

For Clr. Hunt—five (5) votes:
Clr. E. Byrne, J. Byrne, F. G. Hunt, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Clr. M. O'Toole.

Clr. H. B. Hipwell was accordingly declared elected and took the Chair.

He thanked the members for electing him and expressed his hope that he would maintain the high standard of his predecessors in office.

927.—Election of Vice-Chairman.

Clr. E. Byrne proposed and Clr. M. O'Toole seconded that Clr. D. Sayers be Vice-Chairman for the coming year. There being no other proposal, Clr. Sayers was declared elected and returned thanks to the members for electing him.

928.—Delegates to the Municipal Authorities' Congress at Courtown in September, 1962.

The following were proposed:

Clr. Mrs. M. Ledwidge, proposed by Clr. C. Doyle, seconded by Clr. D. Sayers.

Clr. J. Temple, proposed by Clr. E. Byrne and seconded by Clr. G. Hunt.

Clr. D. Sayers, proposed by Clr. Stuart and seconded by Clr. M. O'Toole.

Clr. D. Sayers withdrew his name and Clr. Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Clr. J. Temple were elected to attend the Conference together with the Town Clerk.

On the proposal of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, it was decided that in future Delegates to this Conference would be selected on a rotation basis.

929.—Swimming Pool—Architect.

The Council approved of the selection by Bórd Fáilte Eireann of Mr. Michael Scott to be Architect for the new Swimming Pool on condition that the Board paid his fees and expenses.

930.—Six Houses at Chapel Lane.

On the suggestion of Clr. Temple it was decided to write to C. Dodd and Sons, Contractors, giving them 14 days in which to commence the above contract.

931.—Closing of Roads. Irish Karting Club Race.

With Clr. Stuart dissenting, the Council agreed to close the following roads on Sunday afternoon, July 18th, for a Kart Club Race in aid of the funds of the Irish Red Cross. The route to be closed is Novara Terrace, Galtrim Road, Kingsmill Road, Sidmonton Place and Novara Road to Novara Terrace. It was stipulated that the necessary insurances be taken out and that the promoters would pay the cost of advertising.

932.—Excess Expenditure for the year 1961/62.

Excess expenditure for the year 1961/62 was voted as follows on the proposal of Clr. McAuliffe, seconded by Clr. D. Sayers.
Roads—£340. Sanitary Services—£103 (cleaning Dargle river near Bray Bridge).

The excess expenditure was voted in accordance with the requirements of Section II of the Local Government Act, 1955.

933.—Bray Amusements Committee.

Permission was granted Bray Amusements Committee to erect small posters on the Bandstand during Civic Week.

934.—On the suggestion of Clr. Temple, the Town Clerk was instructed to conclude as an item for the July meeting the question of establishing a sub-committee of the Council to look into the matter of the siting of dumps and control of outdoor staff.

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 10th July, 1962, at 7.30 p.m.

Present—Councillors Messrs. H. B. Hipwell (Chairman), J. Byrne, E. Byrne, C. Doyle, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, H. L. McAuliffe, M. O'Toole, G. H. Stuart, D. Sayers, and J. Temple.

Apology for inability to attend, owing to illness, was received and accepted in respect of Councillor J. O'Toole.

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

924. Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the monthly meeting of 12th June, 1962, which had been circulated were confirmed.

925. County Manager's Orders.

Manager's Orders nos. 8571 to 8582 were noted.

926. Contract for six houses at Chapel Lane.

After discussion on the failure of the Contractor to commence work on these houses it was decided that the Council consult their Law Agent and if he had no objection that the Contract be re-advertised.

927. Powerscourt and Kilbride Nursing Association.

Customary permission was granted to the above association to hold a Market Stall on the Promenade on Wednesday, 18th July, 1962.

928. Closing of Roads—Kart Club Race.

Town Clerk informed the meeting he had inserted the necessary advertisement in the above matter and had received no objection. The Council agreed on the proposal of Councillor McAuliffe, seconded by Councillor Sayers to close the roads specified.

929. Closing of Roads—Circuit of Bray Cycle Race.

It was decided to insert the customary advertisement of Intention to close the Florence Road from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, 2nd September, 1962 for the purpose of holding the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race. This on the proposal of Councillor McAuliffe, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne with Councillor M. O'Toole dissenting.

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930. 1 Jones' Terrace.

The Engineer's recommendation that the value of above house would be £100 was discussed as was the general situation in Jones' Terrace. It was finally decided that the County Officer of Health be asked to carry out a survey of the terrace with a view to determining what houses therein were unfit for human habitation.

931. 23/28 Castle Street.

On the proposal of Councillor M. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne it was agreed to purchase the interest of Miss Kelly in the six houses Nos. 23/28, Castle Street for the sum of £100 per house and the necessary excess expenditure, including legal costs was voted. The Council also decided to purchase the ground landlord's interest if these could be obtained at a reasonable price. The decision was made in furtherance of the Council's policy of buying all available houses on the western side of Castle Street on the understanding that they be eventually demolished by the Wicklow County Council and the cost to the Urban Council be recouped to the Council by that body, who, it is understood, would receive 100 per cent. grant for their project of widening the main road at this part.

932. Loan of £4,300—Erection of Toilets and Shelter at Esplanade.

On the proposal of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, it was resolved that the seal of the Council be affixed to a document of Charge, Hibernian Bank to Bray Urban Council for a Loan of £4,300 for 15 years to finance above project.

933. Salaries of Rent Collectors.

There was considerable discussion on an application from Irish Local Government Official's Union to have Rent Collector, L. Duffy, placed on the same salary scale as the Rent Collectors in Dublin Corporation, i.e. £640 x 30 to £790 per annum. The letter from the Union stated that when applying for a Salary revision in March, 1961 an error had been made on the scale granted and that application was not comparable with other increases. Some members of the Council queried the fact that application was only made for one of two Collectors and were informed by Town Clerk that the second Rent Collector was not a member of the Union. It was therefore proposed by Councillor Temple and seconded by Councillor Sayers that the application of the Union be granted in respect of Mr. Duffy as they had no application before them from the second Rent Collector. The County Manager stated that this would not be proper procedure and after further discussion Councillor Temple withdrew his proposition and the matter was deferred on the proposal of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne.

934. Flag Days.

Several members complained of the number of Flag Days being held in Bray in recent weeks and the Town Clerk was directed to write to the Chief Superintendent and ask that Flag Days in Bray be limited to one per week and for one day only.

935. Rescue on Bray Head.

The members desired the Town Clerk to convey their hearty congratulations to the Civil Defence, Fire Brigade, the Garda and Mr. P. Dempsey of the Irish Red Cross for the efficient and heroic work performed by all concerned in splendid co-operation.

936. Town and Regional Planning.

The following recommendations were taken on Town and Regional Planning:-

- (a) Application from Rev. Mother, Loreto Convent, to extend the existing Gate Lodge. Report from Town Engineer recommending approval. Recommended approval be granted.
- (b) Application from Byrne Bros. to erect new glass houses at Killarney Road. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted. Recommendation approval be granted.
- (c) Application from Mr. T. Delimata of Kamila, Newcourt Road, for permission to erect additional bedroom. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted. Recommendation permission be granted.
- (d) Application from Mrs. E. Woulfe to erect bungalow at site 53 at Raheen Park. Report from Engineer that from the external plan the bungalow would not look well externally and stating that in view of the fact that there was 80ft. frontage available he stated that it would be possible to erect a very attractive bungalow with equal or better accommodation than that submitted. The plan showed that the full length of the bungalow would be at right angles to the steeply sloping site. Further stating that no details of the garage had been submitted. Recommendation permission be refused.

937. Outdoor Staff—Duties and Supervision.

The Council, having gone into committee discussed at great length what was termed by many of the members as lack of supervision by the Overseer on the Outdoor Staff and also the undesirability of having temporary dumps in many parts of the town. Councillor McAuliffe suggested that a special committee be held to discuss the whole matter and it was eventually decided that Town Engineer submit a report covering all the points raised.

938. Auction of Kiosks—J. F. Kinsella.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. Kinsella, Auctioneer had failed to pay over to the Council sums totalling £1,109 received by him from the kiosk holders this year. He read a letter from the Council's Solicitors stating that he had taken action in the High Court for the recovery of the monies and also stating that the Council would be quite entitled to object to the renewal of Mr. Kinsella's licence if the Council so desired. The members expressed their dismay at what had happened and decided to leave the question of objection to the renewal of the licence in the hands of the Chairman and County Manager.

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 14th August, 1962, at 7.30 p.m.

Present—Councillors Messrs. H. B. Hipwell (Chairman), J. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, F. G. Hunt, H. L. McAuliffe, M. O'Toole, J. O'Toole, G. H. G. Stuart, D. Sayers and J. Temple.

Apologies for inability to attend were received and accepted from Councillors E. Byrne and C. Doyle.

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

Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Council's Solicitor was also in attendance.

939.—Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Charles Coughlan, and all present paid respectful tribute to his diligent services in the library and to his kindly qualities as a man.

940.—Congratulations.

The congratulations of the Council were extended to the Right Rev. Eugene Boylan, a native of Bray, on his recent election as Lord Abbot of the Cistercian Monastery of Roscrea, and also to His Eminence Cardinal Browne on his elevation to the College of Cardinals.

941.—Councillor J. O'Toole.

The Chairman and other members extended a hearty welcome to Councillor J. O'Toole returning to his first meeting after his recent illness.

942.—Minutes of Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 10th July, 1962, which had been circulated were confirmed.

943.—Manager's Orders.

Co. Manager's Orders Nos. 8583 to 8592 were noted.

944.—Housing Scheme—Chapel Lane.

After a discussion on the fact that the Contractor had not commenced building on above site, it was decided to ask him to attend at the Town Hall on Saturday, 18th August, at 11 a.m. to discuss the matter with the Town Clerk and any Councillors who could be in attendance.

945.—Outdoor Staff—Wages. Labour Court Decision.

On the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Sayers, it was unanimously agreed to accept the Labour Court recommendation that the wages of the outdoor staff be increased from £8 per week to £9 1s. 0d. per week with effect from 1/1/1962. The Council also voted the necessary excess expenditure of £825 to implement the award.

946.—Gaming and Lotteries Act.

The Council noted a letter from the Department of Justice to the effect that it was not proposed to amend the above act on the lines suggested by the Council.

947.—Relief Schemes 1962/63.

The Council deferred a decision on the expenditure of a grant of £1,850 notified and requested the Engineer's recommendation be circulated for the next meeting.

948.—Closing of Florence Road—Circuit of Bray Cycle Race.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had published the necessary advertisement and no objection had been received re the above. It was decided on the proposition of Clr. McAuliffe, seconded by Clr. Sayers, that Florence Road be closed to traffic on Sunday, 2nd September, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Clr. Sayers asked that the Amusements Committee should be requested to have more stewards on duty on the occasion of the race.

949.—Auditor's Report for the year ended 31/3/1961.

The above report, which had been circulated, was adopted. The Council noted with satisfaction that the Auditor had no adverse comment to make.

950.—Staff Control—Report from Town Engineer.

It was decided to defer consideration of above to the next monthly meeting and that in the meantime the report be circulated.

951.—Rent Collectors—Application for Revised Salary.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that an application had now been received from Rent Collector P. Mooney for a revision of salary to the scale of £640 x £80 to £790, with effect from the 1/8/1960. On the proposal of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. M. O'Toole, it was recommended that the above salary be

granted to Mr. Mooney, who applied individually, and to Mr. Duffy, on whose behalf the Irish Local Government Officials' Union had applied. The necessary excess expenditure was approved.

952.—23/28 Castle Street—Purchase of Fee-simple interest.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that they had received an offer of the fee-simple interest of the above houses for a total of £390 plus Valuer's fee of £8, for the leasehold interest of two leaseholders and the fee-simple interest of the DeButts Estate. On the proposition of Clr. J. Byrne, seconded by Clr. J. O'Toole, it was decided to accept the offer. Arising out of this discussion Clr. McAuliffe asked that steps be taken to board up Nos. 36 and 36a Castle Street.

953.—Street Collections.

A letter was received from Chief Superintendent Collieran to the effect that he appreciated the comments of the Council in the matter of Street Collections in Bray. That at present he was unable to do very much about it, but that on September 25th the Street and House to House Collection Act, 1962, would come into force and he would then have the necessary powers to deal with the situation which had given rise to the complaint from the Council.

954.—Sanitary Services—Excess Expenditure.

