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The Rate for the Coming Year.

As pointed out at the outset of this Report the rate which these Estimates would require is 8d. higher than that for the present year. The items mainly responsible for this rise are the Statutory Demands from the County Council and the Vocational Education Committee, an increase in wages awarded after the beginning of the present financial year, the purchase of new vehicles for the Public Cleansing Service, the obligation to provide for payments under the Local Government Superannuation code, and a substantial addition to the premium for Public Liability Insurance. Indeed, the net costs and the rate required would have been higher but for the liquidation of Loans raised some years ago for roads reconstruction. When these loans were being arranged it was decided after some deliberation to take them for the short terms of ten years. The Council has from this policy derived the advantage of a reduced outlay on interest charges—the shorter the term of repayment the smaller the total interest payable—and the ability to cushion somewhat the impact of rises in the costs of services generally. Since most of the roads on which these capital sums were spent were reconstructed in concrete, they will require no maintenance for years to come. The desirability of reconstructing further lengths of public roads in concrete with the aid of the Grants now being received from the Road Fund seems deserving of examination. It would mean that in superficial areas there would be less to show for the money investment than if tarmacadam were used. But the saving on maintenance in later years would be in the long-term interests of the Council.

In the present year the rate is 38s. 0d. and of this the Council's own services require 17s. 5d., the balance of 20s. 7d. being for the County Council Demand and the Unemployment Assistance Acts Levy. As has been stressed on previous occasions when submitting the Estimates the rate for the Municipal Services—being those services such as Housing, Water Supply, Sewerage, Roads, Public Lighting, Library, Cleansing, and Seafront Facilities, for which the Council is directly responsible—have not shown a marked rise in recent times. The increase in this instance has not been more than 30 per cent. over the past fifteen years or so, notwithstanding that in the same period costs of all items have risen steeply.

It must be expected that in later years the provision of new attractions and facilities at the Seafront, even if the capital cost is in great part being met by State Grants provided through An Bord Fáilte, will require special provision through loan charges, and will also involve new maintenance costs. But if the status of Bray as a holiday resort is to be satisfactory maintenance of the existing services, such as roads, the water supply and public Cleansing, which provide the necessary environment for urban living. At times the view may be expressed that undue attention and expense is being devoted to the schemes for the seafront, and that Bray has many householders and traders who do not benefit from these activities of the Council. Some time ago the Council's staff endeavoured to assess the extent to which the community derived some benefits from the public services which help to attract visitors in addition to establishing a more pleasant environment for permanent residents. The existence of hotels and registered guest houses may be obvious but the survey showed that somewhere over seventy per cent. of private households, excluding Council houses, benefited directly or indirectly from the revenue derived from tourism in Bray. It has, moreover, always been evident that a fairly large number of Council tenants keep paying guests.

All the members of the Council's Staff, both outdoor and indoor, continued to give service of a satisfactory order in the past year. The Town Clerk, Town Surveyor, Accountant and Water Inspector have supervised the public services in an adequate way and have given special assistance in the preparation of programmes and schemes which are concerned not only with immediate needs but with planning for the future.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council I would like once more to express appreciation for help and guidance. Their constant attention to public affairs and their readiness to approach issues in an objective manner have, it is felt, represented a major contribution in the endeavour to provide satisfactory public services for the community.

Any further information which may be found necessary for the consideration of these Estimates will be furnished at the Special Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 2nd April, 1963.

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st DAY OF MARCH, 1964.

EXPENDITURE	Estimated	Adopted
	by Manager £	by Council £
URBAN ROADS		
Ordinary Road Works:		
Urban Roads maintenance—Wages	1,497	
—Materials, Cartage and Tools	600	
Footpaths—Repairs	150	
New Road Works:		
Road Fund Grant	1,760	
Employment Schemes Grant	2,285	
Road Signs, Name Plates, etc.	40	
Roadside Tree Planting and Seats	50	
Salaries (Engineer and Overseer—Part)	623	
Salaries (Storekeeper—One-half)	345	
Clothing (Workmen)	53	
LOAN CHARGES:		
1948 Florence Road Reconstruction (C.P.W.)	—	
1952 Church Road Reconstruction (Treas.)	—	
1952 Reconstruction—Seapoint Road, Novara Ave., Herbert Road, etc. (Treas.)	594	
1955 Strand Road, Eglinton Road, etc. (Treas.)	594	
1956 St. Kevin's Sq., Seymour Road, Galtrim Road, Wyndham Park and Connolly Sq. (Treas.)	406	
1957 Herbert Road, St. Laurence's Terrace and Dock Terrace (Treas.)	2,955	
1963 New Access Road to Seafront (Ravenswell Road) (Treas.)	10	
	£9,120	
SANITARY SERVICES		
Sewer—Wages	1,040	
do. Clothing (Workmen)	36	
do. Materials	200	
do. Superannuation	187	
Cleaning of Cockbrook	50	
Cleaning Strand Road Sewer	—	
Waterworks—Salaries	1,425	
do. Wages	1,223	
do. Clothing—Workmen	36	
do. Materials	200	

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do.	Dublin Corporation for bulk water supply @ 2-88d.	3,545
Scavenging—Domestic Refuse Dump—Wages		2,221
do.	Wages (Street Cleaning)	3,723
do.	Clothing—Workmen	139
do.	Tools, Brushes, etc.	50
do.	Fuel, Maintenance, etc., Refuse Vehicle No. 1	250
do.	Fuel, maintenance, etc., Refuse Vehicle No. 2	250
do.	Repairs to Handcarts	50
do.	Superannuation (Workmen)	94
Municipal Baths—Erection of timber decking and repairs		—
do.	Sundry Repairs	—
Cove Swimming Pools—Repairs		50
Cove Swimming Pools—Cleaning		150
Water Safety—Contribution towards I.R.C.S.		25
Public Lighting		2,693
Salaries—(Engineer and Overseer—Part)		623
Salaries—Storekeeper—(Part)		345
Other Sanitary Expenses		10
Public Conveniences—Repair and Maintenance		50
New Litter Boxes, repairs and replacements		75
Acquisition and Clearing of Derelict Sites		100

LOAN CHARGES

1939 Public Health—General (C.P.W.)	91
1947 Watermains—Herbert and Vevay Roads (C.P.W.)	87
1951 Laying of Watermains—Church Road, 1949 Sewers and Watermains—Meath and Sidmonton Roads (C.P.W.)	217
1951 Miscellaneous 4" Watermains (Scheme No. 1)—Purchase	125
1951 Laying of Watermains—Church Road, etc. (Scheme No. 1 (C.P.W.))	189
1952 Purchase of additional Watermains (Scheme No. 2)	293
1952 Relaying of Watermains (Scheme No. 2 (C.P.W.))	254
1955 Relaying of Watermains (Scheme No. 3) (Treas.)	241
1958 New Sanitary Conveniences—People's Park and Town Hall (Treas.)	146
1943 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.)	228
1947 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.)	17
1953 Esplanade Improvements (Treas.)	5
1955 Sea Wall Repairs (Treasurer)	243
1963 Seafront Improvement Scheme—Municipal Baths Reconstruction (Part Charge)	335
1963 Boathouse at Esplanade (Part Charge)	260
1962 Purchase of Refuse Collection Vehicle (Treas.)	376
1963 Purchase of Tipper Lorry (Part charge)	2355
1963 Amusement Centre near Harbour	10
1963 Tourist Facilities at Harbour—Slipway, Boat-house, etc. (Part charge)	20
1963 Acquisition of Land adjoining River Dargle	5
1963 Acquisition of Land adjoining Bray Head	5
1963 Acquisition of Property at Martello Terrace	5

222,472

HOUSING.

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Housing of the Working Classes:		
Maintenance and Repairs	2,000	
Salaries—Engineer and Overseer—Part	623	
Salaries—Clerical Staff	810	
Rent Collector's Commission	1,603	
Rates on Council Houses	8,544	
Rates on Council Houses at Old Conna	4,346	
Insurance	300	

LOAN CHARGES:

1931 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver)	1,194
1933 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver)	912
1935 Wolfe Tone Square and Kilmantain Park (C.P.W.)	6,185
1936 Wolfe Tone Sq. and Kilmantain Park	1,086
1937 Little Bray Housing Development (C.P.W.)	543
1939 3½% Conversion Stock	2,237
1947 Dublin Road, etc.: 91 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.)	2,491
1949 Dublin Road, etc.: 91 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.)	541
1950 Dublin Road, etc.: 91 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.)	287
1951 Dublin Road, etc.: 91 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.)	79
1939 Little Bray Housing Development (C.P.W.)	121
1949 18 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.) Direct Labour	523
1951 18 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.) Direct Labour	69
1950 Faingreen Tce., St. Peter's Tce., etc. 29 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.) Direct Labour	858
do. do.	52
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme: Acquisition of Land (C.P.W.)	111
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme Development (C.P.W.)	244
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme: Erection (C.P.W.)	1,070
1952 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme: Erection (C.P.W.)	174
1951 Old Conna Scheme—Acquisition of Land (Palermo)	325
1954 Old Conna Scheme—Acquisition of Land (Dublin Road)	228
1952 Old Conna Scheme—Development of Land	1,410
1952 Old Conna Scheme—Erection of 48 Houses	3,093
1952 Old Conna Scheme—Erection of 94 Houses	6,862
1954 Old Conna Scheme—Erection of 36 Houses	2,478
1951 Acquisition of Docl. Terrace (Treas.)	145
1955 Acquisition of Houses at Matland St. (C.P.W.)	130
1955 Children's Playground at Boghall Road (Treas.)	140
1958 Acquisition of Houses at Matland St. (C.P.W.)	160
1960 Acquisition of Houses at Ardee St. (C.P.W.)	140
1962 Chapel Lane Scheme—6 Houses, etc. (Treas.) (Part charge)	100
1962 Acquisition of Land at Palermo	20

SMALL DWELLING (ACQ.) ACTS

LOAN CHARGES:

1936 C. Public Works Loan	734
1949 C. Public Works Loan	1,442
1950 C. Public Works Loan	1,442

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1951 C. Public Works Loan	1,922
1952 C. Public Works Loan	2,410
1953 C. Public Works Loan	2,864
1956 C. Public Works Loan	705
1962 C. Public Works Loan	797
	£64,600

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:

	Estimated	Adopted
	by	by
	Manager	Council
Town Hall Expenses—Lighting, Heating and Cleaning	325	
Town Hall Expenses—Repairs	50	
Town Hall Expenses—Cleaner's Wages	195	
Tourist Development	300	
Public Library—Salaries (Librarian and Assistants)	1,727	
do. Wages	80	
do. Gratuity to Deceased Officer	650	
do. Books, binding, etc.	900	
do. do. (Juvenile Section)	600	
do. Loan Charges—Proposed New		
do. Heating and Lighting	130	
do. Repairs and Maintenance	100	
do. Office Expenses—Stationery, Postage		
do. Extension	10	
do. and Telephones, etc.	196	
Vocational Education—Demand	3,054	
do. Superannuation	415	
do. Superannuation (Half-Year)	440	
Public Parks and Esplanade—Wages	2,014	
do. Clothing (Workmen)	25	
do. Materials and Petrol	100	
Esplanade—New Litter Baskets	50	
do. Sodding, Seeds, Manure	100	
do. Repairs to Seats, Boat-slip, Bandstand	150	
do. Strip Lighting	350	
do. Flags and Pennants	50	
do. Life Buoys	40	
do. Replacement of Notice Boards	50	
do. Painting of Railings, Seats and		
do. Bandstand	250	
do. Sea Wall Repairs and Footpaths	100	
do. Repairs to Shelters and Kiosks	50	
do. New Roof and Door on Store at		
do. Harbour	200	
Bray Head—Repairs to Fences and Walls	100	
do. Clearing of Undergrowth	100	
Markets and Weighbridge—Salary of Weighmaster	56	
Markets and Weighbridge—Repairs	10	
Markets and Weighbridge—Rent	15	

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GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES (Contd.):

Band Performances	500
Milk and Dairies Acts	10
Schools Meals—Cost of Food	1,070
do. Cost of Administration	421
Salaries	3,931
Salaries—Engineer and Overseer—Part	623
Rate Collector's Commission	1,106
Superannuation—Former Weighmaster	235
Superannuation—Former Council Employee	230
Legal Expenses	300
Audit Expenses	200
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	485
Office Expenses—Postage and Telephone	285
Preparation of Rate Books, etc.	65
Rents, Rates and Taxes	305
Insurance (Fire, E.L., P.L., and F.G.)	744
Discount on Rates	90
Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates	550
Fuel Scheme—Cost of Turf, etc.	1,820
Fuel Scheme—Administration (Printing, etc.)	50
Bank Interest	50
Miscellaneous	65
Local Elections	—

