

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 9th February, 1960, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors Mr. G. H. G. Stuart (Chairman), Messrs. E. Byrne, P. Dempsey, C. Doyle, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Messrs. J. O'Toole, T.D., D. Sayers, P. Savage, and M. O'Toole. Officials: Messrs. D. F. McCarthy, Town Clerk, and M. Healy, Town Engineer. Apologies for inability to attend were received from Mrs. C. Magennety and Clr. T. Byrne.

301.—CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 12th January, 1960, which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

302.—COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

The County Manager's Orders (No. 8481 to 8486) were noted.

303.—VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, extended votes of sympathy to Mr. E. J. Fennell on the death of his brother and to Clr. P. Dempsey on the death of his aunt.

304.—MUNICIPAL CREST.

An application from Mr. Cavey, Royal Hotel, to use the Council's Crest on his notepaper was acceded to.

305.—ARDEE STREET LOAN—PURCHASE OF SEVEN HOUSES.

On the proposition of Clr. G. H. G. Stuart, seconded by Clr. D. Sayers, it was resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to a Mortgage with the Hibernian Bank in respect of a loan of £1,000 for a period of ten years, for the purchase of the above seven houses from the Dublin Artisans' Dwelling Co.

306.—INCREASE IN REMUNERATION.

On the proposition of Clr. C. Doyle, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, the Council agreed to grant an increase of 8 per cent. on the first £400 and 5½ per cent. on the balance to all officials and employees of the Council not included in the recent increase of 12s. 6d. per week granted by the Council for the outdoor staff, the increase to have effect from 15th December, 1959. The excess expenditure involved was also voted.

307.—INCREASE TO PENSIONERS OF THE COUNCIL.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that he had received a Circular from the Department of Local Government stating that a Bill was in preparation to authorise Local Authorities to grant increases to certain of their Pensioners and that the Minister indicated that he would be prepared to grant sanction to such increase in anticipation of the Bill becoming law. The Meeting was informed that three Pensioners were affected in Bray, viz., Messrs. Devitt, P. O'Brien and D. Pluck. The Council unanimously decided to grant the increase allowed under the terms of the Circular, with effect from 1st August, 1959, and the necessary excess expenditure was also voted.

308.—CLARE COTTAGE AND CLADDAGH COTTAGE, STRAND RD.

Consideration of offers to sell above premises received from the owners' Solicitors was adjourned to the next Monthly Meeting.

St. Anne's, Strand Road.—The Council considered a letter from Messrs. J. McCarroll and Co., Solicitors stating that the owner of the above premises had agreed to accept £100 for the fee simple interest of same, subject to the Council agreeing to demolish the house. The Council, on the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Mrs. Ledwidge, unanimously agreed to accept this offer.

309.—McEVROY PRINTING WORKS.

An application was received from Messrs. McEvoy, Printing Works, for permission to use the basement of the A.O.H. premises, Quinsboro' Road, for the typesetting Section of their Printing Works.

Town Planning Acts.—The Town Engineer recommended that permission be refused under the Town Planning Acts as the Quinsboro' Road was not zoned for industrial purposes in the Draft town Plan.

Fire Brigades Act, 1940.—The County Fire Officer strongly opposed the proposition stating in his report that the upper floors of the premises were used as dwelling apartments and were served by a single timber staircase which is the only means of escape in case of fire.

Factories Act.—Mr. Comyn reported that the hall floor of the A.O.H. premises was used as a recreation rooms; the first floor was occupied by a Mr. Maguire and family and the top floor was occupied by Mr. S. Byrne and family. A total of ten persons were living on the premises. He further stated that before the Factories Act could be complied with (a) the walls should be plastered, (b) doors and windows should be repaired, (c) suitable artificial lighting should be provided and the area adjacent thereto should be generally cleared.

The Council, having heard the reports of the three above-mentioned officers, decided to refuse permission to the applicant.

310.—BRAY ENTERPRISES LIMITED.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of this matter to a Special Meeting to be held in three weeks and that in the meantime, a summary of the correspondence which has recently passed between the Council, Bray Enterprises and Bórd Fáilte to be issued to the Members for their guidance in the matter.

311.—TOWN PLANNING ACTS—BUNGALOW AT CROWBANK FOR MR. B. BREATHNACH.

Report from Town Engineer that above applicant proposed to comply with three conditions imposed on him in September, 1959, in respect of above building.

Order: Recommend permission be granted.

312. — TOWN PLANNING ACTS — EXTENSION TO AMUSEMENT ARCADE, STRAND ROAD, FOR MR. G. HUNT.

Report from Town Engineer recommending approval subject to the provisions of a facia of improved design and material and subject to the approval of the County Fire Officer and Health Inspector. The material for the proposed facia in the plans submitted was corrugated asbestos sheeting which, it was felt by the Engineer, would not be suitable in view of the situation of the premises.

313.—OFFICE FIELD.

The above matter was adjourned to the next Statutory Meeting.

314.—SITE AT HARBOUR—D. COUGHLAN, LTD.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that Mr. Coughlan had been asked to surrender the above site to the Council in view of the fact that his firm had not complied with a Covenant in the lease that he erect industrial premises to the value of £6,000 before 31st December, 1959. However, he had submitted plans, per his Solicitor, Mr. J. P. Tyrrell, who stated that they were for a factory to manufacture "essential oils" which would employ ten persons. The Solicitor stated that the value of the premises to be erected would be £3,000 and that the equipment and plant would be in the region of £2,000 and that his client had already spent £913 on buildings and improvements in the Yard. The Council, after a lengthy discussion referred the matter to the County Manager, with the recommendation that he consider amending the Covenant in the Lease on condition that Mr. Coughlan completed the factory within a reasonable period, say six to twelve months, and that the Town Engineer was satisfied with the plans.

315.—MALICIOUS INJURY ACT.

The Council approved the terms of a letter from the National Ratepayers' Association calling for the abolition of the above code.

316.—PUTLAND ROAD BRIDGE.

The Council noted the contents of a letter from the County Secretary, regarding the closing of the road in this area from 15th February to 14th March, 1960.

*H. H. Stuart
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Officials—Messrs. M. Flannery, Wicklow Co. Manager, D. F. McCarthy, Town Clerk, and M. Healy, Town Engineer.

317.—CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 9th February, 1960, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

318.—COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

The County Manager's Orders (No. 8487 to 8499) were noted.

319.—VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, extended votes of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. J. Doyle, Sunnybank, who was a one-time Member of the Council.

320.—BRAY ENTERPRISES.

It was decided to hold a Special Meeting on the above matter on Tuesday, 22nd March, at 7.30 p.m.

321.—OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION—CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. T. Byrne, the Council requested the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to Temporary Overdraft Accommodation in the Council's Capital Account in a sum not to exceed £2,500 for a period to 30th June, 1960.

322.—SUPERANNUATION—F. F. McCARTHY, ONE-TIME C.E.O. BRAY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

On the proposition of Clr. Sayers, seconded by Clr. Doyle, the necessary sanction was voted to the payment of an Annual Contribution to the above named Official's pension of not more than £10 and to the payment of a lump sum of not more than £32.

323.—CORAS IOMPAIR EIREANN—BUS TERMINUS, ESPLANADE.

The contents of a letter from Coras Iompair Eireann to the effect that they would have a Temporary Bus Terminus at the Municipal Baths, Strand Road, during the Summer Months, were noted with satisfaction.

324.—PURCHASE OF PROPERTY ON THE ISLAND, STRAND ROAD, BRAY.

(a) FONTENOY COTTAGE.

The Town Clerk indicated to the Meeting that the Owners of the above cottage would be prepared to sell same to the Council for £100 on condition that the Council demolish it and on condition that the small yard at the rear was not included in the purchase. On the proposition of Clr. E. Byrne, seconded by Clr. D. Sayers, the proposal was agreed to and the necessary excess expenditure was voted.

(b) CLARE COTTAGE.

In this case the Owner, Mr. J. Naylor, indicated that he would be prepared to sell same for sum of £500 on condition that the Council provide a house for (1) Mr. Naylor and his sister and (2) for a sub-tenant, Mr. Murnane.

The Meeting recommended that the conditions be agreed to, but that only £350 be offered as purchase money.

(c) CLADDAGH COTTAGE.

The owner, Mrs. Rice, required £800 for Claddagh Cottage, including an adjacent plot of ground, on condition that the Council house, Mr. Sheehan, Tenant of the cottage and that they take over payment of a Ground Rent of £3 on the plot of land. It was decided to agree to the conditions but to offer only £600 for the property.

The Council authorised the necessary expenditure in each case.

325.—GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that they had received notification of intention to apply for Licences under the above Act in respect of the following premises:—

10a Albert Walk, Bray—Mrs. M. O'Toole.

10b Albert Walk, Bray—Mr. P. J. Kane.

13b Albert Walk, Bray—Mr. M. O'Toole.

110-111 Strand Road—E. Boni.

Irish Amusements' Ltd., Strand Road—G. Hunt.

Dawsons' Amusements' Ltd., Strand Road.

Reports from the Council's Fire Officer and Health Officer indicated that they had no objection to the granting of the licence.

The Council adopted the reports.

326.—NOVELTY WATERCRAFT—APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES THEREFOR.

Consideration of this item was adjourned to the next Monthly Meeting of the Council and the Town Clerk was requested to arrange for the attendance of the Council's Legal Adviser at the Meeting to give advice on this matter.

327.—LETTING OF SITES AT ESPLANADE.

The following Tenders were opened at the Meeting, and being the only Tenders received in each case, were recommended for acceptance by the Manager.

(1) Tender for Putting Green—P. Mooney and K. O'Neill, 2 Connolly Square. £255.

(2) Tender for Deck Chairs—P. Mooney and K. O'Neill, 2 Connolly Square. £55.

(3) Tender for Licences for Weighing Machines—British Automatic Co. Ltd. £40 for eight Weighing Machines. In 1959 the Tenders for Deck Chairs was £40 and for Putting Green £240.

328.—DERELICT SITES.

The Council considered a report from the Town Engineer on the sixteen sites in the Urban Area which might be considered as Derelict and made the following recommendations:—

Site No. 7.—Fitzwilliam Terrace, Strand Road, Bray—Serve Notice under the Derelict Sites Act.

Site No. 8.—Rose Cottage, Vevay Road—Serve Notice under the Derelict Sites Act if Owner does not improve site without delay.

Site No. 9.—Vevay Road at entrance to O'Byrne Lane—Serve Notice under Derelict Sites Act.

Site No. 10.—At junction of Greenpark Road and Lower Dargle Road—Serve Notice under Derelict Sites Act.

Site No. 11.—Site adjoining house occupied by Mr. McEvoy, Greenpark Road. Serve Notice if Owner does not improve site.

Site No. 12.—Greenpark Road. Premises owned by Mr. Carroll—Serve Notice under the Derelict Sites Act.

Site No. 14.—Site adjoining house owned by Mr. Blackburn on the eastern side of Upper Dargle Road—Serve Notice under Derelict Sites Act.

