

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

of

ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE BRAY U.D.C. HELD IN THE TOWN HALL

ON WEDNESDAY THE 31ST MARCH, 1948, AT 7-30 p.m.

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

Councillor H. J. Byrne apologised for the absence of Cllr. McKoown and Councillor Sayers owing to illness.

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

- 90 Submitted Report of the Co. Manager upon the Estimate of Expenses for the financial year ending 31st March, 1949.

In a general review of the Estimates the Chairman stated that the burden of Rates had become well nigh intolerable and pointed out that when the Rates were less than 10/- in the £ it was felt that they were then excessive. However the position he said must be faced that Rates have been increasing steadily for many years and the Council must accept the increase as one of inevitability in view of the additional social services, amenities, etc. provided.

Councillor J. Temple explained that the Estimates as submitted made provision for an increase to Council's employees of 7/6d per week. The employees refused to entertain the acceptance of the increase and were demanding the maximum of 11/- per week which had been granted elsewhere.

Councillor P. Ledwidge stated that although he was not opposed to the grant of the demand he felt that the general conditions of service of the Council's employees were superior to those prevailing in the case of employees of similar occupations in the Township.

Following a discussion it was agreed to adjourn the matter to the next Statutory Meeting of the Council to consider the Report of the Special Committee which had been appointed to consider the demand of the employees Trade Union.

With the exception of the undermentioned amendments the various items having been examined seriatim were adopted.

Urban Roads - Ordinary Road Works - Tar Spraying & Repairs (£200 page 1)

It was agreed to devote the sum provided in the Estimates viz. £200 on repairs to paths and roads on Back Street, Greenpark Road, Pearse Square and O'Byrne Road.

Urban Roads - Loan Charges

Florence Road Reconstruction (£272 - page 1)

The County Manager explained that the Tender proposed to be accepted for the resurfacing of Florence Road was lower than had been provided for in arriving at the Loan Charges as indicated. Accordingly a sum of £25 could be deducted from the figure of £272 provided in the Estimates, leaving £247 as the amount required.

Order - Agreed.

The effect of this amendment was to reduce the amount provided for Urban Roads from £2,954 to £2,929 equal to a saving of £25.

Sanitary Services - Sewers.

Little Bray Outfall (£150)

The Surveyor intimated that it would be possible to carry out the work for a sum of £100 and accordingly it was agreed to reduce the amount provided from £150 to £100.

Sanitary Services - Drainage

Cockbrook Outfall £150

The Surveyor intimated that it would not be essential to have this work carried out during the coming year and agreed to the deletion of the provision of £150 in the Estimate. Councillor French opposed the deletion which had been agreed to.

Sanitary Services

Municipal Baths Maintenance (£75)

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Ledwidge and seconded by Cllr. E. Byrne "That a sum of £75 be included in the Estimates for the maintenance of the Municipal Baths"

The following amendment was moved by Cllr. H. J. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. E. J. Little "That a sum of £50 be included in the Estimates for the maintenance of the Municipal Baths"

The amendment was put and a division taken when there voted

For the amendment - 6 - viz. Cllrs. H. J. Byrne, E. J. Little	
G. H. G. Stuart, G. Doyle	
J. Temple and P. McLoughlin.	
Against " - 4 - viz. Cllrs. P. Ledwidge, E. E. Byrne,	
J. French and M. McGarry.	

The amendment having been declared carried it was put as a substantive motion and carried. The sum of £75 was accordingly reduced to £50.

Sanitary Services.

Bray Cove Swimming Pools Repairs

Clr. E. J. Little proposed and Clr. G. H. G. Stuart seconded "That the sum of £100 provided in the Estimates for the repairs to the Bray Cove Swimming Pools be deleted."

The following amendment was moved by Clr. J. French and seconded by Clr. E. E. Byrne "That a sum of £250 be provided in the Estimates for repairs to the Bray Cove Swimming Club."

The following voted for the amendment:-

Clrs. J. French, P. Ledwidge,
E. Byrne and M. McGarry - 4

Against the amendment Clrs. G. Doyle, J. Temple,
G. H. G. Stuart,
E. J. Little, H. J. Byrne
and E. J. Little - 6

The amendment having been declared lost the motion was put and carried with the same division.

The sum of £100 was accordingly deleted from the Estimates.

The effect of the amendments reduced the amount provided for Sanitary Services from £11,839 to £11,514 equal to a saving of £325 in the Estimates.

Sanitary Services

Public Lighting £1,350

It was agreed to refer the matter of Public Lighting of the Township to the next Statutory Meeting of the Council.

The provision of £1,350 would allow for 60 additional lamps during the coming year.

HOUSING

Maintenance and Repairs (£1,000)

Clr. J. Temple proposed that the sum of £1,000 provided in the Estimates for maintenance and repair of Council houses be reduced from £1,000 to £750 and that the sum of £200 provided for repairs to footpaths at Wolfe Tone Square be increased to £450.

Order - Agreed.

The County Manager promised to investigate the possibility of obtaining sanction to loan for repairs to footpaths, etc..

The amount provided in the Estimates for Housing Services, viz. £21,722 was adopted without amendment.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

Town Hall Repairs and alterations (£250)

It was agreed to reduce the sum of £250 provided in the Estimates for repairs to the Town Hall to £50 which sum would be expended in the provision of sanitary accommodation on the premises.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

Public Parks, Sea Wall, etc. Painting and Repairs (£1,480)

It was agreed to delete the following amounts from the sum of £1,480 provided in the Estimates for the painting and repairs, etc. to Public Parks, Esplanade, etc..

roadway Bray Head £120
Painting Kiosks : : £ 90
Painting Railings : : £360
Repairs to Paths - Esplanade £220

and to reduce the amount for Sea Wall decking from £250 to £200

Thus, the total amount of reduction effected is £840 leaving a sum of £640 to be provided in the Estimates for painting and repairs to Public Parks, Esplanade, etc.

Rate Collector's Commission

Following discussion it was agreed that the scale of salary to be provided for the present Rate Collector should be amended as follows:- £300 by £20 to £400 per annum plus commission of a maximum of £200.

Thus a sum of £500 is required during the coming year and a reduction of £100 from £600 to £500 should be effected.

Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates (£700)

It was agreed to reduce the sum of £700 provided in the Estimates from £700 to £500 thus effecting a saving of £200.

The foregoing amendments in the provision for Urban Purposes will result in the provision of £47,111 compared with £48,451 as estimated, i.e. a saving of £1,340, under this heading.

R E C E I P T

General Urban Purposes - Kiosks

It was agreed that the amount provided in the Estimates under this heading, viz. £250 should be increased to £665 in consequence of the additional income to be derived therefrom during the coming season. Thus an increase of £415 is accruable and the Estimates should be amended accordingly. The effect of this amendment results in an increase of receipts from Urban Purposes from £6,471 to £6,886.

ANALYSIS

The net result of the foregoing amendments is as follows:-

Expenditure

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Saving
Urban Roads :	£ 2,954	£ 2,929	£ 25
Sanitary Services :	£11,839	£11,514	£ 325
Housing :	£21,722	£21,722	-
General Urban Purposes :	£48,451	£47,111	£1,340
	£84,966	£83,276	£1,690

RECEIPTS

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Increase
Urban Roads :	£ 80	£ 80	-
Sanitary Services :	£ 782	£ 782	-
Housing :	£17,435	£17,435	-
General Urban Purposes :	£ 6,471	£ 6,886	£415
	£24,768	£25,183	£415

Thus the net amount to be provided from Revenue during the financial year 1948/49 is £83,276 minus £25,183 i.e. £58,093, which is equivalent to a rate of 27/8d in the £.

