

Report from County Engineer, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, recommending refusal as the sight distance along the road was inadequate.

Recommendations of the Engineers adopted.

(f) Application from Mr. Norman Murphy, 11 Cuaha Road, Bray, for permission to erect a bungalow on the Upper Dargle Road.

Report from the Town Engineer that the site was on a main road bend and the point of access was not very satisfactory. The site constituted a very steep bank high above the road level and any road widening at the point would illuminate any possible access road to the site.

The Town Engineer further stated that permission in this instance would largely depend on future road schemes in the area and he felt the road bend at this point would require further easing.

Report from County Engineer that future widening and alignment of this road would obviously be carried out on the site where the bungalow is proposed to be erected and he could not agree with the proposal.

The Engineer's Reports were adopted.

(g) Application from Messrs. Haughton Limited, for permission to erect a factory premises on a site at the Fairgreen

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

(h) Application from Mr. G. V. Byrne, Architect, on behalf of his clients, Irish Ballrooms Limited, for permission to erect a dance hall at site of old Arcadia Ballroom, Bray.

Report from Town Engineer on the matter as follows:

"The Plans now submitted provide an annexe running the full length of the main building; this annexe will come within four or five feet of the boundary wall of the site at the junction of Adelaide Road and Florence Road and would result in a very dangerous road junction at a point which will inevitably be required to take extra traffic.

The new annexe will result in very little open space or parking space remaining on the site.

The revised elevation and appearance of the proposed structure are very much below the standard of the building already approved."

The Town Engineer recommended refusal on above grounds.

The Council concurred with the Town Engineer's report

Chairman.....

Date.....

Laura Byrne
Mayor 10, 1964

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, the 10th of March 1964, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

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

1281.—Minutes of Meeting.

Minutes of Meeting of the 11th February, 1964, which had been circulated, were adopted.

1282.—County Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders, numbers 8801 to 8815, were noted.

1283.—Votes of Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was expressed to the relatives of the Late Brother Austin Queenan of Presentation College, Mr. William O'Brien, Dardle Road, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Ex-Harbour Master, Mr. Kent of Kent and Byrne, Mr. J. Windsor, Maitland Street, and Mrs. Moran, St. Patrick's Square.

1284.—New Parish Priest—Queen of Peace Parish.

The Council extended a welcome to the newly-appointed Parish Priest of Queen of Peace Parish, the Very Reverend D. O'Loinn.

1285.—Harbour Sites.

Mr. K. Barry of Bord Failte Eireann attended the Meeting and after an extremely lengthy discussion on the development of the Harbour it was resolved on the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Hipwell, that enquiries would be made as to whether the Gas Company yard could be purchased and O'Doherty's Coal Yard resited thereon, thus leaving space for the erection of a Pavilion for the Angling and Yachting Clubs at the Harbour. It was also decided that an approach would be made to the owners of Numbers 8 and 14, Dock Terrace to see if they were willing to sell their houses. Mr. Barry indicated that he felt Bord Failte would finance these projects on an 80 per cent - 20 per cent basis, the Board paying 80 per cent.

1286.—Tenders for Sites and Concessions at the Harbour.

The following Tenders were received in response to public advertisements:—

(a) Site for the Sale of Oysters:

Thomas Boyle, 10, Muckcross Avenue, Perrystown, Dublin—£20. Acceptance recommended.

- (b) Putting Green Licence:
Patrick Mooney and Pat O'Neill, 2, Connolly Square—£320.
Acceptance recommended.
- (c) Deck Chair Licence:
Patrick Mooney and Pat O'Neill, 2, Connolly Square—£40.
Acceptance recommended.
- (d) Photographic Concession:
D. H. Wright, 2, Albert Walk—£10;
P. A. Byrne, 5, St. Peter's Road—£12 10s. 0d.
The acceptance of Byrne's Tender was recommended.

In above connection the Council granted permission to Messrs. Mooney and O'Neill to increase their charges on the Putting Green and for Deck Chairs by 1d.

1287.—Six Houses Chapel Lane.

The Department of Local Government notified Sanction to carry out the above Scheme by Direct Labour. On the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor C. Doyle, it was resolved that the Loan of £14,000 for a period of Fifty years be sought from the Commissioners of Works to carry out this Scheme.

1288.—Cooney's Contract—Old Municipal Baths.

A letter from the Architects to above Scheme enclosed a Plan of proposed paving and ramp immediately north of the above building. The estimated cost of this extra work was £676. The Council, on the proposition of Mr. Hipwell, seconded by Mr. Sayers, agreed to the extra on condition that Bord Failte would pay 80 per cent. of the cost. Mr. Barry, who was present, indicated that Bord Failte would be willing to contribute this amount.

1289.—Twelve Per Cent. Increase—Salaries and Wages.

