

10.—REMUNERATION OF SCHOOL MEALS ATTENDANTS.

On being informed by the Town Clerk that an increase granted on a pro rata basis with increases granted to female clerical staff would amount to 1s. 3d. per week for seven School-Meal Attendants, the Council took the view that the increase was inadequate and on the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. D. Sayers, it was unanimously recommended that 5s. 0d. per week be granted to these part-time employees. The County Manager undertook to consider whether such an increase was permissible under the Regulations.

In the case of School Meal Attendants and Cleaner at Library, the Council agreed to any excess expenditure incurred in implementing their recommendations.

11.—BRAY COVE SWIMMING CLUB.

Submitted letter from Bray Cove Swimming Club setting out the difficulties with which the Club had contended and listing what it was felt to be the inadequacies of the pools and finally intimating that the Club felt they could no longer continue to run the Pools. A lengthy discussion on the whole question of the Pools and their history took place and the Engineer gave it as his opinion that it would take about £3,000 to £4,000 to put the Pools in reasonable working condition. Several of the Members were of the opinion that owing to the siting of the Pools it would be unwise to continue expending money thereon. Others felt that while the Pools might not be either modern or adequate, they constituted a Capital Asset to the Council and should not be allowed to fall into complete disrepair. It was finally agreed, on the suggestion of the County Manager, that a Special Meeting of the Council be held on 27th January at which the whole question of Council policy in the matter of Bray Cove Swimming Pools, the Municipal Baths and the Seafront in general be discussed.

12.—HOUSING ACT, 1931.—HUT AT REAR OF 16 CONNOLLY SQUARE.

The Members agreed that an undertaking be accepted from Mrs. Doyle, 16 Connolly Square, that she would not use the hut at the rear of 16 Connolly Square for human habitation but that this Agreement should clearly stipulate that it was to be used at no time either by herself, her family or visitors.

13.—HOUSING.

Clrs. T. Byrne, E. Byrne and other Members asked that the County Manager would give special consideration to the application of Mr. James Jones of 3 Milton Tce., for immediate rehousing, as they felt the circumstances warranted same.

Robert Savage
10/2/59

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Monday, 26th January, 1959, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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 Councillor J. O'Toole, T.D.

14.—VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, extended a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Miss M. O'Toole, Cillmantain Place, Bray.

15.—COVE SWIMMING POOLS.

Arising out of a letter received at a previous meeting from the Secretary, Bray Cove Swimming Pools, the Council had a lengthy discussion on the future of the Pools. Letters were received from the Principal of Arvon School and the French Schools, urging that the Council not allow the pools to fall into disuse. A report from the Town Engineer gave his views as to works that were urgent and essential to keep the Pools in working order, and works which might be termed desirable but not essential.

Finally, Councillor Sayers proposed and Councillor Hipwell seconded that a sum not to exceed £300 be voted to ensure that the Pools be made available for use for the coming season—this money to be devoted to the Pools in addition to the cost of Annual Cleaning. Clr. M. O'Toole proposed and Clr. Dempsey seconded that no money be spent on the Pools. A vote was taken and Clr. Sayers' motion was passed, seven Members voting in favour of it and four against. The voting was as follows for Clr. Sayers' motion:—

Clr. Mrs. Megannety, E. Byrne, C. Doyle, T. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, D. Sayers and P. Savage.

Against: Clrs. M. O'Toole, H. Stuart, P. Dempsey and Mrs. Ledwidge.

It was also decided that Cirs. Hipwell, Sayers and the Chairman have a discussion with the Bray Cove swimming Club Committee regarding their continuing to operate the Pools.

16.—TOURIST AMENITIES.

It was decided to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, 2nd February, to consider a lengthy report from the Co. Manager on Tourist Amenities in the town of Bray. The meeting, it was decided, would be in committee.

17.—CARAVAN SITES.

The Town Clerk read a memo of a meeting between a Sub-Committee of the Council (the Chairman, Messrs. Dempsey, Doyle and Sayers) who, together with the Officials, met Mr. Ross of Sprite (Ireland) Ltd., regarding the establishment of a Site for Caravans in the town. The Members were informed that a Sub-Committee elicited from Mr. Ross that his Company would be interested in catering for "Touring" and Non-Touring Caravans, and while Touring caravans were not open to objection, caravans of the non-touring type located on a site in a town like Bray might give rise to difficulties.

A long discussion took place at this point and the Members adjourned the decision pending the receipt of legal advice as to their powers of control in this matter.

18.—SMALL DWELLING ACTS.

The Council approved a proposal of Mr. E. O'Brien to transfer the interest of his house, "St. Germaine's, Cuala Road, to Mr. P. J. Maguire, subject to the completion of the customary legal documents of transfer.

19.—KILLARNEY ROAD.

It was decided to refer a complaint received from Miss Cox, Killarney Road, of dumping of uprooted branches of trees at her gate to the County Council, whose workmen, it was alleged, gave rise to the complaint.

20.—"WOMAN" MAGAZINE.

The Town Clerk was deputed to write to "Woman" Magazine and point out to them that they erred in a recent supplement of their magazine in which they stated that Bed and Breakfast in the Dublin Area was "from 36/- a night."

Robert Savage
2/2/59

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in Town Hall, Bray, on Monday, 2nd of February, 1959, at 8 p.m.

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

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

21.—TOURIST AMENITIES FOR BRAY.

The County Manager had circulated Memoranda to the Members giving an outline of what had been done in the matter of the provision of Tourist Amenities in Bray in the past decade; a possible future programme and the pros and cons of very many schemes which had been suggested from time to time. Briefly, he spoke on the points dealt with in these Memoranda. He also gave the Council some details of what had been done by Arklow Urban District Council.

Mr. J. O'Toole, T.D., informed the Meeting that Bray Enterprises felt that they would be in a position to get Grants and Guarantee Loans from Bord Fáilte for revised schemes which his Company had in mind, and he asked that the Council co-operate with his Association and financially assist them and in reply to a query stated that the Council might possibly be asked to contribute between £10,000 and £15,000.

The Town Clerk then read a letter from Mr. Tyrrell, Secretary, Bray Enterprises, asking that the Council lease to his Association the Northern End of the Esplanade, i.e., from and including the Municipal Baths northwards. Mr. Tyrrell's letter set out the following schemes which his Company had in mind:—

Paddling and Boating Pools; Swings and Slides with a special section for young children; an indoor section, comprising of a nursery, first-aid centre, children's play-rooms, small shop, cafe and toilets.

His Company also proposed to reconstruct the existing baths and erect on the site a new enclosed Swimming Pool. They also proposed a Main Purposes Building, comprising of Conference Hall, Casino, etc. This to be erected on a different site.

While some of the members were favourably disposed towards the Application, others felt that a number of items mentioned therein could and should be erected and operated directly by the Council, and also felt that Bord Fáilte should assist the Council with Grants.

Clr. T. Byrne produced a plan which he stated, he had a friend prepare, to illustrate some views he personally held on the development of the Northern Promenade. The Meeting then heard a report from Mr. Healy which dealt with the pros and cons of the following four possible sites for a Swimming Pool:—

- (a) Naylor's Cove.
- (b) Bray Harbour.
- (c) North-West of Municipal Baths.
- (d) East of Municipal Baths.

A further discussion on the whole question and on the request of Bray Enterprises was terminated by a proposal from Clr. M. O'Toole that the Council adjourn the matter to the 16th instant, when they would hold another Special Meeting. Bray Enterprises should, by that time, be in a position to give more specific details of their proposals and financial requirements.

The Co. Manager, in a short resumé of the whole position, listed the following as possible schemes for long term planning:—

- (1) Swimming Pools.
- (2) Facilities for Children (Swings, Slides, Rest Rooms, Toilets, Paddling Pool).
- (3) Casino.
- (4) Dance Hall.
- (5) Conference Hall.
- (6) Café.
- (7) Piers and Jetties for Boating and Fishing.
- (8) Club Houses and Slipway for Sailing Boats.
- (9) Shelters.
- (10) Bowling Greens.
- (11) Tennis Courts.
- (12) Pitch and Putting Course.
- (13) Amusements on site at Harbour.
- (14) Caravan sites.
- (15) River Walk extensions.
- (16) Approaches to Sea Front.

22.—CARAVAN SITES.

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Council's Solicitor in which he stated that the only practical way to guard against the danger of Caravan Sites becoming permanent was to licence under the Sanitary Services Act, 1948, only on production with the application of an Agreement with the Landowner of a particular site in which it was stipulated that the Caravans would be removed after a certain period.

After a discussion it was agreed that Messrs. Sprite (Ireland) Limited, be informed that the Council would be prepared to give favourable consideration for Caravan Sites, if such an Agreement were produced, stipulating that Caravans be only placed on the site from the 1st May to the 30th October.

23.—CINEMA LICENCES.

On being informed by the Town Clerk that the Fire Officer and Health Officer had inspected the Royal and Roxy Cinemas and had recommended the issue of licences, the Council approved the issue of Licences to these two cinemas on the same conditions as heretofore.

24.—GUINNESS CLOCK.

The Council welcomed an offer of Messrs. Guinness and Sons to place their novelty Clock on the Seafront during the coming season. It was agreed that the Company and the Town Engineer should decide on the exact location of the clock.

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10/2/59

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



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

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors J. O'Toole, T.D., and P. Dempsey.

Officials: Messrs. J. McCarroll, Solicitor; D. F. McCarthy, Town Clerk, and Mr. Healy, Town Engineer.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. M. Flannery, Wicklow County Manager.

25.—CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 13th January were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

26.—COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

County Manager's Orders No. 8372 to 8377 were noted.

27.—VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, extended a Vote of Sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. P. O'Toole, Clontarf, Dublin.

28.—CIVIL DEFENCE.

The Council noted with satisfaction that the Red Cross and the Knights of Malta were to take part in Civil Defence Classes in Bray.

29.—PROVISION OF WORK FOR PAINTERS.

A letter from the Secretary of the Bray and District Trades Council, urging that the Council provide extra monies for work for Painters was referred to the Estimates Meeting.

30.—RESOLUTION FROM MEATH CO. COUNCIL.

A resolution from Meath Co. Council urging that the Government establish a National Memorial at Tara was adopted.

31.—RESOLUTION FROM SLIGO CORPORATION.

A Resolution from Sligo Corporation asking that Urban Authority Tenants be allowed to purchase their houses on similar terms as applied in the case of Labourers' Cottages was noted.

32.—REVIEW OF RENTS, SALE OF HOUSES.

