

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

326. The Chairman, on behalf of the Council extended votes of sympathy to the relatives of the late Miss Isobel O'Reilly, 30 Castle Street, Mrs. Byrne, 30 Duncairn Avenue, Mr. Murphy, Ords Terrace Senator A. Clarkin, Dublin and Dr. Nealon, Bray.

PURCHASE OF TIPPER LORRY.

327. Proposed by Cllr. T. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. J. O'Toole.

"That we hereby affix the Seal of the Council to Mortgage with the Hibernian Bank Ltd., in the sum of £1,040, repayable over a period of five years, to defray cost of purchase of new Tipper Lorry."

REPAIRS TO SEA WALL AND RAILINGS.

328. Submitted letter from Commissioners of Public Works indicating that repairs to Sea Wall will commence in March, 1956. It was pointed out that delay in commencing this work was not due to the Council or to officials.

The Council authorised the necessary excess expenditure of £810 and £152 for repairs to railings to be defrayed from Revenue for the purpose of carrying out repairs to Esplanade railings.

PALERMO TENANTS ASSOCIATION

329. Deputation was received from Palermo Tenants' Association consisting of Messrs Kelly, McNaughton and Martin. Several proposals were put by the Association to the Council for the improvement of the housing site at Old Connaught. The Chairman informed the Deputation that all suggestions put forward would be carefully considered and the representations made by the Deputation would be examined by the Council and a further communication would be sent to them at an early date.

RAVENSWELL ROW

330. The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Cllr. D. Sayers was adopted unanimously, viz.,

"That in view of the scarcity of sites within the Urban area suitable for the erection of houses under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, it is hereby resolved by the Council that the site now vacant at Ravenswell Row, Greenpark Road be utilized for this purpose."

It was decided to obtain the views of Council's Architects on this proposal and to ascertain from Wicklow County Council particulars of any proposed road widening at this point.

REVISION OF SALARIES OF OFFICIALS

331. This application, in which the Union sought an increase of 12½ per cent on present gross salaries with effect from 1st September, 1955, was examined by a Special Committee of the Council and the County Manager who met representatives of the Union on 7th December, 1955.

The Committee, having carefully considered the application, recommended that an increase of 10 per cent on existing gross salaries i.e. salaries inclusive of any present temporary allowance) might be granted to the salaried staff of the Council, with effect from 1st September, 1955, subject to a minimum increase of £40 per annum and a maximum of £60 in the case of any Officer.

After a discussion on the subject it was unanimously resolved that the recommendation of the Committee be approved and that the expenditure arising in the present financial year from such revision of salaries also be approved.

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQ.) ACTS.

332. The Council affixed its Seal to Assignment of 56 Cuala Rd., from Mr. A. McCormack Continguard Station, Bray, to Peter Doyle Sweet Shop, Quinboro Road, Bray.

REVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING.

333. The Council agreed to defer report of Engineer on revision of public lighting system to Estimates Meeting. The Council adopted recommendation of the Town Engineer to instal lights under Railway Bridges (four), and authorised the necessary expenditure.

ASSIGNMENT OF 13 DARGAN STREET.

334. The Council recommended refusal of assignment of 13 Dargan Street to Mr. C. Murphy, 11 Fr. Cohalan Terrace.

AN BORD FAILTE—GRANTS.

335. Submitted draft Agreement in connection with allocation of Grants to Council. It was agreed to approve of draft Agreement subject to advice of Law Agent.

CONNOLLY-METCALFE BRANCH LABOUR PARTY

336. Submitted letter from Bray Branch of Connolly Metcalfe Branch Labour Party re allocation of houses, etc. It was agreed to inform the Labour Party that list of successful applicants for tenancy of houses at Ledwidge Crescent would be exhibited on public notice board at Town Hall.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS—

GARAGE AT STONYLEA, VEVAY ROAD.

337. Submitted Plan and Specification of proposed garage at Stonylea for Mr. Candeli.

Order:—Recommend refusal.

GARAGE AT 40 ST. PETER'S ROAD.

338. Submitted Plan of proposed garage at rear of 40 St. Peter's Road.

Order: Recommend approval, subject to undertaking that the structure would not be used for any other purpose than as a garage.

ALLOCATION OF HOUSES—LEDWIDGE CRESCENT

339. The Council recommended to the County Manager the following applicants for the remaining houses at Ledwidge Crescent viz.

Mr. Edward Cunningham, 3 Scapoint Road.

Mr. Imar Fehily, 4 Vevay Road.

Mr. J. Lennon, 2 Duncairn Avenue.

Mr. T. McGrath, 59 Wolfe Tone Square, West.

MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

340. Submitted resolution from Carlow County Council regarding Public Water Supplies.

Order: Marked "read."

HIBERNIA PRINTING WORKS, BRAY

Bray Urban District Council



PRESENT:

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 10th January, 1956 at 7.30 p.m.

COUNCILLORS:

D. Sayers (Chairman)
E. Byrne
Dr. B. Donnelly
J. O'Toole
M. O'Toole
Mrs. M. Ledwidge
T. Byrne
H. B. Hinwell
P. Savage
C. Doyle
P. Dempsey

OFFICIALS:

County Manager
(Mr. M. Flannery).
Town Clerk
(Mr. D. F. McCarthy)
Accountant
(Mr. J. P. McDonnell).
Town Engineer,
(Mr. M. Healy)
Health Inspector
(I. Conyn)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

341. Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 13th December, 1955, which were circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

342. The County Manager's Orders No. 7967 to 7985, were noted.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

343. The Chairman on behalf of the Council, extended votes of sympathy to the relatives of the late, Mrs. Darcy, 4 Duncairn Avenue; Mrs. Bedes, 2 Eglinton Road; Miss M. Kerse, 39 Dublin Road; Mrs. Coghlan, Duncairn Ave.; Mr. J. J. O'Toole, 5 Dwyer Park; Mrs. O'Toole, 2 Railway Cottages, Newcourt Road, and to Mr. P. Brennan, T.D., on the death of his mother.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM MRS. B. JONES

344. Mrs. B. Jones thanked the Council and townsfolk for the Fund raised for herself and family after the drowning of her husband. The Council noted the letter and the Chairman thanked all those who had helped with the Fund.

FIRE BRIGADE SERVICE

345. The Council noted with appreciation a letter from Major General K. H. Studdert, Clonderlaw, Enniskerry, complimenting the Fire Brigade on their efficient service on the occasion of a fire in his house.

USE OF LOUDSPEAKERS

346. After a lengthy discussion on above, Clr. Hipwell, with the permission of the Chairman and the seconder, Clr. Dempsey, withdrew the following proposal, viz.,
"That in view of the prevalence of the use of Loudspeakers, Radiograms, etc., in the Bray Urban area, that the County Manager be requested to examine the Byelaws proposed to be introduced by Dun Laoghaire Corporation with a view to similar Bye-Laws being introduced here."

REPORT OF COUNCIL'S SOLICITORS ON USE OF ESPLANADE FOR AMUSEMENT PURPOSES

347. The above mentioned report, having been read to Council, Clr. Savage proposed the following motion which stood in his name on the Agenda from 11/10/55, viz.,

"That the Resolution standing on the books of the Council prohibiting Amusements on the Esplanade (Seafront) be and is hereby rescinded."

Clr. M. O'Toole seconded the motion.

Clr. Hipwell proposed and Clr. D. Savers seconded that

"Special Meeting of the Council be held at an early date to consider the whole position of amusements on the Seafront."

On a vote being taken, Clr. Hipwell's amendment was carried by six votes to five, viz., For the motion, Clrs. C. Doyle, E. Byrne, M. O'Toole, T. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell and D. Savers. Voting against were Clrs. Mrs. Ledwidge, P. Savage, J. O'Toole, P. Dempsey and Dr. Donnelly.

TOWN PLANNING SCHEME

DRAFT MORTGAGE—LOAN £1,000

348. Submitted Draft Mortgage from the Manager, Hibernian Bank Ltd., re above. The Council approved of its terms.

SITE AT DUBLIN ROAD—MR. J. QAID (DECD.)

349. The Council unanimously agreed to adjourn above matter to next Meeting.

SCOTT PARK—OPEN SPACE

350. It was unanimously resolved on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, "That the plot between the houses at Scott Park and the road be cultivated by the Council and that trees be planted there, if possible."

NOTICE OF MOTION

—CLR. E. BYRNE AND CLR. C. DOYLE

351. The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Clr. E. Byrne and Clr. C. Doyle, and accepted by the Chairman, viz.,

"That the Resolution standing on the books of this Council re prohibition of Amusements on the Esplanade, be amended accordingly to permit amusements for children only."

D. Savers.

14/2/56

Bray Urban District Council



Minutes of adjourned Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 17th January, 1956 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:

D. Sayers (Chairman)
E. Byrne
T. Byrne
J. O'Toole
M. O'Toole
Mrs. M. Ledwidge
H. B. Hipwell
C. Doyle
Dr. B. Donnelly
P. Dempsey
P. Savage
G. H. G. Stuart

OFFICIALS:

County Manager
(Mr. M. Flannery)
Town Clerk
(Mr. D. P. McCarthy)
Town Engineer
(Mr. M. Healy)
Health Inspector
(J. Conyn)

TRAFFIC (WARDEN) REGULATIONS, 1955

352. Circular No. 449. (RV/205/8/4) of 12/12/55 from the Department of Local Government re Traffic Warden Regulations. On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. G. H. G. Stuart, the Circular was marked "read", the Council being satisfied with the present arrangements.