It was proposed by Cllr. E. J. Little
seconded by Cllr. P. Ledwidge:

"That we the Bray Urban District Council hereby adopt the
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end on 31st March, 1949, subject to the following amendments:-

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" 3	do	Increase of £250	Repairs to footpaths
" 4	"General Urban Purposes"		at Wolfe Tone Square
" 4	do.	Reduction £200	Town Hall Repairs
" 4	do.	Reduction £840	Public Parks Repairs
" 4	do.	Reduction £100	Rate Collector's etc.
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RECEIPTS

Increase £415 - Kiosk Rents
and hereby determine the Rate in the £ to be levied for the
several purposes specified in the Estimates, to be 27/8d
(twenty-seven shillings and eight pence.) "

Passed Unanimously

(signed) Henry J. Byrne,

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

91 Approval of Minutes:-

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting held on 9th March and
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which had been circulated were signed by the Chairman.

92 Votes of Sympathy

Councillor H. J. Byrne (Chairman) proposed a vote of sympathy with
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The motion was passed unanimously, all members standing.

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Opening the discussion Cllr. Temple proposed and Cllr. French
seconded:

"That the Council consider the matter in Committee"

Cllr. E. J. Little opposed this proposed procedure and
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The County Manager gave a review of events leading up to the position which now prevailed. He stated that an application for permission to erect a Greyhound Racing Track had been received by the Council on the 5th November, 1947, on behalf of the Greyhound Racing Association. This application had been refused unanimously by the Council at its Meeting on 16th November, 1947.

Notification to the foregoing effect was forwarded on the 1st December to the Solicitor acting on behalf of the Greyhound Racing Association in the course of which it was pointed out that the establishment of a racing track on the proposed site at Sublin Road would be open to serious objection and that permission could not be given for the proposal which, although it could not be regarded as a formal application under the Town Planning Acts, the Council nevertheless felt it desirable to convey such indication to the Promoters before expense had been incurred by them.

The County Manager made an Order on December 16th, 1948, refusing permission for the construction of the Track which the Promoters had formally requested on the 5th idem. and a copy of that Order was duly served on them.

Notwithstanding that Order the Promoters of the project continued to carry out work and on the 10th February, 1948, a Prohibition Order was issued and again on the 20th February, 1948, a further Order was made by the Manager declaring any contravention of the prohibition to be unlawful.

After service of the latter Order the Promoters appealed to the Minister for Local Government in pursuance of the provisions of the Town and Regional Planning Acts and the County Manager stated that legal Opinion of Counsel had been obtained by them. Consequently it was decided that the Council should seek the Opinion of Counsel which Opinion had since been received. The County Manager then read the Opinion which broadly indicated

- (1) That the proposed Greyhound Track is a "structure" within the meaning of the Town Planning Acts, and that the laying down of such Track is, in effect, the "execution of work" within the meaning of the Acts.
- (2) The Planning Authority is entitled to require an applicant to submit Plans and Specifications for structures for approval.
- (3) The Council had power to make the Order of 10th February, 1948, prohibiting absolutely the further proceeding with the construction, etc. of the proposed Greyhound Racing Track.
- (4) The Council had power to make the Order of the 20th February, 1948, declaring any contravention of the prohibition before the coming into operation of a Planning Scheme should be unlawful.

The County Manager read a letter forwarded to the Department of Local Government in reply to the appeal of the Promoters to the Minister, and also a letter from the following viz. Country Air Association; Very Rev. A. Canon Moriarity, P.P.; Very Rev. E. H. F. Canon Campbell, objecting to the erection of the proposed Track.

Clr. J. Temple intimated that originally he had opposed the erection of a Track because he had been given to understand, erroneously, he added, that the Clergy were opposed, but he had since learned to the contrary. He felt that there was a definite need in Bray for such an undertaking and was strongly in favour of it.

Councillors French and McLoughlin suggested that the Council should await the decision of the Minister for Local Government. Clr. H. J. Byrne said he was morally bound to support the view of the Clergy.

Clr. E. J. Little proposed and Clr. G. H. G. Stuart seconded:-

"Whereas the Special Meeting called for March 31st to consider the Council's legal position in relation to the proposed Greyhound Racing Track at Dublin Road stood adjourned to this date to enable the Manager to seek the Opinion of Senior Counsel thereon, and whereas the Opinion of Counsel as so obtained supports the action taken by the Council and by the County Manager respectively, the Council in discharge of its consultative and advisory powers and of all and every power thereto enabling hereby approves the action taken by the County Manager as and for and on behalf of the Council in relation thereto. And we order and direct the Town Clerk to forward copies of this Resolution to the Solicitor for the Promoters and to the Minister for Local Government respectively urging the Minister to an early decision on the appeal lodged by the Promoters with him in relation thereto."

The motion was put whereupon the following amendment was moved by Clr. J. Temple and seconded by Clr. E. E. Byrne:-

"That the Urban Council hereby agree that permission be granted to the Greyhound Racing Association to carry on a Greyhound Racing Track on the site at Dublin Road, Bray, for a period of twelve months."

The amendment was put and a division taken when there voted for the amendment 3 viz. Clrs. E. E. Byrne
J. Temple
G. Doyle

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Manager's Orders

Remuneration of Rate Collector. Clr. P. McLoughlin referred to Order No. 5774 and in this connection handed in the following Notice of Motion, viz.

"Take notice that at the next Statutory Meeting of the Council I or some member on my behalf will move to have rescinded the Order made by the Council on 31st ultimo fixing the remuneration of the Rate Collector; and ask that same be fixed on a "percentage of collection" basis as explained by the Co. Manager in his Order No. 5774 dated 5/3/1948"

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Amendment
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Roadway at Bray Head

The Town Surveyor informed Clr. French that he had recently obtained wire for erection at the roadway where same was necessary.

6 Ravenswell Row

Clr. G. H. G. Stuart referred to Order No. 5788 and intimated that the house should have been let to a family with a number of children. The County Manager explained that the Council's policy was to reserve such houses for very small families or single persons, e.g. spinsters, widows.

96 Progress Reports

The County Manager read reports from the Town Surveyor upon the progress of the Housing Scheme and Road Works, etc..

Housing - "The value of the work carried out to date on the Housing Contract is £21,293 1s 8d and the progress of the work is as follows:-

Number of foundations excavated	57
Number of foundations filled	57
Number of rising walls completed	57
Walls built to first floor level	2
Walls built to eaves level	10
Houses roofed	22
Floors completed	26
Houses plastered	6
Houses wired	10
Houses glazed	26
Fuel houses completed.	8

Clr. J. Temple referred to the interior finish of the walls of the houses and requested that they be improved. The Surveyor intimated that he would submit an estimate of the cost of white-coat finish at the adjourned Meeting.

97 Resignation of Councillor Michael McGarry

A letter was read from Clr. Michael McGarry tendering his resignation from membership of the Council. The resignation was accepted with regret.

Order - "That Notice for the filling of the vacancy be given on the Agenda for the next Statutory Meeting of the Council."

Putland Road Flooding

The Town Surveyor stated that he would submit a report upon the Putland Road Flooding to the adjourned Meeting to be held on the 20th April, 1948. The matter was accordingly adjourned to that date.

The Picture House

Consideration of plans submitted in connection with the proposed alterations to The Picture House was adjourned until 20th April, 1948, for submission of a Report on the matter by the Town Surveyor.