Having considered the contents of Circular H.15/53 re. above at some length, the Council decided not to take any action and instructed the Town Clerk to convey to the Department of Local Government their views that the present system, whereby rents were increased on new Lettings was proving satisfactory. It was also decided that the Rent Collectors be asked to ascertain if any of the Tenants were interested in purchasing their houses.

33.—NOVELTY WATER CRAFT.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that in response to an advertisement inserted on the suggestion of Mr. Miley, S.C., he had received the following application:—

P. J. Merlihan, Clonskea, Dublin	12 Craft
P. Murray, 5 St. Peter's Sq., Bray	6 Craft
D. O'Carroll, Coast Guard Station, Bray	6 Craft

Mr. J. McCarroll, Solicitor, attended the Meeting and gave the Council a resumé of what had transpired last season when a Licence which had been refused by the Council was granted by the Circuit Court Judge on Appeal from the District Court, which had upheld the Council's refusal. Mr. McCarroll explained to the Members that he had obtained an opinion from Mr. Miley, S.C., on the whole question of the Council Bye-Laws, and Mr. Miley held that in so far as the Bye-Laws purported to give the Council power to control the licensing of boats they were ultra-vires and Mr. Miley felt that the decision of the Circuit Court Judge in granting permission under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1907, was correct.

In view of this decision, Mr. McCarroll stated that if the Council refused to grant an application, the Applicant could apply to the Courts and would possibly be granted a Licence by this means.

After a long discussion during which several Members of the Council stated that the position from the point of view of the Council was very unsatisfactory, it was finally decided, on the proposition of Mr. Sayers, seconded by Mr. Hipwell that all three Applications be granted, and that the Applicants were to site their craft in accordance with the directions of the Town Engineer. The Council further stipulated that the permission was to be given on the understanding that the Applicants complied with those conditions laid down by Circuit Court Judge Deale which dealt with:—

1. Protection of the Public.
2. Safety of Craft.
3. Insurance, etc.

Furthermore, each Applicant was to arrange to have a different coloured pennant on the craft.

On the proposition of Mr. Hipwell it was decided to recommend that Mr. Merlihan be allowed to place his hut on the beach as heretofore. The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, thanked Mr. McCarroll for his very valuable advice in this matter.

34.—HOUSING ACT, 1958.

(a) On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, it was recommended that the Manager might include in the Annual Estimates a sum for the payment of Grants for house reconstruction and the Council could then decide whether they would go ahead with such a Scheme or not.

(b) On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, it was decided not to adopt a Scheme of loans for Repair and Reconstruction of houses.

35.—BORD FAITE—TOWN AND VILLAGE COMPETITION.

The Council instructed the Town Clerk to enter Bray in the above competition with Bord Faite. Arising out of same, the Members considered some points contained in Circular L.2/1959 from the Dept., and the Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Earl of Meath, asking that he would take some steps (i.e., Planting of Shrubs) to improve the site on the Vevay-Putland Road corner where an old cottage was recently demolished.

36.—PLANTING BRAY HEAD AND ESPLANADE.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the above items.

37.—LEASE OF SITE AT WALLACE'S YARD.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that in 1956 they had leased the above site to David Coughlan at £60 a year on condition that he would, by the 31/12/58, erect buildings to the value of £6,000 thereon, and informed them that Mr. Coughlan wished a further extension of time to carry out this covenant. It was decided to grant him a further year.

38.—ARTICLE IN "WOMAN" MAGAZINE

The Town Clerk read letters received by himself and Clr. Stuart apologising on behalf of the Proprietors of the above magazine for an inaccurate statement in the matter of charges for bed and breakfast in the Dublin Area.

39.—WATER SUPPLY TO MARTELLO TERRACE.

The Chairman stated that he had been receiving complaints for some time past from Mr. Norton of Martello Terrace regarding his water supply. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that for some months past he had been endeavouring to get Mr. Norton and the adjoining property Owner to come to some Agreement in the matter of a Service Connection at the rear of the Terrace, and he hoped such an agreement would be reached in the near future.

The Council decided to instruct the Town Clerk to write to property Owner—Mrs. Chisholm—to the effect that they were seriously perturbed at her failure to allow Mr. Norton to make a separate connection to his house through a laneway at the rear of Terrace—her property.

40.—40, CONNOLLY SQUARE. McMANUS TO McAULEY.

The Council indicated that they would raise no objection to transfer to Mr. J. McAuley of the interest in 40, Connolly Square, of Mrs. M. Brady, deceased.

41.—TOWN PLANNING SCHEME.

(a) Application from Mr. Dowling, Mellifont Hotel, for permission to add a single storey extension in front of building.

Report from Town Engineer recommending approval of the extension itself. Permission to be refused for "proposed run-in and run-out for cars" in view of traffic difficulties for parking in the vicinity.

The Council adopted Mr. Healy's report in the matter.

(b) Application from Mr. J. Dawson for permission to erect a wooden hut at "Daisybank," Strand Road. Report from Town Engineer that permission be refused as structure was located in front of the Building Line. Order: Engineer's Report adopted.

(c) Application from Mr. F. Bermingham of Deloraine, Sidmonton Road, for permission to put new bay-window in his house. Recommendation from Engineer that permission be granted.

(c) Order: Engineer's Report adopted.

(d) Application from Mrs. E. Deering, "Imaal," Meath Road, Bray, for permission to erect a new bedroom. Report from Town Engineer recommending approval subject to the Bedroom having a minimum ceiling height of 8 feet; a wall 9 inches thick and the glazed area of the windows at least 10 p.c. of the floor area.

Order: Town Engineer's report adopted.

(e) Application from Mr. P. J. Mullen, "Schomberg," Killarney Road, to convert the Hot-Sea Baths into a Shop and Amusement Arcade.

Recommendation from the Town Engineer that permission be refused as the area was designated residential in the Council's Draft Town Plan.

The Council Members, after a discussion, resolved on the proposal of Clr. Doyle, seconded by Clr. Hipwell, recommending that the Application be granted.

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15/2/59

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, at 8 p.m. on Monday, 16th February, 1959

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

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

42.—DEPUTATION FROM BRAY ENTERPRISES RE. THEIR PROPOSALS FOR PROVISION OF AMENITIES.

The Council received the following deputation from Bray Enterprises:—

Messrs. J. Tyrrell, Solicitor; W. Cavey; G. Hunt; W. Maguire, Architect.

The Meeting had before them outline plans on Bray Enterprises' proposals and also a letter from Mr. Maguire, Architect, setting out the proposals. These were:—

- (1) A Children's indoor play centre on the northern end of the Esplanade.
- (2) A Children's outdoor play centre immediately south of No. 1.
- (3) A Boating Pool on the Esplanade opposite the southern end of Marine Terrace.
- (4) Swimming Baths and Café at Municipal Baths extending into the sea.
- (5) Six sets of new steps from the promenade to the sea.
- (6) Car Parks.
 - (a) on the site of the present Car Park.
 - (b) on the Esplanade immediately south of the Municipal Baths.
- (7) A Pitch and Put Course on Bray Head Park.

The Councillors made a preliminary study of the plans produced. They were informed by the Deputation that all that the Schemes Local Authority might be expected to contribute to was embodied in these plans, the implementation of which would require that the Council lease certain portions of the Esplanade to the Company.

The County Manager, in replying to a question of Clr. Sayers informed the Meeting and the Deputation that the Esplanade was held on Lease from the Earl of Meath and that without his permission it would be impossible to sub-lease any portion of it. He further drew attention to the fact that the Lease would expire in October, 1960.

In replying to the Councillors who asked for estimates of the costs, the Members of the Deputation stated that they were not in a position to give such estimates. Mr. Tyrrell, Solicitor, further explained that the getting out of costings would mean the incurring of expense by the Company. If, however, they were assured of Council approval for the Scheme and of a Council contribution to the schemes, they would be prepared to incur that expense.

In reply to Clr. Stuart, Mr. Hunt said that while they were assured of financial assistance by way of grants and Guaranteed Loan from Bord Fáilte, they could not, at this stage, indicate what amount of grant would be received.

A further discussion on the Project elicited the fact that the Swimming Baths proposition was by far the major one in the whole scheme. The Deputation, in reply to Clr. Dempsey, who urged that the Company reconsider a scheme which they had in mind some years ago for the Harbour Area, stated that they had gone into this thoroughly only to find that the cost would be prohibitive. In reply to the same Councillor, Mr. Maguire, Architect, stated that he had not taken soundings or borings in the Sea-Wall area.

Several Members of the Council felt that they could not be expected to commit themselves to approve of the Scheme in principle without having some fairly firm estimate of the cost.

The County Manager made a point that any projection from the Sea-Wall seawards might possibly cause serious erosion north of such projection with disastrous consequences to the Promenade generally.

It was finally decided that while the Council wished Bray Enterprises every success, they could not give any approval at this stage and the Town Clerk was instructed to get in touch with the Commission of Public Works and ask the views of their Marine Section re. possible erosion and any other relevant information.

43.—BRAY COVE SWIMMING POOLS.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. J. Murphy, "Annacreevy," Adelaide Road, Glenageary, Co. Dublin, to the effect that if a suitable Lease could be arranged, he would be prepared to take over the Bray Cove Swimming Pools and expend certain sums of money on their repair.

It was decided to ask Mr. Murphy to meet the County Manager and the following Sub-Committee of the Council in the Town Hall on Tuesday, 24th February at 12 noon, to discuss the matter further:—

Cls. P. Savage (Chairman), P. Dempsey, C. Doyle, D. Sayers and H. B. Hipwell.

44.—PLANTING AT BRAY HEAD.

The Council approved a report from the Town Engineer which proposed the clearing of the under-growth and planting an acre of Hard-Wood Trees on Bray Head Park.

45.—TOWN HALL REPAIRS.

On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. T. Byrne, the Council decided to seek a supplementary loan of £3,000 to enable payment to be made to the Contractors on above work and also approved the seeking of temporary Over Draft Accommodation in the Council's Capital Account pending the raising of the loan.

The above resolutions were passed after the adoption of a report from the Engineer giving the final cost of the repairs at £3,134, which was approved and the necessary excess expenditure provided.

Retired Surge
10/3/59

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall on 10th March, 1959, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

46.—CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 10th February and Special Meetings of 26th January, 2nd February and 16th February were taken as read and signed by the Chairman, it having been noted beforehand that in the Minutes of 10th February the name of Cllr. D. Sayers was inadvertently omitted from the list of those who were present.