On the proposition of Councillor Temple, Seconded by Councillor Sayers, recommended the following increases in Wages and Salaries:

- (1) Outdoor Staff 12 per cent. increase with affect from the 14th of January, 1964.
- (2) Indoor Staff 12 per cent. with affect from the 1st of February, 1964.

The Council agreed to an excess expenditure involved in granting these increases in the year ending 31st March, 1964, as follows:—
Outdoor Staff = £400
Indoor Staff = £252.

The Council further agreed to increase the rates paid to Tradesmen and Builders' Labourers in accordance with a national agreement as follows:—

Tradesmen	= 6½d. per hour
Builders' Labourers	= 6¾d. per hour

retrospective to the 28th February, 1964, and to provide the necessary excess expenditure for the year ending 31/3/1964, to provide for this increase, i.e., £52.

It was further recommended that the arbitration award in connection with Clerical Officers' scales be implemented in respect of the Clerical Officers' employment by Bray Urban District Council. 350 x 30 to £500 to £550 then by £35 to £1,005.

The necessary excess expenditure for the year ending 31/3/64, i.e., £175 be provided. The Arbitration Award in the matter had recommended a lower scale for Female Clerical Officers, Members, however, recommended that existing Female Officers be granted the same scale, set out above, as Male Officers.

1290.—Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956.

No objection was raised to the granting of Licences under the above Act in respect of—(a) Mr. A. Borza, 1, Marlboro Terrace;

- (b) Mr. Michael O'Toole, 13b, Albert Walk, and (c) Mrs. Mary O'Toole, 10a, Albert Walk.

Notification was received from Mr. E. Rapelli of his intention to appeal to the Circuit Court against the District Justice's refusal to grant him a licence under the Act in respect of his premises at Quinsboro Road. The Council resolved, on the proposition of Councillor McAuliffe, seconded by Councillor Temple that the Legal Advisor to the Council be instructor to again oppose the granting of the Licence, on similar grounds to that advanced by them when the application was made at the District Court.

1291.—Ponies on the Beach.

The Council recommended that Patrick A. Gaskin be granted permission to ply ponies for hire on the Beach for a sum of £10 and under the same conditions as last year.

1292.—Office Field.

The Town Clerk stated that Meath Estates had notified him that the letting of the Office Field had expired since the 31st of January, 1964. The Meath Estates had also made a refund of £10 of the rent. It was decided to apply for a six months letting from the 1st of February, 1964.

1293.—Bray Amusements Committee—Use of South Bandstand.

It was decided to grant Bray Amusements Committee the use of the South Bandstand and Green for a Lambretta Club Rally from 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, the 31st of May.

1294.—Excess Expenditure.

The Council, on the proposition of Councillor Sayers, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, approved excess expenditure in accordance with Section 11 of the Local Government Act, 1955, as follows:

- (i) Purchase of De Butt's Interest in 23 to 28 Castle Street and 36 and 36a, Castle Street—£293.
- (ii) Excess of laying of footpaths (£2 500)—£345.
- (iii) Capital—Excess on Contract (Finucane), toilets and shops at Boathouse—£189.

1295.—Boundary Extension.

The Chairman accepted the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors J. O'Toole, C. Doyle and Mrs. Ledwidge, for the statutory meeting of April—"That the Urban Boundary be extended to meet the Urban Housing and Industrial requirements."

1296.—Regional Tourist Board.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Chairman, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Hipwell, who is Council's Representative on the Irish Tourist Association, and himself had attended an initial meeting in connection with the formation of the new Regional Board in the Town Hall recently. The meeting, he explained, was called by the Hoteliers of the area. A Bord Failte representative explained to the meeting that each Local Authority who contributed £500 or more would be entitled to a Representative on the Board and that those Local Authorities in the area who contributed less than £500 would be entitled to select one representative between them.

Councillor McAuliffe protested that all the Members of all the Councils were not called to the Meeting.

1297.—Proposed Development on land at rear of Tennis Grounds.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that at a meeting of the Sub-Committee held on the 30th January, 1964, it was recommended that a pedestrian passageway would be constructed along the western end of the Tennis Courts and the meeting recommended that if this were done the vehicular entrance to the proposed Scheme be allowed.

The County Engineer reported to the Meeting that this vehicular entrance should only be allowed on condition that there was a comprehensive alignment of the road with a carriageway of a minimum of 24 ft. and footpaths on either side not less than 9ft.

Mr. Healy, Town Engineer, stated that he was satisfied the proposed entrance would be a danger to traffic under present conditions.

On the suggestion of Mr. Temple it was decided to discuss this matter at the next Road Meeting of the County Council.

1298.—Letting of Shops and Kiosks at Seafont.