98 Derelict Sites - Notice of Motion by Clr. P. Ledwidge

Consideration of the following Motion was adjourned to next Statutory Meeting of 11th May, 1948:-

"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 what action may be taken thereon."

99 Kiosks - Tenancy Agreement

Submitted letter from Mr. W. Parkinson, tenant of Council's Kiosks, requesting permission to sell articles other than those prescribed in the Tenancy Agreement.

Order - Permission to sell Children's spades and bucket only is hereby granted.

100 Revision of remuneration of Council's employees

Submitted Report of Sub-Committee appointed to consider Council's employees' demands for increase in rate of remuneration. It was unanimously recommended that an increase of 11/- per week be granted to the Council's employees as from 19th March, 1948.

101 Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948

Submitted Circular G.20/1948 from Department of Local Government, relative to Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948.

Order:- Adjourn to Special Meeting on 27th April, 1948.

Signed: Henry Byrne
CHAIRMAN

Date 11/5/48

*G. P. Farrell
Town Clerk
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Officials present - County Manager and Town Clerk.

101. Derelect Sites

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Clr. H. Byrne, and Resolved that "This Council requests the
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relating to derelict sites in the Urban area in order that this
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taken."

The County Manager explained the difficulty in ascertain-
ing the present address of the owners or reputed owners of
derelict sites in the Township. Considerable difficulties had
arisen elsewhere in the operation of the Derelict Site Act 40.

Following discussion it was agreed that Clrs. H. Byrne
and Ledwidge would assist the County Manager and Town Clerk in
ascertaining the owners of the sites which had been included in
the Bray Clearance Order 1935.

Putland Road Flooding

Consideration of the matter was adjourned for the submission
of a report from the Town Surveyor.

Alteration at the Picture House

Consideration of the matter was adjourned for the submission
of a report from the Town Surveyor.

102. Public Lighting

Submitted Report of Sub Committee indicating the location
of additional lights proposed to be provided in the present year.

The Report was adopted, with the addition of the following
lights viz;

- (a) Bus Terminus - Boat House (b) Junction of Edward Road and
Newcourt Road (c) Bus Stop at Adelaide Road (d) Greenpark
Road (Diamond Cottages) (e) Centre of Wolfe Tone Square Sth.
(f) Centre of Wolfe Tone Square East (g) Bus Stop Wolfe
Tone Square Middle (h) Wolfe Tone Square, near Duffy's corner
(i) Wolfe Tone Square West, junction with Green Tree.

Councillor Doyle and McLoughlin thanked the Chairman for
having made his car available to the members of the Committee in
connection with inspection of the lighting circuit of the Township.

103.

Florence Road Resurfacing

The County Manager read the Report of the Town Surveyor
upon the Tenders received for the reconstruction of Florence Road,
which were as follows:-

Southern Roads Co.	£3752. 15s.
South of Ireland Asphalt Co.	£3855. 5s.
A. J. Jennings & Co.	£3951. 0s. 10d.
Hussey, Egan & Pickmore Ltd.	£4517. 1s. 3d.
Roads Improvement Co.	£5151. 5s. 1d.

A letter was read from the Southern Roads Co. giving
particulars of the works recently carried out by the firm.

It was proposed by Clr. H. J. Byrne, Seconded by Clr.
J. French "That the Bray Urban District Council hereby accepts
the tender of Southern Roads Company, Stillorgan Road, Dublin for
the resurfacing of the Florence Road for the sum of £3752. 15s.
subject to a report from the Town Surveyor that from his knowledge
of the work carried out by this firm, he is of opinion that the
firm is competent to perform the Contract? The motion was
carried Cr. Temple dissenting.

104. Florence Road - Trees

Councillor McLoughlin raised the matter of the trees on
Florence Road and suggested that they should be removed before the
reconstruction of the road commenced. The matter having been dis-
cussed at length it was agreed to adjourn consideration thereof
until the next Statutory Meeting.

105. 49 Wolfe Tone Square West - Eviction

Clr. Temple raised the matter of an eviction of a family
from 49 Wolfe Tone Square West, by the Tenant of the House who he
alleged did not reside on the premises.

Clr. Ledwidge condemned the practice which prevailed in the
Urban area whereby tenants of Houses ejected families at the
commencement of the Tourist Season.

106. Bray Clearance Order 1935 - Ravenswell Row.

Letters were read from the County M.O.H. and T. S. recommend-
ing that the Ravenswell Row houses should be removed from the
operation of the Bray Clearance Order 1935.

Order adjourned to next Statutory Meeting of Council.

107. Health Act (Date of Commencement) No. 2 Order 1948.

Submitted circular H. 29/48 from Department of Local
Government intimating that Part 2 Part 3 (except Section 25 and
26) Part 4 and Part 7 of the Act commenced on 1st April, 1948.
Order Noted.

108. Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948

Submitted Circular G.20/1948 from the Department of
Local Government reviewing the provisions of the Local
Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948.

It was agreed to adjourn consideration of the matter
to a Special Meeting of the Council on Tuesday 27th April, at
7. 0p.m.

109. Report re Rate Collection

The County Manager read a report giving the state of the
Rate collection for the financial year ended 31st March, 1948.
viz;

Total Amount of Warrant	Total Amt.	Uncollected	Percentage
£59033. 12s. 3d.	Collected	£4787. 19. 3.	91.86

He stated that the percentage collection was a record
one.- the collection for the year 1946/47 being 85% and in
previous years between 75% and 80%.

The Council in expressing satisfaction at the state of the
Collections paid a tribute to the Acting Rate Collector in respect
of his achievement. The Manager stated that it was hoped to
fill the permanent position as soon as possible. Consideration
of the Schedule of Uncollected Rates was adjourned until the
Special Meeting on Tuesday the 27th April.

110. Proposed Housing Site - Loreto Convent.

It was agreed to adjourn consideration of this matter to the Special Meeting of the Council on Tuesday 27th April at 7.0 p.m.

111. Letting of Sanitary Conveniences, and Placing of Weighing Machines

The following Tenders were opened in the presence of, and examined by the Council.

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| (1) Central Esplanade: | George Dutton, 36 Castle St. | £30 |
| Sanitary Conveniences: | Harry Cleary, 7 O'Byrne Rd., | £27.10s |
| | N. J. Molloy, Strand Rd., | £20 |
| | Bray Swimming Club. | £61. |
| (2) South Esplanade: | | |
| Sanitary Conveniences: | A. Cleary, Strand Rd., | £20. |
| (3) Weighing Machines: | British Automatic Co., Ltd. | £40 |

It was decided to accept the Tender of Bray Swimming Club at £61 for No. 1 and that of Mr. A. Cleary at £20 for No. 2, and British Automatic Co. at £40 for placing of Weighing Machines. No rebate of these amounts would be made to the Tenderers in respect of the Renting of the Tolls of Sanitary Convenience.

112. Central Bandstand

Submitted letter from Mr. Ted Yound requesting permission to use the Central Bandstand during the present Season for the sum of £20.

Order:- Permission refused.

113. Resignation of Town Surveyor.

The County Manager read a letter from the Town Surveyor tendering his resignation from the service of the Council as from the 30th April, 1948.

The County Manager explained the position which would arise as a result of the resignation and intimated that the Surveyor would continue to receive an addition to the superannuation of £200 per annum, fees at the rate of 1% in respect of his supervision of Council's Capital Schemes. *which are at present in progress*

The Chairman expressed personal regret upon the Surveyor's retirement and paid a tribute to his capabilities. He stated that the Township had outgrown the services of a part-time Surveyor. Other members associated themselves with the Chairman's tribute and in doing so referred to the diversity of occupations which precluded him from giving the necessary service to the Town.