Site No. 15.—Site at junction of Seymour Road and Seapoint Road. Serve Notice under Derelict Sites Act having first received advice from Council's Solicitor on the matter.

Site No. 16.—Site at Glenard Avenue—Serve Notice under Derelict Sites Act. In the course of a discussion on Derelict Sites, it was mentioned that the site at Chapel Lane needed cleaning up, and it was further suggested that the owners of the Old Cinema Site on the Quinsboro Road should be written to and asked what are their proposals with regard to the building.

329.—HEALTH SERVICES—LETTERS FROM TRADES COUNCIL.

The Chairman ruled that the two matters which were the subject of letters from the Trades Council were not pertinent to the business of the Urban District Council, and were being dealt with by the Health Authority for the area, i.e., Wicklow County Council.

After some discussion it was indicated that each Member would be circularised and the position explained to them.

330.—(a) BARRYS' FIELD (BELGIAN FIELD).

(b) DOYLES' FIELD ADJACENT TO SEAPOINT ROAD.

Consideration of the condition of the above Sites had been adjourned from the September Meeting. Reports from the Health Officer and the Town Clerk were circulated thereon, and the Town Clerk in addition read a lengthy report from the Town Engineer on the condition of Barry's Field. Barry's Field at present offends against the amenities of its surrounds by reason of the fact that the fences are in a state of disrepair and are dangerous. In the field itself are parked eight caravans (some occupied). Furthermore, the field has become a repository for junk of all sorts.

Doyle's Field contains six caravans and also two timber structures. Neither field has been licensed as a caravan site under the Sanitary Services Act, 1948.

The Council, after a lengthy discussion deputed the Town Engineer to interview the owners of both fields and indicate to them that unless immediate steps were taken to remove the causes for complaint, the Council would be compelled, and would, without further warning, take all legal steps within their power to compel "the cleaning up" of both fields.

331.—OFFICE FIELD.

It was decided to consider the question of the use of the Office Field at the Special Meeting of 22nd March.

332.—BRAY SEA ANGLERS' CLUB.

A letter from the above Body was received seeking permission to send a Deputation to the Council to discuss certain matters in connection with the Harbour. After a discussion it was decided that the Deputation be heard at the Special Meeting on 22nd March.

333.—BRAY TOWN CREST—SCRIPTO PENS Ltd.

The above Firm was given permission to use the Bray Town Crest on their pens.

**334.—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.
FUN PALACE, BRAY.**

The Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. Maguire, Architect to Mr. G. Hunt, stating that in compliance with the conditions of the Council, it was proposed to construct the facade of the above building of red deal vertical boarding in lieu of asbestos sheeting. The Council indicated that they had no objection to the proposal.

335.—SITE AT HARBOUR—D. COUGHLAN LTD.

Arising out of Manager's Orders, Clr. Hipwell appealed to the Manager to re-consider his decision to request Messrs. D. Coughlan, Ltd., to give up possession of the above site because of his failure to carry out a covenant in the Lease which stipulated that Factory Premises to the value of not less than £6,000 be erected before the 31/12/59. The Manager, in reply, gave a resumé of the position and stated that he felt that he had no option but to take the course proposed. In the course of a further discussion, it was indicated to Clr. Hipwell that the Solicitor to the Firm had recently written stating that he was appealing to the Minister against the decision under the Town Planning Acts.

On being so informed, Clr. Hipwell withdrew his plea for re-consideration of the case.

336.—SILTING OF RIVER DARGLE.

Clr. Sayers drew attention to the fairly extensive silting of the northern bank of the Dargle River between Bray Bridge and the Golf Club Gate, and asked if anything could be done about it. The County Manager stated that these matters had been dealt with up to a few years ago by the Local Authority Works Act, 1949, but no grants had been forthcoming from this Act for some time. He mentioned that Wicklow Co. Council had on more than one occasion sought grants without avail.

However, after further discussion, the Town Clerk was directed to write to the Co. Secretary and ask that a case be made for a grant from the Local Authority Works Act in this matter.

337.—MISCELLANEOUS.

The Town Engineer stated that the matter of the Stop Sign on the Seapoint Road was being attended to.

In reply to Clr. M. O'Toole, who questioned the advisability of removing the railings from the Library, the Town Engineer stated that much better vision from the corner was obtained since their removal, and the County Manager explained that originally, it had been the intention to build a two-storey library and the removal of the railings now brought the building into better focus.

338.—ESTIMATES MEETING 1960.

The date for the Annual Estimates Meeting was fixed at Tuesday, 31st March, 1960.

Handwritten:
M. O'Toole
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Apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. G. H. G. Stuart.

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

339.—BRAY SEA ANGLING CLUB.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. Phelan, McKenna, Messitt and Nolan of above Club were received by the Council. They stated that they hoped to build a strong Sea Angling Club which they felt would be a help to the town. They had in mind granting temporary membership to visitors both home and cross-Channel. They made the following requests:

- (1) That the remaining rocks at the Harbour entrance be cleared.
- (2) That the piling at the North Pier be reconstructed in such a manner as boats could tie up thereat.
- (3) That the Boat Slip be repaired.
- (4) That the Store at the Harbour Bridge be made available to them or alternatively a boathouse be erected for them. They asked if any information could be given as to whether they would, as a group, receive a Grant from An Bórd Fáilte.

The Chairman assured the Deputation that the Council would do all that was reasonably possible to help them and they then withdrew, having thanked the Council for receiving them.

340.—OFFICE FIELD.

It was decided that at a Meeting to be held on 5th April the Council would discuss with delegates from the various groups who might use the Office Field, details regarding its use and management.

311.—S.D.A. ACTS—TRANSFER OF INTEREST IN DERRYKEAN, CUALA GROVE.

The Council having heard from the Town Clerk that the Officials were satisfied with the bona fides of Mr. Hanlon agreed to the transfer of a loan on Derrykean, Cuala Grove, from Mr. J. Carvill to Mr. D. Hanlon, Oriel, Bath St., Wicklow.

312.—TOWN PLANNING ACTS—TOILET EXTENSION AT 4 MILWARD TCE., MEATH ROAD, BRAY.

Application from Mr. R. J. Connolly, 4 Milward Tce., Meath Road, Bray, for permission to erect a new toilet and wash-up. Report from Town Engineer recommending approval be granted. Order: Recommend approval be granted.

313.—DEVELOPMENT SCHEME—BRAY ENTERPRISES.

The Council considered at length an application from Bray Enterprises Limited for permission to use the northern end of the Esplanade for a Scheme of Development consisting of

- (1) A Children's Paddling Pool,
- (2) A Swimming Pool,
- (3) A Boating Lake.

The Plans submitted also involved the widening and re-routing of the roadway at this point and the elimination of seven houses which constitute the "Island," Strand Road. A report on the proposal by the Town Engineer had been circulated to the Members and also a report on developments which had transpired since the Council received a report of a Meeting held on 16th June, 1959, between the Chairman and Officials of the Council and representatives of An Bord Fáilte and Bray Enterprises. During the course of the debate in the matter Cllr. T. Byrne stated that the main question to be decided was whether the Council was prepared to lease the northern end of the Esplanade to Bray Enterprises, and further were they prepared to contribute to the development Scheme out of monies levied on the ratepayers. All the members present, with the exception of Cllr. J. O'Toole, felt that the questions posed by Councillor Byrne should be answered in the negative. Councillor D. Sayers, however, felt that perhaps a further Meeting with the Body concerned might be of use. The County Manager said that to date all Schemes proposed or submitted tended to ignore everything that was not aquatic. He dealt at some length on the policy of various Councils for the past 100 years regarding the Esplanade and he recalled to the Members that a previous Council had, about a decade ago, examined very fully the question of placing anything on the northern end of the Esplanade and had rejected it in order to preserve its open character and the continuity of vision which was so much a feature of the Bray Esplanade. He felt the Council should give careful consideration to any project which would involve parting with any portion of the Esplanade to an outside Body and restricting its free use to the public. He mentioned that during last Summer the northern end of the Esplanade was used to an ever increasing extent. Another point which might arise would be the danger that the bringing of water within the boundary of the protecting wall might weaken that structure. He stated, further, that the Council had always co-operated with Bray Enterprises where at all possible. He went on to say that the Council, he thought, should proceed with a number of projects on

their own and, in fact, certain decisions taken recently were being proceeded with, viz.,

- (1) **Shelters.** He informed the Council that the Town Engineer had recently completed a Shelter on the Cliff Walk and had plans prepared for a second one on Bray Head Park. Their Architect, Mr. Fitzgerald, had been in touch with the Town Clerk before the meeting to say that he was proceeding with the detailed Plans for the Shelter on the southern end of the Esplanade.
- (2) **Sanitary Conveniences.** The Town Engineer expected to have the Plans for the extension of the Sanitary Conveniences at the Boathouse before them at an early date.
- (3) **Derelict Sites.** Owners of Derelict Sites which were listed at the last Meeting by the Town Engineer had been written to and if they did not clean up these sites it had been decided to apply the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act, 1940, and acquire same. Indeed, as had been previously mentioned, a number of such sites had been acquired and in the past few weeks the Town Engineer had (not for the first time) planted trees thereon.
- (4) **Sea Angling.** It was proposed to facilitate the local Sea Angling Club by (a) removing of the remainder of the rocks at the entrance to the Harbour, (b) improving the timber decking in such a manner as to allow it to be used by boats and by putting the Boatslip in working order.
- (5) **Sailing.** The Town Engineer proposed to carry out work at the Boathouse in order that the local Sailing Club could improve facilities for launching and beaching their craft.
- (6) **Upkeep of Esplanade.** Last year, it would be recalled, the shrubs placed at various points in tubs were favourably commented on by the public. This year the Town Engineer is placing many more of these along the Esplanade.
- (7) **Dock Terrace Site.** As will be seen from Estimates, provision has been made for the development of the site at Dock Terrace for special Amusements.
- (8) **Improvement at Strand Road.** Agreement had been reached in the case of two of seven houses in the "Island," and it was expected that agreement would be reached with three other owners in the near future. The removal of this "Island" would constitute a great improvement and would give parking facilities and allow the roadway to be widened.
- (9) **Improvement at Castle Street.** Last year the County Council had acquired and demolished a large premises from Mr. Ogle and recently the Urban Council had acquired 35 Castle Street under the Derelict Sites Act. Negotiations were in progress with various owners and landlords for the acquisition of other properties in this area.
- (10) **Ravenswell Road Approach.** The Manager stated he felt that the Council would agree that an approach should be made to the Department of Local Government to seek a Grant from the Road Fund for improving Ravenswell Road and acquiring land from the Golf Club for this purpose. The Meeting agreed to this.
- (11) **Lands at Bray Head.** The Manager also recommended that lands under Bray Head adjoining Newcourt Avenue should be purchased for amusements and a Public Park.

(12) **Barry's Field** The Manager stated that this site at present constituted one of the greatest offences against the amenities of the town and he expressed some surprise that Bray Enterprises Ltd., had never interested themselves in it. However, if the Council would agree he thought that Bray U.D.C. should endeavour to acquire it. It could be used, he felt, for tennis courts, clock golf, Bowling Greens, Children's Play Area and Conferences. This building might incorporate a café, Roller Skating Rink, Concert Hall, space for Badminton, Basket Ball, etc.