WATERMAINS—SCHEME NO. 3

353. The Council approved of a proposition by the Town Engineer to carry out this work by Direct Labour and further approved of the raising of a loan in the sum of £2,600 for the work.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE THREE YEARS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1954.

354. Having considered the above report, the Council on the proposition of Clr. E. Byrne, seconded by Clr. T. Byrne, noted same but took exception to the Auditor's comments on the Stock Account and Sinking Fund, deeming it to be of such an inadequate nature as might give a false impression to the public of the state of the account, and consequently, of the credit worthiness of the Council. It was directed that the Auditor be asked to amplify the statement. It was further resolved that the Minister for Local Government be asked to take steps to see that in future the accounts of the Council be audited annually.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS— BROODER HOUSE AT GREENPARK ROAD

355. Submitted application from Mr. K. McLeavy for erection of Brooder House at Greenpark Road.
Order:—Recommend approval be granted.

KIOSK AT SUNSHINE CAFE

356. Submitted application from Mr. Borza for permission to erect kiosk at Sunshine Cafe, Strand Road Bray.
Order:—Recommend refusal of permission.

105 GREENPARK ROAD

357. Submitted application from Mr. T. Keily, Seacroft Road, for permission to rebuild a house at 105 Greenpark Road.
Order:—Recommend refusal of permission.

PIGEON LOFT AT 4 LEDWIDGE CRESCENT

358. Submitted application from Mr. Earle for permission to erect a Pigeon Loft at premises, 4 Ledwidge Crescent.
Order:—The matter to be adjourned to next Meeting when whole question of Pigeon Lofts would be dealt with by the Council.

PREMISES AT ALBERT WALK FOR MR. BATEMAN

359. Submitted application from Mr. D. J. Bateman for reconstruction of premises at Albert Walk.
Order:—Recommend approval, subject to approval of County Fire Officer.

ALTERATIONS AT 9 ST. BRIGIDS TERRACE

360. Submitted application from Mr. W. Reilly, tenant of 9 St. Brigid's Tce., to remove scullery wall.
Order:—Permission refused.

**STRUCTURE AT PUTLAND ROAD FOR
MR. C. J. WALSH.**

361. Submitted application from Mr. C. J. Walsh, Innisfallen, Putland Road to let a caravan site or build a permanent structure at the above address.

Order:—Recommend refusal of permission.

USE OF ESPLANADE FOR AMUSEMENT PURPOSES

362. A general exchange of views took place on the utilisation of the Esplanade and seafront for the coming summer. The following suggestions were made, and it was requested that the Engineer have a report on them for the February Meeting:—

Tennis Courts, Roller Skating, scenic railway, Yatch Pool, adult amusements on Dock Terrace, Plays and Operatic performances on the Central and South Bandstands, Children's amusements, bowling green.

It was further agreed, in principle, that the same amount of money would be provided for band performances as was provided in last year's estimates, (£300).

SITE AT DUBLIN ROAD—MRS. QUAID

363. It was recommended in this case that the Ground rent to be charged, be reduced from £52 to £26, subject to the sanction of the Minister and to agreement by Mrs. Quaid to sign the necessary Lease which would contain a proviso that she was to erect a suitable structure on the site within two years.

ASSIGNMENT OF 57 CONNOLLY SQUARE

364. The Council recommended permission be granted to Mr. John Keogh, 57 Connolly Square, to sell the premises to Mr. James Flanagan, 41 Wolfe Tone Sq. West, for the sum of £350.

ASSIGNMENT OF 13 DARGAN STREET

365. Application from Mr. C. Murphy, tenant of 11 Fr. Colahan Tce., to assign his interest in 13 Dargan Street to Mr. D. Byrne. Having heard the Co. Manager on the matter it was agreed that the application be granted only on the customary terms.

**SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQ.) ACTS.
APPLICATION**

366. Application from Mr. James Browne, 27 Rialto St., Dublin, for a loan of £1,600 under the Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts.
Order:—Adjourn to the next Meeting.

HUT AT RERE OF 16 CONNOLLY SQUARE

367. Several Members stated that they had been approached by Mrs. Doyle, 16 Connolly Square with a view to having her allowed to retain a hut on the site of her house. Having had a statement on the position from the Manager and Engineer, it was decided that her request could not be granted.

PUBLIC LIGHTING AT LEDWIDGE CRESCENT

368. It was recommended that quotations be sought for the erection of a public light at the laneway leading to Ledwidge Crescent.

NOTICE OF MOTION—CLR. DR. DONNELLY

369. "That at the behest of this Council the Local School Managers and Garda Authorities combine to formulate a system of Traffic Control at schools whereby senior school children be trained and equipped to act as auxiliary Traffic Wardens before the commencement of school and before and after the termination of school hours in the Urban area."

HIBERNIA PRINTING WORKS, BRAY

Bray Urban District Council



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council
held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 14th February, 1956, at
7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:

D. Sayers (Chairman)
E. Byrne
T. Byrne
Mrs. M. Ledwidge
P. Dempsey
P. Savage
C. Doyle
M. O'Toole
J. O'Toole
Dr. B. Donnelly
H. B. Hipwell

OFFICIALS:

County Manager
(Mr. M. Flannery)
Town Clerk
(Mr. D. F. McCarthy)
Town Engineer,
(Mr. M. Healy)
Health Inspector
(J. Cornyn)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

370. Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 10th January and adjourned Monthly Meeting of 17th January, which were circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

371. The County Manager's Orders (No. 7986 to 8005) were noted.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

372. The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, extended votes of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. O. Gallagher, 6 Fr. Colahan Tce., Mr. John Carey, 4 Bruce's Tce., Mr. Michael Larkin, Galtrim Park, Miss M. T. Leggett, 12 Fatima Tce., and to Mrs. Davies and family, 9 Brennan's Parade, on the death of her daughter.

TOWN PLANNING SCHEME

MORTGAGE LOAN £1000.

373. Submitted Mortgage from Manager, Hibernian Bank Ltd., re above. The Council approved of its terms.

CHILDREN'S AMUSEMENTS ON ESPLANADE

374. Cllr. E. Byrne proposed and it was unanimously resolved: "That the resolution standing on the books of the Council re prohibition of Amusements on the Esplanade be amended accordingly to permit Amusements for children only."

USE OF ESPLANADE FOR AMUSEMENT PURPOSES

375. The Council decided to seek applications by public advertisement, for children's Amusements on the Esplanade.

TRAFFIC CONTROL AT SCHOOLS

376. Cllr. Dr. Donnelly moved the following motion and it was seconded by the Chairman, Cllr. D. Sayers.

"That at the behest of this Council the Local School Managers and Garda Authorities combine to formulate a system of Traffic Control at Schools whereby senior school children be trained and equipped to act as auxiliary Traffic Wardens before the commencement of school and before and after the termination of school hours in the Bray Area."

The motion was put and a division taken when there voted for, 4 viz. Cllrs. D. Sayers, Chairman; Dr. Donnelly, M. O'Toole, C. Doyle and against, seven, viz., Cllrs. E. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, T. Byrne, P. Dempsey, J. O'Toole, P. Savage and Mrs. Ledwidge.

AUTHORISATION OF EXCESS EXPENDITURE

377. The Council authorised excess expenditure in the sum of £1261 under the following headings, viz.,

Maintenance and Repair of refuse vehicle	... £51
Housing Repairs	... 500
New Dumping Site	... 102
Expense of audit	... 200
Legal Expenses	... 408

PALERMO TENANTS ASSOCIATION

378. The Council adjourned consideration of various matters in above connection and it was agreed to circulate copies of Engineer's report dealing with them.

MUNICIPAL FLAG AND CREST.

379. Having examined the proposed new Crest for Bray U.D.C., the Council, on the proposition of Clr. E. Byrne, seconded by Chairman, Clr. D. Sayers, adopted the Crest and thanked the Manager for his work in this connection. They also expressed their gratitude to the Genealogical Office, and in particular to Mr. G. Slevin.

BRAY SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB.

380. An application from Bray Sports and Social Club for use of People's Park for Soccer Tournament.

Order: Permission granted, subject to the applicants agreeing on the use of the Park with the Wicklow Junior League, who have already granted its use to the end of May, 1956.

DATE OF ESTIMATES MEETING

381. It was decided to hold the Estimates Meeting on Wednesday, 28th March, 1956.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS—

**KITCHEN AND BATHROOM AT
15 RAVENSWELL ROW.**

382. Submitted application from Mr. A. Nolan for erection of kitchen and bathroom at 15 Ravenswell Row.

Order: Recommend approval.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS—

ALTERATIONS TO 22 FLORENCE ROAD

383. Submitted application from Mrs. Byrne to make alterations to shops at 22 Florence Road.

Order: Recommend approval.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS—

KITCHENETTE AT 11 CONNOLLY SQUARE.

384. Submitted application from Mr. P. Shaw to erect kitchenette at 11 Connolly Sq.

Order: Recommend approval.

**TOWN PLANNING ACTS—
PORCH AT LYNN, MEATH ROAD.**

385. Submitted application from Mr. F. Flynn to erect new porch at Lynn, Meath Road.

Order: Recommend Approval.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS—

**EXTENSION TO AMUSEMENT ARCADE,
STRAND ROAD.**

386. Submitted Plans and Specification for extension to Amusement Arcade, Strand Road, for Irish Amusements Ltd.

Order: Recommend approval, subject to requirements of County Fire Officer and Engineer.

