor explained the difficulties of the position.

(21) The Chairmen accepted the following Notice of Motion which was handed in by Councillor G. H. G. Stuart:-

"That we the members of the Bray Urban District Council give due consideration to the possibilities of improving the Fire Fighting Services of the Township."

Signed

J. H. Little
CHAIRMAN

Date:

19/2/48

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E. J. Little

Town Clerk

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

of

Statutory Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday the 10th February, 1948, at 7-30 p.m..

Present:- Councillor J. Temple, Vice-Chairman (in chair)

Councillors E. E. Byrne, J. French, P. Ledwidge, L. J. McKeown, G. H. G. Stuart, E. J. Little, P. McLoughlin.

Officials present - County Manager, Town Surveyor and Town Clerk.

An apology for inability to attend was received from the Chairman.

22 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 13th January, 1948, which had been circulated, were adopted and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

23 Housing Scheme - Employment of local labour

Arising out of the Minutes (Item 6) Cllr. Ledwidge represented that the Contractors had failed to employ local labour to the fullest extent. Cllr. Temple said that in some cases men had been considered by the Contractors as unsuitable and he was of the opinion that the question of leaving such discretion to an employee or foreman of the Contractor was undesirable. The Surveyor said he was unaware of any single case where a local man had been refused employment, or there had been where any discrimination. It was agreed that the Surveyor should again instruct the Contractor to employ all available suitable local labour.

24 Manager's Orders

The County Manager's Orders, as circulated, were discussed and information given on inquiries arising out of them.

Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws

Councillor G. H. G. Stuart stressed the necessity for arranging to provide the suitable road signs and parking signs, as early as possible, so as to have them ready for the Tourist Season. The Surveyor was directed to interview the Superintendent of the Gardai without delay to make the necessary arrangements. The Manager informed the Council that copies of the Bye-Laws, which were now available, would be issued to the members of the Council.

Repairs to Roadway at Bray Head, Order No. 5580

Cllr. E. J. Little referred to Order No. 5580 and asked how the position rested. The County Manager explained that the amount allowed by the Council for the work was £120 and following the report of the Surveyor upon the tenders received. C.I.E. was asked for an increased contribution. A reply had not yet been received.

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Proposed acquisition of land for Allotments O/No. 5604.

Clr. Little asked if the Land proposed to be made available was intended for the use of employed and unemployed plotheholders and enquired generally concerning the progress of the allotment scheme for the season 1948. The Town Clerk stated that Miss Barton and Mrs. Fraser had declined to allow their respective fields to be used for allotments, but should the necessity arise the Council could acquire them compulsorily. In any event, he understood that the Council had sufficient land available for all applicants who had so far applied. It was decided to call a Meeting of the Allotments Committee without delay.

Sea Wall Reconstruction - Order No. 5646

Clr. McKewen referred to the necessity for executing the repairs without delay to prevent further damage. The Manager explained that he had requested the Board of Works to carry out the necessary repairs, estimated at £30, but had not yet received a reply.

25 Progress Reports

The Town Surveyor regretted that he was not in a position to furnish the Council with detailed particulars concerning the progress of the various works. He would, however, have reports available for the next Meeting. Of the 43 houses under construction 8 were constructed as far as roof level.

The Heath Road resurfacing would be completed in approximately three weeks and would be open for traffic in about six weeks.

26 Main Street - Paths

Clr. McKewen raised the question of damage to the Paths on Main Street by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs and the Surveyor was directed to draw the attention of the Co. Engineer to the matter.

27 Borrowing for Capital Works

It was proposed by Clr. Ledwidge, seconded by Clr. E. E. Byrne, and resolved:-

"That we hereby authorise the borrowing by means of Temporary Overdraft on Capital Account of the sum of £10,000 for the purpose of making payment to Contractors in respect of the Housing Contract, pending money being made available from Loan, which is being borrowed for the purpose."

Clr. Ledwidge stated that the Urban Council should receive Grants on a similar basis to those given to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Corporation, and suggested that the Minister for Local Government should receive a Deputation from the Council in the matter. The Manager mentioned that the Council had already requested the Minister to receive a Deputation to discuss the Housing difficulties as they affect Bray and an acknowledgment of this request had been received from the Department.