On the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Sayers, the Council authorises excess expenditure in the sum of £853 for the year ended 31/3/1962 under the heading of Sanitary Services.

The Council also authorises excess expenditure for Public Liability Insurance in the sum of £225 for the year ending 31/3/1963.

955.—S. D. A. Acts—Applications.

- (a) Westways, Davitt Road. Butler to Bradshaw.
Council recommended that permission be granted to Mr. J. Butler to transfer his interest in the above house to Mr. James Bradshaw, 2 Duncairn Avenue.
- (b) Glenvere, Newcourt Road. J. Hoey to Rungay.
The Council recommended also that permission be granted to Mr. John Hoey to transfer his interest in the above house to Mr. D. Rungay on condition that the officials were satisfied that Mr. Rungay would be a suitable person to whom a loan could be made.

956.—Town and Regional Planning Acts—Applications.

The Council recommended that permission be granted in accordance with the Town Engineer's report in the following

cases:—

L. P. Byrne, Mayfield House, Vevay Road, who wishes to make an extension to his extension.

957.—Lease of Land at Ravenswell Road.

A letter was received from Mr. T. Hyland, 90 Main Street, Bray, seeking permission to lease a site at Ravenswell Road. The Council indicated that they would be willing to lease to Mr. Hyland on the same conditions as they had proposed to grant last year to Mr. James.

958.—C.I.E. Trains.

Clr. Hunt wondered if there was any possibility of the Summer Train Service being extended a little further this year. After discussion it was decided to ask the Station Master to be kind enough to call to the Town Hall on Saturday morning next to discuss this question with any of the Councillors who could attend and if necessary to bring with him the Area Manager.

959.—Renewal of Lease of Esplanade.

Mr. McCarroll, Council's Solicitor, dealt with the legal position of this matter at some length. He stated that he had several discussions with the Solicitor to the Meath Estates Ltd., on the Draft Lease and the position now was that the Estates were prepared to grant a renewal of the lease at the price previously agreed upon, i.e., £100, and that they were also prepared to give permission to the Council to erect the proposed Swimming Pool on the Northern end of the Esplanade and a new structure where the present Municipal Baths stand. Mr. McCarroll advised the Council most strongly to accept these terms, stating that having given the legal aspect of the matter very close consideration, and having taken Counsel's opinion thereon, he felt that any legal action they might take would not get them better conditions than those offered. After a lengthy discussion on the matter it was proposed by Clr. Temple and seconded by Clr. J. Byrne and resolved that Mr. McCarroll's advice in the matter be accepted and that the Draft Lease as presented be signed on condition that permission for the Swimming Pool and the new structure in place of the Municipal Baths be granted. Clr. McAuliffe thanked Mr. McCarroll for his very clear explanation of the issues involved.

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 11th September, 1962, at 7.30 p.m.

Present—Cllrs. Messrs. H. B. Hipwell (Chairman), J. Byrne, E. Byrne, C. Doyle, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. G. Hunt, H. L. McAuliffe, M. O'Toole, J. O'Toole, G. H. G. Stuart, D. Savers and J. Temple.

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

960.—Resolutions of Sympathy.

The Council voted their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Long, O'Byrne Road, on the death of her husband; to Mrs. Traynor, Hugo House, Duncairn Avenue, on the death of her son; to the relatives of the late Mrs. M. O'Neill, 9 Wolfe Tone Square, Middle.

961.—Lord Abbot of Mount Mellory.

A letter from the Right Rev. Don Eugene Boylan, Lord Abbot of Mount Mellory, thanking the Council for their congratulations to him, was noted.

962.—People's Park—Civil Defence.

The Council granted permission to the Civil Defence to use the People's Park on Sunday, 14th October, 1962, at 3 p.m., for an A.F.S. Demonstration to which Mr. Brophy, C.D.O., cordially invited the Councillors.

963.—Avoca Mines.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a local committee had been set up to see what could be done to alleviate distress and unemployment in above matter and asked that representatives of the Council would attend the meeting in Moore's Hall, Avoca, on the 12th inst., at 8 p.m. The Council wished the local committee every success and Cllrs. J. O'Toole and H. McAuliffe volunteered and were nominated to attend the meeting.

964.—Minutes of Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 14th August, 1962, which had been circulated, were confirmed.

965.—Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders Nos. 8593 to 8599 were noted.

966.—E.S.V. Schemes.

The Town Engineer's report for 1962-63, which had been circulated was considered. After a short discussion, on the proposal of Councillor Stuart, seconded by Councillor Savers, it was decided that the grant

of local contribution should be expended on the repair of footpaths, and recommended that the Engineer give priority to those in Herbert Road, Meath Road, and Novara Road. Cllr. McAuliffe asked that the Engineer look into the condition of the footpath and roadway near the Harbour Bar and the footpath at Old Conna Avenue. Cllr. Savers asked that the County Council be written to regarding the condition of the footpath on the Upper Dargle Road. Cllr. Mrs. Ledwidge said she had very recently taken up this matter with the County Council.

967.—Outdoor Staff—Report of Town Engineer.

The points emerging from a long discussion on Mr. Healy's report of 20th August, 1962, on the supervision of Outdoor Staff, litter, etc., were that the Bye-laws brought into force by the Wicklow County Council three years ago should be enforced in the town of Bray and if necessary offenders should be prosecuted. The public should also be asked to co-operate in the matter of having proper bins. The Engineer might examine the question of having larger and more substantial litter bins placed on the streets, and that the question of employing extra temporary men for the Summer season be considered when the estimates were being prepared.

968.—Ravenswell Row site—Lease to Bardkmit Company.

The members of the Council, having been circulated with the necessary information required by Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, it was proposed by Cllr. C. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. J. Byrne, and resolved that, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the plot of ground at Ravenswell Row be leased to the above company in accordance with the terms set out in the Town Clerk's memo of 23rd August, 1962.

969.—Killarney Road—Itinerants. Memorial from Residents.

A Memorial from the residents of Killarney Road and the areas adjoining it was submitted, asking that the Council enclose part of the road which was being used as a tinkers' encampment. On the suggestion of Cllr. Temple, the matter was referred to the Wicklow County Council to be considered at the next meeting of the Members from North Wicklow. Arising out of the discussion on the subject, the following resolution was adopted by the Council, proposed by Cllr. McAuliffe, seconded by Cllr. J. Byrne, and resolved—"that camping by itinerants on public roads in Urban Districts be prohibited and that the Department of Justice be asked to introduce legislation for this purpose without delay.

970.—Sub-committee Meetings.

(a) The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Cllrs. Temple, McAuliffe, and J. Byrne, met Messrs. Boyle and O'Riain of C.I.E. Headquarters and Mr. Banville, Station Master, in the Town Hall on Saturday, August 29th, and as a result of the representations by the Councillors, C.I.E. ran a Sunday service on September 2nd.

Six Sites of Chapel Houses.

(b) The Town Clerk told the meeting that on legal advice it had been decided to re-serve notice to commence work on the above six houses, on the Contractors.

971.—Bórd Fáilte Eireann—Municipal Baths.

The Council considered plans for toilets, shelter and Café at the Municipal Baths site submitted by Mr. Scott, Architect, in substitution for plans of some months ago drawn up by Mr. Fox, Architect, and approved of same. The Architect stated that it was estimated that the total cost would come to £18,500. Regarding the Bórd Fáilte Scheme generally, the Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Council had received a cheque for £2,340 for the purchase of the Devitt property.

at the the "Island," Strand Road, Bray. He furthermore stated that Mr. Finucane, Contractor, proposed to commence work at the Boathouse before the end of the month.

972.—S.D.A. Acts—Applications.

The following applications were approved:—

(a) P. G. Kelly and Kevin O'Toole—Loans of £1,530 for houses to be built at Boghill Road, Bray.

(b) Transfer of interest in "Glanmire," Davitt Road, Bray, from Mr. C. O'Neill to Mrs. G. L. Byrne. Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mrs. Byrne's application was to be guaranteed by her husband, Mr. H. J. Byrne.

973.—Town and Regional Planning Acts—Applications.

(a) P. J. Mullen, 6 Florence Road—permission to erect a garage. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted. Recommendation approved.

(b) Application from W. J. Kelly, 22 Scott Park, for permission to erect new kitchen, bathroom and garage at 2 Diamond Terrace, Greenpark Road. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted. Recommendation approved.

(c) Application from W. A. Maguire, Architect, on behalf of Mr. H. G. Hunt, for permission to carry out extensions and reconstruction to his Amusement Arcade on the Strand Road. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted subject to the agreement of the County Fire Officer and the Health Inspector. Recommendation approved, with Clr. McAuliffe dissenting.

(d) Application from C. A. Stanfield, Architect, on behalf of Miss J. F. Harrison, Sliabh Fana, Newcourt Road, Bray, for outline approval to the erection of 11 houses between Newcourt Avenue and Raheen Park. Report from Town Engineer pointing out that the Council had already decided to acquire this land as a public open space. Further, that the contours, section or levels were not shown, but it was clear that three of the bungalows proposed would be on an extremely steep gradient on which it would be difficult to supply water pressure. Further, no details of sewers or service water drainage were shown. Finally, the Engineer was of opinion that it would be most undesirable that private dwellings should be erected so close to Bray Head, as this would injure the amenities of the area which is one of the main attractions of Bray as a holiday resort. The Town Engineer recommended that the application be not granted in principle.

It was recommended that the present application be not granted.

(e) Application from Mr. P. C. O'Grady, Architect, on behalf of Mrs. M. McHugh, for permission to erect a Bungalow at site No. 51, Raheen Park, Bray. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be refused, on the grounds that the only elevation shown on the plans is not very pleasant. The kitchen and dining room arrangement is very unsatisfactory. No section of the garage roof and no site elevation of the Bungalow is shown. The garage is extremely narrow and has no window or vent. The floor area of 838 square feet is smaller than that of houses erected by the Urban Council. Recommendation from Council that permission be refused in accordance with the Town Engineer's recommendation.

(f) Application from Mr. P. C. O'Grady, Architect, for permission to erect new Bungalow on site No. 53 Raheen Park, Bray, for Mrs. E. Woulfe. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted, stating that proposal was an improvement on one refused at a recent meeting of the Council. Recommendation approved.

(h) Application from F. H. Jones, Architect, on behalf of Irish Sound Development Co., 63 Court Road, Eltham, London, for house development at the King Edward Road, Bray, i.e., the erection of six houses and approval for two further houses at a later date.

The Engineer reported that conditions recommended in a previous application for this site by Mr. Finucane should be observed and the houses at King Edward Road, end should be kept in line with "Ardcaoin" and that corner at the junction of King Edward Road and Killarney Road should be suitably rounded off. Furthermore, that plans showing the proposed colour finishes should be submitted. The Council were further informed that the interior lay-out of these houses were not considered satisfactory, particularly as the effect of providing four bedrooms, a kitchen, dining room, lounge and study in a house of the type resulted in very small rooms. It was recommended that permission not be granted.

974.—Notice of Motion.

The Chairman accepted the following Notice of Motion from Councillor E. E. Byrne.

"That in view of the very satisfactory improvement in the floral decorations on the Esplanade and River walks, that time be allowed at the next meeting of the Council to consider if similar improvement could be carried out in the other open spaces under the Council's control."

975.—Municipal Authorities Conference.

Clr. Temple, one of the Delegates, to the forthcoming conference, informed the meeting that a circular had been received from the Secretary of the Association to the effect that the Constitution of the Association laid it down that Delegates be appointed for the lifetime of the particular Council and not annually. He went on to say that Bray Urban Council had always rejected this view and he resented very much the attitude of the Association. The Town Clerk stated that since receiving the Circular he had been in touch with the Secretary of the Association Mr. R. De Barra, who informed him that the circular emanated as a result of a request from members of the Executive from another Council. The Council agreed generally with the sentiments expressed by Clr. Temple.

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



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Present—Councillors Messrs. H. B. Hipwell (Chairman), J. Byrne, E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. G. Hunt, H. L. McAuliffe, G. H. G. Stuart, D. Sayers, J. Temple.

Officials present—Messrs. M. Flannery (Co. Manager), M. Healy (Town Engineer), D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk), and J. P. McDonnell (Accountant).

Apologies for inability to attend were received and accepted from Councillors J. O'Toole, M. O'Toole and C. Doyle.

976.—Minutes of Meeting.

The Minutes of the monthly Meeting of 11th September, which had been circulated, were confirmed.

977.—County Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders Nos. 8602 to 8632 were noted.

978.—Avoca Mines.