The Council were in unanimous and wholehearted agreement with the statement of the Manager and the policy outlined therein.

On the proposition of Clr. M. O'Toole, seconded by Clr. Mrs. Magennety, it was decided that the Manager's recommendations be adopted. It was further decided on the suggestion of the Acting Chairman that Schemes along these lines be submitted to Bórd Fáilte and that they be asked to give a Grant.

In the meantime, however, the smaller Schemes such as the erection of Shelters and improvement to the Sanitary Conveniences are to be gone ahead with. The Town Clerk was directed to inform Bray Enterprises that while the Council regretted that they could not see their way to lease them any portion of the Esplanade they would be prepared to give any help and co-operate within their power with any other Scheme the Company might submit.

M.H. Hunt
10/5/1960

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

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

345.—OFFICE FIELD.

The following Delegates from the undermentioned Clubs attended the Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Messrs. T. Boyle, D. Doyle and J. McCabe—Wolfe Tone Gaels' Club, E. Furlong—Wicklow Schoolboys' League, C. Byrne and C. Bishop—Wicklow Junior League, K. O'Kelly and S. Tighe—Bray N.A.C.A.I. Club, W. O'Rourke and J. Perry—Newtown-Vevay Children's Welfare Association, J. Temple—Grotto Stars A.F.C.

A discussion took place on various points between the above delegates and the Council, and it was finally agreed that each of the six clubs represented would select a Member to meet a sub-committee of six Members of the Council, and the joint Committee so formed, would meet at a later date to settle various details regarding the pitch. During the course of the discussion the following points were made:

- (a) The Council intend the pitch to be used only for the youth. It was decided that its use should be confined to those under eighteen years of age.
- (b) It was indicated to the delegates that there could be no question of an admission charge to the field.
- (c) The Town Engineer indicated on a map that two pitches—one G.A.A. and one Association Football, could be availed of in the field and that there would be further space for an area in which small children could play, and in addition, there would be room for an Athletic Track around the field.

The delegates then held a separate Meeting and selected the following Members to represent them on the joint Committees:—

Messrs. J. Temple (Grotto Stars G.F.C.); T. Boyle (Wolfe Tone Gaels' Club); C. Bishop (Co. Wicklow Junior League); K. O'Kelly (N.A.C.A.I. Club); W. O'Rourke (Children's Welfare Association); J. Tracy (Wicklow Schoolboys' League).

The Sub-Committee selected by the Council were as follows—
Councillors: Messrs. G. H. G. Stuart, Chairman; E. Byrne, T. Byrne, C. Doyle, D. Sayers, H. B. Hipwell and Mrs. Le'widya. It was decided that the joint Committee would meet in the Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 26th April.

**346.—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.
BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT PLANNING
SCHEME.**

The Members, who had previously been supplied with copies of the Draft Planning Scheme began the consideration of same in detail. The County Manager, first of all, briefly outlined the position in Bray since the Town Planning Act was adopted some 25 years ago.

PART 1.—Preliminary and General.

The Council agreed to the provisions of Clauses Nos. 1 to 15 which comprised Part 1 of the Scheme, these having been explained by the Manager. However they asked that further consideration be given to the definition of "Casual Auction" in Clause 2. It was felt by Mr. H. B. Hipwell and other Members that the definition as it stood might lead for instance, to the prohibition of an Auctioneer making a sale of goods in private houses. It was decided that the points made would be considered, in an endeavour to eliminate the difficulty which might arise.

Mr. Dempsey felt that further consideration should be given to Section E of Clause 2, i.e., that setting out an extensive list of "Offensive Trades or Businesses." It was decided to have this matter re-examined also to ascertain if it were too restrictive.

The Co. Manager explained to the Meeting that maps would be drawn up to summarise pictorially the effect of the Scheme, but he stressed that if there were any discrepancy between these illustrative maps and the Scheme, the Scheme would prevail.

It was pointed out to the Members that the relevant date fixed for the area was 1st April, 1946, except in the area at Old Connaught taken in by the recent Boundary Extension where it was the 14th July, 1959.

Another point on which the Co. Manager gave a full explanation, was the Responsible Authority. He pointed out that the Urban Council was the Responsible Authority except where it was especially declared that the Co. Council would be the Responsible Authority. Where, for instance, in Road Widening and Acquisition of lands or properties, the provision of same was envisaged in the Plan, and where such took place along a Main Road, the Co. Council would be the responsible authority and liable for any costs entailed, the proposed widening of corners on the East End of Putland Road was a case in point.

The County Manager also drew the attention of the Council to Clause 12 whereby a Declaration is made prohibiting the payment of compensation in certain cases. He also gave particulars to the Council

of the Register of Interim Planning Applications maintained by the Council. He explained to the Meeting the meaning and purpose of "Reservation Marks," i.e., to identify with complete accuracy areas of land referred to in the Scheme.

PART 2.—Reservation of Lands.

The Council then dealt with Part 2 of the Scheme. The County Manager explained that land was being reserved for Road Improvements (including new Main Road), Vehicle Stations, Public Open Spaces, Private Open Spaces, Statutory Undertakings and Burial Grounds. In dealing with this part, the Manager explained to the Council that in order to ease the financial burden on the Authority concerned it was set out that the various road improvements, etc., could be effected over a period of twenty years.

The Council then considered the various reservations in detail, and agreed with them all, with the exception of Sites 2 and 14 Purcell's Square. These had been reserved for a Vehicle Station, but many of the Members felt that there might be a possibility of using the site for industrial purposes.

In considering a proposal to list a small plot of ground adjacent to the Fairgreen as a Public Open Space, it was pointed out to the Members that in 1934 the Council sold this site to Messrs. Haughtons Ltd. who at the time stated that they required it for Industrial Purposes. Before the final decision on this matter could be taken, the Town Clerk was directed to write to the Firm and ask if they had any intention of developing it industrially in the near future.

In dealing with land reserved for a New Main Road in the Old Connaught Area, a map of the proposed road was produced. The Town Engineer informed the Meeting that this proposal was one which has been agreed between the three Authorities concerned, i.e., Wicklow Co. Council, Bray Urban District Council and Dublin County Council.

Mr. Savage opposed the idea of a Bye-Pass Road, expressing fears that it would harm business in Bray. Other Members however, were of the opinion that such a road would have the opposite effect as it would serve to divert passing traffic which, at present, harmed business by its continual flow through the town.

In reply to a question of one of the Councillors, the County Manager stated that the Scheme, when adopted, was capable of amendment. He hoped that the Department, in future legislation, would provide means for the rapid amendment of a Town Planning Scheme which might be desirable in view of rapidly changing conditions of modern life.

It was pointed out in respect of the New Main Road that the Responsible Authorities would be the County Councils concerned, i.e., Wicklow and Dublin.

Having agreed to Parts 1 and 2, except on the points mentioned above, the Council adjourned further consideration of the Scheme until Tuesday, the 19th April, 1960.

Approved
10/5/60

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 12th April, 1960, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Officials: Messrs. M. Flannery, Wicklow Co. Manager, Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, D. F. McCarthy, Town Clerk, and M. Healy, Town Engineer. Apologies for inability to attend were received from Cllrs. C. Doyle and P. Dempsey.

347.—CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 8th March, which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

348.—COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

The County Manager's Orders (No. 8500 to 8504) were noted.

349.—VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, extended a vote of sympathy to the widow of the late Mr. T. Farrell, Council employee.

350.—ILLNESS OF MR. J. O'TOOLE, MEMBER OF ESPLANADE STAFF.

The Town Clerk was directed to write to Mr. J. O'Toole, who is at present ill in Baggot's Street Hospital and express to him the Council's hope that he would make a speedy recovery.

351.—CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. P. DEMPSEY.

The Members congratulated Cllr. P. Dempsey on his recent promotion in the Red Cross Organisation.

352.—OFFICE FIELD.

The Council agreed to a request by Mr. J. Temple that the Office Field be used for a Schoolboys' Hurling Game on Easter Sunday and a Schoolboys' Association Football Game on Easter Monday.

353.—SUPERANNUATION ACT—LATE MR. T. FARRELL.

On the proposition of Cllr. Hipwell seconded by Cllr. D. Sayers, the excess expenditure necessary to make a Gratuity to the legal personal representative of the late Mr. Thomas Farrell, Council employee, was voted.

354.—SILTING OF DARGLE RIVER.

In reply to a query from Cllr. D. Sayers, the Town Clerk stated that he had received a letter from Wicklow County Council to state that they had submitted an application for a Grant under the Local Authorities Works Act to deal with this matter but had been informed that there was no money at the disposal of the Government for same.

355.—NOVELTY CRAFT.

After a long discussion and having heard Mr. McCarroll, Solicitor, on the matter it was decided to grant licences for the operation of Novelty Craft on the South Beach between a point opposite the southern end of Fontenoy Tce., and the South Boat slip, as follows:

Mr. E. J. Merlihan—Twenty Craft.
Mr. P. Murray—Nine Craft.

It was further decided that if by the 1st July, 1960, one or other of the above named had not "taken up" his allocation of licence, that they could be transferred. The Council also decided to accede to Mr. Merlihan's request to erect a small hut and the necessary landing planks and to a small advertisement sign—this at a fee of £5. The conditions of Licence to be the six set out in last year's Licence, i.e., those set out originally by Circuit Court Judge Deale.

After hearing Mr. McCarroll's views on a point raised by Cllr. P. Savage, it was decided that a further condition be attached to the Licence, i.e., that Certificates of seaworthiness be submitted periodically or at any time decided by the Council during the period of the Licence. Cllr. Savage had made the point that a Craft could be passed as being seaworthy at the commencement of the Season and could be subsequently damaged or weakened in such a manner as would make it a danger to occupants.

Having dealt with above applications the Council then considered an application which the Town Clerk received on 11th April from Mr. Peter Nolan, Vevay Bakery, requesting a Licence under the Public Health Act, 1907, to operate six six-seater self-driven Motor Boats. It was decided to grant him permission to operate same from a point north of the Boat slip or from the Harbour, whichever he wished; the Licence to be subject to conditions similar to those of the Licences granted to Messrs. Merlihan and Murray.

During the course of a long discussion on the applications for licences for Novelty Craft, Mr. McCarroll, Solicitor, and the County Manager made it quite clear that legislation governing matters such as this was completely antiquated and needs immediate revision. Accordingly, on the proposition of Cllr. Hipwell, seconded by Cllr. D. Sayers, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That we recommend to the Minister for Local Government that provision be made for public control by Local Authorities of Seafronts in their areas, especially in relation to boats plying for hire and that they be permitted to exercise such controls at their own discretion and that the Sanitary Services code be amended for this purpose. A copy of this Resolution also to be sent to the Municipal Authorities Association."

356.—E.S.B. CHARGES—SLIGO CORPORATION.