Arising out of the Minutes, Cllr. P. Dempsey referred to Minute No. 44 of the Meeting of 16th February and stated that it was his recollection that the Council had not approved the report from the Town Engineer re Tree Planting at Bray Head, further than the proposed clearing of the undergrowth. The Town Clerk stated that the Council had approved the Town Engineer's Report in its entirety. After a further discussion, it was agreed that the expense for the provision of monies for the planting of trees on Bray Head could be dealt with at the Estimates Meeting.

Arising out of the Minutes Cllrs. Dempsey and Stuart protested at the Manager's refusal to grant Town Planning Permission to Mr. Mullen to convert the Hot Sea Baths into a Gaming Arcade.

47.—VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, expressed sympathy with the relatives of the following deceased:—

- Mr. M. Murphy, Quinsboro Road, Bray.
- Mr. R. A. Willoughby, Quinsboro Road, Bray.
- Mr. P. O'Toole, 39 Wolfe Tone Square, West, Bray.
- Mr. H. C. Stalton, 27, Connolly Square, Bray.
- Mr. D. O'Carroll, Coast Guard Station, Bray.

Cllr. M. O'Toole thanked the Council for their sympathy recently expressed on the death of the late Miss M. O'Toole, Kilmantain Place, Bray.

48.—BRAY HARCOURT STREET STATION.

On the proposition of Cllr. M. O'Toole, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. M. Ledwidge, the Town Clerk was directed to ask Coras Iompair Eireann

to run some trains on the Bray-Harcourt Street Line during the Summer months. It was suggested that the trains could be run non-stop from Harcourt Street to Bray.

49.—PETROL FILLING STATION.

The Council noted the terms of a Circular from the Minister for Local Government issued as a guidance to Local Authorities in dealing with Town Planning Applications for Petrol Pumps. Several Members expressed the view that Dublin Co. Council had not exercised sufficient control in this regard.

50.—APPLICATION FROM BRAY CIVIC INSTITUTE FOR PERMISSION TO USE THE COUNCIL CREST ON BROCHURE.

The Council granted permission to Bray Civic Institute to use the Crest of Bray on the Brochure which is being produced by the Institute.

51.—CIRCUIT OF BRAY CYCLE RACE.

The Council considered an application from Bray Amusements Committee for permission to close the Florence Road from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the 6th September, 1959, in connection with above.

The Chairman and other Members said that they had received complaints from residents along the roads to be closed, objecting to the closing—i.e., Main Street and Strand Road.

The Town Clerk mentioned that Coras Iompair Eireann contemplated placing double decker buses on the roads in the Summer and this may effect the position of same. After a further discussion, it was finally decided to adjourn consideration of the matter until the next Monthly Meeting, and in the meantime it was decided that Bray Amusements Committee be written to and asked if they could find some alternative route for the race.

52.—TAKING OVER OF ROADWAY AT RAHEEN PARK, BRAY.

The Council, having been informed by the Town Clerk that he had published the necessary notices and had received no objections, it was, on the proposition of Cllr. Sayers, seconded by Cllr. T. Byrne, unanimously decided to take over 580 lineal yards of roadway at Raheen Park.

53.—INCHICORE SEA ANGLING CLUB.

A lengthy letter was read from the above Club asking for various improvements to the Harbour to enable the Members to continue their angling therein, and mentioning such items as improved anchorage, moorings and dredging. It was decided, on the suggestion of Cllr. Sayers that the Town Engineer give a report on what might be done in this regard.

54.—PEDALO WATER CRAFT.

The Council considered a letter from Mr. Kearon, Solicitor, applying on behalf of his Client, Mr. R. J. Merlihan, for a licence for five additional water craft on Bray Beach. While the majority of the Council were not in favour of granting a licence because of the fact that they had already granted a licence to the Applicant for twelve craft, the County Manager stated that the Applicant might be in a position to compel the Council to grant the licence if he had recourse to the Courts. It was finally decided to await advice from the Council's Solicitor on the matter before making a decision.

55.—BRAY COVE SWIMMING POOLS.

A letter from the Secretary, Bray Cove Swimming Club, was read, conveying the decision of his Committee to take over the running of

Pools for the coming season on condition that the Council expend a sum of £300 for the necessary repairs, and on the understanding that the Council would, in the coming season, be responsible for the complete cleaning of the Pools instead of for half the cost as had been the arrangement hitherto.

The letter went on to state that the Committee would be prepared to pay an increased rent. It was agreed to accept the offer of the Swimming Club on condition that they pay a rent of £50 for the Season.

56.—BRAY COVE SWIMMING POOLS—CLEANING AND IMPROVEMENTS.

The Council considered a comprehensive report from the Town Engineer on the improvements which would be needed to modernise the pools. He gave a preliminary estimate of the total cost of £60,000, which included £5,000 for the provision of a Café and Shelter within the perimeter of the Pools.

On the proposition of Mr. Sayers, seconded by Mr. T. Byrne, it was decided to adjourn a decision on this report pending the outcome of the present proposals of Bray Enterprises Limited.

57.—SHELTERS ON THE SEA FRONT, ETC.

Having heard a report from the Town Engineer, in which he suggested that shelters could be erected as follows:—

1. Bray Head Park—on the site of existing corrugated iron shelter. Estimated Cost—£1,000.
2. Bray Head—on site of original position for Café. Estimated Cost—£1,000.
3. At Cliff Walk. Estimated Cost—£500.
4. At site of present South Bandstand. Estimated Cost—£1,500.

The Council agreed that the Council's Architect, Mr. Fitzgerald be asked to prepare sketch plans and rough estimates of costs for these proposals. They could then be submitted by Board Faite with a request for a maximum grant. It was further decided to give priority to No. 1 i.e., the Shelter at Bray Head Park.

During the course of the discussion the members suggested that shelters could be erected near the Bandstand on the northern end of the Esplanade. Mr. Dempsey asked that the question of providing shelters on the lines of the R.D.S. be investigated.

58.—DEVELOPMENT OF HARBOUR AREA.

The Engineer submitted a report for the development of the Harbour Area in conjunction with Ravenswell and Riverside Walk. His main proposals provided for the clearing of Dock Terrace for possible use as an amusement site; acquiring of Doyle's field and Gas Works property, thus linking Riverside Walk with the Harbour Area, and reconstruction of Harbour Bridge. He estimated the total cost of these works to be £34,250.

The Council approved the report in principle.

59.—CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—JOINT CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENT BODIES.

The following Delegates from the Council were selected to attend the Joint Conference of Bray Enterprises Ltd., Bray Civic Institute and Bray Amusements' Committee which was convened by the Bray Chamber of Commerce:—Messrs. P. Savage, P. Dempsey, M. O'Toole and D. Sayers.

60.—GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT.

Notification of intention to apply for licences under the Gaming and Lotteries Act were received in respect of Irish Amusements Ltd., Esplanade, Bray; Casino Amusements, 110, 111, Strand Road, Bray; Mr. M. O'Toole—Premises at 13B Albert Walk, Bray. Mrs. M. O'Toole—Premises at 10A Albert Walk, Bray.

The Council approved reports from Fire Officer and Health Officer intimating that they had no objection to the granting of the licence.

61.—S.D. ACTS—BEARDWOOD TO SHIELS.

The Council recommended that permission be granted to Mr. W. Beardwood to transfer his interest in "Cascia," Brighton Terrace, Bray, to Mr. Shiels, 3 Brighton Terrace, Bray, subject to the completion of the necessary Transfer Documents.

62.—TOWN PLANNING ACT.

Application from Mr. L. Smith for permission to erect a house at Upper Dargle Road, Bray. Report from Town Engineer, recommending approval, having pointed out that on a former occasion the Council had disapproved of the site, but the Applicant's Appeal to the Dept. had been upheld. Order: Recommend approval.

63.—BOUNDARY WALLS.

Mr. Dempsey asked that the Town Clerk look into a complaint made by a Farmer—Mr. Fox, regarding the Boundary Walls on Bray Head, adjoining Mr. Fox's farm.

64.—TENDERS FOR SITES ON ESPLANADE.

The following Tenders were received and opened at the Meeting.
Photographic Rights—D. H. Wright, St. Joseph's Esplanade, Bray—£25.

Putting Green—P. Mooney and P. O'Neill, 2 Connolly Sq.—£240.

Deck Chairs—P. Mooney and P. O'Neill, 2 Connolly Sq.—£40.

Weighing Machines—British Automatic Co., 36A North St. George's Street, Dublin—£40.

Site for Sale of Oysters—T. Doyle, Muckross Ave., Perrystown, Dublin—£20.

The Council recommended acceptance of each of the above Tenders as in no case more than one was received.

65.—PRESENTATION TO FORMER WEIGHMASTER—MR. J. KEENAN

It was agreed to purchase a Tea Service and to present same to Mr. J. Keenan at the next Monthly Meeting.

66.—MAINTENANCE OF THE ESPLANADE.

The Council approved a report from the Town Engineer dealing with the maintenance of the Esplanade, and also referring to the difficulties of maintenance services generally. Whereas there has been a great expansion and improvement in services throughout the Town over the past 10 years, there has not been a corresponding increase in the outdoor staff available to run these services.

The report further referred to the difficulties of maintaining the services. Arising out of this the Engineer recommended that the Esplanade Caretaker should be confined entirely to his duties as Esplanade Caretaker and should not be a Member of the Fire Brigade, since this necessitated frequent absences from the Seafront.

Pat Savage
9/4/59

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on 9th April, 1959, at 7.30 pm., to consider Amenity Schemes in the town.

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

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

73.—PRIVATE ROADS.

Clr. Stuart raised the question of the private road leading to the Garda Barracks and urged that the Council repair it. It was pointed out that this was only one of several roadways in the town not in the charge of the Council, and Councillor Sayers suggested that it might be desirable during the coming year that the Surveyor make a list of them and the estimated cost of taking them over and putting them under repair, and subsequently maintaining them. The County Manager pointed out that matters such as these should have been brought up before the Estimates Meeting.

74.—AMENITY SCHEMES.

Clr. Byrne said that he had asked for the Meeting to be held as he felt that the time was opportune for the Council to prepare and push ahead as rapidly as possible with Amenity Schemes of their own, as despite praiseworthy efforts of other bodies no progress seemed to have been made.

Mr. J. O'Toole, T.D., strongly urged that the Council give the necessary support to Bray Enterprises. Mr. Hipwell stated that the Chamber of Commerce, at their Meeting, had decided to leave matters in the hands of the Council. The County Manager, in reply to a question from some of the Members, explained in broad outline the

working of the Tourist Development Act of 1952. Clr. T. Byrne urged that the Council formulate a scheme themselves with a view to catering for the large number of youthful visitors who come to the town, and he felt that nothing should be done to interfere with the present amenities of the southern end of the Esplanade, but that the Council should concentrate their efforts to the portion from the Municipal Baths northwards.

