

The total expenditure is estimated at £68,076, as compared with £67,103 for 1956-'57. The Receipts are estimated at £5,724, the corresponding figure for 1956-'57 being £4,906. The net expenditure for the coming year, therefore, is £62,352, as compared with £62,197 in the present year.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT

Last year it was agreed that the Council's contribution to the Irish Tourist Association for publicity should be increased from £250 to £300 and the latter sum is included in the attached Estimates.

TOWN HALL REPAIRS

Last year £100 was allowed by the Council for urgent repairs and for the coming year £150 is included. It is intended that this sum should be mainly used for electrical re-wiring as a recent report showed that there were many defects in the present wiring system which could involve a fire risk.

Consequent on the finding of dry rot in the timbers of the Town Hall it was necessary to have the structure examined carefully. The removal and replacement of affected timbers will, unfortunately, be a rather costly undertaking. It is expected that it will be necessary to arrange for a Loan of about £3,000 and £200 has been provided in the Estimates to meet the required Loan Charges.

AN TOSTAL

To meet the cost of flood-lighting, provision of flower baskets and other decorations which the Council might wish to provide during An Tostal in May, 1957, £150 is included. It should be mentioned however, that last year the Council did not make any special provision for this purpose as they felt that outlay on amenities to attract tourists would give a better return later in the year, such as between July and September.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION DEMAND

The increase in the Demand for the coming year is of a limited character, being £58; in previous years it had been necessary, each year, to meet substantial increases under this heading.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

The outlay on the Public Library shows an increase of £181. In reporting on the Library service to the Library Advisory Committee, the Librarian stated that during the year 1956 a total of over 134,250 books had been issued and of these almost 25% were issued to children. Books of non-fiction represented over 41% of the total issues so that it is evident that the Library can be regarded as a very helpful medium of public instruction. Already over 1,100 children are resorting to the Library and the choice of books by these children shows a surprisingly high standard. The Librarian com-

ments on the care which children take of the books issued to them and gives an impression of their discipline and response in mentioning that it is not unusual to issue between 400 and 500 books in the comparatively limited quarter assigned to Juvenile section. Members will be aware of the remarkable skill shown by the children in the competitions in painting and handicrafts which were arranged at Christmas. Everybody who is acquainted with the wide range and standard of service being provided by the Council's Library will, it is felt, agree with the Librarian when he states that "as an educator and a source of ideas the Public Library has proved its use." A copy of the Librarian's report is also attached to these Estimates.

ESPLANADE

In the coming year provision is being made for new works at the Esplanade estimated to cost £850.

It is proposed to provide new Litter Baskets at a cost of £50; Repairs to footpaths will, according to the Town Engineer, cost £100. In the interests of public safety it is necessary that sections of railings which have been damaged by the sea should be replaced and this will cost £200. It is urged by the Town Engineer that railings and seats along the Promenade should be painted and this work is estimated to cost £500. These were last painted in 1954.

Last year the Boat Slip was repaired at a cost of £150. For the coming year the Town Engineer considers that a similar sum should be allowed and be applied towards the cost of repairing seats.

To meet the cost of Strip Lighting a sum of £210 has again been included.

The total outlay from Revenue on the Esplanade and Public Parks, including Loan Charges and Wages, is estimated for the coming year at £3,383. This does not include cost of the Municipal Baths and Band Performances.

BAND PERFORMANCES

The sum similar to that allowed last year, £400, is included in respect of Band Performances.

FUEL SCHEME

The cost of providing fuel to households which are unable to meet the cost, either in whole or in part, from their own resources, was an increase of £602. This increase in cost has resulted, it seems, from the automatic issue of fuel dockets at the Post Offices to all recipients of Old Age, Widows' and Blind Pensions. Formerly these persons used to have to call to the Town Hall for the dockets and the new method of issue must have resulted in practically all Old Age Pensioners availing of the Scheme. In 1955-'56 the number of householders resorting to this Scheme, on an average, was 320 but in the present year it has risen to 430. The additional costs are recouped in full from State Funds.

SCHOOL MEALS

The cost of providing School Meals is expected to be the same as in the present year. The average number of children supplied with meals at present is about 600.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND

It is unusual to record that there has been a reduction in the Demand from the County Council. For the coming year it will be less by £1,154, which represents a rate of about 5½d. in the £1. The following figures give a comparison of the Demand with that for the present year:

	1956-'57	1957-'58	Increase (+) Decrease (—)
Main Roads	8,729	8,942	213+
Public Assistance	2,251	2,188	63—
Health	20,916	20,020	896—
Mental Hospitals	7,044	6,236	808—
General Purposes (Co.)	3,396	3,815	419+
Separate Charges	91	29	62—
Fire Brigade	1,417	1,460	43+
	<u>£43,844</u>	<u>£42,690</u>	<u>1,154—</u>

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND

It was mentioned last year that the revised methods of apportioning the cost of services which are charged over the entire County had provided much relief to Bray Urban Council. Whereas formerly the cost had been apportioned on the basis of the respective gross valuations of the Urban Districts the new method of apportionment makes allowance for Valuations (such as new dwellings, derelict properties, etc.), on which rates would not be payable in full or might have to be declared irrecoverable. It could be taken that this new method of apportionment has reduced the amount of the Demand in the past two years by about 1s. 0d. in the £1. But apart from the result of the new system of apportionment, there has been a reduction in the cost of the services provided by the County Council which are chargeable to Bray Urban Council, especially under the headings of Public Assistance, Mental Hospitals and Health Services.

UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ACTS LEVY

The amount to be raised is £1,897 and represents the production of a special rate of 9d. in the £1 which the Council is obliged to levy under the Unemployment Assistance Acts, 1933-40. The money raised is paid by the Council to the Department of Social Welfare.

THE LEVEL OF RATES

In submitting the Estimates each year it has been the practice to give figures showing current rates for Municipal Services, i.e., those provided and controlled directly by the Council, and the rates which were levied in 1938-'39—the year from which money values and the Social pattern began to take on a profound change. Once more it is felt that it might be of interest—at least to some—to give such a comparison. The Municipal Services administered directly by the Council include the construction and maintenance of roads, the water supply, sewerage, public lighting, housing (under which also comes the rather complex administration of the Small Dwellings Act Loans Scheme), Street Scavenging, collection and disposal of domestic refuse, vocational education, public library, School meals, baths, public sanitary conveniences, tourist development and Seafront amenities. The estimate for these services in the present year is equivalent to a rate of 17s. 9d.; in the year 1938-'39 and those immediately prior to it the levy for this purpose was on an average 14s. 0d. The increase in this part of the rate, therefore, has been about 26%.

The balance of the rate to be raised by the Council is for the County Council Demand and the special levy imposed under the Unemployment Assistance Acts. The County Council Demand for the coming year is £42,690 and of this over £30,000, that is almost three-fourths, is for Social Services, namely, Health, Mental Hospitals and Public Assistance (even though the latter item is now comparatively small). The expansion of the Social Services was a matter determined by legislation which was presumably sought by the Electorate. One hears much criticism of the level of rates, but nothing of the causes, the main one, apart from rising prices and scales of remuneration which affects the running costs of all organisations, being social legislation. As often mentioned in previous Reports on the Estimates, any criticism of the level and incidence of rates which ignores such fundamental issues as the scope and impact of the health and housing programmes seems fruitless. Local authorities readily could curtail outlay by building no more houses, hospitals or by inadequately maintaining those in their charge. The assumption by the State, as in Britain and Northern Ireland, of practically the entire cost of the Health Services would also ease the burden of local rates. It is notable, too, that throughout nine months of the year, from April to December, local authorities are being urged to provide more services such as better roads, housing, water supplies, sewerage and further public lighting, but in February and March there is strident criticism of costs. It is not infrequent for local authorities to find people who think that public services—whether they be in hospital or home—should be withheld until they themselves seek them. To-day courthouses and Town Halls are being crowded by people who clamour for stability in rates. But may one politely suggest that such deputations might perhaps have