The Council unanimously adopted a Resolution from Sligo Corporation asking that the Minister for Transport and Power approach the E.S.B. Board with a request that they grant discount for prompt payment.

357.—BRAY COVE SWIMMING CLUB.

It was decided to grant the Bray Cove Swimming Club the use of the Cove Pools on the same conditions as applied last year, i.e., a payment of £50 and the Council be responsible for cleaning.

358.—VETERAN MOTOR CAR RUN.

The Council noted a letter from the Leinster Motor Club stating that there would be a Veteran Car Run from Greystones to the Carlisle Grounds on 25th June.

359.—MODEL RAILWAY ON NORTHERN ESPLANADE.

The Council, having heard a report from the Engineer, decided to refuse a request from Mr. Patrick Behan, Monkstown, to place a Model Railway on the northern end of the Esplanade.

360.—ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY ON THE 'ISLAND,' CASTLE ST.

(a) **Claddagh Cottage.** The Council had at a previous meeting offered £600 for the fee simple interest of Claddagh Cottage, as well as part of an adjacent plot of ground which was held on lease at £4 a year. They had also agreed to be responsible for re-housing the tenant, Mr. Sheehan. The owner, Mrs. Rice, per her Solicitor, wrote to the effect that she would accept the Council's offer if it were increased to £700. After discussion, it was decided to accept this offer.

(b) **Clare Cottage.** The Council at a previous Meeting had offered £350 for the fee simple interest of Clare Cottage and had agreed to be responsible for the re-housing of two families, Naylor and Murnane, therefrom. Messrs. Cullen and O'Beirne, Solicitors for the owner, Mr. Joseph Naylor, wrote stating his client would agree to the Council's offer of £350 on condition that a sum of £33 rates due to 31st March, 1960, were written off. The Council decided to accept this condition.

The Council agreed to provide the necessary excess expenditure incurred in the purchase of above two properties.

361.—DOCK TERRACE.

The Town Clerk stated that for the past five years the Council had been endeavouring to purchase 14 Dock Terrace from the owner, Ernest Darcy. So far they had little success and the last request of Mr. Darcy was that the Council would buy a house for him in Dublin. It was decided that the Town Clerk would make another approach to Mr. Darcy and ask him to state a reasonable figure at which he would sell.

362.—TOWN HALL REPAIRS—DRAFT MORTGAGE.

On the proposition of Clr. T. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Hipwell, the Council approved the Draft Mortgage from the Hibernian Bank for a loan of £2,400 for the Town Hall Repairs.

363.—LEASE OF LAND AT REAR OF LEDWIDGE CRESCENT TO MR. K. DOYLE.

After discussion it was agreed that a plot of ground at the rear of Ledwidge Crescent which was surplus to the Council's requirements be leased to Mr. K. Doyle for 31 years at £10 a year, on condition that no buildings are erected thereon, that it is properly fenced, and that it would not be used in any way which would cause annoyance or nuisance to the neighbouring residents, and that the Council would reserve a right-of-way over the land at the rear of the houses. The Town Clerk indicated that detailed particulars of the proposal would be circulated for formal approval in due course, under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1946.

364.—BRAY AND DISTRICT TRADES COUNCIL.

(a) **Hospital Services under Health Act:** Despite protests from Clrs. D. Sayers, M. O'Toole and H. B. Hipwell, the Chairman ruled that the question of receiving a deputation from the Bray Trades Council to discuss Hospital Services under the Health Act was not pertinent to the functions of the Urban Council and accordingly the Town Clerk was directed to inform the Bray Trades Council that the Council would not receive them and to suggest that they request the Wicklow County Council, who are charged with the administration of the Health Acts, to receive them.

(b) **rota of Doctors to provide a 24 hour service.** Letter from Bray Trades Council regarding above having been considered at some length and being of opinion that it concerned doctors generally and not doctors employed by the Local Authority, the Town Clerk was directed to inform the Bray Trades Council that the Council wished them every success in any approach they may make to the local Medical fraternity with their Scheme.

365.—SCHEMES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

The contents of a lengthy letter from the Dept. of Finance regarding the Council's submissions on Schemes for economic development were noted. The Town Clerk was directed to send a copy of the letter to the Secretary of the Bray Industrial Development Association. Points made in the letter were as follows:

- (a) Establishment of Industries in any locality is primarily a matter for private enterprise.
- (b) Proposals for tourist amenities will be considered by Eórd Fáilte and a further letter will issue in the matter.
- (c) Regarding protective works to prevent flooding it was pointed out that Grants were available from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote.
- (d) Re Sewerage Schemes at the Harbour the letter referred to the fact that loans and Grants were available.
- (e) Development of industrial sites: The Department were of opinion that scarcity of sites was not a general problem of the country. However, this point was being examined further.
- (f) The Council's suggestion for the substitution of a State Grant to Local Authorities instead of to private development companies for tourist amenity Schemes was not regarded as appropriate to the terms of the letter addressed to the Council by the Minister for Local Government.
- (g) Grants for improvement of approach roads to Harbour: The Council's proposals would be kept in mind and the matter was still under review.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that an approach had been made to the Department of Local Government since the Estimates Meeting asking for a Grant from the Road Fund to develop the Ravenswell Road approach to the Harbour. The Members agreed that this matter should be pressed with the Department.

366.—SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQ.) ACTS—1 CUAIA GROVE—BYRNE TO BROWN.

The Town Clerk explained to the Members that the outgoings on above house would be approximately £150 a year and that the applicant's income from his employment with Industrial Yarns was a little over £400. However, his father-in-law was going to live with him. Several Members urged that the transfer be granted and it was unanimously recommended.

367.—TOWN PLANNING ACTS—ERECTION OF CORRUGATED IRON ROOF.

Application from Mr. W. Byrne, St. Kevin's, Greencark Road, to erect a corrugated iron roof. Recommendation from Town Engineer that approval be granted.

Order: Recommend approval of permission.

368.—TOWN PLANNING ACTS—SWING-ARM DIESEL PUMP AT DOYLE'S GARAGE.

Application from Messrs. Doyle's Garage Ltd., for permission to erect a Swing-Arm Diesel Pump at Purcell's Square. The County Manager stated that this application posed a certain difficulty in as much as the swing-arm would, when Diesel oil was being supplied, tend to cause an obstruction on the public footpath and permission granted in this case might be treated as a precedent and be followed by other applications. After some further discussions it was decided to get legal advice on the point raised.

369.—MUNICIPAL BATHS—RESOLUTION.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Clr. M. O'Toole and accepted by the Chairman:

"Please take notice that at the next Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council to be held on 10th May, 1960, I or someone for me will move that this Council should seriously consider the advisability of raising a loan over a specified number of years with a view to carrying out much needed construction and modernising of the existing Municipal Baths against a provision in the Annual Estimates showing a sum towards repairs which recur annually.

M. O'Toole
10/5/1960.

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Estimates Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Thursday, 31st March, 1960, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

344. ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES.

Submitted report of County Manager dated 15th March, 1960.
The Expenditure and Receipts and Net Costs to be met from Rates are estimated at:

	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Net Expenditure
	£	£	£
Roads	6,646	200	6,446
Sanitary Services	20,089	2,120	17,969
Housing Services	62,182	55,925	6,257
General Urban Purposes	75,751	5,166	70,585
	£164,668	£63,411	£101,257

The amount to be met from the Rate levy in the coming year, as shown above, will be £101,257, but the application of available Credits of £685, which would derive from savings in the present year would reduce the net requirements to £100,572. The Municipal Rate which would be required to produce £100,572 is 36s. 9d. in the £, and this would be an increase of 1s. 1d. over the rate for the present year, which is 35s. 8d.

The County Council Demand requires an additional rate of 1s. 0d.; Wages and salaries increases require an additional 7d.; Elections represent an additional 1d.; and improvements such as painting at seafront and extensions to Sanitary Conveniences at the Esplanade would require 4d. The total of these items comes to 2s. 1d., but they are offset by reductions in Loan Charges and other variations with the result that the net increase would be 1s. 1d. in the £. Last year most employers agreed to increases in wages and rates of remuneration for their staffs, some of these being based on recommendations made by the Labour Court. Subsequently the Council received similar applications and, having regard to the position which by that time obtained

in respect of practically all other employments, it was arranged, after the matter had been specially examined by a Committee of the Council that increases would be allowed to the outdoor staff of the Council similar to those which had already been arranged for comparable employment in the Urban Area, whilst for the salaried staff increases corresponding to those allowed in the Civil Service as a result of Arbitration were approved. These increases will entail additional expenditure of over £1,500 in the coming year. As Local Elections will be held next Summer, it is necessary to provide for their cost, which is estimated at £200. The Estimates also include £800 for painting of railings at the Seafront, and a provision of £150 is being made to meet Loan Charges on the Capital cost of extensions to the Sanitary Conveniences near the Boathouse.

The Town Engineer has prepared a special report on the various services which are in his charge and a copy of it is being circulated with these Estimates.

ROADS.

The gross expenditure is estimated at £6,646 and, after deducting miscellaneous receipts of £200, the net outlay is £6,446. This shows a reduction of £516 on the amount allowed for Roads last year. To meet the cost of normal repairs to roads and footpaths the total provision made at £2,015 corresponds to that in the present year, except for the necessary provision for the increase in wages referred to earlier.

New Road Works—Repairs to Church Road.

Last year the Council allowed £750 to resurface King Edward Road. For the coming year the Town Engineer has recommended that Church Road receive a surface dressing and he estimates the cost at £250. It is now over eight years since Church Road was completely reconstructed and, as the surface has become worn in parts in the meantime, it is felt that it would be advisable to have it attended to in the coming year.

Employment Scheme.

For special works which could be undertaken with the Employment Schemes Grant which is received each year during the Winter, it is proposed that the same contribution as in previous years, £365, be made by the Council. Last year this Grant was used to construct a new length of road between Newcourt Road and the main Bray/Greystones Road.

New Access Road to Seafront.

There is a number of works from which a choice might be made in using the Employment Schemes Grant and Council's contribution, but it is suggested that the Council might consider reconstructing in concrete a part of Ravenswell Road. For some time past the Council has had in mind the provision of alternative access to the Seafront via the Harbour, and the laying of a concrete road as suggested would serve to start this new route.

Improvements to this road will be part of a larger project to relieve traffic congestion during the Summer and make for easier approach to the Seafront. It would also be necessary to improve the exit under the Railway and to provide a new Deck Slab for the Harbour Road Bridge. These works would be of tourist value but, at the same time, it is felt that a good case could be made for a Special Grant from the Road Fund, seeing that the result would be to ease some of the present traffic difficulties which arise at peak periods, especially at week-ends during the Summer. A Loan Charge of £120 has been included in the Estimates in respect of the Capital costs of the new Access Road already mentioned, but this would only be a partial charge, even if the Council obtained a Grant from the Road Fund. This Access Road, it should be mentioned, would be part of the comprehensive scheme for

new tourist facilities and amenities which have been receiving consideration from the Council and the Local Development Company set up under the Tourist Act, 1952, and in relation to which a further Special Meeting of the Council is to be held at an early date.