28 Appointment in pursuance of the Local Government Act, 1941, of a suitable person to fill the office of Councillor on the Bray Urban District Council in succession to Councillor Sean Dunne resigned

It was proposed by Clr. Ledwidge, seconded by Clr. Little and resolved:-

"That Mr. George Doyle, 5 Newcourt Villas, Bray, be appointed to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Mr. Sean Dunne."

29 Carting Contract

A report of the Surveyor was read which indicated that the scavenging Contract had been carried out more satisfactorily during the past month than had previously been the case. He said four of the five carts had been covered with timber and the covering of the fifth one would be proceeded with by the Contractor. He suggested that a further trial period of a month should be allowed.

Following a discussion and having considered the letter from the Contractor it was agreed that a further trial for one month should be granted, and that in the meantime a payment for work already done on a work and labour basis should be made to the Contractor.

The matter of the continuance of the Contract was adjourned for further consideration until the next Meeting on 24th March, 1948.

30 Fire Brigade Improvements

Notice of Motion:-

Proposed by Clr. G. H. G. Stuart:-

"Take notice that at the next Statutory Meeting of the Council I will move the following Motion:-

"That we the members of the Bray U.D.C. give due consideration to the possibility of improving the Fire Fighting Service of the Township."

In proposing his Motion Clr. Stuart said that the services and equipment were obsolete and totally inadequate for combating a serious fire. There were difficulties in contacting the members of the Brigade and he thought that if a siren were used for the purpose of summoning the men it would be a desirable method. The personnel of the Brigade, too, should receive a proper course of training similar to that of other areas.

Other members expressed views on the present system of operation and it was agreed to appoint a small sub-committee to consider ways and means of improving the service in consultation with the Surveyor.

The following members were appointed to the Committee:-

Clr. H. J. Byrne (Chairman) Clrs. P. Ledwidge
J. Temple and G. H. G. Stuart.

The Committee to meet on Thursday 12th February, at

Report from Surveyor in re Fire Brigade Improvements

The Surveyor's Report was referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

31 Galtrin Park - Taking in charge

A Report was read from the Town Surveyor intimating that the Agents for the property viz. Messrs. White and Mears, St. Stephen's Green, were prepared to hand over the property on condition that the Council would accept it in its present state of repair.

Following discussion it was agreed to adjourn the matter to the Estimates Meeting.

32 Urban Road Maintenance - Grants.

Submitted letter from the Town Clerk; Kinsale, forwarding copy of resolution adopted by the Kinsale U.D.C. requesting the Minister for Local Government to allocate Grants to Urban District Councils for Urban Road Maintenance on a similar basis to that upon which Grants are allocated to County Councils for County Road Maintenance.

Order:- That the Council endorse the Resolution of Kinsale Urban District Council.

33 Amendment of Ratings in pursuance of Section 60 of Local Govt. Act, 1941

Submitted list of Ratings which require amendment in pursuance of Section 60 of the Local Government Act, 1941:-

Proposed by Cllr. J. Temple,
Seconded by Cllr. P. Ledwidge,
Resolved:-

"That we hereby amend the following Ratings in pursuance of Section 60 of the Local Government Act, 1941, viz.:- Nos. 14, 561, 1005, 1077, 1315, 1364, 1379, 1380, 1437, 1538, 1607, 1695, 1729, 1894.

The Rate Book was amended accordingly and alterations signed by the Chairman and two members of the Council.

34 Proposed Loan of £1500 for Library purposes

Submitted letter from the Secretary, Dept. of Local Government intimating that the Council proposals to borrow £1500 for the purpose of increasing the Library Book Stocks should be deferred until the permanent Librarian has made herself familiar with conditions in the Library.

Order:- Noted.

35 Putland Road Drainage

The Manager read a Report from the Town Surveyor intimating that no responsibility devolves on the Urban Council in this matter as no water issues from its property on to the County Road.

It was decided that legal opinion should be sought on the question of responsibility, and the Manager said he would seek the advice of the Council's Solicitor.

36 Employment and Emergency Schemes Grants - relaying of Watermains

The County Manager read letter from the Department of Local Government intimating that the Minister for Finance had approved of the allocation of a supplemental Grant of £870 towards the cost of relaying Sowers and Watermains at Heath Road, Sidmonton Road, Herbert Road and Vevay Roads. The total Grant allocated to these Works was now £3260.