HARBOUR CHARGES:

Superannuation—Harbour Master	296
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LOAN CHARGE—GENERAL PURPOSES:

1954 New Stores (Treasurer)	150
1957 Town Hall Repairs (Treasurer)	635
1959 Town Hall Repairs (Treasurer)	
(Supplementary)	352

COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES:

Main Roads	£8,718
Public Assistance	3,458
Mental Hospitals	8,359
Health Services	29,586
General Purposes (County)	4,115
Separate Charges (Criminal Injuries)	71
Separate Charges (Fire Brigade)	2,621
	56,928

UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE LEVY:

£52,493 P.L.V. at 9d. in £1 (1933 and 1940	
U.A. Acts)	1,969
	£54,462

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RECEIPTS

URBAN ROADS:	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
State Grants:		
Estate Duty	125	
Road Fund	1,760	
Employment Schemes	2,000	
Miscellaneous	125	
	<u>£4,010</u>	
SANITARY SERVICES:		
State Grants—Recoupment Loan Charges on:		
Watermains—Scheme No. 1	123	
do. Watermains—Scheme No. 2	212	
do. Watermains—Scheme No. 3	91	
do. Derelict Sites Clearance	50	
Sewer Connections	20	
Water Connections	400	
Water Rents	950	
Sanitary Conveniences	500	
Sewer Rents—Dublin Road	150	
	<u>£2,496</u>	
HOUSING:		
Housing of the Working Classes:		
Housing Subsidy—Little Bray Scheme	910	
do. Wolfe Tone Square and Cillmantine Park	3,710	
do. Dublin Road, Castle St., etc.	501	
do. 29 Houses Scheme	84	
do. 18 Houses Scheme	88	
do. 48 Houses Scheme	820	
do. 94 Houses Scheme	4,000	
do. 36 Houses Scheme	1,200	
do. Contribution to Interest Rate— 91 Houses	460	
do. Contribution to Interest Rate— 29 Houses	112	
do. Contribution to Interest Rate— 18 Houses	79	
do. Contribution to Interest Rate— 48 houses	1,232	
do. Chapel Lane Schemes (6 Houses)	100	
Rents (Inclusive of Rates)	17,245	
Rents (Inc. of Rates) Old Conna	11,912	
Purchase Annuities and Rents (Old Schemes)	2,622	
Purchase Annuities and Rates—Scott Park Scheme	2,107	
Ground Rents	681	
SMALL DWELLING (ACQUISITION) ACTS:		
Repayments by Borrowers (Old Loans)	734	
Repayments by Borrowers (New Loans)	11,582	
	<u>£60,179</u>	

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
State Grants:		
Bounty in lieu of Rates	541	
School Meals	535	
Fuel Scheme	1,568	
Vocational Education—State recoupment of Superannuation	201	
Vocational Education—State recoupment of Superannuation	220	
Other Receipts:		
Fairgreen Houses Letting	20	
Markets and Town Hall Lettings	50	
Dividend on Shelter Fund	10	
Site No. 3 (Putting Green)	300	
Chair Licence	40	
Watercraft Licence	40	
Kiosks—Esplanade	800	
Shopping Arcade—South Boathouse	300	
Weighing Machines	40	
Photographic Licence	10	
Sale of Oysters Licence	20	
Fuel Scheme—Payments by recipients and recoupment from Co. Council	252	
Public Library—Registration Fees, etc.	300	
Annuity—Section 11, E.S.B. Act, 1930—Mill Lane Premises	175	
Miscellaneous	626	
	<u>£6,014</u>	

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL ESTIMATES, 1963/'64

SUMMARY OF CHARGES:

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

The net requirements to be met from Rate Levy as above are £109,940. Credits of £900 are available which can be applied to reduce the amount to be raised by Rate Levy in the year 1963/'64 to £109,040.

Municipal Rate of 1d. in £1 produces £235.

Rate in the £1 to meet the net expenditure of £109,040 is 38s. 8d.

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

Sanitary Services.

A sum of £500—receipts for Water Rents—was increased to £600.

Housing.

A sum of £150 was inserted as estimated receipts from the six houses to be erected at Chapel Lane, Bray.

General Urban Purposes—Expenditure.

A sum of £650—Gratuity to representatives of deceased Officer, was deleted and a sum of £200—Repairs to Store at Harbour, was reduced to £100. A sum of £100—Clearing of undergrowth at Bray Head—was reduced to £20.

A sum of £800—receipts on Kiosks at Esplanade, was increased to £1,040.

Credits of £900 were increased by £90.

The following Table indicates the net effect of the amendments and the provisions of the various services.

	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Net Expenditure
	£	£	£
Roads	9,120	4,010	5,110
Sanitary Services	22,472	2,596	19,877
Housing	64,600	60,329	4,271
General Urban Purposes	85,617	6,254	79,363
	181,809	73,189	108,620

The requirements to be met from the Rate Levy as above are £108,620. Credits of £990 were taken to reduce the Rate Levy to £107,630.

Proposed by Councillor Temple and seconded by Councillor E. Byrne, and resolved:—

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A, B, and C, and determine in accordance with the said amended Estimates, the Rate set forth in Column B, Table C, to be the Rate in the £ to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said Estimates (as amended) for the Financial year ending 31st March, 1964, to be 38s. 2d. in the £.

The Chairman and Members congratulated the Manager and Staff on the manner in which the Estimates were presented, and the good services given during the year.

Shank B. Shank
Chairman
 14/5/63

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday, 14th May, 1963, at 7.30 p.m. Present—Councillors: Messrs. H. B. Hipwell (Chairman), J. Byrne, E. Byrne, C. Doyle, F. G. Hunt, H. L. McAuliffe, M. O'Toole, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, G. H. G. Stuart, D. Sayers, and J. Temple. Apology for inability to attend was received from Clr. J. O'Toole.

Officials present—Messrs. M. Flannery (County Manager), D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk), J. P. McDonnell (Accountant), P. J. Murray (Rate Collector).

1100. Minutes:

The minutes of the monthly meeting of 9th April, 1963, and the minutes of the Estimates meeting of 2nd April, 1963, which were circulated were confirmed.

1101. County Manager Orders:

County Manager's Orders Nos. 8693 to 8712 were noted.

1102. Resolutions of Sympathy:

The following resolutions of sympathy were voted: Mr. James McCrea, Chairman of Wicklow County Council, on the death of his wife; to the relatives of the late Mr. Richard McCall; to the relatives of the late Miss Annie O'Toole; to the Doyle (Strand Road) family on the death of their mother.

1103. House Letting:

Lettings of houses and transfers of tenancies was discussed at some length. It was finally agreed that members be notified immediately a letting of a Council house is made.

1103. Jones Terrace, Bray:

The Council received deputations from:

(a) Landlords; (b) Tenants of above terrace.

Mrs. Kathleen O'Toole, on behalf of the tenants complained of individual Councillors visiting some of the houses and stressed that her house was unfit to live in.

Mrs. McEvoy also on behalf of the tenants agreed with Mrs. O'Toole, and stated that the houses were damp and had either wood-worm or dryrot.

Miss Mary McDonnell, owner of Nos. 9 and 7, said that she lived in No. 9 and that the houses would be suitable for single or elderly persons, provided there was no overcrowding.

At this stage the County Manager stated that he would go into the matter again and make a further report to the Council.

1104. Uncollected Rates.

The Council considered the Arrears sheets and agreed with the County Manager's decision to strike off, as irrecoverable £168 17s. 1d Arrears carried forward were £2,315 17s. 9d. Arrears collected to the 31st March, 1963—£94,543 13s. 8d. The Rate Collector was congratulated on his excellent collection of 97.45 per cent. The Manager pointed out that only 1 per cent. had to be written off and 2 38 carried forward.

1105. Striking of Municipal Rate for the year ending 31/3/63:

On the proposal of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Sayers, it was resolved that "We, the members of the Bray Urban District Council hereby make a municipal rate of 38s 2d. in the £ to be levied in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1964. The said rate to be collected in two moieties—the first moiety and arrears after 14th May, 1963, and the second moiety on or after the 1st October, 1963, and that we resolve that the rate book be signed and sealed accordingly." The rate book was signed and sealed, as was the Collector's warrant.

1106. Kart Club Race—Ledwidge Crescent.

The Council's Rent Collector, Mr. Mooney, reported that no tenant in Ledwidge Crescent had objected to the proposal to hold a Kart Race there on the 28th July, 1963. A long discussion, however, took place on the matter. Several Councillors expressed fear of injury to children. It was finally decided to defer a decision until the next meeting and in the meantime to ask the Irish Red Cross if they would be kind enough to seek another race location.

1107. Widening of Fatima Terrace:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Murdoch's had agreed to the Town Engineer's alignment of Fatima Terrace. It was decided that permission be given to the firm to go ahead with the work provided that the re-alignment was not carried out in a piecemeal manner, and was completed within a reasonable time.

1108. Road Improvement Grant, 1963/64:

The Town Clerk stated that the Department had notified the grant of £1,760 for the coming year. The Town Engineer was asked to circulate his report with the Agenda for the June meeting.

1109. Overdraft Accommodation:

On the proposal of Clr. Sayers, seconded by Clr. Temple, Overdraft accommodation in a sum not to exceed £12,000 was sought in the Revenue Account to the 31st August, 1963.

1110. Limitation of Expenditure—Section 11, City and County Manager's (Amendment) Act, 1955:

Expenditure in excess of that allowed in the Estimates for the year ending 1963 was authorised in accordance with Section 11 of the above Act, on the proposal of Clr. Sayers, seconded by Clr. Temple.

General Purposes	£79 0 0
Vocational Education	£119 0 0
	£198 0 0

1111. Miss R. Dunne—Clerk/Typist:

The Council asked the Town Clerk to convey their very best wishes to Miss Dunne in her new post. Tributes were paid to her pleasant manner while working with the Bray Urban District Council.

1112. Limitation of Excess Expenditure—Section 11 of the City and County Managers' (Amendment) Act, 1955—31, 32, 33 Castle Street:

On the proposal of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Sayers, it was agreed to purchase the interests of the Sitwell Estate, Hawkins Estate and De buttes Estate in above three houses, and the expenditure in excess of that allowed in the Estimates for the year ending 31/3/64, was authorised in accordance with above section, as follows:
Roads — £250.

1113. Tea Council of Ireland:

Permission was granted to the Tea Council of Ireland to place a Caraa Caravan on the Seafront on Friday, 9th August, 1963.

1114. 38 O'Byrne Road, Bray—Transfer of Interest:

Permission was granted to Mrs. Helena Stack to transfer her interest in the above house to Mr. Leo Temple, subject to completion of the necessary legal documents.

1115. Town and Regional Planning Acts—Applications:

(a) Application from Messrs. Liptons for permission to carry out structural alterations at 105 Main Street, Bray, for a proposed Supermarket.

Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted.
Recommendation from County Fire Officer that an emergency exit be maintained from the rear of the shop proper through the portion of the building market "store." The exit to be clearly marked and all gangways kept clear at all times.

The Council concurred with the recommendation.

(b) Application from Mrs. M. J. Swift of "Rosemarie," Sidminton Road Bray, for permission to reconstruct her premises. Report from the Town Engineer to the effect that the sketch submitted was totally unsatisfactory, both in appearance and in the fact that a slated roof laid on a flat pitch as shown would leak, and no structural details or specification had been submitted.

The application was rejected.

(c) Application, from David Coughlin, Ltd., for permission to extend the factory premises at the Harbour, Bray:

Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted and stating that if the work was carried out the total expenditure on the site would be £6,000, which would satisfy the covenant in the lease.

The County Fire Officer recommended that the attention of the applicant should be drawn to the Factories' Act. The Council approved of the proposal.

1116. Bray Chamber of Commerce:

Bray Chamber of Commerce congratulated the Council on keeping the rate at a reasonable level.

1117. Bray Sea Anglers:

Bray Sea Anglers' Association thanked the Council for their interest and help.

1118. Booking Office on Esplanade—Scragges.

Permission was granted to the above firm to place a Booking Office on the Esplanade at the customary fee of £5.

1119. Bray Csest:

Permission was granted to Bray Soroptimist Club to use the Municipal Crest in a brochure being prepared by them.

1120. Pedestrian Crossing—Quinsboro Road, Bray:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had conveyed to the County Engineer the agreement of Superintendent MacNamee with the Council members' idea that the Crossing at the Quinsboro Road, should be located further eastwards on the street.

1120. Bray Head—Skating:

An application by Mr. Thomas Hamill for permission to take over a plot of land on Bray Head for skating was not acceded to.