Loan Charges.

The loans borrowed for the reconstruction of the Meath and Sidminton Roads were finally repaid a year ago, and last year the final instalment on the loan for Florence Road was paid, and as a result of the latter event there is a saving of £103 in the coming year. It will, however, be about two years before any more of the Road loans are repaid in full. The total amount borrowed for road improvements was over £35,000, but as the loans were short-term they are gradually being liquidated.

SANITARY SERVICES

The total outlay on Sanitary Services is estimated at £20,089, which compares with £19,400 allowed by the Council last year. The Receipts are estimated at £2,120 which leaves the net outlay £17,969.

Street and Household Scavenging.

During the past year this Service was maintained at a satisfactory level and a daily collection of household refuse from all premises in the main thoroughfares of the town was provided. At the same time the twice weekly collection of domestic refuse from other parts of the town also continued to operate. It may not perhaps always be appreciated by the public that the frequency with which this Service operates compares more than favourably with any other Urban District in this country or Britain.

The No. 1 Refuse Collection Vehicle which was purchased almost ten years ago would require to be replaced shortly, and in the Estimates provision has been made for a half-year's Loan Charge (£200) on a new Vehicle, which is estimated to cost £2,000.

Waterworks. The expenditure on the Waterworks corresponds to that in the present year, except for increases in remuneration. The payment to Dublin Corporation for the Bulk Supply of water will again come to over £3,500. The continuous attention given to the Waterworks system by the Waterworks Inspector and his Assistant and the relaying of Mains, which was carried out in recent years, have served to prevent waste and to keep the cost of water at a fairly constant level notwithstanding the number of new houses erected and the higher Summer population resulting from the tourist influx.

Baths and Swimming Pools.

For the erection of Timber Decking and repairs at the Municipal Baths, £150 has again been included, but in addition £250 is being provided for the making good of damage to roof lights and glass canopies by heavy seas and high winds. Some painting also will be required.

In respect of **Swimming Pools at Bray Cove**, £25 is included for minor repairs; for cleaning the Pools at the beginning of the Season £150, which was the sum allowed by the Council last year, again is included. Whereas, however, last year it was agreed to allow £300 for repairs to the outer wall and Penstock, there is a reduction of £250 in this instance and only £50 is being sought, which is required for the fitting of Penstock which it is hoped will be received within the next few months.

Public Lighting.

The cost of Public Lighting is estimated at £2,545—a slight increase over the amount approved last year. The total number of public lamps now in operation is 425, of which 33 are pilot lights. The cost at present is about twice what it was eight or nine years ago, but in the

meantime the number of lamps has been considerably augmented and many new pilot lights, which are kept lighting all night, were installed.

Shelters at Seafront.

In the past few years the Council has tried to get some new Shelters erected along the Seafront, but met with unexpected difficulties in relation to sites and designs. The negotiations with the ground landlords for the erection of a Shelter beside the Railway line at Bray Head fell through, and there has also been an unexpected delay in arranging for a suitable design—the quality of the design is a matter of some importance for any public structure to be sited in a place so frequented as Bray Seafront—for a new Shelter to be erected at the southern end of the Esplanade. Some provision was made in the present year for Loan Charges on the proposed new structures, and with the monies available the Town Engineer constructed a new Shelter alongside the Cliff Walk, which runs from Bray to Greystones. This Shelter, built in what is regarded as attractive stonework on a site just inside the Urban boundary, was recently completed at a cost considered to be quite reasonable—£240. A Grant was sought some time ago from An Bord Fáilte for the new Shelters, but it now seems that the Board is contemplating allowing Grants only for what they regard as a comprehensive Scheme of Development to be carried out by the local Development Company. It is unlikely, therefore, that any part of the Shelter Programme will be assisted by Grants from any source. As part of a Loan Charge on the Capital cost of new Shelters, £100 is now included in the Estimates.

Open Space and Amusement Centre at Harbour.

These were items included in the list of Tourist Amenity Schemes which were under discussion with An Bord Fáilte and the local Development Company in the past year. Reference already has been made to the provision of a new Access Road via Ravenswell Road to the Seafront. The cost of levelling and improving the area, formerly known as Dock Terrace, beside the Harbour, was provisionally estimated at £4,000, and it was intended that, when improved, the area could be used for certain types of Amusement, especially those of a noisy character which could not be suitably located on other parts of the Seafront. As, however, there is no definite indication at present as to when any part of the project for new Amenities at the Seafront will be started only a small sum (£50) has been included by way of Loan Charges.

Sanitary Conveniences.

During the fine weather of last Summer unusually large crowds visited Bray, and it was represented to the Council that the sanitary accommodation in the structures beside the Boathouse was not adequate. In consequence, the Town Engineer has been engaged on the preparation of Plans for extending this building. The cost is estimated at £2,000, and a part Loan Charge for the coming year will entail a cost of £150.

HOUSING:

The gross expenditure is estimated at £62,182 and receipts are taken at £55,925, leaving the net charge on rates £6,257. This shows little variation from the amount required last year, which was £6,199.

Acquisition of Houses at Ardee Street.

The Council during the past year arranged to acquire seven houses at Ardee Street from the Dublin Artisans Dwelling Company. These houses all are of the smaller type and are very useful for accommodating families to whom the Council would not regard it as advisable to

let the larger type of dwelling. The cost of acquiring the houses came to £1,000 and the Annual Loan Charge in the coming year will be £131.

New Housing Scheme.

As a result of the progress made with the Council's building programme, it could now be said that the demand from families in urgent need of housing accommodation has largely been met; the Council's waiting list is now a comparatively short one, and urgent cases, after some time, can be met through normal vacancies in existing houses. The Council recently decided to proceed with a Scheme for some new houses on a site beside Chapel Lane, off Dublin Road, and on another site at Pollard's Terrace.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

During the past year no new loans were issued and the number of borrowers still remains at 150. The total amount lent by the Council under the Scheme was £203,000. It is regretted that difficulty is still being experienced in the collection of repayments from a small number of borrowers and in ensuring that Ground Rents and Fire Insurance are paid up to date.

Clearing of Derelict Sites.

Last year the Council allowed £150 for the clearance of Derelict Sites and this was used to meet in part the cost of acquiring unfit properties which the Council intends to clear away.

At Castle Street the County Council acquired some buildings and demolished them. This was a dangerous corner and the removal of the buildings has given much better vision for the heavy traffic using this road. No part of the cost of this improvement was borne by the Urban Council. After lengthy negotiations a number of unfit structures at "the Island" Strand Road, are now being acquired. It would improve the appearance of the area and also be helpful to the flow of traffic in the Summer if the buildings on this site could be cleared. It may, however, take some considerable time yet before the improvements contemplated by the Council at this place can be fully carried out.

The Town Engineer has recently submitted a special report on all sites in the Urban area which might be regarded as being derelict or in unsightly condition, and the Council has decided to take steps to acquire a number of them, seeing that the owners, notwithstanding many reminders, have so far done nothing to use or improve them.

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 £75,751, which compares with £72,120 for the present year. The receipts are expected to reach £5,166; corresponding figure last year was £5,587. The net expenditure for the coming year would be £70,585, which compares with £66,533 for 1959/60. The increase in outlay for General Urban Purposes consequently is £4,052 and is ascribable to in the main—County Council Demand, £2,822; Local Elections, £200; and the provision for painting of railings and seats at the Esplanade for which £800 has been provided. There are many other changes in the cost of items which come under the heading of General Urban Purposes, but the foregoing are the principal items leading to an increase in the Estimates.

Esplanade, Seafront and Public Parks.

For repairs to seats, etc., £200 is included and this is £50 more than allowed last year. The additional amount of £50 is for the cost of a Slipway at the Harbour, to meet the needs of Sea Anglers.

Last year the amount allowed for the Painting of Railings and Seats was £100, but for the coming year the Town Engineer considers that £800 would be required. It is some years since this painting was carried out and, in order to maintain the Seafront in a presentable way, it is felt that the railings and seats should be painted early in the coming financial year. The lamps on the Bandstand require to be replaced and this will involve an additional cost of £80. For minor repairs to the Sea Wall—it is very necessary that it should receive continuous attention—a sum of £100 is again included. To meet the cost of Strip Lighting, £350 is being provided, which is an increase of £50 over the sum allowed last year.

For new Litter Baskets, seeds and manure for lawns and Flower Beds, flags and pennants for Life Buoys, the same sums are included as were allowed by the Council last year. The total outlay from Revenue on the Esplanade and on Public Parks, including Loan Charges and wages, is estimated for the coming year at £5,262. This represents a rate of almost 2/- in the £1.

Town Hall Maintenance and Repairs.

The cost of lighting, heating and cleaning at £300 shows a reduction of £100. The repairs required because of the presence of Dry Rot in the structural timbers were satisfactorily completed at the beginning of the last financial year and the cost was met by a short-term loan.

Band Performances.

Last year the Council allowed £400 for this purpose and a similar sum is again included.

Public Library.

A special report on the Library has been prepared by the Librarian and it is being circulated with these Estimates.

In brief, the report of the Librarian shows that the number of books issued in 1959 was over 143,000, and of these non-fiction represented about 43 per cent., an unusually high proportion for any Public Library. The total number of members of the Library was 2,772, of whom over 1,000 were juveniles. All these figures, when compared with other Urban Districts, can be taken as being unusually high. They are an indication of the popularity of the Library and of the extent to which it is being resorted to by all sections of the community.

It will be noted that the book issues show a heightened interest in technical subjects, such as Engineering, Electricity, and Physics. Much use also is made of books on gardening, cookery, architecture, economics and modern languages. The Library also is resorted to by many of the visitors to Bray during the Summer. The report of the Librarian shows not only keenness to provide an unusually high standard of public service, but also ability of a high order to plan for future development. It is to be hoped that it may be possible, with the aid of some State Assistance, to meet the cost of new and desirable projects such as a Reference Library and a small Art Gallery.

Civil Defence.

Recently the administration of Civil Defence was entrusted to the County Council, and Bray no longer is a Scheduled Area required to provide its own Civil Defence Service. The result, moreover, is that Civil Defence is a County-at-large charge. This change in administration and in apportionment of cost leads to a saving to the Council of £304 for the coming year. The cost of Civil Defence in future will be included in the County Council Demand.

Riverside Walk.

Some time ago the Council approved of a Scheme improving the area alongside the River and provided a Walk which could lead from the Seafont to the People's Park in Little Bray. It is unfortunate that almost all the planting carried out alongside the River, so as to enhance the appearance of the area, has been destroyed. Most of the plants have either been broken or stolen, and if it had not been for this vandalism the Riverside banks downstream from the Bridge would by this time have been much improved in appearance. It is very disappointing to find that, when thought and effort had been given to measures for improving the appearance of the town and making it more attractive for visitors, a successful outcome cannot be expected because of this wanton destruction. Recently Derelict Sites on the Upper Dargle Road have once more been planted with trees, and if they are allowed to grow they would, in a comparatively short time, give a much improved appearance to the roadway which at present has a number of unsightly patches alongside it. But previous efforts to improve the area by roadside tree planting were fruitless, so it is hoped that on this occasion the destruction of the past will not be repeated.

