

#### Band Performances.

26. The Council intimated that they would provide £400 in the Estimates for the provision of bands for the coming year and authorised the Town Clerk to make arrangements for booking. It was decided that a band should be booked in the late spring or early summer for Wolfe Tone Square Park and it was further decided that the numerical strength of the bands engaged should be taken into consideration when booking them.

#### 2 Dublin Road — Mrs. O'Gorman.

27. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that in 1949 the Council spent approximately £300 on No. 2 Dublin Road in the expectation that it would last about ten years. It was now felt by the Town Engineer that further expenditure on this house could not be justified. The Council accordingly recommended that Mrs. O'Gorman and family be rehoused as soon as possible and the present house demolished.

#### Harbour.

28. The Town Clerk read a letter from the Department of Local Government to the effect that the Minister did not consider the employment of a Consulting Engineer warranted in connection with the repairs to the Harbour and the flooding at Little Bray.

The County Manager, in a short resume of the history of the flooding in the area, made mention of the fact that some 12 years ago Mr. E. M. Murphy, Town Surveyor who was a prominent Consultant Engineer, had reported that very heavy expenditure required to make the area absolutely safe from occasional flooding would not be justified. Two other well-known Engineering Consultants were then asked to examine the matter and report on remedial measures. One stated that he was unable to undertake the work and the second, having at first indicated that he would examine the matter, took no further action after having paid one visit to the area.

The Council, after a lengthy discussion on the whole question, finally decided to ask that the Minister receive a deputation from the Council on the matter. The following deputation was appointed, viz.,

Clr. Dr. Donnelly, Chairman, Clr. P. Savage, Vice-Chairman, Clr. J. O'Toole, T.D., and Clr. T. Byrne, together with the County Manager, Town Clerk and Town Engineer.

#### Industrial Yarns, Ltd.

29. The Town Clerk read a letter from Industrial Yarns stating that the two or three key men which they wished housed, would not be able to pay a Small Dwelling Loan and asked that they be housed at a reasonable rent convenient to the factory. The Council, after a short discussion, directed the Town Clerk to send Application Forms

to the factory owner asking that they be completed and the Council would then have an opportunity of going into the matter again.

#### Retired National Teachers.

30. On the proposition of Clr. E. E. Byrne, seconded by Clr. H. B. Hipwell, it was decided to ask the Government to make provision in the coming Budget for the payment of the pre 1950 retired National Teachers, of the balance of the Retiring gratuity.

#### Speed Limit.

31. At the behest of Clr. G. H. G. Stuart the Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Garda Authorities and to ask if the Speed Limit was being implemented by them in the town.

#### Town Planning Acts — Betting Office at 28 Dublin Road, Bray.

32. Application from Mr. Michael Lyons to convert a garage at 28 Dublin Road to a betting office (adjourned from last Meeting). Report from Mr. D. Fitzgerald, Consulting Town Planner, that the area in question was not zoned for shopping and consequently any extension of the shopping area would be most inadvisable. It was recommended that the application be refused.

Order: Recommend refusal of permission.

#### Town Planning Acts — Shop and Dwelling at 3 Dublin Road, Bray.

33. Application from Mrs. K. Quaid to erect a shop and dwelling at 3 Dublin Road. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted.

Order: Recommend approval of permission.

#### Town Planning Acts—Alteration of Window at Sunshine Cafe.

34. Application from Mr. A. Borza for permission to alter a window at Sunshine Cafe, Strand Road. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted.

Order: Recommend approval of permission.

#### Town Planning Acts — Kitchen at 3 O'Byrne Road.

35. Application from Mr. E. Moloughney, 3 O'Byrne Road, for permission to erect a kitchen at the premises. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted.

Order: Recommend approval of permission.



**Town Planning Acts — Factory premises at St. Kevin's Square.**

36. Application from Same Day Dry Cleaners for permission to erect new Factory premises at St. Kevin's Square. Recommendation from Town Engineer, Mr. M. Healy, that approval be granted subject to compliance with the requirements of the County Fire Officer and Health Officer. The applicant should, however, be informed that no permission is granted for the erection of any canopy or other covering across the laneway between the proposed factory and the existing premises since no Plans or other details of the proposed canopy have been submitted. The Council concurred with the Town Engineer's recommendation.

Order: Recommend approval of permission in accordance with report of Town Engineer.

*Done*  
*11/3/58*

**Bray Urban District Council**



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 11th March, 1958, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Officials: Messrs. M. Flannery, Wicklow County Manager, D. F. McCarthy, Town Clerk, and M. Healy, Town Engineer.

**Confirmation of Minutes**

38. Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 11th February, 1958, which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

**County Manager's Orders.**

39. The County Manager's Orders No. 8268 to 8274 were noted.

**Votes of Sympathy.**

40. The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, extended votes of sympathy to the relatives of the two Welsh visitors killed in a recent accident in Dun Laoghaire.

**Congratulations.**

41. On the suggestion of Clr. Dr. Donnelly, members voted their congratulations to Bray Wanderers on their recent victory in the Intermediate Cup.

**Catholic Young Men's Society — Filthy Literature.**

42. The Council, while agreeing with a call by the Catholic Young Men's Society for legislation to control filthy literature, were of opinion that more public co-operation with the Garda Authorities



would help greatly in this matter. During the discussion it was stated that there seemed to be no evidence of such literature being retailed in Bray by newsagents or booksellers.

#### Bray Amusements Committee — Central and South Bandstands.

43. Customary permission was given to Bray Amusements Committee to use above bandstands during the summer season when not otherwise required by the Council.

#### Wolfe Tone Square Park — Band Performances.

44. It was agreed to adjourn this matter pending a meeting of the Wolfe Tone Parents' Association.

#### Estimates Meeting.

45. It was decided to hold the Annual Estimates Meeting on Monday, 31st March, 1958, at 7.30 p.m.

#### Sale of Oysters.

46. It was recommended that the offer of Mr. T. Boyle, Perrystown, Dublin, in the sum of £20 for the right to sell Oysters on the Esplanade for the Summer Season be accepted.

#### Children's Amusements on Esplanade.

47. It was decided to advertise inviting tenders in this matter.

#### Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956 — Licences.

48. Four notifications of intention to apply for Licences under the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956, were before the Council as follows:

Mr. M. O'Toole, in respect of 13b, Albert Walk.

Mrs. Mary O'Toole, in respect of 10a, Albert Walk.

Mr. J. Kane, in respect of 10b, Albert Walk.

Dawsons Amusements, Ltd., in respect of premises at Esplanade, Bray.

The County Fire Officer reported that he had no objection to granting the Licences and the Health Inspector reported that he had no objection to the granting of the Licences except that in the case of Mrs. Mary O'Toole he would recommend that if Pongo was to be played a second toilet should be erected. The Health Inspector, however, pointed out that he had been informed verbally by Mrs. O'Toole that she would not have Pongo played in the premises. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that there would be no objections made to the applications except to the use of slot machines.

#### Repairs to Harbour and Flooding at Little Bray.

49. A letter from the Department of Local Government was read

in reply to a Council request that the Minister would receive a deputation to hear their case for the employment of a Consultant Engineer to advise and report upon measures to remedy flooding at Little Bray and improve the Harbour. The letter pointed out that the nature and extent of the work recommended by the Town Engineer would not justify the employment of a Consultant and until the Council had adopted and formulated a major capital undertaking of an essential character the Minister could not sanction the employment of a Consultant Engineer. After a discussion it was decided that the Town Clerk be instructed to again write to the Department asking that the Minister receive a deputation, who would explain to him the exceptional circumstances which prompted the Council's desire to employ a Consultant.

In the course of discussion on the flooding in Little Bray, Cllr. D. Sayers and other Members of the Council paid high tribute to the Town Engineer and workmen who carried out the recent River Walk work.

#### McDona's Cottage, Old Conna — Wall.

50. The Town Clerk informed the Council that the Engineer was proceeding to erect a wall around McDona's cottage, Old Conna, as agreed with the landlord, Mr. Fitzpatrick, when land was being purchased originally for the erection of the housing schemes at Old Conna.

#### Cafe and Shelter at Bray Head.

51. On Mr. Fitzgerald's plan for above structures being produced the Members, on the suggestion of Cllr. P. Dempsey, decided to ask the Architect to amend the Plan to provide for more shelter externally for the public. It was suggested this might be done by recessing some of the external faces of the Shelter or in some other manner which the Architect might think fit.