TOWN PLANNING SCHEME

EXTENSION TO GARAGE AT LR. DARGLE ROAD.

387. Submitted Plans for extension to Garage at Lr. Dargle Road for Mr. T. Murphy.

Order: Recommend approval.

BOUNDARY EXTENSION.

388. On the proposition of Clr. H. B. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. P. Savage, the following Resolution was unanimously passed. "That the Council view with concern the delay in the decision on application of the Wicklow County Council for extension of the Wicklow County Boundary adjacent to Bray and requests that the findings of the Local Inquiry on the application be made known at an early date.

TRAFFIC CONTROL—PEDESTRIAN CROSSING.

389. On the proposition of Clr. P. Savage it was decided to get in touch with the Garda Authorities regarding the necessity of pedestrian crossings at various points in the town, particularly Qunsboro' Road and Stuart's Corner.

HOUSING—ST. PETER'S ROAD.

390. It decided to ask the Housing Consultant, Mr. D. Fitzgerald, for a report on the possibility of building houses at Chapel Lane, St. Peter's Road.

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D. Sayers
13/3/56

Bray Urban District Council



*Minutes of adjourned Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban Council
held in Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 21st February, 1956 at 7.30
p.m.*

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:

D. Sayers (Chairman)
E. Byrne
T. Byrne
J. O'Toole
M. O'Toole
Mrs. M. Ledwidge
P. Dempsey
Dr. B. Donnelly
H. B. Hipwell
C. Doyle
P. Savage
G. H. G. Stuart

OFFICIALS:

County Manager
(Mr. M. Flannery).
Town Clerk
(Mr. D. F. McCarthy)
Town Engineer,
(Mr. M. Healy)

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQ.) ACTS

391. The Council declined to issue a Loan to Mr. James Browne, 27 Rialto Buildings, Rialto, Dublin, under the Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts.

The question of issue of loan to Mr. Marian Chudon was adjourned pending information as to whether he had become an Irish citizen.

TRANSFER OF SMALL DWELLING LOAN

392. Application from Mr. J. C. O'Farrell, N.T., Milverton School, Skerries, Co. Dublin, to take over a loan from Mr. Valentine Hufnagel on No. 22 Camaderry Road, was approved.

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQ.) ACTS

—C. DOYLE, MOUNT CARMEL, DAVITT ROAD.

393. The Council recommended that the above named be informed that the house would be recovered from him for non-payment of Annuity, and directed it be suggested to him that he dispose of his interest to some credit-worthy applicant.

PALERMO TENANTS' ASSOCIATION.

394. On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. Stuart, the Engineer's report on above was adopted.

PLAYGROUND AT OLD CONNAUGHT HOUSING SCHEME.

395. After discussion on a Plan submitted by the Council's Architect for a Playground at Old Conna, the following sub-Committee of the Council was appointed to meet a Committee of the Palermo Tenants' Association in the Town Hall, on Wednesday, 7th March at 8 p.m. to discuss the whole question of the Playground, viz., Clrs. D. Savers, Dr. Donnelly, J. O'Toole, M. O'Toole, H. B. Hipwell and E. Byrne.

It was also decided that pending a final decision on the ground as a whole, the Engineer was to fence in and grass the Mound.

SHOPS AT OLD CONNAUGHT.

396. On the Proposition of Clr. H. B. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. Dr. Donnelly, the Council resolved,

"That the question of shops being erected at Old Conna be abandoned and that the site be used for houses."

Clrs. T. Byrne, E. Byrne and D. Sayers dissented from the Resolution.

ERECTION OF PIGEON LOFTS IN COUNCIL HOUSES.

397. The Council considered a report from the Town Engineer on erection of Pigeon Lofts and other structures in six houses at Old Conna. It was decided that the structures which had been erected without permission be removed and that the individuals in question make application for re-erection, submitting proper plans, site plans, etc. It was also decided that the Rent Collector be asked to get the views of each tenant in the Palermo area on the question of Pigeon Lofts.

PLAYGROUND AT BOGHALL ROAD.

398. Proposed by Clr. H. B. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. D. Sayers

"that the Engineer's suggestion that the Playground at Boghall be carried out by Contract" was approved, and it was decided to raise a Loan of £1,450 for the project.

Clr. P. Dempsey dissented.

ANNUAL AUDIT.

399. The Council noted a letter from the Department of Local Government stating that in future the accounts of the Council would be audited annually.

KILLARNEY WOOD, BRAY

400. The Council considered an offer from the Co-Operative Holiday Association to lease 12-35 acres of Park at Killamey Wood, Bray, to the Council at £5 a year. They further considered a report from the Town Engineer which pointed out certain problems connected with the undertaking. It was finally decided not to accept the offer of the Association.

*BRAY AMUSEMENTS COMMITTEE—**USE OF CENTRAL AND SOUTH BANDSTANDS*

401. On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, the above Committee were granted the use of the Central and South Bandstand when not required for Bands hired by the Council or by individuals who might tender for their use during the Summer season.

*AN TOSTAL COMMITTEE—**USE OF CENTRAL BANDSTAND*

402. Proposed by Clr. Dr. Donnelly, seconded by Clr. Hipwell, that permission be given to An Tostal Committee to use the Central Bandstand during the period of An Tostal, i.e., 6th May to 21st May, on similar conditions to No. 401.

35 O'BYRNE ROAD

403. The Council considered report from Rent Collector, Mr. Hughes, to the effect that John McKenna had not yet taken up occupation in above house. No action was taken.

TENANCIES OF COUNCIL HOUSES.

404. (a) *48 Wolfe Tone Sq. West*: The Council considered an application from Mr. Ed. Brady, tenant of above house, now residing in Swindon, Wales, that the tenancy be granted to his son

Ed. Joseph (single). It was decided not to accede to request and to ask the applicant to give up possession of the house to the Council.

(b) *5 Kilmamain Park*. The Council considered a report from the Town Clerk that Miss Josephine Egan (single) of above address, wished to evict Mr. Neary (nephew of the late tenant), and family. It was decided that Miss Egan be informed that the Council could not agree to this in view of all the circumstances regarding the house.

(c) *9 Cillmamnain Park*. The Council considered report from the Rent Collector to the effect that Miss E. Doyle, tenant of above house, had died on 26th January and the house was occupied at present by Miss Annie Reilly and three children, while Mr. Thomas O'Brien occupied one room. It was recommended that Miss Annie Reilly be granted tenancy of the house.

(d) *22 Ledwidge Crescent and 23 Wolfe Tone Sq. West*. The Council considered application for mutual transfer between the tenants of 22 Ledwidge Crescent and 23 Wolfe Tone Sq. West. It was recommended that the transfer be granted.

13 DARGAN STREET

405. The County Manager informed the Meeting that he was being pressed to sign a Release to Mr. Murphy in the above case, but in view of the fact that Mr. Murphy was still in occupation of 11 Fr. Colahan Tce., he was loath to do so. After discussion it was recommended that the assignment be made on condition that a written guarantee be given that Mr. Murphy would give up possession of 11 Fr. Colahan Tce., without delay.

*TOWN PLANNING ACTS—**31 BEECH ROAD*

406. The Council recommended approval be granted to Mr. Wm. Kirwan for the erection of a glass house at 31 Beech Road, on condition that it be completed to the Engineer's satisfaction and that it not be used for human habitation.

Order: Recommend approval.

*TOWN PLANNING ACTS—**NEW SHOP FRONT AT 6 MAIN STREET*

407. The Council recommended approval to Mr. G. Caprani to erect a new shop front at 6 Main Street.

HIBERNIA PRINTING WORKS, BRAY

D. Sayers

13/3/56

Bray Urban District Council



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council
held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 13th March, 1956.

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:

D. Sayers (Chairman)
E. Byrne
T. Byrne
J. O'Toole
M. O'Toole
Mrs. M. Ledwidge
Dr. B. Donnelly
H. B. Hipwell
C. Doyle
P. Savage
P. Dempsey
G. H. G. Stuart

OFFICIALS:

County Manager
(Mr. M. Flannery).
Town Clerk
(Mr. D. F. McCarthy)
Town Engineer,
(Mr. M. Healy)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

408. Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 14th February and adjourned Monthly Meeting of 21st February, which were circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the Minutes—Boundary extension: On being informed that no decision had been received regarding the boundary extension, the Chairman proposed, Clr. P. Savage seconded, and it was resolved,

"That a deputation be appointed to wait on the Minister to urge the confirmation of the boundary extension."

The following Members were elected, viz., Clrs. Dr. Donnelly, P. Savage, H. B. Hipwell, D. Sayers. It was decided that the Manager and Town Clerk would accompany the deputation.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

409. The County Manager's Orders Nos. 8006 to 8021 were noted.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

410. The Chairman on behalf of the Council, extended votes of sympathy to the relatives of the late Ald. A. Byrne, T.D.; William Davin, T.D.; Joseph O'Neill, Millward Tee., Meath Road; Rev. Noel Sambvoss, Mrs. Temple, 4 Wolfe Tone Sq. West; P. Bailey, Jos. Barnwell, Esther Connor and M. Kelleher.

The Council adjourned for five minutes as a mark of respect to the late Ald. A. Byrne and William Davin, T.D.

CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. FR. VAUGHAN.

411. The Council congratulated Rev. Fr. Vaughan on his appointment as Parish Priest of Lusk, Co. Dublin, and tributes were paid to the many fine and christian qualities he displayed while ministering in Bray.

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQ.) ACTS

—RAISING OF LOAN OF £20,000.

412. Proposed by Clr. D. Sayers, seconded by Clr. H. B. Hipwell and resolved:—

"that a loan of £20,000 be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works to enable the Council to continue administering the above Scheme."

RESURFACING OF URBAN ROADS

—RAISING OF LOAN OF £3,500.

413. Proposed by Clr. Dr. Donnelly, seconded by Clr. M. O'Toole, and resolved:

"That a loan of £3,500 be raised from Council's Treasurer for resurfacing of the following roads, viz., St. Kevin's Sq., Connolly Sq., Wyndham Park, Galtrim Road, and Seymour Road."

TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE, 1955

414. The Council considered letter from the Department of Local Government, dated 23rd February (Ref.E.L.39/8) conveying sanction to increase to salaried staff from a date not earlier than 1st November, 1955, as follows:—

- For Officers whose remuneration is less than £300—an increase of 10%
- For Officers whose remuneration is £300 or more—an increase of 10% on £300 and 6½% on balance.

On the proposal of Clr. D. Sayers, seconded by Clr. Hipwell, the Council unanimously agreed to the increases on these lines.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

415. It was decided that the Council as a whole would act as a Committee to make arrangements for the above Conference. The following sub-Committee were also selected, viz., Clrs. D. Sayers, M. O'Toole, P. Dempsey, H. B. Hipwell, T. Byrne, P. Savage, Mrs. Ledwidge and Dr. Donnelly,—the sub-Committee to meet after the adjourned Monthly Meeting of 20th March.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS IRISH SHELL LTD.

416. Submitted Plan from Irish Shell Ltd., to erect extra storage at Coras Iompair Eireann Goods Yard.

Order: Recommend approval.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS —NEON SIGN AT VENETIAN CAFE.

417. Submitted application from Mr. E. Boni, Venetian Cafe, Esplanade, for neon sign at the premises.

Order: Recommend refusal of permission.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS —18 PEARSE SQUARE.

418. Submitted letter from Mrs. Gunning, 18 Pearse Square to the effect that she would remove temporary structure when she could arrange to sell the wood.

Order: Recommend the structure be removed within thirty-one days.

CLOSING OF ROADS—CIRCULAR FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

419. The Council noted the provisions of Circular No.454 (RV.225/88/1) of 1st March from the Department of Local Government regarding the regulations governing temporary closing of roads.

SALE OF OYSTERS.

420. Mr. T. Boyle, Fortfield Manor, Terenure, offered the sum of £20 for a Licence to sell Oysters during the Season 1956.

Order: Acceptance of offer recommended—Licence to be issued on same conditions as last year.

KIOSK AT STRAND ROAD.

421. The County Manager pointed out to the Meeting that the licence to erect a kiosk at Strand Road, which had been granted to Mr. P. Fortune, expired on 30th April and explained that he had no option but to have the site readvertised. After discussion, the Council agreed to the Manager's proposal, Dr. Donnelly dissenting.

AN BORD FAILTE —GRANTS.

422. (a) Cafe and Shelter at Bray Head. The Council, on the proposition of Clr. D. Sayers, seconded by Clr. Dr. Donnelly, agreed to raise a loan in a sum not exceeding £3,200 for the erection of a Cafe and Public Shelter at Bray Head, on the understanding that An Bord Failte make a contribution of £2,138 by way of Grant.

(b) Bray Cove Swimming Pools. The Council considered a revised report of Town Engineer on improvements to Bray Cove Swimming Pool, which would necessitate the expenditure of £3,000. It was intimated that An Bord Failte would contribute a Grant of 75% of this cost. Clr. Hipwell proposed and Clr. D. Sayers seconded,

"That the Council raise the necessary loan and that they endeavour to obtain an increase of rent from the Bray Cove Swimming Club, sufficient to meet the annual Loan Charges."

The motion was put and a division taken and carried by 9 votes to 3, there voting for, viz., Clrs. E. Byrne, T. Byrne, Dr. Donnelly, C. Doyle, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. Ledwidge, J. O'Toole, M. O'Toole, D. Sayers. Against, Clrs. P. Dempsey, P. Savage and G. H. G. Stuart.

TOURIST BUREAU.

423. The Chairman informed the Meeting that Clr. P. Savage, their representative on the Tourist Board, had informed them that the Board were setting up a Tourist Bureau in Bray this Season. The Members congratulated Clr. Savage on his success in this regard and paid tribute to the work that the late Clr. Ledwidge had done in the matter while he represented the Council on the Tourist Board. On the suggestion of Clr. Dempsey, it was recommended that the Tourist Board keep a "Black list" of places in respect of which complaints were made and substantiated.

LETTER FROM CARSON PIRIE SCOTT & CO.,
CHICAGO.

424. The Chairman read a letter from above firm, who intend holding an International Fair and asking for literature on aspects of Bray life, i.e., Bray as a tourist and industrial centre. The Town Clerk was directed to endeavour to fulfil the requirements of this firm and with this end in view, to get in touch with local industries and the Irish Tourist Association.

PUBLIC SANITARY CONVENIENCES—
PEOPLE'S PARK, STRAND ROAD and TOWN HALL

425. The Department of Local Government conveyed approval to the Council's proposal in respect of public Sanitary Conveniences at the Town Hall and Strand Road. Regarding the Sanitary Conveniences at the People's Park, it was recommended that locations be reconsidered with a view to effecting a saving and it was suggested that the most suitable location would be on the road side of the Park. It was agreed to leave the matter of selection in the hands of the Town Engineer.

EXTENSION TO LIBRARY.

426. Proposed by Clr. Dempsey, seconded by Clr. Hipwell,

"That the Council agree in principle, to a proposal from the Library Advisory Committee that they draw up a scheme for (1) Expansion of Librarian's Office, (2) Provision of music and long-playing gramophone record library, (3) Provision of small Art Gallery, on the understanding that the Funds for these works be provided completely by the Library Council of Ireland."

GAMING AND LOTTERIES BILL.

427. The provisions of above Bill were noted and it was agreed to get legal opinion on certain aspects of the Bill.
Clr. J. O'Toole handed in notice of motion

"That the Bray Urban District Council hereby adopt Part III of the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1955."

SCHEDULE OF BANDS.

428. The Council approved of the Schedule of Band engagements for Esplanade for the forthcoming Season, as drawn up by the Town Clerk.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD
APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE.

429. Proposed by Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. M. O'Toole

"That Clr. P. Savage be reappointed Council's nominee to attend the Annual Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Ins. Ltd."

TENANCY OF 11 FR. COLAHAN TERRACE.

430. The Council considered a report from Dr. J. A. Dunlevy, A/County Medical Officer of Health, in which he recommended that John Robinson, Galtrim House (Basement) who with his wife and four children, occupied two rooms at above address, be appointed tenant of 11 Fr. Colahan Tce."

On the proposition of Clr. E. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Dr. Donnelly, the recommendation of the A/County Medical Officer of Health was approved—Chrs. Mrs. Ledwidge and M. O'Toole dissenting.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS.

431. A letter from Chief Supt. Garda Siochana suggested that the setting up of Pedestrian crossings at Bray be left in abeyance pending the issue of a code of regulations in the matter, by the Department of Local Government. The Chief Superintendent's suggestion was agreed to.

HIBERNIA PRINTING WORKS, BRAY

J. Lagers.

10/4/56

Bray Urban District Council



Minutes of adjourned Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 20th March, 1956.

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:	OFFICIALS:
D. Sayers (Chairman)	County Manager
Mrs. M. Ledwidge	(Mr. M. Flannery).
H. B. Hipwell	Town Clerk
T. Byrne	(Mr. D. F. McCarthy)
P. Dempsey	Town Engineer,
Dr. B. Donnelly	(Mr. M. Healy)
C. Doyle	
G. H. G. Stuart	
M. O' Toole	
P. Savage	

An apology for inability to attend was received from Clr. J. O'Toole

REPAIRS TO SEA WALL

432. The Council considered and approved of a report of the Engineer dealing with the position which will arise at the Esplanade consequent on the repairs being carried out to the Sea Wall by the Commissioner of Public Works.

BUS STOP AT QUINSBORO ROAD

433. The Council considered a letter from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána intimating that it had been represented to him that a change in the 'bus stop to a point nearer the Royal Cinema would be desirable. Proposed by Clr. Dr. Donnelly, seconded by Clr. D. Sayers,

"That the 'bus stop be not changed."

The motion was put and a division taken when there voted for, 7, viz., Clrs. T. Byrne, Dr. Donnelly, C. Doyle, Mrs. Ledwidge, P. Savage, D. Sayers and G. H. G. Stuart. Against the Motion 3, viz., Clrs. P. Dempsey, H. B. Hipwell and M. O'Toole,

BRAY AND DISTRICT CANINE SOCIETY

434. The Council noted with regret, a letter from the Bray and District Canine Society to the effect that they were unable to proceed with their Dog Show this year and it was agreed that if the Committee wish to run their Show in 1957, they would get the same concessions from the Council as heretofore.