Councillor Hipwell informed the Meeting that he had on that date let seven kiosks and three shops with a net result. The kiosks fetched £95 less than last year but the shops fetched £250 more. One of the Lessees, Mr. Cassoni, had asked him would he be permitted to instal an automatic coffee vending machine in the premises he had rented. After a short discussion it was decided to ask Mr. Cassoni to let the Council have full particulars of this machine—the matter could then be discussed.

1299.—Boughton v. The Council.

The Council, having heard the Manager explain the position which had arisen consequent on the recent Supreme Court decision to have a re-trial on the question of damages on the above case, agreed to allow him to make the best settlement possible in the circumstances and also, if found necessary, to make the deposit in Court of a sum thought sufficient, to free the Council of costs in this case. This was passed on the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

1300.—Town and Regional Planning Applications.

(a) Application from John Salmon, 42, Wolfe Tone Square Middle, to erect out-office.

The Council concurred with the Town Engineer's recommendation that permission be granted.

(b) Application from Same-Day Cleaners, 80 Main Street, for permission to extend their premises at Purcell's Terrace.

The Council concurred with the Engineer's recommendation that permission be granted.

(c) Application from Mr. Frank Toal, 8 Eglinton Road, for permission to convert his house into three self-contained flats.

The Council concurred with the Engineer's recommendation that permission be granted.

(d) Application from Stephen Cassoni for permission to erect a Food Promessing Factory (permission in Principle already granted), at rear of Quinsboro Road.

The Council concurred with the Town Engineer's recommendation that permission be granted subject to the agreement of the County Fire Officer and County Medical Officer of Health.

(e) Application from the proprietors of Dunlan Hotel for permission to make extensions and alterations.

The Council concurred with the Engineer's recommendation that permission be granted subject to agreement by the Fire Officer and to some adjustments to the W.C. arrangements on the ground floor.

1301.—The Council adjourned and decided to hold a Special Meeting to deal with matters not disposed of, on Tuesday, 24th March, 1964, at 8 p.m.

Chairman:

Edward J. Byrne

Date: April 14, 1964

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, the 24th of March, 1964, at 8 p.m.

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

Officials Present—D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk).

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

The Town Clerk explained to the Meeting that Mr. Healy (Town Engineer), was on annual leave.

1302.—Road Safety Campaign.

Councillor M. O'Toole and other members urged on the public continued vigilance and special care in driving especially at Easter-time and other busy periods. The matter arose out of a Circular from the Minister in connection with the Easter Road Safety Campaign.

1303.—Gaming and Lotteries—Dawsons, Esplanade.

No objection was raised to an application from the above named for a Licence under the Gaming and Lotteries Act.

1304.—Anti-Litter Campaign.

The Council wished the Irish Housewives Association every success with their meeting to be held in this matter in the Mansion House on the 25th. It was agreed any Councillor who could find time to attend meeting do so.

1305.—I, Martello Terrace—Miss Gorby.

The Council agreed to offer £3,000 for the Fee Simple Interest of above house on condition that Bord Fáilte contributed Eighty per cent. of the purchase price.

1306.—O'Hagan, Limited.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the above firm had asked that the Council shift some sewerage pipes which impeded an expansion which was contemplated by the firm. The Town Engineer stated the work could cost £200 and that if they acceded to the request other developers might require similar assistance. On hearing from the Town Clerk that the Council had not the authority to assist industrial expansion in this manner, the Council declined to carry out the work.

1307.—Estate of George Peete—Lands at Old Connaught.

The Clerk informed the meeting that an offer to purchase the above had been refused but that negotiations would continue and that in any event the Council could take over the lands prior to coming to an agreement on price.

1308.—Lands for Housing.

Letters from Labour Party and Trades' Council were considered at some length, in the matter of extra land for housing and the

building of flats. The Clerk explained that the newly appointed architect had been instructed to consider the feasibility of erecting flats in Peete's Field and that Mr. Healy, Town Engineer, had been asked to see if further land could be acquired for housing. Several members of the Council set out the difficulties which had been experienced in this matter over the past few years.

1309.—Tenant Purchase Scheme.

The above matter was adjourned on the suggestion of Councillor Temple.

1310.—Land at Rear of Tennis Grounds—Proposed Development.

There was an extremely lengthy discussion on the above matter. The Town Clerk stated that the County Engineer felt that the development proposed in this area would constitute a traffic hazard if there was not comprehensive alignment of the Main Road adjacent to the site, which would provide for a minimum width of 24 ft. and footpaths at either side not less than 9 ft. in width. The Town Engineer stated that he was satisfied that the vehicular entrance proposed would result in a danger to traffic if road improvements and realignment of the Main Road were not carried out. The members gave their views that the objections raised were trivial in comparison to the need for houses and finally decided, on the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, to ask the Minister to receive a deputation in the matter to hear the members' views.

1311.—Flooding.

The Council decided to discuss the matter of flooding at their next statutory meeting and asked that the County Fire Officer and County Engineer, or his assistant, attend.