#### Wages — Council's Employees.

52. On being asked by Cllr. Hipwell what the position was regarding Employees' claim for increased wages, the County Manager indicated that at the Estimates Meeting he would give the Members particulars of what the claim would cost.

#### Town Planning Acts — 6 Connolly Square.

Order: Recommend approval of permission.

53. Application from Mr. James Jordan, 6 Connolly Square, for permission to erect outhouse at rear of premises. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted on condition that the structure would not be used for human habitation.



# **Notice of Motion — Clr. P. Dempsey.**

54. The Chairman accepted the following Notice of Motion from Clr. P. Dempsey, viz., "That the Bray Urban Council request the Minister for Local Government to implement Section 17 of the Public Libraries Act, 1947, to assist us in furthering education and counteracting bad literature."

The Council has decided to request the Minister for Local Government to implement Section 17 of the Public Libraries Act, 1947, to assist us in furthering education and counteracting bad literature.

In the course of discussion on the motion in this case, Clr. D. Sayers and other Members of the Council paid high tribute to the Town Engineer and his staff who carried out the River Work.

Mr. D. Sayers, Chairman, said that the Council had the Engineer's report on the River Work and was very satisfied with the work done. He said that the Council had decided to request the Minister for Local Government to implement Section 17 of the Public Libraries Act, 1947, to assist us in furthering education and counteracting bad literature.

On Mr. Fitzgibbon's plan for above mentioned being proposed, the Members on the suggestion of Clr. P. Dempsey, decided to ask the Minister to request the Minister to provide for more shelter for the public. It was suggested this might be done by having some of the external faces of the shelter or in some other manner which the Minister might think fit.

On the motion moved by Clr. Hipwell that the position was reported to the Council, the Council decided to request the Minister for Local Government to implement Section 17 of the Public Libraries Act, 1947, to assist us in furthering education and counteracting bad literature.

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## **Bray Urban District Council**



Minutes of Special Meeting of the Bray Urban Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Monday, 31st March, 1958, at the conclusion of the Estimates Meeting.

Present: Councillors: Dr. B. Donnelly, Chairman, Messrs. J. O'Toole, T.D., D. Sayers, E. Byrne, T. Byrne, P. Savage, G. H. G. Stuart, C. Doyle, M. O'Toole, H. B. Hipwell, P. Dempsey and Mrs. Ledwidge.

Officials: Messrs. M. Flannery, Wicklow County Manager, D. F. McCarthy, Town Clerk, M. Healy, Town Engineer, and Mr. J. P. MacDonnell, Accountant.

### **Grand National**

57. The Council congratulated Mr. D. J. Coughlan on his recent Grand National win.

### **Tenders for Licences at the Seafront**

58. Tenders for licences for concessions at the Seafront were opened and considered, as follows:

1. **Photographic Rights**  
Mr. D. H. Wright, St. Joseph's, Esplanade, Bray ..... £5 0
2. **Putting Green**  
Mr. Patrick Mooney, 6 Seapoint Tce., Bray ..... £220 0  
Mr. J. F. McMullen, Stillorgan, Dublin ..... £150 10
3. **Deck Chairs**  
Mr. Patrick Mooney, 6 Seapoint Tce., Bray ..... £40 0
4. **Weighing Machines**  
British Automatic Co., Ltd. .... £40 0



The Council recommended the acceptance of the Tenders as follows:—

Photographic Rights — Mr. D. H. Wright — £5  
 Putting Green — Mr. Patrick Mooney — £220  
 Deck Chairs — Mr. Patrick Mooney — £40  
 Weighing Machines — British Automatic Co. — £40

**Road Improvements — Widening of Castle Street—Loan  
 £1,400**

59. The Council approved of the Draft Mortgage for a Loan of £1,400 with the Hibernian Bank for ten years for above purpose.

**Telephone Cable — Fairview Tce. and Greenpark Road**  
 60. The Council approved an application from Messrs. W. & E. Haughton to erect a telephone cable across the road at Fairview Tce., and Greenpark Road on condition that it was at least 18 feet above road level, as recommended by the Town Engineer.

**Lease of Site — 3/4 Dublin Road — Mrs. Quaid**

61. The Council considered a letter from Mr. Keegan, Solicitor, asking that the condition in the Lease of 3/4 Dublin Road to Mrs. Quaid, which provided that she erect a new premises on the site within two years from January, 1956, be waived so as to give her a further eight months from 1st March, 1958, to carry out the condition. Permission was granted accordingly.

**Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts — Assignment of Interest  
 in Pallotti, Parnell Road.**

62. The Council approved of assignment of interest in Pallotti, Parnell Road, Bray, from Mrs. H. Savage to Mr. M. Kelly, 4 Eglington Road, Bray, subject to completion of the necessary transfer documents.

**Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts — Application from Mrs.  
 Loughlin**

63. This matter was adjourned to the next Statutory Meeting of the Council.

**Town Planning Acts — Addition of bedroom at Barr-na-Bri, Putland Road**

64. Application from Rev. J. Mulcahy, P.P., requesting permission to add an extra bedroom to his house, Barr-na-Bri, Putland Road.

Order: Recommend approval of permission in accordance with recommendation of the Town Engineer.

**Factories**

65. A letter from the Mirex Watch Company, 4 Ioan Drive, Glasnevin, asking for advice from the Council regarding the establishment of a factory for the assembly of souvenir clocks in Bray, was referred to the Joint Factories Committee.

**Cleaner/Caretaker — Appointment of**

66. It was decided that the Sub-Committee dealing with this matter would meet to consider applications after the next Statutory Meeting, i.e., Tuesday, 8th April, 1958.

*Patrick Savage*  
 13/5/58



## Bray Urban District Council



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 8th April, 1958, at 8 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Dr. B. Donnelly, Chairman, Messrs. J. O'Toole, T.D., D. Sayers, E. Byrne, P. Savage, T. Byrne, M. O'Toole, H. B. Hipwell, P. Dempsey, G. H. G. Stuart, and Mrs. Ledwidge.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Clr. C. Doyle.

Officials: Messrs. M. Flannery, Wicklow Co. Manager, D. F. McCarthy, Town Clerk, and M. Healy, Town Engineer.

### Confirmation of Minutes

67. Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 11th March, which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

### County Manager's Orders

68. The County Manager's Orders, No. 8275 to 8281 were noted.

### Main Roads in the Urban Area

69. The Town Clerk read a letter setting out Main Road Works which had been carried out in the last few years in the Bray area and also what the County Council proposed to do in the Urban area in the present financial year by way of repair and restoration of main roads. The Members expressed themselves pleased with the works proposed but asked that the County Engineer's attention be drawn to (1) a small patch of roadway near Mr. Murphy's premises at Lower Dargle Road, and (2) some bad patches on the Upper Dargle Road which require attention.

### Library Act, 1947

70. Clr. P. Dempsey proposed and Clr. E. Byrne seconded and it was resolved:—

"That the Bray Urban District Council request the Minister for Local Government to implement Section 16 of the Public Libraries Act, 1947, to assist us in furthering of education and counter acting bad literature."

### Wages — Council Employees

71. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had received applications from the Workers Union of Ireland; the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union and the Municipal Employees Trade Union for a wage increase, consequent on the rise in the cost of living. He stated that the increase had been first sought in October last but it was not until the Month of March, 1958, that the local employers with workers of a comparative status had granted the increase. On the proposition of Clr. D. Sayers, seconded by Clr. M. O'Toole, it was recommended that the wages of the outdoor employees of the Council be increased by 10s. 0d. per week on and from 1st April, 1958, and the necessary excess expenditure be allowed under the various headings.

### Repairs to Harbour and Flooding at Little Bray

72. The Town Clerk read a letter dated 2nd April, 1958, from the Department of Local Government arising out of a renewal of the Council's request that the Minister receive a deputation on this matter. In the letter it was stated that the procedure laid down in Circular 85/46 of 17th June, 1946, should be followed in regard to the appointment of a Consultant and that the Minister had no decision before him as to the scope of work to be undertaken or how they were to be financed. After lengthy discussion on the question it was, on the proposition of Clr. D. Sayers, seconded by Clr. M. O'Toole, resolved, that Mr. M. Healy, Town Engineer, examine the whole question of Harbour repairs and flooding in the Dargle Road area and submit a report on the cause of the flooding and remedies therefor and also on repairs which might be carried out to the Harbour.

### Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956

73. Notification of intention to apply for a Gaming and Lotteries Licence in respect of premises 110/111 Strand Road, Bray, was



received from Mr. A. P. Arcari. The Town Clerk reported that neither the County Fire Officer nor the Health Inspector had any objection to the Licence being granted. It was decided, therefore, that no objection would be made except to the use of Slot Machines.

#### Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956 — Notice of Motion — Clr. P. Savage

74. The Chairman accepted the following Notice of Motion handed in by Clr. P. Savage, viz.,

"That we the Members of Bray Urban District Council raise no objection to the operation of non-gaming machines in licenced Amusement Arcades in Bray and the recommendation adopted on 21st May, 1957, be hereby withdrawn."

#### Pedestrian Crossings

75. Letter from Mr. A. J. Middleton, 3 Novara Tce., advocating the provision of Pedestrian Crossings in Main Street and Quinsboro' Road. It was decided that the Town Engineer would have discussions with the Garda Authorities on the point and report to a later meeting.

#### Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts

76. Application from Mrs. N. Loughlin for loan of £1,600 was considered. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the repayments on a loan of £1,600, plus Ground Rent of £22 on the site and an estimated sum of £35 for rates would mean that the applicant would have almost £170 per year outgoings. She gave her maximum income as £500. The Town Clerk further stated that the applicant was the owner of a house in Glenard Avenue. The County Manager informed the Meeting that he did not see how a house owner could be granted a loan and further, that a house built on the Rose Cottage site, i.e., immediately in front of a farmyard would provide very little security for the Council. It was decided that the Town Clerk would interview the applicant in the matter.

#### Mountainview, Newcourt Road, Bray.

An application by Mr. Z. Lapot to transfer the interest in loan held on above house to Mr. J. Brophy was granted.

#### 21 Newcourt Road, Bray.

Application from Sergeant J. Murphy to transfer his interest to Mr. J. Horne, Dunamase House, Newcourt Road, Bray, was acceded to.

#### Boghall Park

77. Clr. E. Byrne informed the Council that the Committee formed in connection with the above Park were anxious to meet the Council or a Committee of the Council in the near future to discuss certain points which have arisen regarding the Park. It was decided that the Secretary of the Committee would inform the Town Clerk of the date and time of the Meeting and that the latter would inform the Council and any Member who wished to attend might do so.

*Patrick Savage*  
13/5/1958



# BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Estimates Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Monday, 31st March, 1958, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Officials: Messrs. M. Flannery, Wicklow Co. Manager, D. F. McCarthy, Town Clerk, M. Healy, Town Engineer, and J. P. MacDonnell, Accountant.

## WAGES CLAIMS

55. At the outset Clr. D. Sayers urged that a decision be taken on wages claims received on behalf of the Council's outdoor staff. After a short discussion it was, on the suggestion of Clr. H. B. Hipwell, decided not to deal with wages at the Estimates Meeting but at a later date.

## ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES

56. Submitted report of the County Manager dated 21st March. The Expenditure and Receipts and Net Costs to be met are estimated at:

	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Net Expenditure
Roads	7,580	150	7,430
Sanitary Services	19,196	2,012	17,184
Housing Services	62,464	55,282	7,182
General Urban Purposes	69,921	5,684	64,237
	<u>£159,161</u>	<u>£63,128</u>	<u>£96,033</u>

As shown above the amount to be met from the Rate Levy in the coming year would be £96,033, but there are available Credits of £360, representing savings in the present year, which would reduce the net requirements to £95,673. The Valuation effective for rating purposes in the coming year is £53,528, and the Municipal Rate which would be required to produce £95,673 is 35s. 9d. in the £1. The proposed rate would be the same as that for the present year. The effective Valuation for rating purposes in the coming year shows an increase owing to the coming into operation of the Boundary Extension Order. The Council, almost ten ago, applied for an extension of the Urban boundary to the north of the Urban District, in order that suitable sites might be found for new Municipal Housing which was then urgently needed. The Boundary Extension, after much preliminary investigation by Wicklow County Council, Dublin County Council and Bray Urban Council, and the holding of a Public Inquiry, was eventually approved by an Order of the Minister for Local Government in 1957. The Order provided for the transfer of 78 acres in the townland of Old Conna from Dublin County to Wicklow County. Later it was arranged that this area be added to Bray Urban District. The Valuation of the added area at the time the Order was sought was roughly only about £300 but the Valuation has been increased by over £1,600 consequent on the building by the Urban District Council of Council houses on the transferred lands. Up to the present, Bray Urban District Council had been handing over the rates on these new houses to Dublin County Council but in the coming year the Rates, which are collected in the rents, can be retained by the Urban Council. The Urban Council has had to provide all Municipal Services in this area during the years when the rates were paid over to Dublin County Council. Mention is later made under the heading of Housing Services, of financial adjustments which will arise consequent on the extension of the Urban Boundary and the increase in rate productivity will be offset in part by charges to be met by the Council on foot of these financial adjustments.

The Estimates for the coming year include provision for a number of new works which are considered to be of an essential character. The principal new items are:—

	£
Roads—Loan charges for widening of Castle Street	221
Roads—Improvement to corner at Seapoint Road and Seymour Road	100
Roads—New Road Signs	150
Clearing of Derelict Sites	200
Municipal Baths—Repairs to Canopy	75
Cove Swimming Pools—Repairs to Concrete Apron	300
Esplanade—Public Convenience Repairs	100
Esplanade—Repairs to Sea Wall	100



Esplanade—Painting of Railings	400
Esplanade—Purchase of Rotovator	150
Harbour—Removal of Obstruction at Entrance	300
Harbour—Removal of Dangerous Timber Decking	100

The Town Engineer has prepared a special Report on the Municipal Services under his charge and a copy of it is being circulated with these Estimates.

### ROADS

The gross expenditure is estimated at £7,580 and after deducting miscellaneous receipts, £150, the net outlay is £7,430. The amount allowed in the present year was £7,075.

The expenditure estimated for the maintenance and repair of roads and footpaths shows no change from that allowed by the Council in the current year. It is suggested, however, that a dangerous corner at junction of Seapoint Road and Seymour Road might be improved and for this work £100 is being included.

Some time ago it was decided by an International Convention that standard types of Road Signs be used in all countries which participated in the Convention. It was intended that this would facilitate drivers from other countries and be of considerable help to tourists using their own cars. Consequently it will be necessary to replace some of the existing signs and provide some new ones which are in accord with the recommendations of the International Convention.

During the past year the Council, in collaboration with the County Council, arranged for a Scheme for the widening of Castle Street. This will result in the removal of the dangerous corner in Castle Street at the approach to the town. The Scheme entails the acquisition of property and its demolition and the costs are being borne equally by Wicklow County Council and Bray Urban Council. Later it may be possible to acquire sub-standard property at Castle Street and to arrange for the provision of a special Car Park at this place—a facility which present traffic trends would seem to indicate would be very necessary in the coming years.

The Loan Charges for the Scheme for widening Castle Street are estimated at £221 for the coming year.

In 1957/58 the Council continued its programme for the reconstruction of roads and the following thoroughfares were done, viz. Herbert Road; Dock Terrace; St. Laurence's Terrace. The cost of these works was £2,500 and the Loan Charge for the coming year will be £383. In addition, the laneway leading from Dublin Road to the Council's Housing Scheme at Old Conna was reconstructed; the cost of this work was defrayed from Revenue.

In the past ten or eleven years up to seven miles of roads have been reconstructed by the Council and in all, almost £35,000 has been spent. A proportion of the roads in question were reconstructed in concrete and consequently will not require any maintenance for many years to come. The new tarmacadam surfaces laid on other roads are of a durable character and should last a considerable number of years with a limited outlay on maintenance. At the seafront the County Council reconstructed the Strand Road in concrete and also laid new footpaths two years ago. The new road was so made as to allow a considerable addition to the parking space for vehicles.

Some of the early Loans for road reconstruction will be liquidated in the next year or two and it is suggested that when this happens the Council might arrange that the limited reconstruction which would still be required be done from Revenue Account and thereby avoid the additional outlay entailed by Interest Charges on Loans.