Order:- Noted.

37 County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1948

The County Manager read a letter from Department of Local Government, dated 31/1/1948, regarding certain functions transferred from the category "executive functions" to "reserved functions".

Cllr. Temple said he thought the Minister had taken a step in the right direction by transferring certain functions to the Council.

The letter was noted.

38 Revision of Remuneration - Health Services Officer

Submitted Circular from the Department of Health regarding the revision of remuneration of officers employed in connection with Health Services. The recommendations of the Minister were adopted. The salary of the Medical Officer for Health to Bray Urban District Council would be increased from £75 to £105 per annum from 1st January, 1947.

Proposed by Cllr. L. J. McKeeown,
Seconded by Cllr. J. French
Resolved:-

"That expenditure of the additional sum of £37 10s 0d is hereby authorised in the current year in respect of payment of revised salary to the Medical Officer for Health, retrospective from 1st January, 1947."

39 Bray Vocational Education Committee Demand

Submitted letter from Chief Executive Officer, Vocational Education Committee transmitting Demand for year 1948/49.

The matter was referred to the Estimates Meeting and in the meantime the Chief Executive Officer should be requested to supply details of the various items contained in the amount of the Demand.

40 Letting of South Bandstand

Cllr. E. J. Little suggested that the South Bandstand should be covered in and let in a similar manner to the Kiosks on the Esplanade. He thought that as a result more revenue would accrue to the Council. The Surveyor said it would cost approximately £50 to do so. Cllr. French and other members disagreed with the suggestion and held that the Bandstand used as it had been for Concert Parties gave very desirable amusement to children and people generally.

It was decided to advertise the site on the Esplanade and the Kiosks in the usual manner.

Clr. E. J. Little then handed in the following Notice of Motion:-

"That the South Bandstand be closed in with wall-board and fitted with windows suitable for advertisement as a Kiosk for the Summer Season, 1948."

41 Issue of Licences under the Cinematograph Act

Reports were read from the Surveyor intimating that he had examined the Roxy Cinema and Royal Cinema. He found exits, fire appliances, etc. in order in both cases. A shutter is required on one of the doors in the operation box of the Roxy Cinema. The Report from the Sanitary Inspector was also read in which he expressed the opinion that the bolts and hinges of the doors of both Cinemas required oiling. Mr. Murphy disagreed and said that these were of brass and oil would not be suitable.

It was agreed that Licences be issued to the two Cinemas concerned and that the attention of the Proprietor of the Roxy Cinema be drawn to the danger of overcrowding.

The Manager explained that the issue of Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, was now a reserved function of the Council.

It was agreed that the Licences be issued and that owners be notified to effect certain minor improvements.

42 Procedure for Acceptance and Examination of Tenders

The Manager explained that in pursuance of an Order entitled "County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1948" from the Department of Local Government, certain functions which formerly were exercisable as Executive functions by Managers had been transferred to the elective Bodies. Consideration of tenders was one of the functions referred to which was now a reserved function.

It was decided to appoint a Sub-Committee to deal with the acceptance and examination of Tenders and the following members were appointed to constitute the Committee, viz.:-

Clr. Little, Clr. Ledwidge and Clr. Temple and the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Byrne).

43 School Meals Scheme.

By leave of the Council Clr. French was granted permission to raise the question of a letter which had been sent by the Town Clerk to various Schools participating in the Council's School Meals Scheme.

The letter requested an explanation of variations in the quantities of food and milk consumed in the schools during the period November, 1946, to March, 1947. Clr. French stated that he understood the letter was forwarded upon the direction of the Local Government Auditor and he took very strong exception to the attitude of the Auditor in the matter particularly in view of the fact that the School Principals were voluntary workers and were too

burdened with other duties to supply the particulars requested, which he believed were obtainable from the Council's accounts. He felt it a reflection upon the School Principals and stated that they deserved thanks for their voluntary service, and in conclusion said he did not think that the Auditor should be supplied with any explanation from the School Principals. Other members supported this view.

Order:- Council approves of help and assistance given by School Staffs and considers the Staffs should not be requested to furnish necessary returns.

