

declared a public road."

Cls. P. Dempsey, M. O'Toole and G. H. G. Stuart dissented.

#### 3/4 Dublin Road — Mrs. Quaid.

103. An application by the above named for permission to grant a mortgage on a house to be built by her at above address to New Ireland Assurance Co., Ltd., who were loaning her the money to erect the house, was acceded to.

#### Tralee U.D.C. — Resolution.

104. A Resolution from Tralee U.D.C. asking for an amendment of the code of law governing malicious injuries was adopted.

#### Damage to Life Buoys and Slot Locks.

105. The Town Engineer reported malicious damage to Life Buoys and theft of Life Lines at the North Pier recently. The Town Clerk also informed the Meeting that the slot locks at the Public Conveniences near the Courthouse were being continually broken. The Council strongly condemned the wanton damage and expressed the hope that the culprits will be brought to justice by the Garda Authorities.

#### Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts.

106. (a) The Council recommended that the application of Mr. John Harris to transfer the interest in 9 Roselawn Park to Mr. P. J. McGuigan, Clarecastle, Ennis, be granted.

(b) That the application of Mr. J. F. Lang to transfer his interest in 6 Camaderry Road to Mr. William O'Brien, 2 Eglinton Road, Bray, be granted.

#### Town Planning Acts — Garage at 7 Florence Terrace.

107. Application from Mr. John Woodbyrne, 7 Florence Tce., Bray, for permission to erect a garage adjacent to his house.

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

#### Town Planning Acts — Kiosk at Vevay Road.

108. Application from Mr. John Duffy, Vevay Road, to erect a kiosk in front of his premises at Vevay Road. Recommendation

from Town Engineer that permission be refused as kiosks of this nature in front of the building line are undesirable and if allowed in this instance it would be difficult to see how the practice could be prohibited from becoming widespread. Several Members spoke in favour of allowing the application. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that in erecting the kiosk without permission Mr. Duffy has also violated the terms of a Lease made by the Council to him in 1936. After further discussion the Council recommended that permission be granted.

#### 6 St. Columcille's Terrace.

109. Arising out of Manager's Order 8291 directing that Council's Solicitors seek possession of above house from the tenant, the Town Clerk explained that the house, a subsidised one, was being sought from Mr. Burke as he had become the owner of 8 Dargan Street and it was felt that he should go and live in the house he owns and make 6 St. Columcille's Tce. available to someone on the Council's Housing List. The Council, after discussion, decided to request the County Manager to reconsider the matter and some Members expressed the view that matters like this should be discussed with the Council before any action is taken.

#### Notice of Motion — Clr. G. H. G. Stuart.

110. The following notice of Motion was handed in by Clr. G. H. G. Stuart and accepted by the Chairman.

"That we the members of the Bray Urban District Council consider the possibility of widening Albert Walk, with a view to improving the approach for visitors from the Railway Station to the Seafront."

*Patrick Savage*  
20/5/58



## Bray Urban District Council



Minutes of Rates Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 20th May, 1958, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

### Confirmation of Minutes.

111. Minutes of Estimates Meeting of 31st March, 1958, which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

### Striking of Rate.

112. Proposed by Cllr. H. B. Hipwell, seconded by Cllr. D. Sayers, and resolved:

"That we the Bray Urban District Council hereby make a Municipal Rate of 35s. 4d. in the £1 to be levied in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1959, the said rate to be collected in two moieties; the first moiety and arrears on and after 20th day of May, 1958, and the second moiety on and after 1st October, 1958, and that the Rate Book be signed and sealed accordingly."

### Schedule of Uncollected Rates.

113. The Council having examined the Schedule of uncollected Rates for the year ended 31st March, 1958, i.e., £3,521 12s. 3d., recommended that sums totalling £338 19s. 3d. be declared irrecoverable and that the balance, £3,182 13s. 0d. be carried forward for the Warrant for the year ended 31st March, 1959. The Rate Collector's Warrant was accordingly signed and sealed.

*P. Savage*  
10/6/58



## Bray Urban District Council



Minutes of Special Meeting of the Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 20th May, 1958, at the conclusion of the Rates Meeting.

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

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

### Boghall Park.

114. The Council considered a report of a Meeting between the Vevay Play Centre Committee and Members of the Council. Cllr. E. Byrne and other Members urged that a part-time caretaker be provided for Boghall Park. It was also the wish of the Play Centre Committee to eventually provide swings, etc., for the Play Centre. The County Manager informed the Meeting that he would go into the various points which had to be considered before making an agreement for a part-time caretaker. It was also decided that in view of the extensive resodding and levelling on the grounds the Official opening would be postponed to August.

### 6 St. Columille's Terrace.

115. Several Members urged the Manager that he reconsider his decision to recover possession of 6 St. Columille's Tce. from Mr. Burke. The Manager pointed out that there was a very important principle involved in this particular case. A tenant of a subsidised house had become the owner of a vacant house and he felt that he

should take up residence in it. The Council's duty was clearly to provide houses for those who had no other accommodation. On being pressed by the Members he stated he would go into the matter very carefully again.

### Municipal Baths

116. The Council agreed to grant the Bray Swimming Club the use of the Municipal Baths for one year from 1st June, 1958, on the same conditions as hitherto obtained.

### Chimney Fires in Bray.

117. The Town Clerk read a report from the Fire Officer regarding the large number of chimney fires in the town and stated that it was felt that many of them were caused because chimneys were not cleaned. It was decided to endeavour to get Press publicity on the desirability of residents cleaning chimneys.

### Use of Foreshore.

118. The Council recommended that the application of Mr. J. W. Delahunt, Fairholme, Greystones, for permission to hire ponies on the Beach be granted, on condition that he pay a sum of £2 per animal and that not more than four animals be allowed and also that it be ensured that the public would be safeguarded in every way.

### Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts — 2 Cherrytree Drive.

119. Application from Mrs. C. Dutton, 21 Dargan Street, to take over the interest in 2 Cherrytree Drive, Bray. The Council recommended that the application be granted on condition that the Town Clerk obtain confirmation of the stated income of Mrs. Dutton.

### Town Planning Acts — 4 Semi-detached Houses at Cuala Road/Newcourt Road.

120. Submitted application from Mr. E. Finucane for permission to erect four semi-detached houses at Cuala Road/Newcourt Road, in accordance with plans submitted.

Order: Recommend approval of permission.

### Town Planning Acts — Workshop at 55 Raheen Park.

121. Submitted application from Mr. C. H. Thorn, 55 Raheen Park, for permission to erect a workshop at 55 Raheen Park.



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

**Kiosk at Vevay Road — Mr. J. Duffy.**

122. Arising out of the erection of a kiosk at Vevay Road by Mr. J. Duffy, without having obtained prior permission of the Council, the County Manager informed the Meeting that the Town Engineer had recommended that permission be refused and that, furthermore, it had been erected on a plot of ground leased by the Council to Mr. Duffy and that a condition of the Lease was that no extra buildings, etc., should be erected without permission of the Council. He felt that permission could not be granted to Mr. Duffy as the kiosk now erected was in front of the building line and obscured the view at the corner and also that if permission was granted in this instance it would be difficult to withhold permission to others who may seek similar facilities. Several Members urged that the Manager reconsider his decision but he stated that he did not see how he could do so in view of the Engineer's recommendation, with which he was in complete agreement.

*Patrick Savage*  
19/6/58.

**BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 10th June, 1958, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors—Messrs P. Savage (Chairman), J. O'Toole, T.D., E. Byrne, T. Byrne, C. Doyle, P. Dempsey, G. H. G. Stewart, H. E. Hipwell, M. O'Toole and Mrs. M. Ledwidge. An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor D. Sayers.

Officials—Messrs. M. Flannery, Wicklow Co. Manager, D. F. McCarthy, Town Clerk, Mr. M. Healy, Town Engineer, and Mr. J. Conyn, Health Inspector.

**123.—MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION.**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 13th May; of Rates Meeting of 20th May, and of Special Meeting of 20th May, 1958, which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman after Mr. Hipwell had commented that in the Minutes referring to the kiosk at Vevay Road, he felt it should have been stated that the kiosk now erected was a replacement of a former structure.

**124.—ALBERT WALK—NOTICE OF MOTION—CLR. G. H. STUART.**

Councillor Stuart proposed the following Notice of Motion: "That we the members of the Bray Urban District Council consider the possibility of widening Albert Walk, with a view to improving the approach for visitors from the Railway Station to the Seaford."

After a discussion, during which the difficulties and expense of acquiring and widening Albert Walk were pointed out by several members, the Co. Manager and Town Engineer, Councillor Stuart, withdrew the Motion.



#### 125.—USE OF BOATHOUSE

Application from Mr. M. Mooney, 8 Fr. Colohan Tce., to use the South Boathouse. The Town Clerk informed the Council that he had written to the other users of the Boathouse and five had replied stating that there would be no room for Mr. Mooney's boat. The Council accordingly refused the application.

#### 126.—USE OF PEOPLE'S PARK—LITTLE BRAY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Permission was granted to Little Bray Civic Association to use the People's Park for their Annual Festival from 20th July to 4th August inclusive.

#### 127.—RENTS—MAITLAND STREET.

On the proposition of Mr. E. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hipwell, it was recommended that the basic rents of 34 houses at Maitland Street and of the following, viz., 28, 31, 34, and 38 St. Kevin's Square; No. 7 Connolly Square; Nos. 37 and 41 Dargan Street, be increased by 75 per cent. when new tenancies were being created.

#### 128.—BRAY AMUSEMENTS COMMITTEE.

(a) The Council considered a letter from above Committee asking that Coras Iompair Eireann be approached with a view to getting them to run Sunday trains to 14th September. It was decided that the Town Clerk should take this matter up with Coras Iompair Eireann in August if the weather was exceptionally good.

(b) Civic Week—The Council noted that Civic Week would be run from 11th July to 19th July and that the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race would be held on 7th September.