Clr. M. O'Toole concurred with this viewpoint, but Clr. D. Sayers felt that nothing should be done without another meeting of the Committee representing the Council and three other groups who had, as the Town Clerk had indicated earlier in the meeting, decided to meet again when each body had formulated their own schemes.

The County Manager suggested that the Council adjourn and indicate to the other groups that they would be prepared to examine any plans these groups may have and then meet again to consider any such plans, together with the Council's own schemes. He informed the Meeting that revised plans from Bray Enterprises had that afternoon been delivered to the Town Hall, and no opportunity had been afforded to officials in the short time to consider them.

The Council agreed to the Manager's suggestion.

Robert Savage

12/5/59

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 p.m. on the 14th April, 1939.

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

Apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. C. Doyle.

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

75.—CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 10th March were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

76.—COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

Manager's Orders Nos. 8396 to 8430 were noted.

77.—CORAS IOMPAIR EIREANN—SERVICES TO BRAY.

Arising out of a discussion on the receipt of a letter from Coras Iompair Eireann to the effect that they would not re-open the Bray-Harcourt Street Line, it was decided that the Town Clerk write to the Company and ascertain what plans they had for serving Bray by bus in the coming season.

78.—LIMERICK RESOLUTION.

A resolution from the Limerick Corporation asking that free transport be provided by Coras Iompair Eireann for Old Age Pensioners was adopted.

79.—KERRY RESOLUTION.

A resolution from Kerry Co. Council seeking an increase to 30s. per week in the Old Age Pension Rate was adopted.

80.—BRAY COAT OF ARMS.

Application from the Hon. Secretary, Dargle Vale Athletic Club, for permission to use the Bray Coat of Arms was acceded to.

81.—FOOTBALL PITCHES—PEOPLES' PARK.

The question of allocation of Football Pitches for the coming year was adjourned to the May Meeting.

82.—GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT.

A Notification of intention to apply for licence under the above Act was received from Mr. P. J. Kane, 10B, Albert Walk, Bray. The Council's Technical Advisors had no objection to the granting of the licence, and the Council decided not to object to its granting.

83.—PEDALO WATERCRAFT.

A long discussion took place on an Application from Mr Magee, Solicitor on behalf his client, P. Murray, to place:—

- (a) Planks on the beach in connection with the operation of his Pedalo Craft.
- (b) To place an advertisement sign on the beach.
- (c) To place a hut on the beach.

It was decided to allow him to place the planks on the beach, but permission for the other items was refused.

The Town Engineer reported that he had failed to get Messrs. Merlihan and Murray to agree in the matter of siting their craft on the beach. It was decided that Mr. Merlihan would be given two-thirds of the area from Bray Head to the Boat-Slip on the Bray Head side, and Murray be given the remaining one-third of the area.

Having considered a letter from Mr. McCarroll, Solicitor, the Council decided, in accordance with his advice, to refuse Mr. Merlihan a licence for five extra Pedalo Craft.

84.—CHILDREN'S AMUSEMENTS.

The Council decided not to accede to a request from Mr. T. J. Moloney, Dublin, to place Children's Convoy Ride on a site near the south bandstand, for which he offered £100. It was suggested that he might, perhaps, be interested in a site north of the Municipal Baths.

85.—CIRCUIT OF BRAY CYCLE RACE.

The Hon. Secretary, Bray Amusements Committee, wrote stating that in deference to the Council's wishes his Committee had changed the time and date of their proposed Cycle Race to Wednesday, 27th May, and asked the Council's permission to close the Florence Road from 7.30 to 10 p.m. on that date.

The permission as sought was granted.

86.—TOWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- (a) Application from C. Green to erect a private garage at 9, Raheen Park, Bray.

Report from Town Engineer recommending approval.
Order: Engineer's report adopted.

- (b) Application from Mrs. Moore for permission to erect new Toilet and Kitchen at No. 5 Vevay Road, Bray.

Report from Town Engineer recommending approval on condition that the Toilet would not open directly off the kitchen.
Order: Engineer's Report adopted.

- (c) Application from Mr. C. Byrne for permission to erect a Bathroom at 3, Seymour Road, Bray.
Report from Town Engineer recommending that permission be granted.

Order—Engineer's Report adopted.

- (d) Application from Mr. J. P. Masterson, 4 Westbourne Terrace, permission to alter shop front.
Report from Town Engineer recommending that permission be granted.

Order: Engineer's Report adopted.

- (e) Application from T. Byrne, 38 Castle Street, Bray, for permission to raise his Boundary Wall and erect new entrance gate.
Report from Town Engineer recommending approval on condition that the work is carried out in a proper manner and the gate opens inwards.

Order: Engineer's Report adopted.

- (f) Application from Mr. Joseph A. Butler for permission to erect a private garage.

Report from Town Engineer recommending approval provided that the Garage is kept back as far as possible from the Boundary Wall at Pearse Road and is built against the Boundary Wall between Nos. 1 and 2 Auburn Villas.

Order—Report of Engineer adopted.

87—TOWN PLANNING—NOTICE OF MOTION—CLR. P. DEMPSEY.

The Chairman accepted the following Notice of Motion from Clr. P. Dempsey: "Please note that I or someone for me will move at the next Statutory Meeting that Martello Terrace, Dock Terrace, The Hartour and the area near Coughlan's Factory be zoned for the Draft Town Plan as Tourist Development Areas."

Robert Savage
12/5/59

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Estimates Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 31st March, 1959, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

67.—CLR. H. B. HIPWELL.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council and Officials, welcomed Clr. Hipwell back to the Council after his recent illness. Clr. Hipwell returned thanks.

68.—VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

The Chairman on behalf of the Council extended votes of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. P. Short, Duncairn Avenue, "Sonny" Byrne, 35 Dargan St., and Mrs. P. Cantwell, Waterside, Strand Road, Bray.

69.—ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES.

Submitted report of the County Manager dated 19th March, 1959. The Expenditure and Receipts and Net Costs to be met from Rates are estimated at:

	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Net Expenditure
	£	£	£
Roads	7,812	150	7,662
Sanitary Services	19,550	2,073	17,477
Housing Services	62,517	55,558	6,959
General Urban Purposes	72,420	5,587	66,833
	£162,299	£63,368	£98,931

As shown above the amount to be met from the Rate levy in the coming year would be £98,931, but there are available Credits of £590, representing savings in the present year, which would reduce the net requirements to £98,341. The Municipal Rate which would be required to produce £98,341 is 36s. 5d. in the £ and this would be an increase of 1s. 1d. over that for the present year, which is 35s. 4d. It should be mentioned that last year the rate was reduced by 5d. and in the previous year by 2d.—the rate two years ago was 35s. 11d.

The following are the principal items of increased or new expenditure which account for a rise in the rate of 1s. 1d. as compared with that levied in the present year:—

Increase in County Council Demand	11d.
Supplementary Housing Grants	1½d.
Provision of Amusement Centre near Harbour (Loan Charges on Capital Cost)	1d.
Cleaning Main Sewer at Strand Road	½d.
Town Hall Repairs (Loan Charges)	3d.
Civil Defence	1d.
New Road Works—Surface Dressing of King Edward Road	3½d.
Improving access to Seafront (via Ravenswell Rd.)	2½d.

The total of these items comes to 2s. 0d. but they are offset by reductions in Loan Charges and by a number of increases in Receipts to the extent of 11d., so that the net increase, as already mentioned, would be 1s. 1d. in the £.

In the rate levy for the present year, provision was not made for any revision in the remuneration of the Council's staff. At the time the Estimates were under consideration last year, negotiations were in progress in relation to a claim from the Union seeking an increase of 10s. per week for their Members because of increased living costs, but a decision in the matter was not taken until after the Rates for the present year had been determined. As other Employers had allowed such claims some time previously, the Council agreed to similar action. Whilst all employees were allowed the 10s. per week increase, there were certain exceptions in the case of the rest of the staff. The total cost involved is £980 but for the coming year this increase would be almost completely offset by a reduction in Superannuation and Retirement allowances of over £960.

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

ROADS.

The gross expenditure is estimated at £7,812 and after deducting miscellaneous Receipts of £150 the net outlay is £7,662. The amount allowed by the Council in the present year was £7,255. For normal repairs to roads and footpaths the provision in the Estimates is the same as in the present year, except for the increase in wages to which reference already has been made.

NEW ROAD WORKS—KING EDWARD ROAD AND NEWCOURT ROAD.

It has been recommended by the Town Engineer that King Edward Road which has deteriorated much in recent years, should be resurfaced and that new concrete channels be constructed along the sides of it to assist in drainage—this would prevent damage to the surface from the run-off during periods of heavy rainfall. The cost of this work is estimated at £750 and if it were to be undertaken from Revenue the Council would save the Interest Charges which would arise if a Loan were borrowed to meet the cost.

the present year; the State Grant received was £2,550. With the monies available new concrete roads were laid at Victoria Avenue and Convent Avenue. The Council may feel that in the coming year the Employment Schemes Grant and their own contribution might be used towards meeting the cost of some of the road works to which reference already has been made.

SANITARY SERVICES

The total outlay on Sanitary Services is estimated at £19,550. The amount allowed by the Council last year was £19,196. The Receipts are estimated at £2,073, leaving the net outlay £17,477. The result is that the levy for the coming year shows an increase of £293, but as will be explained below, provision is being made in this for new works.

Strand Road Sewer: This main sewer periodically requires to be cleared; the last time it was done was in 1952. The cost of the work will be £100.

Street and Household Scavenging: Whilst the increase in Wages which already has been mentioned would have led to a rise in the cost of this Service, there has been, however, a reduction in outlay on Superannuation which about counterbalances the former increase. During the Summer months of 1958 the Council continued to provide a daily collection of Household Refuse from all the premises in the main thoroughfares of the town. The twice weekly collection of Domestic Refuse from all other parts of the town also was continued. The standard of this service is, nowadays, taken for granted, but it might not be inappropriate once more to stress that it is not equalled, as far as is known, in other Urban areas in these Islands.

Waterworks: The expenditure corresponds to that in the present year, apart from alterations in remuneration. The consumption has been carefully watched by the Town Engineer and the Waterworks Inspector and his Assistant. In consequence, and as a result of the relaying of the mains in the past ten years, the consumption has been maintained at the same level as previously obtained and this notwithstanding the very large number of new houses which had been erected during that period.

Public Lighting: Two years ago the Council made some alterations in the Public Lighting System and the cost in the Estimates (£2,535) is based on the Service which at present is in operation. There are in all 423 lights, of which 33 are Pilot Lights.