Councillor McAuliffe reported that he, with Councillor J. O'Toole, had attended a meeting in Avoca in connection with the closing of the Mines. The Local Committee had requested him to convey their very best thanks to the Bray Urban District Council for their sympathy and interest.

979.—Report from Delegates to the Annual Conference of Association of Municipal Authorities at Courtown.

Councillor J. Temple reported that—

- (a) The Resolution regarding the increase of income limit for S.D. applicants to £1,300 was adopted unanimously.
- (b) The Motion regarding the system of rate demands on Urban areas was referred to the Executive.

He went on to protest that Councillor Hipwell had not voted on a Buncrana Resolution regarding the system of appointing Delegates to the Conference in accordance with the policy of the Bray Urban District Council. He went on to state that this Buncrana Resolution supported by Bray was defeated at Congress and this meant that Bray Delegates would not be allowed rotate in the future. The Chairman, Clr. Hipwell, stated that the effect of the vote was not as Clr. Temple stated. After a general discussion, it was decided that the Town Clerk write to the Secretary of the Association for a clarification of the position which now existed in this matter.

980.—Notice of Motion—Clr. E. Byrne—Floral Decorations.

Clr. E. Byrne moved his Motion to the effect that improvements in floral decorations could be carried out in Scott Park and other open spaces in a manner similar to the very successful effort on the River Walk north of the bridge. After a general discussion it was decided to get a report from the Town Engineer in the matter.

981.—Intermediate Examination Results.

The Resolution from Carrickmacross Urban District Council asking that the results of the Intermediate Examination be made available each year not later than the third week in August was unanimously adopted.

982.—Housing—Lands at Old Conna.

The Town Clerk reported that plans were being prepared and reports had been received and that it was now proposed to go ahead with the compulsory purchase of some eight (8) acres of land at Old Conna. The Council approved the steps taken on the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor McAuliffe.

983.—Housing—Tenant Purchase Schemes.

After a general discussion on the history of Tenant Purchase Schemes in Bray, it was decided that data be prepared and circulated to the members on the matter.

984.—Housing—Purchase of Houses at Nos. 1, 2 and 4 Gertrude Tee, and 26 Connolly Square.

(a) Gertrude Terrace.

It was decided to accept the offer of the Artisan's Dwelling Company to sell the above houses in Fee Simple, free from all encumbrances, for £600 each and the necessary excess expenditure therefor was voted.

(b) 26 Connolly Square.

It was decided to offer the owner of the above house £250 for his interest therein.

985.—Authorisation of Excess Expenditure.

Excess Expenditure was authorised as follows:—

- (a) Audit Fee—£100.
- (b) Clearance of Derelict Sites on the "Island," Strand Road—£900.
- (c) Repairs and renovation of 27 St. Kevin's Square—£128.

It was decided to draw to the attention of the Department, the fact that the Council considered the Audit Fee excessive.

986.—David Coughlan Ltd.—Site at Harbour.

Mr. Coughlan, Junior, wrote asking for a further extension of time in which to erect buildings as per the Agreement of 1956. The history of the matter having been reviewed, it was decided to get legal opinion thereon.

987.—Sites at Killarney Road, Bray.

The Council approved the Engineer's report on these sites and recommended that the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act, 1960, be put into force.

988.—Tidy Town Competition.

The Council noted the report of the Tidy Town Competition Assessors and arising therefrom it was resolved, on the proposition of Councillor Hunt, seconded by Councillors J. Byrne, that the question of taking down the old shed in the Station Yard be examined, as it

was felt that it was now not used by cabs and that its demolition would improve the area generally.

989.—Boghall Park.

Arising out of a report from the Town Engineer on above park, the Council reluctantly concluded that the park was not serving the purpose originally intended for it and on the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Sayers, it was resolved that the County Manager be asked to examine the question of purchasing the land for the building of houses thereon.

990.—Housing—Loans and Grants Act, 1962.

The Clerk was asked to prepare a report on this Act in as much as it applied to Urban Districts. Arising out of a discussion on the Act it was resolved, on the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Sayers, that loans up to £2,000 may be granted subject to the house being valued accordingly and subject to the provisions of the Scheme.

991.—Miscellaneous.

- (a) Clr. McAuliffe stated that he had been asked by relatives and friends of John Doyle, at present serving a life sentence in England, to thank the Council for their efforts to gain his release.
- (b) A letter was received from His Eminence, Cardinal Browne, thanking the Council for their good wishes recently expressed to him.
- (c) The Trades Council wrote urging the Bray Urban Council to step up the erection of houses. The Clerk was directed to inform the Trades Council that the U.D.C. were doing their utmost in this matter, but acquisition of land was a matter which was causing delay.
- (d) Clr. McAuliffe asked for information as to the disposal of materials on demolished site on the "Island." It was suggested that he write in to the Town Clerk in the matter and the Town Clerk was asked to provide the necessary information.

992.—Town and Regional Planning Acts—Applications.

- (a) Application from Mrs. M. Ennis, Gondar Guest House, Esplanade, Bray, for permission to move back a gate pier. Approval recommended in accordance with report Town Engineer.
- (b) Application from Messrs. McNulty and O'Reilly for permission to erect a new gate entrance to premises at Lower Dargle Road. Permission recommended in accordance with report of Town Engineer.
- (c) Application from Mr. J. J. O'Reilly, 9 Cherrytree Drive, for permission to erect a private garage. Permission recommended in accordance with report of Town Engineer.
- (d) Application from Mr. P. J. Forde, 54 Raheen Park, Bray, for permission to erect Bungalow at site No. 53 Raheen Park. Permission recommended in accordance with report of Town Engineer.
- (e) Application from Mr. Eric Finucane 4 Quinsboro Road, for permission to erect four houses at King Edward Road. Permission granted in accordance with recommendation of Town Engineer.
- (f) Application from Irish Sound Construction Co., Ltd., for permission to erect eight (8) houses in King Edward Road. Consideration of this application was deferred to the next meeting.

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



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Present—Councillors: Messrs. H. B. Howell (Chairman), J. Byrne, E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, F. G. Hunt, H. L. McAuliffe, J. O'Toole, G. H. G. Stuart, D. Sayers, and J. Temple.

Officials present—Messrs. M. Flannery (County Manager), M. Healy (Town Engineer), D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk).

Apologies for inability to attend were received and accepted from Clrs. M. O'Toole and C. Doyle.

The Council directed the Town Clerk to convey their wishes for a speedy recovery to Clr. C. Doyle, who was ill.

993.—Minutes of Meeting.

The Minutes of the monthly meeting of 9th October, which had been circulated, were confirmed.

994.—County Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders Nos. 8634 to 8645 were noted.

995.—Resolutions of Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Mr. J. Devitt, former overseer to the Council, to the relatives of the late Mr. Dermot Murphy of Rosebank, Herbert Road, Bray, a son of a former member of the Council.

996.—Bray Amusements Committee—Christmas Tree.

Customary permission was granted to the Bray Amusements Committee to erect a Christmas Tree in front of the Town Hall for the usual period and it was also, as usual, agreed to lend them strip lighting therefor.

997.—Bray Chamber of Commerce.

The Council agreed to lend any strip lighting they had to the Bray Chamber of Commerce for the Christmas lighting in the Main Street and Quinsboro Road. The hope was expressed that every care would be taken with materials so lent.

998.—Brittas Bay Committee—Bray Membership.

It was decided to select Mr. J. Byrne on the above committee in lieu of Mr. C. Doyle, whose illness would preclude him from attending the next meeting to be held in Wicklow at 3 p.m. on 26th November, 1962.

999.—Fire Brigade—Arcadia Fire.

Mr. Temple stated that he and other members had heard rumours which were circulating in respect of above fire generally to the effect that the Brigade had not arrived on time. The Town Clerk read for meeting a copy of the Station Officer's report to the County Fire Officer on the matter, the gist of which was that the Brigade had been called at 4.10 p.m., had set out for the fire and was at work at the job of containing it at 4.22 a.m. The call of 4.10 a.m. had been verified with the Supervisor of the Posts and Telegraphs branch. The members expressed themselves satisfied that there was no foundation to the rumours that the Brigade was in any way blameworthy. On the contrary, the view of the Council was that they and the other Brigades had arrived promptly and worked well and should be congratulated.

1000.—Lease of Site near Harbour.

The Council considered an application from Mr. James Connolly of Stillorgan for permission to lease him approximately 1/3rd acre at £20 per year. This, on the proposal of Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Sayers.

1001.—Purchase of 26 Connolly Square.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the owner of 26 Connolly Square, Mr. Keogh of 101, First Avenue, Dagenham, Essex, had agreed to sell his interest to the Council for the sum of £250. The Council approved the payment and on the proposal of Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Mrs. Ledwidge, voted the necessary excess expenditure therefor.

1002.—Purchase of 14 St. Kevin's Square.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the owner of above house, Mrs. M. C. Delaney, of 87 Loughton Road, Northolt, Middlesex, had offered her interest in the house to the Council at £200. It was, on the proposal of Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Sayers, agreed to accept the offer and the necessary excess expenditure therefor was voted.

1003.—Property—Seapoint Road, Bray.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Seymour Estate sought £80 compensation for the derelict site 21/22, Seapoint Road, Bray, recently acquired by the Council. They also sought a sum of £17 for 1½ perches of land immediately adjacent to the derelict site which would be necessary to widen the corner. It was, on the proposal of Mr. E. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hipwell, with Mr. McAuliffe dissenting, agreed to offer the Estate £60 compensation for the derelict site and £17 for the small area adjacent thereto and the necessary excess expenditure was voted.

1004.—Purchase of property—39 Castle Street and 1 Emmet Street, Bray.

The Town Clerk reported that the owner of the above property, which consisted of two houses, one empty and both in an extremely bad state of repair, sought £500 therefor. The Town Engineer's view was that £200 should be offered. After a short discussion, the Council directed that the officials enter negotiations in the matter with the owner.

1005.—Traffic Wardens—Appointment.

The Council, having considered a letter from the Trades Council, advocating the appointment of traffic wardens for St. Patrick's School, Vevay Road, and having heard from the Town Clerk that it would possibly cost £900 per year to appoint traffic wardens to all the town's schools, decided to invite Superintendent McNamee to the next meeting of the Council to discuss the question.

1006.—S.D.A. Acts—Applications.

Application received from Mr. E. J. Ryan, Grosvenor Square, Rathmines, Dublin, for a loan of £1,530 in respect of site No. 8, Boghall Road, Bray. The Town Clerk stated that he had not yet received confirmation of the applicant's income. It was decided to approve the loan providing the officials were satisfied as to the applicant's income.

1007.—Town and Regional Planning Acts—Applications.

(a) Application from Mrs. J. Good, "Biddy's Cot," Convent Avenue, for permission to erect private garage and store. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted, provided the building was kept as low as possible. The Council concurred with the Engineer's recommendation.

(b) Application from Legion of Mary, Bray Branch, for permission to erect a porch at Fatima Hall. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be refused as it was undesirable that a projection of the kind envisaged be made from an established frontage. The Council concurred with the Town Engineer's recommendation but expressed the hope that it would be possible to effect a compromise in the matter.

(c) Application from Mr. Terence Doyle, 3 Rosaleen Park, Boghall Road, for permission to erect a private garage. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted. Council concurred with recommendation of Town Engineer.

(d) Application from Mrs. C. Lawlor, Vevay Road for permission to carry out alterations and extensions to her licensed premises at Vevay Road, Bray. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted. The Town Clerk pointed out that the premises were erected on a site leased to the Council and it was decided to increase the annual rent, therefore, from £12 to £16 by reason of the alterations.

(e) Application from Irish Sound Construction Co., Ltd., for permission to erect eight (8) houses on King Edward Road, Bray. The Town Clerk pointed out to the meeting that this application had been before the October meeting of the Council and had been adjourned. Since then, the County Manager and the Town Engineer had met the Secretary of the Company and had explained to him the various drawbacks in the proposed houses. He had left them under the impression that he would submit new and more suitable plans, but some days later a letter was received from Mr. Tyrrell, Solicitor, demanding that the plans submitted be approved of without delay. The County Manager had, in view of the importance of the area and the care necessary for development thereon, referred the matter to Professor Desmond Fitzgerald, Town Planning Consultant. He had replied, recommending that permission be refused on the grounds "that the proposed plans would deleteriously affect the amenities of the area by reason of lay-out, design, colour and materials." The Town Engineer had pointed out that apart from the fact that no specification had been submitted, he was not satisfied with certain aspects of the proposed buildings. After a discussion, the Council resolved, on the proposition of Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Sayers, to recommend the acceptance of the Town Engineer's recommendation.