44 Strike of National Health Insurance Society Officials

Councillor E. E. Byrne referred to the existing strike of officials of the National Health Insurance Society and stated that considerable hardship was being caused as a result thereof to beneficiaries under the Acts.

The Council expressed the unanimous desire that the Minister for Health should take steps immediately to bring about an amicable settlement of the present dispute.

Date: 7/3/48

Signed: *Henry Byrne*

CHAIRMAN

E. J. French
Town Clerk.

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

of
Statutory Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council
held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday the 9th March, 1948
at 7-30p.m..

Present:- Councillor H. Byrne (Chairman).
Councillors J. French, P. Ledwidge,
G. Doyle, J. Temple,
L. McKeown, G. E. G. Stuart,
E. Little, and E. Byrne.

Officials present - County Manager, Town Clerk and Town Surveyor.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor George Doyle upon his
acceptance of office as Councillor. Other members joined in
the expression of welcome.

45. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 10th February,
1948 which had been circulated were adopted and signed by the
Chairman.

46. Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws

Arising out of the Minutes (Item 24) Councillor G. E. G.
Stuart enquired concerning the provision of suitable road signs
and parking signs required under the Bye-Laws. The Town
Surveyor stated that he had interviewed the Superintendent of
the Garda and the necessary arrangements were now being made
to have the signs/laid before the the month of May.

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47. Managers Orders

The County Manager's Orders, as circulated, were discussed
and information given upon enquiries arising out of them.

48. Harbour Crane.

Councillor Temple referred to the necessity of proceeding
with arrangements to have the Harbour rendered suitable, at
an early date, for berthing for vessels which would
probably use the Harbour in the near future.

49. Claim of I.T. & G.W.U. for Increase in Wages of Council Employees

Councillor Temple referred to the Demand of the Irish
Transport and General Workers Union for an increase of 25% in
wages paid to Council's Employees and pointed out that as
the wages of agricultural Workers had recently been increased,
the wages of Council employees should necessarily be raised.
The County Manager said that he was not aware of increases
having been granted to employees by other Local Authorities,
with the exception of the Wicklow County Council where
wages rates had been brought into line with those of
Agricultural workers.

It was agreed, upon the suggestion of the Chairman, that
a select Committee be appointed to examine the matter. The
following members were appointed viz. Councillor H. Byrne,
Councillor French and Councillor Temple. The Committee will
meet on Thursday, 18th March, at 7.30.p.m. (Order No. 5718).

50. Diphtheria Immunisation Scheme.

Councillor French referred to the present method of
operation of the Diphtheria Immunisation Scheme and said that

children were reluctant to allow themselves to be immunised as
the immunisation was generally carried out in the presence of
other children. Any pain or reaction shown by the "patients"
causes a natural reluctance on the part of other children to
allow themselves to be immunised. He felt that Immunisation
should be done privately and that the Medical Officer should
advise the children beforehand.

51. Notices to Quit - 68 Wolfe Tone Square North
and 8 St. Lawrence Terrace.

Councillor Temple raised the question of Notices to Quit
served by the Council on the tenants of the above houses.
Having pleaded specially that the Council should not proceed
with the ejectment proceedings and being supported by other
members in the case of No. 68 Wolfe Tone Square North, the
Manager agreed that he would consider the representations
made regarding the tenant of No. 68 Wolfe Tone Square North.

52. Notice of Motion re South Bandstand

Central

The following Notice of Motion moved by Councillor Little
dropped for want of a Seconder, that the ----- Bandstand be
closed in with wall-board and fitted with windows suitable
for advertisement as a Kiosk for the Summer Season 1948. A
letter was read from the Secretary Irish Tourist Association
intimating that it was not proposed to use the Bandstand as
a Bureau.

53. Progress Report.

The County Manager read reports from the Town Surveyor
upon the Housing Scheme.

No. of foundation excavated.....	57
No. of foundations filled.....	57
No. of rising walls completed.....	46
Walls built to first floor level.....	4
Walls built to eaves level.....	6
Houses roofed.....	16
Floors completed.....	14
Houses plastered.....	6
Houses wired.....	6
Houses glazed.....	16

The position in regard to the supply of materials in general
and of labour, is considerably easier than it has been and I am
therefore endeavouring to get the progress of the work increased
in speed to make up as far as possible for the unavoidable
delays which have hitherto occurred.