1312.—Town and Regional Planning Applications.

(a) Application from Mr. A. S. Lucas, Old Conna Hill, for permission in principle to erect Twenty-four self-contained maisonettes on the grounds of St. Cronan's, Main Street, Bray.

Recommendation from the Town Engineer to the effect that, subject to certain improvements in the lay-out and provision of a proper access road, he would recommend that permission in principle be granted. The Council concurred.

(b) Application from Messrs. C. B. Kingston and Company, Solicitors, on behalf of their clients, The Ryan Brothers of 78, St. Alban's Park, Ballsbridge, for permission to construct a "Go-Kart" circuit at Doyle's Field.

The Council concurred with the Engineer's report which stated that there was no objection.

(c) Application for permission to erect a public-house at Fitzwilliam Terrace. The above matter was adjourned after the Council had heard the report of the Engineer and considered objections by residents to the proposal.

(d) Arcadia Dance Hall—revised application from Irish Ballrooms, Limited, for permission to erect dance hall on the site of the old Arcadia Ballroom.

Report from Town Engineer that the proposed lounge had now been omitted and the cloakroom area had been enlarged and improved. He recommended approval be granted on condition that the company be asked to give an undertaking that they would in fact provide green areas, shrubs and 1 ft. 6 ins. high boundary wall to the site.

The Council concurred with the report.

Date... *April 14, 1964*

Chairman... *Edward J. Byrne*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Estimates Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 31st March, 1964, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

1313.—Estimates.

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

Roads.—A sum of £800—materials, cartage and tools was reduced by £100 to £700. A sum of £300—Footpath repairs was reduced to £150. It being decided that a loan of £2,000 would be raised during the year for footpath repairs and the £150 to be allowed as part repayment of the loan.

Sanitary Services.—A sum of £300—materials, sewers was reduced by £50 to £250.

Cove Swimming Pools.—It was decided to raise a loan for repairs and cleaning of Cove Swimming Pools in conjunction with the erection of a new Boatlip on the southern end of the Esplanade. A sum of £600 estimated for repairs was, therefore, omitted, and the sum of £150 estimated for cleaning was allowed stand to meet loan repayment charges.

General Urban Purposes.

Library.—A sum of £650 gratuity to the deceased officer was omitted.

Under the heading repairs to seats, boatlip, bandstand, a sum of £100 was allowed instead of £450. This sum to be loan repayment (see above).

On the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor McAuliffe, the Credits were increased from £847 to £1,327.

Credits.—The above reductions brought the rate in the £ to 42s. 8d. and on the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. McAuliffe, it was decided to apply extra Credits to bring the rate in the £ to 42s. 6d. The total Credits, therefore, applied were £1,327 instead of £847.

The requirements to be met by the Rate Levy reduced by Credits were £121,380.

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Proposed by Clr. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Hipwell, 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 8, 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, 1965, to be 42s. 6d. in the £.

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

1314.—Loan Bray Cove and Boat-slip.

Arising out of the decision to reduce the estimate in above two items and raise a loan the following resolution was proposed by Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Hipwell, and resolved:

"That we, the members of Bray Urban District Council, hereby seek the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the raising of a loan of £1,000 for a period of five years with the Council's Treasurers, the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., for the repair of the Bray Cove Pools and the construction of a new boat-slip on the southern end of the Esplanade."

1315.—Tourist Contribution.

During the discussion on the Estimates Clr. Hipwell proposed: and Clr. M. O'Toole seconded that the grant to be paid to the new Tourist Regional Board be increased from £300 to £500. On a vote being taken there voted for—Clrs. J. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, F. C. Hunt, Mrs. Ledwidge, J. O'Toole, M. O'Toole (six). Against—Clrs. E. Byrne, C. Doyle, H. L. McAuliffe, D. Sayers, G. H. G. Stuart, J. Temple (6). The Chairman gave his casting vote against the proposal which was accordingly lost.

1316.—Fuel Scheme.

When this item was being dealt with the Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Trades Council had asked that the Council be responsible for the cost of delivering turf to the homes of the recipients. He further stated that there was no statutory authority for same. Members of the Council expressed the view that the Trades Council should press the Department of Social Welfare to pay this cost and it was decided that should the Trades Council do so the Council would also write to the Department of Social Welfare in this regard.

1317.—Miscellaneous.

During the meeting the following points were made by members: Clr. McAuliffe felt the Road Fund Grant and E.S.V. Grant were not adequate in view of present-day money values. The Town Clerk was directed to take the matter up with the Department.

Clr. McAuliffe also felt the need for more seats on the southern Esplanade, while Clr. Hunt and others urged that a sign prohibiting football should be placed near the Beach Pavilion.