1121. Transport Workers' Union—William Moran:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a phone call from Mr. Browne of the Transport Workers' Union, asking that a committee of the Council meet a deputation from the Union be asked to state in writing their reasons for wishing to meet a committee of the Council, and that the question of convening a special committee to deal with the matter would then be gone into.

1122. Water Trough at Station:

It was decided that this be removed as it was unsightly and not used.

1123. Work on Esplanade—Messrs. Cooney:

A request from some of the proprietors in the Albert Avenue area that a temporary entrance be made to the Esplanade for the duration of the contract work being carried out by Messrs. Cooney was received. It was decided to ask the Engineer to go into the matter.

1124. Footpaths—Notice of Motion:

The Chairman accepted the following Notice of Motion from Mr. Stuart: "That we, the members of the Bray Urban District Council consider the principle footpaths of the Urban area to be in a very bad state of disrepair, and recommend—provided that money can be made available to meet the Loan Charges—a long term loan to do this necessary work."

1125. Miscellaneous:

(a) It was agreed that a hand rail be erected on the Library steps.

(b) The Town Engineer was asked to go into the question of putting a road traffic line at the northern end of the Strand Road. The County Council were asked to carry out similar work at the Dublin end of Castle Street, near Heitons.

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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, 11th June, 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors Sayers, E. Byrne, H. McAuliffe.

Officials present: J. P. McDonnell (Acting Town Clerk).

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

1126—DEATH OF HIS HOLINESS, POPE JOHN XXIII.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that he had sent a message of sympathy on behalf of the Council and the citizens of Bray. Having spoken on the loss to the world by the death of His Holiness, the Chairman formally proposed that the Meeting be adjourned. This proposal was seconded by Councillor J. Temple, who also spoke feelingly of the loss sustained by all Christian Peoples on the death of His Holiness, who had laboured so much for the cause of peace and Christian unity. All the other Members joined in similar expressions of sorrow and decided to adjourn until Tuesday, 18th June, 1963.

1127—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

It was decided to hold the Annual general meeting on Tuesday, 25th June, 1963.

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of the Adjourned meeting of the Bray Urban District Council, held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 18th June, 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor J. Byrne.

Officials present: Messrs. M. Flannery (Co. Manager), J. P. McDonnell (Acting Town Clerk) and Mr. M. Healy (Engineer).

1128—MINUTES.

The minutes of the monthly meeting of 14th May, 1963, which were circulated, were confirmed.

1129—COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

County Manager's Orders Nos. 1713-1728 were noted.

1130—RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

Resolution of sympathy was passed to Mrs. E. J. MacDonnell, on the death of her husband. Special tributes were paid by the members to the work carried out by the late Mr. E. J. MacDonnell on the Bray Amusements Committee, and for his untiring interest in the welfare of the town of Bray.

1131—DEATH OF POPE JOHN XXIII.

Councillor H. L. McAuliffe spoke to the meeting, paying special tribute to the late Pontiff, and dwelling on the great loss sustained by the world on the death of His Holiness, Pope John XXIII.

1132—COAT OF ARMS—ISLE OF MAN.

The Chairman, on behalf of Mr. J. Bond, Isle of Man Tourist Board, presented the Council with a plaque which was made on the occasion of the thirteenth circuit of Bray cycle race.

1133—RETIREMENT—SUPERINTENDENT MacNAMEE.

The Council wished Superintendent MacNamee many happy years of retirement.

1134—C.I.E.—WEEK-END SERVICES.

The Council congratulated C.I.E. on the running of Sunday trains on week-end services which commenced early in the month.

1135—NATIONAL FARMERS' FEDERATION.

A letter of appreciation from the National Farmers' Federation was noted.

1136—MUNICIPAL BATHS.

Councillor Temple raised a number of questions regarding the progress of the Municipal Baths. After discussion it was decided to notify the Architect to attend the meeting of the Council to be held on 25th June, 1963.

1137—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR'S REPORT—YEAR ENDED 31/3/1962.

Submitted report from Local Government Auditor for year ended 31st March, 1962 which had been circulated to the members—
noted.

1138—ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT, 1963/64.

Arising out of Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Stuart that principal footpaths in the Urban area be repaired by raising a loan, the following resolution was passed. Proposed by Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor M. O'Toole, that a loan of £2,500 be raised for improvement to footpaths in the Urban area and that the allocation of the Road Improvement Grant, amounting to £1,760 be used for similar purposes. The Town Engineer to submit a list of proposed works for consideration by the Council.

1139.—BRAY ESPLANADE BYE-LAWS—BYELAW No. 12.

Application from Mr. R. W. Boles for permission to hold three open-air services in Bray during the months of July was refused.

Councillor H. L. McAuliffe proposed that permission as sought be granted and Councillor E. Byrne seconded it.

Councillor Temple proposed that permission be refused and this was seconded by Councillor Stuart. A vote was taken and Councillor McAuliffe's proposal and Councillor E. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell and H. L. McAuliffe's voted for.

The following Councillors voted against the Motion: Councillors C. Doyle, F. G. Hunt, Mrs. Ledwidge, M. O'Toole, D. Sayers, G. H. G. Stuart and J. Temple.

1140—REVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Submitted letter from E.S.B. requesting that a further discussion should take place in connection with proposals for a revision of public lighting in the Urban area. It was agreed that a committee consisting of the Chairman, Wicklow County Engineer, Town Engineer, Wicklow County Manager and Town Clerk should meet representatives of the E.S.B. to discuss any further proposals which may be made.

1141.—PERMISSION TO PLACE BOOK BARROW ON THE ESPLANADE.

Submitted application from Legion of Mary for permission to place Book Barrow on the Esplanade—Permission was granted.

1142—TENDERS.

(a) Housing Repairs:

Only one tender was received for housing repairs for year to the 30th June, 1963, viz.,

Messrs. McNulty Bros., 8 Railway Road, Dalkey—22½ per cent. Scheduled Prices.

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The Council recommended acceptance of this tender subject to examination by Town Engineer.

(b) Purchase of Tipper Lorry:

The following tenders were received in response to advertisement in daily papers for the purchase of one 5 cub.yd. Diesel Tipper Lorry, viz.,

Supplier	Type of Lorry	Nett Cost
1. Doyle's Garage Ltd., Bray	Ford Thames Trader	£1,687 10 0
2. Aibey Service Garage, Wicklow	Ford Thames Trader	£1,500 0 0
	138" wheel base or do. 108" wheel base	
3. Autocars Ireland Ltd., Dublin	Ford Thames Trader	£1,550 0 0
4. Wm. P. Ryan Ltd., Dublin	108" wheel base	£2,544 0 0
	6 cu. yd. Commer	

plus optional extras.

The Council referred to Town Engineer for his recommendation.

The following tenders were opened at the Council Meeting for A Rotary Grass Cutter, viz.,

Supplier	Type	Nett Cost
1. Cahir House Garage, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	Gravelly Tractor Model "L"—30" cut fitted with Rotary Grass Cutter. 6.6 h.p.	£184 10 0
2. Thomas Thompson Ltd., Clondalkin	Model No. 821—"Norlett" Grass Cutter—22" cut, 3 h.p.	£55 0 0
3. Thos. McKenzie and Sons, 212 Pearse St., Dublin.	Allen Rotary Cutters—catalogues of various types attached.	15% discount on catalogue prices.

The Council referred to the Town Engineer for his recommendation.

1143—KART RACING:

Submitted letter from Irish Red Cross Society, Bray Branch, indicating that they were seeking alternative routes for proposed Kart Racing competition—noted.

1144—USE OF ESPLANADE AND PEOPLE'S PARK FOR GYMKHANA.

Submitted application from Bray Amusements Committee for permission to use the green sward adjoining south bandstand and also the bandstand on 20th July next. Permission granted to hold Gymkhana between 7 and 9 p.m. The Council also agreed to Bray Amusements

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Committee having a practice trial in the People's Park on the evening of 16th July. Bray Amusements Committee to submit Insurance Cover indemnifying the Council against accident or loss sustained, arising from above functions.

1145—USE OF CENTRAL BANDSTAND.

The Council granted permission to Bray Amusements Committee use the central bandstand when not required by the Council.

Permission was also granted for the holding of a dog show on the central bandstand during Civic Week.

1146—HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.

Items under these headings were adjourned to meeting to be held on 25th inst.

Edward J. Byrne

9/7/63

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 25th June, 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

1147.—Vote of Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was expressed to the relatives of the late Sean Dillon of Terenure Dublin, the well-known cyclist, who recently won the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race.

1148.—Election of Chairman.

For the office of Chairman, Clr. H. B. Hipwell was proposed by Councillor Stuart and seconded by Clr. J. Byrne.

Clr. E. Byrne was proposed by Clr. Temple, and seconded by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge.

Clr. McAuliffe proposed Clr. Doyle, who declined to go forward.

On a vote being taken, Clr. E. Byrne received eight (8) votes, i.e., Clrs. E. Byrne, C. Doyle, F. G. Hunt, Mrs. Ledwidge, J. O'Toole, D. Sayers and J. Temple.

Clr. Hipwell received three (3) votes, i.e., Clrs. J. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell and G. H. G. Stuart.

Clr. McAuliffe abstained.

Clr. E. Byrne was declared elected, took the Chair and thanked the members for electing him, paid tribute to Clr. Hipwell and expressed the hope that the Council would give priority to the Housing question during the coming year.

The members congratulated Clr. Byrne on his election and Clr. Hipwell thanked the members and officials for their co-operation with him while in office. He also thanked Clr. E. Byrne for his remarks.

1149.—Office of Vice-Chairman.

Clr. C. Doyle was proposed by Clr. McAuliffe and seconded by Clr. Hunt.

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

Clr. Sayers declined to go forward and Clr. Doyle was declared elected Vice-Chairman.

He thanked the members for electing him.

ADJOURNED SECTION OF MONTHLY MEETING

Immediately after the annual meeting a special meeting was held to consider business adjourned from monthly meeting of 18th inst.

1150.—Housing Development.

(a).—Herbert Road.

An enquiry from Mr. Oliver McCarronn, Architect, was received, asking to be given what density of houses to which the Council would grant approval on a site of approximately 26 acres at Herbert Road. The Council, on the proposal of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, adopted the Engineer's report on the matter which had been circulated, and in which he recommended that no development on this 26 acres be allowed except provision was made for the proper sewerage schemes.

(b).—Land at rear of Tennis Courts, Vevay Road.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Earl of Meath was prepared to lease some five acres of land at the rear of the Tennis Courts to the Council at £450 per year. After a lengthy discussion the matter was adjourned and the Town Clerk was directed to prepare approximate figures of how houses could be let for on the site if the above price were to be paid.

1151.—Town and Regional Planning Acts.

The Council recommended that permission be granted in the following cases, in accordance with the Town Engineer's recommendations:—

(a).—Kitchenette — 56 Wolfe Tone Square, West — Mr. James Broughan.

(b).—Kitchenette—10 O'Byrne Villas—Mr. James Healy.

(d).—Kitchenette — 4 Wolfe Tone Square, North — Mr. Andrew Lyons.

1152.—Reconstruction—O'Hagan Ltd, Church Terrace.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that an application from the above firm had been received to extend their premises by erecting a structure on crete pillars over the laneway serving the rear of houses on Herbert Road. After some discussion the matter was adjourned in order that the applicant may come to an agreement with certain residents who have rights of way over the laneway in question.

1153.—Construction at Bray Head Crofton Hotel.

Application from Lyons and Lyons on behalf of the Proprietors of the Bray Head Crofton Hotel, Bray, for permission to construct toilets at the southern end of the Hotel.

Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be refused unless suitable screen walls and adequate sound insulation was provided. Several members of the Council stated that neighbouring residents had expressed their strong objections to this work which, it was stated, was

in process and the members felt that steps should be taken to prevent any unauthorised or irregular building in this case.

1154—Extension to Restaurant—K. Doyle, Sunnybank, Bray.

Application from Mr. K. Doyle, Sunnybank, for permission to extend Restaurant.

Recommendations from Town Engineer that permission be refused as the specification submitted appeared to have little or no reference to the proposed extension and the structure appeared to be unsuitable and would not have a very suitable external appearance.

The Engineer also mentioned the parking of cars in the vicinity of the existing building so that the laneway to Ledwidge Crescent was being obstructed. The Council concurred with the Town Engineer's views, but suggested that he discuss the matter with Mr. Doyle and also discuss with him the question of placing bollards in the laneway or otherwise minimising the risk due to parking in this laneway.

1155—Tipper Lorry.