achieved more if sent elsewhere when social legislation, such as the Health Acts, was being passed. It also seems to be overlooked that local authorities are bound to be affected by items such as rising prices and scales of remuneration. In this County in the present year it has been possible to submit Estimates which show little change from those of last year but this is mainly due to a certain stability in price and wage levels and to a halt in the continuous expansion of the Health Services. It is felt necessary to dwell once again on these matters as there is a very grave danger that uninformed criticism, which ignores so many basic considerations may seriously impair the prestige of local administration which after all has had no mean record in the past thirty years. It might moreover, happen that men of proved capacity and integrity may be discouraged from taking an active part in local affairs—there have been such results in other countries—and this would be a deplorable outcome. Might one even suggest that local authorities may have progressed too rapidly in improving the services for which they are responsible, and that too much of the capital wealth of the nation has been entrusted to them for capital works of a Social Character—capital works which so frequently are looked on primarily as immediate sources of employment, but which do not contain the potentialities of future and continuous employment. Houses built to a standard pattern intended to accommodate a standard family are nowadays, especially in rural areas, probably beyond accommodation requirements in many instances; they are, it seems, of an appreciably higher standard than in many other European countries apart from Britain. Again roads, which so often carry rather limited traffic, are maintained to a higher standard than obtains elsewhere. To-day in some respects we may have almost gone too far in the building of hospitals. Some of this possibly excessive diversion of capital resources to the activities of local authorities is probably due to viewing them almost completely in the light of the quantum of employment which they will immediately afford. The examination of these matters might, it is humbly suggested, lead to more fruitful results than vague censures of public representatives who give much time and consideration (an unpaid service) to the Sisyphean task of meeting increasing demands from restricted resources.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council I desire once again to express my sincere appreciation of the guidance and assistance always available in endeavouring to solve so many municipal problems and this affords one the opportunity of expressing the sincere hope that the Chairman, Mr. E. E. Byrne, may soon be restored to health.

All members of the Council staff, both indoor and outdoor, gave diligent service during the past year. For the preparation of these Estimates valuable help has been given by the Town Clerk (Mr. McCarthy) and Town Engineer (Mr. Healy). But it is only fitting

that special mention be made of the Accountant (Mr. McDonnell) who keeps the accounting records with great care, and devotes so much thought and zeal to the state of the Council's finances.

M. FLANNERY,
Wicklow County Manager.

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st DAY OF MARCH, 1950.
EXPENDITURE

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
URBAN ROADS		
ORDINARY ROAD WORKS.		
Urban Roads Maintenance—Wages	1,089	
—Materials, Cartage & Tools	600	
Repairs to Footpaths	150	
Road Signs, Tools, etc.	50	
Road Side Tree Planting	50	
Special Grant Works (Council's Contribution)	300	
Salaries (Surveyor & Overseer part)	476	
Salaries (Storekeeper one-half)	265	
Clothing (Workmen)	53	
Superannuation—Former Overseer (one-fourth)	43	
LOAN CHARGES		
1947 Meath & Sidmonton Rd. Reconstruction (C.P.W.)	557	
1949 Meath & Sidmonton Rds. Reconstruction (do.)	185	
1948 Florence Road Reconstruction (C.P.W.)	429	
1952 Church Road Reconstruction	251	
1952 Reconstruction — Seapoint Road, Novara Av., Herbert Road, etc.	1,519	
1955 Strand Road, Eglinton Road, etc.	519	
1956 St. Kevin's Sq., Seymour Rd., Galtrim Rd., Wyndham Park & Connolly Sq.	509	
1956 Herbert Rd., St. Laurence's Tce. & Dock Tce. (half-year)	180	
	<u>£7,225</u>	

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
SANITARY SERVICES		
Sewer—Wages	801	
do. —Clothing (Workmen)	36	
do. —Materials	200	
do. —Superannuation (Workmen)	47	
Cleaning Cockbrook	50	
Waterworks—Salaries	1,081	
do. —Wages	923	
do. —Clothing—Workmen	36	
do. —Materials	200	
do. —Dublin Corporation for supply @ 2.88d. @ 8d.	3,300	
Scavenging—Domestic Refuse Collection	245	
do. —Wages	1,513	
do. —Wages (Street cleaning)	2,708	
do. —Clothing—Workmen	139	
do. —Tools, brushes, etc.	50	
do. —Superannuation—workmen	305	
do. —Fuel, Maintenance, etc., Refuse Vehicle (No. 1)	400	
do. —Fuel, Maintenance, etc., Refuse Vehicle (No. 2)	250	
do. —Repairs to Handcart	25	
Municipal Baths—Erection of timber decking & repairs	150	
Cove Swimming Pool—Repairs	25	
Cove Swimming Pool—Cleaning	75	
Water Safety — Contribution towards I.R.C.S.	25	
Public Lighting	2,620	
Salaries—(Surveyor & Overseer — part)	476	
Superannuation — (Former Overseer — part)	43	
Salaries—Storekeeper—part	265	
Other Sanitary Expenses	20	
Repairs to Public Conveniences	50	
Painting Litter Boxes	40	
LOAN CHARGES		
1939 Public Health—General (C.P.W.)	116	
1947 Watermains — Herbert & Vevay Roads (C.P.W.)	98	
1949 Sewers & Watermains — Meath & Meath and Sidmonton Roads (C.P.W.)	245	

	Estimated by Manager	Ad. pted by Council
1951 Miscellaneous 4" Watermains (Treas.) Scheme No. 1 purchase	149	
1951 Laying of Watermains—Church Rd., etc. (Scheme No. 1) (C.P.W.)	212	
1952 Purchase of additional Watermains (Scheme No. 2)	357	
1952 Relaying of Watermains (Scheme No. 2) (C.P.W.)	296	
1955 Relaying of Watermains (Scheme No. 3) (Treas.)	283	
1956 Seafront Improvement Scheme— Shelter, Sanitary Conveniences (half- year)	160	
1956 Sea Front Improvement Scheme— Cove Pools, etc. (part charge) ...	80	
1956 New Sanitary Convenience People's Park and Town Hall (part charge)	150	
1955 Refuse Collection, etc., Lorry (Treasurer)	248	
1955 Sea Wall Repairs (Treasurer) ...	555	
	19,047	

HOUSING

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES

Maintenance and Repairs	1,500
Salaries—Surveyor & Overseer—part ...	465
do. —Clerical staff	594
Superannuation—Former Overseer (one fourth)	43
Rent Collectors' Commission	1,234
Rates on Council Houses	7,592
do. at Old Connaught (Co. Dublin	2,891
do. do. (Bray U.D.)	1,073
Insurance	380
Clearing of Derelict Sites	100
Old Conna—Resurfacing of Laneway ...	75

LOAN CHARGES

1931 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver)	1,194
1933 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver)	912
1936 Wolfe Tone Sq., & Kilmainham Park (C.P.W.)	6,185
1936 do. do.	1,086
1937 Little Bray Housing Development (C.P.W.)	543

1939 do. do.	121
1949 3½% Conversion Stock	1,987
1947 Dublin Rd., etc., 91 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.)	2,491
1949 do. do.	541
1950 do. do.	287
1951 do. do.	79
1949 Pollard's Tce. Acquisition	68
1949 Greenpark Tce., Vevay Rd., & Dargle Rd., 18 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.) Direct Labour	523
1951 do. do.	69
1950 Fairgreen Tce., St. Peter's Tce., etc. 29 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.) Direct Labour	858
1952 do. do.	52
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme— Acquisition of Land (Treasurer) ...	111
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme De- velopment (C.P.W.)	244
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme— Erection (C.P.W.)	1,070
1952 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme— Erection (C.P.W.)	174
1951 Old Conna Scheme—Acquisition of land (Palermo)	325
1954 Old Conna Scheme—Acquisition of land (Dublin Rd.)	117
1952 Old Conna Scheme—Development of land	1,343
1952 Old Conna Scheme—Erection of 48 Houses	3,134
1953 Old Conna Scheme—Erection of 94 houses (part)	6,771
1954 Old Conna Scheme—Erection of 36 houses Dublin Road (part) ...	2,219
1951 Acquisition of Dock Tce. (Treas.)	150
1957 Chapel Lane Scheme, etc.—14 houses (C.P.W.) (part)	120
1955 Acquisition of houses at Maitland St. (C.P.W.)	187
1955 Children's Playground at Boghall Rd. (part charge)	120

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQ.) ACTS

LOAN CHARGES

1936 C. Public Works Loan	985
1949 C. Public Works Loan	1,442
1950 C. Public Works Loan	1,442

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
1951 C. Public Works Loan	1,922	
1952 C. Public Works Loan	2,410	
53 C. Public Works Loan	2,864	
1956 C. Public Works Loan	343	
	<u>60,436</u>	