1008.—Notice of Motion.

The Chairman accepted the following Notice of Motion from Cllr. E. Byrne. "That time be allowed at our next meeting to consider the new State Grants of 50 per cent. for improvement of public lighting and its application to Bray."

1009.—Miscellaneous.

Cllr. McAuliffe raised the question of the payment of night watchmen. The other members expressed the view that the watchmen should make application for increase in wages through the ordinary channels.

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 11th December, 1962, at 7.30 p.m.

Present—Councillors: Messrs. H. B. Hipwell (Chairman), J. Byrne, E. Byrne, C. Doyle, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, F. G. Hunt, H. L. McAuliffe, J. O'Toole, M. O'Toole, G. H. G. Stuart, D. Sayers and J. Temple.

Officials present: Messrs. M. Flannery (County Manager), M. Healy (Town Engineer), D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk).

Councillor C. Doyle.

Cllr. Doyle was welcomed back to the meeting after his recent illness and he returned thanks to the members and officials for their good wishes to him during his illness.

1010.—Minutes of Meeting.

The Minutes of the monthly meeting of 13th November, which had been circulated, were confirmed.

1011.—County Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders Nos. 8646 to 8661 were noted.

1012.—Traffic Wardens.

Supt. McNamee attended the meeting and pointed out that under Section 96 of the Road Traffic Act the Council would be entitled to provide traffic wardens at school crossings. He stated that at present he had not sufficient men to do this work. After some discussion the Superintendent stated that he appreciated the Council's reluctance to undertake the work and it was finally agreed that the town Clerk set out the Council's viewpoint in the matter and the Superintendent would endeavour to get permission from his authorities to have a member of the force patrol the area.

1013.—Notice of Motion.

Cllr. E. Byrne proposed and Cllr. Temple seconded—

"That time be allowed at our next meeting to consider the new State Grant of 50 per cent for improved public lighting and its application to Bray."

After a discussion it was decided that the Town Clerk arrange a meeting between the County Engineer, Town Engineer, an E.S.B. official and Cllr. J. Byrne to discuss the matter of improving the public lighting system in the town.

1014—People's Park.

On the proposal of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Sayers, it was decided to grant the Wicklow Boys League the use of the People's Park to the 31/12/63 on the usual conditions.

1015—Lease of site at Harbour to David Coughlin, Ltd.

Having heard a letter from the Council's legal advisers on this matter, it was decided on the proposal of Clr. Hunt, seconded by Clr. M. O'Toole, to grant the firm an extension of a further six months within which to fulfill the building covenant on condition that the Council's Solicitor did not advise against.

1016—Site at Dock Terrace—J. O'Toole.

An application was received from Mr. J. O'Toole to lease a site at Dock Terrace from the Council, measuring 83 feet x 22 feet. After a discussion it was, on the proposal of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge, agreed in principle to grant the application on condition that the width of 22 ft. was reduced to 18 ft. and that there would be no separate entrance to the building proposed to be erected thereon. It was further agreed that a charge of £10 per year be made for the lease. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that before any definite decision was made full details would be circulated to each Councillor.

1017—Castle Street—Nos. 31/32/33.

On the proposal of Clr. Sayers, seconded by Clr. M. O'Toole, it was agreed to pay the representatives of Mr. Florence Mullen £400 for his interest in the above three houses and the necessary excess expenditure was voted.

1018.—Caravan Site.

Proposed caravan site in County Council area—Fairy Hill, Killarney Road. Letter from the County Secretary informing the Council that the Wicklow County Council had considered an application from an English firm to establish a caravan site at Fairy Hill. The County Council, before giving the decision, sought the views of the Bray Urban District Council. After a long discussion on the matter the Town Clerk was directed to inform the County Council that Bray U.D.C. had no objection to the establishment of the caravan site provided that—

- It was clearly understood by the promoters that a refuse collection service could not be provided by the Urban District Council.
- That the question of sewerage would have to be carefully examined and that there were no public sewerage facilities in the particular area.
- That the Bray Urban Council urge the County Council most strongly to guard against the possibility of caravans being left on the site the whole year around.
- The Urban Council, of course, understand that the County Council and its officials would see to it that the site was laid out in accordance with regulations provided to ensure against nuisance or offence to amenities.

Clrs. McAuliffe and M. O'Toole dissented from the decision of the Council.

1019.—Development at Ardbrae House, Bray—Application to develop for Caravans and Chalets.

An application was received from Mrs. A. Morrissey, Ardbrae House, Bray, for development to consist of 29 caravan sites, 12 chalets, a sanitary unit, an indoor recreation hall, a petrol filling station, an office and shop unit, and a small pavilion adjacent to an already existing swimming pool. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had received reports from the County Engineer, County Medical Officer of Health, the Health Officer and Town Engineer in the matter. The main point which emerged from these reports was that it would not be desirable to allow a petrol filling station on the site proposed which the County Engineer pointed out was on a reverse bend adjoining the main road, where "sight distance" was very short.

The Health Inspector pointed out that the plans did not indicate:—

- The ventilation of the urinals.
- The method of disposal of sink water from caravans.
- The disposal of swill, and
- the arrangements for the removal of waste matter from the site.

The County Medical Officer of Health, in his report, suggested that permission be granted for a lesser number of chalets and caravans than sought. His opinion was that on an area of this size a total of thirty made up of caravans and chalets was the most that could be allowed.

The Town Clerk pointed out that it was also felt that the sanitary accommodation proposed for the number of caravans was insufficient, i.e., in the sanitary unit there were to be three ladies' toilets and three gentlemen's toilets.

A long discussion took place on this application, which was terminated by a proposal by Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, to the effect that the Council grant approval on principle to Mrs. Morrissey's application subject to the necessary amendments suggested by the various officers.

Clr. McAuliffe dissented from the resolution.

1020.—Town and Regional Planning Acts—Application.

(a) Application from Irish Sisters of Charity for permission to erect a single storey block of buildings within their grounds. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted. Council approved recommendation.

Permission granted.

(b) Application from Mr. J. Cullinane, Castle Street, Bray, for permission to make an extension to his licensed premises. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted. Council approved recommendation.

Permission granted.

The Town Clerk mentioned that as the land there was held on a lease from the Council, it might be necessary to make a slight increase in the annual rent of Mr. Cullinane.

(c) Application from Mr. Wm. Walker, 13 Connolly Square, Bray, for permission to extend his dwellinghouse. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted. In his report the Town Engineer stated that some of the adjoining owners had objected to the proposed extension. The Council approved of the Town Engineer's recommendation with Clrs. McAuliffe and Sayers dissenting.

1021—Municipal Baths—Reconstruction.

The Town Clerk read a letter received (he stated) just as the meeting commenced from Mr. K. L. Barry, Technical Manager, Bórd Fáilte Éireann, stating that the Architects for the above project recommended that Messrs. C. G. Cooney Ltd., be appointed Contractors. The Architects stated that they felt "it would be unwise to accept either the lowest or the second lowest tender as both these contractors have had experience chiefly in the field of housing, alterations and small building work and while competent in their own fields have not, we consider, the organisation necessary to carry out a project such as this which requires a high degree of skill and familiarity with reinforced concrete construction and which has been programmed for partial completion at the end of April, 1963, and total completion at the end of June, 1963."

Mr. Barry of Bórd Fáilte stated in his letter: "For our part we agree that the methods of construction adopted call for experience in this type of work. In the circumstances we feel that we would be unwise in not accepting their recommendation."

The Council members expressed their strong disagreement with the recommendation of the Architects and the acceptance thereof by Bórd Fáilte Éireann. In reply to questions. The Town Engineer stated that the present work being carried out by Mr. Finucane (the lowest tenderer) for the bórd was, perhaps, more difficult even though smaller. He felt that Mr. Finucane would be capable of carrying out the work of rebuilding the Municipal Baths. It was finally decided, on the proposal of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Severs, that the Council consider the lowest tender should be accepted.

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1022.—Minutes of Meeting.
The Minutes of the monthly meeting of 11th December, 1962, which had been circulated, were confirmed.

1023.—County Manager's Orders.
County Manager's Orders Nos. 8662 to 8670 were noted.

1024.—Reconstruction of Municipal Baths—Tender.
All the Members of the Council commented unfavourably on the fact that nothing had been heard from Bórd Fáilte Éireann on the above tender since the last meeting. It was pointed out that in December the Bórd seemed to be very insistent on speed and that a month had elapsed since then. The Town Clerk was directed to convey the views of the Council to Bórd Fáilte Éireann.

1025.—Excess Expenditure — Marriage Gratuity — Mrs. Kathleen Downey.
On the proposition of Councillor Sayers, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne, excess expenditure in the sum of £284 was voted for payment of a marriage gratuity to Mrs. Kathleen Downey, late teacher in the Vocational Schools. The Town Clerk explained to the meeting that all this sum with the exception of £23, would be recouped eventually by the Department of Education and the Laois Vocational Education Committee.

1026.—Pension Increases Bill, 1962.
On the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Sayers, it was decided to recommend the following increases in pension and the excess expenditure in the current year, i.e., £265 6s. 1d. was voted therefor.

P. O'Brien—ex-Harbour Master. Increase £50 13s. 10d. per annum.
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Ex-Employees—J. O'Toole. Increase £13 per annum. A. Manley. Increase £11 per annum. The increases to date from 1/8/1962.

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



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1027.—Bands—Excess Expenditure.

On the proposition of Mr. Mrs. Ledwidge, seconded by Mr. J. Byrne, an excess of £56 was voted to meet the cost of engaging bands.

1028.—Municipal Authorities Annual Conference.

A letter from Mr. de Barra, Secretary of the Municipal Authorities' Association was read to the effect that there had been no vote on a Buncrana Motion regarding Delegates' attendance at the last conference, and that the Executive had decided that only delegates who have been appointed in accordance with rule 2 would be allowed to take part in discussions or votes at the conference. Mr. Temple and Mrs. Ledwidge maintained that there actually had been a vote taken on the Buncrana Motion. This was denied by Mr. H. B. Hipwell, the Chairman. After a very lengthy discussion the Council adopted a suggestion from Mr. E. Byrne that the matter could be dealt with when the date and time of the next conference was notified. He pointed out that the delegates appointed by the Council in 1960 could very easily give effect to the Council's wishes by resigning and the Council could then appoint whom they wished.

1029.—Sites for Private Houses.

The members felt that the Minister's suggestion that they seek sites for the development for sale or lease to persons providing their own housing accommodation was a very good one and they asked that the Manager have a report on this matter for the next meeting.

1030.—S.D.A. Loan.

It was unanimously agreed to grant permission to Mr. Walter Lismore, 23 Raheen Park, to transfer the interest in his house to Mr. J. V. Carroll.

1031.—Recent Snowfall.

On the suggestion of Mr. McAuliffe, the Council directed the Town Clerk to extend their congratulations to the Independent Newspapers. An Oge, Mr. P. Dempsey of Red Cross, the County Manager, County Engineer and County Secretary for the excellent work they had done in coping with the crises occasioned by the heavy snowfall in West Wicklow during the past week.

1031.—Six Houses—Chapel Lane.

Several members asked what the position was regarding the building of the above six houses. The County Manager explained that, acting on legal advice, they had given notice to the Contractor to proceed with the work. He, the Contractor, however, had until the expiration of the time mentioned in the Agreement to carry out the work and this would not be for some time yet. After further discussion the members recommended that legal advice be sought as to whether the Council could, at this stage, ask the Contractor, who evidently had no intention of carrying out the work, to withdraw.

1032.—Miscellaneous.

(a) Mr. M. O'Toole complained of dumping on a vacant site near No. 2 Raheen Park and of the fact that the bushes on the right of way adjacent thereto were not kept cut.

(b) Mr. Sayers asked that something be done about the footpaths near and beside the Mellifont Hotel on the Quinsboro Road.

(c) Mr. M. O'Toole asked that the litter bin be moved from its position at Albert Walk and a large one be erected between the Silver Lounge and Mr. McGarry's premises.

(d) Mass X-Ray.

At the beginning of the meeting the Town Clerk stated that he had been visited during the afternoon by Dr. Magner, Director of the Mass Radiography Association, whose intention it was to endeavour to X-ray the entire community of Bray and officials would commence to work on Monday, 21st January, 1963. The members wished Dr. Magner and his team every success and promised any co-operation possible.