The resignation of the Surveyor was accepted with regret.

114. "Craglea", Newcourt Road.

The County Manager explained the position which had arisen in connection with the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Loan on the premises "Craglea", Newcourt Road. He recommended that the Charge (approx. £550) which had arisen in respect of the premises should be redeemed by the Council.

The matter was adjourned to ascertain if any saving might be effected which would offset the cost of the Redemption of the charge referred to.

115. Vacancies - Bray Vocational Education Committee

Submitted letter from the Chief Executive Officer, Vocational Education Committee notifying the existence of two vacancies on that Committee, consequent upon the death of

Mr. Maurice Dempsey and the resignation of Miss Bernin, and requesting the Council to appoint Dr. T. G. O'Reilly to replace the latter.

It was proposed by Cr. J. French, seconded by Cr. Ludwidge and resolved That Cr. McKown and Dr. T. G. O'Reilly be appointed to fill the vacancies.

116. South Bandstand - Alterations.

The Council examined Plans submitted on behalf of Mr. Clifford Bolton for alterations to the South Bandstand. The Plans had been approved by the Town Surveyor.

117.

Housing Scheme - Interior Improvement

A report was read from the Town Surveyor intimating that the estimate cost per house for finishing the interior of the rooms with a lime finish would be £6.10. 0. per house. It was decided to have the interior walls finished accordingly. The approx. total cost of these additions would be £57.00.

118. Closing of Esplanade - July 14th

Submitted letter from Mr. Smyth for permission to close portion of the Esplanade on 14th July in connection with a proposed limited dog Show on behalf of the British Legion.

119.

Council Employees Wage Increase.

It was agreed to provide an additional sum of £174 in the Estimates which amount was necessary following the Council's decision on 13th April, to amend the wages increase from 7/6 to 11/- per week.

Signed

Henry Byrne
Chairman

Date

8/6/48

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

of

a Special Meeting held in the Town Hall, on Tuesday 27th April, 1948 at 7.p.m.

Present:- Clr. H. Byrne, Temple, Stuart, Ledwidge, Little, Doyle, French, McLoughlin and McKeown.

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

120. Votes of Sympathy.

The Chairman on behalf of the Council expressed sympathy with the relatives of the late Miss Jane Archer, Thomas Devine and Ernest Alger.

The motion was passed unanimously, all members standing in silence.

121. Resignation of Town Surveyor.

The Town Surveyor in reply to Council's tribute paid to him at the Council's Meeting on 20th April, stated that he appreciated the tributes paid and regretted the termination of his association with the Urban Council.

122. Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948

Submitted Circular G.20/1948 from the Department of Local Government reviewing the provisions of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948.

Clr. Temple handed in the following Notice of Motion,

"Please take notice that I or someone on my behalf will move at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 8th June, 1948. That Part 3 of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948 should be adopted by the Council and that the maximum number of persons to be at any one time in the employment of the Council as permanent servants be limited to fifteen.

123. Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Act.

Submitted report of the County Manager giving particulars of Loan Charges arising under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

It was proposed by Clr. Byrne, seconded by Clr. J. French and resolved:

"That the Bray Urban District Council hereby applies to the Minister for Local Government for a Loan of £30,000 from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of making advances to borrowers under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts".

124. Proposed Housing Site Loreto Convent.

This matter was adjourned to the Statutory Meeting of 11th May, to await a reply from the Department of Education regarding proposed Acquisition of the Site by the Council.

125. Site at North End of Strand Road.

Submitted application from Mr. Peter Fortune for permission to erect a stall on a plot of grounds at the north end of Strand Road for the sale of Ice Cream and Sweets.

It was proposed by Clr. H. Byrne, Seconded by Clr. Little and Resolved "That the Site be advertised".

126. Putland Road Flooding

The Surveyor stated that he would submit a report to the next Statutory Meeting indicating a method of easing the flooding which occurs at Putland Road.

127. Alterations at the Picture House.

The Surveyor reported that the architects responsible for the proposed alteration at the Picture House had indicated to him that it was probable that the proposed alterations would not be proceeded with.

128. Dredging of Harbour

The matter of dredging of the Harbour was raised and the Council recommended that a Grant be obtained for the use of a Dredge. The County Manager stated that he would make enquiries to ascertain if same could be provided.

129. Meath Road - Visit of Minister for Local Government.

A letter was read from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Local Government intimating that the Minister would visit Bray on Monday 10th May to open formally the Meath Road. It was agreed to have the opening ceremony at 6.p.m. and to arrange for a Civic Reception later, to which the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs would be invited. Special Meeting of Council to be held on Friday 30th April at 9.p.m. to make necessary arrangements.

130. Irrecoverable Rates 1947/48

The Schedule of uncollected Rates for the year ended 31st March, 1948 as submitted by the County Manager was examined. The amount of rates declared irrecoverable is £468.17.0. and a sum of £4331. 0. 9. is being carried forward to the Warrant for 1948/49

Signed

Henry Byrne
Chairman

Date

8/5/48

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

of

Statutory Meeting of Bray U.D.C. held on 11th May, 1948

Present:- Councillor H. J. Byrne (in chair)
Councillors J. French, P. Ledwidge, G. Doyle,
L. J. McKeown, B. Scullion,
G. H. G. Stuart, E. J. Little and
E. E. Byrne.

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

146 Approval of Minutes

Statutory Meeting of 13th April, 1948, which had been circulated were approved and signed.

147 Appointment of Councillor

Appointment in pursuance of the Provisions of the Local Government Act, 1941, of a suitable person to fill the office of Councillor on the Urban Council in succession to Clr. Michael McGarry resigned.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge
seconded by Councillor J. French
and resolved:-

"That Mr. Brian A. Scullion be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Michael McGarry"

Councillor Scullion having completed the Declaration of Acceptance of office was welcomed by the Chairman and Members of the Council.

148 Progress Reports

The County Manager read the following Progress Reports upon the Council's Housing Scheme and Road Works:-

"Number of foundations excavated	...	61
Number of foundations filled	...	61
Number of rising walls completed	...	57
Walls built to first floor level	...	3
Walls built to eaves level	...	6
Houses roofed	...	34
Floors completed	...	32
Houses plastered	...	6
Houses wired	...	10
Houses glazed	...	32
Fuel houses completed.	...	18

Meath Road

Sewers and Watermains completed. Road Slab and approximately 80% of footpaths completed.

Sidmonton Road

Sewers and Watermains completed, and approximately two-thirds of concrete slab laid.

This Scheme was held up for five days for supplies of aggregates, due to the washing out of the pits, but work is again proceeding satisfactorily."

149 Rate Collector's Remuneration

The following Notice of Motion which appeared on the Agenda in the name of Councillor P. McLoughlin was withdrawn:-

"Take notice that at the next Statutory Meeting of the Urban Council I, or some member on my behalf, will move to have rescinded the Order made by the Council on 31st ultimo fixing the remuneration of the Rate Collector and ask that same be fixed on a "percentage of collection" basis as explained by the County Manager in his Order No. 5774 dated 5/3/1948"

150 Speed Limit in Urban Area

It was proposed by Councillor J. French
seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge

"That having regards to the very marked increase in motor traffic which has occurred in recent years and to the degree of congestion which is evident at times on thoroughfares in the Urban District, and to the speed at which motor vehicles, especially high powered vehicles are frequently driven, this Council strongly urges that there should be a speed limit of 20 miles per hour for all motor vehicles within the Urban District of Bray, and views with greatest concern the danger to the public, especially to young children, which is liable to arise in the absence of a restriction requiring drivers to observe a speed which will ensure the safety of the public within the confines of the Urban District. That accordingly the Minister for Justice, The Minister for Local Govt. and the Commissioners of the Garda Siochana be and are hereby requested to arrange immediately for the imposition of such a speed limit."