As a contribution towards the cost of works which might be undertaken with the State Employment Scheme Grant, a sum of £300 again has been included; this is the same as last year. The Grant received in the present financial year was used in the construction of a new walk beside the Dargle River and it is hoped that this work may prove a popular Tourist amenity.

### SANITARY SERVICES

The total outlay on Sanitary Services is estimated at £19,196. The amount allowed by the Council last year was £19,022. The Receipts are estimated at £2,012 leaving the net outlay £17,184. The levy for the coming year shows an increase of £184 over last year.

### Street and Household Scavenging

Apart from an increase of £50 in the outlay on maintenance of vehicles the cost of the Scavenging Service shows no change from the present year. The service has worked quite satisfactorily since the new dump at Woodbrook was brought into operation over two years ago. The twice-weekly collection of domestic refuse for every part of the town has continued, as was the daily collection during the summer months from the main thoroughfares where there are hotels and guest houses. It was thought that it might shortly be necessary to arrange for the purchase of a new refuse collection vehicle but a comprehensive overhaul of the vehicle purchased seven or eight years ago, has it is expected, enabled it to continue in operation for three or four more years. As has frequently been mentioned, Bray Urban Council continues to provide a refuse collection service of a standard not found in any other Urban area in these islands.



### Waterworks

The payments to Dublin Corporation for the Bulk Supply of water are estimated as amounting to the same sum as obtained in the present year (£3,300). It is also necessary to provide £245 for water supplied to the new Council Houses at Old Conna, which up to recently were in Dublin County. The conditions for bulk supply of water for the Urban District would not apply to the added area at Old Conna. The Town Engineer and the Water Inspector and his Assistant have continued to give unremitting attention to the distribution system with the result that waste and resultant additional expense have been checked.

### Public Lighting

During the present year the Council arranged to discontinue, during the winter, a number of lamps at the Seafront and this has led to a reduction of £85 in the cost of public lighting. All these lamps will be brought into operation again at the beginning of summer. The number of lights maintained by the Council at present is 423, of which 33 are pilot lights. The total cost of the Lighting Service for the coming year is estimated at £2,535, and represents a rate of about 11d. in the £1.

### Baths and Swimming Pools

It will once more be necessary to erect timber decking and carry out some repairs at the Municipal Baths, and £150 has been included for this purpose; the same amount was allowed by the Council last year. In addition the Town Engineer states that urgent repairs are required to the canopy at the baths and £75 is included for this purpose. For cleaning the swimming pools at Bray Cove, £75 again is being included. Some months ago the Council agreed to allow £300 by way of excess expenditure on urgent repairs to the concrete apron at the pools. Weather conditions, however, did not permit of the work being undertaken and the amount is now included in the Estimates for the coming year.

### Public Sanitary Conveniences

It has been reported by the Town Engineer that new slot locks must be installed in the sanitary conveniences at the Seafront and the cost is estimated at £100.

In the past twelve months the structure at Boghall Park, which includes shelter and sanitary conveniences, was completed. The new sanitary conveniences at the Town Hall are now completed, as are also those at the People's Park, Little Bray. Apart from the fore-

going new structures, sanitary conveniences were constructed a few years ago beside the Court House at Bray Bridge. Those at the Boathouse at the Seafront were extended.

The new structure which is to contain a shelter and a kiosk at Bray Head and on which it is hoped to start work during the coming year, will also include public sanitary conveniences.

### Shelter and Cafe at Bray Head

It was decided some months ago to alter the site for this structure and this has led to some delay in having the design determined and obtaining prices for the work. The use of another site also involved the Council in lengthy negotiations with the Railway Company who are the ground landlords of the plot. A new design for the structure which it is proposed to site on the plot to the east of the railway line at entrance to Bray Head was recently submitted to the Council but the Architect has been asked to make some modifications in it. It has been arranged that An Bord Failte will give a grant towards the cost of this work. Loan Charge of £160 (half-year) is included in the attached Estimates.

### HOUSING

The gross outlay is estimated at £62,464. Receipts are taken at £55,282 and the net cost is £7,182. This shows an increase of £1,488 over the charge in the present year but is offset to a great extent by the fact that the Valuation of the new Council Housing Scheme at Old Conna can now be included when assessing the Municipal Rate consequent on the coming into operation of the Boundary Extension Order.

The Loan Charges for the Housing Scheme at Old Conna will show an increase of about £470 in the coming year. Part of the cost, such as that for the acquisition of land, was only deferred quite recently as compulsory acquisition and the necessity for arbitration entailed delay in having payments determined. During the past year the Council arranged to acquire fifteen existing houses at Maitland Street which it is intended could be used for the accommodation of small families and old persons who would be unable to pay the high rents of new houses or would not require the amount of accommodation provided in them. The Loan Charge is £160 and the rents receivable will amount to about £100. In the Estimates, provision also is being made for the Loan Charges on a new scheme of twelve houses which it is proposed to erect on a site at Chapel Lane.

### Old Conna Houses — Boundary Extension and Compensation for Loss of Rateable Valuation

It is to be expected that Dublin County Council will have a claim



for the loss of rateable valuation following on the transfer of part of their area at Old Conna to County Wicklow. Mention already has been made of the coming into operation of the Boundary Extension Order and the increase in the Rateable Valuation of the Urban District which has resulted—about 80 per cent. of this rateable valuation, however, is due to the Council's own activity in the provision of new Municipal Housing at Old Conna. The Bray Urban Council will undoubtedly have a substantial counter-claim in respect of rates paid to Dublin County Council, notwithstanding that the Urban Council had to provide services such as water supply, public lighting, refuse collection, sewerage, etc., for this area. It is considered advisable to make some provision for the compensation which might be payable and a sum of £800 has been included in the Estimates for this purpose.

#### Small Dwelling (Acq.) Acts — Loans

The total Loan Charges under this heading for the coming year will be £11,322, compared with £11,408 last year. The reduction is due to special repayment of capital by one borrower. The outlay will be met completely by repayments by borrowers and the Scheme does not involve any charge on the rates. Last year no new loans were granted and the number of borrowers remains at 150. The total amount lent under the Scheme was £203,000.

Considerable difficulty has been experienced in the past year or two in the collection of repayments from some borrowers. In one instance it was necessary for the Council to take over a house on which the borrower had defaulted in payment and in a number of cases special arrangements had to be made for the transfer of interest, including the loans, by borrowers to new mortgagors.

#### 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, Seafront and Public Parks, the Public Library, School Meals Scheme, Band Performances, Fuel Scheme and many other items.

The total expenditure is estimated at £69,921 as compared with £67,676 allowed last year. The receipts are estimated at £5,684; the corresponding figure for 1957/8 was £5,724. The net expenditure for 1958/59 would be £64,237 as compared with £61,952 in the current year. The increase in the net outlay is in brief, accounted for by the following items, viz.,

Harbour Works	£400
Lump sum payable to Weighmaster/Caretaker on Retirement	£657
Increase in Demand from County Council	£285
Proposed purchase of Rotovator	£150
Refunds of Rates	£300
Repairs to Sea Wall	£100
Reduction in Receipts	£200

#### Harbour Works

The Council, on a number of occasions, had under consideration the carrying out of repairs at the Harbour. The Light House was demolished in a heavy storm some months ago and now forms an obstruction at the Harbour mouth. To remove would cost £300.

Timber Decking at the wharf near the Harbour entrance is now considered by the Town Engineer to be in a dangerous condition and he recommends that it be removed; the cost would be £100. These two items are included in the Estimates. In addition, if a new Light were to be provided at the Harbour entrance the cost would be at least £400 but provision has not been made for this as the Commissioners of Irish Lights might assist in its restoration.

#### Retirement of Weighmaster/Caretaker

Recently the Weighmaster/Caretaker, Town Hall, retired and in the Estimates a sum of £657 is included to meet the lump sum payable to him under the Superannuation Acts.

#### Town Hall Repairs

Tenders recently were received for the work of removal and replacement of timbers affected by dry rot in the Town Hall. A loan for the work has been arranged but the contract has not yet been signed. The estimated loan charges for the coming year are £238.