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of a special meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall on Friday, 18th January, 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

Present—Councillors: Messrs. H. B. Hipwell (Chairman), J. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, F. G. Hunt, H. L. McAuliffe, J. O'Toole, M. O'Toole, G. H. G. Stuart and J. Temple.

Officials present—Messrs. M. Flannery (County Manager), M. Healy (Town Engineer), D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk).

Apologies for inability to attend were accepted from Mr. E. Byrne, C. Doyle and D. Sayers.

1033.—Vote of Sympathy.

Sympathy was voted to the widow of the late Michael Doyle, an ex-Councillor, and the family of the late Mr. J. Bailey, of Carlton Terrace, Bray.

1034.—Municipal Baths—Reconstruction.

At the outset the Chairman informed the members that he had written a letter to the "Evening Press" pointing out the reason for the Urban Council's attitude in above matter. This letter he regretted to state, had not been published by the newspaper concerned.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. K. L. Barry, Bord Failte Eireann, in which he reiterated Bord Failte's acceptance of the recommendation of the Architects that the tender of Messrs. C. G. Cooney, Ltd., in the sum of £27,546 18s. 11d., be accepted. He gave the following reasons:

- (1) That the work required a high degree of skill and experience.
- (2) That the time factor which calls for completion by the end of June, 1963, requires a firm with a large organisation and all that that entails.
- (3) That the exposed nature of the site and the need for resources and plant and equipment in the event of unforeseen difficulties being encountered.
- (4) If either of the two lower tenders were accepted the Architects would deem it necessary to employ a whole-time experienced resident engineer on the contract. If the contract was placed as recommended this would not be necessary.
- (5) The letter confirmed that the Council contributed would be £6,000 and Bord Failte Eireann would be responsible for the balance.

Mr. Temple referred to the delay between the Council's meeting of 11th December, 1962, and the reply from Bord Failte now before the meeting—over one month. He felt that the reasons stated were ridiculous ones and thought that at this stage it would be best that a meeting of the Architects, officials and contractors concerned be held in an endeavour to reach a decision.

Mr. Hunt stated that he agreed with Mr. Temple's sentiments to a great extent but that in view of the attitude of Bord Fáilte he did not think that the Council had any option but to accept the tender recommended.

Mr. McAuliffe said that he had no fears about the bona fides of the lowest and second lowest tender. The lowest tenderer was at present doing excellent work for Bord Fáilte on the boathouse.

Mr. Stuart said that he was prepared to be guided by the opinion of the experts. Mrs. M. O'Toole, J. O'Toole and Mrs. Ledwidge agreed with this view.

Mr. Temple said that he wished to protest against taking a decision on the matter without having the minutes of the January meeting before them, and furthermore stated that in his view a resolution taken at the meeting of December 11th, 1962, was binding unless rescinded in the proper manner after due notice had been given. At this stage the Town Clerk produced the Minute Book with the minutes of December 11th, 1962, and after some discussion the Chairman ruled that Mr. Temple was wrong in his contention in the matter of procedure to be adopted, if they now wished to recommend that the recommendation of the Architects be accepted. Mr. Temple asked that his views on this matter be recorded, as he did not agree with the Chairman's ruling. After some further discussion it was proposed by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Mr. M. O'Toole that "on the recommendation of the Consultant Architect and of An Bord Fáilte Eireann we agree to the acceptance of the tenders of Messrs. C. G. Cooney for the reconstruction of the Municipal Baths in the sum of £27,546 19s. 11d."

It was proposed by Mr. Temple and seconded by Mr. McAuliffe "that on the advice of the Town Engineer of 11th December, 1962, the Council adhere to its previous decision that the lowest tender for the reconstruction of the Municipal Baths be accepted."

A vote was taken on Mr. Temple's proposal.

AGAINST (6)—Mrs. Hipwell, Hunt, Mrs. Ledwidge, J. O'Toole, M. O'Toole, and G. H. G. Stuart.

FOR (2)—Mrs. Temple, H. L. McAuliffe.

Did not vote—Mr. J. Byrne.

Mr. Temple's proposal was accordingly declared lost.

Mr. Hunt's proposal was then put to the vote.

FOR (6)—Mrs. Hipwell, Hunt, Mrs. Ledwidge, J. O'Toole, M. O'Toole, and G. H. G. Stuart.

AGAINST (2)—Mrs. Temple and McAuliffe.

Did not vote—Mr. J. Byrne.

Councillor Hunt's proposal was declared passed.

1035.—Six House—Chapel Lane.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had been in touch with the Council's legal advisers in the matter of the Contract for the above six houses which C. Dodd & Sons were making no effort to commence. Mr. McCarroll advised that the Council should ask the Company if they were prepared to withdraw their tender. If they did then the contract could be re-advertised. The Council unanimously accepted the Solicitor's advice. Mr. McAuliffe asked if the houses could be built by direct labour. The Town Engineer undertook to report for the next meeting on that aspect of the matter.

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, 12th February, 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

Present—Councillors: Messrs. H. B. Hipwell (Chairman), E. Byrne, C. Doyle, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, F. G. Hunt, H. L. McAuliffe, J. O'Toole, M. O'Toole, G. H. G. Stuart, D. Sayers and J. Temple.

Officials present—Messrs. M. Flannery (County Manager), M. Healy (Town Engineer), and D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk).

1036.—Minutes of Meeting.

The Minutes of the monthly meeting of 8th January, 1963, and of a special meeting of 18th January, 1963, were confirmed.

1037.—County Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders Nos. 8671 to 8674 were noted.

1038.—Death of Cardinal D'Alton.

The members voted sympathy with the Hierarchy on the death of the late Cardinal D'Alton. The Chairman informed the meeting that he had caused a telegram of sympathy to be sent during the week by the Town Clerk.

1039.—Six Houses—Chapel Lane.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that C. Dodd & Sons had asked to be allowed to withdraw their tender for the above six houses. This was agreed to and on the proposal of Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Sayers, it was recommended that the work be re-advertised.

1040.—Date of Estimates Meeting.

It was decided to hold the annual Estimates Meeting in the Town Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 2nd April, 1963.

1041.—Guinness's Clock.

It was decided to grant Guinness and Co. permission to place their Festival Clock on the Promenade in the month of June, 1963.

1042.—Excess Expenditure—Rates.

On the proposal of Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. McAuliffe, the Council approved excess expenditure in the sum of £199 on roads (E.S.V. Scheme) for the current year.

1043.—Gaming and Lotteries Act—Fun Palace, Espianade.

The Fire Officer and Health Officer reported that they had no objection to a licence being granted for above premises—reports approved and no objections to be raised.

1044.—Ponies on the Beach.

Permission was granted to Mr. Austin Gaskin to have ponies on the beach on conditions similar to those of 1962 season.

1045.—Circuit of Bray Cycle Race—Closing of Roads.

It was agreed in principle to close Florence Road on Sunday, 19th May, 1963, to facilitate the holding of the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race.

1046.—Jones's Terrace.

The Town Clerk read reports from the County M.O.H. and Town Engineer on the condition of twelve houses in above terrace. Both recommended that the area be cleared. After a debate on the matter it was decided, on the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, that the reports of the above officers be adopted and the necessary measures taken.

1047.—Municipal Baths—rebuilding. Loan of £6,000.

On the proposal of Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, with Clrs. Temple and McAuliffe dissenting, it was decided to raise a loan of £6,000, being the Council's share of the cost of the above work.

1048.—Leasing of plot of ground at Harbour Terrace to Mr. James O'Toole.

On the proposal of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Doyle, it was decided to lease a plot of ground at Harbour Terrace to Mr. James O'Toole in accordance with conditions outlined in the Town Clerk's letter to each member of 9th January, 1963.

1049.—Lease of land at the Harbour to Mr. James Connolly, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.

On the proposal of Clr. McAuliffe, seconded by Clr. Sayers, it was decided to lease a plot of land at the Harbour to Mr. James Connolly of Stillorgan, in accordance with conditions outlined in the Town Clerk's letter to each member of the 5th January, 1963.

1050.—Office Field.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the 11 month letting of the above field would expire on 28th inst., and it was necessary to again approach the Earl of Meath. Several members commented on the present unsatisfactory state of affairs whereby the Meath Estates were only granting temporary 11 month lettings of this field and after a discussion it was finally decided to appoint the following sub-committee to interview the Earl of Meath in the matter:—

The Chairman, Clrs. E. Byrne and J. Temple, together with the officials.

The sub-committee were instructed to endeavour to get the Meath Estates to grant a lease of the field.

1051.—Sea Angler's Club.

It was decided to receive a deputation of this club at the March meeting.

1052.—Town and Regional Planning Acts—Applications.

(a) Application from Mr. P. Regan, Bray Head Hotel, for permission to make extension to lounge. Recommendation from the Town Engineer that approval be granted, subject to submission of specification at a later date. Engineer's report adopted.

(b) Application from Stephenson, Gibney and Associates, on behalf of the proprietors of the International Hotel, to carry out extensive alterations. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that this matter was being examined by the Town Engineer, Fire Officer and County M.O.H. and on the proposition of Clr. Temple the Council decided to recommend approval of the proposals provided that the officials concerned were satisfied.

(c) Application from Dublin Building Co., Ltd., for approval to a housing lay-out at the Vevay Road. Recommendation from Town Engineer that approval be refused as the lay-out was totally unsatisfactory and the details submitted completely inadequate—Engineer's recommendation adopted.

(d) Application from Mr. M. O'Loughlin, Dublin Bar, for permission to break open windows at the Florence Road side of his premises. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted. Council adopted recommendation.

1053.—Sites for private housing.

The Town Engineer reported on possible sites for private housing as follows:—

1. Playground at Boghall.
2. Land lying between "Office Field" and "Glenmalure Avenue."
3. Land at the Tennis Ground site at the Vevay Road.
4. Land for two sites at Pollard's Terrace.

Arising out of a discussion on the matter it was decided that as all the sites, except the small one at Pollard's Terrace, were owned by the Meath Estates, the committee appointed to meet the Earl of Meath re. "Office Field" would discuss the Council's desire to acquire these sites for private housing with him.

1054.—Housing—Loans for reconstruction.

Clr. Temple asked that a report be submitted on the above matter at the next meeting.

1055.—St. Peter's Road.

Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge stated that she had received complaints that there were a lot of rats in the St. Peter's Road area and appeared to be coming from the Chapel Land site.

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, 12th March, 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

Present—Councillors: Messrs. H. B. Hipwell (Chairman), E. Byrne, J. Byrne, C. Doyle, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, F. G. Hunt, H. L. McAuliffe, J. O'Toole, M. O'Toole, G. H. G. Stuart, D. Sayers, and J. Temple.

Officials present—Messrs. M. Healy (Town Engineer) and D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk).

Apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. Flannery (County Manager).

1056.—Minutes of Meeting.

The Minutes of the monthly meeting of 12th February, 1963, which were circulated, were confirmed.

1057.—County Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders Nos. 8675 to 8680 were noted.

1058.—Jones' Terrace.

Arising out of the Minutes, Mr. McAuliffe stated that he had been in some of the houses in Jones' Terrace recommended for condemnation by the County Medical Officer of Health and the Town Engineer and he did not agree that they should be condemned. The Town Clerk stated that this matter would come formally before the Council when the Clearance map was prepared by the Engineer. Mr. McAuliffe's point could then be taken.

1059.—Municipal Baths—Reconstruction.

Mr. M. O'Toole suggested that Bray Town Crest be displayed in some prominent position in the new Municipal Baths Building. The meeting unanimously agreed with this idea.

1060.—Bray Sea Anglers' Association.

A deputation consisting of T. Messit, Chairman; J. B. O'Reilly, Secretary; and M. Sweeney, Committee member of the Bray Sea Anglers' Association, attended the meeting and urged that they get a site at the Harbour to erect a pavilion and boathouse. The Town Clerk read a lengthy letter from Bórd Fáilte Éireann in this matter to the effect that it would be better not to have any pavilion erected at present but to await the acquisition of certain properties which would allow Bórd Fáilte's overall scheme to be put into effect. After some discussion, the Council, on the proposal of Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Sayers, decided that the Bórd Fáilte Architect be asked to meet the Council officials and inspect the particular site on which the Bray Sea Anglers' Association wish to build. If this site did not conflict with the overall plan there should be no reason why the Anglers' Club should not get permission to build.

A letter from the Bray Sailing Club sought permission to move their Dinghy Park to another location in the Harbour. It was decided that this matter also could be discussed with the Bórd Fáilte Architect.