Baths and Swimming Pools: For minor repairs to the Municipal Baths and for the erection of Platforms and Timber Decking a sum of £200 has again been included.

The provision being made in respect of the Swimming Pools at Bray Cove is: Minor Repairs £25; Cleaning £150 (in former years this cost only £75 but the Club which operates the Pools has indicated that it would not be able to meet any part of the cost in the coming Summer and consequently the entire outlay on cleaning would have to be borne by the Council); Repairs to Penstock and outer Wall (based on Estimate submitted some time ago by the Town Engineer) £300.

New Shelters at Seafront: The Council, unfortunately, has had to forego the proposal for the erection of a new structure on the Green between the Railway Line and the sea near the entrance to Bray Head and which structure was intended to accommodate a Shelter, Cafe,

In addition, the Town Engineer has suggested that that part of Newcourt Road near the Vevay Road, which at present is in bad condition, might be constructed in concrete. The cost is estimated at £3,000. It will be recollected that originally there was only a laneway with a very deficient surface at this place and when the Meath and Sidmonton Roads were being reconstructed in concrete about twelve years ago, any tarred material remaining on the surface of these roadways was spread and rolled in on Newcourt Road. In lieu of reconstructing this latter length of road in concrete the Council may feel that the cost of the work, together with that of surfacing King Edward Road might be defrayed as a Capital cost. Borrowing for these works, however, would ultimately entail additional expense by way of Interest Charges.

ACCESS TO SEAFRONT.

In the present Estimates provision also is being made for improved access to the Seafont via Ravenswell Road and the Harbour. In recent times the Council gave lengthy consideration to projects of long-term development and Schemes which would result in new Tourist attractions and amenities. It was recommended in special Reports which were then submitted that the access to the Seafont would require to be improved if motorists were to have adequate facility in reaching it and if congestion at peak traffic periods were to be avoided. It was suggested that this access might be provided by widening Ravenswell Road and improving the exit under the Railway Line. It was found, however, that this Scheme would also require the construction of a new deck slab on the piers of the existing road bridge beside the Harbour and this would be the most costly item in the Scheme. The cost of it, however, could be reduced if the carriageway across the Bridge did not exceed 22 feet in width. On this basis a provisional estimate for the Seafont Access Scheme would be: Improvement of Ravenswell Road (including land acquisition and tarmacadam surface) £4,000; Improvement of exit under railway £1,500; new Deck Slab for Harbour Road Bridge, £10,500—Total £16,000. As the new works would not only be of Tourist Value but would also assist in solving traffic problems, it is felt that the Council might expect substantial Grants towards the cost. If, say, 75 per cent. of the cost were to be met from Grants from the Local Government Department and from An Bord Failte, then the Annual Loan Charge on the balance of the cost which would have to be met by the Council would be £580. This calculation is based on a Loan repayment of ten years. When the Council, twelve years ago or so, decided to proceed with a comprehensive programme of Road Reconstruction, it was agreed that the loans be borrowed on a short-term basis. This meant that rather heavy Loan Charges had to be met in the early years but taking the long-term view, there was a considerable saving in Interest; and the liquidation of the loans over a short period has enabled the Council to borrow for later essential Capital works. The total amount borrowed for new Roads was quite considerable—it was over £35,000. But the effect of the short-term borrowing is now being seen and in the present year two of the loans borrowed between 1947 and 1949 (originally amounting to £10,800) have been fully repaid, whilst in the coming year there will be other reductions in Loan Charges for roads. The total reduction in the Charges on existing loans for roads in the coming year comes to £1,082.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEME.

As the Council's contribution to an Employment Scheme towards which a State Grant would be expected, £365 has been included in the Estimates. This is the amount which the Council contributed in

and Public Sanitary Conveniences. There were lengthy negotiations with Coras Iompair Éireann who are the Ground Landlords of this plot but the Council could not arrange acceptable terms.

In the Special Reports which were submitted in the past few months to the Council on the provision of Tourist Amenities, it was suggested that consequent on the abandonment of the foregoing project the Council might erect Shelters at other places. It now has been agreed that four Shelters might be provided on the following sites: (1) Beside the Cliff Walk between the Urban Boundary and entrance to Bray Head park; (2) on Bray Head Park inside the entrance; (3) on plot between the Railway Line and sea, where there is an existing unsightly structure; (4) the Southern end of Esplanade near the Boathouse, to replace existing South Bandstand. The total cost of these Shelters had been provisionally estimated at £3,000 and it could be expected that a Grant will be obtained from An Bord Failte towards their cost. For the coming year a Loan Charge of £100 has been included which, however, is only part of the Annual Charge.

Open Space and Amusement near Harbour: Again reverting to the series of Tourist Amenity Schemes which were included in Special Reports submitted to the Council it will be found that another item suggested was the provision of an Open Space near the Harbour which could be used as an Amusement Centre. This would require the acquisition of some further property, surfacing and other layout works. The new access via Ravenswell Road would result in visitors having a ready approach to the area. It is felt that it might be used for types of outdoor Amusement, especially the noisier types of Amusement which could not be located on other parts of the Seafont. The cost of levelling and improving this area has been provisionally estimated at £4,000 and a loan Charge of £200 has been included in the Estimates in respect of this Capital outlay.

HOUSING.

The gross expenditure is estimated at £62,517. Receipts are taken at £55,558 and the net cost at £6,959. This shows an increase of £177 over the Housing Charges in the present year and is almost altogether due to the provision which is being included in the Estimates for new Housing Grants.

Supplementary Housing Grants: The Housing Act, 1958, permits Housing Authorities to make Grants to persons arranging for the Repair and Reconstruction of their dwellings. The Council decided some time ago that they would consider a Scheme for this purpose when the Annual Estimates were submitted. If the Council approved of a Scheme of this character and Grants in respect of fifty dwellings were given, the average Grant being £100, the total cost would be £5,000. A loan repayable in ten years to meet this Capital outlay would entail an Annual Charge of £720. In the Estimates now submitted to you, however, provision is only included for a half year's Charge of £360. It is difficult to estimate the cost to the Council of such a Scheme and it is felt that the number which has been mentioned, viz., fifty dwellings, is a conservative estimate.

Acquisition of Houses at Ardee Street: It was indicated some weeks ago by the Dublin Artisans Dwelling Company that they would be prepared to consider the sale of some houses of theirs at Ardee Street. It will be recollected that some years ago the Council purchased 34 houses at Maitland Street and these have been found very useful in the management of the Council's own Housing Estate, as it is possible to transfer to them small families which would not require the accommodation which is available in the normal Council house, i.e., a

4-roomed dwelling. It is felt that it would be of advantage to the Council to acquire about ten more small houses at Ardee Street. In addition it probably would be in the interest of the community that the Council should acquire these houses rather than that they might be sold by the present owners to persons who might not use them in a way which would tend towards relieving the housing problem in the Urban area. The annual Loan Charge which might arise if these houses were purchased is estimated at £160 and for the coming year a half year's Charge of £80 has been included.

Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts—Loans: No new loans were granted during the past year and the number of borrowers remains at 150. The total amount lent under the Scheme was £203,000.

Some difficulty is still being experienced in the collection of repayments from a small number of borrowers. Mention should be made, moreover, of the trouble which is caused when borrowers fail to keep Ground Rents paid up to date or ensure the Fire Insurance premiums are paid. Pursuing these latter items can entail considerable work.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

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

The total expenditure is estimated at £72,420, which compares with £69,731 allowed last year. The Receipts are expected to come to £5,537. The corresponding figure for 1958/59 was £5,684. The net expenditure for the coming year would be £66,883, as compared with £63,687 in 1958/59.

The increase in outlay in the coming year is mainly attributable to: County Council Demand £2,507; Civil Defence (net cost after taking State recoupment into account) £304; Town Hall Repairs (additional provision for Loan Charges) £867.

Esplanade and Public Parks: Provision is being made in these Estimates for the remuneration of the Caretaker to be appointed for the new Park at Boghall Road.

For the painting of railings and seats the Council allowed last year £250; in the coming year the Engineer has stated that he will require £100. The Town Engineer reported recently on the necessity for the clearing and thinning of the Plantation at Bray Head and he has estimated that the cost would be £250, a sum which is included in these Estimates. In addition, it is considered that new trees could be planted on part of Bray Head. In time they would add to the appearance and attractiveness of this area. The cost is estimated at £200.

Provision is being made for the normal maintenance at the Esplanade, such as Strip Lighting, Litter Baskets, Flags and Pennants, Life buoys, sodding, seeds and manure and miscellaneous repairs. A sum of £100 has been again included for minor repairs to the Sea Wall. The total outlay from Revenue on the Esplanade and on Public Parks, including Loan Charges and Wages, is estimated for the coming year at £5,225 and this represents a rate of almost 2s. in the £.

Town Hall Repairs: The repairs to the Town Hall arising from Dry Rot in the structural timbers were completed recently. Last year only provision for part of the annual Loan Charge was made as final costs were not available and the borrowing arrangements had not been concluded. For the coming year the Loan Charges are estimated to come to £905 which is an increase of £667 over the provision made in the present year. The Loan which is being arranged is a short-term one of ten years. It should be mentioned that in the year after next a loan raised in 1950 for renovation and decoration of the Town Hall will be repaid in full, the yearly charge being £134.

Public Library: A separate Report on the Library has been prepared by the Librarian and is being circulated with these Estimates. The Report shows that the number of books issued in 1958 was 141,000 and that of these non-fiction books represented about 40 per cent. The number of borrowers now reaches a total of 2,712 (a surprisingly high number for a town with a population of 12,500) of whom two-fifths are juveniles. The Juvenile Section is evidently very attractive and its activities are not confined to book-lending. Competitions of many kinds have been held, a Projector and Slides have been used to illustrate art and science, and talks have been given to the children on subjects ranging from Michaelangelo to football. It is quite clear, as mentioned in the Report, that the Library has come to be the focal centre of all cultural activity in the town, and the present position is a tribute to the quite remarkable achievements of an active Committee and an indefatigable Librarian.

Band Performances: For these the same amount as was allowed last year, viz., £400 is again included.

Civil Defence: The gross cost of Civil Defence in the coming year is estimated at £760. Towards this outlay a State Grant of £456 will be available, leaving the net cost to the rates at £304, which is an increase of £244 over the outlay in the present year and represents an additional rate of over 1d. in the £. The two items which in the main account for the increased outlay in this respect are the provision of Uniforms for the Members of the Civil Defence Service and the requirement to pay Road Tax of £102 on a Rescue Vehicle. It should be stressed that this is a voluntary service and there is a statutory obligation on the Council to provide it. Recruitment to the Service has, up to the present, been quite good and training courses have also been pursued satisfactorily, having regard to the demands which they make on the free time of Members.