(c) The Council agreed to fly the Flags during Civic Week, as requested and to allow the Committee to erect a Notice Board in front of the Municipal Baths during the period of Civic Week.

#### 129.—LITTER ON BEACHES.

Arising out of Circular on Litter on Beaches there was a general discussion on the playing of football, broken bottles and the throwing of litter on the beach. The general feeling of the Meeting re litter was that there should not be undue recourse to law but that, however, in the case of bottles being broken, the Council should prosecute where

possible. It was agreed to ask the Garda Authority to patrol the Esplanade occasionally where it was felt they would be a great help to the Caretaker.

#### 130.—KIOSK AT THE ESPLANADE—MESSRS. SCRAGGS AND SONS

Permission was given to Messrs. Scraggs and Sons to place a kiosk on the Esplanade on payment of the customary fee of £5.

#### 131.—LEGION OF MARY—BOOK BARROW.

Permission was given to the Legion of Mary to have a Book Barrow on the Esplanade during the Summer months.

#### 132.—MODEL RAILWAY ON ESPLANADE.

The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children sought permission to place a model railway of 124 yards in length on the Esplanade in the vicinity of the Public Baths. After rather lengthy discussion it was agreed to allow them to do so on payment of a fee of £20 in two instalments, with the stipulation that there should be no undue or flamboyant advertising and also that the Society sign the customary Agreement and produce the necessary Insurance Cover.

#### 133.—3 ST. COLUMCILLE'S TERRACE.

The Manager indicated to the Council that he could not see his way to change the decision regarding recovery of above house from the tenant, who was the owner of another vacant house in the town.

#### 134.—SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQ.) ACTS—APPLICATION

Application received from Mr. J. S. Dowling, Mayfield, Vevay Road, for a loan under above Acts of £1,600. His income as a printer was approximately £600 a year and the total outgoings on the house were estimated to come to £168. The Members felt that while the case was one worthy of consideration the burden of repaying a loan of £1,600 would be rather heavy. It was decided to offer Mr. Dowling a loan of £1,400.

#### 135.—TOWN PLANNING ACTS—GLASSHOUSES AT KILLARNEY RD.

Application from Messrs. Byrne Bros., 86 Main Street, Bray, for permission to erect Glasshouses at Killarney Road, Bray. Order: Recommend approval, in accordance with report of Town Engineer.



**136.—TOWN PLANNING ACTS — FUEL HOUSE AT OAKWORTH, SIDMONTON ROAD.**

Application from Mr. J. Curran, Oakworth, Sidmorton Road, Bray, for erection of a Fuel House at his premises. Order: Recommend approval in accordance with report of Town Engineer.

**137.—HOUSING LIST—ANNUAL REVISION.**

The Council considered a revised Housing List, going through each case individually. As a result it was decided that seventeen cases could be regarded as in need of immediate rehousing; a further twenty-one cases to remain on the list for housing in future and a further thirty-one cases not in need of rehousing at present.

The Health Inspector was asked to give a special report on Mr. O'Brien, Springmount Cottage, Glenard Avenue, Bray.

*Patrick Savage*  
24/6/58

**BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**



Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tues, 24th June, 1958, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Officials—Messrs. D. F. McCarthy, Town Clerk, M. Healy, Town Engineer. An apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. M. Flannery, Wicklow Co. Manager.

**138.—ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.**

The following were proposed, viz.:

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

Clr. D. Sayers—Proposed by Clr. T. Byrne, seconded by Clr. C. Doyle.

Clr. D. Sayers thanked his Proposer and Seconder but declined to go forward.

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

On a vote being taken, there voted for Clr. P. Savage, 7, viz., Clrs. E. Byrne, C. Doyle, J. O'Toole, M. O'Toole, D. Sayers, P. Savage, and Mrs. M. Ledwidge. There voted for Clr. H. B. Hipwell, 3, viz., Clrs. T. Byrne, G. H. G. Stuart and H. B. Hipwell.



Clr. P. Dempsey abstained.

Clr. P. Savage was accordingly elected Chairman and returned thanks to the Council for his election. Clr. H. B. Hipwell thanked those who supported him.

#### 139.—ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

The following were proposed, viz.:

Clr. Mrs. M. Ledwidge—proposed by Clr. J. O'Toole, seconded by Clr. C. Doyle.

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

On a vote being taken the following voted for Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge, 6, viz., Clrs. E. Byrne, C. Doyle, J. O'Toole, T.D., M. O'Toole, P. Savage and Mrs. M. Ledwidge. There voted for Clr. Hipwell, 5, viz., Clrs. T. Byrne, P. Dempsey, D. Sayers, G. H. G. Stuart, H. B. Hipwell.

Clr. Mrs. M. Ledwidge was accordingly declared elected Vice-Chairman.

#### 140.—APPOINTMENT OF TWO DELEGATES TO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES CONFERENCE IN WATERFORD.

The following were proposed for above, viz.:

Clr. D. Sayers—Proposed by Clr. M. O'Toole, seconded by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge.

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

Clr. E. Byrne—Proposed by Clr. P. Savage, seconded by Clr. D. Sayers.

After a discussion, Clr. E. Byrne withdrew but stated that next year he felt the Council should send two members who had never been at the Conference before. It was accordingly decided that Clrs. H. B. Hipwell and D. Sayers would, with the Town Clerk, represent the Council at the Conference.

#### 141.—CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS TO FILL THE VACANCY CAUSED BY THE RESIGNATION OF CLR. DR. B. DONNELLY.

The Town Clerk read a letter received by the Chairman from Mr. A. P. Kane, Hon. Secretary, Bray Branch, Fine Gael, stating that he

had been instructed by his Committee to put forward the name of Mr. Jack Kinsella for the vacant seat on the Council. Clr. H. B. Hipwell and Clr. G. H. G. Stuart stated that they understood that it was the view of the National Executive of the Fine Gael Party that Mrs. E. MacNiece should be co-opted. After a discussion the Council agreed to a suggestion by Clr. H. B. Hipwell that the filling of the vacancy be adjourned to the Statutory Meeting to be held on 8th July, 1958, in order that Fine Gael Party may have a further opportunity of considering the matter. 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 8th day of July, 1958.

#### 142.—POLLING PLACES.

Consideration of an amendment in the Scheme of Polling Places was adjourned.

#### 143.—UNPROTECTED QUARRIES.

Consideration of a Circular re above was adjourned.

#### 144.—FACILITIES FOR DRINKING WATER AT THE ESPLANADE.

The Town Engineer undertook to examine the question of providing facilities for drinking water at the Esplanade at the request of Clr. M. O'Toole.

#### 145.—BAND PERFORMANCES.

On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, it was decided to engage a Band for the 11th July to coincide with the opening of Bray Civic Week and another Band for Saturday, 19th July for the closing of Civic Week. Clr. Hipwell stated that he understood that two Band Performances had been cancelled owing to bad weather. The Town Clerk stated he wished to advise the Council against agreeing to this proposal as it could mean that two extra Bands would have to be engaged heretofore and furthermore, that it would create a precedent for other Organisations and Clubs in the town.

*Ratna Singh*  
12/8/58



## BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



### Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 8th July, 1958, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Officials: Messrs. M. Flannery, Wicklow Co. Manager; D. F. McCarthy, Town Clerk, and P. Hickey, Acting Town Engineer.

#### 146. Confirmation of Minutes.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 10th June, 1958, which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

#### 147. Manager's Orders.

The County Manager's Orders Nos. 8312 to 8319 were noted.

#### 148. Congratulations.

The Council voted congratulations to Mr. A. McDermott, c/o Ardmore Studios, on prompt action taken recently by him on the occasion of a fire at Quinsboro' Road.

#### 149. Filling of vacancy created by resignation of Dr. B. Donnelly.

Letters were read from

- (1) County Wicklow Constituency Executive of Fine Gael asking that Mrs. Catherine Meganetty be co-opted on the Council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. B. Donnelly.
- (2) Letter from Mr. K. O'Neill, 4 Dwyer Park, signed by nine other persons recommending that the vacancy be filled by Mr. H. McAuliffe.

On the proposition of Clr. H. B. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. C. Doyle, Mrs. Catherine Meganetty was elected to fill the vacancy.

Mrs. Meganetty having completed Declaration of Office took her seat and was welcomed by the Chairman.

#### 150. Unprotected Quarries.

A Circular from Department of Local Government re Unprotected Quarries was read and a report from the Town Engineer thereon. The Report from the Town Engineer was adopted. The Town Clerk was directed to write to the County Council suggesting that a protective railing be erected on the low parapet wall at "Patchwork," Killarney Road, Bray.

#### 151. Speed Limit—Meath Road.

A long discussion took place on a letter complaining of excessive speeding signed by 70 residents of Meath Road and on a letter from Supt. Hynes saying that he would look into the matter. It was finally decided to allow the Superintendent some time to investigate the complaint before taking any action.

#### 152. Produce Sale on the Esplanade.

The customary permission was granted to the Powerscourt and Kilbride Nursing Association to hold a Produce Sale on the Esplanade on the 23rd July, 1958.

#### 153. Flooding.

The Council adopted the report of the Town Engineer on the flooding which took place on 25th/26th June. In the course of same, Mr. Healy stressed the need for restricted building on the land lying between Newcourt Road and Bray Head to a density of not more than one house per acre because of the danger of flooding from increased volume of sewage and surface drainage. The Council asked that Mr. Healy would give active consideration to the devising of measures to obviate flooding in Little Bray.



Clr. Dempsey suggested that the Town Engineer go into the question of the danger of flooding of the stream running past Aravon and Westfield Park, stating that the banks of this stream had been knocked into the bed and that the owners should be asked to put these banks in order.

The Chairman also gave the Council a report of measures taken during the night of the flooding to alleviate possible distress caused. He made particular mention of the assistance given by Garda Fogarty.