54. Employment of Local Labourers - Housing Scheme.

A letter was read from Messrs Rooney, Building Contractors,
stating that preference would be given to Local Labourers
whenever it was necessary to recruit workers for the Housing
Scheme.

55. Carting and Scavenging Contract.

A report was read from the Surveyor intimating that the
Main St. had not been cleared until a late afternoon due to
delay in commencing in the mornings. The men employed had
refused to collect bins in some cases owing, it was alleged,
to the objectionable nature of the contents of the bins.

The Surveyor was directed to issue to the employees regarding
the type of refuse which should not be collected.

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56. Florence Road Reconstruction.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government conveying approval to the Plans and Specification in connection with the Reconstruction of Florence Road. It was proposed by Councillor French, seconded by Councillor McKeown and Resolved:-

"That we, the Bray Urban District Council hereby make application to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to raise a Loan of £3,600 from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of the proposed reconstruction of Florence Road, Bray, in accordance with Plans, Estimates and Specification prepared by Mr. E. M. Murphy, Town Surveyor, which Plans and Specification were approved by the Department of Local Government on the 18th February, 1948."

It was agreed to appoint a Deputation consisting of Councillors H. Byrne, Ledwidge and Doyle to interview the Minister in connection with Grants for Urban Roads.

57. Fire Brigade Service.

The Report of the Special Fire Brigade Committee dealing with the reorganisation of the Fire Brigade and purchase of a Fire Tender was read. It was proposed by Councillor Temple and Seconded by Councillor French, "that the Report be adopted" The Motion was put and carried unanimously. The Chairman thanked Councillor Stuart for introducing his original motion in the matter.

58. Travelling and Subsistence Allowances for Members of Local Authorities

A circular was read from the Secretary, Department of Local Government intimating that certain amendments had been made in the provision of Travelling and Subsistence Allowances for Members of Local Authorities.

Order:- NOTED.

59. Rent Restrictions Act 1946.

A Resolution was read from the New Ross Urban District Council in connection with certain provisions of the Rent Restrictions Act, 1946 in relation to permitted increases of Rent following improvements carried out to premises by Landlords.

Order:- READ.

60. Proposed Acquisition of Land for Housing Scheme, Loreto Convent

A letter was read from Messrs O'Keefe & Lynch, Solicitors intimating that their clients, the Loreto Convent were agreeable to allow the Council to acquire a parcel of land at the Vevay Road, subject to agreement upon the question of compensation for the sale of the fee simple of the land and to the erection of a wall. Proposed by Councillor Temple and seconded by Councillor H. Byrne and Resolved:-

"That the Council offer a sum of £50 for the purchase of the land and that a wall be constructed by the Council".
Palermo, Upper Dargle Road.

A letter was read from Messrs Lane & Co., Solicitors intimating that as Mrs. Carrolls, the owner of the land at Palermo required same for grazing purposes, she was not prepared to sell any portion of the land.

Following discussion it was agreed that the problem of acquisition of land for housing could only be solved by an extension of the boundaries of the Township. It was decided

that the matter should be dealt with by the Town Planning Committee.

61. Central Bandstand

A deputation was received from representatives of the Bray Amusements Committee upon the question of the use of the Central Bandstand for Band Performances, etc. during the Season 1948.

It was proposed by Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor French and resolved:-

"That a Sub-Committee, consisting of Councillors Temple, French, and Ledwidge, be appointed to meet the representatives of the Bray Amusements Committee on Thursday 11th March, at 9 o'clock p.m."

The Council adjourned until Tuesday 16th March, at 7-30 p.m..

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

of

An adjourned Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held on Tuesday 16th March, 1948, at 7-30 p.m..

Present:- Councillor H. J. Byrne (Chairman)
Councillors J. French, P. Ledwidge, E. J. Little,
G. Doyle, J. Temple, P. McLoughlin,
and L. J. McKeown.

Officials:- County Manager, Town Surveyor and Town Clerk.

62 Vote of Sympathy

Clr. H. J. Byrne proposed a vote of sympathy with Councillor L. J. McKeown upon the death of his sister.

The Motion was passed unanimously all members standing.