Mr. Healy reported on tenders for Tipper Lorry which had been opened at meeting of 18th inst., as follows:—

(1) Doyle's Garage, Bray.	Ford Thames.	£1,687 10 0
(2) Abbey Service Garage, Wicklow.	Ford Thames 138" Wheel Base	£1,500 0 0
(3) Abbey Service Garage, Wicklow.	Ford Thames 108" Wheel Base.	£1,455 0 0
(4) Autocars, Dublin.	Ford Thames 108" Wheel Base.	£1,550 0 0
(5) W. Ryan Ltd., Ringsend, Dublin.	6 y.c. Commer Truck	£2,544 0 0

The Council, on the proposal of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne, accepted the Town Engineer's recommendation that the tender of Abbey Service, Wicklow, for a Ford Thames Lorry, 138" Wheel Base in the figure of £1,500, be accepted.

1156—Purchase of Houses—Castle Street.

1 Emmet Road and 39 Castle Street, Bray.

(a) On the proposal of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed to pay a sum of £480 to Mr. Thomas Byrne of 28 Castle Street, for the above two houses, of which Mr. T. Byrne holds the Freehold Interest. The Council voted the necessary excess expenditure.

(b) 36 and 36A Castle Street.

Various members urged immediate steps to be taken to either fence off or demolish these houses which might be dangerous to passers-by.

1157—Municipal Baths Contract.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. Michael Scott was not at present in the country and therefore could not attend the meeting. One of his assistants, Mr. Walker, Architect, however, wrote at some length, explaining the delay in above work.

Councillor Temple referred at some length to the fact that a firm guarantee was given that this work would be partially completed in June and wholly completed in August, and expressed his bitter disappointment at the Contractor's failure, particularly as two lower tenders had been passed over. Several members expressed their disappointment at the rate of progress and the Town Clerk was directed to convey their views to the Architects and also urge that every effort be made to press ahead with the work more rapidly.

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 9th July, 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors Messrs. E. Byrne (Chairman), J. Byrne, C. Doyle, F. G. Hunt, H. B. Hipwell, H. L. McAuliffe, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. O'Toole, J. 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. M. Flannery, County Manager.

1158 Minutes of Meetings:

The Minutes of Meetings of 11th, 18th and 25th June, 1963, were adopted, it having been first agreed to make the following amendments:

- Minute No. 1131 of 18th June—name of Colr. Sayers to be recorded as joining in the tribute to the memory of the late Pope John XXIII.
- Minute No. 1148 of 25th June—name of Colr. M. O'Toole to be recorded as having given his vote for Colr. E. Byrne, for the position of Chairman.

1159. County Manager's Orders:

County Manager's Orders Nos. 8729-8741 were noted.

1160. Deputy Dr. N. Browne:

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On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Colr. Temple, it was decided to extend an invitation to Deputy Dr. N. Browne to attend next Monthly Meeting of the Council and discuss with the Councillors his recent strictures on Bray.

1161. J. F. Meagher, C.E.O., Vocational Schools, Bray.

Mr. Meagher wrote thanking the members and officials for the expeditious manner in which they had his lump sum allowance paid to him.

1162. Bray Amusements Committee:

The above Committee extended an invitation to Councillors and officials to attend at the opening of Civic Week on the Central Bandstand at 8.30 p.m. on 12th July, 1963.

1163. Gaming and Lotteries Act—M. Freney, "Seaside," Strand Road:

A letter from the Council's Solicitors was read stating that Judge Deale had, despite opposition on behalf of the Council, granted a licence to the above applicant. The licence was granted under certain conditions. After a short discussion it was, on the suggestion of Colr. Temple, it was decided to draw the attention of the Department of Local Government to the matter.

1164. Civil Defence—Fire at Main Street:

The Chairman and other members heartily congratulated the Civil Defence Fire-fighting Section for their great help at the fire of Messrs. Hayes, Main Street, Bray.

1165. Carling Lager:

Permission was granted to above firm to place a caravan on the Strand Road near the C.I.E. Buffet, for a display for one day—19th August, 1963.

1166. Motor Boat—D. J. Nolan:

Permission was granted above-named to ply a motor boat from the beach on the usual conditions.

1167. Municipal Authorities—Delegates:

(a) Councillors C. Doyle and H. L. McAuliffe and the Town Clerk were appointed as delegates to the Municipal Authorities Conference to be held in Skibbereen from the 24th to 26th September next. The Town Clerk pointed out that these delegates were only in the status of observers unless the delegates appointed in 1960 resigned in their favour. These delegates were Colrs. Sayers and Hipwell. These delegates thereupon resigned in favour of Colrs. Doyle and McAuliffe. Colr. Hipwell, however, stipulated that his resignation only affected 1963.

(b) Resolutions for Conference;

1. The delegates were instructed to support a Wicklow Urban Resolution to the effect that the Turf Scheme be continued the whole year.
2. On the proposal of Colr. M. O'Toole, seconded by Colr. McAuliffe, it was resolved unanimously that the Minister for Local Government be asked to grant authority to Urban District Councils to expend the sum of not less than 4d. in the £ rates for entertainment expenses.
3. On the proposal of Colr. McAuliffe, seconded by Colr. Temple, it was unanimously resolved that the Minister be asked to prepare legislation to grant free postage facilities to Local Authorities.
4. The Meeting concurred with a suggestion of Colr. F. G. Hunt, that a Resolution be sent to the Conference seeking more power for Local Authorities in the matter of controlling Gaming.

1168. Office Field:

It was agreed to accept an offer of the Meath Estates to rent the "Office Field" for the months of June, July and August, 1963, for £13.

1169. Footpath Reconstruction:

The Council, on the proposal of Colr. Stuart, seconded by Colr. M. O'Toole, adopted recommendation from the Town Engineer that the following footpaths be reconstructed. It was agreed that Little Bray and Wolfe Tone Square areas would receive attention in the near future:

1. Florence Road, north side (from Main Street to Adelaide Road) .. 510 lin. yds.
2. Eglinton Road, west side (Quinsboro Road to Florence Road) .. 123 lin. yds.
3. Galtrim Road, south side (Adelaide Road to tennis ground opposite Novara Terrace) .. 233 lin. yds.
4. Novara Ave., south side, defective portion .. 550 lin. yds.
5. Sidminton Avenue (section near Aravon School Grounds) .. 350 lin. yds.
6. Meath Road (portion near Station Yard and portion on west side) .. 400 lin. yds.

It was recommended by the Town Engineer that items Nos. 1, 2 and 3 should be constructed in pre-cast slabbing and kerbs, and the remainder in mass concrete. Total estimate—£4,260, made up of £1,760 Road Fund Grant and £2,500 Loan. The necessary excess expenditure for Loan repayment was authorised and authorisation was also voted to raise the Loan, in accordance with Section 11 ff the City and County Management Act, 1955.

1170. Rotary Grass Cutter:

On the proposal of Colr. Temple, seconded by Colr. Hunt, it was unanimously resolved that the recommendation of the Town Engineer, that a Rotary Grass Cutter, Allen Champion, be purchased for nett sum of £124 5s. 0d., and expenditure in excess of that allowed in the estimates for year 1963/64 was authorised in accordance with Section 11 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, under the heading of General Purposes (Other Purposes).

1171. Letter from Colr. McAuliffe—Miscellaneous Matters:

A letter from Colr. McAuliffe, which had been placed on the Agenda and which dealt with fourteen general items, was passed to the Town Engineer for his report.

1172. Six Houses—Chapel Lane, Bray:

The Town Clerk notified the meeting that the accepted Tenderer—McNulty Bros., of Dalkey, had intimated that they would not carry out work unless they were allowed to increase their present tender. This procedure not being possible, the Town Clerk was instructed to request the second lowest tenderer (Mr. Lynch if he would carry out

the work. Colr. Temple, in the meantime, indicated that he had another idea on the matter which he wished to put to the next meeting.

1173. Land at rere of Meath Estates:

After a lengthy discussion on the above matter, it was decided to circulate the details made available to the meeting on costs by the Town Clerk, and it was also agreed to give full powers to the Committee of three persons who previously met the Earl of Meath to meet him again and come to a decision in the matter. The Committee consists of the Chairman and Colrs. Hipwell and Temple.

1174. Land at Captain's Avenue:

It was decided on the proposal of Colr. Temple, seconded by Colr. McAuliffe, to lease a plot of ground at Captain's Avenue to Mr. T. Murphy at £10 per year. The Town Clerk explained to the meeting that certain of the tenants of the Council had been using this plot for holding scrap, etc., and they had been asked to vacate it.

1175. Pedestrian Crossing:

The Town Clerk was directed to write to the County Secretary conveying the Council's suggestion that the Pedestrian Crossings at the Quinboro Road/Main Street junction be moved further eastwards on the Quinsboro Road. It was also suggested that Pedestrian Crossings be laid between Burke's, Chemist, and Raverty's, Chemist, on the Main Street, and between Royal Hotel and Hibernian Bank.

1176. Town and Regional Planning Acts—A:

1176. Procedure at Meetings: At the close of the Meeting the Chairman stated that if a member in future had something of importance to raise at the meeting which was not on the agenda, he should come to the Chairman before the meeting and seek permission to have the matter raised. This was agreed to by the members.

Edward Byrne
Presiding Chairman.

Date... 13/8/63

1173. Land at rere of Meath Estates: After a lengthy discussion on the above matter, it was decided to circulate the details made available to the meeting on costs by the Town Clerk, and it was also agreed to give full powers to the Committee of three persons who previously met the Earl of Meath to meet him again and come to a decision in the matter. The Committee consists of the Chairman and Colrs. Hipwell and Temple.

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 8th August, 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

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

1177.—Minutes of Meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting of July 9th, 1963, which had been circulated, were adopted.

1178.—County Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders No. 8742-8745 were noted.

1179.—Gaming and Lotteries Act.

Arising out of the Minutes it was decided on the proposal of Clr. McAuliffe, seconded by Clr. Doyle, to ask the Council's Solicitor for his views on the advisability of appealing to the High Court against the granting of a Licence under the above Act to a Mr. Freney for premises at Strand Road, which the Council deemed unsuitable.

1180.—Civil Defence.

The Council granted the Civil Defence permission to use the car park at the northern end of the Esplanade and close the road as required for Civil Defence week 2nd to 8th December. It was also decided that if Civil Defence wished to use the Peoples' Park they could do so.

1181.—Lease of Land at Captain's Avenue—to Mr. T. Murphy.

On the proposal of Clr. McAuliffe, seconded by Clr. M. O'Toole, it was agreed to lease approximately 9 perches of land at Captain's Avenue to Mr. Thomas Murphy for 99 years at £10 per cenr for use in connection with his bus hire business. The lease to be granted subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

1182.—Five-day Week—Outdoor Staff.

Application from Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for a five-day week was referred to the Wages Sub-committee.

1183.—E.S.V. Scheme—1963/64.

The Town Clerk stated that a grant of £1,600 plus local contribution of £280 had been notified for the coming year. It was decided that the Engineer would report on proposals for the next meeting and in the meantime, if any Councillor has suggestions in the matter he should communicate it to the Engineer.

1184.—Vevay Bar—Transfer of Interest.

Application by Mrs. S. Murray to transfer her interest in the Vevay Bar to her brother Mr. Doyle, on the proposal of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. Sayers, was granted.

1185.—Six Houses at Chapel Lane.

The Council, on the proposal of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. M. O'Toole, recommended the acceptance of the second lowest tenderer—that of J. J. Lynch and Sons, in the sum of £13,981 1s. 10d. for the above six houses. It was also agreed that the tenderer be asked to build two houses of a similar type at Pollard's Terrace, for a similar price per house.

1186.—County Wicklow Anglers' Association.

An application from the above body for permission to affix notices re preservation of fishing rights in the People's Park was agreed to as also was their application to have a half shroud fitted to light on the approach road to Bray Golf Links.

1187.—Town and Regional Planning Acts.

(a) Application from Mr. A. Corscadden to re-build Arcadia Ballroom. Report from Town Engineer stating that the plan was almost identical with one recently rejected. Steel decking and roofing felt was, however, now specified instead of corrugated asbestos. The plan showed the building as having been re-sited by turning it through an angle of about 15 deg. This would appear to place the windows of the Ladies' toilets against the boundary wall of the Station Yard or opening into the station yard. Either of these arrangements would be unsatisfactory. There had been no attempt whatever to improve the elevations of this proposed structure, and the information and plans did not convey any satisfactory information of the proposed external finish. The information on the layout and landscaping was also very unsatisfactory. Generally, the plans and specifications were very sketchy and unsatisfactory for a major building of this character. The elevations, lay-out, external finishes and structural details were not adequately specified. The Council agreed with the Town Engineer's view and report.