On the suggestion of Chr. E. Byrne, the Council voted its thanks to all who helped on the night of the flooding and especially to the Chairman, County Manager and Chr. P. Dempsey.

154. S.D.A. Acts—Assignment of Interest in "Tore,"  
Newcourt Road, Bray.

The Council recommended that permission be granted to Mr. S. R. P. Harrison, "Tore," Newcourt Road, Bray, to transfer the interest in his house to Mr. John Hoey, Glenlion, Wilton Road, Cork.

155. S.D.A. Acts—Deveney to Dutton.

After discussion on above case it was decided to adjourn a decision pending receipt of an application from Mrs. Dutton's son, for a transfer of the interest in the house, 2 Cherry Tree Drive, from Mr. Deveney.

156. Advertising Board.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of an application from Mr. M. Donegan, Bray Wanderers' F.C., seeking permission to erect an Advertising Board on the Esplanade railings, pending a report from the Town Engineer on the suggestion by Chr. P. Dempsey that the Council erect a Notice Board on the Esplanade and charge a small fee for the use thereof. Permission was granted to Mr. Donegan to erect strip lighting from Carlisle Grounds across Quinsboro' Road to C.Y.M.S. Hall.

157. Bray Civic Week.

The Council indicated that they had no objection to a Cycle Race, promoted by Bray Civic Week on 16th July, 1958, accepting no liability whatever for any accident that might be caused therefrom. Permission was also given to the Amusements Committee to erect two banners in connection with the Waiters' Race.

158. Town Planning Acts—Conversion of Garage into Book-maker's Office, 28 Dublin Road, Bray.

The Council noted that the Minister for Local Government had granted special permission in this case, even though same had been refused by the Council.

159. Factories Committee.

Letters were read by the Town Clerk from Mr. R. Connolly, Hon. Secretary of the Factories Joint Committee, and from Mr. S. Magee, Hon. Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, complaining that in the case of a recent enquiry for the establishment of a factory, the Joint Factories Committee had been ignored. The Chairman explained the matter to the Council and stated that he was prepared to attend a Meeting of the Joint Factories Committee re same.

160. Promotion of Sergt. P. McManus.

The Council voted its congratulations to Sergt. P. McManus on his appointment to Greystones.

161. Miscellaneous.

The Council granted permission to Little Bray Civic Association to hang a Banner on the railings at the People's Park during their Festival.

Chr. P. Dempsey asked that the Rent Collectors be instructed to check on cases of persons taking in sub-tenants in Council houses after other sub-tenants had been re-housed in recent months. Chr. P. Dempsey also drew attention to the fact that the Electricity Supply Board does not seem to be keeping a proper check on the lighting of the town, mentioning a case where a light had been out for almost ten nights.

*Detwile. Savage*  
12/1/58



# BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



**Minutes of Special Meeting of Bray Urban District  
Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday,  
15th July, 1958, at 7.30 p.m.**

162 Present—Councillors: Messrs. P. Savage (Chairman); E. Byrne,  
T. Byrne, C. Doyle, D. Sayers, H. B. Hipwell, G. H. G. Stuart,  
P. Dempsey, M. O'Toole, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Mrs. C. Meganetty.  
Officials: Messrs. M. Flannery, Wicklow Co. Manager, D. F.  
McCarthy, Town Clerk, and Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor.

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

## *Flying of Boats for Hire.*

In reply to a question by Cllr. M. O'Toole, he stated that he was not of opinion that Mr. Merlihan had any claim against the Council arising out of the result of the case. The decision of the Circuit Court in effect meant that the Agreement with Mr. Merlihan was ultra vires. Cllr. D. Sayers stated that taking everything into consideration he was in favour of appealing, as was Cllr. E. Byrne. Cllr. H. B. Hipwell also felt it should be appealed. Mr. McCarroll, in reply to questions, stated that his best estimate of the cost of a High Court Appeal would be £200. Cllrs. T. Byrne and M. O'Toole were not in favour of taking an Appeal. After a further discussion, during which Cllr. Stuart made a point that the Judge's Order allowing the craft to take two adults and a third person under fifteen, could lead to danger, as in his opinion a boy or girl of fifteen years often is as big as an adult, Cllr. Hipwell finally proposed that the Council accept the decision of the Circuit Court Judge, review the position during the Winter and keep a careful watch on the manner in which Mr. Murray ran the service. Cllr. M. O'Toole seconded the proposal, which was adopted with Cllrs. D. Sayers and E. Byrne dissenting.

During the course of discussion the County Manager stated that he felt the question of monopoly to Mr. Merlihan and no action taken by the Council to licence the local boat owners influenced the Judge very much in his decision. It was decided, therefore, on the proposition of Cllr. P. Dempsey that Counsel's Opinion be sought on the whole matter and in particular the Council's rights and duties regarding the licensing of Fishermen's boats and launches. It was also suggested that Mr. McCarroll occasionally attend Council Meetings when matters may lead to legal proceedings are being decided.

*Petrus Savage*  
12/8/58



## BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 12th August, 1958.

Present: Councillors— Messrs. P. Savage (Chairman); J. O'Toole, T.D., M. E. Byrne, T. Byrne, D. Sayers, G. H. G. Stuart, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. C. Megannety.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from: Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Messrs. C. Doyle and P. Dempsey.

### 153.—CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the annual Meeting of 24th June; the Monthly Meeting of 8th July and the Special Meeting of 15th July which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

### 164.—MANAGER'S ORDERS.

The County Manager's Orders, Nos. 8320 and 8329 were noted.

### 165.—AMENDED POLLING SCHEME.

On the proposition of Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. Sayers, the Amended Polling Scheme as adopted by the County Council on 14th July, 1958, was approved.

### 166.—CIRCUIT OF BRAY CYCLE RACE.

The Council approved the closing of Florence Road on September 7th from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in connection with above.

### 167.—BRAY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Permission was granted to the above Society to display a Poster on the sea front in connection with their Annual Agricultural Show.

### 168.—PUBLIC ROAD—DECLARATION OF.

On the proposition of Councillor T. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne, it was resolved that the roadway connecting Seapoint Road (adjacent to Milton Terrace) with the newly constructed River Walk, be declared a Public Road. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the necessary Public Notice had been given in this matter.

### 169.—MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES—ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Arising out of notification that the above Conference would be held in Waterford on 16th, 17th and 18th of September next, it was decided that a resolution be drafted and forwarded for consideration of the Conference, requesting that Legislation be enacted to prevent owners of derelict sites evading the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act, by simply erecting a barricade of corrugated iron or some other unsightly material around their site. Arising out of the discussion on motions for the Conference it was decided to ask the Gardaí Authorities to limit Flag Days to one per week.

### 170.—NOTICE OF MOTION—PATCHWORK, KILLARNEY ROAD.

The Chairman accepted the following Notice of Motion to be discussed at the meeting of September 9th and handed in by Councillor D. Sayers: "That the Council hereby recommend to the County Manager that in the interests of Public Health, the old roadway leading from Killarney Road to Glencourt House be declared a Public Road in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1953, and furthermore, that the adjoining waste land now being used as a dumping and caravan site, be acquired by the Council under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940."

### 171.—SUNDAY TRAINS IN SEPTEMBER.

The Council noted a letter from the Traffic Manager, C.I.E., which set out the loss sustained by the C.I.E. in the running of Sunday trains in the month of September, from 1953 to 1957.

### 172.—PLAYGROUND AT BOGHALL PARK

(a) A letter was received from the Secretary of the Playground Committee to the effect that the Committee did not propose to hold an official opening of above Park this year as they felt that the Park was not yet ready for such an opening. Having been read it was decided to cancel the Bands engaged therefor and transfer it to the Esplanade.

(b) Caretaker/Cleaner—The Town Clerk gave details of the proposals for the appointment of a Caretaker/Cleaner, setting out his duties and remuneration.

In brief it is proposed to engage a part-time Caretaker who would work 4 hours a day from 1st March to 30th October at £2 a week and who would work 2 hours a day from 1st November to 28th February at £1 a week. On the proposition of Councillor M. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor D. Sayers, the Council approved the proposal and voted the necessary financial expenditure.

### 173.—EMPLOYMENT AND EMERGENCY SCHEMES 1958/59.

The Town Engineer submitted proposals for the utilization of a grant of £2,550 plus a Local Contribution of £265 for above. The meeting adjourned consideration of same until the next monthly meeting and asked that the proposals of the Engineer be circulated to them. During the course of a discussion on the Relief Schemes the question of repair of Glenard Avenue and Meath Place were mentioned and the Manager indicated that a report would be available on these roads for the next meeting.

### 174.—INCREASE OF TEN SHILLINGS PER WEEK TO ALL OFFICIALS.

A letter from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union having been considered it was resolved on the proposition of Councillor E. Byrne and seconded by Councillor D. Sayers that an increase of ten

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shillings per week be granted to all officials without discrimination of sex with effect from 1st April, 1958, and the necessary excess expenditure be allowed under the various services.

#### 175.—DROWNING RESCUE.

A letter was read from an English visitor calling attention of the meeting to the bravery of Miss Mary C. Byrne, Avera Hotel, Esplanade, in rescuing two young girls from drowning on July 30th and suggesting that a fund be set up to make a presentation to Miss Byrne.

The meeting placed on record their appreciation of Miss Byrne's gallantry and directed that the Clerk bring the matter to the notice of the authorities concerned.

The meeting also paid tribute to the bravery of a second girl, Miss Margaret Hammond, who displayed great bravery on this occasion. They also commended the Irish Red Cross Society on the training given in Life Saving to the youth of the town.

#### 176.—ALLEGED SPEEDING ON MEATH ROAD.

The Council considered at some length a letter from Supt. J. F. Hynes re above and eventually on the proposition of Councillor Stuart, seconded by Councillor D. Sayers, directed that the Minister for Justice be asked to allow the Council enforce the Speed Limit in Bray. Supt. Hynes' letter had pointed out that a week's supervision on the Meath Road had not revealed excessive speeding.