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

Town Hall Expenses—Lighting & Heating	400
do. —Repairs, re-wiring	150
Tourist Development	300
Public Library Salaries (Librarian & Assistants)	1,476
do. Wages	52
do. Books, Binding, etc.	725
do. do. (Juvenile Section)	525
do. Loan Charges	236
do. Heating & Lighting	120
do. Repairs & Maintenance	10
do. Office Expenses—Stationery, Postage & Telephone, etc.	100
do. Purchase of Paintings	50
Vocational Education—Demand	2,438
do. Superannuation	60
Public Parks & Esplanade—Wages	1,578
do. —Clothing (workmen)	25
do. —Materials & Petrol	100
Esplanade—New Litter Baskets	50
do. —Sodding, Seeds, Manure	100
do. —Repairs to Seats	150
do. —Strip Lighting	210
do. —Life Buoys	40
do. —Repairs to Footpaths	100
do. —Replacement of Railings	200
do. —Painting of Railings and Seats	500
Bray Head—Repairs to Fences and Walls	25
An Tostal—Flood lighting, Flower Baskets, etc.	150
Markets & Weighbridge—Salary of Weighmaster	360
do. Repairs	10
do. Rent	15
Band Performances	400

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Milk and Dairies Acts	10	
School Meals—Cost of Food	1,150	
do. —Cost of administration	345	
Salaries	3,129	
do. —Surveyor & Overseer (part)	476	
Rate Collector's Commission	840	
Superannuation—Former Overseer (part)	43	
Legal Expenses	250	
Audit Expenses	100	

£16,998

Printing, Stationery & Advertising	650
Office Expenses—Postage & Telephones	230
Preparation of Rate Books, etc.	65
Rent—Rates & Taxes	208
Insurances (Fire, E.L., P.L., & F.G.)	505
Discount on Rates	125
Refund & Irrecoverable Rates	250
Fuel Scheme—Cost of Turf, etc.	2,150
Fuel Scheme—Administration (printing, etc)	40
Bank Interest	50
Miscellaneous	50
Civil Defence	150

HARBOUR CHARGES

Superannuation of Harbour Master	215
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LOAN CHARGES—GENERAL PURPOSES

1932 Vocational Education (C.P.W.)	228
1943 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.)	275
1947 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.)	20
1947 Car Park (C.P.W.)	212
1950 Town Hall Alterations & Repairs (Treasurer)	146
1953 Esplanade Improvements (Treas.)	305
1954 New Stores (Treas.)	179
1955 Preparation of Town Planning Scheme (Treas.)	238
1957 Town Hall Repairs (Treas.) (part)	200

COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES

Main Roads	8,942
Public Assistance	2,188

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Mental Hospitals	6,236	
Health Services	20,020	
General Purposes (County)	3,815	
Separate Purposes (Fire Brigade)	1,460	
Separate Charges—Malicious Injuries	29	
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE LEVY		
£50,574, P.L.V. @ 9d. in the £1 (1933		1,897
& 1940 U.A. Acts)		
		<u>£68,076</u>

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

RECEIPTS

					Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
ROADS						
State Grant—Estate Duty Grant	...				75	
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	75	
					<hr/> 150	

SANITARY SERVICES

SANITARY SERVICES			
Recoupment Loan Charges on Water-			
mains State Grant Scheme No. 1...			137
Scheme No. 2...			248
Scheme No. 3...			107
Sewer Connections	...	...	50
Water Connections	...	...	300
Water Rents	...	...	900
Sanitary Conveniences	...	...	200
Sewer Rents—Dublin Road	...	...	80
			<hr/> 2,022

HOUSING

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES		
Housing Subsidy—Little Bray Scheme...		910
do. Wolfe Tone Sq. & Cillman-		
tain Park	3,710	
do. Dublin Rd., Castle St., etc.	501	
do. 29 Houses Scheme	54	
do. 18 Houses Scheme... ..	88	
do. 48 Houses Scheme	1,080	
do. 94 Houses Scheme	3,200	
do. 36 Houses Scheme	867	
do. Contribution to Interest		
Rate 91 Houses	460	
do. Contribution to Interest		
Rate 29 Houses	112	
do. Contribution to Interest		
Rate 18 Houses	69	
do. Contribution to Interest		
Rate 48 Houses	1,232	
Housing Grant—1908 Act	31	
Rents (Inc. of Rates)	14,255	

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Rents (Inc. of Rates) Old Conna Park...	11,447	
Purchase Annuities (Old Schemes) ...	2,642	
Purchase Annuities & Rates—Scott Park Scheme ...	2,052	
Ground Rents ...	624	

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Repayments by Borrowers (old Loans)...	950
Repayments by Borrowers (New Loans)	10,458

£54,742GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES
STATE GRANTS

Bounty in lieu of Rates ...	497
School Meals ...	575
Fuel Scheme ...	1,828
Loan Charges on Vocational School ...	114
Civil Defence ...	90

OTHER RECEIPTS

Fair Green House Letting ...	20
Markets & and Town Hall Lettings ...	50
Dividend on Shelter Fund ...	10
Site No. 1 (Scenic Railway) ...	100
Site No. 3 (Putting Green) ...	233
Site No. 4 (Concert Parties) ...	10
Licence for Children's Amusements ...	200
Chair Licence ...	40
Kiosks—Esplanade ...	700
Weighing Machines ...	40
Photographic Licence ...	10
Fuel Scheme—payments by recipients & recoupment from County Council...	322
Public Library—Registration Fees, etc...	300
Annuity—Sec. 11 E.S.B. Act, 1930— Mill Lane Premises ...	175
Miscellaneous ...	350
Sale of Oysters ...	20
Advertisements—Litter Boxes ...	38

£5,724

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Estimate of expenses and determination of the Rates in the pound
for the local financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1958.TABLE A
EXPENDITURE

Service	Purpose of Expenditure	Amount Estimated	
		Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Urban Roads—	Ordinary road works ...	6,925	6,925
	—Special Grant works ...	300	300
Total ...		7,225	7,225
Sanitary Services—	Sanitary Services ...	19,047	19,022
Total ...		19,047	19,022
Housing—	Housing of the working classes	49,028	49,028
	—Local Assistance Schemes ...		
	—Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts ...	11,408	11,408
Total ...		60,436	60,436
General Urban Purposes			
County Council Services			
Main Roads—	Main Roads ...	8,942	8,942
Public Assistance—	Public Assistance ...	2,188	2,188
Mental Hospital—	Mental Hospital ...	6,236	6,236
Health (County)—	Health (County) ...	20,020	20,020
General Purposes (Co.)—	General Purposes (County) ...	3,815	3,815
Separate Charges—	Separate Charges ...	29	29
do. Fire Brigade (County).	do. Fire Brigade (County) ...	1,460	1,460
Unemployment Assistance—	Unemploy- ment Assistance ...	1,897	1,897
Other Urban Purposes—	Public Libraries	3,294	3,294
do. Tourist Development	do. Tourist Development ...	300	300
do. Town & Regional Planning	do. Town & Regional Planning ...		
Vocational Education	Vocational Education ...	2,498	2,498
Other purposes	Other purposes ...	17,397	16,997
Materials expense (balance)	Materials expense (balance) ...		
Machinery expense (balance)	Machinery expense (balance) ...		
Total ...		£68,076	£67,676

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TABLE B
RECEIPTS

Service	Purpose of Expenditure	Amount Estimated	
		Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Urban Roads — State Grants—Estate Duty	(to be specified)	75	75
	Other Receipts (Miscellaneous)	75	75
Total		150	150
Sanitary—State Grants (Watermains)	(to be specified)	492	492
	Other Receipts (Miscellaneous)	1,530	1,530
Total		2,022	2,022
Housing—Housing of the working classes:			
Rents		31,020	31,020
State Grants		12,314	12,314
Other Receipts			
Local Assistance Schemes			
Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts		11,408	11,408
Total		54,742	54,742
General Urban Purposes—State Grants (Bounty in lieu of Rates)		497	497
Other Receipts		5,277	5,277
Materials expense (balance)			
Machinery expense (balance)			
Total		5,724	5,724

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1957-'58.

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Net Expenditure
Roads	7,225	150	7,075
Sanitary Services	19,047	2,022	17,025
Housing Services	60,436	54,742	5,694
General Urban Purposes	68,076	5,724	62,352
	£154,784	£62,638	£92,146

The net requirements to be met from rate Levy as above are £92,146. Credits of £624 are available, which can be applied to reduce the amount to be raised by Rate Levy in the year 1957-'58 to £91,522.

Municipal Rate of 1d. in £1 produces £212 7s. 0d.

Rate in the £1 to meet the net expenditure of £91,522 is 35s. 11d.