HOUSING—CHANGES OF TENANCIES

435. 2 Myrtle Grove. It was recommended that Mr. P. Treacy not be granted the tenancy of above house but that the tenant, Mrs. Bowden, be instructed to resume her occupation therein.

11 St. Patrick's Sq. The Council recommended that Mr. Peter Hunt be appointed tenant of 11 St. Patrick's Sq., Bray.

11 St. Cronan's Road. The Council recommended Christopher Byrne be appointed tenant of 11 St. Cronan's Road.

BRAY HARBOUR LIGHT

436. The Council approved of report and recommendation by the Engineer that the Council should cease to maintain the above light and should endeavour to lease it to the Commissioners of Irish Lights.

TENDERS FOR SITES AT ESPLANADE

437. South Bandstand and Central Bandstand—no Tenders received. Proposed by Clr. Dr. Donnelly, seconded by Clr. D. Sayers and resolved,

"that the Council recommend that the South Bandstand be let to local Organisations, free of charge, subject to their applying initially, to the Council and giving particulars of type of entertainment proposed."

Deck Chairs. The Council recommended the acceptance of Tender from Mr. P. Mooney, 6 Seapoint Tce., in the sum of £40, it being the only one received.

Putting Green. Acceptance of the Tender of Mr. P. Mooney, 6 Seapoint Tce., Bray, in the sum of £180, being the only one received, was recommended.
Photographic Licence. The following Tenders were opened, viz.,

B. Costello, 19 Wolfe Tone Sq. East, £10.
D. H. Wright, St. Joseph's, Brennan Tce., £10.

A further tender received late was not opened.

Clr. T. Byrne proposed and Clr. P. Savage seconded,
"That this item be readvertised."

Proposed by Clr. H. B. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. C. Doyle,
"That the Council recommend that the Tender of Mr. Costello be accepted."

Clr. Hipwell's motion was put and a division taken, when there voted for the Motion, 6, viz., Clrs. Dr. Donnelly, C. Doyle, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. Ledwidge, D. Sayers and G. H. G. Stuart. There voted against, 4, viz., Clrs. T. Byrne, P. Dempsey, M. O'Toole, P. Savage. It was accordingly recommended that the Tender be awarded to Mr. Costello.

Weighing Machines. No tender was received for weighing machines and it was recommended that firms who supply such machines be written to and asked for quotations.

AMUSEMENT SITE AT NORTHERN ESPLANADE —TENDERS.

438. Having considered four Tenders for the above, it was decided that the Town Engineer get in touch with the Tenderers and endeavour to arrange sites with them in an effort to obtain the maximum return to the Council.

PLYING BOATS FOR HIRE

439. After discussion it was decided to advertise for Tenders for the plying of "Novelty Craft" from the Sea Front. Regarding an application from Mr. P. Murphy, Blackrock, for permission to run a motor boat, it was decided to inform this applicant that it was considered there was sufficient local craft of this type in Bray.

PALERMO TENANTS ASSOCIATION

440. Proposed by Clr. T. Byrne, seconded by Clr. C. Doyle and resolved:

"Tha the report of sub-Committee who met the Officers of Palermo Tenants Association and discussed with them various points regarding a Playground be adopted" and it was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter pending hearing from the Palermo Tenants Association.

PURCHASE OF WATERMAINS

441. The Engineer's recommendations on the tenders received for various items in connection with above were accepted and on the proposition of Clr. P. Savage, seconded by Clr. Dr. Donnelly, it was agreed to raise a loan of £2,500 for the Scheme.

RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE TOWN

442. The Chairman and other Members voiced their resentment of statements made at a recent Trades Council Meeting where it was suggested that the Council had not been active in taking steps to provide industrial employment. In the course of his statement, the Chairman outlined the steps which had actually been taken by the Council.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS—

BROODER HOUSE AT GREENPARK ROAD

443. Submitted application from Mr. K. McLeavy for erection of Brooder House at Greenpark Road, Bray.
Order: Recommend permission be granted.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS—

PORCH AT "THE NOOK," STRAND ROAD

444. Submitted application from Mr. A. Tighe, "The Nook," Strand Road, to carry out alterations to Porch at above address. Report from Engineer recommending that permission be refused as proposed structure would be in front of the Building line.
Order: Recommend refusal of permission.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS—

KIOSK AT LANE TO LEDWIDGE CRESCENT

445. Submitted application from Mr. J. Doyle, Sunnybank, to erect a kiosk opening onto lane leading to Ledwidge Crescent. Report from Town Engineer recommending application should be refused on the grounds that such a structure was undesirable opening as it was on to a restricted pathway.
Order:—Recommend refusal.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS—

EXTENSION OF PREMISES AT HARBOUR

446. Submitted application from Messrs. D. Coughlan Ltd., to extend premises at the Harbour. Recommendation from Engineer that approval be granted.
Order:—Recommend approval.

**TOWN PLANNING ACTS—
ERECTION OF TWO HOUSES AT CUALA ROAD**

447. Submitted application from Mr. E. Finucane to erect two houses on sites 62 and 62A Cuala Road. Recommendation from Engineer that approval be granted, in accordance with plans already approved.

Order: Recommend approval.

BRAY ENTERPRISES LTD.

448. Arising out of the application (Item 446) above, a discussion took place on the present position of lands known as Wallace's Yard, and their user by Bray Enterprises Ltd. and Messrs. D. Coughlan Ltd. It was decided that the Engineer interview Mr. Coughlan to ascertain what his present intentions were in the matter of extensions to his factory at this point and that, in the meantime, the Town Clerk write to Bray Enterprises seeking similar information from them and also that the Department of Industry and Commerce be communicated with urging that necessary Grants be made to Bray Enterprises Ltd.

BRAY LABOUR PARTY

449. Four letters were received from the Connolly Metcalfe Branch of the Bray Labour Party requesting information and making recommendations regarding such items as the Gaming and Lotteries Act, Contracts in connection with Relief works, toilets at People's park, data regarding Grants, loans, water rents and subsidies. It was decided that the Secretary of the Branch be communicated with and informed that all requests for information, etc., should be put to the Council through the elected representatives.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY—APPLICATION FROM
EMPLOYEES' UNION FOR A HALF-HOLIDAY
ON 16th MARCH.**

450. The Manager agreed to go into the question, having heard Cllrs. M. O'Toole and T. Byrne on the matter.

10 SCOTT PARK.

451. The Council were informed that the occupant of above house had been in constant arrears with his repayments and it was feared that action will have to be taken to recover possession of the house in the near future, unless a marked improvement was made in payments.

43 O'BYRNE ROAD

452. The Council recommended approval to an application made by Mrs. F. Carroll for permission to transfer her interest in above house to Mr. B. Collins.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

453. It was agreed that the above Committee would meet at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 27th March, at Town Hall.

D. Sayers
10/4/56

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Bray Urban District Council



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 10th April, 1956.

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:

D. Sayers (Chairman)
E. Byrne
T. Byrne
Mrs. M. Ledwidge
Dr. Donnelly
J. O'Toole
M. O'Toole
C. Doyle
H. B. Hipwell
G. H. G. Stuart
P. Savage

OFFICIALS:

County Manager
(Mr. M. Flannery).
Town Clerk
(Mr. D. F. McCarthy)
Town Engineer,
(Mr. M. Healy)
Health Inspector
Mr. J. Comyn

An apology for inability to attend was received from Clr. P. Dempsey.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

455. Minute 442 of Meeting of 20th March having been amended by the substitution of the word "Union" in lieu of "Council" in the second line, the Minutes of Meeting of 13th March and adjourned Monthly Meeting of 20th March, which were circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

456. The County Manager's Orders No. 8022 to 8032 were noted.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

457. The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, extended votes of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. C. May, 24 Oldcourt Park; Mrs. F. O'Toole, 26 O'Byrne Road; Mr. T. Curley, 34 Connolly Square; Miss Patricia Duffin, 36 Wolfe Tone Sq. Middle, and to the Brennan family, 46 Main St., on the death of their child.

WEIGHING MACHINES ON PUBLIC THOROUGHFARES.

458. Clr. M. O'Toole raised the question of the Council's responsibility in the case of an accident occurring as a result of weighing machines being placed on the footpath. The County Manager indicated that nobody was entitled to obstruct the public thoroughfare and informed the Council he would have the matter examined.

AN TOSTAL, 1956.

459. The Council considered a letter from the Bray Tostal Committee asking for permission to hold a Road Race on 17th May on the following route, viz., Meath Road, Galtrim Road, Novara Ave., Sidmonton Road and Putland Road to Meath Road. The Council indicated that they had no objection provided the sponsors of the Race received permission from the Garda Authorities.

CORAS IOMPAIR EIREANN—TRAINS ON SUNDAYS

460. On the proposition of Clr. Dr. Donnelly seconded by Clr. D. Sayers, it was resolved that Coras Iompair Eireann be asked to inaugurate a train service to Bray commencing on the first Sunday in May and ending on the first Sunday in October—the trains to be run at a cheap rate.

PIGEONS.

461. After a lengthy discussion on the question of Pigeon Lofts in O'd Conna Housing Scheme, it was decided that if the Pigeon Racing Association submitted a detailed Plan and Specification, with indication of location, same would be considered by the Town Engineer.

NOVELTY CRAFT.