#### 177.—FACTORIES COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Joint Factories Committee setting out the following Notice of Motion which, they stated, would be moved by the Chairman of the Council at the next meeting.

"That the Bray Urban District Council affirms its support for, and membership of the Bray Factories Joint Committee, and that all matters in connection with the promotion of new industries and factories be referred to the factories Joint Committee for its attention."

After discussion on the matter the Chairman ruled that above motion should be taken as a Notice of Motion handed in by him for discussion at the meeting of 9th September.

#### 178.—CAFE AND SHELTER AT BRAY HEAD.

The Town Clerk read a memo setting out certain points at issue between the Council and Coras Iompair Eireann in the matter of the Lease of Bray Head. The main objection to signing same being that it imposed on the Council a responsibility for repair of damage caused by land slides from the Cliff Walk.

It was decided that the officials endeavour to get agreement on this and other points with Coras Iompair Eireann by the date of the next meeting when the matter would again be considered.

#### 179.—HARBOUR.

The Council considered a letter from Irish Lights to the effect that as far as they were concerned they would not require a Light House at Bray Harbour.

A report was also produced at the meeting from the Town Engineer recommending the removal of the obstruction at the mouth of the Harbour and the protection of the end of the Pier which would prevent further damage.

The meeting noted that a new Light House would not be required and approved the Engineer's proposal, in principle, directing that he endeavour to get both works carried out at the same time.

#### 180.—TOWN PLANNING ACTS—HOUSE AT UPR, DARGLE RD.

(a) Letter from Department of Local Government was considered in respect of the refusal of Special Permission by the Council to Mr. L. J. Smith, to erect a house on the Upper Dargle Road. The Minister granted Special Permission subject to the following conditions:—

- (1) That the Dwelling House be One Storey.
- (2) That plans must be submitted to the Council before any work may be put in hands.

Council noted the contents of the letter.

#### 181.—TOWN PLANNING ACTS—ADVERTISEMENT HOARDING AT 33 MAIN STREET.

Application from Messrs. D. Allen and Sons, Ltd. for permission to erect an Advertisement Hoarding on the gable wall of the premises of Messrs. J. Stuart and Sons, 33 Main Street, Bray.

Council considered a report from Mr. P. Hickey, Acting Town Engineer, in which he recommended that permission be refused as the Advertisement Hoarding would be prejudicial to the amenities of the area.

It was pointed out to the meeting that in 1952 permission had been refused to this Company for signs such as this and that it had been the general policy of the Council to refuse permission for Commercial Advertisement Hoardings. Several of the members were of the opinion that permission should be granted in view of the fact that the Minister, in the above mentioned case, had granted permission for Hoardings on Gable Walls in the Main Street.

The Co. Manager informed the Meeting that in this case, having carefully considered all its aspects, he felt that he would have to accept the advice of the Engineer which was also in line with Council Policy.

It was proposed by Cllr. H. B. Hipwell and seconded by Cllr. J. O'Toole that permission be granted. There being no amendment the Chairman declared the Resolution carried.

#### 182.—ERADICATION OF DRY ROT AT TOWN HALL—REPORTS FROM TOWN ENGINEER.

The Council considered reports from the Town Engineer on the progress of the above work dated 5th August and 11th August respectively. In the first report he stated that the Floor Joists in the Boardroom had been affected and having been treated and portions having been cut off must be supported from below by steel joists.

The wall panelling was also badly affected and it would be necessary to replace entirely the portion of the Clock Tower above the Clock. These items would have to be dealt with on a time and materials basis.

- (a) He estimated that the work on the joists would cost £400 extra.
- (b) To replace Panelling as recommended by Prof. Bayley-Butler would cost £650.

However, he recommended that the Boardroom be plastered and distempered instead of re-panelled. This would involve an expenditure of £150 instead of £650.

- (c) The Town Engineer estimated the cost of the work on the Clock Tower at £250.

The meeting agreed to the Engineer's suggestion that the Boardroom be plastered instead of re-panelled and also to the Engineer's other recommendations.

On the proposition of Cllr. T. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. D. Sayers, it was agreed to seek a Loan of £5,000 from the Hibernian Bank for the carrying out of this work.

*Patrick Savage 9/9/58*



## BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th September, 1958.

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

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

### 183.—CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting of 12th August, 1958, which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman. Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor Stuart stated that he wished to thank the Members who at the last Meeting supported an application for permission to erect a hoarding at the gable end of his premises. He also wished to state that he very clearly appreciated the attitude of the County Manager and Town Engineer in this matter, and wished it to be understood that, as far as he was concerned, the matter was finished and he would not make an appeal to the Department. The County Manager thanked Councillor Stuart for his fair-mindedness in this matter.

### 184.—MANAGER'S ORDERS.

County Manager's Orders No. 8,300 to 8,339 were noted.

### 185.—RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

The sympathy of the Council was voted to the relatives of the late Mrs. A. Whelan, Mr. Thomas O'Brien and Miss Catherine Murphy.

### 186.—RATHCLAREN TURN-KILLARNEY ROAD.

After a long discussion on a Notice of Motion moved by Councillor Sayers and seconded by Councillor Stuart, to the effect that the Urban Council take over the old Roadway at above point, and also acquire the adjoining waste land under Derelict Sites Act, it was decided that the Town Clerk would ask that the County Council again negotiate with certain residents in the area with a view to having the abandoned roadway closed to the public.

During the discussion the County Manager outlined the history of the case and the difficulties experienced over a lengthy period by the County Council in having the Roadway at this point re-aligned.

### 187.—FACTORIES COMMITTEE.

On the proposition of Councillor P. Savage, seconded by Councillor D. Sayers, the following Motion was passed unanimously: "That the Bray Urban District Council affirms its support and Membership of the Bray Factories Joint Committee, and that all matters connected with the promotion of new Industries and Factories be referred to the Factories Joint Committee for its attention."

### 188.—EMPLOYMENT AND EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE—1958/59.

On the proposition of Councillor Hipwell, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne, it was resolved that a Grant of £2,550, plus a Local Contribution of £365, for the year 1958/59 be expended as follows:

- (a) Lay a new concrete road on the section of Convent Avenue between Sidmonton and Meath Roads—Estimated Cost, £1,450 0 0;
- (b) Lay new concrete road on Victoria Avenue—Estimated Cost, £1,450 0 0.

It was decided that consideration would be given to raising a Loan for the repair of New-Court Road and St. Peter's Road at the next Annual Estimates Meeting.

### 189.—NEW-COURT ROAD—LIGHTING.

Letters were received from Supt. J. F. Hynes and from Mr. P. Byrne, residents of New-Court Road, asking that an extra light be provided thereon. It was decided that two extra lights be provided on the portion of the road nearest the Vevay Road, and that one light would be removed from a portion of the road where there are at present lights on three consecutive poles.

### 190.—FLOODING—18/19th AUGUST.

The Council considered a report from the Town Engineer on the flooding which occurred on above date, and noted that the County Council had been asked to take the necessary remedial measures in the cases of flooding at Crow Bank and Dublin Road. Regarding the flooding at Cuala Grove, the Engineer pointed out that it was occasioned by an-overflow from a stream flowing through the Presentation grounds. The Town Clerk was asked to get in touch with the Presentation Brothers in this matter. The Council then considered a letter from six residents on Sidmonton Road and the Town Engineer's Report thereon.

He dealt with five points raised in the letter. The report was adopted, it being agreed to place a larger pipe from the Roadway into the stream, and the Town Clerk was directed to reply to the letter along the lines of the Engineer's report.

The Council also considered a letter signed by some twenty persons from the Southern end of Strand Road, complaining of flooding which they stated to be due to the existing outlet on to the beach being silted. The Town Engineer said he felt this problem could be remedied easily and the Council asked that he give it his attention.

### 191.—FLOODING—DARGLE ROAD AREA.

The Town Clerk read a lengthy report from Mr. Healy, in which he stated that, while it would be financially out of the question to provide a remedy for any flooding which might occur in the Dargle Road area as a result of a complete overflow of the River, he felt that certain measures could be taken which would alleviate flooding



of a minor nature. The Members asked that Mr. Healy's report be typed and circulated to them for their consideration.

#### 192.—KIOSK AT MAIN STREET.

It was decided to grant permission to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to erect a second Kiosk back-to-back with the existing Kiosk at the Quinsboro' Road end of Main Street.

#### 193.—PUBLIC DANCE HALL LICENCES.

The Council noted reports from Mr. Healy, Engineer, Mr. Sharpe, Fire Officer, and Mr. Comyn, Health Inspector, to the effect that they had no objection to the granting of Dance Hall Licences in the following cases:—

- (1) Arcadia Ballroom;
- (2) International Hotel Ballroom;
- (3) Villa Ballroom;
- (4) Bray Head Hotel Ballroom.
- (5) Royal Hotel Ballroom;
- (6) Novara Hotel, Novara Road.
- (7) Eagle's Nest Ballroom.

#### 194.—TOWN PLANNING ACTS.

(a) Garage at Castle Street.

Report from Town Engineer recommending that permission in principle be granted to Mr. P. Savage for the extension and reconstruction of Castle Services Garage in accordance with Plans submitted and received under cover of letter of 8th August.

ORDER: Recommend permission be granted in principle.

(b) Report from Town Engineer recommending that permission be granted to Mr. M. J. Muldowney of 6, Marine Tce., to replace window in his premises with glass door. It was recommended that permission be granted.

(c) Shed at Kinsella's, Auctioneer's, Florence Road.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Town Engineer, it was recommended that permission be granted to Mr. J. Kinsella, Florence Road, to repair the shed in his yard.