#### Public Library

The Estimate for the Public Library shows an increase of £144, the increase being mainly due to the necessity for the purchase of new shelving for books. There has again been a striking rise in the total of book issues. In the year ended 31st December, 1957, a total of 141,338 books were issued from the Public Library, as compared with 134,250 in the previous year. The issues for non-fiction still continue to be remarkably high and were 41 per cent. of the total which is an unusually high percentage—indeed one would be surprised to find if there were anything remotely approaching this percentage.



in Public Libraries generally. The number of children making use of the Library continues to increase and there is no doubt that very valuable public instruction is being afforded through the Library Service. A copy of the Annual Report of the Librarian is being circulated with these Estimates.

#### Esplanade

Provision is being made for a number of new items at the Esplanade.

Last year the Council allowed £250 for the painting of railings and seats. The Town Engineer, however, considers that £400 will be required in the coming year and this amount is shown in the Estimates. For minor repairs to the Sea Wall—the Town Engineer regards this as an urgent item—£100 has been included. £50 is included for new flags and pennants (many of these, which add so much colour to the Sea Front, have to be replaced each year). It will be necessary to replace a number of decorative lamps on steps to the Esplanade at a cost of £50. In the coming year an additional £90 has been included for strip lighting—a total outlay of £300 as compared with £210 in 1957/58.

It is recommended by the Town Engineer that a Rotovator be purchased by the Council at a cost of £150. He considers that this machine is essential in view of the area of Parks which now have to be maintained and the difficulty in hiring machines when soil has to be prepared for the sowing of grass, etc.

The total outlay from Revenue on Esplanade and Public Parks, including Loan Charges and wages, is estimated for the coming year at £5,274 and represents a rate of approximately 2s. 0d. in the £1.

#### Band Performances

The same amount as was allowed last year, viz., £400, is included for Band Performances.

#### Fuel Scheme

The cost of providing fuel to households which would be unable to meet the cost, either in whole or in part, from their own resources, again shows an increase. Last year there was a rise of £602 and in the coming year the outlay is up by £190. There has been a marked increase in the number of recipients in the past few years—the number now being 480; two or three years ago it was about 300. The cost of the Scheme is recouped in full from State Funds and by Wicklow County Council.

#### Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates

The amount provided for this purpose is £550, which compares with £250 in the present year, and is based on the outlay in the present year.

#### County Council Demand

This Demand will be up by £285 in the coming year, representing a rate of about 1½d. in the £1. The following figures give a comparison of the Demand with that for the present year, viz.,

	1957/58	1958/59	Increase + Decrease -
Main Roads	8,942	10,315	1,373 +
Public Assistance	2,188	3,919	1,731 +
Health	20,020	15,666	4,354 -
Mental Hospitals	6,236	7,040	804 +
General Purposes (Co.)	3,815	4,502	687 +
Separate Charges	29	—	29 -
Fire Brigades	1,460	1,533	73 +
	£42,690	£42,975	£285 +

#### Unemployment Assistance Acts Levy

The amount which the Council is required to raise in the coming year is £1,935 and is the product of a special Rate of 9d. in the £1 which the Council must levy and pay over to the Department of Social Welfare under the Unemployment Assistance Acts, 1933-40.

#### Level of Rates and Wages Increase

Some time ago the Workmen's Unions submitted an application for an increase in wages and they were informed that any decision on it would be dependent on the outcome of applications which it is understood were being made to other employers in the Urban District. In recent years it had been the practice that Urban Authorities might allow to their employees such rates of remuneration as did not exceed those paid for comparable employment within the area. In a recent Circular the Central Authority urged that Local Authorities should endeavour to effect economies in current expenditure and thus help the policy being pursued by the State with the object of making capital available from current savings for work of national development.



When it was agreed between employers and Trade Unions some time ago that wage increases might be arranged subject to a certain maximum, it was understood that any rise in costs which would result should be offset by higher productivity. In the case of a Local Authority it is not evident that such an aim can readily be achieved, especially where already every effort is being made to achieve efficiency at the minimum cost. When this matter was discussed by the Council in recent weeks, it was agreed that an indication should be given when submitting the Estimates, of the cost which would be entailed by any increase in the present rate of wages. Every rise of 1s. per week would entail an additional cost of £62. A wage increase of 5s. per week would therefore require additional expenditure of £310; 7s. 6d. per week would cost £465; and to grant an increase of 10s. per week the total outlay would be £620, which is equivalent to a rate of 3d. in the £1.

The Estimates now submitted for your consideration do not include any provision for an increase in wages but the foregoing details will serve to illustrate the cost which would be involved if any increase in wages were to be allowed. It may also be expected that if an increase in wages be allowed it will be followed by applications for increased remuneration from other persons in the service of the Council.

Since the rates which the Council are obliged to levy are influenced by the levels of remuneration it must be expected, if increases now be granted, that apart from the immediate impact in the coming year, other costs to be met by the Council later will be affected and that a further rise in the rate would be inevitable in the following year.

Last year when submitting the Estimates a comparison was made between the current Rates for the Municipal Services which are provided and controlled directly by the Urban Council and those which were levied in 1938/39—in the intervening period there have been marked social changes and wide alterations in money values and price levels. Amongst the Municipal Services administered directly by the Council are the construction and maintenance of urban roads, the supply of water, sewerage, public lighting, street cleansing, the collection of household refuse, housing (of the population of the Urban area about 43 per cent. have been provided with housing accommodation by the Council and about 10 per cent. have been enabled to build their own houses with the aid of loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts), vocational education (it is notable, however, that the rise in the cost of this service has been relatively greater—120 per cent. since 1938/39—than that for others), public library, school meals, baths, public sanitary conveniences, public parks, and the various amenities at the Seafront. In the present year

the cost of these Municipal Services represents a rate of 18s. 3d. in the £1 whereas in the year 1938/39, and those immediately prior to it, the rate for this purpose averaged 14s. From these details it will be seen that the part of the rate which is for municipal services has only risen by 30 per cent. in the past twenty years.

In the coming year the County Council Demand will be £42,975 and of this sum almost three-fourths is required for Social Services, that is to meet the cost of Health Schemes, Mental Hospitals and Public Assistance. In addition the Urban Council is by law required to strike a Special Rate of 9d. in the £1, the product of which is paid to the Department of Social Welfare under the Unemployment Assistance Acts. It must be said, however, that each year the Council receives at Christmas Special Grants to be used in Employment Schemes, and with these funds many municipal improvements have been carried out. But it should not be overlooked that the Council is required to make this statutory contribution from the rates. The expansion in the Social Services which has taken place in the past twenty years was not determined by local authorities; it was provided for in legislation which it was left to local Councils to administer. Undoubtedly a measure of State Assistance has been afforded, but this still leaves an ever increasing sum to be met from local rates. As rates are levied on fixed property values they are a most regressive type of taxation during a period when price levels and costs are rising, and are consequently ill-adapted to meet the costs of expanding social services at a time when there are inflationary trends. It is noteworthy that in Britain the cost of the Health Services is being met almost completely from national taxation.

When local rates are mentioned many people apparently still think merely of roads, the water supply, sewerage and public lighting. They overlook the contribution made by rates in housing anything from 40 per cent. to 50 per cent. of the local population. The services given under the Health Acts may not be appreciated. In submitting the County Council Estimates some weeks ago figures were given showing that about one person in every twelve is, during the year, provided with hospital treatment, the cost of which is met in part or in full by the County Council—in the great majority of cases the full cost is borne by the Council. Nowadays it is found that about two-thirds of the births registered for Wicklow County occur in maternity hospitals and the full cost is borne by the Council. It may not be known that the treatment of one case of infectious disease (such as tuberculosis) may cost up to £500 and even more when allowance for dependants are taken into account—a cost, however, which must be viewed in the light of the protection against infection which is afforded to the community. Indeed there has been a very marked decline in the total cost of the treatment of tuberculosis in the past few years and the outlay of health authorities to-day is in



increasing measure being devoted to preventive measures and such items as mother and child care, schools medical service, specialist services and for hospital treatment which provides a cure or amelioration for conditions which would have proved fatal twenty or thirty years ago. There seems, however, to be a rather remarkable disinclination on the part of many people to admit that advantage is being taken of these public services or that public benefit is being derived from them. Is it more than a coincidence that illustrations of this type showing how local rates are spent are given only limited publicity in newspapers? Local Authorities moreover, are not unacquainted with the type of person who thinks that public services—whether they be in hospital, institution or at home—should be withheld until he himself, or somebody in who he may have an interest may seek them.