Clrs. Hipwell and Byrne complained that Litter Bins were not being emptied properly and Clr. Temple drew attention to the fact that the roof of the Beach Pavilion was leaking.

Clr. Temple also complained of inadequate repairs to houses in Wolfe Tone Square and the need for more supervision.

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Merender County Manager's Report on the Estimates.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS.

The Expenditure and Receipts and Net Costs to be met from the rates are estimated at:	Gross		Net
	Expenditure	Receipts	Expenditure
Roads	9,279	3,810	5,469
Sanitary Services	26,094	2,313	23,181
Housing	65,848	60,846	5,002
General Urban Purposes	97,662	6,707	90,955
	£198,883	£74,276	£124,607

The amount to be met from the Rate levy in the coming year, as shown above would be £124,607, but the application of available Credits of £847, which derive from savings in the present year would reduce the net requirements to £123,760. The Municipal Rate which would be required to produce £123,760 is 43s. 4d. in the £ and this would be an increase of 5s. 2d. over the rate for the present year which is 38s. 2d.

The rise in the rate levy required by the figures now submitted to you is a truly steep one and much beyond anything which had to be met in recent years. In the main, however, it arises from two items with which members and the public will already be quite familiar. These items are the Health Services which have led to an increased demand from the County Council and the revision of wages and salaries in accordance with the terms of the recent National Agreement.

The County Council Demand is up by an amount representing a rate of 3s. 2d. Some months ago it was agreed, as a result of lengthy negotiations between groups of employers and unions, that rates of remuneration would be adjusted in the present calendar year by an increase of Twelve per cent, and the application of the terms of this Agreement to the Council's staff will require additional outlay of £3,749, which represents a rate of 1s. 3d. in the £. The Demand of the Vocational Education Committee is up by 2d. Improvements at the seaford, including capital debt charges, and the new Beach Pavilion and sanitary conveniences and shops on the southern end of the Esplanade, together with a new Boat Slip, will cost 3d. in the £. The Town Engineer has reported that the main wall between the Bray Cove Swimming Pools and sea has been badly eroded by the high seas and would require repairs costing up to 2d. in the £. He also has recommended the painting of railings at the Esplanade which would require an additional rate of 1d. Some additional Superannuation charges will require an additional rate of 3d., whilst under the heading of Roads it will be found that additional outlay on the reconstruction of footpaths and purchase of road materials will cost 3d. All these items come to 5s. 8d. There are, however, some savings in respect of charges on Road Loans which have been recently liquidated, some reductions in costs of a few items and also some increased receipts from lettings at the Esplanade. These latter offsets come to 6d. in the £ so that the net increase in the Rate will be 5s. 2d.

ROADS.

On Roads the total outlay is estimated at £9,279 and after taking into account all receipts of £3,810 from various sources, principally from Government Grants, the net outlay is £5,469.

Road Fund Grant:

Since 1960/61 the Council has been receiving a grant from the Road Fund towards the cost of the fourteen miles of Urban roads which the Council is liable to maintain. In the Urban District there are also five miles of Main Roads which are maintained by the County Council. The Road Fund Grant received in the present year was £1,760 and this used completely in the reconstruction of footpaths at Novara Road, Sidmonton Road and Meath Road.

It is expected that a similar sum will be received next year and possibly the Council may again decide to use the Grant in reconstructing footpaths.

Employment Schemes Grant:

Each year the Council receives a special State Grant for an Employment Scheme which is carried out in mid-Winter. In the present year the amount received was £1,500 and the Council made a contribution of £256 making a total of £1,856 available, almost all of which was spent on footpaths. With this Grant footpaths were reconstructed at Fairgreen Terrace and Ardee Street. Some lengths of roadway were also laid at Raverswell Road and Pearse Road.

Reconstruction of Footpaths:

From 1947 onwards the Council was engaged on a programme of Roads Reconstruction, the cost of which was defrayed by Loan. In all over £35,000 was raised for this purpose and with it Meath Road, Sidmonton Road, Florence Road, Church Road, Seapoint Road, Novara Avenue, Herbert Road, Strand Road, Eglinton Road and it could be said all the main thoroughfares in the town were reconstructed. Some of these roads were reconstructed in concrete so that, provided they are not damaged through the activities of statutory bodies relaying or providing new surfaces they should last without any maintenance for many years to come. In addition to the programme of works undertaken by the Urban Council, the Strand Road was reconstructed in concrete by the Wicklow County Council, other roads in the charge of that Body were resurfaced and many new lengths of footpath were provided. In the present year the Loan for reconstructing Seapoint Road, Herbert Road and Novara Avenue was liquidated and this given a saving of almost £600 next year.

The Council some months ago decided to borrow £2,500 for reconstructing footpaths. This decision was taken as a result of complaints from the public about the condition of some of the footpaths in the Urban Area. With the Loan footpaths were reconstructed in concrete at Eglinton Road, Galtrim Road and Florence Road. The Loan will result in a repayment of £335 having to be met in the coming year.