Fuel Scheme: The cost of providing fuel to households which would be unable to meet the cost from their own resources is estimated at £2,190 which is a reduction of £200 on the previous year. The cost is recouped almost in full by the State and by Wicklow County Council. The average number of households availing of the Scheme at the present time is 440—last year it was 480.

School Meals: The cost of this Service is estimated at £1,395 and after allowing for the State Grant of £510 the net amount to be met from rates is £885. The average number of children provided daily with meals in the present year is 386.

County Council Demand: For the coming year the demand is up by £2,507 which is equivalent to a rate of 11d. in the £. The following figures give a comparison of the Demand with that for the present year.

	1958/59	1959/60	Increase + Decrease -
Main Roads	10,315	7,666	2,649 -
Public Assistance	3,919	3,344	575 -
Health	15,666	23,806	8,140 +
Mental Hospitals	7,040	6,909	131 -
General Purposes (Co.)	4,502	1,941	2,561 -
Separate Charges	—	107	107 +
Fire Brigades	1,533	1,709	176 +
	<u>£42,975</u>	<u>£45,482</u>	<u>£2,507 +</u>

It will be noted from the foregoing comparison that Charges for most of the County Council Services show a reduction. In particular the Charge for Main Roads and General Purposes show considerable reductions. The increase in the Demand is almost altogether completely due to the Health Services. The County Council for the coming year, has had to make considerable additional provision for the cost of treatment of patients in a number of Institutions. In the main the rise in the cost of the Health Services could be almost completely assigned to the heavy additional Charges for the maintenance of patients in St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown and in Newcastle Sanatorium. The cost of maintenance in the former Institution especially shows a very marked rise and here it should be mentioned that many of the patients treated in that Institution are from Bray Urban District.

Unemployment Assistance Acts Levy: The amount which the Council is required to raise in the coming year is £1,941 and is the product of a special Rate of 9d. in the £ which the Council must levy and hand over to the Department of Social Welfare under the Unemployment Assistance Acts, 1933-40.

Some General Comments: In the Estimates now submitted some provision is being made for new Works but the most significant item influencing costs is the County Council Demand which almost invariably shows an upward trend. In the present instance the increase is quite considerable, being equal to a rate of 11d. in the £. Once more the rise is attributable to the Health Services, and is consequent on the greater number of persons for whom Hospital treatment is being afforded, together with the higher maintenance charges now applying in two hospitals—St. Columcille's Hospital, and Newcastle Sanatorium. Many of the patients treated in St. Colmcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, are from the Bray area, and indeed it was primarily for the purpose of meeting the needs of Bray Dispensary area district that a special arrangement was entered into with the Authorities of that Hospital some years ago.

There seems to be no evidence yet that the continuous upward trend in the cost of the Health Services has yet reached its peak; indeed the indications are that costs will continue to rise. The number of patients sent to hospitals is greater in each succeeding year. This especially is the position in relation to Maternity cases. The number of births in Bray in 1958 was 204 and of these it seems that about 75 per cent. (145 out of 204) were in Maternity Hospitals. The Mother

and Child Service is available free of cost in all instances in which the income is less than £800 per year and the number of cases outside this range would be very small. Again, increasing advantage is being taken of Specialist treatments available through the Hospitals. The number of cases from Bray Urban District treated in Loughlinstown Hospital (quite apart from those sent to other Institutions) in 1958 was 353. The trend of expenditure is evident in the figures showing the make up of the County Council Demand, which have been set out above. At one time the cost of Main Roads was the item which seemed to loom largest in the Demand but it will be noted that nowadays Health Services (including the cost of Mental Hospitals which must not be forgotten as a Health item) cost more than four times as much as Main Roads. The significance of Health costs in the Council's outlay will also be seen when it is pointed out that the estimates now submitted show a sum of £98,341 as that requiring to be met from the Rates levy, and of this £30,715 is attributable to the Health Services. This latter sum would require in itself a rate of 11s. 4d. in the £.

Every year at this time there is criticism of the level of local rates. This is only to be expected, but criticism to be fair or helpful, should have some measure of correctness. Recently one finds comparisons being made between rates here and in Britain. But any mere quotation of the rates levied is pointless and can give quite a misleading impression. In the first place the levels of property valuations for rating should be taken into account. Valuation levels for similar types of property are higher in Britain than in this country but in addition the gross valuations available for rating in Urban Areas are much higher in Britain if taken per head of population—a measurement which would serve to give an indication of the resources available to meet the cost of services. For example, some time ago in submitting a Report giving comparisons between Bray and a well-known British seaside resort, it was shown that the rateable value per head of population in the latter place was about five times that in Bray. It must not, moreover, be overlooked that in Britain the Health Service costs are defrayed almost completely from State Funds—only Home Nursing, ambulances and a few other items are provided by the local authorities, and the local rate for these would not be more than 1s. or 1s. 6d. in the £. But in this country it was decided that local rates would be required to meet one half of the cost of the Health Services, and as shown earlier, the effect of this is that a rate of 11s. 4d. in the £ would be necessary in the coming year to meet the Charges for Health items to be levied in Bray. Obviously the rates could be considerably reduced by all local authorities in this country if the cost of the Health Services were to be met in full from national taxation. On paper another reduction could be shown if the level of property valuations were to be brought into line with those in Britain.

Recently one newspaper, which is very critical of local rates, demanded that a Circular be issued by the Minister for Local Government requiring local authorities to arrange immediately for the sale of all Council houses to the tenants occupying them. In most Urban Areas about 40 per cent. to 50 per cent. of the population live in Council houses and it will be quite evident that anything affecting the tenure of these houses may be a matter of some significance in a local community. Urban Council and their staffs have gone to some trouble in working out the details of purchase schemes, but it has been found that the terms did not appeal to the potential purchasers. Furthermore, it was found that there are special difficulties such as the rather high legal costs which would attach to each sale and would have to be borne by the tenant. The views of local authorities on these matters, however, have never been supported or even examined by groups who resort to vague judgments in sweeping phrases on local

affairs—judgments which are invariably based on incomplete data. In recent times local authorities have had under consideration proposals to review the rents of their houses so as to reduce their housing losses, but one is not aware that such proposals have received any support from those who demand that local rates be reduced. One may also ask, perhaps, where was any support to be found when the differential renting system was being questioned. Difficulties in relation to housing administration which can have such far-reaching social and financial implications, can scarcely be resolved merely by editorial injunctions, no matter how forcibly or even intemperately they may be phrased. Year after year new obligations are imposed on local authorities. Last year they were required to inspect all factories; this year it is their duty to see that premises used as offices meet the standards set by the Central Authority. It has now also been decided that the sampling of foods and drugs and all other activities associated with the code known as the Food and Drugs Acts be transferred from the Department of Justice (acting through the Garda Síochána) to the local authorities. Civil Defence, another obligation of the local authorities, is each year entailing added work and growing costs.

Once more it must be repeated that there is a ready way to reduce the cost of local services—it can easily be achieved by curtailing them. This is a measure which can stabilise rates when prices are rising. But apart from the effects of inflation, costs cannot be stabilised if new or improved Services have to be provided, whether they be improved roads, new Health Services or more public lighting.

It is the practice in submitting the Estimates to show, expressed as a rate, the cost of the Municipal Services, administered directly by the Council—it is noted indeed that the information given last year seemingly has been used by a group in another area in the County who are seeking support for the establishment of a new urban authority and who were supplied with a copy of your Estimates, including the accompanying Manager's Statement, which it might be mentioned is an analytical appraisal not resting on any statutory obligation. (It might with some truth be said that whilst it is one thing to assemble a mass of figures but it is quite another matter to make them comprehensible). Briefly the Services so administered by the Council are: the construction and maintenance of urban roads, the supply of water, sewerage, public lighting, street cleansing, the collection of household refuse, housing, vocational education, the public library, school meals, swimming baths, public parks and the various amenities at the seafront. In the present year (1958/59) the cost of these services would be equivalent to a rate of 18s. 6d. in the £1, and as often mentioned previously the rate for this purpose in the year 1938/39 and those immediately prior to it, was on an average 14s. 0d. The increase in this part of the rate, it will be seen, was only about 30 per cent. The average increase in prices in the meantime was three-fold. Nevertheless it would not be too much to claim that the services of to-day such as, say, the maintenance of roads, cleansing, the water supply are at least equal to those of twenty years ago. It may be contended that increased valuations from recent new buildings would influence the matter, but it will soon be clear that new buildings require new roads which have to be scavenged and maintained and lighted, they add to the cost of the water supply and complicate the sewerage system—new buildings may be expected to bring its own new requirements in its train.

Once again I will to convey to the Chairman and Members of the Council my very sincere appreciation for their valued guidance and assistance; unfortunately it is not always generally appreciated that local representatives give such a high standard of voluntary service to the community in resolving the many problems which require frequent attendance at lengthy meetings and a keen study of complex issues.

It should also be mentioned that all the Members of the Council's staff have been most diligent in performing their duties and it is felt that the result of this interest and zeal is evident in the standard of the Services being afforded.

**ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR
THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st DAY OF MARCH,
1960.**

EXPENDITURE.

	Estimated By Manager	Adopted by Council
URBAN ROADS.		
Ordinary Road Works		
Urban Roads Maintenance—Wages	1,164	
Materials, Cartage and Tools	600	
Repairs to Footpaths	150	
New Road Works.		
Tar Surfacing—King Edward Road	750	
Road Signs, Name Plates, etc.	75	
Road Side Tree Planting and Seats	50	
Special Grant Works (Council's Contribution)	335	
Salaries (Surveyor and Overseer part)	487	
Salaries (Storekeeper one-half)	278	
Clothing (Workmen)	53	
Superannuation—Former Overseer (one-fourth)	43	

LOAN CHARGES.

1947 Meath and Sidmonton Rd. Reconstruction (C.P.W.)	
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1948 Florence Road Reconstruction (C.P.W.)	103
1952 Church Road Reconstruction (Treas.)	231
1952 Reconstruction—Seapoint Road, Novara Ave., Herbert Road, etc. (Treas.)	1,397
1955 Strand Road, Eglinton Road, etc. (Treas.)	479
1956 St. Kevin's Sq., Seymour Rd., Galtrim Rd., Wydhams Park and Connolly Sq. (Treas.)	468
1956 Herbert Road, St. Laurence's Tce, and Dock Tce. (Treas.)	339
1958 Castle Street Widening (Treas.)	200
1959 New access to Seafrost (Ravenswell Rd.) (Treas.)	580
	£7,812

SANITARY SERVICES.