63 Council's Employees - Complaints re

Permission was granted to Clr. Ledwidge to raise a matter relating to complaints regarding timekeeping, etc. of Council's employees. He stressed that any complaints he had made concerning timekeeping etc. of employees were made as a public representative and that as a result of leakage of official information he had been adversely criticised throughout the township.

He felt it was the duty of a public representative to draw attention to irregularities such as unpunctuality whenever same appeared to exist among the employees of the Council and could make no apology for doing so.

Councillor Temple expressed the view that complaints of such a nature should be made to responsible officers of the Council and that the Trade Union should be consulted before any disciplinary action was taken.

The County Manager pointed out that no disciplinary action was taken upon complaints from other than the responsible officers of the Council and added that very often complaints from untrue sources were illfounded and unjustified.

The Chairman stated that the best thanks of the Council were due to Clr. Ledwidge for raising the matter in the interest of the Council and to Clr. Temple for the help and suggestion concerning the determination of complaints of the nature raised by Clr. Ledwidge.

64 Derelict Sites

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Clr. P. Ledwidge:-

"That this Council request the County Manager to furnish to each member all available information relating to derelict sites in the Urban District in order that this Council may discuss the matter and decide on what action may be taken thereon."

65 Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948

Submitted Circular (H.13/48) from the Secretary, Dept. of Local Govt. reviewing the provisions of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948.

Councillor H. J. Byrne drew attention to Section 30 of the Act and stated that this Section which applies to Boroughs and Urban Areas with a population over 12,000, should be amended to include the Urban Area of Bray. The Section deals with the reservation of houses for persons of a particular class e.g. Newly married couples.

Councillor Temple suggested that the Council should press for an increase in the amount of Grants from the Transition Development Fund.

Following discussion it was agreed unanimously to request the Minister of Local Government to receive a deputation from the Council upon the Housing problem as it affects the Township.

66 Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Submitted Circular (L.16/48) from the Department of Local Government reviewing certain amendments of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in pursuance of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948.

The Chairman gave a review of the operation of the Act in former years in the Urban Area and said that there had been abuses in the administration of the Small Dwellings Act at that time.

Other members expressed the view that particular care should be taken to ensure that the Council would be safeguarded against possible financial loss in any future operation of the Act by restricting advances to persons who could afford to repay the Loans.

It was decided that the Council would resume operations under the Acts and the County Manager promised to submit a report giving particulars of Loan Charges, etc.

67 Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948.

Submitted Circular (L.17/48) from the Department of Local Government reviewing the provisions of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948.

ORDER - Noted.

68 Watermains Connection - Meath Road.

Submitted letter from Clr. P. McLoughlin with reference to charges for watermains connection to houses on Meath Road. Clr. McLoughlin represented that the charge of £3 for the installation of separate water connections to the houses seemed excessive.

The Surveyor stated that the charge was reasonable and in any event it would be payable to the Contractor by the Council. He promised to raise the matter with the Contractor.

69 Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited

A letter was read from the Secretary, I.P.B. Mutual Insurances Limited intimating that the Council is entitled to appoint one of its Members or Officials to attend and vote at the forthcoming General Meeting of the Company.

It was agreed to appoint Clr. H. J. Byrne to represent the Council.

70 Housing Scheme Loan

Submitted letter from the Secretary, Dept. of Local Govt. intimating that the Minister had recommended the Commissioners of Public Works to issue a Loan of £61,100 from the Local Loans Fund for the Council's Housing Scheme. A Grant of £31,600 was being made from the Transition Development Fund.

ORDER - Noted

71 Putland Road Flooding

A letter from the Solicitors to the Council was read intimating that the Urban Council had no responsibility for the flooding at Putland Road.

The Chairman said that in his opinion the flooding was caused by surface water from Bray Head and believed that Meath Road might be effected. This latter possibility could be obviated by the provision of additional gullies and by raising the level of the paths on Meath Road.

These paths had recently been excavated and the Surveyor stated that the Alliance and Dublin Consumers Gas Co. would bear the cost of restoration.

It was decided to adjourn the matter of the flooding at Putland Road to the next Meeting of the Council and in the meantime the Surveyor was directed to prepare a comprehensive report.

72 Public Library reorganisation

Submitted Report of Librarian upon proposed re-organisation of the Public Library Service, together with Minute of Advisory Committee of 19th February, 1948.