The Town Engineer has mentioned that if the Council were to be expected to continue rapidly with the reconstruction of footpaths a further capital outlay of £3,000 could be expected in the near future. It is suggested that the Council might review the Roads' Programme in conjunction with the Annual Estimates and see if further reconstruction of footpaths could not be met instead from the Road Fund Grant and the Employment Scheme Grant, without having to resort to increasing the Council's capital debt which would entail heavy annual loan charges for a number of years. The Estimates under the heading of Footpath Repairs includes a sum of £300 which compares with a provision of £150 in the present year. There is consequently an increase of £150 under this latter heading, whilst the amount for Materials at £800 also shows an increase of £200.

New Access Road to Seafont:

As part of its long-term programme for Roads the Council decided that alternative access to the Esplanade and Seafont should be made available by the reconstruction of Ravenswell Road which runs between the River Dargle and the Golf Links. This new route would also require a better approach under the railway line and the reconstruction of the bridge at the harbour. With the aid of the Employment Schemes' Grant part of Ravenswell Road has already been reconstructed in concrete and further progress with this new route would be dependent on receiving a special grant from the Road Fund. It is felt by the Council that it would help materially to relieve traffic congestion if the projected new road were available as a one-way route. So far, however, no information has been forthcoming as to whether a special Grant will be provided for this purpose.

Road Improvements at Castle Street and Strand Road:

Already the Council has completed the Improvement Scheme for the Strand Road which has resulted in the removal of unsightly buildings from the area known as "The Island." Part of the cost in this instance was defrayed by An Bord Falte, as the Scheme was an integral part of the comprehensive scheme of improvements at the Seafont. Progress, even if understandably slow, because of the many property interests involved, continues to be made with the acquisition of buildings at Castle Street. Some of the area already has been cleared. In the present year eight further houses were acquired, of which two were demolished. The remaining structures cannot be removed until the Council will be in a position to provide alternative accommodation for the occupants, and having regard to present housing needs this is a matter which may require some time. It is hoped eventually to acquire the entire area, even if many difficulties still remain to be settled. The clearance of the area, however, could result in a safer approach to the Main Street for traffic, and to an improved appearance on the main route to the centre of the Urban District.

Cost of Roads:

The rate required for the Urban roads which the Council has to maintain is 1s. 11d.; in addition County Council Demand includes the cost of Main Roads and the amount under this heading is equivalent to a rate of 3s. 5d. The total rate for roads to be levied by the Urban Council consequently is 5s. 4d.; and this compares with a road rate of 9s. 11d. assessed by County Council on rural Ratepayers for the maintenance of Main and County roads.

SANITARY SERVICES.

The gross outlay on Sanitary Services is estimated at £26,094 which compares with £22,472 for 1963/64. After deducting receipts which are estimated at £2,913, the net outlay is £23,181, which compares with an expenditure of £19,876 allowed for the present year.

Increase in the cost of services which come under this heading is to a large measure attributable to the revision of wages but in addition there are included new loan charges for the Beach Pavilion, Sanitary Conveniences and shops on the seafont, together with the outlay resulting from repairs to Bray Cove Swimming Pools.

Street and Household Cleansing:

The total cost of this service for the coming year will be £8,557, including the loan charges on new vehicles; the rate required will be 2s. 11d. in the £. In the present year a new Tipper Lorry was purchased and this entails a loan charge of £255 for 1964/65. As mentioned, the wages under this heading will result in additional outlay

because of the 12 per cent. revision which was settled recently. Apart from the increase in cost resulting from wages revision it must also be borne in mind that from 1st March a Five-day Week has been introduced. This will continue until 1st November in each year. The provision of essential services on Saturdays will in consequence involve additional expense. It is felt that the refuse collection service is being maintained by the Council at a high standard, especially when comparisons are made with other Urban areas, either in this country or in Britain. The cost per head works out at 14s. 0d.

Provision of Litter Boxes:

The sum included under this heading is £100; last year £75 was allowed. Mention again must be made of the damage to the litter boxes, not only are they broken at night or detached from poles but the contents are being set on fire. This is a type of destruction in which it is very difficult to find the offenders.

Water Works:

During the year the water supply was maintained in quite a satisfactory condition and once more tribute must be paid to the diligence of Mr. P. Doyle, Water Inspector.

Sewerage:

The maintenance cost does not show much change from the present year but it must be mentioned that loan charges could, in the coming year, result in heavy additional expenses.