1061.—Meath Estates—"Office Field," Boghall Park and Tennis Grounds.

The Town Clerk read the report of a meeting of the sub-committee of the Council and the Earl of Meath on above matters, summarised as follows.

(a) "Office Field" Letting.

The Earl of Meath stated that he would be prepared to grant the Council a three month letting for March, April and May. On the proposal of Mr. Sayers, seconded by Mr. Hunt, it was agreed to seek such a letting. The Earl of Meath stated that in about three months he would submit a plan for the development for housing of part of this field. The plan would leave land available for a recreation ground which he would be prepared to lease to the Council.

(b) Boghall Park.

The Sub-Committee indicated to Lord Meath that if they could be assured that a lease of land in the "Office Field" area would be made available to the Council, Boghall Park could be handed over to the Meath Estates for the purpose of building houses thereon.

(c) Tennis Grounds Area.

The Earl of Meath stated he had in preparation a plan for building some thirty (30) houses in this area. The Sub-Committee urged that he consider selling this site to the Council who would erect thereon houses of a type similar to Scott Park. His Lordship promised to give this point his consideration.

1062.—Novelty Water Craft.

Applications were received from Mr. R. J. Merlihan and Mr. Peter Nolan for licences to ply Pedalo Water Craft—

23 craft—Merlihan,
4 craft—Nolan.

It was agreed to grant permission subject to the usual conditions. Mr. Merlihan to ply his craft on the site agreed to some time ago—the north of the boathouse, and Mr. Nolan on the site granted to a Mr. Murray, south of the boathouse. The Council recommended the following extra conditions:—

- (1) That the applicants would, either jointly or severally, arrange to have a row-boat or motor-boat available in case of a user of the novelty water craft going too far from the shore, got into difficulties.
- (2) It was furthermore recommended that Mr. Merlihan be asked to erect a hut of a more pleasing appearance than that hitherto in use by him.

1063.—Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956—Applications.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had received notice of intention to apply for licences under the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956, as follows:—

1. R. Loughlin, 3 Marlboro Terrace, Bray.
2. Mary O'Toole, 10a Albert Walk, Bray.
3. Michael O'Toole, 13b Albert Walk, Bray.
4. P. J. Keane, 10b Albert Walk, Bray.
5. Dawson's Amusements, Esplanade, Bray.
6. E. Boni, 110/111, Strand Road, Bray.
7. M. J. Freney, Seaside, Esplanade, Bray.
8. A. A. Borza, Marlboro Terrace, Bray.

Nos. 1 to 4 had been inspected and approved by the Fire Officer and Health Inspector. The Council agreed to the granting of the licences. Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 had not yet been inspected and Nos. 5, 6 and 7 would be before the Court before the next meeting of the Council.

No. 8 would not be before the Court until 19th April, 1963.

Regarding Nos. 5, 6 and 7, the Council agreed to support whatever recommendation the officials would make and to consider No. 8 at the monthly meeting to be held in April.

1064.—Circuit of Bray—Cycle Race.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had published the necessary notice and received no objections. The Council therefore unanimously agreed to close Florence Road from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, 9th May, 1963, with the customary stipulation that Bray Amusements Committee would hold the Council secured against all or any claims for injury to person or property which might arise from the holding of the race.

1065.—International Federation of Agricultural Producers' Conference.

The members welcomed the holding of this Conference in Bray. They approved of the hiring of a band and dancers in connection with the proposed Irish Night and formed themselves into an organising committee to deal with the reception of the delegates. The committee is to meet with Mr. Fitzmaurice, Organiser of the Conference, at a date to be arranged with him.

Arising out of this Conference and the National Dental Conference which is also to be held in May this year, Clr. Temple dwelt on the need for a Chairman of a Council such as Bray to have some type of Entertainment allowance. He pointed out that towns smaller than Bray which had Mayors were able to properly receive notabilities and groups of tourists. Clr. McAuliffe and other members supported Clr. Temple and it was finally decided that the Town Clerk get the views of the Urban Councils of Dundalk, Tralee and Athlone on this matter.

Clr. McAuliffe suggested that if Bórd Fáilte were to give a grant of, say, £5,000 to be invested it would produce over £200 per year in perpetuity which could be used to very good effect in the furtherance of Bray's tourist status. It was agreed to write to Bórd Fáilte on these lines.

1066.—J. F. Meagher—Retiring C.E.O. Bray Vocational Schools.

An application was received from Mr. Meagher for a lump sum payment of £2,793. It was explained that Mr. Meagher was at present acting in a temporary capacity as C.E.O. having formally retired from his permanent post from August 31st, 1962. The Town Clerk informed the Council that the Department of Education would recoup £1,396 10s. 0d. of above amount and that Clonmel Corporation would recoup £44 16s. 7d. and Dublin £30 11s. 4d. The nett outlay by Bray would therefore be £1,321 2s. 1d. On the proposal of Clr. McAuliffe, seconded by Clr. Sayers, excess expenditure in the sum of £2,793 under the head of Vocational Education was voted. It was also decided to ascertain when Mr. Meagher's successor would be appointed.

1067.—Tenders for Sites at the Esplanade.

The following tenders were opened and recommended for acceptance.

- (a) Chair Licence—P. O'Neill and P. Mooney, in the sum of £40.
- (b) Putting Green—P. O'Neill and P. Mooney, in the sum of £300.
- (c) Photographic Licence—D. H. Wright, in the sum of £10.
- (d) Site for sale of oysters—Thomas Boyle, in the sum of £20.
- (e) British Automatic Co., Ltd., offered a sum of £42 for the right to operate four (4) weighing machines and four (4) coin-operated telescopes. The Council recommended that this offer be accepted subject to the agreement of the Engineer on the siting of these machines.

1068.—Bray Amusements Committee—Lambretta Rally.

Permission was granted to the Bray Amusements Committee to use the ground in the vicinity of the Bandstand in connection with the above rally, subject to the usual condition that they hold the Council secured from all claims for injury to person or property arising out of the holding of this rally.

1069.—Council Employee—W. F. Moran.

The Town Clerk explained to the meeting the circumstances under which it had become necessary to dispense with the services of the above employee and grant him a pension. On the suggestion of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. M. O'Toole, it was decided to ask the County Manager to re-examine the position.

1070.—S.D.A. Acts—Application.

An application for a loan of £1,530 for a house at Boghall Park, Bray, was received from James G. Drew, a carpenter, at present residing at 3, Wolfe Tone Square, North. The Council recommended that the loan be granted subject to the usual conditions.

1071.—Town and Regional Planning Acts—Application.

- (a) Application from Messrs. Scraggs, Grand Hotel, for permission to erect a porch and entrance at the side of the Hotel. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted. Recommendation accepted.
- (b) Application from Messrs. Lyons and Lyons, Architects, on behalf of their client, Mr. Alex Corscadden, for permission to re-erect the Arcadia Ball Room. Both the Town Engineer and the Co. Fire Officer in reports stated that the plans as submitted were completely inadequate and it was recommended that permission be refused because of this inadequacy. The members expressed the wish that work on this building should commence as soon as possible and if proper plans were submitted they could be dealt with on April 2nd next, the date of the Estimates meeting.
- (c) Site beside 22 Ardee Street—An application to erect a house on a small site adjacent to 22 Ardee Street. The Town Engineer, in a report, stated that the plot at Mr. O'Toole's disposal was extremely small and it was unlikely that a house erected on the site would qualify for a Government Grant or a Council loan. However, subject to the above observations, he had no objection provided that the house was kept back 10 feet from the footpath and fence line was kept back to a line which he had indicated on a sketch plan. On the proposal of Clr. M. O'Toole, seconded by Clr. Temple, with Clr. McAuliffe dissenting, the Town Engineer's report was approved.
- (d) Application from Mr. A. Borza to carry out alterations at the Sunshine Café. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be refused as it was proposed to fit a new shop front and straighten the line of the shop front by taking on a small triangular piece of ground at the junction of Albert Avenue and Strand Road, Bray. This would mean a projection of approximately three feet at the corner and would mean a very great reduction in the visibility and amount of sight at the road junction. The Town Engineer's recommendation accepted.
- (e) Clr. Temple asked if plans had been received from Mr. Finucane for the erection of two bungalows at Putland Road at the entrance to Presentation College. The Town Clerk stated that the application had only been received that afternoon. The Council decided that they would raise no objection provided the officials of the Council were satisfied with the plans.

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



The Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Bray Urban Council, held in the Town Hall, Bray, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 26th March, 1963.

Present—Councillors: Messrs. H. B. Hipwell (Chairman), E. Byrne, C. Doyle, H. L. McAuliffe, D. Sayers and H. G. Stuart.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from the County Manager and Councillors Temple and Hunt.

Officials present: Mr. D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk).

The meeting was attended by Mr. S. Fitzmaurice, Conference Director, N.F.A., and Mr. S. Healy, Secretary, N.F.A.

1072.—International Federation of Agricultural Producers' Conference Bray, 1963.

The Meeting discussed at length with Messrs Healy and Fitzmaurice the manner in which Bray Urban District Council could co-operate in entertaining some 200 delegates and 100 wives of the delegates for the above Conference from the 16th to 29th May, 1963. It was decided that the Council would participate as follows:—

(1) Library.

- The Librarian would put on a display of books and periodicals of Agricultural interest.
- The facilities of the Library would be made available to the delegates while in Bray.

(2) Plenary Session.

It was agreed that the Chairman of the Council would read an address of welcome at the plenary session of the Federation at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 16th. The members of the Council would be welcome to attend at the International Hotel on that occasion.

(3) Band Performances.

It was agreed that the Artane Band be engaged to give a performance on the Esplanade—7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.—on Wednesday, 22nd May, 1963. The performance would include a figure marching display.

It was suggested that the Town Clerk might be able to arrange for a visit of the delegates to Industrial Yarns, the Town Clerk to get in touch with Mr. Egan of Industrial Yarns.

(4) I.C.A.—Bray Branch.

It was felt that the Bray Branch of the Irish Countrywomen's Association might be able to be of assistance in entertaining the wives of the delegates to the Conference and the Town Clerk was asked to get in touch with the Secretary of the Branch in this connection.

1073.—Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956—Application for Licence.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Fire Officer and Health Inspector had no objection to the granting of a licence in respect of Mr. M. Freney's premises—Seaside, Esplanade, Bray, although the premises themselves did not seem to be very suitable. The Town Clerk further stated that the Town Engineer had still to inspect the premises.

1074.—Town and Regional Planning Acts—Application.

Application from Mr. P. Brady, of Marine Bar, Quinsboro Road, for permission to carry out reconstruction on his licensed premises.

Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted. The meeting adopted the recommendation of the Town Engineer that permission be granted.

1075.—Strip Lighting and Flags.

In view of the Farmers' Conference, it was urged that the Town Engineer have the strip lighting and flags erected on the Esplanade before 16th May, 1963.

1076.—Pedestrian Crossings.

The Town Clerk was instructed to get in touch with the County Secretary regarding the lighting of the pedestrian crossings at Main Street and Quinsboro Road, Bray.

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, 9th April, 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

Present—Councillors: Messrs. H. B. Hipwell (Chairman), E. Byrne, C. Doyle, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, F. G. Hunt, H. L. McAuliffe, J. O'Toole, M. O'Toole, G. H. G. Stuart, D. Sayers and J. Temple.

Officials present—Messrs. M. Healy (Town Engineer), and D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk). Apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. Flannery (County Manager).

1086.—The minutes of the monthly meeting of 12th March, 1963, and of special meeting of 26th March, 1963, which were circulated, were confirmed.

1087.—County Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders Nos. 8681 to 8692 were noted.

1088.—Vote of Sympathy.

The Council voted sympathy to the relatives of the late Dr. McCartan.

1089.—Pedestrian Crossing.

The Town Clerk was directed to again remind the County Council of the absence of lights at the Pedestrian Crossings in Main Street and Quinsboro Road. He was also directed to write to the Garda Authorities expressing the members' view that the Pedestrian Crossing in Quinsboro Road was sited too near the entrance to Main St.

1090.—Six Houses at Chapel Lane.

The Council unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Town Engineer that the tender of Messrs. McNulty Bros., Dalkey, in the sum of £10,680 17s. 7d. be accepted for the erection of six houses at Chapel Lane.—This on the proposal of Mr. Sayers, seconded by Mr. Temple. It was recommended further that the period of 50 weeks allowed should be reduced to 32.

1091.—Go-Kart Racing—Ledwidge Crescent.