Councillor French in moving the motion referred to the grave danger to children, etc. particularly on the Meath Road as a result of fast driving of vehicles on that road and stressed that, in his opinion, a speed limit in the urban area generally was essential. Other members expressed similar views. After discussion the motion was carried with the addition of the following words at the conclusion of the motion:- "within the Urban District of Bray."

It was agreed that copies of the Resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government, the Minister for Justice and the Commissioners of the Garda Siochana.

151 Parking on Quinsboro' Road

The Chairman submitted a petition from business firms on the Quinsboro' Road in connection with the limitations in time of parking which it was alleged adversely affected the business of the firms concerned.

Following discussion it was agreed to forward the petition to the Garda Authorities for consideration.

152 Submitted Letters from M.O.H. and Town Surveyor in connection with houses at Ravenswell Row, Bray.

This matter was adjourned to the next Statutory Meeting of the Council to enable advice to be sought from Council's Solicitors regarding the procedure to be adopted to have these houses excluded from the Bray Clearance Order, 1935.

153 Proposed Housing Site at Loreto Convent, Vevay Road, Bray.

Consideration of this matter was adjourned to the next Statutory Meeting of the Council.

154 Report from Town Surveyor upon flooding at Putland Road.

Consideration of this matter was adjourned to the next Statutory Meeting of the Council.

155 Fire Brigade Loan

Submitted letter from the Department of Local Government with reference to a Loan of £450 proposed to be raised for the purchase of a Fire Tender.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Byrne
seconded by Councillor P. Ledwidge
and resolved:-

"That we the Bray U.D.C. hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £450 from the Council's Treasurer repayable over a period of five years for the purpose of purchasing a Fire Tender (self-propelled Fire-fighting Unit), in connection with the re-organisation of the Council's Fire Brigade Service."

156 Typewriter for Council Offices

The Town Clerk reported that a typewriter was urgently required for use in the Council's Offices and explained the difficulty of obtaining a second-hand machine.

It was proposed by Clr. P. Ledwidge
seconded by Clr. L. J. McKeown
and resolved:-

"That the Council hereby authorise expenditure of £51 for the purchase of a new typewriter for the Council's Offices."

157 Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948.

Submitted letter from the Secretary, Department of Local Government with reference to Section 30 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, intimating that the Council's resolution regarding Section 30 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, had been noted by the Minister.
Order:- Noted.

158 Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited

Submitted letter from the Secretary, I.P.B. Mutual Insurances, Limited, forwarding copy of Auditor's Report of Accounts and Balance Sheet for year ending 31st December, 1947.
Order:- Noted.

159 Goal Posts at People's Park

Submitted letter from Mr. Charles Bishop requesting permission to erect Goal Posts in the People's Park.
Order:- Recommend that permission be granted, subject to condition that the Council cannot accept responsibility for accidents under any circumstances.

160 Transition Development Fund Grant

Submitted letter from the Secretary, Association of Municipal Authorities, forwarding copy of Resolution adopted by the Association on the matter of the inadequacy of Grants from the Transition Development Fund and suggesting a revision of the Housing Subsidy as calculated at present.
Order:- Adopt resolution.

161 Photographic Permit

Submitted letter from Messrs. D. A. Fields, Raheny, Dublin, requesting permission to take photographs on the Esplanade during the season and in this connection offering a sum of £20 for the necessary permit.
Order:- Recommend Manager to make letting.

162 Bray Amusements Committee - Closing of Promenade

Submitted letter from the Honorary Secretary, Bray Amusements Committee, requesting permission to have the Promenade closed on four dates during the year and intimating that further concessions of this nature may be required.

Following discussion it was agreed that permission be granted to close the Promenade on three dates during the season for the limited period. Regarding the request to have the Esplanade closed for the holding of Pony Jumping Competitions it was agreed that permission be deferred pending a report from the Esplanade Caretaker as to possible damage which might arise as a result of such usage.

163 Travelling Facilities for Civilian Bands

The following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. Temple was passed unanimously:-

"That we the Bray U.D.C. request the C.I.E. to consider the possibility of providing special travelling facilities for Civilian Bands booked by the Council for performances during the Summer season. We suggest that the Company provide either a special 'bus or that a voucher be issued to the Bands and accommodation on trains should be reserved."

164 Alternative Accommodation for residents of houses at Vevay Road Housing Site.

The County Manager explained that the Housing Contractor would shortly commence work on the Vevay Road Housing Site. At the present time there were two houses which prevent the commencement of the work. These houses were part of the Bray Clearance Order, 1935, but the houses had not been demolished. Accordingly it would be necessary to provide immediately alternative accommodation for the two families residing in the houses. It was decided to leave the matter to the discretion of the County Manager.

165 Repairs to Bandstand (Central)

The Town Surveyor reported that he had obtained two Estimates for repairs to the floor of the Central Bandstand both of which tenders were over £100. He indicated that he hoped to have the work carried out satisfactorily at a cost of £50. The sum provided in the Estimates was £30. The Manager explained that it would be necessary for the Council to authorise excess expenditure of approximately £20 over that provided in the Estimates. It was unanimously agreed to authorise the additional expenditure of £20.

166 Florence Road Reconstruction.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Ledwidge
seconded by Councillor J. French
and resolved:-

"That we the Bray U.D.C. make application to the
Minister for Local Government for sanction to
raise a Loan of £4,000 from the Local Loans
Fund for the purpose of the proposed reconstruction
of Florence Road, Bray, in accordance with Plans
and Specification prepared by Mr. E. M. Murphy,
B.E., and approved by the Department of Local
Government on 16th February, 1948."

167 Sunday Trains to Bray

Submitted letter from Honorary Secretary, Bray Amuse-
ment Committee forwarding copy of Resolution adopted by that
Committee requesting C.I.E. to provide trains to Bray throughout
the Summer season, including the month of May, 1948.
Order:- adopt resolution unanimously.

168 Local Loans Fund Account, 1935, - Interest Rate

Submitted Circular Letter H. 31/48 from Department of
Local Government intimating that the Minister for Finance had made
an Order under the Local Loans Fund Account, 1935, fixing the Interest
Rate on advances out of the Local Loans Fund at 3½% per annuus from
5th May, 1948. A general discussion took place at which members
stated that an increased Interest Rate would seriously affect the
finances of the Council's Housing Schemes at present in progress.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

"That this Council views with concern the increase
in the Interest Rate for Loans from the Local Loans
Fund to 3½% and considers that any such increase in
the Interest Rate, if unavoidable in present
circumstances, should be offset by a compensating
measure of assistance from State Funds, especially
in the matter of financing Housing Schemes of local
Authorities, or the making of Loans under the Small
Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts. The effect of such
an increase in Interest would result in an increase
of 2/8d per week in the Rentals for the houses at
present being erected by the Council."

169 Submitted Tender of Mr. P. Fortune for site at Strand Road.

Submitted Tender of Mr. Peter Fortune, 53 O'Byrne Road,
Bray, offering sum of £5 for use of a site at Strand Road.