URBAN ROADS

The estimate, as presented, was passed — a proposition by Clr. Dempsey that a sum of £50 for roadside tree planting be deleted having been defeated by seven votes to five. A proposition by Clr. Dempsey that no new road works be carried out this year was defeated by nine votes to three.

SANITARY SERVICES

The estimate for Sanitary Services was amended as follows:

Repairs to Cove Swimming Pools—£25—deleted

It was decided to ask the Irish Tourist Association Officials to a Conference with the Council to discuss the erection of a kiosk for Tourist information.

A proposition by Clr. Stuart that the Tourist Association contribution of £300 be reduced to £200 was defeated by eight votes to four.

HOUSING

The estimate presented under this heading was adopted. The Manager, however, was asked by the Council to examine (1) the question of raising rents when new tenancies were being granted, and (2) effecting a sale of the houses to the tenants.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

The estimate under this heading was adopted with the following amendments, viz., a sum of £150 for An Tostal was deleted and it was decided to reduce the Engineer's estimate for painting from £500 to £250. It was agreed that £250 should be again expended in the next financial year under this heading. During discussion of this heading, tributes were paid to Miss O'Byrne and the Library Committee for their excellent management of the Library. The Town Clerk however, was asked to go into the question of the feasibility of increasing the charge for membership of the Library.

Mr. M. O'Toole suggested that strip lighting might be placed on the kiosks. It was agreed that the Engineer examine this matter and bring it before the Council at a future date.

The following Tables indicate the net effect of the amendments and provision for the various services.

	Estimated by Manager		Adopted by Council	
	Gross Expenditure	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Net Expenditure
Roads	7,225	7,075	7,225	7,075
Sanitary Services..	19,047	17,025	19,022	17,000
Housing Services..	60,436	5,694	60,436	5,694
General Urban Purposes.	68,076	62,352	67,676	61,592
	£154,784	£92,146	£154,359	£91,721

Proposed, by Mr. D. Sayers; seconded, by Mr. H. B. Hipwell:—

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A, B and C, and determine, in accordance with the said amended Estimate of Rate set forth in Column 8 of Table C, to be rate in the £ to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said Estimate (as amended) for the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1958, to be 35s. 9d. in the £1."

The Council congratulated the Manager on the manner in which he had presented the Estimates, and paid tribute to him and the staff, both indoor and outdoor, for the careful way in which the finances of the Council had been administered during the past year. Several of the members commented adversely on statements made in a recent issue of the "Sunday Dispatch" by certain persons in the town. Special mention was made on the creditable manner in which the "Wicklow People" newspaper reported the affairs of the Council, and, in particular, the Estimates statement.

Edward Byrne
9/4/57

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.



Minutes of Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 9th April, 1957, at 7.30 p.m.:

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:

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

OFFICIALS:

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

797. Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 12th March, 1957, which had been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

County Manager's Orders.

798. The Co. Manager's Orders No. 8167 to 8175 were noted.

Special Meeting—Town Planning Acts and An Bord Fáilte Grants.

799. It was decided that above Meeting be held on Tuesday, 16th April, 1957.

Sanitary Conveniences—People's Park and Town Hall.

800. Having heard the report from the Town Engineer, the Council recommended that the contract for above be given to the lowest Tenderer, viz., John Lynch, 20 Vesey Place, Dun Laoire, with a recommendation that he furnishes a Bond within a reasonable time.

Edward Byrne
14/5/57

Closing of Loans and Transferring Balances.

801. On the proposition of Clr. Dr. Donnelly, seconded by Clr. Sayers, the following loans were closed by transferring of balances, viz.:

Acquisition of Dock Tce.
Development of northern Esplanade.
Acquisition of 19 houses in Maitland St.
Purchase of Tipper Lorry.
Relaying watermains—No. 3 Scheme.
Roadworks Scheme, 1956-'57.

Café and Shelter at Bray Head—Location of Site.

802. After discussion on three sites surveyed by Members of the Council and a fourth site offered by Mr. Quinn at the foot of the Aerial Ropeway, the Council, on the proposition of Clr. D. Sayers, seconded by Clr. Byrne, decided to select No. 3 Site, i.e., the old Amusement site. It was further recommended in this connection that the County Manager take up with Coras Iompair Éireann, the question of the proportion to be paid to that Body of any income to the Council from the site and to urge that this stipulation in the Lease not be insisted upon until such time as the Loan Charges on the proposed erection have been paid off.

Civil Defence Recruitment.

803. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that in response to an advertisement and through the good offices of one of the Councillors he had received eight recruits. The question of holding a Public Meeting to stimulate recruiting was deferred to the May meeting of the Council. The Town Clerk also informed the Meeting that the Knights of Malta and Red Cross had promised all co-operation in this matter.

Decentralisation of University Education.

804. The Council adopted a resolution from Wicklow County Council calling for decentralisation of University education with the following Members dissenting, viz., Clrs. P. Dempsey, Dr. Donnelly and P. Savage.

Dressing Rooms at People's Park.

805. Application from Palermo United Football Club to use the above rooms was acceded to on condition that the Wicklow Junior League had no objection.

Town Planning Acts—Extension at Ravenswell Convent.

806. Application submitted from Messrs. Buckley & Ryan, Architect, for extension to classrooms, etc., at Ravenswell Convent. Order: Recommend permission be granted.

Town Planning Acts—2 Semi-detached Houses at Quinn's Estate.

807. Application from Mr. S. McCarthy, Newcourt Road, to erect two semi-detached houses on Sites 1 & 2 Quinn's Estate, in accordance with permission already granted by the Council. Order: Recommend permission be granted.

Town Planning Acts—Lean-to Office at Vevay Road.

808. Application from Mr. A. Bailey to erect a lean-to office at Vevay Road for Mr. A. Bailey. Order: Recommend permission be granted on condition that extra ventilation be provided either by windows or a greater opening area of windows.

Town Planning Acts—Potting Shed at Killarney Road.

809. Application from Messrs. Byrne Bros. for Potting Shed at Killarney Road was adjourned pending receipt of views of County Council thereon.

Tenancy of 34 Wolfe Tone Square East.

810. The following names were submitted by the County M.O.H. for filling of above vacancy, viz.:

Michael Kelly, 51 Main Street.
Edward O'Toole, 12 St. Laurence's Terrace.
Mary Kelly, 18 Wolfe Tone Square West.

After discussion on the submission the Council recommended, on the proposition of Clr. Dr. Donnelly, that the house be allocated to Mary Kelly, 18 Wolfe Tone Square West.

Tenancy of 25 Maitland Street.

811. The County M.O.H. recommended that Michael O'Connor, 12 Dock Terrace, be appointed tenant of this house. On the proposition of Clr. P. Savage, seconded by Clr. H. Hipwell, the Meeting concurred with the recommendation.

Tenancy of 28 Ledwidge Crescent.

812. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the impediment to the housing of Mrs. Crinion and her mother-in-law, Mrs. McLoughlin, had now been removed as the Landlord had signed an agreement not to re-let the houses in their present condition.

Draft Mortgage—Sanitary Conveniences and Shelter at Boghall Road—£1,500.

813. On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. T. Byrne, the Council approved of the above Mortgage.

Gaming and Lotteries Act—Irish Amusements, Ltd.

814. The Council recorded no objection to the granting of a Licence under the above Act to Irish Amusements, Ltd., and heard from Health Officer and County Fire Officer that they had no objection.

Tenders for Sites at Esplanade.

815. The following Tenders were received, viz.:

Putting Green: Patrick Mooney, 6 Seapoint Tce., £210 (only Tender).

Deck Chairs: Patrick Mooney, 6 Seapoint Tce., £40 (only Tender).

Photographic Licence: J. Brennan, 4 Prince of Wales Tce., £10.

Weighing Machines: British Automatic Co., 36A North Great George's Street (8 machines), £40.

The Council recommended the above Tenders be accepted. One Tender, that of Mr. T. J. Moloney, 10 Ashdale Gardens, Terenure, in the sum of £25 for Children's Ride on the Esplanade, was not accepted.

Public Lighting.

816. On the proposition of Clr. D. Sayers, it was agreed to have the E.S. Board extend the lighting to 2 a.m. on Easter Sunday morning.

John Byrne
14/5/57

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 16th April, 1957, at 7.30 p.m.:

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:

E. Byrne (Chairman)
Mrs. M. Ledwidge
J. O'Toole, T.D.
T. Byrne
H. B. Hipwell
P. Dempsey
M. O'Toole

OFFICIALS:

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

Apo'logies for inability to attend were received from Clrs. G. H. G. Stuart D. Sayers and C. Doyle.