462. One Tender only was received in response to public advertisement for above, i.e., that of Messrs. R. J. Merlihan and A. G. Scott, of Gledside, Clonskeagh, Co. Dublin, who offered a sum of £3 3s. 0d. per Craft per year or £5 per Craft per year on condition that they received a four year Licence. On the proposition of Clr. P. Savage, seconded by Clr. T. Byrne, the acceptance of the Tender in the sum of £3 3s. 0d. per craft for one year was recommended, Clrs. D. Sayers, Dr. Donnelly and M. O'Toole, dissenting.

In making the recommendation the Council directed the Town Clerk to urge that adults be employed by the Tenderers.

WEIGHING MACHINES—QUOTATIONS

463. Only one quotation was received for a Permit to place Weighing Machines on sites at the Esplanade—that of British Automatic Co. Ltd., in the sum of £40. It was recommended that the quotation be accepted.

BRAY SWIMMING CLUB

464. The Council considered a letter from the Bray Swimming Club asking that they be allowed to operate the Municipal Baths and Sanitary Convenience during the coming year and offering to restrict and confine their activities where necessary. It was decided to consider granting these facilities to the Club when the Engineer thought that it would be feasible, having regard to the progress which would be made by the Commissioners of Public Works in carrying out repairs to the Sea Wall. It was further decided that the Council would operate the Sanitary Conveniences directly.

BAND PERFORMANCES

465. The Town Clerk informed the Council that he had provisionally booked six Bands for the People's Park and Wolfe Tone Square. It was decided, Clr. Savage dissenting, to allocate four of the Bands to the People's Park and two to Wolfe Tone Square.

HOUSING PROGRAMME

466. The Council considered and approved of Report of Dr. Dunlevy, Asst. Co. Medical Officer of Health on the Housing needs of the town and noted that it appeared necessary to build 35 houses at present. They recommended that the Consultant Engineer would again consider the site at Ravenswell Row to ascertain if it would be possible to build a number of duplex houses thereon. The Council also recommended that the Manager would examine the possibility of building houses for newly weds.

27 WOLFE TONE SQUARE NORTH

467. The Council were informed by the County Manager that it was intended to recover possession of above house from the tenant, on the grounds that he was in arrears of rent; that he did not occupy the house, and that certain amount of wilful damage was done to the house.

17 FR. COLAHAN TERRACE

468. The Council recommended an application from Miss Ellen Whelan to be appointed tenant of 17 Fr. Colahan Tce., in place of her late father, be granted.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS— 34 DARGAN STREET

469. Submitted plan from Mr. Thos. Foley, 34 Dargan Street, for permission to erect a kitchenette at his premises.
Order: Recommend approval be granted.

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQ.) ACTS APPLICATION

470. The Council approved of application from Sergt. J. McBrinn, for loan of £1,600 under the above Acts for a house at Cuala Road, the approval being conditional on the Council being able to provide the money.

LICENCE FOR HIRE OF PONIES ON THE BEACH

471. Permission was refused to Mr. William Moorehouse, 6 St. Laurence's Tce., to hire ponies on the seafront.

A. Sayers.

8/5/56

Bray Urban District Council



Minutes of Special Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 24th April, 1956 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:	OFFICIALS:
D. Sayers (Chairman)	Town Clerk
Mrs. M. Ledwidge	(Mr. D. F. McCarthy)
M. O' Toole	
E. Byrne	
T. Byrne	
P. Savage	
P. Derapsey	
Dr. Donnelly	
H. B. Hipwell	
G. H. G. Stuart	

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Clr. C. Doyle, Mr. M. Flannery, Wicklow Co. Manager.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

472. The Chairman on behalf of the Council, extended votes of sympathy to Clr. J. O'Toole on the death of his mother and Mr. J. A. Costello, An Taoiseach, on the death of his wife. The Meeting adjourned for five minutes as a mark of respect.

ADOPTION OF PART III. OF THE GAMING AND LOTTERIES BILL

473. On the proposal of Clr. Dr. Donnelly, seconded by Clr. M. O'Toole, it was resolved:

"That we, the Members of Bray U.D.C. adopt Part III of the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956, in respect of the whole of the administrative area of the Urban District Council."

BRAY LABOUR PARTY CONNOLLY-METCALFE BRANCH

474. The Council considered a letter from the above Branch asking that representations be made by the Council to the District Justice concerning the conditions of employment in Amusement Arcades. The Town Clerk was directed to inform the Branch that the Council had no function in this particular matter.

PURCHASE OF WATERMAINS

—LOAN—KILLARNEY/VEVAY ROADS.

475. On the proposition of Clr. E. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Savage, it was unanimously decided to seek a loan in the sum of £2,500 for the above Scheme from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., for a period of fifteen years.

FOOTPATHS

476. Several Members complained of breaks and cracks in the footpaths in the Town. The Town Clerk was directed to write to the Co. Engineer regarding those on the Main roads and to draw attention to the Town Engineer to those in the Urban Roads and to the Seawall.

D. Sayers

8/5/56

Bray Urban District Council



Minutes of Estimates Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council
held in the Town Hall, Bray on Wednesday, 28th March, 1956.

PRESENT:	
COUNCILLORS:	OFFICIALS:
D. Sayers (Chairman)	County Manager
Mrs. M. Ledwidge	(Mr. M. Flannery).
P. Savage	Town Clerk
M. O' Toole	(Mr. D. F. McCarthy)
P. Demsey	Town Engineer.
G. H. G. Stuart	(Mr. M. Healy)
H. B. Hurrell	Accomptant
D. Donnelly	(Mr. J. P. McDonnell).
E. Byrne	
T. Byrne	
C. Davis	
J. O'Toole	

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1956/57

454. Submitted report of County Manager dated 19th March, 1956.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS

The Expenditure and Receipts and Net Costs to be met from Rates are estimated at:

Roads	7,133	125	7,008
Sanitary Services	19,261	1,077	17,784
Housing Services	59,846	54,375	5,471
General Urban Purposes	67,373	4,906	62,467
	£153,613	£61,383	£92,230

The total to be met from the Rate levy in the coming year would be £92,230 but the application of Credits of £670 which are available from the present year, reduces the net requirements to £91,560. The total valuation effective for rating purposes in the coming year is £50,422 and the Municipal Rate required to produce £91,560 is 36s. 4d. in the £1. This would be an increase of 1s. 0d. in the £ over the rate for the present year, which is 35s. 4d. The rates productivity shows an increase in the coming year but the rise in the valuation is due to new Council houses, and in this instance, the additional valuation is offset by new Loan Charges on the houses to be borne by the Council.

The total expenditure after deducting Receipts allowed by the Council for the current year was £87,980, and the estimates now submitted for your consideration would entail an additional expenditure of £3,580. Briefly some of the increases in expenditure which would require an additional rate are:

County Council Demand	562
Roads—Loan Charges for new works Resurfacing of Herbert Road Dock Terrace, etc.)	200
Roads—Loan Charges increase (Strand Road, Eglinton Road etc.)	272
Water Supply—New main at Putland Road (Loan Charge)	109
Sewerage—New Storm overflow at Castle Street	400
Repairs to Promenade (Loan Charge)	142
Housing—Repairs and Maintenance	300
Housing—Loan Charges on New Schemes	300
Vocational Education Demand	228
Wages increase	743
Salaries and Superannuation (net increase)	467
Provision for An Tostal	150
Repairs to Seats and Boatslip	150
New Lifelines and Lifebuoys	140
Sea Wall Repairs (increased Loan charges)	300

Whilst there are other variations in costs and reductions under some headings, the foregoing items, which amount in all to £4,463 are mainly responsible for the increase in the Estimates.

Some time ago applications were received from the Workmen's Unions seeking increases in Wages and after lengthy consideration the Council approved of an increase corresponding to that which had already been allowed in other employments. Later a similar application was received from the Union representing the Council's salaried staff and after a careful examination of the matter it was agreed to allow increases similar to those which had been given in the Civil Service some months ago.

Almost all the remaining increases, apart from the County Council Demand, are ascribable to new works, and further details of them are given later under appropriate headings.

The Town Engineer again has prepared a special Report on the Municipal Services under his charge and on works which are contemplated or were recently carried out. A copy of this Report is attached.

ROADS

Under this heading the gross expenditure is estimated at £7,133 and after deducting miscellaneous receipts of £125, the net levy is £7,008. The amount allowed in the present year was £7,116.

The outlay on maintenance and repairs shows a reduction; this is due to the gradual improvement of road surfaces in recent years. The Council has been spending very large sums on the construction of new streets and roads. Whilst the capital costs of the works have involved the Council in new loan charges, there has been a marked improvement in the surfaces of most of the streets and roads throughout the town. It is also now possible to reduce the outlay on repairs—the filling of numerous potholes on badly worn thoroughfares can be costly—and the beneficial effects of the policy pursued by the Council can now be seen. In the past many years the Council has resurfaced approx. five miles of Urban Roads and of this two miles have been done in concrete.

The Council last year approved of a loan of £3,700 for the purpose of reconstructing Eglinton Road, part of Strand Road, Duncairn Avenue and part of Quinsboro' Road (eastern end). The works were completed recently and Eglinton Road has been reconstructed in concrete which should obviate any maintenance on this thoroughfare for many years to come. Only part of the annual Loan Charge for these works were included last year, but in the coming year the full loan charge, which involves an increase of £272, must be met.