The tender of Mr. Fortune was the only one received in
reply to an advertisement and it was proposed by Clr. G. Doyle
seconded by Clr. J. Temple
and resolved:-

"That the tender of Mr. Fortune, 53, O'Byrne Road,
Bray, be accepted."

170 South Bandstand - canvas covering

Submitted application from Mr. Clifford Bolton, for
permission to erect canvas covering over the Bandstand during inclement
weather. Order:- permission granted subject to approval of the
Meath Estate.

Date 8/6/48

Signed

Henry Byrne
Chairman

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

of

a special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town
hall on Friday the 21st May, 1948 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillors H. J. Byrne (Chairman),
Clr. E. Byrne, Temple, Stuart, Ledwidge,
Little, Doyle, French, McLoughlin and
McKeown, and Sayers.

Officials: County Manager, Town Surveyor, Resident Engineer, and
Town Clerk.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Cr. Scullion.

131. Acquisition of Sites for Housing:

The County Manager read a report regarding various sites
which it was proposed to develop for the provision of additional
houses. He intimated that the Town Planning Committee had
inspected a number of sites and decided that two fields at Boghall,
the property of the Earl of Meath, shown on Map submitted, should
be acquired.

In deference to the views expressed by the Minister for
Local Government upon the occasion of his recent visit to Bray
the Town Planning Committee had inspected a number of Derelict
Sites, which could be used for the erection of houses and had
decided that the particular sites shown on Map submitted would
be suitable. These sites, nine in number, would permit of the
erection of 21 houses.

Councillor Temple expressed the view that the present
site at Hudson Terrace should be reserved for the erection of
maisonettes for small families or aged childless couples.

In view, however, of the delay which would be occasioned
by a departure at this stage from the Plans etc. and existing
Housing Contract it was agreed that the 21 houses proposed to be
erected on the Derelict Sites referred to should be of a smaller
type than the houses now in course of erection and could if
necessary be reserved for the classes mentioned by Councillor
Temple.

Councillor Ledwidge expressed the opinion that the use of
the two sites at Boghall would centralise the population at the
south of the Town to the detriment of the business community and
suggested that it would be desirable to acquire a Site at the
Northern end instead of one of the Boghall Sites.

It was proposed by Councillor H. Byrne, Seconded by
Councillor French, and Resolved.

"That the field at Boghall (edged orange on Map)
Mrs. Cassells land at Palermo, and the Derelict Sites indicated
on Map be acquired for the erection of houses by the Council.

132. Amphibious D.U.W.R.

Submitted application from Mr. Ernest Stewart, Belfast
for permission to operate Pleasure Craft on the foreshore
between Putland Road, Boat Slip and Bray View Hotel.

It was proposed by Clr. Temple and seconded by Clr. Doyle
"That permission be refused.

The Motion was put and a decision taken when there appeared
for the motion 4, against the motion 7.

The following voted for the Motion viz:- Cirs. Doyle, Temple, McKeown and Sayers. There voted against, Cirs. E. Byrne, Ledwidge, McLoughlin, French, Stuart, H. Byrne and Little. The Motion was accordingly declared lost. Permission was granted subject to a determination of the legal position in the matter.

133. Greyhound Racing Track.

Submitted Order of the Minister for Local Government determining the appeal of the Greyhound Racing Association against the decision of the Council concerning the construction of the Greyhound Racing Track at Dublin Road and upholding the decision of the Council in the matter.

It was proposed by Clr. Little and seconded by Clr. G. H. G. Stuart that the Council as such Planning Authority hereby directs that the County Manager do seek the opinion and advice of Senior Counsel upon the facts and matter in issue and instruct Counsel to draft legal process - if any - to be taken by the Council in reference thereto, but that no further action be taken pending submission of Counsel's opinion to this Council.

The Motion was put and a division taken when there appeared for the Motion 7. Against the Motion 4.

The following voted for the Motion viz:- Cirs. H. Byrne, French, McLoughlin, Ledwidge, McKeown, Little and Stuart.

There voted against Cirs. Doyle, E. Byrne, Temple, and Sayers. The Motion was accordingly declared carried.

134. Reading Ballroom - Temporary Structure.

Submitted application from the International Hotel requesting permission to erect a temporary structure (Nissen Hut) at the premises.

It was proposed by Clr. Temple and seconded by Clr. Ledwidge "That permission be granted for the erection of a temporary structure until the end of March 1949. The Motion was carried without a division, Clr. Doyle dissenting.

135. Water Supply - Vevay Road.

Clr. Doyle drew the County Manager's attention to the inadequacy of the water services in the Vevay Road area.

The Surveyor was directed to attend to the matter without delay.

136. Reception to Minister for Local Government.

Clr. French was granted permission to refer to the Reception given by the Council upon the occasion of the visit of the Minister for Local Government. He stated that he would like to correct the erroneous impression which appeared to prevail in the Township regarding the cost of the Entertainment.

He felt it his duty to point out that the expenses incurred thereby were being borne by the members and officials of the Council.

137. "Craglea" Newcourt Road.

It was proposed by Clr. Doyle, Seconded by Clr. E. Byrne and Resolved.

"That we hereby authorise expenditure amounting to approximately £560 for the purpose of redecking the Charge and Costs attaching thereto, on the premises "Craglea", Newcourt Road.

138. Foreshore Entertainment

Submitted application from "Wee Willie Winkle" for permission to provide entertainment at the foreshore, Bray during the Summer Season.

ORDER:-

Permission Refused.

139. Quinsboro' Road Parking.

Submitted letter from Garda Síochána acknowledging receipt of Petition protesting against Parking Regulations on Quinsboro' Road.

ORDER:-

Noted.

140. Premises "Inishowen" Newcourt Road.

Submitted application from Mr. McGonagle requesting permission to dispose of his interest in the premises "Inishowen" Newcourt Road.

It was agreed to leave the matter to the discretion of the County Manager.

141. Bray Amusements Committee - Closing of Esplanade.

Submitted correspondence from the Bray Amusements Committee regarding closing of the Esplanade in connection with the holding of a Pony Jumping Competition.

It was agreed to grant permission to have the Esplanade closed for the purpose providing the date chosen was one of the three dates for which permission had already been granted to that Committee by the Council and that the Council were insured against all possible claims arising out of such usage of the Esplanade.

142. Public Lighting - Housing Scheme.

Submitted letter from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs intimating that it is proposed to erect lamp standards in the gardens of the houses of the Council's Housing Scheme.

ORDER:- Refer to Town Surveyor for his views and request alternative arrangements.

143. Housing Application

It was agreed to fix the 31st May, 1948 as the latest date for the receipt of application for Housing Accommodation in connection with the allocation of the new houses being erected by the Council.

144. Dredging of Bray Harbour.

Submitted letter from the Department of Industry and Commerce intimating that it would not be possible to provide a Grant for the dredging of Bray Harbour.

It was proposed by Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Sayers and Resolved, "That a Deputation be appointed to interview the Minister for Industry and Commerce".

The following were appointed to constitute the Deputation viz:- Clr. H. Byrne, J. Temple and D. Sayers.

145. Band Performances - Travelling Facilities.

Submitted letter from C.E.E. in connection with the Resolution of Council of 11th May regarding provision of Transport Facilities for Civilian Bands giving Recitals at Bray during the Season. The letter intimated that accommodation would be reserved on trains leaving Dublin and that a Voucher system could be availed of by members of the Bands concerned.

ORDER:- Noted! Copy of letter to be forwarded to the various Civilian Bands Committee.