(b) Application from Messrs. Murdock's, Ltd., to reconstruct their premises and in doing so, re-align the roadway into Fatima Terrace by taking a portion of the footpath and roadway at the eastern end and giving a portion at the junction of Main Street. In their application Messrs. Murdock's stated that they could not carry out these works within two years and suggested five years. The Town Engineer recommended that the final stages of the re-alignment, i.e., at the junction of the Main Street, should commence not later than four years from now and be completed not later than five years. It was, however, recommended that a legal agreement should be drawn up by the Council's Solicitors in the matter. The Council agreed with these recommendations.

1188.—Visit of Dr. N. Browne, T.D., to the meeting.

Dr. Browne had been invited to attend the Council meeting to discuss his complaints regarding Bray. Having been welcomed by the Chairman, he alleged the Council were blameworthy in regard to the position of the dump; the discharge of sewage into the Harbour; the condition of the Harbour walls; the lack of seating at the Harbour; the condition of the northern beach; the lack of free access to the north strand; the fact that there were factories on the north strand; a pill-box on the north strand; weeds in that particular area; the condition of the Harbour bridge; inadequacy of toilet accommodation along the seaside roads; the absence of a life guard on the beach; the inadequacy of life saving equipment; the lack of indoor entertainment; the absence of a building for a concert hall and entertainments; the absence of an indoor heated swimming pool; the absence of diving facilities; inadequacy of litter collection; scattered dumping. He also accused the Council of a lack of urgency on what he termed to be the gross inadequacy of Bray as a modern seaside resort. At a later stage in the debate Dr. Browne drew a fine distinction between Bray as a town and Bray as a seaside resort, claiming that his complaints were directed at what he termed the failure of Bray as a seaside resort.

Clr. Temple stated that he had listened to Dr. Browne's list of accusations and he would like to say a few words about the Harbour, which had been a commercial harbour until 1950. At that stage Bray U.D.C. was faced with the prospect of finding £15,000 to keep it open for commercial purposes. They were prepared to spend £8,000 from the rates and sought a grant of £7,000 from the Government with it. The grant was not forthcoming and the Council asked the Minister for Industry and Commerce (Dr. D. Morrissey) would he receive a deputation. After some correspondence, a Council deputation, of which he had the honour to be a member and which was accompanied by the late Deputy T. Brennan, was received by Miss Beare of the Department of Industry and Commerce. The deputation was unsuccessful in its object, even though they had got figures from local merchants of what they were prepared to import through the Harbour. Further correspondence in 1951 produced no result and no grant from the Government of which Dr. Browne was a member. Some years later a second deputation with a similar object met with the same result—failure. Mr. Temple commented on the large gallery at the meeting and said he wondered how large it would be if there was a proposal to raise the rates by about 8s. in the £ to restore the Harbour.

The Council were aware that the sewage was unsightly, but they had the assurance of the Chief Medical Officer of Health that it was not a danger to Public Health. Regarding the north beach and Dr. Browne's complaint that it was not developed, the answer here was very simple. Only a very small portion of the beach was within the Bray Urban area and if Dr. Browne wished to take up the matter with Dublin County Council, Bray Urban District Council wished him every good luck in his efforts. Regarding dumping, Clr. Temple stated that every town had trouble with dumps and if anybody in the room that night could point to an alternative site convenient to the Urban area it would be secured within 48 hours. At the present, the Council was committed to £62,000 for improving the seafront. If anyone thought they could do better than that they were welcome to try. The general plan for Bray development should be known to many as it had been on exhibition in the window of the E.S.B. in the Main Street, Bray, for a considerable time. Mr. Temple further stressed that there were other works in the town to be carried out.

which were being carried out and that Bray was not the seafont and Harbour, and tourism, while important, would not support the town of Bray alone. Regarding sewerage in Bray, Clr. Temple announced that the Wicklow County Council had a proposal for an extensive sewerage scheme to serve the area stretching from Boghall to the Harbour. Before resuming his seat, Clr. Temple stated that even if Dr. Browne's remarks were correct, the timing of his statement from his privileged position in the Dáil was not a help to Bray in any way.

Clr. Hipwell, who followed Clr. Temple, stated that Dr. Browne's remarks in the Dáil that Bray was sordid and squalid were incorrect and unhelpful and he repudiated them, and he further repudiated statements that no attempt had been made to improve the town. There were a number of things which were yet to be done, but to say that nothing had been done and that there had been neglect simply was not true. Clr. Hipwell also criticised severely the Telefis Eireann report on Bray which omitted to mention the beauty spots in the town and turned their cameras only to the Harbour Inlet and the dump. He understood that the first day they came with their cameras, the dump was not on fire, but they came again when a fire had been started there and then featured the pictures with smoke from the dump. Clr. Hipwell stated that a lot of good work had been done but the Council had been seeking help from Bord Fáilte Eireann for a number of years and up to about 12 months ago had not got it. Now a definite scheme had been decided on. One building was completed and another in progress. Bray could not exist on tourism alone and the Council had to cater for residents and visitors, and must encourage industry to help out their short tourist season. They were endeavouring to encourage industry to Bray and had some success to date. He would not agree with Dr. Browne that the factories near the Harbour were unsightly or cutting out a lovely view.

Mr. Healy, Town Engineer, on being called upon by the Chairman, spoke at some length about various works carried out by the present and previous Councils, making the point that criticism, to be valid and just, should cover the whole range of activities and not just a section of public responsibilities and duties. He pointed out the difficulty of the Council in acquiring land, the limitations of their powers, and the necessity to keep the essential services, such as sewerage and water, roads and footpaths, at a very high level and to cater for both residents and tourists. He also drew attention to the fact that the first object of the Council in regard to the Esplanade had been to keep it there against the inroads of the ocean and to do this almost £40,000 had been spent in the last fifteen years. He concluded by saying that he was responsible personally for the selection of the site for the present dump and would be glad to be informed by anyone of an alternative suitable site.

Clr. D. Sayers spoke next and made the point that visitors came to Bray year after year, some coming as long as 20 years. Further, that the population of the town had risen steadily in the present century. No sensible person would select for residence a squalid and sordid town. In fact, one of those who chose to live there was Dr. Browne himself. Mr. Sayers also dealt with the refusal of the Minister for Industry and Commerce to make a grant for the Harbour. He dwelt at some length on previous Council's slum clearance and assistance given over the past 30 years under the S.D.A. Acts. He characterised Dr. Browne's views on Bray as "weird and gloomy."

Clr. James O'Toole stated that nearly everything mentioned by Dr. Browne had been discussed at meetings of the Council and where remedies were not applied, it was due to the lack of finance. Twice

Deputations from the Council had met with point blank refusals of Government assistance. He pointed out that the north strand was actually in County Dublin and said he would like to direct Dr. Browne's attention to things like that in Ringsend in his own constituency.

Clr. John Byrne dealt with the efforts of Bray Enterprises, Ltd., and other voluntary associations and criticised strongly the timing of the Telefis Eireann feature, which he described as a 'knife in the back' to Bord Fáilte Eireann and that body's efforts to develop Bray.

Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge recalled strong objections by residents on the seafont to erection of shelters as they alleged that these obstructed the views of their houses and hotels.

Clr. McAuliffe said he felt that Dr. Browne, instead of adopting the attitude he did in the Dáil should have been pressing the Minister (Mr. Childers) for more financial help for Bray. Regarding Dr. Browne's view of Bray, he was reminded of the poem where "two men looked through prison bars, one saw mud and the other saw stars." He concluded by presenting Dr. Browne with a free Guide to Bray.

Clr. Stuart stated that big improvements must come gradually as they are made at public expense. A town with higher rates would have people anxious to leave it—this had happened previously. He commented adversely on the unfair presentation of the Telefis Eireann programme of Bray. He also felt that Dr. Browne had been unfair in the manner in which he timed his complaints, without first coming to the Council or ascertaining what the difficulties were.

Clr. C. Doyle deplored Dr. Browne's statement and the harm it had done to tourism in Bray. He recalled that he himself felt that there were many things to be done, but it was only when he got on the Council that he began to understand the difficulties — mainly financial — which stood in the way.

Clr. Hunt stated that a big development plan had been started and that within a few years much more would be done. He wondered if Dr. Browne, as a professional politician, was inclined to act as he did in order to claim credit for the eventual benefits of the development plan.

Clr. M. O'Toole referred to the need to safeguard the interests of ratepayers when embarking on a lot of schemes. He felt that the Council and Bray Enterprises, Ltd., were at last getting moving on what they set out to do some years ago and the cumulative benefit would prove attractive to visitors and would benefit the town generally.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, pointed out that running a town meant balancing the various needs with the resources available. Bray was a dormitory town. There were a number of people in it who were not directly interested in tourism but who were very interested in keeping down the rates in the town where they had their abode. He pointed out that tourism of itself could not be successful unless essential services were maintained, for example, good roads, adequate water supply, proper fire precautions, etc.—the needs of industry must be kept in mind to balance the economy of the town which could not exist on tourism alone.

Mr. Flannery went on to stress the restrictive effect of absence of very sweeping powers of acquisition of land and property. However, even though tourism was not the sole stone of Bray's economic structure, very much had been done by the Council with very limited financial resources. Some works were carried out every year and in toto a lot had been accomplished. The County Manager quoted from statistics on the Isle of Man to illustrate the limitations of revenue to the Council and then went on to refer to the schemes which had been carried out in very recent years and to reveal to the meeting that a most comprehensive sewerage scheme, stretching from Boshall, through the Herbert Road area to the Harbour was being examined by a firm of Engineers at the behest of Wicklow County Council. When this scheme was carried out it would be of immense benefit to Bray.

Dr. Browne, in reply, explained that he had not meant to refer to Bray as a town, but only as a seaside resort. He pointed out the importance of tourism to Ireland and that the town of Bray set in a beautiful hinterland. He then alleged that nobody had attempted to refute 19 points made by him. What the Council had attempted to do was apologise and to give reasons why certain matters had not been remedied. He said that the main reasons seemed to be lack of finance. This might excuse but did not refute facts—he alleged, regarding lack of recreational activities. He pointed to the example of Mr. Butlin and seemed to suggest that a holiday camp project would be helpful to Bray. He stated that indoor entertainments at present seems to be confined to Bingo, "one-arm bandits," and public houses, with the exception of some larger hotels, such as the International and Royal. What was wanted in Bray, he went on, was a new modern seaside resort. He thought that too much had been made of the depredations of vandals. Those who state that modern development would cost too much on the rates—they should "tell this to the people." Otherwise they were being elected under false pretences. He averred that there were thousands of visitors who do not come back to Bray and this was the fault of unsuccessful Urban District Councils. He quoted figures from Bord Failte's publication to the effect that Galway had received a larger sum of money from that body than Bray and proceeded to laud the virtues of Galway at some length. Regarding the Council's efforts on slum clearance, etc., he dismissed them by stating that this was normal work of Urban Councils. Furthermore, he did think an outdoor swimming pool of the type envisaged by the Council would be sufficient. What they wanted was an indoor swimming pool. All his complaints, he stated, were because of the incompetence of the Council. He said that he lived in Bray because he liked the people of Bray and that he had raised this matter as he had raised many other matters in this political life. He referred again to the need of indoor amusements and the need for the Council to erect a large hall for the entertainment of visitors on wet days.

Presiding Chairman E. B. Doyle

Date 12/9/63

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 10th September, 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Mr. C. Doyle, Vice-Chairman, presided at the meeting.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors J. Temple and M. O'Toole.

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

1189.—Minutes of Meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting of 13th August, 1963, which had been circulated, were adopted.

1190.—County Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders Nos. 8746 to 8752 were noted.

1191.—Votes of Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was voted to the relatives of the late Mr. F. O'Carroll, Mr. James Jones, Mr. E. Farrell and Miss M. O'Kelly.

1192.—Scott Park—Lighting.

A request from residents of Scott Park Area for extra public lighting was referred to the Engineer who was asked to have a report for the next meeting thereon.

1193.—Scott Park—Water.

Mr. E. Byrne referred to the water supply to 44 houses in the Scott Park area and Mr. Healy, Town Engineer, stated that there were two reasons for this.

(1) The houses were at a fairly high level—158 feet above sea level.

(2) They all took their supplies from the rising main instead of Storage tanks.

After further discussion it was agreed that the Engineer would report to the next meeting on possible steps to remedy the situation.

1194.—Gaming and Lotteries.

The Council's Solicitors stated that there was no appeal from a Circuit Court decision under this Act. Clr. McAuliffe stated that he would hand in a Notice of Motion in the matter at the next meeting.

1195.—E.S.V. Schemes.