If areas on the margins of the Urban District are to be developed for building new sewerage will have to be provided. The Council also in recent years has had under examination the possibility of making alternative provision for outfall works. Some time ago a firm of Consulting Engineers were specially engaged to examine and report on these problems. At the same time the County Council took the opportunity to ask the firm to investigate the provision of new sewerage in Bognhall and other places adjoining the south boundary of the Urban District. The Consultants at present are examining the possibility of a joint scheme and their preliminary report is expected at a fairly early date as they have been engaged on surveys for some time past.

The loan charges to be met by the Council in respect of this new scheme could be substantial. It is felt, however, that the owners of land on which new buildings at a high density can be erected because of the projected scheme, should reasonably be required to contribute towards the cost. For the coming year only a token sum has been included in respect of loan charges.

Seafront Improvement Scheme:

The work of providing new Sanitary Conveniences, a Shelter and Shops at the southern end of the Esplanade was completed in 1963. The total cost came to £8,450 and of this Fifty per cent. was met by An Bord Failte. The loan charge to be met by the Council for the coming year will be £481.

Progress was also made with the erection of the new Beach Pavilion which was designed by Messrs. M. Scott and Partners, Architects. This attractive structure includes dressing rooms for bathers, a small shop and cafe, together with sanitary accommodation for public. The original contract was for £28,700 but during the present year the Council agreed that a permanent platform and diving stage should be included and some other extras, such as a new approach to the Promenade, were recently agreed. The total cost, including additional works recently approved, and fees, comes to about £33,000 of which the Council are contributing £6,000 plus 20 per cent. of the recently approved extras.

The Project for a new Swimming Pool at the Esplanade is still in the preliminary stage and it seems that all the necessary surveys which could help towards extracting a preliminary estimate of cost have not yet been completed.

Recently the Council had further discussions with An Bord Failte regarding projects for the Harbour Area which would result in special facilities for boating, sailing and fishing. Unfortunately in this instance the acquiring of property necessary for any such scheme presents a special difficulty and so far approaches made by the Council have not been successful. It is not always appreciated by those who claim that facilities should be provided without delay by public authorities, that lengthy and tortuous negotiations may be necessary before even very small pieces of property can be acquired. Far reaching powers for such a purpose are not available to local authorities and it would be well that that part of the public which clamours for immediate action should realise that difficulties and delays of this type will be bound to arise in a country in which rights to private property are recognised as being entitled to special safeguards.

Cove Swimming Pools:

The Town Engineer has reported that the main wall to the Pools is badly eroded and undermined. He feels that urgent repairs are essential and has submitted an estimate of £600 for the work; this is an increase of £550 over the amount allowed by the Council for repairs last year (£50). As there is no likelihood of new Swimming Pools being available within the next year or two it might be accepted as reasonable by the Council that urgent repairs should be carried out to the existing Pools at Bray Cove so that the special facilities for swimmers, which they offer, can be kept in being.

HOUSING.

The gross expenditure on housing is estimated at £65,848. The receipts are estimated to reach £60,846, with the result that the net charge on rates will be £5,002. There is practically no difference between the net costs for the coming year and the present year.

The increase of £731 is due to provision being made for new housing schemes and to some increases in remuneration.

Repairs:

The amount included for repairs is £2,000 which corresponds to the provision allowed in the present year.

New Housing Schemes:

The Council after three efforts failed to find a contractor to build six houses on the site at Chapel Lane near Palermo. As a result it was eventually decided to proceed with this scheme by Direct Labour, in the charge of the Town Engineer. Approval to the proposal to build houses by Direct Labour has now been received from the Department of Local Government. The Compulsory Purchase Order for the acquisition of land for houses at Palermo was approved some time ago and an offer to purchase the land which was made to the land owner has been refused. Meanwhile, however, the Council has engaged a Consultant Architect to prepare a lay-out for the new scheme and to go ahead with house designs.

S.D.A. Acts Loans:

The total so far borrowed by the Council for this purpose reaches £241,000 and would possibly by this time be even greater if it had not been for a shortage of private sites for building, a difficulty which in some part may be overcome with the advent of a new joint sewer-

age scheme. Up to the present time 263 loans have been made by the CoCouncil to persons building their own houses; the scheme involves no charge to local rates.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

The main item under this heading is the County Council Demand and there is also included the special levy of 9d. in the £ under Unemployment Assistance Acts, together with Vocational Education, Public Library, Maintenance of Esplanade, Seafront and Public Parks, School Meals, Band Performances and Fuel Scheme. The total expenditure for General Urban Purposes is estimated at £97,662 in which the County Council Demand requires £65,821, after allowing for receipts of £6,707 the net requirement is £90,955 which would be an increase of £11,592 over the present year.

Esplanade:

The total outlay on the Esplanade for the coming year excluding loan charges is estimated at £4,261. It will be found, however, that some costs are also included under Sanitary Services, in particular mention must be made of the Shelter, new Sanitary Conveniences and Beach Pavilion.