Tenancy of 15 St. Peter's Road.

817. The Council considered recommendation from County M.O.H. that Laurence Byrne 35 Maitland Street (husband, wife and 4 children), be transferred to 15 St. Peter's Road; and Edward O'Toole 12 St. Laurence's Tce. (husband, wife and one child), be granted the tenancy of 35 Maitland Street. The Chairman, Clr. E. Byrne dissented from the latter proposal and the Members expressed a wish that in future more than one name be submitted by the County M.O.H. for the filling of casual vacancies.

S.D.A. Acts—Savage to McKenna.

818. On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. P. Dempsey, it was decided to recommend that the application of Mr. W. D. McKenna to take over the interest in a loan of £1,350 made

to Mr. W. Savage in respect of St. Judes, Newcourt Road, be acceded to on the condition that he produce proof that he is to be married in the near future.

Strip Lighting.

819. The Town Engineer informed the Council that it would cost £50 extra to provide strip lighting on the kiosks. The Meeting decided to have the lights on the kiosks, and on the proposal of Cllr. M. O'Toole, seconded by Mrs. Ledwidge, it was agreed to vote excess expenditure in the sum of £50 under this heading.

Town Planning Acts—Outhouse at 10 Kilmantain Place.

820. Application from Mr. John Harpur, 10 Kilmantain, Bray, for permission to erect a shed at his premises. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted subject to an Undertaking that it would not be used for human habitation. Order: The Council recommended permission be granted in accordance with the Town Engineer's report.

Draft Town Planning Scheme.

821. The Council resumed consideration of Town Planner's proposals (See Meeting of 22nd January, 1957).

(5) **Areas of Restricted Development:** The undermentioned areas of restricted development as proposed by the Town Planner were agreed, viz.:

- (a) Ravenswell Convent Grounds.
- (b) Bray Golf Links.
- (c) Carlisle Grounds.
- (d) G.A.A. Grounds, Novara Road.
- (e) Plot of ground at junction of Galtrim Road and Novara Ave., at present used as Tennis Courts.
- (f) Plot of ground at French School.
- (g) Ground at Sidmonton Square.
- (h) Ground at Meath Road (Aravon School).
- (i) Ground between Meath and Sidmonton Roads (Playing Field—Aravon School).
- (j) Ground of Loreto School.
- (k) Grounds—Presentation College.
- (l) Tennis Grounds—Vevay Road.

Map "B" Showing zoning proposals:

- (a) General business areas shaded blue—Agreed.
- (b) Areas shaded red—shopping frontages—Agreed.
- (c) Areas in purple reserved for Industry agreed but recom-

mendation that Town Planner also include (1) Richmond Hill area, (2) the area on Dublin Road at the Sandpit, (3) Gas Works Field, except a strip along the Dargle Bank sufficiently wide to allow a River Walk.

- (d) Residential hotel area mainly along front, scarlet on-map—Agreed.
- (e) Public Open Spaces coloured green and cross lined. Agreed with the following modifications—Lord Meath's Field immediately outside the boundary on Vevay Road to be omitted from Plan. Town Planner to be asked to consider low density building for the area from Fiddler's Bridge to the end of Newcourt Road instead of holding same as a Public Open Space.
- (f) Private Open Spaces shown in green—Agreed.
- (g) Housing density Zone "A"—Council Schemes, Little Bray generally—dark brown—"A"—Agreed.
- (h) Housing—Zone "B"—orange, includes bulk of semi-detached houses—Agreed, except sandpit area in Dublin Road.
- (i) Housing density Zone "C"—yellow—larger type houses on their own grounds—Agreed.
- (j) Housing under one to the acre—Agreed.
- (k) Property owned by Statutory Undertakings—dark green—Agreed.
- (l) Cemeteries—green, with yellow stripes—Agreed.

Boundary Extension:

- (a) Extension to which sanction is awaited—Agreed.
- (b) Boundary extension on Dublin Road including Solus Teoranta factory. The Council felt that it would be extremely unlikely that such extension could be carried through.
- (c) Boundary extension—Lord Meath's Field on Vevay Road. The Council decided to omit this from the Draft Plan.

Open Spaces.

- (1) No decision was taken on utilisation of proposed open space on the southern boundary of the Town—Fiddler's Bridge, Boghall area.
- (2) **Conference and Concert Hall:** The Council agreed that Barry's Field—also known as the Belgian Field—was the most suitable site for such a building.
- (3) **Bus Station:** It was agreed that the present Station Yard was adequate for the purpose.

Arising out of discussion on Town Planning Scheme the Town Clerk was directed to write to Comas Iompair Eireann regarding the condition of Albert Walk.

Bord Failte Grants.

822. The County Manager read for the Meeting a Memorandum submitted by him to Secretary, Bord Failte Eireann, on 30th October last, sitting out several projects which the Council had in mind for the Town of Bray and for which Grants might be obtainable from An Bord Failte. The Meeting approved of the terms of the letter. Arising out of a discussion thereon the Members made suggestions regarding:

- (1) Flowers on the Esplanade set into containers;
- (2) The planting of shrubs on the bank at Bray Head.

The County Manager agreed to have these matters examined.

Edward Byrne
14/5/57

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Rates Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council, held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 14th May, 1957, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:**COUNCILLORS:**

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

OFFICIALS:

Wicklow Co. Manager;
(Mr. M. Flannery).
Town Clerk
(Mr. D. F. McCarthy)
Town Engineer,
(Mr. M. Healy)
Accountant
(Mr. J. P. McDonnell).
Rate Collector
(Mr. P. J. Murray)

An apology for inability to attend was received from Clr. J. O'Toole, T.D.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

823 Minutes of Estimates Meeting of 2nd April, 1957 was confirmed

STRIKING OF RATE.

824. Proposed by Clr. Dr. Donnelly, seconded by Clr. P. Dempsey, and resolved: "That we the Bray Urban District Council hereby make a Municipal Rate of 35s. 9d. in the £1 to be levied in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1958, the said rate to be collected in two moieties, the first moiety and arrears on and after 14th May, 1957, and the second moiety on and after 1st October, 1957, and that the Rate Book be signed and sealed accordingly." *R.*

SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES

825. The Council having examined the Schedule of uncollected rates for the year ended 31st March, 1957, i.e. £2 961 19s. 1d., recommended that sums totalling £186 1s. 0d. be declared irrecoverable and that the balance, £2,775 18s. 1d., be carried forward to the Warrant for the year ending 31st March, 1958, the Rate Collectors Warrant was accordingly signed and sealed.

Edward Byrne
11/6/57

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council, held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 14th May, 1957, at the conclusion of the Rates' Meeting.

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:

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

OFFICIALS:

Wicklow Co. Manager;
(Mr. M. Flannery).
Town Clerk
(Mr. D. F. McCarthy)
Town Engineer,
(Mr. M. Healy)

An apology for inability to attend was received from Clr. J. O'Toole, T.D.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

826. Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 9th April and of Special Meeting of 16th April, 1957, which had been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

827. The County Manager's Orders as circulated, No. 8176 to 8185, were noted.

NOTICE OF MOTION—HARBOUR.

828. In the absence of Clr. J. O'Toole a notice of motion re Harbour repairs standing in his name was not proceeded with.

TOWN HALL—DRY ROT—MORTGAGE £3,000.

829. On the proposition of Clr. T. Byrne, seconded by Clr. C. Doyle, the Mortgage on above loan was approved.

ANNUAL MEETING.

830. It was decided to hold the Annual Meeting of the Council on Tuesday, 25th June.

TOURIST BUREAU.

831. Messrs. J. Groome and J. Fitzpatrick, of the Irish Tourist Association, attended the Meeting to discuss the position re above. After a general exchange of views, during which some of the Members were of the opinion that a Bureau should be located on or near the seafront and all were of the opinion that the present information service should have better sign-posting, and after Messrs. Groome and Fitzpatrick had spoken stating that they were most anxious to comply with the wishes of the Council within the limits of their rather restricted finances, it was decided to leave the present service stand; but, however, it was urged that sign-posts be erected as soon as possible indicating its location. It was also decided to have a Notice erected in the Town Hall setting out the location of the Bureau.

KIOSK ON SEA FRONT.

832. Messrs. Scraggs were granted permission to place a kiosk on the seafront for the Summer Season for a charge of £5.

HOUSING.

833. The Town Clerk reported that of 34 applications for housing received for the year ended 31st March, 1957, only eight were in any way in need of consideration. He further reported that the Health Inspector had surveyed the main list and found the position as follows:

Rehoused by Council during the past year	...	13
Left the Town	...	48
Not in urgent need of rehousing	...	99
In need of housing	...	23
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CIVIL DEFENCE PROGRAMME.