Once more there has been a clamour in recent months for stability or a reduction in local rates. But may one suggest that the eventual trend of local rates could readily have been foreseen when new social legislation was being passed. For the past ten years when submitting Annual Estimates, I have been referring to the unavoidable outcome. May one also politely point out that there was an absence of any voluble and helpful comment when some local authorities were endeavouring to introduce differential rents which might serve towards easing their housing burden. At the moment local authorities have before them applications for wages increases. But these were only made after other employers—including some of those who look askance at any rise in local rates—had allowed increases. Local authorities, as has often previously been stressed, cannot take measures to immunise or isolate themselves against the general trend of price and wage levels, which always are reflected in the price of other commodities and services—whether they be printing and stationery or newspapers and newspapers advertising. As mentioned earlier, if wage and price levels show a general rise, then local rates in the next year or two will be effected, and unless there is to be a curtailment of services—this is the straightforward and ready way to secure a reduction in costs—they will follow the upward trend. It has previously been stressed that there is a grave danger that uninformed criticism of local authorities which, whether by accident or otherwise ignores certain basic considerations such as the effect of price and wages levels, the impact of social legislation which in this country requires that the cost of new and expanding services be met from local rates, the absence of any degree of flexibility during a period of inflation in a form of local taxation which is based on fixed property values—there is a grave danger that such criticism may seriously impair the prestige of local administration and may discourage men of proved capacity and integrity from taking an active part in local affairs.

Once again I wish to convey to the Chairman and Members of the Council my sincere appreciation for the guidance and assistance they have given in the administration of diverse and rather complex services.

During the past year all the Members of the Council's staff have been most diligent in the discharge of their duties. In the preparation of the Estimates now before you the Town Clerk (Mr. McCarthy) and the Town Engineer (Mr. Healy) have been most helpful. The Accountant (Mr. McDonnell) has kept the Council's accounts with his customary zeal and thoroughness and has thereby enabled Estimates to be prepared with unusual ease and exactitude.

Yours faithfully,

M. FLANNERY,  
Wicklow County Manager.

Public Lighting	2,531
Salaries—Surveyor and Engineer	421
Superannuation—(Former Overseer—part)	43
Salaries—Overseer—part	267
Other Sanitary Expenses	20
Public Conveniences—Repairs & Maintenance	30
do—Slat Locks	100
New Litter Boxes, Repairs and Repainting	40
LOAN CHARGES	
1939 Public Health—General (C.P.W.)	110
1947 Watermain—Harbert and Vevay Rd.	7
do—C.P.W.	94
1949 Sewer and Watermain—Meath and	
do—Sidney Road (C.P.W.)	211



# BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

### EXPENDITURE

Estimated by Manager  
Adopted by Council

### URBAN ROADS

#### Ordinary Road Works

Urban Roads Maintenance—Wages	1,089
—Materials, Cartage and Tools	600
Repairs to Footpaths	150
Improvements to corner at Seapoint Road	100
Road Signs, Tools, etc.	150
Road Side Tree Planting and Seats	50
Special Grant Works (Council's Contribution)	300
Salaries (Surveyor and Overseer part)	481
Salaries (Storekeeper one-half)	265
Clothing (Workmen)	53
Superannuation—Former Overseer (one-fourth)	43

### LOAN CHARGES

1947 Meath and Sidmonton Road Reconstruction (C.P.W.)	297
1949 Meath and Sidmonton Roads Reconstruction (C.P.W.)	180
1948 Florence Road Reconstruction (C.P.W.)	413
1952 Church Road Reconstruction, Treas	251
1952 Reconstruction—Seapoint Road, Novara Ave., Herbert Road, etc., Treas	1,512
1955 Strand Road, Eglinton Road, etc. do.	525
1956 St. Kevin's Sq., Seymour Road, Galtrim Rd., Wyndham Park, Connolly Sq., Treas	517
1956 Herbert Road, St. Laurence's Tce. and Dock Terrace, Treas.	383
1958 Castle Street, widening do.	221

£7,580

### 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 bulk supply at 2.88d.	3,300
at 8d.	245

Scavenging—Domestic Refuse Collection—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)	450
do. (No. 2)	250
do. —Repairs to Handcarts	25

### Municipal Baths

Erection of Timber Decking and Repairs	150
do. —Repairs to Canopy	75
Cove Swimming Pool—Repairs	20
Cove Swimming Pool—Cleaning	75
do. —Repairs to Concrete Apron	300

### Water Safety — Contribution towards I.R.C.S.

Public Lighting	2,535
Salaries—(Surveyor and Overseer—part)	481
Superannuation—(Former Overseer—part)	43
Salaries—Storekeeper—part	265
Other Sanitary Expenses	20
Public Conveniences Repairs & Maintenances	50
do. —Slot Locks	100
New Litter Boxes, Repairs and Replacements	40

### LOAN CHARGES

1939 Public Health—General (C.P.W.)	110
1947 Watermains—Herbert and Vevay Rds. (C.P.W.)	94
1949 Sewers and Watermains—Meath and Sidmonton Roads (C.P.W.)	235



1951 Miscellaneous 4" Watermains (Treas.)	
Scheme No. 1 purchase	157
1951 Laying of Watermains—Church Rd. etc.	
(Scheme No. 1) (C.P.W.)	207
1952 Purchase of additional watermains	
(Scheme 2)	373
1952 Relaying of Watermains (Scheme No. 2)	
(C.P.W.)	282
1955 Relaying of Watermains (Scheme No. 3) Treas.	294
1956 Sea Front Improvement Scheme—	
Shelter, Sanitary Conveniences	
(half-year)	160
1956 Sea Front Improvement Scheme—	
Cove, Pools, etc. (Part Charge)	10
1956 New Sanitary Convenience People's	
Park and Town Hall, Treas.	181
1955 Refuse Collection, etc. Lorry (Treasurer)	244
1955 Sea Wall Repairs (Treasurer)	311
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	£19,196

## HOUSING

*Housing of the Working Classes*

Maintenance and Repairs	1,600
Salaries—Surveyor and Overseer—part	481
do. Clerical Staff	628
Superannuation—Former Overseer (one-fourth)	43
Rent Collectors' Commission	1,278
Rates on Council Houses	7,592
Rates on Council Houses at Old Conna	3,964
Insurance	380
Clearing of Derelict Sites	200
Old Conna—Boundary Extension Compensation	800

## LOAN CHARGES

1931 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver)	1,194
1933 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver)	912
1935 Wolfe Tone Sq. and Kilmantain Park	
(C.P.W.)	6,185
1936 Wolfe Tone Sq. and Kilmantain Park	
(C.P.W.)	1,086
1937 Little Bray Housing Development	
(C.P.W.)	543

1939 Little Bray Housing Development	
(C.P.W.)	121
1949 3½% Conversion Stock	2,137
1947 Dublin Rd., etc., 91 Houses Scheme	
(C.P.W.)	2,491
1949 do.	541
1950 do.	287
1951 do.	79
1949 Pollard's Tce. Acquisition	65
1949 Greenpark Tce., Vevay Rd. and Dargle	
Rd., 18 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.) Direct	
Labour	523
1951 do.	69
1950 Fairgreen Tce., St. Peter's Tce, etc.,	
29 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.) Direct	
Labour	858
1952 do.	52
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme—Acquisition	
of Land (Treasurer)	111
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme Development	
(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.)	228
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)	6,876
1954 Old Conna Scheme—Erection of 36	
Houses, Dublin Rd. (part)	2,478
1951 Acquisition of Dock Terrace (Treasurer)	180
1957 Chapel Lane Scheme, etc.—12 Houses	
(C.P.W.)	294
1955 Acquisition of Houses at Maitland Street	
(C.P.W.)	187
1955 Children's Playground at Boghall Rd.	
(Treas.)	229
1958 Acquisition of Houses at Maitland St.	
(C.P.W.)	160



Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts	do.
Loan Charges	do.
1936 C. Public Works Loan	899
1949 C. Public Works Loan	1,442
1950 C. Public Works Loan	1,442
1951 C. Public Works Loan	1,922
1952 C. Public Works Loan	2,410
1953 C. Public Works Loan	2,864
1956 C. Public Works Loan	343
	<u>£62,464</u>

## GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

Town Hall Expenses—lighting and heating	400
do. Repairs	50
do. Cleaning	156
Tourist Development	300
Public Library Salaries (Librarian and Assistants)	1,534
Public Library, wages	52
do. Books, Binding, etc.	725
do. do. (Juvenile Section)	525
do. Loan Charges	236
do. Heating and Lighting	120
do. Repairs and Maintenance	10
do. Office Expenses—Stationery, Postage, Telephone, etc.	96
Public Library, Purchase of Paintings and Book Stacks	140
Vocational Education—Demand	2,438
do. Superannuation	60
Public Parks and Esplanade—Wages	1,578
do. Clothing (workmen)	25
do. Materials and Petrol	100
do. Purchase of Rotovator	150
Esplanade—New Litter Baskets	50
do. Sodding, Seeds, Manure	100
do. Repairs to Seats, Boat-slip, and Bandstand	150
do. Strip Lighting	300
do. Flags and Pennants	50
do. Life Bouys	40
do. Replacement of Lamps on Promenade	50

do. Repairs to Footpaths	100
do. Painting of Railings and Seats	400
do. Sea Wall Repairs	100
Bray Head—Repairs to Fences and Walls	25
Markets and Weighbridge—Salary of Weighmaster	52
Markets and Weighbridge—Repairs	10
do. Rent	15
do. Retirement Lump Sum to Weighmaster	657
Band Performances	400
Milk and Dairies Acts	10
School Meals—Cost of Food	1,020
do. Cost of Administration	345
Salaries	3,138
do. Surveyor and Overseer—part	481
Rate Collector's Commission	855
Superannuation—Former Overseer—part	43
Superannuation—Former Weighmaster	219
Legal Expenses	250
Audit Expenses	100
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	650
Office Expenses—Postage and Telephones	230
Preparation of Rate Books, etc.	65
Rent—Rates and Taxes	230
Insurances (Fire, E.L., P.L. and F.G.)	480
Discount on Rates	125
Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates	550
Fuel Scheme—Cost of Turf, etc.	2,340
Fuel Scheme—administration (printing, etc.)	40
Bank Interest	50
Miscellaneous	50
Civil Defence	150
HARBOUR CHARGES	
Removal of Obstruction at Entrance	300
Removal of Timber Decking	100
Superannuation of Harbour Master	215
LOAN CHARGES—GENERAL PURPOSES	
1932 Vocational Education (C.P.W.)	228
1943 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.)	267
1947 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.)	17
1947 Car Park (C.P.W.)	151
1950 Town Hall alterations and repairs (Treasur	141



1953 Esplanade Improvements (Treasurer)	315
1954 New Stores (Treasurer)	186
1955 Preparation of Town Planning Scheme	238
Treasurer	238
1957 Town Hall Repairs (Treas.) part	238

## COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES

Main Roads	10,315
Public Assistance	3,919
Mental Hospitals	7,040
Health Services	15,666
General Purposes (County)	4,502
Separate Charges (Fire Brigade)	1,533

## UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE LEVY

£51,605, P.L.V. 9d in £1 (1933 & 1940 U.A. Acts) 1,935

69,921
£2,012

Housing of the Working Classes	
Housing Subsidy—Little Bray Scheme	910
do Wolfe Tone Sq. and Cill-mantain 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	1,400
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
Rents (Inc. of Rates)	14,359

## RECEIPTS

## ROADS

State Grant—Estate Duty Grant	75
Miscellaneous	75
	£150

## SANITARY SERVICES

Recoupment Loan Charges on Watermains	
State Grant	
do. Scheme No. 1	137
do. Scheme No. 2	248
do. Scheme No. 3	107
Sewer Connections	40
Water Connections	300
Water Rents	900
Sanitary Conveniences	200
Sewer Rents—Dublin Road	80
	£2,012

## HOUSING

Housing of the Working Classes	
Housing Subsidy—Little Bray Scheme	910
do Wolfe Tone Sq. and Cill-mantain 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	1,400
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
Rents (Inc. of Rates)	14,359



Rents (Inc. of Rates) Old Conna Park	11,447
Purchase Annuities (Old Schemes)	2,642
Purchase Annuities and Rates—Scott Park Scheme	2,052
Ground Rents	644

## SMALL DWELLING ACQUISITION ACTS

Repayments by Borrowers (old loans)	899
Repayments by Borrowers (new loans)	10,423

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## GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

State Grants	
Bounty in lieu of Rates	497
School Meals	510
Fuel Scheme	1,972
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. 3 (Putting Green)	210
Site No. 4 (Concert Parties)	10
Licence for Children's Amusements	100
Chair Licence	40
Watercraft Licence	60
Kiosks—Esplanade	700
Weighing Machines	40
Photographic Licence	10
Sale of Oysters	20
Fuel Scheme—Payments by Recipients and Recoupment from County Council	368
Public Library—Registration Fees, etc.	300
Annuity—Sec. 11 E.S.B. Act, 1930—Mill Lane Premises	175
Advertisements—Litter Boxes	38
Miscellaneous	350

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1958/59

## SUMMARY OF CHARGES

	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Net Expenditure
Roads	7,580	150	7,430
Sanitary Services	19,196	2,012	17,184
Housing Services	62,464	55,282	7,182
General Urban Purposes	69,921	5,684	64,237
	£159,161	£63,128	£96,033

The net requirements to be met from Rate Levy as above, are £96,033. Credits of £360 are available, which can be applied to reduce the amount to be raised by Rate Levy in the year 1958/59 to £95,673.

Municipal Rate of 1d. in £1 produces £223.  
Rate in the £1 to meet the net expenditure of £95,673 is 35s 9d.

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The Council considered the Estimates in detail and made the following amendments, viz.,

#### URBAN ROADS

On the proposition of Clr. H. B. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. G. H. G. Stuart, the proposal to provide £100 for improvement to a corner at Seapoint Road was deleted, a vote having been taken thereon. For Clr. Hipwell's motion there voted—Councillors E. Byrne, T. Byrne, P. Dempsey, Dr. B. Donnelly, H. B. Hipwell, P. Savage and G. H. G. Stuart. There voted against—Councillors C. Doyle, Mrs. Ledwidge, M. O'Toole, J. O'Toole, T.D., and D. Sayers. The sum was accordingly deleted.

On the proposal of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, the provision of a sum of £150 for road signs, tools, etc., was reduced by £75.

Arising out of discussion on roads some Members called attention to the need for minor repairs in various parts of the town by the County Council. The Town Engineer stated he would bring the matter to the attention of the County Council Engineering staff.

#### SANITARY SERVICES

No amendment was made on the proposed expenditure on Sanitary Services. Clr. M. O'Toole expressed the opinion that a major work should be carried out at the Municipal Baths to save the annual expenditure on replacing decking. The Chairman stated that he would be prepared to accept a Notice of Motion on this whole question at a later meeting.

#### HOUSING

On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. P. Savage, it was decided to reduce the Estimate of £1,600 for the maintenance and repair of Council Houses by £100. On the proposition of Clr. P. Savage, seconded by Clr. P. Dempsey, the sum of £200 proposed for Derelict Sites was reduced by £100 and after a short discussion a sum of £800 estimated for boundary extension compensation was reduced by £200. During the discussion on Housing some of the Members were of opinion that there were people living in Council Houses who could afford to pay much higher rents. The Town Engineer made a suggestion to the Council that where new ranges were sought by tenants a sum of 2s. 5d. per week should be charged to cover the cost in installation, which he informed the Council was now approximately £20 per range.

#### GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

The sum of £400 estimated for painting of railings and seats at the Esplanade was reduced by £150 to £250.

Under the heading of Harbour Charges sums of £300 and £100 estimated for removal of obstruction at entrance to the Harbour and removal of the timber decking were deleted. During the course of the discussion under this heading the Council directed the Town Clerk to write to Mrs. Hilda Little and thank her for her generosity in presenting to the Library a most beautiful painting by Keating. Several Members commented on the need for extra or improved steps from the Esplanade to the Beach between the Municipal Baths and the northern end of the Esplanade and the Town Engineer stated he would give a report on the matter. Clr. M. O'Toole asked that when consideration was being given to increasing the wages of the outdoor staff that the wages of the school meals attendants should also be taken into consideration. It was decided to put forward a Resolution for discussion at the next conference of the Municipal Authorities dealing with the unfairness of the Unemployment Assistance Levy of 9d. in the £1 which is made on towns with populations over 6,000.