The Chairman read a letter he had received from Rev. Fr. William Breen, C.C. in the course of which it was stated that it was imperative that money should be expended to provide a Library service worthy of the Township. He hoped the Council would consider the necessity for the raising of a Loan for the purpose.

Councillor Temple suggested that the matter be referred to the Estimates Meeting and agreed that the Library Service did not attain the standard desired.

Clr. H. J. Byrne suggested that the Library should be closed from 1st April, 1948, if possible. The Manager pointed out that it would be better to await the commencement of the proposed repairs before closing down.

Clr. Little recommended that the Report of the Librarian should be adopted and a copy thereof forwarded to the Minister for Local Government.

The Report was adopted and it was decided to forward a copy to the Minister for Local Government.

Clr. Temple referred to the rate of wages paid to the Library Cleaner. The County Manager explained that he was awaiting sanction from the Department of Local Government to the increase already recommended by him.

73 Cinematograph Act, 1909 - Ace of Clubs Hall

Submitted application from the Proprietor, Ace of Clubs Hall, for a Licence under the Act to exhibit films on the premises.

Order - Application for Licence refused.

74 Fluorescent Lighting

A report was read from the Surveyor in connection with the proposed partial lighting of the Township by Fluorescent Lighting. He recommended that a Committee be appointed to interview the Electricity Supply Board in the matter.

The following Committee was appointed to interview the E.S.B., viz.

Councillors E. J. Little, G. Doyle and J. French.

75 Control Bandstand - Bray Amusements Committee

Submitted Report from Town Clerk, following a conference between the Bray Amusements Committee and a Committee of the Council upon the use of the Bandstand at the Esplanade. Clr. Temple reviewed the discussions the Committee had with the Amusements Committee and said that the latter could provide additional entertainments over and above that provided from the funds of the Council.

The Chairman said he would not approve of honoraria being paid to Members of the Council Committee.

It was agreed that the Report be adopted and that Councillors French, Ledwidge and Temple be appointed to act on the Amusements Committee in a personal capacity and not as members of the Council.

76 Letting of Municipal Baths and Sanitary Conveniences

It was decided to let the Municipal Baths to the Bray Swimming Club on similar terms as apply to the Bray Cove Swimming Club i.e. 50% of profits to be recouped to the Council and that the Bray Swimming Club be requested to submit their Accounts for the Season 1947.

The Council directed that the Sanitary Conveniences be advertised for the present season.

77 The Picture House - Plans for Alterations.

The County Manager read correspondence and report from the Town Surveyor in connection with proposed alterations to The Picture House.

The Projection Box of the Cinema was indicated on the Plan as projecting over the Auditorium and following discussion upon the requirement of the Regulations under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, which Clr. Little quoted, it was decided :-

(1) That the Projection Box should be outside Auditorium

(2) Access to Projection Box should not be from the Auditorium.

The matter was adjourned to the next Meeting of the Council the Surveyor having been directed to approach the Architect acting on behalf of the Proprietors of the Cinema.

78 Proposed Wall at the Royal Hotel

A Report was read from the Town Surveyor intimating that a sum of £30 would be necessary to provide a low wall along the Obelisk at the Royal Hotel, Bray.

Following discussion the matter was referred to the Estimates Meeting.

79 Revision of Remuneration of Rate Collector

The County Manager read particulars of a recommendation he had submitted to the Department of Local Government in connection with the proposed revision of remuneration of the permanent Rate Collector.

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The recommendation provided for is/basic salary of £400 per annum together with commission of a maximum of £200 per annum contingent upon the fulfilment of certain stated conditions. There are five conditions and a sum of £40 is payable for compliance with each condition.

The position of Rate Collector will be advertised shortly and in the meantime it was proposed to apply for foregoing recommendation to the Acting Rate Collector.

Order - Approved.

80 Discount on Payment of Rates

Clr. McLoughlin suggested that discount should be allowed to Ratepayers on all rates paid within three months after the date of the making of the Municipal Rate. He represented that such discount would be an incentive to Ratepayers to pay their Rates at an early date and would obviate the necessity which often arises to obtain overdraft accommodation from the Bank.

It was agreed to submit a recommendation to the Department of Local Government in the matter.