834. It was decided to adjourn this item to the June Meeting.

NEWLY APPOINTED TENANTS—DEPOSIT.

835. The Council discussed the fact that in houses recently vacated there had been evidence of unfair wear and tear; and the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that it was not unusual to find tenants not paying rent for a few weeks before they gave up possession of the houses. It was decided, therefore, on the proposition of Clr. T. Byrne, seconded by Clr. P. Dempsey, to seek a deposit of £3 from newly appointed tenants.

LOAN £3,500—LAND AT OLD CONNA.

836. On the proposition of Clr. H. B. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. D. Sayers, it was decided to raise a loan of £3,500 for purchase of land at Old Conna in connection with the Ledwidge Crescent Scheme.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

837. On the proposition of Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge, seconded by Clr. T. Byrne, it was decided to seek the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the raising by the Council of overdraft accommodation from Council's Treasurer in a sum not to exceed £20,000 for the period ending 31st July, 1957.

RESURFACING OF ROADS—LOAN £2,500.

838. On the proposition of Clr. D. Sayers, seconded by Clr. Dr. Donnelly, it was decided to seek sanction to the raising by the Council of a Loan of £2,500 for the resurfacing of roads—Dock Terrace, St. Laurence's Tce., and Herbert Road.

On the proposition of Clr. Dr. Donnelly, seconded by Clr. D. Sayers, it was decided to seek a Grant from the Department for the carrying out of further work on footpaths and roads and to inform them of the rather large capital sums which had been spent by the Council in recent years on works of this nature.

PEDALO WATERCRAFT.

839. The Chairman recommended it was best not to read a letter from Mr. R. J. Merlihan re Pedalo Watercraft.

AMUSEMENTS SITE AT ESPLANADE.

A letter was read from Mr. T. J. Moloney, Ashdale Gardens, Tere-nure, offering £50 for Amusement site at Esplanade. The Engineer recommended that the offer not be accepted and the Council concurred with the recommendation.

SHRUBS ON ESPLANADE.

841. A letter was read from Marlfield Nurseries stating that they would be glad to supply about one dozen shrubs set in tubs for the Esplanade for a limited period this year. The Council expressed their gratitude for the public-spirited manner in which this firm had met their request.

HUTS AT HARBOUR.

842. The Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. J. Nolan and seven others protesting against the letting of these huts and claiming that they should be placed at the disposal of the writers. After a discussion it was decided to open the five tenders received, which were as follows:

V. Cranley, 65 Wolfe Tone Sq., W.	£2 10 0	for one hut
J. Farrelly, Avera, Esplanade.	£2 10 0	for one hut
James Naylor, Clare Cottage, Strand Rd.	£1 0 0	for one hut
G. Newell, Wyke, Westfield Park	£5 10 0	
J. Salmon, 42 Wolfe Tone Sq., South	£6 0 0	

It was decided to rent the huts to the two highest tenderers—the highest receiving his choice of the huts.

25-30 VEVAY ROAD.

843. The above matter was adjourned to the next meeting.

SMALL DWELLING ANNUITANTS.

844. The Town Clerk reported to the Council that certain annuitants had not paid the annuities on the due date, viz., 1st April. It was decided to take legal action where necessary. A similar decision was taken on a report by the Town Clerk on other annuitants who had not given evidence of having paid their Ground Rent.

36 CASTLE STREET—PURCHASE OF

845. The Town Clerk informed the Council that the owners were seeking £300 for the above houses and that the Council had offered £100. It was recommended that the offer of £100 be increased to £125.

HARBOUR CRANE.

846. The Town Engineer reported that the Crane was now only fit for sale as scrap and recommended that it be so disposed of. He also recommended that the following items be disposed of, viz.:

4 large iron skips.
1 old iron grab.

The recommendations were agreed to.

GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT.

847. Application from Messrs. Dawsons Amusements under above Act. No objection was raised to the granting of the Licence.

WOLFE TONE SQ., SOUTH.

848. The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of above house was not keeping it in proper condition, and further that the man was very old and unable to care for himself properly, and that his relatives were anxious that he be removed to a Home. It was decided that Notice to Quit be issued, but that it not be acted upon pending a further discussion in the matter, if same were necessary.

Donegan J. Doyle
11/12/57

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of adjourned Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council, held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 21st May, 1957, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:

E. Byrne (Chairman)
F. Byrne
Mrs. M. Ledwidge
P. Savage
C. Doyle
G. H. C. Stuart
P. Dempsey
D. Sayers
Dr. Donnelly
M. O' Toole
H. B. Hipwell

OFFICIALS:

Wicklow Co. Manager;
(Mr. M. Flannery).
Mr. J. P. McDonnell,
A/Town Clerk,
Town Engineer,
(Mr. M. Healy)

An apology for inability to attend was received from Clr. J. O'Toole, T.D.

25-30 VEVAY ROAD.

849. The Council considered an application from Mrs. A. Butler, Solicitor, seeking consent of the Council to assignment of Lease in above, and report from the County Manager thereon. It was decided to obtain the advice of Council's Solicitors.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SUPERANNUATION) ACTS, 1948-56—REGISTER OF ESTABLISHED SERVANTS.

850. Proposed by Clr. D. Sayers, seconded by Clr. Dr. Donnelly, and resolved: "That the number of established servants on the Register maintained under the above Acts be fixed at 22."

BREAKAGES OF W.C. PANS IN COUNCIL HOUSES.

851. The Council having considered reports submitted by Town Engineer and Water Inspector, decided that tenants be circularised and informed that extra care should be taken to avoid further

breakages and if any parts of w.c. pans are worn they should report immediately to have repairs carried out. It was also decided to include in circular that tenants would be liable for cost of repairing any damage wilfully caused to Council property.

GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT.

852. The Council having heard reports from the County Fire Officer and Health Inspector on application from Mr. J. P. Cooke for Certificate under the above Acts in respect of the premises 100 Albert Walk, Bray, decided to recommend that permission be granted provided that slot machines included in form of Notice, be excluded and subject to compliance with County Fire Officer's condition that one two gallon soda acid fire extinguisher be installed and main door kept open during all times the public are on the premises.

GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT, 1956—SLOT MACHINES.

853. The Council considered application from Messrs. Dawson Amusements for permission to include the use of 15 slot machines at the premises at Strand Road. After discussion it was proposed by Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. Stuart, and resolved: "That the Council consider that Licences for Gaming in premises, under the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956, should not permit the use of slot machines." Permission was refused.

TENANCY TRANSFERS.

854. The following tenancy transfers were recommended, viz.:
68 Wolfe Tone Sq., West—Reps. Matthew Brien.
3 St. Patrick's Square—Reps. Thos. Carroll to Mrs. Mary Treacy.

77 O'BYRNE ROAD.

855. Submitted letter from Council's Solicitors stating that the District Justice adjourned the case, Council v. Catherine Forde, to ascertain if Council were prepared to accept Undertaking from tenant that she would reside in the house. Report from Town Clerk indicating that the house was still unoccupied. Having carefully considered this case, it was recommended that Council adhere to the previous decision of the County Manager.

TENDERS FOR HOUSING REPAIRS.

856. The Council opened the only tender received for housing repairs for one year from 1st June, 1957, viz.: that of Messrs. McNulty Bros., 9 Railway Road, Dalkey, at net schedule prices. Recommended from Town Engineer that the Tender be accepted. The Council concurred with the recommendation.

TENDERS FOR STRIP LIGHTING.

857. Two Tenders were received for erection and maintenance of strip lighting on the Esplanade to 30th September, 1957.

E. O'Neill, Derrynane, Ravenswell Row, Bray	£80 0 0
Radio Service, 37 Main St., Bray	£89 15 0

On the recommendation of the Town Engineer the lowest Tender, i.e., E. O'Neill, in the sum of £80 was accepted.

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQ.) ACTS—ASSIGNMENTS.

858. The Council recommended that the following application for assignment of interest in Small Dwelling loans be approved, viz.:

St. Judes, Newcourt Road—Savage to McKenna—Order Approved.
Avoca, Herbert Road—Pattison to Renard—Order Approved.

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQ.) ACTS—4 PARNELL ROAD.