Sewer—Wages	351
do.—Clothing (Workmen)	36
do.—Materials	200
do.—Superannuation (Workmen)	47
Cleaning Cockbrook	50
Cleaning Strand Road Sewer	100
Waterworks—Salaries	1,133
do.—Wages	973
do.—Clothing (Workmen)	36
do.—Materials	200
do.—Dublin Corporation for bulk supply @ 2.88d.	3,545
Scavenging—Domestic Refuse Collection—Wages	1,622
do.—Wages (Street cleaning)	2,910

	Estimated By Manager	Adopted by Council
do.—Clothing (Workmen)	139	
do.—Tools, Brushes, etc.	50	
do.—Superannuation (Workmen)		
do.—Fuel, Maintenance, etc., Refuse Vehicle No. 1	450	
No. 2	250	
do.—Repairs to Handcarts	25	
Municipal Baths—Erection of timber decking and repairs	150	
do.—Sundry Repairs	50	
Cove Swimming Pools—Repairs	25	
Cove Swimming Pools—Cleaning	150	
do.—Repairs to outer wall and penstock	300	
Water Safety—Contribution towards I.R.C.S.	25	
Public Lighting	2,535	
Salaries (Surveyor and Overseer—part)	487	
Superannuation (Former Overseer—part)	43	
Salaries (Storekeeper—part)	278	
Other Sanitary Expenses	20	
Public Conveniences—Repairs and Maintenance	100	
New Litter Boxes, repairs and replacements	40	

LOAN CHARGES.

1939 Public Health—General (C.P.W.)	108
1947 Watermains—Herbert and Vevay Roads (C.P.W.)	94
1949 Sewers and Watermains—Meath & Sidmonton Rds. (C.P.W.)	232
1951 Miscellaneous 4" Watermains (Treas.) Scheme (No. 1 purchase)	150
1951 Laying of Watermains—Church Road, etc. (Scheme No. 1) (C.P.W.)	206
1952 Purchase of additional watermains (Scheme No. 2)	359
1952 Relaying of Watermains (Scheme No. 2) (C.P.W.)	281
1955 Relaying of Watermains (Scheme No. 3) (Treas.)	282
1956 New Sanitary Convenience People's Park and Town Hall (Treas.)	162
1955 Refuse Collection, etc., Lorry (Treas.)	238
1955 Sea Wall Repairs (Treas.)	308
1959 Sea Front Improvement Scheme—Cove Pools, etc. (part charge)	10
1959 New Shelters at Esplanade (Treas.) (part charge)	100
1959 Amusement Centre near Harbour (part charge)	200
	£19,550

HOUSING.

Housing of the Working Classes:	
Maintenance and Repairs	
Salaries—Surveyor and Overseer—part	1,500
do.—Clerical staff	487
Superannuation—Former Overseer (one-fourth)	654
Rent Collectors' Commission	43
Rates on Council houses	1,356
	7,576

	Estimated By Manager	Adopted by Council
Rates on Council houses at Old Conna	3,911	
Insurance	380	
Clearing of Derelict Sites	150	
Old Conna—Boundary extension compensation	600	
LOAN CHARGES:		
1931 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver)	1,194	
1933 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver)	912	
1935 Wolfe Tone Sq. and Kilmantain Park (C.P.W.)	6,185	
1936 do. do.	1,086	
1937 Little Bray Housing Development (C.P.W.)	543	
1939 do.	121	
1949 3½ per cent. Conversion Stock	2,237	
1947 Dublin Road, etc., 91 houses Scheme (C.P.W.)	2,491	
1949 do.	541	
1950 do.	287	
1951 do.	79	
1949 Pollard's Tce. Acquisition	33	
1949 Greenpark Tce., Vevay Rd. and Dargle Rd. 18 houses Scheme (C.P.W.) Direct Labour	523	
1951 do.	69	
1950 Fairgreen Tce., St. Peter's Tce., etc., 29 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.) Direct Labour	858	
1952 do.	52	
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme—Acquisition of land (C.P.W.)	111	
1950 Boghall—22 House Scheme Development (C.P.W.)	244	
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme—Erection (C.P.W.)	1,070	
1952 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme—Erection do.	174	
1951 Old Conna Scheme—Acquisition of land (Palermo)	325	
1954 Old Conna Scheme—Acq. of land (Dublin Road)	228	
1952 Old Conna Scheme—Development of land	1,410	
1952 Old Conna Sch.—Erection of 48 houses	3,134	
1953 Old Conna Sch.—Erection of 94 houses (part)	6,876	
1954 Old Conna Sch.—Erection of 36 houses, Dublin Road (part)	2,478	
1951 Acq. of Dock Tce. (Treas.)	170	
1957 Chapel Lane Sch., etc.—12 houses (C.P.W.)	274	
1955 Acq. of houses at Maitland St. (C.P.W.)	187	
1955 Children's playground at Boghall Road (Treas.)	211	
1958 Acq. of houses at Maitland St. (C.P.W.)	160	
1959 Acq. of houses at Ardce St. (C.P.W.)	80	
1959 Sup. Grants—1958 Housing Act (Half-year)	360	
Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts.		
LOAN CHARGES:		
1936 C. Public Works Loan	734	
1949 C. Public Works Loan	1,442	
1950 C. Public Works Loan	1,442	
1951 C. Public Works Loan	1,922	
1952 C. Public Works Loan	2,410	

	Estimated By Manager	Adopted by Council
1953 C. Public Works Loan	2,864	
1956 C. Public Works Loan	343	
	£62,517	
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:		
Town Hall Exps.—Lighting, Heating, Cleaning	400	
do.—Repairs	50	
do.—Cleaner's Wages	156	
Tourist Development	300	
Public Library Salaries (Librarian and Assists.)	1,682	
do.—Wages	65	
do.—Books, Binding, etc.	725	
do.—Books (Juvenile Section)	525	
do.—Loan Charges	236	
do.—Heating and Lighting	120	
do.—Repairs and Maintenance	10	
do.—Office Expenses—Stationery, Postage and Telephone, etc.	148	
do.—Purchase of Records	75	
Vocational Education—Demand	2,438	
do.—Superannuation	60	
Public Parks and Esplanade—Wages	1,695	
do.—Caretaker—Boghall Pk.	80	
do.—Clothing (Workmen)	25	
do.—Materials and Petrol	100	
Esplanade—New Litter Baskets	50	
do.—Sodding, Seeds, Manure	100	
do.—Repairs to Seats, Boat-slip and Bandstand	150	
do.—Strip Lighting	300	
do.—Flags and Pennants	50	
do.—Life Buoys	40	
do.—Replacement of Lamps on Promenade	—	
do.—Painting of Railings and Seats	100	
do.—Sea Wall Repairs	100	
Bray Head—Repairs to Fences and Walls	25	
do.—Clearing and Thinning of Plantations	250	
do.—Planting of Trees	200	
Markets and Weighbridge—Salary of Weighmaster	52	
do.—Repairs	10	
do.—Rent	15	
Band Performances	400	
Milk and Dairies Acts	10	
School Meals—Cost of Food	1,020	
do.—Cost of Administration	375	
Salaries	3,297	
do.—Surveyor and Overseer—part	487	
Rate Collector's Commission	881	
Superannuation—Former Overseer—part	43	
do.—Former Weighmaster	219	
Legal Expenses	250	
Audit Expenses	100	
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	650	
Office Expenses—Postage and Telephone	230	
Preparation of Rate Books, etc.	65	
Rent—Rates and Taxes	230	

	Estimated By Manager	Adopted by Council
Insurance (Fire, E.L., P.L., and F.G.)	480	
Discount on Rates	110	
Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates	550	
Fuel Scheme—Cost of Turf, etc.	2,140	
Fuel Scheme—Administration (Printing, etc.)	50	
Bank Interest	50	
Miscellaneous	50	
Civil Defence	760	

HARBOUR CHARGES:

Superannuation of Harbour Master	215
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LOAN CHARGES—GENERAL PURPOSES:

1932 Vocational Education (C.P.W.)	20
1943 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.)	263
1947 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.)	17
1950 Town Hall Alterations and Repairs (Treas.)	134
1953 Esplanade Improvements (Treas.)	281
1954 New Stores (Treas.)	165
1955 Preparation of Town Planning Scheme (Treas.)	218
1957 Town Hall Repairs (Treas.)	687
1959 Town Hall Repairs (Treas.) (part and Supplementary)	218

COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES:

Main Roads	7,666
Public Assistance	3,344
Mental Hospitals	6,909
Health Services	23,806
General Purposes (County)	1,941
Separate Charges (Criminal Injuries)	107
Separate Charges (Fire Brigade)	1,709
	<u>£45,482</u>

UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE LEVY:

£51,748, P.L.V. @ 9d. in £1 (1933 and 1940 U.A. Acts)	1,941
	<u>£72,420</u>

RECEIPTS.**ROADS:**

State Grant—Estate Duty Grant	75
Miscellaneous	75
	<u>150</u>

SANITARY SERVICES:

Recoupment Loan Charges on Watermains:	
State Grant	
do. Scheme No. 1	135
do. Scheme No. 2	242

	Estimated By Manager	Adopted by Council
do. Scheme No. 3	106	
Sewer Connections	40	
Water Connections	300	
Water Rents	900	
Sanitary Conveniences	200	
Sewer Rents—Dublin Road	150	
	<u>£2,073</u>	

HOUSING:**Housing of the Working Classes**

Housing Subsidy—Little Bray Scheme	910
do.—Wolfe Tone Sq. and Cillmantain Pk.	3,710
do.—Dublin Road, Castle St., etc.	501
do.—29 Houses Scheme	84
do.—18 Houses Scheme	88
do.—48 Houses Scheme	820
do.—94 Houses Scheme	4,000
do.—36 Houses Scheme	1,200
do.—Contribution to Interest Rate	
91 Houses	460
do.—Contribution to Interest Rate	
29 Houses	112
do.—Contribution to Interest Rate	
18 Houses	79
do.—Contribution to Interest Rate	
48 Houses	1,232
Rents (Inc. of Rates)	14,458
Rents (Inc. of Rates) Old Conna Park	11,394
Purchase of Annuities (Old Schemes)	2,663
do.—Annuities and Rates—Scott Park Sch.	2,045
Ground Rents	645

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:

Repayments by Borrowers (old loans)	734
Repayments by Borrowers (new loans)	10,423
	<u>£55,558</u>

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:

State Grants	
Bounty in lieu of Rates	497
School Meals	510
Fuel Scheme	1,823
Loan Charges on Vocational School	10
Civil Defence	456

Other Receipts.