#### 195.—PRESENTATION TO DR. B. DONNELLY, Ex-CHAIRMAN.

On the proposal of Mr. P. Savage, Chairman, it was agreed that the Town Clerk be authorised to have an illuminated Address prepared for presentation to Dr. B. Donnelly, ex-Chairman of the Council.

#### 196.—PRESENTATION TO MR. J. KEENAN, Ex-WEIGHMASTER.

On the proposition of Mr. Hipwell, it was decided that a subscription list be opened amongst the Members of the Council to make a suitable presentation to Mr. J. Keenan, who recently retired from his post as Weighmaster/Caretaker, having served the Council since 1922.

#### 197.—HEDGE CLIPPING NOTICES.

On the suggestion of Councillors Hipwell and Dempsey, it was decided that the Engineer issue Hedge Cutting Notices where needed.

#### 198.—HOUSING AMENDMENT ACT, 1958.

The Council noted the contents of an Explanatory Memo, circulated by the Town Clerk on the above Act.

#### 199.—S.D.A. ACTS—6: CHERRYTREE DRIVE.

The application of Mr. L. G. Mooney for permission to transfer his interest in above house to Mr. Thomas Hayes was approved.

#### 200.—SEWERAGE DISPOSAL.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor H. B. Hipwell and accepted by the Chairman:—

"That the Engineer be asked to submit a report to the next Meeting of the Council showing some alternative method of Sewerage Disposal other than having it emptied into the Harbour as at present, and its possible cost."

#### 201.—DRAFT TOWN PLANNING SCHEME—LANDS IN THE BRAY HEAD—NEW COURT ROAD AREA.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that the Officials dealing with the matter had almost completed the Draft Town Planning, but there was one point on which he sought a decision of the Council. That was the method of dealing with Land under Bray Head and behind New Court Road. It was felt, he said, that no further building of houses should be allowed in this area—first of all, from the aesthetic point of view and that of preserving the amenities of a major Tourist Resort and, secondly, from the more practical viewpoint of the prevention of flooding in the already built-up area. In regard to latter danger, he pointed out that already complaints were being received of floodings which were caused to a great extent by the building of houses on the lower slopes of Bray Head during the past decade. The Manager further stated that in this regard, Mr. Healy, Engineer, had, in dealing with the floods which occurred in June last, warned of the danger.

He went on to state that the Council in their Town Planning could deal with the question in either of three ways—

- (1) Declare the Area to be a Public Open Space;
- (2) Declare the Area to be a Private Open Space;
- (3) To schedule the Area as one of very Low Density Housing.

The adoption of any of the above three courses would necessitate the payment of compensation, but he felt that, taking all things into consideration, the Council should face up to this. He further pointed out that this payment of compensation would possibly have to be made at a time when several rather heavy housing Loans were due to expire and thus the Council might be able to achieve the desired object without an undue imposition on the rates.

After a general discussion, it was decided on the proposition of Councillor M. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor G. H. G. Stuart, that the lands in question be scheduled as Public Open Space. Councillors Hipwell and Dempsey dissented from the Resolution.

*Peter Savage 28/10/58*



## BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 14th October, 1958, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Apology for inability to attend was received from Cllr. J. O'Toole, T.D.

### 202. TESTIMONIAL TO EX-CHAIRMAN.

At the outset the Council inspected Testimonial to ex-Chairman, Dr. B. Donnelly, and directed that it be presented to Mrs. Donnelly by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

### 203. DEATH OF HIS HOLINESS, POPE PIUS XII.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that he had sent a message of sympathy to the Papal Authorities on behalf of the Council and townsfolk. Having spoken on the loss to the world by the death of His Holiness, the Chairman formally proposed that the Meeting stand adjourned. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. D. Sayers who also spoke feelingly of the loss sustained by all Christian Peoples on the death of His Holiness, who had laboured so mightily in the cause of peace and goodwill. All the other Members joined in similar expressions of sorrow and decided to adjourn until Tuesday, 28th October, 1958. It was also agreed that the Members and Officials would attend the Requiem Mass on Thursday, in a body.

*Retired Savage*

## BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Adjourned Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 28th October, 1958, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Apology for inability to attend was received from Cllr. J. O'Toole, T.D., and G. H. G. Stuart.

### 204. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 9th September, 1958, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

### 205. COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

The County Manager's Orders Nos. 8340 to 8350 were noted.

### 206. VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

The Chairman on behalf of the Council extended votes of sympathy to the relatives of the late Sister Mary Paul, Ravenswell Convent; Mother Theresa Margaret, Loreto Convent; Mr. K. H. Haughton, Edward Road; Mr. Carberry, Galtrim Road; Mr. B. Mullen, Belcourt, Killarney Road; Mr. P. O'Toole, Railway Cottages; Mr. J. O'Toole, Connolly Sq.; Mrs. Dunne, Adelaide Road; Mrs. McKenna, Wolfe Tone Sq.; Colonel Sir Geo. Franks, Ryecroft.

### 207. OLD AGE PENSIONS—CLONAKILTY RESOLUTION.

A Resolution from above Council, calling for an increase to £2 per week on Old Age Pensions and a qualifying Income Limit of £156 per annum, was adopted.

### 208. SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The Council agreed to a motion from Cllr. Hipwell, asking for a report from the Engineer on an alternative method of Sewage Disposal, other than having it emptied into the Harbour. It was decided to deal with the matter at the next Meeting, and to ask the County M.O.H. to also have a report for the Council.

*Retired Savage*



#### 209. FLOODING—DARGLE ROAD AREA.

Consideration of a Report on the above matter was deferred to the November Meeting.

#### 210. PEOPLE'S PARK—FOOTBALL PITCHES.

The Council considered an Application from the Wicklow Schoolboys' League for the use of pitches at the People's Park. It was decided to grant the application for the Eastern and Western Pitches—the centre Pitch having been recently allocated to the Bray Emmet's G.A.A. Club. The Town Clerk was deputed to interview the secretaries of both Clubs, and the Town Engineer asked to have certain defects on the pitch remedied. It was also suggested that the key of the Pavilion be left in the Caretaker's House.

#### 211. BRAY TOWN CREST.

An Application from the Ulster Weaving Company, Ltd., for permission to use above was granted.

#### 212. HOUSING ACTS, 1958.

Consideration of the provisions of the 1958 Act was adjourned to the next meeting.

#### 213. SPEED LIMIT REGULATIONS.

A letter from Chief Supt. Quinn intimating that it was proposed to implement the Speed Limit Regulations, and asking that the Council give Public Notice of same was noted. It was agreed that Public Notice be given.

#### 214. LOAN £5,000—REPAIR OF TOWN HALL.

The Council approved the Draft Mortgage on above, and in the course of discussion on the reports, Mr. Dempsey expressed the fear of further extras.

The County Manager and the Engineer gave the Council a Resumé of the position, and it was decided that further Reports from the Engineer would be available for the next meeting.

#### 215. BRAY COVE SWIMMING POOL—COUNCIL'S CONTRIBUTION.

A letter from the Secretary of Bray Cove Swimming Pool, pointing out that owing to the extremely bad Summer, the Club would lose £41 14s. 5d. on the running of the Pools. The Club asked if the Council would pay the full contribution towards the cost of cleaning, i.e., an extra £89 to the Club. It was decided to make an extra contribution of £41 14s. 5d. and to ask the Club to submit an Annual Statement of Expenditure and Receipts to the Council. It was agreed that the necessary financial provision be made for same.

#### 216. TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT RAHEEN PARK.

The Council, having considered a letter from Mr. J. Gibney, Solicitor, asking that they take over the Roadways and Footpaths on Raheen Park, and having also heard a report from the Engineer, to the effect that there were some works to be carried out, agreed that they would take over the road when the works mentioned by the Engineer had been completed to his satisfaction.

#### 217. CAFE AND SHELTER ON BRAY HEAD.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that their Solicitor had not yet come to an agreement with C.I.E. on the terms of the new Lease on Bray Head Park, which was being sought to facilitate the erection of above Café and Shelter.

After a rather lengthy discussion, during which the County Manager gave a history of the negotiations and the decisions re the site being allowed them, it was decided that if the Council's Solicitor felt that it would be a help to him, that the Council seek a deputation to C.I.E. on the matter.

The following members were appointed to form a deputation, together with the Council Officials: Cirs. P. Savage, D. Sayers and T. Byrne.

#### 218. FLAG SELLING.

A letter from Dr. D. F. McCarthy, Putland Road, complaining of the nuisance caused by Flag Sellers outside Church doors, was read. After a general discussion, the Town Clerk was directed to interview the Chief Superintendent of the Garda on the following points:

1. Selling of Flags outside Church gates.
2. The selling of Flags by outsiders who had not received a permit to sell in Bray.
3. The selling of Flags by Juveniles.
4. Sellers not having a notice of their names or the names of those responsible for the collection, shown plainly to the Public.
5. The desirability of confining Flag Collections to one day per week only.

#### 219. 23, O'BYRNE ROAD.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. M. V. Byrne, of 23, O'Byrne Road, was purchasing the interest in his house.

#### 220. SMALL DWELLINGS ACTS.

An application from Mr. P. G. Doyle, of Gerita, 12, Cuala Road, Bray, to transfer his interest in the above house to Garda J. P. Grace was approved.

#### 221. KIOSK AT VEVAY ROAD—J. DUFFY.

Cirs. B. Hipwell and other members of the Council appealed to the Co. Manager to reconsider his decision to compel the removal of above Kiosk. The Council agreed generally that kiosks of this nature in front of the Building Line were most undesirable. It was felt that in this particular instance, the Owner had a grievance, as he had been allowed to have a kiosk on this site for almost twenty years. The members felt that a compromise solution of the matter should be sought to avoid legal action.

The Co. Manager, having heard the members' views, undertook to examine the whole question.

#### 222. CLOSING OF BRAY-HARCOURT STREET LINE.

Cir. Sayers and other members protested strongly at the decision of C.I.E. to close the above line. The members dwelt on the loss to Bray, the inconvenience to students and other users of the line, and, finally, the Town Clerk was directed to convey their formal protest to C.I.E., and to secure the good offices of the three Dail Representatives for the Bray area in the matter.