859. The Council recommended that permission not be granted to the assignment of interest in 4 Parnell Road from Waldron to Kelly. Order: Permission Refused. The Town Clerk was directed to discuss the matter with Mr. Kelly.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS—ERECTION OF BATHROOM**AT LYNN, MEATH ROAD, BRAY.**

860. Plan submitted from Mrs. Flynn, Lynn, Meath Road, for erection of a bathroom at the premises. Order: Permission granted in accordance with recommendation of Town Engineer.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS—POTTING SHED AT KILLARNEY ROAD.

861. Plan submitted by Byrne Bros Main Street, Bray, for erection of Potting Shed at Killarney Road. Letter from County Engineer recommending that the structure be sited 40ft. from the centre of the road. Recommendation from Town Engineer that the structure be approved. Order: Recommend approval of permission in accordance with County and Town Engineers reports.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS—ERECTION OF STORE AT EGGCHICK HATCHERIES, GREENPARK ROAD.

862. Plan submitted from Eggchick Hatcheries for the erection of a Storeroom at Greenpark Road, Bray. Order: Recommend approval of permission in accordance with report of Town Engineer.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS—BATHROOM AND TOILET AT 55 CONNOLLY SQUARE.

863. Plan submitted by Mr. J. Healy for extension to provide a Bathroom and Toilet at 55 Connolly Square. Order: Recommend approval of permission in accordance with report of Town Engineer.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS—WORKSHOP AT REAR CONNOLLY SQUARE.

864. Application from Mr. McManus, Killarney Villas, for workshop at rear Connolly Square. Order: Recommend approval of permission in accordance with report of Town Engineer.

Edward J. Byrne
June 11, 1957

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council, held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 11th June, 1957, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:	
COUNCILLORS:	OFFICIALS:
E. Byrne (Chairman)	Town Clerk
J. O'Toole	(Mr. D. F. McCarthy)
M. O'Toole	Town Engineer
Mrs. M. Ledwidge	(Mr. M. Healy)
G. H. G. Stuart	
Dr. Donnelly	
D. Sayers	
P. Dempsey	
C. Doyle	
H. B. Hipwell	

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Cllr. P. Savage and Mr. M. Flannery, Wicklow Co. Manager.

Congratulations—Ladies' Section, Knights of Malta, and Mr. H. J. Byrne, Auctioneer & Valuer.

865.—The Council directed the Town Clerk to extend their heartiest congratulations to (1) Ladies' Section, Knights of Malta, on their recent triumph in Limerick, and the firm of Mr. H. J. Byrne, Auctioneer and Valuer, on completing one hundred years as Auctioneer and Valuer in the town of Bray.

Newry Band.

866. The Council concurred with the decision of the Chairman and Town Clerk in granting permission to Newry Amateur Silver and Reed Band to give a Recital on the Bandstand, Esplanade, between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m. on 30th June.

Sale of Flags.

867. The following applications were received for permission to sell flags on the Esplanade:

1. Sisters of Charity, Ravenswell Convent.
2. National Council for the Blind.
3. St. John's Ambulance Brigade.
4. Irish Red Cross Society.

It was decided to grant them permission to sell flags at the various entrances to the Esplanade but not on the Esplanade proper.

BRAY CREST

868. The Council recommended permission be granted to Musical Souvenirs Products, Duncain Ave., Bray, to use the Council's Crest.

Book Barrow—Legion of Mary.

869. The Council recommended that permission be granted to the Legion of Mary to place a Book Barrow on the Sea Front during the Season.

Seating at Esplanade.

870. After a discussion on a suggestion from the Bray Amusements Committee that seating facing the town and sun be erected on the Esplanade, the matter was adjourned, with recommendation that next season the question of such seating be discussed with whoever received the Licence for Deck Chairs on the Esplanade.

Pedalo Watercraft.

871. An Application from Mr. P. Murray, 5 St. Patrick's Square, for licence to operate three Pedalo Watercraft was recommended on the same conditions as those entered into with Mr. R. J. Merlihan.

Café and Shelter at Bray Head.

872. The Council considered a letter of 22nd May, 1957, from Coras Iompair Eireann stating that they would not waive the condition of the letting on Bray Head that of 40% of receipts be paid to them; but, however, that they would be prepared to pay 40% of the Loan Charges, with the stipulation that where the revenue from letting was less than the percentage of loan charge, such amount only be contributed. The Council, after lengthy discussion, decided that Coras Iompair Eireann be asked to make a definite Lease of Bray Head Park to the Council.

Civil Defence.

873. The Council agreed, in principle, to hold a Public Meeting to stimulate recruiting for Civil Defence and left details in the hands of the Officials.

Public Transport Development Association—Future of Coras Iompair Eireann.

874. The Council considered a letter from above Association seeking Council aid in endeavour to oppose any curtailment of Coras

lompair Eireann service. The Council, while viewing the efforts of the Association with sympathy, decided that any action by them at this stage would be inopportune and injudicious.

Working Hours—Council Employees.

875. The Town Clerk informed the Council that a letter had been received from the Irish Municipal Employees Trade Union seeking a reduction of working hours for the Council's employees. The Council felt that they could not recommend any such reduction.

Smaller Type Houses.

876. Letter from the Department of Local Government on the question of erecting smaller type houses was adjourned to the next Meeting.

Proposal to Purchase House at rear of St. Anne's, Strand Road.

877. The Town Clerk informed the Council that Mr. Bateman was prepared to sell the house at the rear of St. Anne's, Strand Road, for the sum of £500. This also would entail rehousing a family named Buckley who were tenants therein.

The Council decided that the price was much too high and suggested that no action be taken in respect of either that house or "St. Anne's."

Camping Site—Eagle's Nest.

878. The Town Clerk read a report from the County Medical Officer recommending that a Licence be granted to Mr. Fitzpatrick for a camping site at the Eagle's Nest, Bray. After a lengthy discussion the Council agreed with the County Medical Officer's recommendation, Cllrs. Dr. Donnelly and M. O'Toole dissenting.

Loan—Sanitary Conveniences at People's Park and Town Hall.

879. On the proposition of Cllr. D. Savers, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Ledwidge, the Council resolved to seek the sanction of the Minister to a loan of £1,150 for carrying out the above work.

11 Connolly Square.

880. The Council recommended that permission be granted to the transfer of interest in 11 Connolly Square from Mrs. Alexandra Shaw to Mr. James O'Toole, of 16 Wolfe Tone Square West.

25-30 Vevay Road.

881. The Council considered a letter from Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, stating that, having regard to the value of properties now on above site, a Ground Rent of £30 per annum would appear to be a reasonable one to charge. After discussion on the matter the Council concurred with the Solicitor's opinion.

Town Planning Acts—6 Vevay Road.

882. Application from Mr. Carton Walsh, 6 Vevay Road, to erect kitchenette. Report from Town Engineer that application should be granted on condition that tiles be used for roofing.

Order: Recommend approval.

Town Planning Acts—"Daisybank," Strand Road, Bray.

883. Application from Mr. G. Dawson, for permission to reconstruct "Daisybank," Strand Road. Recommendation from Engineer that approval be granted.

Order: Recommend approval.

Fire Brigade.

884. Cllr. Stuart asked that the Council get a report from the County Fire Officer on the following two points, viz.: (1) The desirability of having a Trailer Pump located in Bray and (2) of having an automatic hooter on the fire engine. Cllr. Stuart stated that he had been informed that in a recent fire in the vicinity of Bray the brigade were seriously hampered from the lack of suitable equipment in this regard.

77 O'Byrne Road.

885. The Council considered a letter from Mr. J. Magee, Solicitor, acting for Mrs. C. Forde, against whom the Council had obtained an Ejectment Order. Mr. Magee contended that Mrs. Ford's married son would be leaving for Canada on 28th June and that his wife wished to give up possession of 21 St. Peter's Road, and, with her children, live with her mother-in-law and two grandchildren of Mrs. Forde, senior, at 77 O'Byrne Road. The Council recommended that the Manager reconsider the decision to take possession of 77 O'Byrne Road from Mrs. Forde.

John Donnelly
9/7/17

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 25th June, 1957, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:

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

OFFICIALS:

Wicklow Co. 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. J. O'Toole, T.D.

Election of Chairman.

886. Proposed by Clr. T. Byrne, seconded by Clr. G. H. G. Stuart, that Clr. H. B. Hipwell be elected Chairman for the year 1957-'58.

Proposed by Clr. P. Savage, seconded by Clr. D. Sayers, that Clr. Dr. Donnelly be elected Chairman for the year 1957-'58.

On a vote being taken the following voted for Clr. Dr. Donnelly, viz., 7:—Clrs. E. Byrne, P. Dempsey, Dr. Donnelly, C. Doyle, M. O'Toole, P. Savage, and D. Sayers.