School Meals.

The cost of School Meals is estimated at £1,415 and, after deducting the State Grant of £535, the net amount to be met from rates is £880. The average number of children provided daily with meals in 1959 was 395.

Fuel Scheme.

The cost of providing Fuel to households occupied by persons who would be unable to meet the cost from their own resources is estimated at £2,190. The cost involved is recouped in full by the State and by Wicklow County Council. The average number of households who have been availing of the Scheme is about 450.

County Council Demand.

In the coming year the County Council Demand shows an increase of £2,822, which is equivalent to a rate of somewhat more than 1s. 0d. in the £1. The following figures give a comparison of the Demand with that for the present year:

	1959/60	1960/61	Increase + Decrease -
	£	£	£
Main Roads	7,665	8,892	1,226 +
Public Assistance	3,344	3,415	71 +
Health	23,806	20,719	3,087 -
Mental Hospitals	6,909	8,824	1,915 +
General Purposes (Co.)	1,941	4,165	2,224 +
Separate Charges	107	424	317 +
Fire Brigades	1,709	1,865	156 +
	£45,482	£48,304	£2,822 +

The Demand and the various headings included in it are always affected by the balances resulting from the costs experience in the current year and the preceding one. Another factor influencing the levy on the Urban Area is the rateable productivity. Whereas in the County Health District (i.e. the County excluding the three Urban Districts), there has been little alteration in the Valuations effective for rating purposes, the effective Valuations in the Urban Areas have

increased somewhat because of the termination of rating remissions on new buildings.

When the County Council were considering their Annual Estimates they made reductions under the headings of Health Services, Housing and Roads. The Health Services reduction is reflected in the County Council Demand but, although it is roughly £3,000, this is offset to the extent of almost £2,000 by a rise in the cost of Mental Hospitals. The reduction in County Council Housing costs does not affect the Demand as it relates to the cost of rural housing only. The reduction made in respect of Roads altogether related to County Roads, the cost of which is not charged to the Urban District Council. The increase under the heading of "General Urban Purposes" derives from balances on accounts and is not attributable to an actual steep rise in the cost of services; in fact, the Demand under this heading was £4,502 in 1958/59 and the amount now included is £4,165. Even though the Demand for Health Services shows a reduction, it should be mentioned that two years ago the amount sought was about £15,000, for 1959/60 it went up to £23,000 and now stands at £20,719. There is an increase equal to a rate of 2d. in the Demand for Separate Charges and this results from recent Awards for Criminal Injuries.

Unemployment Assistance Acts Levy.

The amount that the Council are required to raise for this purpose is £1,942 and is the product of a special Rate of 9d. in the £1 which the Council must levy and pay to the Department of Social Welfare under the Unemployment Assistance Acts, 1933/40.

General Comments.

Of the sixty urban authorities in this country which levy rates, scarcely any have a rate lower than that struck in Bray in recent years. The few with a lower rate are very small authorities with nothing like the standard or diversity of the services provided in Bray. But the larger urban authorities in which the extent of commitments and services might be comparable to those in Bray generally have struck rates higher by five to ten shillings than levied in Bray of late. At one time the rate in Bray ran well above the general level for Urban Areas; nowadays it is much below it.

The Estimates now submitted to you would require an increase of 1/1d. on the present rate, and as already shown this is roughly the same as the rise in the County Council Demand. But it would be a very mistaken viewpoint to hold that the County Council did not endeavour to reduce this assessment; they examined their own Estimates with every care and after lengthy deliberation decided on reductions without which the Demand would have been somewhat greater. An examination of the Demand for the coming year will show that of the total sum (£48,304) required from Bray, £29,543 is for Health Services (this includes the cost of Mental Hospitals which is, of course, one of the Health Services). This means that of the total amount required for the services provided by the County Council over 60 per cent. is for Health.

Much publicity recently has been given to the alleged inconvenience caused by the termination of an arrangement for using the hospital of an adjoining health authority. This step was only taken by the County Council after long consideration and after it had been their experience that, year after year, the costs of maintenance in that Institution showed a steep rise which involved them in having to provide, not only for what they expected would be the coming year's costs, but also in having to meet large debit balances arising from increases in charges which had retrospective effect. Any attempt at estimating the provision to be made had become impossible and the costs for this Institution had become a very disturbing and difficult element in the County Council finances. It was only when all these considerations

had been taken into account, and after obtaining the views of the Consultative Health Committee for the County, which contains representatives of the medical profession, that the County Council decided that there was no alternative but to terminate the existing arrangement. If the County Council were to continue to use this Institution, then the additional costs to be met in the coming year would be expected to be from £15,000 to £20,000 and this would result in an addition to the County Council Demand from Bray which would require an additional rate of 1/3d. to 1/6d. in the £1. But not alone would this extra burden have to be borne by Bray Urban Area; it would also have to be met by ratepayers in every other part of the County.

Of late there have been vague references to the necessity for a local hospital in Bray. Even a slight objective examination of the matter will show that a new hospital could only be erected at enormous expense. Nowadays it can be expected to cost about £4,000 per bed to erect a hospital which will provide even limited Services. Again, there is a difference between a hospital which may be essential for an area and one which it might be a convenience to have. Patients from the Bray area can be provided with hospital accommodation without difficulty at a convenient distance from the town and in institutions which can be reached by public transport by their relatives. In the erection of new hospitals the tendency to-day is towards the provision of institutions which can provide a wide range of specialist services, and having regard to the large-scale development of this type within a short distance of Bray it could scarcely be expected that agreement would be found for a new hospital in Bray which would involve very heavy capital outlay and running costs much above the present average—expenses which would have to be met by the ratepayers of County Wicklow as a whole. It was thought that this was an opportune time to refer to proposals which, if approved, could add very much to the present municipal rate.

Sometimes the comment is made that value is not being got for the money nowadays spent on Health. There would be a small element in the community which never may have had to resort to the wide range of health services nowadays provided by local authorities. They, fortunately, for example, may never have contracted any of the infectious diseases for which free treatment is provided regardless of income. But the official records show that the number of patients from Bray availing of the Hospital, clinical and other services provided by the County Council is increasing each year, aside from the treatment and protection afforded through domiciliary visiting, school medical inspection, immunisation, etc. In the year 1939 a large proportion of the total births for Bray were in Maternity Hospitals and the cost was defrayed by the County Council. The number of cases sent to hospitals from Bray was £15 in the same year, and in most instances the full cost was met by the local authority. The number of attendances at clinics for specialist advice, X-Ray examination, etc., by patients from the Bray area in the same year was 543. These figures go to show that, notwithstanding what some people may say, the public is availing of the Health Services.

For the present year the rate struck by the Council was 35/8d., and of this 17/7d. was raised to meet the County Council Demand. The balance of 18/1d. represents the cost of the Council's own or Municipal Services, such as the Urban Roads, the supply of water, public lighting, sewerage, collection of household refuse, street cleansing, housing, vocational education, the public library, school meals, swimming baths and the various amenities at the Seaford. Many people apparently associate rates merely with roads, public lighting and cleansing, and it does not occur to them that rates nowadays in great part go to meet the cost of numerous social welfare items such as health, housing, school meals, free fuel, public assistance, and unemployment assistance. If, however, the present rate of 18/1d. for

municipal services be compared with that levied about twenty years ago, which on average was 14/0d., it will be found that the increase has been only about 30 per cent. Having regard to the rise in the general level of prices and of all other costs, it might be claimed that it was no mean achievement on the part of the Council to keep the rate for municipal services at such a level in recent years.

It is unfortunate, however, that the rate required for Social Services has shown a rise almost every year for some time past. Improved and new Social Services undoubtedly are being provided, but it does mean that local authorities, in order to reduce outlay, may tend to economise on projects which would provide amenities resulting in better living standards and conditions and an environment suitable to trade and industrial expansion. In the case of a tourist resort where public facilities are so important, it could happen that the insistent demand and growing outlay on Social Services would hamper the local authority in the carrying out of a programme of essential improvements.

Mention must be made again of the disappointment of lack of public interest in the prevention of damage to public property. Every year lifeboats are cut up, stolen or thrown into the sea; bottles are broken on the Strand; trees planted in public places almost invariably attract the attention of vandals; whilst at every fine week-end in the Summer deliberate efforts are made to burn down the woods on Bray Head—last year they were preserved with comparatively little damage until September, and then fires were started at a number of points in the woods on a Sunday afternoon, and serious damage caused before they could be put out by the Council's employees. One may wonder if there is any public resort in these islands which has to cope with such a continuous campaign of deliberate damage to public property.

Once again I wish to convey to the Chairman and Members of the Council my very sincere appreciation of their valued guidance and assistance. During the year problems requiring close attention continued to arise, and in particular much thought was given by members to long-term projects such as Town Planning and Schemes for the provision of tourist amenities.

All the members of the Council's staff have been very diligent in carrying out their work and their contribution is reflected in the standard of the municipal Services, which it is felt compare quite favourably with those provided elsewhere.

Mise le meas mor,

M. FLANNERY,

WICKLOW CO. MANAGER.

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st DAY OF MARCH, 1961.

EXPENDITURE

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
URBAN ROADS.		
Ordinary Road Works:		
Urban Roads maintenance—Wages	1,265	
Materials, Cartage and Tools	600	
Repairs to Footpaths	150	
New Road Works:		
Tar Surfacing—Church Road	250	
Road Signs, Name Plates, etc.	75	
Roadside Tree Planting and Seats	50	
Special Grant Works (Council's Contribution)	365	
Salaries (Surveyor and Overseer, part)	541	
Salaries (Storekeeper, one-half)	298	
Clothing (Workmen)	53	
Superannuation—Former Overseer (one-fourth)	45	
LOAN CHARGES.		
1948 Florence Road Reconstruction (C.P.W.)	—	
1952 Church Road Reconstruction (Treas.)	223	
1952 Reconstruction—Seapoint Road, Novara Ave., Herbert Road, etc. (Treas.)	1,354	
1955 Strand Road, Eglinton Road, etc. (Treas.)	467	
1956 St. Kevin's Sq., Seymour Road, Galtrim Rd., Wyndham Park and Connolly Sq. (Treas.)	458	
1959 Herbert Road, St. Laurence's Tce. and Dock Tce. (Treas.)	332	
1958 Castle Street widening (Treas.)	—	
1960 New access to Seafrost (Ravenwell Road) (Treas.)	120	
	£6,646	
SANITARY SERVICES.		
Sewer—Wages	919	
do. Clothing (Workmen)	36	
do. Materials	200	
do. Superannuation (Workmen)	49	
Cleaning Cockbrook	50	
Cleaning Strand Road Sewer	—	
Waterworks—Salaries	1,246	
Forward	2,500	