Signed

Henry Byrne
Chairman

Date

8/6/48

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

of

a Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall on Monday, the 31st May, 1948, at 7.30. pm.

Present:- Councillors H. Byrne (in the Chair). Cllrs J. French, G. Doyle, P. McLoughlin, McKeown, Stuart, and Little,

Officials: County Manager, Town Clerk, Accountant.

171. Determination of Municipal Rate.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. McLoughlin, seconded by Cllr. G. Doyle, and Resolved:-

"That the Estimate of the Municipal Rate set forth in the Report of the County Manager be adopted as amended and that accordingly we the Bray Urban District Council hereby determine the amount of the Municipal Rate to be levied in respect of the year to end on 31st March, 1949, to be a Rate of twenty seven shillings and eightpence in the £1. The said Rate to be collected in two half-yearly moieties: the first Moiety and arrears on and after 31st May, 1948, and the second moiety on and after 1st day of October, 1948, and that the Rate Book be signed and sealed accordingly".

172. Sealing of Rate Collectors Warrant.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. McLoughlin, seconded by Cllr. G. Doyle and resolved:-

"That the Warrant as now submitted for the collection of the Municipal Rate for the year ending 31st March, 1949, be sealed and signed by the County Manager and handed to Mr. D. J. Bateman for collection."

173. Nursing Association - Permission to use Esplanade.

Submitted application from Mrs. Hodson, "Ardbrae", Vevay Rd. for permission to use the Esplanade on July 7th for a sale in aid of the Powerscourt and Enniskerry Nursing Association.
Order:- Permission granted.

174. Erection of Booking Office at Esplanade.

Submitted application from Messrs W. A. Scraggs, Co. Wicklow, Scenery Coaches for permission to erect a Booking Office at the Esplanade in connection with the booking of Tours during the Summer Season.
Order:- Permission granted until 31st October, 1948.

175. E. S. B. Poles - Housing Scheme.

Cllr. G. H. G. Stuart referred to the erection by the E.S.B. of Poles in the front gardens of the new houses at Dublin Road, and stated that the poles were very unsightly. It was agreed to request the E.S. Board to make alternative arrangements in connection with the erection of Public Lighting Poles.

Signed

H. Byrne
Chairman.

Date

1/7/48

MINUTES

of

a Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall on Tuesday 8th June, 1948 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Councillor H. Byrne (in chair) Clrs French, Scullion, McLoughlin, McKeown, Sayers, Doyle, Little, Temple and E. Byrne.

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

176. Minutes.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 27th April; of the Statutory Meeting held on 11th May; of the Special Meeting held on 21st May, which had been circulated were signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting held on 20th April, having been altered by the addition of the words "which are at present in progress" at the end of the second paragraph of Item 113 were signed by the Chairman.

177. Kiosk Site - Strand Road, - Peter Fortune.

Clr. Doyle referred to Item 169 of the Minutes and stated that Mr. Fortune had been informed that he could not proceed with the erection of the Kiosk. The County Manager explained that the letting Agreement was subject to the submission of Plans for the approval of Council's Surveyor. The Plans submitted by Mr. Fortune did not meet with the requirements of the Town Surveyor.

178. Manager's Orders.

Clr. French referred to the delay in the issue of Manager's Orders and stated that there appeared to be a need for additional staff. Other members expressed similar views and the County Manager promised to obtain an additional Clerk Typist.

179. Auditor's Report.

Submitted Report of the Local Government Auditor upon the Audit of the Accounts of Bray Urban District Council for the year ended 31st March, 1947, together with attested Abstracts of the Accounts.

Tributes were paid by several members to the County Manager for the efficient manner in which the affairs of the Council had been conducted during the period under review.

Report considered very satisfactory. County Manager and staff are congratulated.

180. Annual Meeting.

It was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting on July 1st at 7.30 p.m.

181. Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948.

The Notice of Motion on the Agenda in the name of Clr. Temple was adjourned until the next Statutory Meeting. In the meantime copies of the Act will be circulated to members of the Council and its employees.

182. Speed Limit

Arising out of the letter from the Department of Local

182.(contd) Government acknowledging receipt of Council's resolution requesting the imposition of a speed limit of 20 miles per hour in the Urban District, the following motion was proposed by Clr. H. Byrne, seconded by Clr. French and passed unanimously.

"That this Council considers that in any instance in which a motorist is convicted by the Courts of (a) driving while under the influence of drink, (b) driving without due consideration to the users of the public thoroughfares, (c) driving in such a way as to be dangerous to the public, it shall be obligatory on the Courts to disqualify such motorist from holding a driving licence for a period not less than six months and more than five years."

183. Bray Cove Repairs.

Submitted letter from Hon. Secretary, Bray Cove Swimming Club requesting the Council to make available the sum of £155 voted by the Council during the year ended 31st March, 1948 towards the cost of repairs to the Cove.

It was proposed by Clr. Sayers and seconded by Clr. French, "That a sum of £100 be expended by the Council towards the cost of repairs to Bray Cove Swimming Pools and that provision be made accordingly in the Estimates for the excess expenditure."

The motion was put and a division taken when there voted for the Motion 6. Against 4.

The following voted for :- E. Byrne, French, Sayers, McLoughlin, Temple, and Scullion. There voted against the Motion:- Clr. H. Byrne, Doyle, Little, and McKeown.

The Motion was accordingly declared carried.

184. Monument Press.

Submitted letter from Mr. Flynn, Monument Press, requesting the Council to lease a piece of ground at rear of Nos. 1 to 10 Florence Road.

ORDER:- Permission refused.

185. Equine Defence League - Slaughter of Horses.

Submitted letter from National Equine Defence League protesting against the slaughter on the Continent of "working Horses" exported from Ireland.

ORDER:-

Adopt unanimously and notify Department of Justice and Department of Agriculture.

186. Bray Amusements Committee.

Submitted letter from the Bray Amusements Committee forwarding copy of Resolution adopted in connection with the provision by C.E.E. of free transport to Bray of Civilian Bands.

ORDER:- Noted.

187. Ever Ready (Ireland) Limited.

Submitted Plans and application from Ever Ready (Ireland) Limited for permission to use the premises "Shamrock House" for a factory for the assembly of Fuses and Dry Batteries.

ORDER:-

Adjourned to next Statutory Meeting and arrange for interview in the meantime.

188. Housing Site - Loreto Convent.

In view of the delay by the Department of Education in granting permission for the acquisition of a piece of land at Loreto Convent for the Housing Scheme it was proposed by Clr Temple, seconded by Clr Byrne and Resolved:-

an 188.(contd.) "That Council's Solicitor be instructed to acquire the land compulsorily.

189. Florence Road Reconstruction.

Submitted letter from Department of Local Government conveying approval to the acceptance of the Tender of Southern Roads Co., for the reconstruction of Florence Road.
ORDER:- Noted.

190. Housing Loan £61,100.

The Council approved of the Draft Mortgage Deed in connection with the borrowing of the sum of £61,100 from the Commissioner of Public Works for the Housing Scheme at present in progress.

Clr. French referred to the delay in the submission of the Mortgage Deed in view of the fact that the Loan had been sanctioned in February.

191. Ravenswell Row.

It was proposed by Clr. E. Byrne, seconded by Clr. McKeown & resolved "That the Bray Clearance Order 1935 be and is hereby amended by the exclusion therefrom of the houses known as Nos 1 to 12 Ravenswell Row, which are included in the Order as confirmed by the Minister for Local Government (and Public Health)".