An application from the Red Cross Society to have Ledwidge Crescent roadways closed to traffic from 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, 28th July, 1963, for a Go-Kart race was adjourned. It was decided that the Rent Collector would ascertain the views of the residents of Ledwidge residents of Ledwidge Crescent on the proposal.

1092.—Jones' Terrace.

It was agreed to receive a deputation from tenants of Jones' Terrace at the May meeting to discuss the proposed Clearance Order. It was also agreed to receive a deputation of owners at the same meeting for the same purpose.

1093.—International Conference of Food Producers.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the N.F.A. had invited the members and their wives to the Irish Night to be held during the Conference at the International Hotel, commencing 8 p.m., 20th May, 1963.

1094.—Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956—Notification of Intention to apply for Gaming and Lotteries Licence from Mr. A. Borza in respect of premises at 1 Marlborough Terrace.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that none of the Council's technical officers had any objection to the granting of the licence. However, after lengthy discussion it was decided on the proposal of Mr. Stuart to oppose the licence on the grounds that there was already sufficient such establishments in the town. Mr. McAuliffe proposed that no opposition be made to the licence being granted, but received no seconder.

1095.—Pedalo Craft.

Messrs. Kearon, French and French, Solicitors, writing on behalf of their client, Mr. Merlihan, stated that it was extremely difficult to maintain an effective rescue service on the sea-front. This, owing to the lack of water except at high tide. Mr. Merlihan, however, stated that he had entered into a working arrangement with the boatman on the slipway that they would help in an emergency. He also agreed that one of his craft would be continuously manned in case of emergency. The Council accepted Mr. Merlihan's proposals.

1096.—Fatima Terrace, Main Street—Road Re-alignment.

A suggested re-alignment of Fatima Terrace was made by Mr. Squire, Architect to Murdock's, Ltd. The Town Engineer, in a report, suggested an alternative re-alignment, which would result in the widening of Fatima Terrace at the Main Street junction and would give a 12 ft. wide carriage-way and a 3 ft. wide footpath instead of the present irregular line. The Council accepted the Town Engineer's view on the matter.

1097.—Town and Regional Planning Acts—Applications.

1. Application from Mr. J. O'Toole, Harbour Bar, for permission to erect a garage and store adjacent to his premises. The Town Engineer recommended approval and the Council concurred.
2. Application from Miss Harrison, Newcourt Road, for permission in principle to a housing development between Raheen Park and Newcourt Avenue for eight (8) houses. The Town Engineer recommended approval in principle and the Council concurred.
3. Application from Mr. P. Dempsey for permission to convert No. 3 Maretimo Villas into two self-contained flats. The Town Engineer recommended approval on condition that the toilet on the ground floor should not open directly off the kitchen, but that an intervening lobby be provided. The Council concurred.
4. Application from Mrs. A. Nolan, Alvernon, Meath Road, for permission to extend dining room. The Town Engineer recom-

mended that approval be granted on condition that corrugated asbestos was not used for roofing. The Council concurred.

5. Application from Messrs. Lyons and Lyons, Architects, for Mr. A. Corscadden, seeking permission to re-erect the Arcadia Ballroom. Report from Town Engineer, approving in principle, subject to:—

- Submission of suitable finish elevations.
- The corner of the building nearest to the Adelaide Road should be kept back in line with the most westerly point of the International Hotel.
- At least two wash-hand basins should be provided in the Gents' toilets.
- Colour finish plans should be submitted. The Council concurred with Town Engineer's recommendation. The Town Clerk informed them that the Fire Officer was also examining the application and had asked for certain details.

1098.—Office Field—Playground.

A letter from Thomas Boyle was received in which he submitted his resignation as Secretary of the Committee of the above grounds, and in which he suggested the appointment of Mr. L. Duffy in his place. The Town Clerk pointed out to the meeting that the proper body to elect a new Secretary was the Committee appointed by the Council in April, 1960. This Committee consisted of six Councillors and six local nominees. Mr. Boyle's letter was passed to Mr. Temple. On Mr. Temple's proposal, the Council expressed their very best thanks to Mr. Boyle for the work he has so efficiently carried out as Secretary to the Grounds Committee and they wished him every success during his tour of duty in the Congo.

1099.—Roadway at Orchard Terrace.

The Town Clerk was directed to write to Mr. E. Finucane, Contractor, and urge that he carry out the repairs promised at Orchard Terrace roadway.

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Estimates Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall Bray, on Tuesday, 2nd April, 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

Present—Councillors: Messrs. H. B. Hipwell (Chairman), E. Byrne, J. Byrne, C. Doyle, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, H. L. McAuliffe, M. O'Toole, J. O'Toole, D. Sayers, G. H. G. Stuart and J. Temple.

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

1077.—Bray Cove Swimming Pools.

On the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Stuart, the Council agreed to let the Bray Cove Swimming Pools to the Bray Cove Swimming Club on the same terms as last year, i.e., the Council to be responsible for the cleaning and repair of the pools and the Club to pay a rent of £50 for the season. Councillor McAuliffe dissented.

1078.—Tenders of Erection of Six Houses at Chapel Lane, Bray.

The following Tenders were received and opened at the Meeting, passed to the Town Engineer for his report:—

Messrs. McNulty Bros., Dalkey	£10,680	17s.	7d.
Messrs. Building Services, Ltd., Dublin	£15,433	6s.	10d.
Messrs. McNulty, Greystones	£14,528	0s.	0d.
Messrs. J. J. Lynch, Dublin	£13,891	1s.	10d.

1079.—Public Lighting.

In reply to a query from Mr. E. Byrne, the Town Clerk informed the Meeting of the E.S.B. proposals for a new scheme of Public Lighting on the Main Street. The proposals were considered too expensive, and it was decided to adjourn the matter to a later date when a more suitable scheme would be sought from the E.S.B. with the concurrence of the Wicklow County Council.

1080.—Charges for Health Services.

The question of the basis of charges for Health Services was raised by Councillor E. Byrne. The Chairman informed him that the Municipal Authorities' Association had asked the Town Clerks' Association to set up a Committee to examine this question.

1081.—Sale of House to Tenants.

The Town Clerk was asked to go into the matter of the sale of Council houses to Tenants, with particular reference to the Legal Fees being charge din such cases. It was pointed out that this was the main obstacle to the success of a scheme evolved some years ago.

1082.—Road Fund Grant and E.S.V. Grant.

On the proposition of Mr. McAuliffe, seconded by Mr. Temple, it was agreed to seek increased Grants from the Government under the above two Acts—£10,000 per year from the Road Fund Act, and £5,000 per year from the E.S.V. Grant. Councillor McAuliffe received no second to the proposal that the Council borrow 10,000 to improve footpaths, it being pointed out that the E.S.V. Schemes were now being devoted to such work annually.

1083.—Litter Boxes and Tourist Association.

Mr. McAuliffe dissented from the proposal to expend £75 on Litter Boxes, and from a proposal to pay £300 to the Irish Tourist Association, and from the Estimate of £300 legal expenses.

1084.—Gaming and Lotteries' Act.

Notification of intention to apply for a licence under the Gaming and Lotteries Act, received on behalf of Mr. M. J. Freney, in respect of the premises "Seaside," Strand Road, Bray. The Council, having heard the reports from the Health Office and the Town Engineer, recommended that the application be opposed on the grounds of unsuitability of premises. This, on the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne.

Arising out of this application, the Council, on the suggestion of Councillor Temple, asked the Town Clerk to ascertain from the Legal Adviser what the Council's position was regarding objections to the granting of licences under the above Act, with particular reference to the grounds on which the Local Authority could object.

1085.—Estimates

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS.

The expenditure and Receipts and Net Costs to be met from Rates are estimated at:—

	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Net Expenditure
	£	£	£
Roads	9,120	4,010	5,110
Sanitary Services	22,472	2,496	19,976
Housing Services	64,600	60,179	4,421
General Urban Purposes	86,447	6,014	80,433
	182,639	72,699	109,940

The amount to be met from the Rate Levy in the coming year, as shown above, would be £109,940, but the application of available Credits of £900, which derive from savings in the present year, would reduce net requirements to £109,040. The Municipal Rate which would be required to produce £109,040 is 38s. in the £ and this would be an increase of 8d. over the rate for the present year which is 38s. 0d.

The increase in the rate which the attached Estimate would require is almost completely due to the rise in the County Council Demand which is up by 6d. The balance of about 2d. is ascribable to the Council's own services. There are variations in the cost of a number of services but the principal increases are: Superannuation £670; Wages £631; County Council Demand £1,375; Loan Charges on new vehicles for Cleansing Service £411; Vocational Education Demand £246; and Public Liability Insurance £234. These items in all reach £3,587. But there are reductions in Loan Charges and other items which serve to offset the foregoing additional outlay. The principal reductions occur under the headings of Loan Charges, £1,174; Public Library £240; Municipal Baths £175.

After lengthy negotiations and an offer by the Council which was not accepted, the Workmen's Unions appealed to the Labour Court and an award of an additional 8/6d. per week will entail additional expenditure of £631, beyond the provision made in the Estimate for the present year. The increase is reflected in the charges for a number of services but mainly in the cost of Street and Domestic Cleansing.

It will be necessary in the Estimates now presented to make provision for the payment of a gratuity to the legal personal representatives of a deceased officer of the Council and this involves an outlay of £650. It is also necessary to provide for superannuation in respect of an officer of the Vocational Education Committee. The Council has already approved in the present year of a lump sum on retirement of £2,793 (half of which will be recouped by the Department of Education) and yearly superannuation will become payable from the date of the officer's retirement. As, however, it is expected that the officer may remain in the Council's service for about half of the coming year, provision is being made for only one half of the superannuation allow-

ance. As one half of such allowance would be recouped by the Department of Education the provision which is being included accordingly is £220.

These total superannuation costs of £870 are partly offset by a reduction of £200 arising from the death of a pensioned officer. The increase in the County Council Demand of £1,375 is almost altogether due to a rise in the cost of the Health Services.

ROADS.

The total outlay on Roads in the coming year is estimated at £9,120, and when account is taken of receipts from various sources (but mainly from Government Grants) at net outlay is £5,110.

Road Fund Grant.

The Council has been receiving a grant from the Road Fund since 1960/1 and this is given for the purpose of improving the fourteen miles of Urban Roads that the Council have to maintain. In the present year the Council received a grant of £1,760 and this was used in laying a concrete surface on part of Ravenswell Road and also in putting a new tarred surface on Emmet Road.

The Council some years ago borrowed heavily to meet the cost of reconstructing Urban Roads and as these loans gradually become liquidated the Loan Charges show a decrease. The earlier loans, such as those for the Meath Road, Sidmonton Road and Florence Road, have already been repaid in full and in the present year the amount borrowed for Church Road Reconstruction will be liquidated. There are reductions moreover in the charges for some of the loans which are still outstanding, and in all, the reduction for Road Loans shows a decrease of £953 for the coming year. The fact that there has been a progressive decline in the loan charges for road works which are still outstanding, and in the costs of other items. At the same time, with the original outlay the Council has established valuable assets, and a type of asset requiring little maintenance whenever the new road was laid in concrete.

The total outlay on Urban Roads comes to £5,110 and this requires a rate of 1/10d. in the £. If to it be added the amount included in the County Council Demand for Main Roads—£8,718—the total levy for roads represents a rate of 4/11d. in the £. This it might be mentioned is considerably less than the rate levied by the County Council in rural areas for the upkeep of main roads and rural roads, which is 9/11d. in the £.

Employment Schemes Grant.

The Council each year receives a grant for an Employment Scheme which is carried out in mid-Winter. For the present year the amount received was £1,650. Towards the scheme the Council will be expected to make a contribution of £265, the same as was levied this year. Under the Scheme operated last November and December, the Council provided new concrete footpaths at Brighton Terrace, Herbert Road and Old Conna Avenue. As it was felt desirable to carry on the new footpaths for a greater distance along Herbert Road than was originally contemplated, the Council voted another £200 to complete the work so that in all £2,335 was spent last Winter on Employment Schemes. The details of a Scheme for the coming year can be determined later.

Footpath Repairs.

The Town Engineer has again recommended that a sum of £150 be included for repairs to footpaths. This money is required for repairing minor defects in footpaths as it is only the complete reconstruction of footpaths which is carried out through Employment Schemes. It should here be mentioned that the County Council laid new footpaths along part of the western side of the Main Street, but the work was held up because of a lawsuit. It has recently, however, been decided by the County Council that the work should be continued.

New Access to Seafrost.