**223. TOWN PLANNING ACTS—ERECTION OF FILLING STATION AT VEVAY ROAD.**

Application from Mr. V. Cassoni for permission to erect a Filling Station at Vevay Road. Report from the Town Engineer, recommending that permission should not be granted because:

1.—The site was in a residential area.  
2.—Platforms and Pumps would be in front of the Building Line. The curtilage of 68 ft. was not adequate for a proper run-in and run-out for vehicles.

3.—The site was within 60 yards of the Putland Road and parking and traffic in the vicinity of the Filling Station would constitute a danger to traffic in the area. The Engineer also referred to the particular difficulty which would arise because of the proximity of the Church. A letter from the Co. Engineer indicated that he was also opposed to the application.

Order: Recommend refusal of Special Permission in accordance with the reports of the Town Engineer and the Co. Engineer.

**224. RECONSTRUCTION WORK AT ROYAL HOTEL.**

Application from Mr. W. Cavey for permission to carry out reconstruction work on the Royal Hotel. Report from Town Engineer recommending that permission be granted on condition that considerably more than 1,000 gals. of extra water be provided, and that the new Waste Pipes should connect privately with the Man-hole recently built by the Council on the Main Sewer at the rear of the hotel.

Order: Permission recommended in accordance with the terms of Town Engineer's Report.

**225. ALTERATIONS TO SHOP FRONT AT FLORENCE ROAD.**

Application from Mr. M. Murphy for permission to carry out alterations to Shop Front on Florence Road. Recommendation from Town Engineer for permission to be granted.

Order: Permission granted in accordance with recommendation of Town Engineer.

**226. BUNGALOW AT RAVENSWELL ROAD.**

Application from Mr. M. Kehoe for permission to erect a Bungalow at the rear of existing Bungalow at Ravenswell Road. Report from Town Engineer recommending that permission be refused, as the erection of a Bungalow at the rear of an existing Bungalow would reduce the curtilage of each Bungalow to about 1/14th of an acre, which was very much below the required standard.

**227. ERECTION OF BUNGALOW AT BELGRAVE VILLAS, MEATH ROAD.**

Application from Mrs. W. Flynn for permission to erect a Bungalow at the rear of 1, Belgrave Villas, Meath Road. Report from Town Engineer recommending refusal of permission and pointing out that the proposal was to build a Bungalow on part of the curtilage of the existing Bungalow, thus reducing the curtilage of each Bungalow to about 1/16th of an acre. He further stated that from the plan submitted, it appeared that the occupants of the new bungalow would have to share an existing W.C. with the occupants of 1, Belgrave Villas. In his report, the Engineer also adverted to the fact that no chimney or vents to external air and no back-doors were provided for in the plan.

Another point was that all the proposed bedrooms were below the standard recommended by the L.G.D., and that they all opened off the kitchen, and that the floor area of 378 sq. ft. was very much below the minimum accepted standard of dwelling.

Order: Recommend Special Permission be refused in accordance with the terms of Town Engineer's Report.

**228. NOTICE OF MOTION—CLR. SAVAGE.**

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by the Chairman, viz.: "That the Motion referring Housing Applications back to the Co. Manager (though already his function) be and is hereby rescinded."

*Patrick Savage 11/11/58*

## BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, November 11th, 1958.

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

Apology for inability to attend was received from Cllr. G. H. G. Stuart.

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

**229.—CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 14th October and of Adjourned Monthly Meeting of 28th October, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

**230.—VOTE OF SYMPATHY.**

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, extended a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. James Toal in the bereavement they had sustained by his death.

**231.—COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.**

The County Manager's Orders (No. 8351 to 8359) were noted.

**232.—25-30 VEVAY ROAD, BRAY.**

The Council approved proposal of Mr. Cullen to make a Lease of property held by him at 25-30 Vevay Road, to Mr. Aidan Bailey, Bray Urban Council being Head Landlords for the property.



### 233.—NOTICE OF MOTION—CLR. P. SAVAGE.

Notice of Motion standing in the name of Clr. P. Savage in the matter of allocation of houses was, at his request, adjourned to the next Meeting.

### 234.—BRAY/HARCOURT STREET RAILWAY LINE.

After a long discussion, arising from a letter from Coras Iompair Eireann to the effect that they did not propose to change their decision to close above Line, it was decided to call a Public Meeting at the Town Hall, on Friday, 21st November, 1958, at 8.30 p.m., and to invite the Deputies for the Constituency to the Meeting.

### 235.—CAFE AND SHELTER AT BRAY HEAD.

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Council's Solicitor stating that he expected an early decision on Lease from Coras Iompair Eireann. It was agreed to defer the question of sending a deputation to Coras Iompair Eireann pending hearing from the Council's Solicitors.

### 236.—REPAIRS TO TOWN HALL — REPORT FROM TOWN ENGINEER.

The Council noted the contents of a lengthy report from the Town Engineer setting out the work carried out to the Town Hall and the progress made thereon and detailing the various extras incurred and the reasons therefor. In reply to members, the Town Engineer stated that he expected the work to be finished before Christmas and that he did not think the final cost would be over £6,000.

### 237.—FLAG DAY COLLECTIONS.

The Town Clerk reported that he had had an interview with Chief Superintendent Quinn on the points raised by the Council and the Superintendent promised every co-operation to eliminate the causes of complaint. The Town Clerk was directed to write and thank him for his promised co-operation.

### 238.—PURCHASE OF ROTOVATOR.

The following Tenders for purchase of Rotovator were opened and referred to the Town Engineer, viz.:

Special Service Co., Ltd., Sutor:

Mark 1V Clifford Rotary Cultivator ...	£195 0 0
Gem Series 111 Rotovator—4 stroke engine ...	£239 0 0

Messrs. T. McKenzie & Son, 212 Pearse St.:

One M.K.4 Clifford Rotary ... £210 8 0

The Town Engineer promised to have a report thereon for the next Meeting.

### 239.—HOUSING ACT, 1958.

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members, draft proposals for Schemes as follows:

- (1) Scheme of Grants under above Act.
- (2) Scheme of Loans under above Act.

In the course of a brief discussion the Manager undertook to look into the following points made by Members:

- (1) What a Landlord's rights in the matter of rent increases were, where he had availed of these Schemes.
- (2) Would a Grant be available to a tenant to reconstruct his house.

The matter was deferred to the next Meeting for consideration of the County Manager's report.

### 240.—FLOODING IN DARGLE ROAD AREA.

The Town Clerk drew the attention of the Members to the desirability of discussing above matter in conjunction with reports on sewage disposal and stated that while he had available a report from the Town Engineer, he had received a message from the County Medical Officer of Health to the effect that as he wished to go very thoroughly into the matter and did not desire to put forward anything in the nature of a superficial report, he would not have his report available for the November Meeting. It was decided to adjourn the above two items to be discussed at the December Meeting when the County Medical Officer's report would be available.

### 241.—TOWN PLANNING ACTS—EXTENSION TO PAVILION AT GOLF LINKS.

Submitted application from Bray Golf Club for extension to Pavilion. Report from Engineer recommending permission be granted, subject to the applicants showing a satisfactory elevation of the building.

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

*Robert Savage*  
9/12/59



## BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 9th December, 1958, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Apology for inability to attend was received from Cllr. J. O'Toole, T.D.

242. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.** *to Nov. (1958)*  
Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 9th December, 1958, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

243. **CO. MANAGER'S ORDERS.**  
The County Manager's Orders No. 8360, to 8364, were noted.

244. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY.**  
The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, extended votes of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. C. Reddin, Dublin; Mrs. Traynor, Newcourt Road, and to the Secretary, Apostolic Nunciature, on the death of the Papal Nuncio, Most Rev. Dr. Lavane.  
Councillor M. O'Toole expressed the gratitude of Mrs. E. O'Toole, 8 St. Kevin's Square for a recent expression of sympathy on her bereavement.

245. **NOTICE OF MOTION—CLR. P. SAVAGE—HOUSING VACANCIES.**

The Council agreed to the adjournment of above Motion at the request of Cllr. P. Savage.

246. **BRAY/HARCOURT STREET RAILWAY LINE.**  
The Town Clerk read a letter from Coras Iompair Éireann in above regard stating that before deciding to close above Line the Board had examined all possible ways of improving the finances and that they did not think the reception of a deputation could fulfil any useful purpose. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had notified the three Dail representatives for the County of the contents of the letter. No action was taken.

247. **SEWAGE DISPOSAL.**  
The Council congratulated the Town Engineer and County Medical Officer on their very fine reports on above and noted that neither

of the Officials concerned felt that the sewage disposal plant was warranted in this instance.

248. **FLOODING AT LOWER DARGLE ROAD.**

After lengthy discussion on a report circulated on above subject in September last, it was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. E. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. P. Savage, that the Engineer be authorised to purchase and instal tidal control flaps on all pipes and overflows which now connect to the Dargle River or Harbour and the necessary expenditure was authorised therefor. It was felt that the construction of catch pits could be proceeded with at a later date if found necessary.

249. **CIVIL DEFENCE.**

The Town Clerk gave the Council a resume of the progress made in Civil Defence training to date and pointed out that although 32 recruits had joined the men's section and 24 recruits in the ladies' section, attendance at the classes was only about 50% of enrolment and that a further fifteen recruits in each Section would be essential. On the suggestion of Cllr. D. Sayers, each Councillor present decided that they would be responsible for enrolling one recruit and the lady Councillors promised that they themselves would join the Organisation. Cllr. P. Dempsey further stated that it was possible that a number of Red Cross Members would attend lectures in Civil Defence in the near future as a result of negotiations between the Red Cross Headquarters and the Government. The Council approved suggestion by the Town Clerk that Factories might be canvassed for Volunteers. During the course of the Debate Cllr. T. Byrne expressed the opinion that the men at present in the F.C.A. should be turned over to the Civil Defence Organisation.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that it was expected that expenditure on Civil Defence would total £470 before the end of the financial year. On the proposition of Cllr. P. Dempsey, seconded by Cllr. Hipwell, a financial resolution authorising the excess expenditure indicated above was passed.