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Forward	2,500	
Waterworks: Wages		
do. Clothing—Workmen	1,047	
do. Materials	33	
do. Dublin Corporation for bulk supply @ 2.88d.	200	
3,545		
Scavenging—Domestic Refuse Collection—Wages		
do. Wages (Street Cleaning)	1,775	
do. Clothing—Workmen	3,168	
do. Tools, brushes, etc.	139	
do. Fuel, maintenance, etc., Refuse Vehicle (No. 1)	50	
do. Fuel, maintenance, etc., Refuse Vehicle (No. 2)	350	
do. Repairs to Handcarts	350	
25		
Municipal Baths—Erection of timber decking and repairs		
do. Sundry Repairs	150	
25		
Cove Swimming Pools—Repairs		
do. Sundry Repairs	150	
do. Repairs to Penstock	50	
Water Safety—Contribution towards I.R.C.S.		
Public Lighting	25	
2,545		
Salaries (Surveyor and Overseer—part)		
Superannuation (Former Overseer—part)	541	
45		
Salaries—Storekeeper—part		
Other Sanitary Expenses	298	
20		
Public Conveniences—Repairs and Maintenance		
New Litter Boxes—repairs and replacements	100	
40		
LOAN CHARGES.		
1939 Public Health—General (C.P.W.)	103	
1947 Watermains—Herbert and Vevay Roads (C.P.W.)	93	
1949 Sewers and Watermains—Meath and Sidmonton Rds. (C.P.W.)	227	
1951 Miscellaneous 4" Watermains (Treas.) Scheme No. 1 purchase	135	
1951 Laying of Watermains—Church Rd., etc. (Scheme No. 1) (C.P.W.)	202	
1952 Purchase of additional watermains (Scheme No. 2)	327	
1952 Relaying of Watermains (Scheme No. 2) (C.P.W.)	276	
1955 Relaying of Watermains (Scheme No. 2) (Treas.)	256	
1956 New Sanitary Convenience People's Park and Town Hall (Treas.)	158	
1955 Refuse Collection, etc., Lorry (Treasurer)	217	
Forward	19,318	

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Forward	19,318	
1955 Sea Wall Repairs (Treas.)	261	
1959 Sea Front Improvement Scheme	10	
1960 New Shelters at Esplanade (Treas.) (part charge)	100	
1960 Amusement Centre near Harbour (part charge)	50	
1960 Extension to Sanitary Convenience at Boathouse (part charge)	150	
1960 Purchase of Refuse Collection Vehicle (part charge)	200	
	<u>£20,089</u>	
HOUSING.		
Housing of the Working Classes:		
Maintenance and Repairs	1,500	
Salaries—Surveyor and Overseer—part do. Clerical Staff	541	722
Superannuation—Former Overseer (one- fourth)	45	
Rent Collectors' Commission	1,426	
Rates on Council Houses	7,832	
Rates on Council Houses at Old Conna	4,020	
Insurance	380	
Clearing of Derelict Sites	300	
LOAN CHARGES.		
1931 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver)	1,194	
1933 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver)	912	
1935 Wolfe Tone Sq. and Kilmantain Park (C.P.W.)	6,185	
1936 Wolfe Tone Sq. and Kilmantain Park (C.P.W.)	1,086	
1937 Little Bray Housing Development (C.P.W.)	543	
1939 Little Bray Housing Development (C.P.W.)	121	
1949 3½% Conversion Stock	2,237	
1947 Dublin Rd., etc., 91 houses Scheme (C.P.W.)	2,491	
1949 Dublin Rd., etc., 91 houses Scheme (C.P.W.)	541	
1950 Dublin Rd., etc., 91-houses Scheme (C.P.W.)	287	
1951 Dublin Road, etc.—91 houses Scheme (C.P.W.)	79	
1949 Pollard's Tce., Acquisition	—	
1949 Greenpark Tce., Vevay Road and Dargle Road—18 houses Scheme (C.P.W.)—Direct Labour	523	69
1951 Do.	69	
1950 Fairgreen Tce., St. Peter's Tce., etc. 29 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.)— Direct Labour	858	52
1952 Do.	52	
Forward	33,944	

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Forward	33,944	
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme—As- quisition of Land (C.P.W.)	111	
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme—De- velopment (C.P.W.)	244	
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme—Erec- tion (C.P.W.)	1,070	
1952 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme—Erec- tion (C.P.W.)	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 Scheme—Erection of 48 houses	3,134	
1953 Old Conna Scheme—Erection of 94 houses	6,876	
1954 Old Conna Scheme—Erection of 36 houses (Dublin Road)	2,478	
1951 Acquisition of Dock Tce. (Treas.)	159	
1955 Acquisition of houses at Maitland St. (C.P.W.)	187	
1955 Children's Playground at Boghall Road (Treas.)	202	
1958 Acquisition of houses at Maitland St. (C.P.W.)	160	
1960 Acquisition of houses at Ardee St. (C.P.W.)	131	
1960 Chapel Lane Scheme, etc., 8 houses (Treas.) (part charge)	192	
Small Dwelling (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	
1953 C. Public Works Loan	2,864	
1956 C. Public Works Loans	343	
	<u>£62,182</u>	
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.		
Town Hall Expenses—Lighting, Heating and Cleaning	300	
Do. Repairs	50	
Do. Cleaner's Wages	169	
Tourist Development	300	
Public Library Salaries (Librarian and Assistants)	1,883	
Do. Wages	70	
Do. Books, binding, etc.	800	
Do. Books (Juvenile Section)	550	
Forward	4,122	

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Forward	4,122	
Do. Loan Charges	89	
Do. Heating and Lighting	120	
Do. Repairs and Maintenance	47	
Do. Office Expenses—Stationery, Postage and 'Phone, etc.	178	
Do. Purchase of Records	5	
Vocational Education—Demand	2,558	
Vocational Education—Superannuation	10	
Public Parks and Esplanade—Wages	1,769	
Do. Wages Caretaker — Bog-hall Park	30	
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	200	
Bandstand and Harbour Slipway	350	
Do. Strip Lighting	50	
Do. Flags and pennants	40	
Do. Lifebuoys	40	
Do. Replacement of lamps on Bandstand	80	
Do. Painting of Railings and Seats	800	
Do. Sea Wall Repairs	100	
Do. Repairs to Shelters	20	
Bray Head—Repairs to fences and walls	100	
Do. Planting of Trees	—	
Markets and Weighbridge—Salary of Weighmaster	56	
Do. Repairs	10	
Do. Rent	15	
Band Performances	400	
Milk and Dairies Acts	10	
School Meals—Cost of Food	1,070	
Do. Cost of administration	345	
Salaries	3,497	
Do. Surveyor and Overseer—part	541	
Rate Collector's Commission	951	
Superannuation — Former Overseer—part	45	
Do. Former Weighmaster	219	
Legal Expenses	300	
Audit Expenses	100	
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	530	
Office Expenses—Postage and 'Phone	255	
Preparation of Rate Books, etc.	65	
Rents, Rates and Taxes	205	
Insurances (Fire, E.L., P.L., and F.G.)	490	
Discount on Rates	100	
Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates	550	
Fuel Scheme—Cost of turf, etc.	2,140	
Fuel Scheme—Administration (Printing, etc.)	50	
Bank Interest	50	
Forward	23,037	

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Forward	23,037	
Miscellaneous	50	
Civil Defence	—	
Local Elections, 1960	200	
HARBOUR CHARGES.		
Superannuation of Harbour Master	228	
LOAN CHARGES—GENERAL PURPOSES.		
1932 Vocational Education (C.P.W.)	—	
1943 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.)	253	
1947 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.)	17	
1950 Town Hall alterations and repairs (Treas.)	67	
1953 Esplanade Improvements (Treas.)	276	
1954 New Stores (Treas.)	161	
1955 Preparation of Town Planning Scheme (Treas.)	205	
1957 Town Hall Repairs (Treas.)	714	
1959 Town Hall Repairs (Treasurer) (Supplementary)	297	
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES.		
Main Roads	8,892	
Public Assistance	3,415	
Mental Hospitals	8,824	
Health Services (County)	20,719	
General Purposes (Criminal Injuries)	4,165	
Separate Charges (Fire Brigade)	424	
Separate Charges (Fire Brigade)	1,865	
	48,304	
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE LEVY.		
£51,786 P.L.V. @ 9d. in £1 (1933 and 1940 U.A. Acts)	1,942	
	£75,751	

RECEIPTS.

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
ROADS.		
State Grant—Estate Duty Grant	100	
Miscellaneous	100	
	£200	
SANITARY SERVICES.		
Recoupment Loan Charges on Water- mains—State Grants:—		
Do. Scheme No. 1	127	
Do. Scheme No. 2	228	
Do. Scheme No. 3	95	
Sewer Connections	20	
Water Connections	300	
Water Rents	950	
Sanitary Conveniences	250	
Sewer Rents—Dublin Road	150	
	£2,120	
HOUSING.		
Housing of the Working Classes:		
Housing Subsidy—Little Bray Scheme	910	
Do. Wolfe Tone Square and Cillmantain Park	3,710	
Do. Dublin Rd., 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)	14,819	
Rents (Inc. of Rates)—Old Conna Park	11,503	
Purchase Annuities (Old Schemes)	2,541	
Purchase Annuities and Rates—Scott Park Scheme	2,061	
Ground Rents	648	
SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.		
Repayments by borrowers (old loans)	734	
Repayments by borrowers (new loans)	10,423	
	£55,925	

RECEIPTS.

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.		
State Grants:		
Bounty in lieu of Rates	497	
School Meals	535	
Fuel Scheme	1,823	
Loan Charges on Vocational School	—	
Civil Defence	—	
Other Receipts:		
Fair Green House Letting	20	
Markets and Town Hall Lettings	50	
Dividend on Shelter Fund	10	
Site No. 3 (Putting Green)	240	
Chair Licence	40	
Watercraft Licence	6	
Kiosks—Esplanade	650	
Weighing Machines	40	
Photographic Licence	5	
Sale of Oysters Licence	20	
Fuel Scheme—Payments by recipients and recoupment from Co. 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	
	£5,166	

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1960/61.

SUMMARY OF CHARGES.

	Gross Expenditure £	Receipts £	Net Expenditure £
Roads	6,646	200	6,446
Sanitary Services	20,089	2,120	17,969
Housing Services	62,182	55,925	6,257
General Urban Purposes	75,751	5,166	70,585
	£164,668	£63,411	£101,257

The net requirements to be met from Rate Levy as above, are £101,257. Credits of £685 are available which can be applied to reduce the amount to be raised by Rate Levy in the year 1960/61 to £100,572.

Municipal Rate of 1d. in £1 produces £228.

Rate in the £1 to meet the net expenditure of £100,572 is 36s. 9d.

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

URBAN ROADS:

The Estimate of £150 for repairs to footpaths was reduced to £100.
New Road Works: The estimate for tar surfacing of Church Road was reduced to £200.

Loan Charges: 1960 New Access to Seafrost was reduced to £10. Total reduction under this heading was £210.

During this discussion it was suggested that the E. and E.S.V. Grant for the coming year might be devoted to improvements to Ravenswell Road.

SANITARY SERVICES.