Fair Green House Letting	20
Markets and Town Hall Lettings	50
Dividend on Shelter Fund	10
Site No. 3 (Putting Green)	220
Chair Licence	40
Watercraft Licence	6

	Estimated By Manager	Adoted by Council
Kiosks—Esplanade	650	
Weighing Machines	40	
Photographic Licence	5	
Sale of Oysters Licence	20	
Fuel Scheme—Payments by Recipients and Recoupment from County Council	317	
Public Library—Registration Fees, etc.	300	
Annuity—Sec. 11 E.S.B. Act, 1930—Mill Lane Premises	175	
Advertisements—Litter Boxes	38	
Miscellaneous	400	
	£5,587	

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
ANNUAL ESTIMATES, 1959/'60.

SUMMARY OF CHARGES.

	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Net Expenditure
Roads	7,812	150	7,662
Sanitary Services	19,550	2,073	17,477
Housing Services	62,517	55,558	6,959
General Urban Purposes	72,420	5,587	66,833
	£162,299	£63,368	£98,931

The net requirements to be met from Rate Levy as above, are £98,931. Credits of £590 are available which can be applied to reduce the amount to be raised by Rate Levy in the year 1959/'60 to £98,341. Municipal Rate of 1d. in £1 produces £225.

Rate in the £1 to meet the net expenditure of £98,341 is 36s. 5d.

The Council considered the Estimates in detail and made the following amendments:—

URBAN ROADS.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that since the Estimates were prepared the County Council, as a result of negotiations with the Department of Local Government, had every hope of a 100 per cent. Grant for the acquisition and widening of Castle Street (Ogles corner). The Council therefore deleted the sum of £200 being provision for repayment of loan on this work. They also reduced the provision of £580—new access to Seafrost, Ravenswell Road, to £80.

Arising out of a discussion on roads it was, on the suggestion of Clr. E. Byrne, decided to endeavour to have trees planted inside the walls of gardens at Scott Park and other Housing Schemes in an effort to preserve the trees so planted. Several Members pressed that improvements to Main Road footpaths be carried out by the County Council, particularly at Albert Avenue and near the Presbyterian Church at Quinsboro' Road.

SANITARY SERVICES.

The estimate of expenditure under this heading was amended by reducing a sum of £200 estimated for Amusement centre near Harbour to £50. During the discussion on this section, pleas were made for an extra light at Mount Pleasant and a Pilot light at Albert Walk. It was decided eventually that these matters would be dealt with at a subsequent Meeting.

HOUSING.

The Estimate was reduced as follows:—

The sum of £600 for Old Connaught Boundary extension compensation was reduced to £200 and a sum of £360 being part charge on loan for Supplementary Housing Grants was deleted completely.

A long discussion took place on the Engineer's estimate of £1,500 for Housing Repairs. Clr. D. Sayers and other Members expressed the wish that the houses be painted periodically. No action was taken in this matter.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

Changes made under this heading were the reduction of a sum of £250 for clearing and thinning plantation to £150 and the deletion of a sum of £200 for the planting of trees. During the examination of this item several Members of the Council paid glowing tributes to Miss M. O'Byrne for the manner in which she managed the Library and the increases recommended in her salary scale by the Library Advisory Committee was unanimously agreed. The Council further wished her project of establishing a Record Library every success.

In dealing with the provision of a sum of £80 for a Caretaker at Boghall Park, the County Manager stressed that without the co-operation of the parents of the area the Council's efforts, no matter how praiseworthy, would bear little fruit and he stressed that Local Authorities cannot take the place of parents.

CIVIL DEFENCE.

Clr. Hipwell proposed and Clr. Sayers seconded that the full sum estimated, viz., £760, be allowed.

Clr. Dempsey proposed, and Clr. Stuart seconded, that only £200 be allowed for Civil Defence in the forthcoming year.

Clr. Dempsey's amendment was put and a vote having been taken, was declared lost. Voting for the amendment: Clrs. Dempsey and G. H. G. Stuart. Voting against the amendment: Clrs. P. Savage, J. O'Toole, T.D., Mrs. Ledwidge, Mrs. Megannety, M. O'Toole, C. Doyle, D. Sayers, H. P. Hipwell and E. Byrne. Clr. T. Byrne did not vote.

RECEIPTS.

The County Manager's Estimate of Receipts was then considered and no change made.

After further discussion it was decided, on the proposition of Clr. E. Byrne, seconded by Clr. T. Byrne, to adopt the Estimate as amended and having taken a further credit of £115 to bring the credits available to £705, a rate of 35s. 8d. was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS

70.—GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT, 1956.

Notification of intention to apply for a Licence under above Act was received from Dawsons' Amusements. The Council decided to make no objection thereto.

71.—TOWN PLANNING ACTS—NEW FLUE TO BOILER HOUSE AT REAR OF ROYAL CINEMA, BRAY.

Application from Mr. O'Dwyer, Architect on behalf of the Royal Cinema, Bray, for permission to erect a new flue to Boiler House at rear of Royal Cinema, Bray. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted provided that the chimney is suitably coloured to make it as inconspicuous as possible.

Order: Recommend approval of permission.

72.—BRAY COVE SWIMMING POOLS.

A letter was received from Bray Cove Swimming Club stating that the Club would be prepared to pay a rent of £50 for the forthcoming season as suggested by the Council. The Engineer was asked to go ahead with the cleaning of the pools as soon as possible.

Robert Savage
16/5/59

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of Bray Urban Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 7th May, 1959.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Cllrs. C. Doyle and G. H. G. Stuart, and from the County Manager, Mr. W. Flannery. Officials: Messrs. D. F. McCarthy, Town Clerk, M. Healy, Town Engineer, and J. Comyn, Health Inspector.

88.—VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, expressed sympathy with Cllr. C. Doyle on his recent sad bereavement.

A letter from Cllr. G. H. G. Stuart acknowledging the Council's sympathy with him on the death of his brother was noted.

89.—AMENITY SCHEMES.

A letter was received from O.N.E., making various suggestions for improvements in the town. Its contents were noted and the Town Clerk was directed to make an appropriate reply.

90.—BRAY CIVIC INSTITUTE.

A letter was received from Bray Civic Institute, outlining their aims and objects. The Council also noted the contents of same.

91.—BRAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Bray Chamber of Commerce had no proposals for Amenity Schemes at this juncture.

92.—BRAY ENTERPRISES.

The plans submitted by Bray Enterprises for Amenity Schemes were examined in conjunction with a letter from the Architect to Bray Enterprises and a report on their projects from the Town Engineer.

After some discussion it was decided that the Council would examine an outline of the various proposals for schemes submitted by the County Manager, and the Meeting decided to approve of the following schemes, giving priority to Nos. 1 and 2.

The Town Clerk was directed to make a submission to Bord Fáilte, and ascertain from that body if they would give a grant in aid to the various schemes, and if possible, the Town Clerk was to ascertain the amount of such grant.

It was further decided that at a later date a representative of Bord Fáilte would be invited to attend a meeting of the Council.

1.—SHELTERS.

In addition to the four shelters already decided upon, it was agreed that the Town Engineer would examine the possibility of erecting two extra shelters on the Esplanade, and that these shelters be of the type erected by C.I.E. at Aston Quay, i.e., a light moveable shelter made of glass and tubular steel.

2.—FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN.

- (a) Paddling Pools.
- (b) Swings.
- (c) Slides.
- (d) Rest Rooms.
- (e) Toilets.

It was agreed that these be located on the northern end of the Esplanade and, on the suggestion of Mr. Dempsey, it was agreed to place them with intervening spaces.

3.—PIERS AND JETTIES FOR BOATING AND FISHING.**4.—CLUB HOUSE AND SLIPWAY FOR SAILING BOATS.**

The feeling of the Council regarding the above two items was that their development would go hand in hand with any development of sailing and fishing in the Harbour area.

5.—BOWLING GREENS.**6.—TENNIS COURTS**

Mrs. Sayers and Dempsey suggested that the possibility of having Tennis Courts located in the Peoples' Park would be worth investigating.

7.—FITCH AND PUTT COURSE.

It was agreed that this was a matter best left to Private Enterprise.

8.—AMUSEMENTS ON SITE AT HARBOUR.**9.—CARAVAN SITES.**

The Chairman felt that Caravan Sites, especially those of the non-touring type should not be permitted within the Urban Area, and it was finally decided to agree in principle to Caravan Sites for touring caravans within the Urban Area.

10.—RIVER WALK EXTENSIONS.**11.—APPROACHES TO SEA FRONT.**

After a short discussion it was decided that items 3, 4, 5 and 6 on the County Manager's List might be incorporated, and a terminal building erected on the northern end of the Esplanade which would cater for concerts and theatrical performances and numerous indoor games. It would also cater for basket ball, badminton and indoor band performances during inclement weather.

12.—SWIMMING POOL.

The Council then considered Mr. Healy's report on Bray Enterprises' proposal for a Swimming Pool, and it was decided that he be asked to discuss its siting and location with representatives of Bray Enterprises before any decision would be come to by the Council.

93.—HOUSING LISTS.

It was decided not to go ahead with examination of the Housing Lists at that particular meeting, and the Chairman asked that the Members be supplied with copies of last year's list together with a list of those who had been housed since the last housing meeting of the Council.

P. Savage 9/6/59

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 12th May, 1959, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

94.—CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 14th April, 1959, and of Special Meeting of 9th April, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

95.—COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

The County Manager's Orders No. 8404 to 8413 were noted.

96.—SHOOTING OF SWAN.

The Members expressed strong resentment at the shooting of a nesting swan during the week and expressed the hope that the Gardai would discover the culprit. The Town Clerk was directed to write to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals conveying the Council's sentiments and asking that the Society might consider the possibility of placing two swans on the Dargle if the opportunity arose.

97.—SYMPATHY.

Councillor C. Doyle thanked the Council for a vote of sympathy passed on the death of his mother.

98.—TRAIN SERVICES TO BRAY—CORAS IOMPAIR EIREANN.

The Town Clerk was directed to write to Coras Iompair Eireann drawing attention to the fact that their advertising did not specifically mention Bray.

99.—NOTICE OF MOTION—MR. DEMPSEY—TOWN PLANNING.

After a short discussion Mr. Dempsey was given leave to adjourn the following Motion which stood in his name:—

"That Martello Terrace, Dock Terrace, the Harbour and the area near Coughlan's factory be zoned in the draft Town Plan as tourist development areas."