The Town Engineer recommended that the full sum of £1,830 be expended on concreting the Ravenswell Road. Many of the members favoured expending the money on footpaths in Little Bray area and they finally accepted a suggestion from the Town Engineer that approximately half the money would be spent on concreting some 75 yards of Ravenswell Road from the portion recently concreted to the junction at Bray Bridge and that the remainder of the money be expended on the footpaths in Little Bray which the Engineer considered most in need of reconstruction.

1196.—Letting of Kiosks and Shops.

An application was received from Mr. M. J. Gallanagh, Auctioneer, 1 Quinsboro Road, Bray, to be appointed as Auctioneer for the letting of the kiosks and shops at the Esplanade. On the proposal of Mrs. Ledwidge, seconded by Clr. McAuliffe, it was decided to grant the application and recommending that Mr. Gallanagh be appointed as Auctioneer for the year 1966.

1197.—Tidy Town Competition.

The Council noted report of the Assessors in the Tidy Town Competition and the Engineer's comments thereon. A discussion took place on the prevalence of fly-posting and in particular fly-posting at the rear of road signs, which was deplored by the members. It was suggested that those responsible be written to in the matter. Clr. Hipwell pointed out that there was a deplorable habit of setting fire to the contents of new litter bins.

1198.—Land at Raheen Park.

The Council concurred with the proposal to lay out seven acres of land at Raheen Park as a Pitch and Putt course and then advertise it for letting. They also agreed with the Town Engineer's suggestion that Bórd Fáilte Éireann should be consulted in the matter.

1199.—Purchase of Property at Martello Terrace.

The Council heard a report from the Town Engineer that Miss Gorby, owner of above property, was anxious to sell same and that a valuation of £2,250 had been placed on the premises. Furthermore, Bórd Fáilte indicated, by letter of 21st August, 1963, they would be prepared to make a grant of 80 per cent of the purchase price. On the proposal of Clr. J. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Sayers, it was agreed to pay the Council's proportion, i.e., £450 and an estimated £50 legal expenses for the property, and expenditure in excess of that allowed in the estimate of expenses for the year ended 1964 under the heading of General Purposes was voted in accordance with Section II of the City and County Management Act, 1955.

1200.—Excess Expenditure.

Expenditure in excess of that allowed in the Estimates of Expenses for the year ended 1963 was authorised in accordance with Section

II of City and County Management Act, 1955, as follows:—

(a) Sanitary Services	£1,283
(b) General Purposes (Other Purposes)	£760
	£2,043

1201.—Town and Regional Planning Acts—Applications.

(a) In accordance with recommendation of Town Engineer it was recommended that permission be granted to Mr. Peter Boyle to erect bungalow at Killarney Road and to Mr. N. Roe to erect a second bungalow at the same area. In the case of Mr. Roe's Bungalow, the Town Engineer had recommended that he be requested to have the rooms brought to grant size. This was agreed to.

(b) In accordance with the recommendation of the Town Engineer, but subject to the approval of the County Fire Officer and Health Officer, permission was recommended for alterations to a Coach house on Sidmonton Road, Bray. It was understood that same was to be used as a meeting Hall for some Religious Body.

(c) Arcadia Ballroom.

Another application was received in respect of above and the Town Engineer reported thereon. He pointed out that the Architect had not yet submitted a satisfactory plan showing elevation and level with proposed colour finishes. It had previously been pointed out to him that the window treatment was not considered satisfactory but no effort had been made to improve the elevation or to submit an adequately detailed set of plans for this large building project. He recommended a refusal of permission on the grounds that the plans were inadequate and incomplete. He further pointed out that the site plans submitted to date gave little information about site treatment. The Council approved of the report of the Town Engineer. In the course of a discussion on the matter the County Manager pointed out that there was here a unique opportunity of providing a really first class building.

1202.—Miscellaneous.

(a) Site at Northern End of Esplanade.

The Town Clerk informed Clr. J. O'Toole that the question of an apparent claim by Colonel O'Brien to a site at the Northern End of the Esplanade, the property of the Council, had been referred to the Council's Legal Advisers.

(b) New Toilets and Shelter—Boathouse.

It was agreed to write to the Architect, Mr. Fox, and request that wooden covers be put on the concrete shelter seats. He was also to be asked if he could provide some shelter on the east side.

(c) Public Convenience—Northern End of Esplanade.

It was decided to go into the question of either improving or closing this inadequate outdated toilet.

(d) Land at Palermo.

The Town Clerk was asked to again write to the Department of Local Government urging sanction of the Council's Compulsory Purchase Order on Mr. Peete's land.

Chairman: Edward J. Byrne
Date: 8/10/63

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 8th October, 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

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

1203.—Minutes of Meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting of 10th September, 1963, which had been circulated, were adopted.

1204.—County Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders Nos. 8753 to 8759 were noted.

1205.—Vote of Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was expressed to the O'Brien family and to Mr. C. Doyle, on the death of Mrs. O'Brien of "Llanaber" Pearse Road, Bray.

1206.—Arcadia Ballroom.

Arising out of the Manager's Orders the Clerk informed the meeting that despite a Prohibition Order served, work was going ahead erecting a new ballroom on the above site. He stated that he had referred the matter to the Council's Solicitor. Some of the members stated that they were informed that the ownership of this site had changed hands and they asked that this aspect be gone into and also asked if it would be possible that the Council take an Injunction to prevent further building.

1207.—Sewage—Harbour.

Mr. Temple said that he had on previous occasions requested that an extra pipe be laid at the Harbour to take the sewage into the main stream of the river. He felt that this should be done without further delay. The Town Engineer agreed that he would have a report for the next meeting on the matter.

1208.—Office Field—Letting.

The Council agreed to take a further temporary letting of the "Office Field" for the five months ending 31st January, 1964, on the

usual terms. Arising out of this all the members expressed their disappointment that no progress had been made towards the granting of a long-term lease by the Earl of Meath and the Town Clerk was directed to bring their feelings in the matter to the notice of the Meath Estates.

1209.—Bus Shelter—Seating.

The Council considered a letter from Mr. Fox, Architect, in which he stated that he would put wooden pads on the concrete seats as desired by the Council. The members approved. They also desired that a seat be put on the Promenade side of the Shelter and it was further requested that Mr. Fox look into the question of extending the wall near the Gents' Toilets.

1210.—Scott Park—Letting.

On the proposal of Mr. Hipwell, seconded by Mr. Sayers, the Council approved the erection of a 200 watt public light on the Vevay Road opposite the bus stop at Scott Park. They also approved of the expenditure in excess of that allowed in the Estimates for the year ending 1964 in accordance with Section 11 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, under the heading of General Purposes (Other Purposes).

1211.—Five-day Week—Outdoor Staff.

The Council approved of the proposals of the special sub-committee in regard to a claim for a five-day, 42½-hour week for the Outdoor Staff, which were as follows:—

(1) That same to be granted from 1st March to 1st October each year but that a five and a half day week of 42½ hours to be worked for the months of November, December, January and February. It was the opinion of the sub-committee that overtime payments should be restricted as far as possible and that where work had to be done on Saturdays, work was to be given to casual employees and were to get time off during the week where this was possible. A report of the Town Engineer setting out his proposals for operating a five-day week was also adopted. All this on the proposal of Mr. Sayers, seconded by Mr. Hipwell.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that as far as could be ascertained the proposals would cost the Council £520 extra per year. This extra expense was approved under the terms of Section 11 of the City and County Management Act, 1955.

1212.—Litter on Streets.

Arising out of the previous item a general discussion arose on the question of litter in the streets. The Councillors felt that Health Officers should initiate proceedings against those offending against the litter Bye-Laws adopted by the County Council three years ago. The County Manager felt that even though the Bye-Laws were drawn up by the County Council, the Town Overseer or for that matter any member of the Council Staff should initiate prosecution. He would, however, get legal advice on this point and it was agreed to have a report on the matter for the next meeting.

1213.—Sewerage Scheme.

The Council, on the proposal of Mr. Sayers, seconded by Mr. Hipwell, unanimously adopted the terms of a report of the County Manager and Town Engineer which had been circulated and which recommended that the Urban District Council employ Messrs. McCabe and Delaney, Engineers, to examine the sewage disposal problem at the southern end of Bray Urban area and also the problem of the

outfall at the Harbour, this firm having been engaged by the Wicklow County Council to examine a report on the sewage disposal problem for the Boghall, Ballywaltrim and Avondale Park areas. It was decided that the question of the costs of a scheme and the share to be borne by each local authority should be examined at a later date.

1214.—6 Houses at Chapel Lane, Bray.

A letter from the Department of Local Government stated that the tender proposed to be accepted by the Council was too high and suggested that the site for the houses be reduced to 750 sq. feet. The Town Engineer reported that he felt that even if this were done the costs of a smaller scheme in view of the fact that prices and wages tend to rise would be no less than the present. The Council decided to ask for a higher subsidy or alternatively that the Compulsory Purchase Order on Mr. Peete's field be sanctioned with delay in order that both schemes be advertised together.

1215.—Diving Stage at Old Municipal Baths.

On the proposal of Clr. J. Byrne, seconded by Clr. M. O'Toole, the proposal to erect a permanent diving stage at an estimated cost of £2,600 was agreed to. Bord Failte to bear 80 per cent. of the cost. The work to be carried out by the present Contractor as an extra on the scheme. During the discussion of this matter, Clr. Temple said he felt that the Council should seek a guarantee that the work being carried out by Messrs. Cooney would be finished by a definite date. He felt that it was dragging on.

1216.—Transfer of Lease—"Grianan," Vevav Road, Bray.

On the proposal of Clr. Hipwell seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, it was agreed that Mrs. Brigid Farrell, Lessee, be granted permission to transfer her interests in above premises to Mrs. Margaret Bennett of 142 Braemar Road, Churchtown, Dublin, subject to the completion and approval of the necessary transfer documents.

1217.—Bray Chamber of Commerce.

On the proposal of Clr. Hipwell, it was agreed to loan the strip lighting to Bray Chamber of Commerce for decoration of the town during the Christmas Season.

1218.—Notice of Motion—Clr. McAuliffe.

The Chairman accepted the following Notice of Motion to be moved at the meeting of 12th November, 1963.

"That the Engineer, Mr. Healy, be asked to examine and survey as to cost of laying down tarmacadam on ground at Arbutus Grove and Myrtle Grove, respectively."

1219.—Town and Regional Planning Acts.

(a) Approval to the erection of pavilion for the French School at King Edward Road, Bray, was recommended in accordance with Town Engineer's Report.

(b) The approval to an extension to 7 Putland Villas, Bray, on behalf of the owner, Mr. J. Cooper, was recommended in accordance with report of Town Engineer.

(c) A plan for the development of the Belgian Field incorporating—

1. Pavilion and Caretaker's Flat.
2. A leanto shed.
3. A Kiosk.

The Town Engineer, while stating that he had nothing specific against the proposal, was of opinion that a more attractive building could have been provided. He felt it should be referred back to see if any improvement could be made. After a lengthy discussion, the meeting, on the proposal of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Sayers, recommended that approval be given subject to mutual agreement being arrived at between Town Engineer and Engineer for Bray Enterprises.

(d) An application from Mr. John Keenan for permission to carry out alternatives in existing Labour Exchange Building by addition of upstairs floor also was the subject of a rather lengthy discussion. The Town Engineer pointed out that the elevations were very bad and were ludicrous when put on an old gothic building. He had no objection in principle to the erection of upstairs floor provided it would not be adopted for human habitation.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Fire Officer, who examined the building had no objection and the County Medical Officer of Health had not yet reported. It was eventually decided, on the proposal of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. McAuliffe, to adopt the recommendations of the Engineer. Clr. Temple and Clr. J. Byrne dissented, both feeling that permission for any renovations to this old and unsuitable building should not be granted at all.

1220.—Miscellaneous.

On the proposal of Clr. McAuliffe, the Council voted their congratulations to Miss Joan Power of 21, Hawthorn Road, Bray, on becoming "Miss Ireland," and wished her every success in the "Miss World" competition.

On the proposal of the same Councillor it was also decided to thank the people of Skibbereen, through their Chairman, for the wonderful reception they had given the Delegates to the Municipal Conference. Clr. McAuliffe also reported on the manner in which the Bray Motions had been dealt with—two successfully and one regarding the Gaming and Lotteries being beaten by a narrow margin of votes.

1221.—Footpaths outside Mellifont Hotel.

Clr. Sayers again brought up this question and stated that a girl had been injured there lately. The Town Clerk undertook again to bring the matter to the notice of the County Council.

Chairman: *James J. Ryan*

Date: *12/11/63*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



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

Present—Councillors Messrs E. Byrne (Chairman), T. G. Hunt, H. B. Hipwell, H. L. McAuliffe, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. O'Toole, J. O'Toole, G. H. G. Stuart, D. Sayers, J. Temple, C. Doyle.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor John Byrne.