Clr. E. Byrne stated that some of the Council Members and the Parents Committee of the Boghall Park had inspected the Park on the previous Sunday and he asked that the Manager would see if anything could be done to fill in hollows and trenches which might be dangerous to young children. The Manager undertook to examine the matter immediately.

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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, 13th May, 1958, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Messrs. P. Savage (Chairman), T. Byrne, E. Byrne, P. Dempsey, D. Sayers, C. Doyle, G. H. G. Stuart, M. O'Toole, H. B. Hipwell and Mrs. Ledwidge.

Officials: Messrs. D. F. McCarthy, Town Clerk, and M. Healy, Town Engineer.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Mr. J. O'Toole, T.D., and Mr. M. Flannery, Wicklow Co. Manager.

### Confirmation of Minutes

78. Minutes of Special Meeting of 31st March and of Monthly Meeting of 8th April, 1958, which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

### County Manager's Orders.

79. The County Manager's Orders Nos. 8282 to 8296 were noted.

### Resignation of Clr. Dr. B. Donnelly, Chairman.

80. The Town Clerk read a letter from Clr. Dr. B. Donnelly tendering his resignation from the Council with effect from 13th May and stating that he did so as he was taking up a post in Trinidad. The Acting Chairman and Council Members expressed their sense of loss at his departure and resignation and wished him every success in his new sphere. The Town Clerk associated himself with the Council's expressed sentiments on behalf of the County Manager and Council staff.



### Vacancy on the Council.

81. Arising from receipt of letter of resignation from Clr. Dr. B. Donnelly it was proposed by Clr. D. Sayers, seconded by Clr. T. Byrne, and resolved:

"That a vacancy on the Council exists and that notice of the filling of the vacancy created by the resignation of Clr. Dr. B. Donnelly be given on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council to be held on 24th June, 1958."

### Sealing of Documents.

82. Proposed by Clr. H. B. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. T. Byrne, and resolved:

"That the Seal of Council may be affixed to documents, etc., in the presence of Clr. P. Savage, Vice Chairman, who is hereby nominated for that purpose in pursuance of the provisions of Section 17 (5) of the County Management Act, 1940."

### Ardmore Studios.

83. The presiding Chairman, Clr. P. Savage, stated he wished to take this occasion to welcome Ardmore Studios to the area and to wish them every success in their endeavours.

### Weighmaster/Caretaker — Replacement.

84. The following recommendations of the sub-Committee appointed to examine the question of replacing Mr. Keenan, Weighmaster/Caretaker, were on the proposition of Clr. E. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Hipwell, adopted:

"That Catherine M. Carton, 3 Connolly Square, be appointed for the duties of cleaner and that James O'Dea, Hill Stores, Vevay Road, be appointed for Fire Call Duties."

"That the house expected to become vacant in Kilmantain Park be allocated to Mr. J. Keenan."

"That a clock be installed in the Town Hall to be 'punched' by the Cleaner to ensure that she made an inspection of the building each night to see that there was no danger of fire."

### Boghall Park.

85. A report of the meeting between Members of the Council and the Vevay Play Centre Committee was adjourned to the next Meeting.

### Gaming and Lotteries Act.

86. (a) Notice of Motion in the name of Clr. P. Savage was adjourned indefinitely at his request.

(b) The Council noted a report of the Council's Solicitors on five Appeals against decision of District Justice under the Gaming and Lotteries Act.

(c) The Council considered a notification of the intention of Irish Amusements Ltd., to apply for a Licence under the above Act and reports of the Fire Officer and Health Inspector stating that they had no objection. The Council decided that they would enter no objection to the granting of the Licence and decided to leave the matter of the number of gaming slot machines to be granted entirely in the hands of the District Justice.

### Civil Defence.

87. The Council agreed to the holding of a public meeting to stimulate recruitment in Civil Defence on Wednesday, 28th May, and several Members promised every co-operation in the matter.

### St. Michael's, Newcourt Road, Bray.

88. The following tenders were received as a result of public advertisement and opened at the Meeting, viz.,

Mr. Robert Corson, 8 Rathmore Tce., Bray	£1,564
Mr. P. J. McEvoy, 30 Putland Villas, Bray	£1,500
Mrs. M. Sullivan, Hillside, Vevay Road	£1,000

On the proposition of Clr. H. B. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. C. Doyle, the matter was referred to the County Manager with recommendation that he sympathetically consider accepting the tender of Mr. R. Corson.

### Repairs to Council Houses — Tenders for.

89. One tender only was received for repairs to Council Houses — that of Messrs. McNulty Bros., Dalkey, at five per cent, below schedule prices.

The acceptance of the Tender was recommended on the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. C. Doyle.

### Caravan Site — Carlisle Grounds.

90. An application was received from Mr. M. Donegan, Vevay Road, for permission to use portion of Carlisle Grounds for a Caravan site. Reports from County M.O.H., Town Engineer and Health Inspector recommending refusal of permission.



In accordance with recommendation of the above Officers the Council recommended that permission be refused.

#### Cafe and Shelter at Bray Head.

91. The Council unanimously approved a revised plan submitted by Mr. D. Fitzgerald, Architect, in above matter.

#### Barry's Field.

92. Correspondence with An Bord Failte having been read to the effect that the Board could not make a grant available to Mr. A. Corscadden for the development of Barry's Field but might consider making such a grant to the Council, it was decided to invite Mr. Corscadden to the next Meeting of the Council in order that the matter might be fully discussed with him.

#### Date of Annual Meeting and Rates Meeting.

93. It was decided to hold the Annual Meeting of the Council on 24th June and the Rates Meeting on 20th May.

#### Polling Scheme — Amendment.

93. The Council agreed to a suggestion that Sunbeam House, Lr. Dargle Road, be used as a Polling Station for Little Bray area and that St. Peter's School be used for the Palermo area.

#### Industries — Circular from Department of Industry and Commerce.

94. The Council noted the contents of Circular No. TID258A/1 of 10th April in above connection.

#### Purchase of Houses at Maitland Street — Loan £1,875.

95. Proposed by Clr. P. Savage, seconded by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge and resolved:

"That the Seal of the Council be hereby affixed to Deed of Charge in the sum of £1,875 for the period of twenty years with the Commissioners of Public Works, for the purpose of purchasing fifteen houses at Maitland Street from Dublin Artisans Dwelling Co."

#### Widening of Castle Street — Loan £1,400.

96. Proposed by Clr. P. Savage, seconded by Clr. P. Dempsey, and resolved:

"That the Seal of the Council be hereby affixed to the Deed of Charge with the Hibernian Bank Ltd., in the sum of £1,400 for a period of ten years, for the purpose of purchasing Mr. Ogle's property at Castle Street."

#### Use of South Boathouse.

97. An application was received from Mr. Michael Mooney, 8 Fr. Colahan Tce., for the use of the South Boathouse was considered. It was agreed to grant him permission on the usual terms provided none of the other users had any objection.

#### Hut at the Harbour.

98. An application was received from Inchicore Sea Angling Club to rent the above hut. It was recommended that an eleven month letting be made for the sum of £5 10s. 6d.

#### Temporary Overdraft Accommodation.

99. Proposed by Clr. D. Sayers, seconded by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge, and resolved:

"That we hereby seek the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the raising by the Council of overdraft accommodation on Revenue Account, in a sum not exceeding £25,000 to 31st July, 1958, with the Hibernian Bank, Ltd."

#### People's Park — Football Pitches.

100. An application from Bray Emmets G.A.A. Club for permission to use the Central Pitch at the People's Park instead of that nearest to the town was acceded to.

#### Council's Crest.

101. An application from Mr. James Burke, 4 Griffith Street, Arklow, was received for permission to use the Bray Crest on hand-made souvenirs on wood. On the proposition of Clr. P. Dempsey it was decided to ask for sight of one of the souvenirs before granting permission.

#### Roadway — Taking Over.

102. On the proposition of Clr. H. B. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. T. Byrne, it was resolved:

"That the stretch of roadway from Seapoint Road adjacent to Milton Tce., to the recently constructed River Walk be