192. Putland Road Flooding.

Consideration of the matter of flooding on Putland Road was adjourned to next statutory Meeting of the Council. The Acting Town Surveyor was requested to submit his views.

193. Amphibious D.U.W.K.'s

A deputation was heard from boatmen protesting against permission having been granted to Mr. Stewart, Belfast to operate Amphibious D.U.W.K.'s on the foreshore.

A Mr. Doyle addressed the Council on behalf of the Deputation and stated that their livelihood depended upon the plying of Boats. The advent of Amphibious D.U.W.K.'s would jeopardise their livelihood.

Clr. Temple handed in the following Notice of Motion in connection with the matter.

"Please note that I or someone on my behalf will move at the next Meeting of the Council that the permission which has been granted to Mr. Stewart of Belfast to use the boatslip at Bray be now withdrawn."

Clr. McLoughlin handed in the following Notice of Motion:-

"That where the amount demanded from any Ratepayer in respect of current rates for any year is tendered on or before 31st August, discount will be allowed, under the Local Government (Amendment) Bill, now before the Dail, equal to one twentieth of the actual amount of the current Rate as demanded."

Signed

Chairman

Date

11/7/48

MINUTES

of

a special Meeting of the Bray U.D.C. held in the Town Hall on Monday, 14th June, 1948 at 7.30p.m.

Present:- Clr. H. J. Byrne, E. Byrne, French, Doyle, Little, Ledwidge, McKeown, McLoughlin, Stuart, Sayers, Scullion, Temple.

Officials: County Manager, Town Clerk, and Sanitary Inspector.

194. Housing Loan - £61,100.

Submitted letter 11th June, 1948 from the Commissioner of Public Works forwarding Deed of Mortgage for execution by the Council, in connection with the borrowing of the sum of £61,100 for the purpose of erecting 79 houses on sites at Dublin Road, Castle St. Hudson's Terrace, & Vevay Road.

It was proposed by Clr. McLoughlin, seconded by Clr. G. Doyle and Resolved:- "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £61,100 proposed to be advanced by them to us, under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1948"

195. Artisan's Dwellings Co.

It was proposed by Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Sayers:- "That a Deputation be appointed by the Council to interview the Directors of the Dublin Artisan's Dwellings Co., to seek their co-operation in connection with the provision of housing accommodation to successful applicants for Council's houses.

The following members were appointed to constitute the Deputation viz:- Clrs. H. Byrne, Little, Sayers and Ledwidge.

196. Housing Applications.

A number of applicants for housing accommodation were considered and rejected on the grounds that (a) The applicants were resident outside the Urban District, (b) Had not five years residence in the area or (c) applicants were single.

197. Kiosk at Esplanade.

Submitted application from Mr. James Kerrigan, Sandymount, Dublin requesting permission to erect a Kiosk near the Boat Slip for the sale of shell fish.

ORDER:- Permission refused.

198. Hire of Chairs.

Letter from Mr. M. Mulligan requesting permission to increase the charge for the Hire of chairs from 3d to 4d per 2 hour period.
ORDER:- Approved.

199. Electricity Supply Board Poles - Housing Scheme.

Letter of 5th June, 1948, from the Electricity Supply Board intimating that it would not now be possible to alter the situation of the Poles at the Housing Scheme on Dublin Road unless the cost of alterations were borne by the Urban Council.
ORDER:- Noted.

Signed

Chairman

Date

12/8/48

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

of

SPECIAL MEETING OF BRAY U.D.C. HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, BRAY,
ON MONDAY 21st JUNE, 1948, AT 7-30 P.m.

Present:- Councillor H. J. Byrne (in chair)
Councillors P. McLoughlin, L. J. McKeown, P. Ledwidge,
E. J. Little, J. French, G. Doyle, E. E. Byrne,
D. Sayers, B. Scullion, J. Temple and
G. H. G. Stuart.

Officials present - County Manager, Town Clerk, and Sanitary Inspector

Housing Applications.

200 Report of 19th June, 1948, submitting particulars of applications
for Housing accommodation was considered.

The particulars of applications set out on Lists A,
B, C and D and Transfer Lists were examined and it was decided to
reject the following applications, viz:-

Schedule B: Nos. 455 and 496

Schedule C: Nos. 74, 123, 164, 176, 216, 301, 325, 331,
335, 343, 345, 415, 457, 486, 495, 502,
531, 532, 543, 554, 557, 558, 563, 564,
567, 602, 268.

Schedule D: Nos. 69, 138, 142, 218, 234, 238, 248, 257,
274, 279, 369, 420, 440, 473, 482, 544,
573, 589, 590, 310, 233.

Nineteen names were deleted from the List headed
"Applicants not considered eligible for Transfers" leaving 12 more
deemed eligible for transfer.

All the applicants whose names were set out on
List A and on the Transfer List of Council tenants were considered
eligible.

The Meeting adjourned until Monday 28th June, 1948,
at 7-30 p.m..

Signed

H. J. Byrne
Chairman

Date

18/8/48

MINUTES

of

the Annual Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town
Hall on Thursday 1st July, 1948 at 7.30 p.m.

Present. Cllr. H. J. Byrne, E. Byrne, J. French G. Doyle, E. J. Little
P. Ledwidge, McKeown, McLoughlin, Stuart, Sayers, Scullion,
and J. Temple.

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

202. Approval of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 31st May, which had
been circulated were signed by the Chairman. The minutes
of the Meeting held on the 8th June, having been amended by the
substitution of the name of Cllr. Sayers instead of Cllr. McKeown
as seconder of the Motion referred to in Item 191 of the Minutes.

203. Electricity Supply Board Poles - Housing Scheme.

Cllr. Stuart referred to Item 175 in the Minutes regarding
the erection of Electricity Supply Board Poles in the gardens of
the houses being erected by the Council at Dublin Road.

It was agreed to appoint a Deputation consisting of
Cllrs. H. Byrne, Stuart and Temple to interview the Electricity
Supply Board in the matter.

204. Election of Chairman for the period to end on the day of the
annual meeting held next after the 22nd June, 1949.

It was proposed by Cllr. Little and seconded by Cllr. Stuart
"That Cllr. H. J. Byrne be appointed".

It was proposed by Cllr. French and seconded by Cllr. Sayers
"That Cllr. Ledwidge be appointed."

There voted for Cllr. H. J. Byrne 7 viz., Cllrs. E. Byrne,
Little, McLoughlin, Stuart, Temple, McKeown, and H. Byrne.
There voted for Cllr. P. Ledwidge 4 viz., Cllr. Doyle, French,
Ledwidge and Sayers.

Cllr. H. J. Byrne was accordingly declared elected and
thanked the members of the Council for the co-operation he had
received from them during the past year.

205. Appointment of Vice-Chairman.

It was proposed by Cllr. E. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. Sayers
"That Cllr. J. Temple be appointed."

It was proposed by Cllr. French and seconded by Cllr. McKeown,
"That Cllr. Ledwidge be appointed."

There voted for Cllr. Temple 8 viz., Cllr. H. Byrne, E. Byrne,
Doyle, Little, McLoughlin, Sayers, Stuart and Temple.
There voted for Cllr. Ledwidge, 4 viz., French, McKeown, Scullion
and Ledwidge.

Cllr. Temple was accordingly declared elected and thanked
those members who had supported him in his candidature for the
position.

206. Managers Orders. Appointment of Resident Engineer.

Cllr. McLoughlin referred to item 5920 in connection with
the appointment of the Temporary Resident Engineer on Council's
Capital Scheme and stated that the combined salaries of the