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

1222.—Minutes of Meeting.

Minutes of Meeting of the 8th October, 1963, which had been circulated, were adopted.

1223.—County Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders, numbers 8760 to 8771, were noted.

1224.—25, Cill Mántain Park, and 23 Maitland Street.

All the Councillors urged that the Keogh family be allowed retain possession of 23 Maitland Street and that the Doran family be appointed tenants of 25, Cill Mántain Park. After some discussion on the matter, Councillor Temple proposed, Councillor Sayers seconded, and it was resolved that the matter be referred to the Manager for his favourable consideration.

1225.—Notice of Motion—Councillor McAuliffe.

Councillor McAuliffe's motion that the Engineer be asked to examine and survey as to the cost of laying down Tar-Macadam on ground at Arbutus and Myrtle Groves, respectively, was seconded by Councillor Temple and adopted.

1226.—Pollard's Terrace—Application from Messrs. McNulty and O'Reilly.

Application from Messrs. McNulty and O'Reilly to lease Pollard's Terrace Site for £30 a year, for a store was, on the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Sayers, not granted. The Council reiterated their intention of building houses on this site.

1227.—Sewerage Out-fall at Harbour.

Mr. Healy's Report on the above matter suggested that before anything be done the Consulting Engineers appointed for the Comprehensive Sewerage Scheme be consulted. The Council, on the proposition of Councillor Temple, asked that the Town Engineer give an estimate of the cost of laying the pipe to the centre of the river, at the next meeting.

1228.—Litter Bye-Laws.

The Council noted the Legal Advice that anyone can make a complaint and give evidence in connection with the deposit of litter. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Manager had directed that Mr. Comyn, Health Officer, and Mr. Murphy, Council Overseer, report any violation of the Litter Bye-Laws. The Council recommended that Mr. Murray, Esplanade Caretaker, be also given these duties.

1229.—Old Connaught Compulsory Purchase Order.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had just received a Minister's Order sanctioning the Council's Compulsory Purchase Order on eight acres of land at Old Connaught. The Council welcomed the decision and hoped that it would speed up the solution of the housing problem.

1230.—Old Cinema in Quinsboro Road.

An application was received from Mr. D. Taylor of the Irish Organ Company to use portion of the above building for the making and repairing of Organs. After a short discussion the Members decided that they would raise no objection to this and leave it in the hands of the County Manager.

1231.—Town and Regional Planning Acts—Applications.

(a) An application from Ravenswell Convent for permission to carry out alterations to entrance gate was, on the recommendation of the Town Engineer, approved.

(b) An application for Mr. J. Furlong, "Royston," Westfield Park, to erect a kitchenette at his house was, on the recommendation of the Town Engineer, approved.

(c) An application from Mr. G. V. Byrne, Architect, to erect a new Dance Hall on the site of the old Arcadia Dance Hall at Adelaide Road was, on the recommendation of the Town Engineer, recommended for approval.

(d) An application from the Meath Estates Limited, per their Architect, Mr. John L. Griffith, for outline general permission to erect 36 houses on a site at the rear of the Tennis Grounds on Vevay Road, gave rise to considerable discussion. The Town Engineer recommended that permission be refused, stating in his Report that this layout was similar to one discussed with this Architect on numerous occasions. It had been indicated to the Architect that the new road junction proposed would constitute a traffic hazard in view of its proximity to Newcourt Road junction, furthermore, the Plan proposed a Cul de Sac with a sixteen-foot carriageway which was inadequate. In addition there appeared to be little or no space between each pair of semi-detached houses and it was obvious that garage space should be provided. The Council concurred with the Engineer's Report. Arising out of this matter, Councillor Temple dwelt on the urgent need for houses of the type proposed and stated that there were many young couples in the town who would be prepared to build their own houses if land

could be obtained. It was finally decided that the sub-committee, which had previously met the Earl of Meath be authorised to hold a further meeting with him and to endeavour to lease this site from him. The sub-committee were also empowered to negotiate for the building of houses either by way of lease by the Council or directly by the Earl of Meath on the plot of ground known as Boghall Park. This on the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Sayers.

1232.—Bray Amusements Committee.

The customary permission was granted to Bray Amusements Committee to erect a Christmas tree in front of the Town Hall. Councillor Hipwell stated that this year they did not wish the tree to be lit for as long a period as heretofore.

1233.—Glenherbert, Dargle Road.

Several of the Councillors drew attention to the bad state of repair of this house. The Town Engineer stated it was not unfit for repair at a reasonable cost and it would be a matter of issuing a Notice to the Landlord to have repairs carried out.

1234.—Flooding.

Mr. Healy explained to the Meeting the cause of the flooding at Waterside, and informed them that when the choke had been discovered, Council men found, among other things, planks such as would have been used by a builder. Councillor Sayers raised the question of the danger to Little Bray and Mr. Healy pointed out that since the last flooding they had cleared an over-flow in the Castle Street area and inserted various flap-valves on the bank of the river and that furthermore the question of flooding in the Dargle would be considered in conjunction with the proposed new Sewerage Scheme.

1235.—Orchard Terrace Roadway.

The Town Engineer undertook, in response to a query by Councillor Doyle and other Members, to take up the question of this roadway with the contractor, Mr. Finucane.

Chairman..... *Edward J. Byrne*

Date..... *December 10, 1963*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



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

Present—Councillors Messrs. E. Byrne (Chairman), T. G. Hunt, H. B. Hipwell, H. L. McAuliffe, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. O'Toole, G. H. G. Stuart, D. Sayers, J. Temple, C. Doyle.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillors John Byrne and M. O'Toole.

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

1236.—Minutes of Meeting.

Minutes of Meeting of the 12th November, 1963, which had been circulated were adopted.

1237.—County Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders, numbers 8772 to 8780, were noted.

1238.—Votes of Sympathy.

The Sympathy of the Council was expressed to the relatives of President J. F. Kennedy, Mr. William Norton, T.D., Mrs. P. O'Dorgain, Mrs. Mulvey, St. Bridget's Terrace, and Mrs. Leghorn, Belton Terrace.

1239.—Mr. John Lubasi.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. John Lubasi, a Northern Rhodesian student, to the Meeting on behalf of the Council and hoped that his stay in Bray would be a happy and fruitful one.

1240.—Road near Orchard Terrace.

Mr. McAuliffe raised the question of the repair of the road at Orchard Terrace and was informed that the work had been almost completed. In the meantime Councillor Temple drew attention to another road at the rear of Orchard Terrace, the property of Lord Meath, which also required attention. The Clerk was directed to write to the Meath Estates in this regard.

1241.—Litter.

Councillor Stuart complained that the Litter Bye-Laws were still not being observed and also that the men were not emptying the litter-bins frequently enough. Mr. Healy undertook to look into the latter point. Councillor Sayers stated that certain premises in Quinsboro Road were selling items wrapped in pink paper which was being

littered on the roadway every day. It was agreed that Councillor Sayers give the name of the premises after the meeting and that the Proprietor should be written to.

1242.—Kennedy Villas.

A letter was received from Mrs. Vera Byrne on behalf of the owners of eight houses recently built on Boghall Road, asking if the Council would have any objection to these houses being called Kennedy Park. The Council were of the opinion that the houses should be called Kennedy Villas.

1243.—Christmas Tree.

Mrs. McAuliffe, Hon. Secretary, Bray Amusements, wrote inviting Members and Officials to the switching on of the Christmas tree at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at 8.30 p.m.

1244.—President John F. Kennedy.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that on the death of President Kennedy he had conveyed the sympathy of the Council to the American Ambassador and had attended Mass in Wicklow on behalf of the Council. Councillor McAuliffe suggested that the People's Park be re-named Kennedy Park. It was decided to adjourn the decision on this matter, pending the completion of the improvement works at present going on. Many of the Members were loud in the praise of the work being carried out in the People's Park.

1245.—Vocational Education Demand.

The Council considered the Scheme submitted by the Vocational Education Committee for the year ending the 31/3/1965, which the demand was increased by £496, i.e., from £3,054 to £3,550 the product of 2d. in the £. In accordance with the terms of Section 4(d) of the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act, 1950, the Council, on the proposition of Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Hunt, resolved that the excess over the previous Financial Year be approved and that the Minister for Education be so informed. Councillor McAuliffe dissented from the Resolution.

1246.—Six Houses at Chapel Lane.

A letter from the Department suggesting that the above six houses might possibly be advertised with a larger Scheme pending and that further the Council might consider a new Plan with a lesser floor area. Mr. Healy submitted a Report stating that the houses might be built by direct labour on condition that he would not be subject to any interference in the matter of hiring or dismissing men and stating that the Scheme could only be successful if a great deal of the work was carried out on the sub-contract method. At the present cost of labour and materials he estimated that the six houses could be erected by direct labour for a sum of £12,000. After a long discussion during which Councillor Temple stressed that there should be no interference by Members with the Engineer, it was decided on the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Sayers, to seek the sanction of the Minister to the building of the six houses by direct labour.

1247.—Shops at Old Corra.

The Town Engineer reported on the above and suggested that the Council could develop this site and provide four shops in addition to a total of eight two and three bed-roomed flats. The Members were not in favour of shops but were in favour of either flats or

duplex houses. Eventually it was, on the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Sayers, decided to advertise for an Architect to plan a Scheme on the land to be acquired at Richmond Hill and it was suggested that he could make a Plan for this site opposite Ledwidge Crescent as well.

1248.—Relaying of Arbutus and Myrtle Groves in Tar-Macadam.

The Engineer reported that this work would cost £1200 and the Town Clerk stated that this might mean a steep increase in the rents of the twenty-four Tenants concerned. After a very lengthy discussion on all aspects of the matter, it was decided, on the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Hipwell, to defer this matter to the Estimate's Meeting, when it should be considered in conjunction with similar work for Connolly Square.

1249.—Extension—Sewer Out-let to Harbour.

On having been informed by the Town Engineer that the cost of the extension desired would be £40 the Council, on the proposition of Councillor Temple seconded by Councillor Hipwell, that the work be carried out and the excess expenditure of £40 be allowed in accordance with the terms of Section 11 of City and County Management Act, 1955.

1250.—Flooding.

The Town Engineer was asked by Councillor McAuliffe and Councillor James O'Toole to look into the question of flooding at the Bray Head and Dock Terrace areas respectively.

1251.—Municipal Baths Diving Stage.

The Town Clerk referred the Council to their recent agreement to meet 20 per cent. of an estimated cost of £2,600 for the erection of a diving stage at the new Municipal Baths. He stated that he had received a letter from Bord Fáilte which stated that there might be extras on this work and asking if the Council would agree to contribute 20 per cent. of the extras. Councillor Temple complained strongly at this method of doing business and it was eventually agreed that the Council would contribute the 20 per cent. of extras but that the Architects endeavour at this stage to give some idea of the amount of extras involved.

1252.—Wm. Doyle, Assistant Water Inspector—Excess Expenditure.

The Council, on the proposition of Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sayers, agreed to the excess expenditure in a sum not exceeding £55 for payment of wages to William Doyle, Assistant Water Inspector, in accordance with the terms of Section 11 of the City and County Management Act, 1955.

1253.—Land at Rear of Tennis Ground.

A letter from the Meath Estates stating that a further application for permission to build thirty houses on this site would be forwarded, was noted.

1254.—Town and Regional Planning Acts—Applications.

(a) Application for permission to carry out alterations to the Neptune Bar. The Council concurred with the Engineer's Report, which recommended approval, subject to submission of detailed drawings and specifications.

(b) Application from Mr. K. Edwards, Architect, on behalf of his client Mr. Kelly, for permission to erect a bungalow at Raheen

Park. The Council concurred with the Engineer's Report recommending approval.

(c) Housing Scheme at Newtown, Bray. An application for approval in principle to a lay-out plan for proposed housing development of thirty houses at the rear of Laurerdale Terrace, was submitted by R. McDonnell, Architect. The Town Engineer pointed out that the lay-out was unsatisfactory in the following respects and recommended that permission not be granted:

- (1) A 16 ft. carriageway was not adequate.
- (2) A 9 deg. bend on the entrance road is not desirable and the border of site Seven should be moved back considerably to avoid a blind corner.
- (3) The frontages appear to be about 27 ft. and these are inadequate and no space or provision is made for the erection of garages.
- (4) Pedestrian access via Sugar Loaf Terrace is essential and would give the residents of this new area road access to shops and church.
- (5) The surface water from this development must be discharged into the stream on the West side since the Council's existing sewers cannot cope with it.
- (6) If houses are erected at a later date on the West side of the new road the lay-out will become even more unsatisfactory.
- (7) Some parking bays should be provided especially in view of the Cul-de-Sac at the end of the road. It should be also possible to increase the size or improve the turning circle of the Cul-de-Sac.