Last year the Council also approved of a Scheme for the reconstruction of Seymour Road, St. Kevin's Square, Galtrim Road, Wyndham Park and Connolly Square at a cost of £3,500 and in the coming year there will be a loan charge of £300 for this Scheme. The loan charge for a full year, however, would be £520.

For the coming year the Town Engineer has recommended that the Council might undertake the reconstruction of the following roads as Capital works:—

Herbert Road (part from King Edward Road to Urban boundary)—surface in tarmacadam	£1,350
St. Laurence's Tce.—New concrete road	1,050
Dock Terrace—Surface part of width in tarmacadam	400

The total cost of these works would be £2,800 and the annual Loan Charges would be £400. If the Schemes were approved by the Council the Loan Charge to met in the coming year would be £200.

In recent years (including the programme for 1955/56) the Council has raised loans amounting to £28,130 for the Reconstruction

of Roads, but they were mainly for short terms and the first of them will be liquidated in 1957/58. It is expected that most of the roads, especially those constructed in concrete, will be in good condition for many years after the loans have been repaid. Apart from the work done through loans the Council reconstructed many other roads and made new footpaths, with moneys provided from Revenue or with the aid of Employment Scheme Grants. In the present year, in this way, a new concrete road was made at Maitland Street and new concrete footpaths at Seymour Road and Rathmore Terrace.

SANITARY SERVICES

The gross outlay on Sanitary Services is estimated at £19,261; the amount allowed by the Council last year was £17,381. The increase of £1,880 is attributable mainly to new works and wages increases.

Sewers: The usual provision, £50, is being made for cleaning the stream known as "The Cockbrook." This is work which has been carried out annually for the past seven or eight years.

It is considered that a new Storm Overflow is necessary at Castle Street and Emmet Road. During heavy rains flooding has now and again occurred in this area and the Town Engineer has reported that this could be remedied by the construction of a special Storm Overflow to the Dorele River, which would cost £400. It is recommended that this work should be charged to Revenue and the amount accordingly is included in the Estimates.

Waterworks: The payments for the bulk supply of water to Dublin Corporation are estimated at the same sum as was allowed in the present year (£3,300). There is, however, as in last year's estimates, an additional sum of £245 payable for water supplied to the new Council houses at Old Conna, which are in County Dublin.

Last year the Council allowed a special sum in the estimates for the purchase of new watermains and with the aid of this, new mains were laid at Maitland Street, Seymour Road, Duncairn Avenue. In addition, the Council agreed to loan charges to meet the cost of laying a new 6" main from Killarney Road to Vevay Road. Tenders for the pipes have already been received and the work of laying them should start at an early date. The cost of the Scheme is £2,500. For the coming year only part of the annual Loan Charge will have to be met, viz., £120. The normal Annual Charge will be about £250.

It is recommended by the Town Engineer that in the coming year the Council might approve of the laying of a new 6" main at Putland Road, which is estimated to cost £2,500. It is proposed that this main would be laid along Putland Road between Sidmon-ton Road and Vevay Road corners. The Council may, however, consider that with the improved supply to the Vevay Road, etc., areas, which can be expected when the new 6" main from Killarney Road is completed, it might not be necessary immediately to provide a new main at Putland Road. The Council, admittedly, has in the past seven or eight years, spent very large Capital sums on the relaying of watermains, but it can be held that this has been a prudent policy, for notwithstanding rise in the population and a large accretion to the number of dwellings in the Urban District it has been possible to keep the consumption of water at a constant level. The replacement of mains and services which were old and defective has cut down waste, whilst at the same time, given a better supply. It is fitting, however, that mention should also be made of the very capable manner in which the Water Inspector and his Assistant have discharged their duties. The work done by these Officers has also helped very much towards reducing consumption and the payments to be made for Bulk Supply of water.

SCAVENGING

There is a rise in the cost of this service, apart from wages increases. It is due to the demands made on the service by the expansion of the Town and the many new dwellings which have been erected, both by the Council and otherwise, in recent years. This demand has been met, however, by the transfer of two men from road and other works to which they had been previously assigned. As mentioned earlier, the construction of new roads has reduced the necessity for repairs and maintenance and it has in consequence, been possible to assign to other services, workmen who previously had almost been wholtime engaged on road repairs. Whereas, formerly repairs to roads were continuously being required, it was also more difficult to keep them in a clean condition.

For some months now the new Refuse Dump at Woodbrook has been in use and the arrangement whereby material was dumped near the Harbour, giving rise to many complaints, has been discontinued. Notwithstanding the increase in population and in number of dwellings, the Council has continued to provide a domestic Refuse Collection service which compares more than favourably with that available in other Towns and Cities. Throughout the entire year a twice weekly collection is available for every part of the Town and during the summer there is a daily collection from the Main thoroughfares on which hotels and Guest Houses are sited.

A second motor vehicle, which is mainly used in scavenging, was purchased by the Council last year. Its cost (£250) is almost completely offset by the reduction in the charges paid for vehicles which were hired in former years.

COVE SWIMMING POOLS

The Council recently agreed to a Scheme for some improvements to the Swimming Pools at Brav Cove, the cost of which would be met to the extent of 75 per cent, by a special Grant from the Irish Tourist Board. The total cost is estimated at £3,000 and the Loan Charge for the Council's proportion of the cost in the coming year would be £80 (charge for half year).

For a number of years past the Council has been paying a contribution towards the cost of cleaning the Pools—a work which is carried out by the Swimming Club to which the Pools are let. For the coming year £75 has been included for this purpose.

MUNICIPAL BATHS

These Baths normally involve the Council in substantial expenditure on repairs and maintenance each year. In 1955/56 about £200 was spent on them and in previous years the outlay ranged from £200 to £500.

It has now been found that it will not be possible to use the Baths during the coming summer as this part of the Promenade will have to be closed for urgent repairs, which are being carried out to the Sea Wall. It is regrettable that the Sea Front will be lacking this amenity but it will, it is felt, be accepted that the maintenance of the Sea Wall, on which not only the Baths, but the entire Sea Front are dependent, must be given priority.

It was proposed that the Platform and Divine Stage at Municipal Baths should be reconstructed in a more permanent form (i.e. by the use of reinforced concrete and piles) and the Tourist Board had been asked to give a Special Grant towards the cost of the work. This proposal will now, however, have to be postponed owing to the works which are being done on the adjoining Sea Wall.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

The estimate for the coming year is £2,332. The increase of £32 is due to the provision of a small amount of additional lights at Old Conna Housing Scheme. For some years past the Council has been progressively improving the public lighting in addition to providing new lights in new residential areas. There are now 443 public lights as compared with 273 in 1949. There has been a corresponding rise in the cost of this service, which is now £1,200 higher than in 1949. Some months ago it was suggested by the Electricity Supply Board that the Council might consider further improvements in the lighting service. It was found that they would entail an additional cost of £565 per annum. Provision for this improved service has not been included in the Estimate as the Council, thus far, has not taken a decision in the matter.

SEA FRONT IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

It has been decided to arrange for the erection on Brav Head, of a structure which would contain a Shelter, Public Sanitary Convenience and Biosk. The cost is estimated at £5,300 and the Tourist Board has indicated that they would give a Grant of £2,138. The Loan Charge in the coming year to meet the Council's proportion of the cost would be £160. In the full year, however, it would be £320.

NEW SANITARY CONVENIENCES

It has been decided that new Public Sanitary Convenience be provided at the Town Hall; the People's Park (Lt. Dargle Road) and that the Convenience at the Boathouse would be enlarged. The cost of this Scheme is estimated at £1,500 and a Loan Charge of £150 is included in the Estimates.

SEA WALL REPAIRS

The cost of the urgent and very essential repairs which are now being carried out to the Sea Wall is estimated at £20,000. The Council succeeded in procuring a Government Grant of 75 per cent. of the cost and to meet the balance (£5,000), a Loan Charge of £551 is included. This Loan already has been raised from the Council's Treasurer and the Charge now shown is that for the full year.

REPAIRS TO PROMENADE

Apart from the urgent repairs to the Sea Wall, which are being carried out by the Commissioners of Public Works on behalf of the Council, the Town Engineer has recommended that the Council should replace sections of the concrete slab on the Promenade, which are defective. The cost is estimated at £2,500 and provision is made for a loan Charge of £142.

HOUSING.

The total expenditure is estimated at £59,846; Receipts are £54,375 and the net cost is £5,471. There is an increase in the net cost of £382, compared with last year.

In the present year £1,200 was allowed by the Council for repairs. The original estimate was £1,400 but this was found to be inadequate and the Council has had to vote an extra £500. There was a substantial number of transfers from older houses to new houses, at Old Conna in the past eighteen months, and these involve the Council in additional expenditure on repairs. But aside from the latter type of cost it is considered that the provision made last year for repairs must be regarded as adequate. Consequently, £1,500 has been included for the coming year, which is an increase of £300 over that allowed for 1955/56.

There are increases in Loan Charges but these are offset to a certain extent by receipts from State Subsidies and Rents. New Schemes recently completed have involved the Council in an increased Charge for Housing of about £300. The Scheme of 36 houses at Old Conna was completed in December and this brings the total number of houses erected by the Council since 1947 to 338.

Rates are still payable to Dublin County Council on the houses at Old Conna which are outside the Urban Boundary and this will continue until a decision is given on the application of Bray Urban Council and Wicklow County Council for an alteration of the existing County Boundary. As pointed out when submitting the Estimates last year, Dublin County Council are liable for the provision of certain services to the Occupiers of these houses, such as Health and Assistance, but the Urban Council has to provide Scavenging (Street and Domestic), Public Lighting and pay for water supply to Dublin Corporation.