The following reductions were made:—

Sewers: Materials—Reduced from £200 to £150.

Waterworks: Materials—Reduced from £200 to £150.

Municipal Baths: Sundry Repairs—Reduced from £150 to £100.

Loan Charges—New Shelter at Esplanade—Reduced from £100 to £50.

Amusement Centre near Harbour—Reduced from £50 to £10.

Purchase of Refuse Collection Vehicle—Reduced from £200 to £100.

Total reductions under the heading of Sanitary Services was £340.

During the course of discussion under this heading, tributes were paid to Mr. P. Doyle, Water Inspector, and Mr. M. Healy, Town Engineer, for their watchfulness in the matter of waste of water.

Mr. M. O'Toole suggested that at a later stage the question of raising a loan for Municipal Repairs Improvements might be considered.

Several members expressed the view that the present Litter Boxes were too small. It was decided to have the matters mentioned examined.

HOUSING.

The following reductions were made in Housing Estimates:—
Clearing of Derelict Sites was reduced from £300 to £50.
Provision of Loan Charges for Chapel Lane Scheme was reduced from £192 to £10.
Total reductions under Housing was therefore £432.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

The following reductions were made under this heading:
Provision for payment of Caretaker at Boghall Park in the sum of £80 was eliminated.

Estimate of £350 for Strip Lighting was reduced to £300.

Estimate for painting of railings and seats at the Esplanade was reduced from £800 to £500.

Estimate for repairs to fences and walls at Bray Head was reduced from £100 to £50.

Estimate for Legal Expenses was reduced from £300 to £250.

Estimate for Elections was reduced from £200 to £150.

Total reductions under this heading is £580.

During the course of discussion, a suggestion was made by Mr. E. Byrne that the question of improved heating to the Boardroom and Offices of the Council be examined. Mr. M. O'Toole proposed that the Tourist Grant be reduced by £100, but received no seconder.

Mr. M. O'Toole and Mr. E. Byrne were of the opinion that the Library Estimate should not be increased on that of last year and dissented from the decision to pass the current estimate of the Library Advisory Committee.

It was also mentioned that persons to whom the kiosks are let each year should make provision for disposal of their own litter other than putting it in the Litter containers erected on the Esplanade for the public.

RECEIPTS.

The County Manager's Estimate of Receipts was then considered and the following changes were made:

Putting Green—increased by £15.

Chair Licences increased by £10.

It was decided on the proposition of Mr. D. Sayers, seconded by Mr. E. Byrne to adopt the Estimate as amended and having taken a further credit of £33 to bring credits available to £718 a rate of 36s. 2d. in the £ was adopted. The Chairman thanked the officials and Members of the Council for their help and for their general efficiency and responsible approach to the many problems which presented themselves during his term of office. The Members thanked the Manager for the manner in which the Estimates were presented and also the Council's staff both indoor and outdoor.

SALE OF OYSTERS.

On the proposition of Mr. E. Byrne, seconded by Mr. H. B. Hipwell, it was decided to accept the offer of Mr. Thomas Boyle, 12 Muckross Ave., Perrystown, Dublin, in the sum of £20 for a site for the sale of Oysters on the Esplanade during the coming Summer season.

Accepted
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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council, held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 19th April, 1960, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Officials—Messrs. M. Flannery, Wicklow Co. Manager, D. F. McCarthy Town Clerk, and M. Healy, Town Engineer. Apologies for inability to attend were received from Cllrs. C. Doyle and D. Sayers.

371.—WESTLAND ROW/GREYSTONES RAILWAY LINE.

After a discussion on the feared curtailment of services on above Railway Line it was decided to hold a Special Meeting to discuss the matter. The Town Clerk was directed to invite to the Meeting representatives of all Organisations in Bray and also ask that Dublin Corporation, Dun Laoghaire Corporation and Dublin County Council send representatives. The Greystones Development Association are also to be communicated with. It was decided to hold the Meeting in about a month's time.

372.—TOWN PLANNING ACTS—DIESEL SWING ARM AT DOYLE'S GARAGE.

Arising out of an application from Messrs. Doyle's Garage for permission to erect a Diesel Swing Arm Pump the Town Clerk read a letter from Council's Solicitors stating that the proposal could lead to interference with the free passage and use of the public highway and therefore the Council had power to prevent its erection.

In accordance with the advice of the Solicitors it was decided to recommend refusal of permission as sought.

373.—SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQ.) ACTS—S. DE BARRA TO J. J. REILLY, 9 CHERRYTREE DRIVE, BRAY

Application from Mr. S. de Barra for permission to transfer his interest in 9 Cherry Tree Drive to Mr. John J. Reilly, 19 Ballywaltrim. Order: Recommend approval.

374.—SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQ.) ACTS—DONNELLY TO HARTNETT "CORRIG", NEWCOURT ROAD.

Application from Mr. E. K. Donnelly for permission to transfer his interest in "Corrig", Newcourt Road, Bray, to Mr. C. S. Hartnett. Order: Recommend approval.

375.—DRAFT PLANNING SCHEME.

The Council proceeded to consider the Draft Planning Scheme in detail commencing with Part III—Public Roads:

The Manager explained Clause 18 gave the Local Authorities concerned with Road Widening in the Urban Area, i.e. the Wicklow Co. Council where Main Roads are concerned and the Bray U.D.C. otherwise, twenty years within which to carry out the proposals. In reply to a question the Manager stated that the Council were not bound to the twenty year period which could be extended. The Meeting then approved the proposals set out in Table B.

Clause 19—Restricted Development.

The Manager explained the provisions here stating that before any land in Table C would be developed a Road Plan would have to be submitted and approved. The Council also approved the Clause and the Table but on the suggestion of Cllr. M. O'Toole it was decided to consider the amending of the Table by the addition of Barry's Field.

Clause 20—This Clause deals with Land within 150 feet from the centre line of the proposed new Main Road and was approved.

Clause 21 — Building Lines.—The Manager explained the nature and purpose of this Clause with its annexed Table B which sets out the Building Lines. Same was approved without amendment.

Part IV—Clauses 20 and 23.—Zoning and Use Tables.

The Council spent a considerable time discussing these particular Clauses and it was decided to amend Table F (1) by the omission of Cinemas as a class of structure prohibited in Zone 1—Seafront.

The question of the prohibition of Industrial Buildings—Zone 11, General Business, was debated at length. Cllr. P. Dempsey and others held that the definition of "Industrial premises" (i.e. that of the Factories Act, 1955) would impose a hardship on small Industries which could be set up in General Business Areas and which would not be noisy or objectionable. On the other hand it was argued that Shopkeepers, under the Town Plan, might well expect reasonable safeguards against setting up of Industries near their premises. It was eventually decided that the definition of "Industrial premises" would be examined again in an endeavour to safeguard the interests of shopkeepers, and at the same time not prohibit Industries of a not objectionable character.

Industrial—Zone III. Cllr. P. Dempsey made a strong plea for the deletion of the prohibition on offensive trades from this Zone. The Members generally, however, agreed with the proposed prohibition. The Manager stated that he would cause the definition of "Offensive Trades" to be reviewed and had asked the Medical Officer of Health for his views.

Clause 24—Shopping Frontages.

The Manager having explained the implications of the Clause same was agreed. It was decided to look into a point mentioned of a shop near the Gospel Hall in Florence Road not listed in Table.

G. H. G. Stuart
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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 26th April, 1960, at 7.30 p.m.

Present—Councillors Mr. G. H. G. Stuart (Chairman), Messrs. 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 and D. Sayers.

Apology for inability to attend was received from Clr. P. Savage.

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

376.—LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS.

The Council noted that the date for the Local Government Elections was 29th June, 1960, as fixed by the Wicklow County Council.

377.—S.D.A. ACTS—2 CHERRYTREE DRIVE.

The Council recommended that permission be granted to Mr. A. Dutton to lease 2 Cherrytree Drive to Mr. Desmond F. Parle for three years.

378.—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS—KIOSK ON STRAND ROAD.

Application from Mr. A. Borza for permission to erect a temporary kiosk on the forecourt of his premises at Strand Road.

Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be refused.

Order: Recommend refusal of permission.

379.—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS—ALTERATIONS TO JEWEL BOX, STRAND ROAD.

Application by Mr. J. Reid for permission to convert a door in the Jewel Box, Strand Road, to a window and remove the chimney stack to another part of the building. The Town Engineer stated that this matter had come to his attention and he had requested Mr. Reid to make the application for permission. He had no objection to the work of converting a door into a window but as he understood that Mrs. Dawson, a neighbour, had objected to the changing of the chimney, he recommended that the Council not give permission for this work. The Town Clerk also read a letter from Mrs. Dawson objecting to the location of the chimney because it would bring it nearer to her premises.

Order: Recommend approval for the conversion of the door to a window, and disapproval for the changing of the chimney.

380.—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS—BUNGALOWS AT REAR OF "THE LAWN."

Application from Mr. M. Lyons to erect two bungalows at the rear of "The Lawn" and fronting Kingsmill Road. The Town Engineer reported that he felt that in this area bungalows would be inappropriate.

The Members, however, recommended that permission be granted subject to detailed Plans being submitted.

381.—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS—CONVERSION OF "THE LAWN" INTO FLATS.

Application from Mr. M. Lyons for permission to convert the house known as "The Lawn," Sidmonton Road, into four flats. Recommendation from the Town Engineer and from the Co. Medical Officer of Health who had also examined the matter, that permission be granted, but that the attention of the applicant be drawn to the Council's By-laws regarding overcrowding of flats of this type.

Order: Recommend approval subject to the reports of the above-mentioned Officers.

382.—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS—TWO-STOREY HOUSE AT KING EDWARD ROAD.

Application from Royal Bank of Ireland for permission to erect a two-storey house at King Edward Road. Recommendation from Town Engineer that approval be granted subject to the site being increased to one-third acre and the Building Line be 100 feet from the centre of King Edward Road.

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

383.—REPAIRS TO TOWN HALL—LOAN £2,400.

On the proposition of Clr. H. B. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. D. Sayers, it was resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to a Deed of Charge to the Hibernian Bank Ltd., for a loan of £2,400 for above.

384.—DRAFT TOWN PLAN.

Arising out of a point made by the Members at the Meeting of 19th April it was unanimously decided on the proposition of Councillor Hipwell, seconded by Clr. D. Sayers, to include the area known as Barry's Field in the Land Reservation Schedule as a Public Open Space. The Manager undertook to get legal advice on a point raised by Clr. Dempsey when he asked if an area which was scheduled as a Public Open Space and acquired by the Council could be used to contain a Concert Hall, Bowling Greens, etc.

Shopping Frontages: Arising out of a point made at the Meeting of 19th April it was decided to include in Table H—Shopping Frontages, a shop at the western side of Gospel Hall, Florence Road.

Clause 25 — Curtilage of Buildings: The Council agreed this Clause. It had been explained to them by the County Manager, who pointed out that spires and decorative additions to houses were to be discounted in reckoning curtilage.

Clause 26. The Council approved the provisions of this Clause and the Density Table attached thereto.