81 Rent Collectors' Commission

Clr. Temple referred to the existing rate of remuneration paid to the Council's Rent Collectors and stated it was impossible to comply with the stipulated condition regarding payment of commission. He understood the rate of pay at present did not exceed £4 per week.

The County Manager promised to review the terms of the Rent Collectors appointments at the end of the financial year.

82 Urban Roads - Maintenance

Submitted letter from the Department of Local Government intimating that it was not possible to allocate Grants for Urban Road Maintenance as requested in Council's Resolution of 10th February, 1948.

Order - Noted. Press for deputation to Minister for Local Government.

83 Crash Barriers outside Schools

A letter was read from the Garda Síochána suggesting that permanent barriers should be erected outside St. Cronan's National School and Ravenswell Convent to protect the safety of the children.

The County Manager said that the Council might be held responsible legally for any accident caused as a result of the erection of permanent barriers.

It was agreed to refer the matter to the County Engineer.

84 Bray Head-Parking of Cars

Clr. French raised the matter of parking of cars at Bray Head and stated that congestion had been caused recently by the failure to comply with the regulation regarding parking of cars.

It was decided to restore the Notice governing Parking of Cars.

85 Housing Sites - Loreto Convent

A letter was read from the Solicitors acting on behalf of Loreto Convent Community declining to accept the offer of £50 made by the Council for the purchase of the fee simple of the land at Loreto Convent.

Following the suggestion of Clr. Temple it was decided that the Chairman and County Manager should interview the Solicitors immediately to reach a satisfactory agreement.

86 Examination of Tenders - Esplanade

The following Tenders were received for the use of Sites at the Esplanade:-

(1) <u>Putting Green</u>	- Mr. Patrick Mooney	...	£60
	- Mr. Brian Dunne	...	£50
	- Mr. Denis Fox	...	£35

(2) <u>South Bandstand</u>	- Mr. Clifford Bolton	...	£25
	- Mr. Ted Young	...	£10

(3) Central Bandstand

- No Tender received.

The Tenders of Mr. Patrick Mooney, Seapoint Terrace, Bray, for (1) the use of the Putting Green; and that of Mr. Clifford Botton, 5, Liego Road, Leyland, Lancashire, England, for (2) the use of the South Bandstand, were accepted.

In connection with the latter tender it was agreed to give an option to Mr. Bolton for further years at the same price upon the condition that he carries out works (estimated at £500) to the satisfaction and requirements of the Town Surveyor.

87 Fuel Scheme

The tender of Messrs. Wallace, Fuel Merchants, at £2 13s 4d per ton was accepted for the supply of turf under the Council's Fuel Scheme. The only other tender received was that of Messrs. Thomas Helton and Co., Castle Street, Bray, at £2 14s 0d per ton.

Signed

CHAIRMAN

Date

13/4/48

E. J. Lameall

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

of

Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Wednesday 31st March, 1948 at 7 o'clock p.m. in consequence of the following requisition submitted to the Town Clerk.

"Please requisition a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday next the 31st instant at 7 o'clock to consider the Council's legal position in relation to the proposed Greyhound Racing Track at Dublin Road."

(Signed) John Temple,
Peter Ledwidge,
G. H. C. Stuart,
L. J. McKeown,
E. E. Byrne,
H. J. Byrne.

25/3/1948

Present:- Councillor H. J. Byrne (Chairman)
Councillors P. Ledwidge, G. Doyle, J. Temple,
E. Byrne, P. McLoughlin,
G. H. C. Stuart, M. McGarry,
J. French and E. J. Little.

Officials :- County Manager, Town Surveyor and Town Clerk.

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Votes of Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of Mr. James O'Brien, Mr. Peter Robinson and Master Ignatius O'Toole recently deceased.

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Greyhound Racing Track

Following a general discussion the County Manager explained that the Council had sought Opinion of Counsel and was awaiting the view of the latter.

Councillor Little proposed that the matter be adjourned to the next Statutory Meeting to be held on 13th April, 1948.

Other members supported Cllr. Little's proposal and it was agreed to adjourn the matter until the next Statutory Meeting when, in the meantime, the legal Opinion may be obtained.

Signed

CHAIRMAN

Date

13/4/48

E. J. Lameall