PROVISION OF CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

Last year the Council agreed to provide a new Playground at Boghall which would serve the children in that area. Paths have already been laid and some other works carried out. A Loan Charge of £100 is included to meet that part of the cost which is being defrayed by way of loan.

There was a proposal that special works be carried out at the Playground and Open Spaces at the Old Conna Housing Scheme and to meet Capital costs which might be incurred, Loan Charge of £40 has been included.

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQ.) ACTS

The Loan Charges (£11,146) are the same as last year but a number of new loans have recently been approved, which thus far have not involved the Council in new Loan Charges. The Charges to the Council are met in full by the repayments from the borrowers and this Scheme does not involve any cost to the Rates. The number of loans advanced since 1948 is 148 and the total amount which has been lent is almost £200,000.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

The expenditure under this heading includes the Demand from the County Council, the special levy of 9d. in the £1 under the Unemployment Assistance Acts, the Vocational Education Demand, the Maintenance of the Esplanade and Parks, the Public Library, School Meals Scheme, Fuel Scheme and many other items.

The total expenditure is estimated at £67,373 as compared with £65,948 for 1955/56. The Receipts are estimated at £4,906, the corresponding figure for 1955/56 being £4,856. The net expenditure for the coming year, therefore, is £62,467, as compared with £61,092 in the present year—an increase of £1,375. The principal increases in the General Purposes part of the Estimate are in respect of County Council Demand revision of salaries and Vocational Education Demand.

TOWN HALL REPAIRS

A sum of £100 has been included to defray the cost of some essential repairs to the Town Hall. Some of the repairs, such as roof valleys are of an urgent character. It should here be mentioned that the Town Hall will be used in September next for the Annual Conference of Municipal Authorities.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

Under this heading the same amount as provided last year, viz., £250 has again been provided.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION DEMAND

For the coming year the Demand is £2,380, being an increase of £228 over that for 1955/56. The rate for this service is now about 11d. in the £1 and has increased by 4d. in the last five years.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

The expenditure on this service shows an increase of £164. It is proposed to purchase additional books for the Juvenile section of the Library, which section continues to show a remarkable increase in membership and book issues. The total number of borrowers at present registered is 3,000, of which number 1,197 are children.

It is evident that this is a Council service which is very much appreciated by the public; the number of registered borrowers and the number of book issues during the year provide ample evidence of this. Another notable feature of the library is that the non-fiction issues nowadays are in excess of this issues of fiction. As mentioned last year, the Council and the Library Committee can feel that they have contributed very materially to cultural activities in the Town and to the enjoyment of leisure by bringing this service to its present very satisfactory level.

ESPLANADE

The total outlay from Revenue on the Esplanade and Public Parks, including Loan Charges and Wages is estimated at £3,136 for the coming year. Reference has been made earlier to the expenditure on the provision of new amenities (Shelter and Public Sanitary Conveniences, etc.) and to the outlay on Sea Wall Repairs and repairs to the Promenade.

For decorative lighting along the Sea Front during the summer months, a sum of £200 is again included. £100 is being included for new Life Lines which would be kept at the Sea Front for use in any emergency. The question of employing Life Guards was discussed by the Council some months ago but if this were to be arranged, an additional £200 (not included in the Estimates) would be required. The Town Engineer has indicated that repairs would be required to the Boat Slip at a cost of £150. This is an increase of £125 over the sum allowed last year.

The cost of a new Concrete Mixer, £150, is shown under the heading of Esplanade, but whilst it would be used in connection with the repairs to Decking of Promenade, etc., it also would be used in the coming and future years for many other Council services. The Council at present has two concrete mixers but both are now worn out and useless.

AN TOSTAL

For flood lighting, provision of flower baskets and other decorations which the Council might provide during An Tostal in May, 1956, the sum of £150 is included. Last year, however, the Council did not make any special provision for An Tostal.

BAND PERFORMANCES

The Council last year allowed £400 for Band Performances. It was intended that this sum would cover not only Band Performances at the Sea Front, but also a limited number in the People's Park, Lr. Dargle Road.

SCHOOL MEALS AND FUEL SCHEME

The Expenditure and receipts for these services are approximately the same as in the present year. The number of householders availing of the present Fuel Scheme is approximately the same as in the present year. The number of householders availing of the present Fuel Scheme is approximately 300 and the average number of children being supplied with School Meals is about 600.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND

This Demand shows an increase of £562 which is equivalent to a rate of 2½d. in the £1. The following figures give a comparison of the Demand with that of the present year, viz.,

Main Roads	9,044	8,729	- 315
Public Assistance	4,157	2,251	- 1,906
Health	18,407	20,916	+ 2,509
Mental Hospitals	6,775	7,044	+ 269
General Purposes (Co.)	3,312	3,396	+ 84
Separate Charges	279	91	- 188
Fire Brigades	1,308	1,417	+ 109
	£43,282	£43,844	+ 562

The Demand by the County Council from Bray Urban Council for services which are charged over the entire County has been apportioned on a new basis for the coming year. Provision was made in the Local Government Act, 1955, for the apportionment of the cost of such services in the ratio of the actual product of a rate of 1d. in the £1 in each of the Urban Districts and in the County Health District. Originally the cost in question had been apportioned on the basis of the respective gross valuations of the various districts. It had been urged for many years by Urban Authorities that account should be taken of the many properties in their area which were non-productive owing to being in a derelict condition or which were only assessed to rates on part of the Valuation (such as new dwellings, etc.). The new method of apportionment makes due allowance for Valuations on which rates would not be payable. It has afforded a considerable measure of relief to the Urban Council in the coming year and if it had not been for this new basis the County Council Demand would be up by 1s. 2d. instead of 2½d.

The cost of the County Council services which are chargeable to Urban Districts still continue to show an increase, mainly owing to the continued rise in the cost of the Health Services—a rising cost which, according to present indications, can certainly be expected to continue in the immediate future.

UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ACTS LEVY

The amount to be raised is £1,875 and represents the product of a special rate of 9d. in the £1 which the Council is obliged to levy under Unemployment Assistance Acts, 1933-40. The money so raised is paid by the Council to the Department of Social Welfare.

COMPARISON OF RATES

As mentioned at the outset, the Estimates now submitted for your consideration would require a rate of 36s. 4d. in the £1, which would be an increase of 1s. 0d. in the £1 over that for the present year. It has been shown that in brief the increase is due almost completely to (1) Increases in wages and salaries; (2) the County Council and Vocational Committee Demands; and (3) the provision made for new works. What has become known as "the fifth round" of wages increases had already been allowed in other employments before it was applied to the Council's employees. On this occasion also, the salaried staff of the Council also sought increases—in their case the last increase had been granted four years ago—and it was eventually agreed to allow them the same as had been given to the Civil Service some months earlier. Regarding revisions of rates of remuneration, it is evident that these in any year, will be determined by what has happened in other employments. If employees in industry or commercial undertakings, on the grounds of cost-of-living increases, or for other reasons, obtain rises in remuneration, then local authorities will be obliged to follow suit.

It is not unlikely that once again local authorities will be subject to much censure by critics, who throughout the year seek new and improved services but give the impression in March of each year that the cost of them can be conjured from some mysterious source when members try to determine the rate levy. Once more it will be implied, or even charged in strident terms of abuse, that local authorities are lacking in a sense of responsibility to the rate-payers or the electorate. As has often been indicated by them, local authorities are only too glad to receive, and indeed will welcome any practical suggestions which would help in reducing their expenditure and the costs to be met from rates. It is noted, however, that those who refer to existing extravagant and reckless spending never give any indication whatever, as to the items on which it is being incurred. One may, it is hoped, be pardoned for pointing out that any discussion of the level and incidence of local rates, which ignores such issues as the scope and impact of the housing and health programmes, is aimless. Local Authorities could reduce their outlay by building no more houses or hospitals or inadequately maintaining those which they already have. The abandonment of Health Services such as those for the treatment of Tuberculosis or for mothers and children, and a refusal to provide new amenities such as water supplies, sewerage and public lighting would also help to reduce the scale of expenditure. But nobody has suggested such drastic measures.

If such conditions as a stable level of prices and an acceptance of existing living standards obtained, then stability in rates could also be achieved. But local authorities, especially in the conditions which obtain today, cannot completely ignore public needs or the claims for new Services and their difficult role is to try to strike some reasonable balance between the claims they have to meet and the resources which are available. They are not only aware, but frequently stress that the insistent demands for services can only be met either by the levying of additional rates or much greater subsidies from State Funds. It sometimes, however, appears to local authorities that in certain respects local rates are being asked to meet an undue part of the cost of new social welfare arrangements which they are obliged to administer and in large measure to finance, but the nature and ambit of which they have had no part in determining. There still is an impression that local rates are paid in return for Services to be rendered by the local authority such as provision of roads or water, the disposal of sewage or the putting out of fires. Whereas the truth is that a local rate today is in great part, a tax based on the occupation of property which is being increasingly used in endeavouring to apply living (or dying) conditions to the community.

That the foregoing is the case shown by a comparison of the rates for the present year (1955/56) with the years 1938 or 1939. In the present year the rate to meet the cost of Municipal Services (i.e. those administered directly by the Council, such as the construc-