On the proposition of Cllr. P. Dempsey, seconded by Cllr. Hipwell, the following two resolutions were passed and the Town Clerk was directed to send them forward for consideration by the Association of Municipal Authorities, "That the Minister for Defence take steps immediately to secure the exemption of Rescue Vehicles, on charge to Local Authorities for Civil Defence purposes, from Road Tax."  
"That the Minister for Defence promote legislation to repeal the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939, in so far as that Act designates certain Urban Districts as scheduled areas, thereby making them responsible for financing Civil Defence operations, it being felt that this Urban Council would be financially unable to carry out the commitments which may possibly be imposed on them in the future."

250. **SEWER WAYLEAVE RENTS AT OLD CONNA.**

The Council considered a letter from Mr. Magee, Solicitor, on behalf of his client, the owner of 'Glendene,' stating that it had not come to his notice until recently that he was required to pay a Sewer wayleave rent on his premises and offering to pay the rent from the beginning of 1958. In view of the circumstances the Council agreed to Mr. Magee's offer. The Co. Manager explained the position of the sewer wayleave rents in the Dublin Road area and stated that while it had recently come to notice that there were others connected to the sewer who had not signed Agreements. He hoped to have a full report for the Council at a later stage. The Members expressed the opinion that where residents in that area had not signed Agreements or paid sewer rents through inadvertence, the demand should be made on them only as from 1958.

251. **BRAY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.**

The Manager stated that while he could not hold out much hope of being able to afford financial assistance to the above Organisation, he would endeavour to see if, within the framework of Local



Government law as it stands at present, he could make a payment. On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. D. Sayers, the Council voted a sum of £20 for the Association, if it were found possible to make such a payment legally.

#### 252. 61, O'BYRNE ROAD.

The Council unanimously agreed to grant the application of Mrs. M. Wheeler, 3, Scott Park, to transfer to 61, O'Byrne Road. It was explained that Mrs. Wheeler would receive a payment for her interest in 3, Scott Park, and that the Tenant-purchaser replacing her would be required to refund this payment.

#### 253. UNEMPLOYED PAINTERS.

A letter from the National Society of Painters asking the Council to provide work for unemployed Painters in Bray was debated at some length and finally the Town Engineer expressed the view that while outside painting could not be done at this time of the year, even if there had been provision made for it, he felt that he could provide work for one or two of 15 painters stated to be unemployed in the town. This work would consist of painting of signs, etc. It was decided to write to the Secretary of the Union asking him to submit the names of the two Painters in the town of Bray felt to be most in need of work, to the Town Engineer.

#### 254. PURCHASE OF ROTOVATOR.

The Town Engineer reported on three Tenders received for purchase of Rotoator as follows:

Special Service Co., Ltd., Sutton:	
Mark IV Clifford Rotary Cultivator ..	£195 0 0
Gem Series III Rotoator—4 stroke engine ..	£239 0 0
Messrs. T. McKenzie & Son, 212 Pearse St.:	
One M.K.4 Clifford Rotary ..	£210 8 0

In view of the fact that the Gem Series III Howard Rotoator had a 4-stroke engine and a weight of 5½ cwt. which is essential in breaking up hard ground, he recommended its purchase even though the price was higher than the other quoted. The Council, on the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. D. Sayers, approved the Engineer's recommendation and the necessary financial provision of £289 in excess of £150 which had been provided in the Annual Estimates for this item.

#### 255. TOWN PLANNING FACILITIES FOR INSPECTION OF PROPOSALS.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that a Circular had been received from the Department stressing the importance of giving full publicity to any Town Planning proposals in order that interested parties may, if necessary, register their objections. It was pointed out that the Town Planning Register of Bray U.D.C. was at all times available for any Member of the public to inspect and furthermore, that the custom which prevailed in Bray of discussing Town Planning proposals with the Council tended to give adequate facilities to such proposals.

#### 256. CARAVAN SITE—SPRITE IRELAND, LTD.

A letter from Sprite Ireland, Limited, sought Council's permission to establish a Caravan site at Raheen Park. Reports from the Town Engineer and the Health Officer recommended that such permission be refused and the Council agreed with same. It was the general opinion, however, that a Caravan Site, properly supervised and for those who would remove their caravans completely after this day was most desirable in Bray. The County Manager stressed, (1) the fact that it appeared that a Caravan site would be an asset to a town like Bray, but (2) the danger of uncontrolled sites. Clr. Hipwell and Clr. P. Dempsey agreed with the County Manager on the harm that unrestricted siting of caravans had caused in certain areas in North Wales. The Town Clerk was directed to write to Sprite Ireland, Limited, conveying the decision regarding Raheen Park and asking that their Directors would come to Bray and meet the Officials and the

following Committee of the Council, whom it was felt, might be able to show them some suitable Caravan parking sites, viz., Clrs. P. Dempsey, C. Doyle, D. Sayers and P. Savage, Chairman.

#### 257. CHRISTMAS TREE.

The Bray Amusements Committee were granted permission to erect a Christmas Tree in front of the Town Hall and also to borrow bulbs and cable for the purpose of illuminating the tree. Permission was also given to Mr. C. Ward to erect a Christmas Tree in Cill Mannain Park.

#### 258. CENTRAL AND SOUTH BANDSTANDS.

Permission was given to Bray Amusements Committee to use the Central and South Bandstands during the Summer Season when same were not being used by the Council directly or for any other purpose.

#### 259. HOUSING ACT, 1958.

Consideration of a Scheme for Grants under above Act was adjourned to next Meeting.

#### 260. CAFE AND SHELTER AT BRAY HEAD.

The Town Clerk reported that the Council had been unable to get a reply from Coras Iompair Eireann on points raised re Lease of Bray Head Park for above purpose. Mr. McCarroll, Solicitor, had again written in the matter.

#### 261. SALE OF COUNCIL HOUSES—REVIEW OF EXISTING RENTS.

Consideration of Circular from Department of Local Government re above was adjourned to the next Meeting.

#### 262. SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION ACTS)—APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO TRANSFER INTEREST.

The Council recommended approval of the following proposals for transfer of interest in houses erected under the S.D.A. Acts, viz.,

- (a) 9, Cherry Tree Drive—S. de Barra to J. P. Murphy, St. Peter's Road, Bray.
- (b) 2, Davitt Road—M. Healy to J. Gilfoyle, Presentation Lodge, Putland Road, subject to the completion of the necessary transfer documents.

#### 263. ERADICATION OF DRY ROT.

On the proposition of Clr. E. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge, it was resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of Charge on loan of £5,000 from the Hibernian Bank to the Bray U.D.C. for above purposes.

#### 264. TOWN PLANNING ACTS—EXTENSION TO REAR OF 'CEADOIN,' PUTLAND ROAD.

Application from Mrs. J. V. Megannety, 'Ceadoin,' Putland Road, for permission to extend the rear of existing house. Report from Town Engineer recommending approval. Order: Recommend approval of permission.

#### 265. TOWN PLANNING ACTS—ALTERATIONS TO SHOP FRONT AT 4, WESTBOURNE TERRACE.

Application from Mr. J. B. Delaney for alteration to shop front at 4, Westbourne Terrace. Report from Town Engineer recommending approval of permission. Order: Recommend approval of permission.

#### 266. TOWN PLANNING ACTS—EXTENSION TO 2, ARDEE ST.

Application from Mr. P. Mahony, 2, Ardee Street, for extension to his premises. Report from Town Engineer recommending approval of permission on the following conditions:—

- (a) The fall of the roof to be transverse rather than longitudinal.
- (b) The W.C. should not connect directly with the new living-room.
- (c) All external walls to be at least 9" thick.

Order: Recommend approval of permission subject to the conditions set out by the Town Engineer.

*Patricia Savage 13/1/57*



Town Hall,  
Bray.

14th October, 1958.

D.F. McCarthy, Esq.,  
Town Clerk.

Re: Sewage Disposal at Bray.

Dear Sir,

At a recent Meeting of the Urban Council it was requested that a report should be submitted on alternative methods of sewage disposal other than the present system of discharging direct to the Harbour.

The volume of sewage is normally taken as equivalent to the water consumption of a town. In the case of Bray this would mean about 700,000 gallons of sewage per day. In a normal town sewage of this nature would contain about 1/10% of solids or impurities or a total of 700 gallons.

Since the surface water of Bray is also taken into the Council's sewers the sewage would be much greater in volume during wet weather, but the total volume of impurities present would not vary apart from the addition of a certain amount of grit and sand.

The need for sewage purification depends on the strength of the sewage (which is taken as the amount of oxygen absorbed to oxidise biochemically all the organic material and ammonia present), and the effluent conditions required.

In normal practice it has been held that where a dilution of over 500 is available for the effluent no treatment works are necessary except possibly screening which eliminates floating matter and a grit chamber.

Where dilution is between 300 and 500 times, tank treatment works would be necessary. Where dilution is 150 - 300 times elaborate tank treatment and chemical tests on the effluent would be needed.

Bray would obviously be a case where dilution of over 500 times the effluent is available and consequently treatment works would appear necessary.

The only complication in the case of Bray is that Bathing takes place in fairly close proximity to the Harbour, and the standards above are mainly concerned with the prevention of nuisance and the danger of river pollution. I am perfectly satisfied that there is no danger of river pollution or nuisance in the present system, and while there is no evidence of any ill-effects on bathers, it might be desirable to have the County Health Officer's view on this aspect of the matter.