The laying of a new concrete surface at Ravenswell Road is part of a programme for providing another means of access to the Seafrost, which would help to relieve the congestion which occurs at present during peak periods of traffic in the Summer. An application was made some time ago to the Department of Local Government for a special grant from the Road Fund for this scheme but so far no in-

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dication has been received if the grant will be forthcoming. It would be very desirable that this new approach to the Seafront should be made and it is to be hoped that, apart from the ordinary Road Fund Grant being applied to it, there may be a possibility of receiving additional special assistance from that Fund which would enable the Council to improve the existing roadway and reconstruct the road bridge at the Harbour.

SANITARY SERVICES.

The total outlay on Sanitary Services is estimated at £22,472, which compares with £21,380 for 1962/63. After deducting receipts which are estimated at £2,496, the net outlay is £19,976, which compares with an expenditure of £18,819 allowed in the present year.

The items which account in the main for the rise in expenditure are loan charges on new refuse vehicles and the wages increase to which reference has already been made.

Street and Household Cleansing.

The total cost of these services for the coming year will be £7,347 including the loan charges on new vehicles and this will require a rate of 2/7d. in the £. It was decided last year to purchase a new vehicle for household refuse collection and the full loan charges on it have to be defrayed in the coming year. Another vehicle used for the collection of street sweepings is now seven years old, is no longer satisfactory, and involves the Council in heavy outlay on repairs. It is recommended by the Town Surveyor that it be replaced and a loan charge for a half-year on a new vehicle costing £2,500 would be £235. However, the new loan charges are offset in part by a reduction of £100 in the cost of vehicle maintenance.

The refuse collection service can still be regarded as being maintained at a comparatively high standard as there is a daily collection in the Summer and a twice weekly collection from all other parts of the Urban Area. The cost of the domestic refuse collection service works out at about £1 10s. 0d. per household, and must be regarded as quite reasonable under present circumstances.

Provision of Litter Boxes.

Once again the sum of £75 is included. It is regrettable that during the course of the year there was much damage to the existing litter boxes. This type of wanton damage is difficult to prevent and it can only be hoped that an appeal for a better outlook on the part of young people may achieve some improvement.

Waterworks.

The expenditure in respect of the water supply shows little change. The supply has been well looked after by the Town Engineer and the Waterworks Inspector, Mr. P. Doyle, and his assistant, Mr. W. Doyle. There has been a rise in the consumption of water but this could be attributed to the building of a fair number of houses in the past two years or so. Every effort, however, is being made to conserve the supply and prevent waste. Notwithstanding the very difficult conditions in the past Winter, which in other areas resulted in damage to water supply fittings, it was found that the efforts of the Water Works Inspector and his Assistant in Bray curtailed the waste of water which might otherwise have occurred.

Public Lighting.

For this service a total of £2,693 is again being included. At present the Council has 430 lamps which are kept lighting until midnight, and there are 38 pilot lights on main road intersections which are kept lighting all night. The number of lights has been progressively increased in recent years and this, together with the rising charges for electricity is reflected in the existing costs. Ten years ago or so the cost of the public lighting was £1,350 or about one half of what it is to-day. The present outlay works out at 1s. in the £ as a rate and is equal to 5s. per head of population.

There have been discussions at recent meetings on proposals for improving the standard of lighting in the Main thoroughfares, such as Quinsboro Road, Main Street, Florence Road and Strand Road. Inquiries which have been made about new types of lighting show that the capital cost would be very heavy whilst the addition to the annual charges also would be considerable.

Seafront Improvement Scheme.

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As a result of lengthy discussions with An Bord Fáilte Éireann the details of a comprehensive scheme which would provide new facilities and erections at the Seafront were eventually agreed. It was accepted by the Board that the work carried out already by the Council in the provision of Shelters on the Cliff Walk and on the park at the entrance to Bray Head will be regarded as forming part of this scheme. These Shelters have been designed by the Town Surveyor (M. Healy) and erected under his supervision. They have cost over £5,000 and the entire cost has been defrayed by the Council. Work has been going on for some time past on the new buildings at the Boathouse at the southern end of the Esplanade. In addition to new sanitary accommodation, a shopping arcade will be provided and it is felt that the structure when completed, should look attractive. The total cost of the new work will be £8,600, of which 50 per cent. will be borne by the Council and 50 per cent will be met by a grant from Bord Fáilte Éireann. In the Estimates provision has been made for a loan charge for a half-year and this comes to £260.

Work has also started on the erection of new buildings to replace the existing structure known as the Municipal Baths on the Esplanade. The new buildings will contain not only dressing accommodation for bathers, but also toilets and open-air Café. Special seating accommodation for the public will also be included. This structure has been designed by Messrs. M. Scott and K. Fox, Architects. The cost will come to over £28,000 and it has been agreed that £6,000 will be contributed by the Urban Council and that the balance will be met by An Bord Fáilte Éireann. To meet the Council's contribution towards capital costs for this latter scheme a part loan charge of £235 is included in the Estimates. Some months ago the work of acquiring all the buildings on the area known as "the Island," Strand Road, was completed and the Town Surveyor in the meantime has put a tarmacadam surface over it. The acquisition of this property entailed lengthy negotiations and together with the cost of clearance came to £8,223. The cost was defrayed in the first instance by the Council, but recently An Bord Fáilte have recouped part of it to the extent of £2,340. The greater part of the property on "the Island" was in a derelict condition and there is no doubt that its removal has served to improve conditions at the Northern end of the Esplanade. The Council also has acquired from C.I.E. the car park opposite the Railway Buffet and the walls around it have been removed. This area also has been resurfaced. For the present the plot known as "the Island" can be used for car parking but it is denied that much of it will be incorporated in the new Swimming Pool scheme as a Swimming Pool and its ancillary buildings, which will include a Café etc., could not be suitably sited on the Seafront if "the Island" had not been acquired by the Council. It has been agreed with An Bord Fáilte by the Council that Messrs. Michael Scott and Associates, Architects, be entrusted with the design of the new Swimming Pool and ancillary buildings.

Projects which would result in providing facilities at the Harbour for boating, sailing and fishing are also in view but these have not yet reached the design stage. It is hoped, however, that it may be possible to make some progress with them in the coming year.

HOUSING.

The gross expenditure on housing is estimated at £64,600. The receipts are estimated to reach £60,178, with the result that the net charge on rates will be £4,421. There is practically no difference between the net costs for the coming year and the present year.

Repairs.

The amount allowed for repairs in the past few years has been £2,000 and a similar sum has been included for the coming year. As mentioned in previous reports, if repairs on the scale which are sought from time to time were to be undertaken by the Council the total outlay would be considerably greater than it is at present. The expenditure on repairs must be viewed in the light of the rental income and having regard to the level of the rents, especially for the houses erected prior to 1939, it would scarcely be reasonable to expect that the Council should incur heavy outlay on maintenance.

New Housing Schemes.

It was unfortunate that the Council was unable to proceed with

the erection of six houses at Chapel Lane, due to the fact that the firm whose tender was accepted declined to proceed with the work and the Council were advised against taking legal proceedings which would require the tenderers to proceed with the scheme. The Council has, ventually, had to re-advertise the scheme and it was hoped that it may be possible to start it during the coming year.

There were protracted negotiations for the acquiring of land at Palermo, which could be used for a fairly large scheme of housing. The Council went as far as they thought reasonable in the price offered for the land and as it was not accepted it was necessary to prepare a Compulsory Purchase Order.

Provision of Sites for Private Housing.

Recently the Council has given consideration to the possibility of providing sites for persons who desired to build their own houses. It is evident that at present there is difficulty in obtaining sites of this type and the Council feels that it is very desirable that every encouragement should be given to the provision of owner-occupied houses. The Council so far has been making loans available, but it is felt that assistance also should be given to the purchase of land and, if necessary, their development, by the Council. Negotiations for the purchase of land towards this end have been in progress recently and the Council is hopeful that the outcome may be satisfactory.

S.D.A. Acts Loans.

In the past year more loans were made to persons building their own houses. The total loan charges, as shown in the Estimates of £12,316 under this heading are offset completely by the receipts by way of repayments from borrowers—no charge to the rates is involved. So far 263 loans have been made by the Council to persons providing their own houses, and the total amount borrowed for the purpose now reaches £241,000. If the Council could arrange to provide further sites for building there is no doubt but that even greater advantage would be taken of this loan facility.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

The main item under this heading is the County Council Demand and there is also included the special levy of 9d. in the £, under Unemployment Assistance Acts, together with Vocational Education, Public Library, Maintenance of Esplanade, Scaurion, and Public Parks, School Meals, Band Performances, and Fuel Scheme. The total expenditure for General Urban Purposes is estimated at £86,447, in which the County Council Demand requires £56,928. After allowing for receipts of £6,014, the net requirements is £80,433 which would be an increase of £2,428 over the present year. The items which mainly account for the increase are the Demands from the County Council and the Vocational Education Committee, and the additional provision which has to be made for Public Liability Insurance.

Esplanade.

Provision has been included under this heading for the various works essential for the maintenance of the Esplanade, such as sodding, seeding, flags, lifebuoys, strip lighting and painting of railings and the supply of litter baskets. The provision being made in the coming year for strip lighting is £350—the same as allowed by the Council last year. £250 has been included for the painting of railings and this is a reduction of £150 on the current outlay. Provision is being made for a new roof and other repairs to the stores at the Harbour at a cost of £200. It is only right that mention should be made of the standard at which the Esplanade has been maintained in the past few years. The new flower-beds, planting and flower-boxes has it is felt, added to the attractiveness of the area even though high winds and salt spray at times have made it very difficult to support plant life along the Esplanade.

Band Performances.

The Council allowed £400 in the present year for Band Performances but it was found to be inadequate and expenditure reached £460. For the coming year £500 has been included and it is felt that this will be

essential having regard to the rise in the charge for bands and of transport costs.

School Meals.

The cost is much the same as in the present year and half of the annual on meals is met by the State Grant—the grant does not cover the cost of attendants. The total under this heading is estimated at £1,491.

Public Library.

A special report on the Library has been prepared by Mr. D. Breathnach, Librarian, and is being circulated to the members of the Council. A satisfactory service was again provided in the present year. There is no doubt but that this is a popular and much appreciated service. The annual costs of running this service for the coming year show a reduction but it will be necessary to make provision for a gratuity to the legal personal representatives of a deceased officer. The amount required is £650.

Fuel Scheme.

The cost of providing fuel to households in which there are persons who would not be in a position to find it from their own resources is estimated at £1,820. The outlay is recouped from State Grants and from the County Council in respect of Public Assistance recipients.

Provision of new Public Parks.

The acquisition of some land at the foot of Bray Head is part of the Council's scheme for providing additional tourist attractions. During the year the Council managed to acquire part of the required area at a cost of £938 and this expenditure has been recouped by An Bord Fáilte. The Council is anxious to acquire further lands but so far they have not been successful. It is intended that these lands be used as a public park with possibly some provision for a miniature golf course. Having regard to the number of tourists coming to Bray nowadays, there is no doubt that more generous provision in the matter of open spaces is essential.

Vocational Education Committee Demand.

This, at £3,054, shows a rise of £246. It is a service which has shown a progressive increase in costs in recent times. Ten years ago, the demand was £1,541. In addition to the actual demand, provision has to be made for superannuation. Existing superannuation commitments come to £415 but it is also necessary to include expenditure by way of superannuation for an officer who recently retired. At their last meeting the Council approved of a lump sum payable on retirement and this is being defrayed from credits available in the present year. The full pension which will be payable has not been included in the estimates as it is understood that the officer may continue in the Committee's services for another six months or so. The outlay for a half year of £440 will be recouped to the extent of one-half by the Department of Education.

Insurance Premiums.

It was thought that the Insurance cover held in recent years for Public Liability should have been more than adequate to cover any eventuality but in view of recent experience in connection with a claim against the Council it was decided some months ago to advance the limit to a much higher sum. This involves the Council also in a much higher premium. The additional premium charge, which will be payable in the coming and subsequent years comes to £254, which is equivalent to a rate of 1d. in the £.

County Council Demand.

As already mentioned the demand shows a rise of £1,375 and this is mainly attributable to the cost of the Health Services. There are, however, increases also in respect of Main Roads and Fire Brigades.

Unemployment Assistance Acts Levy.

The amount to be raised for this purpose is £1,969 being the product of a special rate of 9d. in the £ which the Council must levy to the Department of Social Welfare under their Unemployment Assistance Acts, 1933/40.