The Council concurred with the Engineer's Report which recommended that permission be refused.

Chairman.....

Date.....

Edward Byrne
January 14, 1964

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council, held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 14th January, 1964, at 7.30 p.m.

Present Councillors E. Byrne (Chairman), John Byrne, C. Doyle, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. Ledwidge, H. L. McAuliffe, J. O'Toole, M. O'Toole, D. Sayers, G. H. G. Stuart, J. Temple. Officials: K. J. Brangan (Deputy County Manager), M. Healy (Town Engineer), D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk).

Apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Hunt.

1255.—Confirmation of Minutes.

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 10th December, 1963, which had been circulated, were adopted.

1256.—County Manager's Orders.

The County Manager's Orders Nos. 8781 to 8787 were noted.

1257.—Votes of Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was voted to the Community of Saint Joseph's Monastery, Roscrea, on the tragic death of the Lord Abbot, Right Rev. Dom Boylan, and the relatives of the late Peter Kavanagh, Mrs. Harris and Mr. Hall.

1258.—Castleblayney U.D.C.

Resolutions from Castleblayney U.D.C.:

- (a) Asking for the appointment of Efficiency Experts, and
- (b) Asking for the fixing of a ceiling in expenditure on Road Schemes were marked read.

1259.—Transfer of Harbour Site.

The Council considered an application from Messrs. David Coughlin, Ltd., for permission to transfer their interest in the site at the Harbour known as Wallace's Yard, to Messrs. Caravans, Ltd., of Stillorgan, and from Messrs. Shannon Caravans, Ltd., for permission.

to take over the Leasehold interests of Messrs. Coughlin's, Ltd. Messrs. Shannon Caravans, Ltd., stated that they wished to acquire the premises for the manufacture of caravans and not for a caravan site. The Town Clerk read a letter from the Council's Solicitor concerning certain points raised and to the fact that the Council would not have power to refuse to grant the transfer of the site.

On the proposal of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, it was unanimously resolved to recommend that the transfer be granted subject to completion of the customary documents of transfer by all concerned.

1260.—Fairgreen: Lease of Portion to Messrs. Haughton.

The Council approved in principle a proposal to lease half an acre of the Fairgreen to the above firm for ninety years at £25 (twenty five pounds) a year for the extension of their Factory premises, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government. This on the proposal of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the grant was held for the provision of the Bray Enclosures Act, 1859, and pointed out that Messrs. Haughton would also have to obtain the sanction of the Earl of Meath to the proposed lease.

1261.—Estimates Meeting.

The Council fixed the date for the Annual Estimates Meeting to be on Tuesday, 31st March, 1964.

1262.—Development of Bray Sea Front.

Notices of Motion by the Chairman, Mr. E. Byrne, as follows:

"That time be allocated at our next meeting to discuss further development of Bray Sea Front with a special view to giving the Harbour Development priority."

1263.—Town and Regional Planning Acts—Applications:

(a) Food Processing Plant:

Application from Stephen Cassoni for permission to erect a Food Processing Plant at the rear of Quinsboro Road. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted subject to the approval of the County Medical Officer of Health. The Report of the Town Engineer was adopted.

(z) Pavilion at King Edward Road:

Application from the French School for permission to erect a Pavilion in front of the Playing Field at King Edward Road. Recommendation from the Town Engineer that permission be granted. Recommendation adopted.

(c) Diningroom at Florence Road:

Application from Mr. L. C. Davis, "Royston," Florence Road, for permission to erect a new Diningroom. Recommendation from Town

Engineer that permission be granted. Recommendation adopted.

(d) Extension to Bungalow:

Application from Miss W. McVitty, Putland Road, for permission to erect an extension to bungalow. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted. Recommendation adopted.

(e) Factory Extension:

Application from Messrs. O'Hagan, Ltd., Church Terrace, Bray, for permission to make factory extension. Report from Town Engineer recommending annual approval provided that arrangements be made by the Applicant with the persons whose right-of-way is affected. The Council decided to grant permission if the Applicant submitted a letter from those people who might have right-of-way, stating that they had no objection to the proposal.

(f) Erection of Bungalow:

Application from E. Finucane asking for permission to erect a Bungalow at Putland Road. A Report from Town Engineer stating that the Council had already approved two Bungalows and the application was for a third bungalow of similar plan on the site. Application was agreed subject to the submission of site plans of the proposal.

(g) Alterations to the Employment Office:

Application from Mr. J. Keenan for permission to carry out alterations to the Employment Office at Brighton Terrace. Report from Town Engineer pointed out that this application was refused some months ago because of some unsatisfactory details. He now had no objection to the proposal, provided that the first floor was not used for human habitation. It was recommended that permission be granted on obtaining an undertaking from the Applicant that the first floor would not be used for human habitation.

(h) Amusement Arcade:

Application from M. J. Freaney to erect an Amusement Arcade at Strand Road, Bray. Recommendation from Town Engineer that the application be refused on the grounds that—(a) The site is too restricted and unsightly; (b) the proposed structure resembled a shed. Further stating that any new structure in this area should have a high standard and that the Council should discuss the possibility of acquiring the entire area at the southern end of Strand Road. Refusal of permission was recommended in accordance with the Town Engineer's Report, and, on the suggestion of Councillor Temple, the Town Clerk was instructed to examine the possibility of acquiring the site.

(i) Housing Development:

Application from Mr. J. L. Griffith, Architect for the Meath Sstates, asking for permission in principle to a Housing Development in the field at the rear of the Tennis Ground, Vevay Road. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Council had refused a similar appli-

cation submitted previously. The chief grounds for the refusal at that time had been the proposal of the Applicants to make a vehicular entrance onto the main Bray/Greystones Road, in an area where there were already three important road junctions. The Town Engineer and the County Engineer again recommended refusal. At the Meeting Mr. Healy, Town Engineer, pointed out that this Application had been the subject of numerous discussions, and at least four alternative suggestions had been made to the Earl of Meath's Architect who, however, simply submitted the same Plans again.

After an extremely lengthy discussion on the matter, it was decided that the Town Clerk ask Lord Meath and his Architect to meet the Officials of the Council and the Sub-Committee dealing with the matter, as a matter of urgency.

The Town Clerk was asked to give a Report of this discussion to the Reporters who had left the Meeting at this time.

1264.—Miscellaneous

The Council welcomed an announcement by Mr. Sayers that the Post Office Union would hold their Annual Convention in Bray in the first week in June.

Mr. Hipwell stated that during the months of February and March, the Chamber of Commerce had ~~used~~ ^{arranged} that the Post Office authorise that a special stamp, advertising Bray, be printed on all letters posted at the G.P.O. *The Cost was met by the Chamber of Commerce*

Chairman: Edward J. Byrne

Date: January February 11, 1964

(The Council was instructed to examine the possibility of advertising on the site.)

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, the 11th of February, 1964, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Officials Present—M. Healy (Town Engineer), and D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk).

An apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager.

1265.—Minutes of Meeting.

Minutes of Meeting of the 14th January, 1964, which had been circulated, were adopted.

1266.—County Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders, numbers 8788 to 8800, were noted.

1267.—Arising out of the Minutes Mr. McAuliffe suggested that the Chamber of Commerce and the Post Office be thanked for the attractive stamp of Bray on all letters leaving the town

1268.—Motion from Councillor E. Byrne re Sea-front and Harbour Development.

After an extremely long discussion on this matter, during which the Members expressed their wishes that a Pavilion for the Sea Anglers and the Sailing Club be erected in the Harbour, as a matter of urgency, it was decided to ask an Official of Bord Fáilte Éireann to attend the next meeting of the Council and in the meantime to arrange a meeting of the Council with representatives of the Sailing and Anglers Clubs. It was stressed that in endeavouring to get these Pavilions erected as soon as possible the Members did not in any way wish to jeopardise the progress of the comprehensive scheme.

1269.—Central Baths.

Arising out of the discussion on the Sea-front and Councillor Byrne's Notice of Motion the following points were made. Councillor Hipwell asked that the attention of the architects to the Central Baths be drawn to the following matters:—

- (a) The need for a more convenient approach to the toilets.
- (b) The need for a ramp to cater for invalid chairs and prams.
- (c) Desirability of slabbing the proposed green sward on the café side.

Councillors Temple and others again urged the removal of the obstruction at the entrance to the Harbour.

Councillor McAuliffe was of opinion that steps to the beach should be erected by Bord Fáilte on the northern end of the Esplanade.

Councillor John Byrne was of opinion that the Development Plans should be exhibited publically and permanently. It was suggested that it be placed in the library.

1270.—Gaming and Lotteries.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that notice of intention to apply for a Licence under the Gaming and Lotteries Act had been received from:—

- (1) Irish Amusements Limited, Strand Road, Bray.
- (2) Casino Amusements, Strand Road, Bray.
- (3) M. J. Freney, Esplanade, Bray.
- (4) Elio Rapelli, Quinsboro Road, Bray.

The Technical Officers of the Council had no objections to any of the applications. After a discussion the Council decided unanimously on the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor McAuliffe, to instruct the Legal Adviser to oppose the application of Mr. E. Rapelli, on the grounds that there were already too many Licences in the town and secondly that they objected to a Gaming and Lotteries Establishment being opened on the Quinsboro Road.

1271.—Telephone Kiosk, Main Street.

The Council raised no objection to a proposal by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to erecting a telephone kiosk outside the Sub-Post Office in the Main Street.

1272.—Pension Increases.

On the proposition of Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. Sayers, a pension increase of £4 12s. 1d. per year was allowed to P. O'Brien, ex-Overseer and of £1 per year to J. Keenan, ex-Weighmaster. Increases in both cases to be retrospect to the 1st November, 1963. The necessary excess expenditure was in accordance with Section 11 of the Local Government Act, 1955, voted.

1273.—Anti-Litter Campaign.

The Council decided to support any efforts made by the Irish Housewives Association in their Anti-Litter Campaign and suggested that the Association press the Government to grant the Garda powers to initiate prosecutions in this regard.

1274.—Lease of Site at Fairgreen to Messrs. Haughtons.

On the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Sayers, it was resolved that a Lease of approximately half an acre of land at the Fairgreen be granted to Messrs. W. and E. W. Haughton Limited, Bray, for 99 years at £25 per year and subject to the Covenants set out in Circular from the Town Clerk to each Member, dated 25th January, 1964, the granting of the Lease to be subject to the Sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

1275.—Tidy Towns Competition.

The Council agreed to enter for this Competition.

1276.—Christmas Lighting.

The Town Clerk read a letter just received from the Chamber of Commerce asking in fact that the Urban District Council be responsible for Christmas Lighting of the town. It was decided to point out

to the Chamber of Commerce the Local Authority had no statutory power to implement their request and to suggest that they arrange a Meeting with the Traders and Council Members to discuss the matter at a later date.

1277.—Footpath, Novara Road, North Side.

Letter from Ten Residents of Novara Road requesting that a small portion of the footpath between 3, Carlton Terrace and Novara House be re-laid. The Council, on the Proposition of Councillor Stuart, seconded by Councillor Hipwell, agreed to carry out this extra work and voted the necessary excess expenditure of £100 therefor.

1278.—Shed at C.I.E. Yard.

The question of removing this shed was discussed and it was decided not to take any action until such time as it could be erected in a proper playing field, the property of the Council.

1279.—Notice of Motion.

The Chairman accepted the following Notice of Motion from Councillor McAuliffe—"That time be allowed at the next meeting of the Council to discuss the position of vehicular traffic at the Southern end of the town."

1280.—Town and Regional Planning Acts—Applications.

(a) Application from E. W. Brady, Architect, on behalf of Mr. S. McKeon for permission to carry out reconstruction to 29, Main Street, Bray.

Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted. Recommendation agreed.

(b) Application from Mr. J. McGowan, Glenard House Meath Road, for permission to erect a shed at the rear of his house.

Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted on condition that the building was not used for human habitation. Recommendation agreed.

(c) Application from Mr. B. Mullen, 103 Main Street, for permission to reconstruct his bar.

Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted. Recommendation agreed.

(d) Application from Mr. D. O'Toole, Architect, on behalf of Mr. J. Masterson, for permission to carry out reconstruction on the Neptune Bar, Main Street.

Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted. Recommendation agreed.

(e) Application from Mrs. F. A. Morrissey for permission to erect petrol pumps on the grounds of Ardrae House, Vevay Road.

Report from Town Engineer recommending refusal on the grounds that:—

- (1) There was unsatisfactory sight distance in the vicinity of the proposed petrol pumps.
- (2) A filling station in this area would injuriously affect the amenities of the area which generally is a good class residential district.