There voted for Clr. Hipwell, viz., 3:—Clrs. T. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, and G. H. G. Stuart. Clrs. Mrs. Ledwidge did not vote.

Clr. Dr. Donnelly was accordingly elected Chairman and took the chair.

Outgoing Chairman.

887. On the proposition of Clr. D. Sayers, seconded by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge, the Members voted thanks and tribute to Clr. E. E. Byrne for the manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the Council as Chairman during the past year. All the members present associated themselves with the vote and Clr. E. Byrne returned thanks to the members and officials for their co-operation with him during the year.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

888. Proposed by Clr. E. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge, that Clr. P. Savage be elected Vice-Chairman for the year 1957-'58. There being no other proposition, Clr. P. Savage was declared elected.

Appointment of Delegates to attend Conference of Municipal Authorities.

889. The following proposals were made for the election of two delegates to attend the Annual Conference of Municipal Authorities, to be held in September next, in Buncrana, viz.:

Clr. D. Sayers—Proposed by Clr. M. O'Toole, seconded by Clr. Dr. Donnelly.

Clr. P. Savage—Proposed by Clr. E. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge.

Clr. H. B. Hipwell—Proposed by Clr. T. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Stuart.

Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge—Proposed by Clr. C. Doyle, seconded by Clr. P. Savage.

On a vote being taken Clr. D. Sayers received nine votes; Clr. P. Savage received five votes; Clr. Hipwell received five votes, and Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge received three votes. Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge was eliminated and a second poll resulted as follows, viz.:

Clr. D. Sayers—11 votes.

Clr. H. B. Hipwell—6 votes.

Clr. P. Savage—5 votes.

Clrs. D. Sayers and H. B. Hipwell were accordingly declared elected as delegates to attend the Conference with the Town Clerk.

Pedalo Watercraft.

890. A letter from L. Kearon, Solicitor, sought Council's permission for Mr. R. J. Merlihan to put three further craft in operation as from 7th July, 1957.

Clr. H. B. Hipwell proposed, and Clr. G. H. G. Stuart seconded, "that permission be granted as sought."

Clr. M. O'Toole proposed that no permission be given until a local man, to whom the Council recently had given permission to operate three craft, had in fact put these craft into operation.

After lengthy discussion the Council agreed with the suggestion of the County Manager that they get legal advice on the terms of the Licence.

Lighthouse, Life Buoys, etc.

891. The Town Engineer reported that the light at the Lighthouse in the Harbour was out of commission but that Irish Lights had been asked to supply a new lamp which the Council would light. He further reported continual thefts of ropes from life

buoys and an extraordinary number of broken bottles being left on the seafront. The following suggestions were made as remedies for the matters complained of, viz.:-

Life Buoys—Clr. T. Byrne suggested that the life buoys might be enclosed in somewhat the same manner as fire extinguishers in public places. Clr. P. Dempsey suggested that the St. John's Ambulance might be asked to use their loud-speaker to make occasional appeals to the public to observe a sense of propriety in the matter of broken bottles. Clr. D. Sayers suggested that all public organisations in the town should help in this matter and strive for a better public spirit. Clr. M. O'Toole suggested that appeal be made also to fishermen for their co-operation.

Insignas of Office—Council Chairman and President of Association of Municipal Authorities.

892. The Town Clerk gave particulars of quotations received in this regard. It was suggested that he get in touch with a third firm, whose agent was Mr. H. James 2 Maretimo Villas, Bray. It was then decided, on a proposal of Clr. E. Byrne, that the Town Clerk be authorised to make the purchase as soon as possible.

Civil Defence Circular—Issue of Badges.

893. The Town Clerk read a lengthy Circular dealing with issue of Badges on payment to members of the Civil Defence. The Council, on the proposition of Clr. P. Dempsey, decided to refer the Circular back to the Department of Defence and express the view that Badges of this nature should be issued free of charge to a Volunteer Force.

Overdraft Accommodation.

894. On the proposition of Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge, seconded by Clr. M. O'Toole, the Council resolved to seek an extension of Overdraft Accommodation on the Capital Account in a sum not exceeding £4,500 to 30th September, 1957.

Band Performances.

895. Clr. E. Byrne complained that on two recent occasions the Bands engaged at the Esplanade did not seem to be giving full value for money inasmuch as there were only a relatively small number of performers. Th Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had taken the matter up with one of the Bands concerned and would write to the second one also. The Council decided to engage a Band for the Esplanade on the evening of Saturday, 13th July, to coincide with the opening of Civic Week, if the local Amusements Committee were unable to procure one themselves.

Sign at Quinsboro' Road.

896. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that a sign had recently been erected on Quinsboro' Road between Messrs. Drennan and Burkes shop, indicating "Tourist Bureau," and that Mr. Drennan had protested at the location of the sign. The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

Esplanade Miscellaneous.

(1) Application by Messrs. E. W. Hosey & Sons, 4 Belton Tce., for a site on the Esplanade to sell Candy Floss was refused.

(2) Permission was granted to the Kilbride and Boghall Nursing Association to hold a Produce Sale on the Esplanade on 17th July.

Bray Head Park—Sale of Minerals.

898. Clr. P. Savage stated he had heard that some person had been selling minerals on Bray Head on recent Sundays and it was rumoured that a kiosk was to be erected in the area. It was decided to have the matter investigated.

Kiosk—Fontenoy Terrace.

899. It was decided to ask the Health Officer to investigate this kiosk to ascertain if it complied with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

Vote of Sympathy.

900. On the proposition of Clr. E. E. Byrne, the Council extended their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Nolan on the tragic death of her son in a recent motor race.

People's Park—Little Bray Civic Association Festival.

901. On the proposal of Clr. C. Doyle, the Council granted permission to above Body to hold their Festival in the People's Park from 21st July, 1957, to 5th August, 1958.

Grant for Roads.

902. Letter from Department of Local Government (R241/1) stated that the Minister had no funds at his disposal with which to make a Grant for improvement of Urban Roads and Footpaths in Bray. It was decided to re-apply for the Grant and to seek the good offices of Clr. J. O'Toole, T.D., in the matter.

Vacant House—26 Wolfe Tone Square South.

903. The County Medical Officer of Health recommended that this vacancy be filled by transferring Richard Pender, 12 Wolfe

from D. M. O.
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Tone Square West (three-roomed house—ten in family). For the vacancy of 12 Wolfe Tone Square West he recommended as tenant James Feely, 2 Bennan's Parade. The Council concurred in the recommendation to transfer Mr. Prender, but decided to defer consideration of the second recommendation to the next Meeting, and asked that at that Meeting particulars of applicants whose names were on the A and B lists in 1955 be circulated for their consideration.

11 O'Byrne Road.

904. The Town Clerk read a letter from Mrs. A. Forde, 21 St. Peter's Road, stating that her husband was leaving for Canada on 29th June, and it was her intention, if permitted, to give up possession of 21 St. Peter's Road and go to live with her mother-in-law in 11 O'Byrne Road. The Town Clerk reminded the Meeting that the Council had received a Court Order for possession of 77 O'Byrne Road, and suggested that the Forde family might remain in 21 St. Peter's Road, while 11 O'Byrne Road could be used to re-house an applicant on the waiting list. Several members expressed the opinion that the Forde family be allowed to occupy 77 O'Byrne Road, and it was finally decided to discuss the matter fully at the next Meeting, in conjunction with the vacancy at 12 Wolfe Tone Square West.

Bray Urban District Council

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 9th July, 1957, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:

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

OFFICIALS:

Wicklow Co. Manager;
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(Mr. D. F. McCarthy)
Town Engineer,
(Mr. M. Healy)
Health Inspector
Mr. J. Comyn

Confirmation of Minutes.

905. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the 11th June and of the Annual Meeting of the 25th June, 1957, which had been circulated, were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

County Manager's Orders.

906. The County Manager's Orders as circulated, Nos. 8198 to 8206, were noted.

Letter from the Old I.R.A.

907. A letter from the Secretary of the Old I.R.A. congratulating the Chairman on his election and pointing out that on 9th November, 1857, in the Courthouse, Bray, the Bray Commissioners were formed, and their first Chairman—Earl of Meath—was then elected. It was decided that the Council might consider some way of celebrating its centenary later in the year.

Safety First Association.

908. Letter from the Safety First Association suggesting the erection of signs giving Statistics of persons killed and injured on the roads in the area. The Town Engineer reported thereon, stating that he did not think such signs would be helpful, but