At this stage there is little point in giving an estimate of cost since this would depend entirely on the type of treatment works required which in turn would be based on the standard of effluent required.

Mention has previously been made of the possibility of collecting the sludge and using it to manufacture fertilisers.

While the value of the sludge as a fertiliser is appreciated no satisfactory economic process has been devised to convert sludge to fertiliser. I might mention that in the case of Dublin a boat or barge is used to convey the sludge outside the twelve mile limit where it is dumped into the sea.

Yours faithfully,  
Signed: M. Healy.  
TOWN ENGINEER.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Public Health Department,  
Rathdrum,  
Co. Wicklow.

24th November, 1958.

BRAY SEWAGE IN RELATION TO PUBLIC BATHING.

By  
DENIS F. MCCARTHY, Chief Medical Officer.

The sewage effluent from Bray Urban District discharges via an outfall pipe into the harbour. This outfall, unlike that of many seaside resorts, is below water level even at low springs, which means that at high tide and even at half tide it is several feet below water level. In the purification of sewage the concentration of oxygen is highly important. Winds may double oxygen absorption, waves may increase it tenfold and "white caps" a hundred fold. The specific gravity of sewage is lower than that of seawater, therefore it rises to the surface of the submerged outfall. The dilution as it rises through a cone of water is very important to the purification as such dilution, on breaking the surface, is proportional to the square of the depth of the outfall pipe below the surface. From this it will be seen how important it is that the outfall pipe should be below low water level. Failure to observe this principle has caused trouble to many seaside resorts.

The diluted sewage then leaves the harbour and enters the sea where further dilution and purification proceed continually. Additional factors influencing the increased dispersal, dilution and purification of the effluent are (1) the harbour opening faces E.N.E. or away from the town's beaches and (2) the set of the flowing tide is in a somewhat northerly direction. Apart from observation there is evidence of this in the relative high water times of Dublin and Bray. A further point is that the river enters the harbour beside the outfall and helps in dilution and purification both by its volume and by the agitation of the water which it causes (vide supra). From the Public Health aspect the physical processes concerned in the dissemination of sewage in bathing waters are important in establishing potential contact between the population and excretal pathogens. The specific risk of disease must also depend on the viability of such bacteria in sea-water. Under natural conditions coli bacteria from sewage die out fairly rapidly in sea water. There are a variety of reasons for this, among them being the brief survival of such organisms under natural conditions, rapid dilution and the colloidal action of marine flora and sunlight.

Let us now turn to the problem of the possible risk to health of bathing in sewage polluted waters. Apart from the rather nebulous requirements of "common decency" the assessment of permissible degrees of sewage pollution of bathing water should rest on firm knowledge of whether such bathing is associated with an increased incidence of sewage-borne disease. Otherwise decisions on the costly provision of more elaborate sewage disposal systems must rest merely on a basis of expediency, and on such arguments as the economic welfare of resorts. Much work has been done on the question of disease being conveyed by bathing in polluted waters. Most of this work has been undertaken in the United States, but a good deal has also been done in Britain and the Continent and a voluminous literature on the subject has accumulated.

Investigations fall into various groups, namely Sanitary Survey, and Laboratory, these latter being divided into physical and chemical, and bacteriological. It is well at this juncture to distinguish between two categories of disease in relation to bathing. (1) What may be described as contagious diseases i.e., diseases spread in relatively small and badly managed pools where the chief danger is the direct spread of infection from one person to another, as against the risk of bathing in water polluted by sewage. This contagious class includes conjunctivitis and respiratory and sinus infections.



Beyond stating that more information is needed as to whether these diseases are spread from one bather to another or indirectly by contamination of the water, or perhaps chlorine irritation, it is not proposed to discuss them in further detail as they fall outside the scope of this paper.

With regard to sewage polluted waters there is evidence that typhoid can almost certainly be contracted by bathing in such waters or by falling into them accidentally. The risk however of contracting other diseases in this way appears to be minimal.

The earliest report on an outbreak of typhoid fever probably due to bathing was reported by Reece (1909) who investigated an outbreak in Walmer, Kent. Here there was gross pollution of the pool by the outfalls of 2 main sewers, the effluent being carried into the pool by the flowing tide. Cases have also been reported from the United States, Germany and Russia.

Much bacteriological work has been carried out on the subject and in the United States attempts have been made to lay down bacteriological standards for bathing waters. As might be expected from the number of variables involved such standards are not of practical use. In the present state of our knowledge the adoption of a standard directly related to health risk does not appear possible.

The basis for the coli test in the bacteriological examination of drinking waters rests on the records of large number of water-borne typhoid epidemics reported over the years. On the other hand with regard to bathing waters the known health risk amounts to little more than a small total of sporadic cases of typhoid fever ascribed to bathing during the last 50 years.

Informed opinion in Great Britain and the United States, with which I am in complete agreement, holds that rigid bacteriological standards for bathing waters are quite impracticable and unjustifiable. The final classification of bathing waters should be based on Sanitary Survey information, bacteriological analyses being used as a guide if considered necessary. With reference to information from Sanitary Surveys the entire front is under the continued observation of the Town Engineer, the Co. Health Inspector and myself. At no time has anything of an untoward nature been observed. I refer to oil or grease forming "slick" and particles of faeces and sewage debris. The Municipal Baths are over 70 yards from the harbour mouth and it is the beach between these and Bray Head that is frequented by bathers (apart from Bray Cove further south). Bathing north of the baths is uncommon, but it is only right to say that neither north nor south of the Baths have I observed any contamination. Detailed health statistics of the County have been kept for about 30 years and during that period (and during the previous era when such matters were recorded by the Department of Local Government and Public Health) there has been no record of any case of typhoid fever or any other infectious disease having been caused by bathing on the Bray beach, and I regard the position as satisfactory and in my opinion there should be no risk from infectious disease in bathing from it. The harbour should not of course be used for bathing. As a final word I would urge that the Council be very cautious in accepting into their sewers any trade wastes which may have a deleterious effect on our beaches. Any such wastes should only be accepted after due investigation and under proper safeguards.

May I in conclusion be permitted to congratulate the Council for their interest in this important matter and for their determination in making sure that Bray remains in the forefront of the resorts in these islands. For my part I and those associated with me will continue to pay continuous attention to this important matter, which is vital to the health and prosperity of Bray.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Public Health Department,  
Rathdrum,  
Co. Wicklow.

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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 January, 1959.

Present—Councillors: Messrs. P. Savage (Chairman), E. Byrne, T. Byrne, P. Dempsey, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. O'Toole, D. Sayers, G. H. G. Stuart. Apologies for inability to attend were received from Cllrs. Doyle, Mrs. Magennety and J. O'Toole, T.D.

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

### 1.—CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 9th December, 1958, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

### 2.—COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

County Manager's Orders No. 8365 to 8371 were noted.

### 3.—EMPLOYMENT OF PAINTERS BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

In reply to a question by Cllr. D. Sayers the Town Clerk informed the meeting that they had not taken on two painters before Christmas as a difficulty had arisen by a claim from a second Union to have their painters get a share of the work.

### 4.—LETTING OF COUNCIL HOUSES.—NOTICE OF MOTION, Cllr. P. SAVAGE.

Cllr. P. Savage moved a Motion standing in his name, viz., Please take notice that I or someone for me will move at next Statutory Meeting of Bray U.D.C. that the Motion referring Housing Applications back to the County Manager (although already his function) be and is hereby rescinded.

Cllr. Mrs. Ledwidge seconded the Motion.

After a lengthy discussion the Motion was declared lost, only Cllrs. P. Savage and Mrs. Ledwidge being in its favour.

### 5.—CARAVAN SITE.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that he had made enquiries regarding Caravan Sites in the area and had had a discussion with Lord Meath in the matter. He felt that there were at least three sites which might fulfil the requirements of the Local Authority and prove attractive. These were (1) A site near Glencourt off the Killarney Road; (2) A site adjacent to the Lodge Keeper's house on the Old Carriage Road near Kilruddery; (3) A site in the same area nearer Bray Head and on higher ground.

During the course of discussion, in which the Members warmly commended the energy of the County Manager in this regard, mention was made of a possible site at Fassaro owned by Mr. Blackburn. It was eventually decided that the sub-committee already selected would, together with Officials of the Council, meet Mr. Ross of Sprite Ireland Ltd. in the Town Hall, Bray, on Monday, 19th January, at 11 a.m.

### 6.—RESOLUTIONS FROM DROGHEDA CORPORATION.

The Council adopted the following Resolutions from Drogheda Corporation "That the Council ask the Minister for Finance to consider a substantial increase in Old Age Pensions."

"That the Government ban the export of potatoes."

"That the Government introduce P.A.Y.E. system of Income Tax collection."

### 7.—CAFE AND SHELTER AT BRAY HEAD.

On hearing from the Town Clerk that Council's Solicitor had received no reply from Coras Iompair Eireann on the question of leasing a site at Bray Head for a Cafe and Shelter, the Council, on the proposition of Cllr. Hipwell, seconded by Cllr. M. O'Toole, decided to abandon the project.

### 8.—REMUNERATION OF CLERK/TYPIST

On the proposition of Cllr. Hipwell, seconded by Cllr. D. Sayers, the Council agreed to an increase of 2s. 6d. per week in the remuneration of female Clerk/Typists under 21 years, with effect from 1/4/58 and agreed to provide the necessary excess expenditure entailed in the increase.

### 9.—REMUNERATION OF CLEANER AT LIBRARY—MRS. DUNNE.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that it was felt that Mrs. Dunne, Part-time Cleaner at the Library, was entitled to 3s. 6d. per week increase, this being based on a pro rata increase to female clerical staff. The Members of the Council felt that this increase was too small and on the proposition of Cllr. Hipwell, seconded by Cllr. Sayers, it was unanimously resolved that Mrs. Dunne be granted an increase of 7s. 6d. The County Manager undertook to consider if such an increase was permissible under the Regulations.