The Town Engineer has indicated in a recent report that the boat-slip on the southern end of the Esplanade is now in such bad condition that there would be no point in trying to repair it. He considers that a new boat-slip should be provided and he estimates that the cost would be about £400. Because of this, the provision for repairs at the Esplanade is now shown at £450; it compares with a figure of £150 last year.

The Esplanade, it is felt, has been maintained at quite a high standard in recent years and the workmen coming under the supervision of the Town Engineer, have provided new flower beds and flower boxes and other planting, and are to be commended for the pleasant appearance it normally presents during the Summer months. It is also satisfying to recall that the vandalism which has been so prevalent in other parts of the town and has led to such grave destruction of public property such as Shelters, Seats, Trees and Shrubs—has not manifested itself to a similar extent on the Esplanade. Because of the exposed position, however, maintenance of the lawns and railings and structures on the Esplanade will always present a special problem, even as this report is being prepared damage is being caused by heavy seas and salt spray.

Band Performances:

For Band Performances a similar amount is again included.

Public Library:

The number of borrowers in the Public Library continues to increase, as will be seen from the details given in the special report submitted by the Librarian. In particular the increase in borrowers and in book issues was noticeable in the children's section. Indeed the increase in respect of the Juvenile Library was such that it was necessary to open it for an extra afternoon each week. Art Competitions were run for children during the year, whilst a number of exhibitions showing books of special interest were also held. A new feature which the Library Committee proposes to introduce in the coming financial year is a special Library Week. During the Summer period the Library is being increasingly availed of by holiday-makers and is now a centre at which they can acquire readily information of local and historic interest.

Public Parks:

When regard is had to the special requirements of the Esplanade and Bray Head it will be appreciated that the Council has in all a relatively large area of open spaces to maintain, it is regretted that the efforts to make them even more presentable are being perpetually thwarted by the vandals who continuously destroy new planting. The destruction in the past few years of trees and shrubs planted in public places has been very marked. During the past year further improvements were carried out at the Peoples' Park beside the Lower Dargle Road. The work done in this park in recent years has been undertaken by the Council's ordinary maintenance staff and it is hoped that as a result of it this area eventually will present a much enhanced appearance. It must be stressed, however, that much is going to depend on the attitude of the public to the effort to beautify areas in this manner—so far, however, there has been little evidence of the vandalism which has been prevalent in other parts of the town.

Negotiations still are on hands for the acquiring of further lands adjoining Bray Head which it is hoped to lay out in a manner that will provide attractions for both tourists and residents.

Fuel Scheme:

The provision of fuel to households which cannot find it from their own resources is estimated to cost £1,900 in the coming year. The outlay on this service is recouped from State Grants and from the County CoCouncil in respect of Public Assistance.

Salaries and Superannuation:

The cost of salaries is affected by the recent Twelve Per Cent. increase and the additional amount involved under the heading of General Purposes, including remuneration of Rate Collector, comes to £634.

Vocational Education Committee:

For the coming year the Demand is £3,550, an increase of £496 over the present year. In addition it is necessary to make increased provision of £435 for Superannuation of which, however, one half will be recouped by the State.

County Council Demand:

This Demand, as already mentioned, will require a substantial addition to the rate levy next year as it is up by £8,993 over the present year and this would represent a rate of 3s. 2d. in the £. The increase is mainly due to the cost of the Health Services which are up by £8,040 with Mental Hospitals included. There are alterations under some of the other headings but in the main the increases in some are offset by reductions in others.

Unemployment Assistance Acts:

For this purpose the amount to be raised is £1,981, being the product of a special rate of 9d. in the £ which the Council must levy and pay to the Department of Social Welfare under the Unemployment Assistance Acts 1933/40.

The Rate for the Coming Year:

At the beginning of this report it was mentioned that an increase in the Rate was to be expected and information as to rising costs had been given to the Council members at meetings in recent months.

For a number of years past because of the trend in the general

price level and of all costs it has been necessary almost in every year to make some addition to the local Rate but the addition which will be necessary for next year is substantially higher than any that have had to be provided for recently.

Of the increase of 5s. 2d. which the present estimates will require it will be found that 3s. 2d., which is more than one half of it, is required by the County Council Demand. From the details already given it will be seen that the change in this Demand is due primarily to the rising cost of the Health Services. In the Health Services themselves the greater part of the rise can be attributed to the cost of hospital treatment. As members are aware patients requiring hospital treatment of a specialised character usually have to be sent to the voluntary hospitals in the Dublin area. Some time ago it was made clear to the County Council by the Department of Health that the charges for treatment in these voluntary hospitals were very far short of the actual costs, and such charges had only been possible because of the extent to which the hospitals' deficits were being met from the Hospitals' Trust Fund. The Department considered that this special subsidy to meet deficits could not be continued indefinitely and that the charges must bear a closer relationship to actual costs. Perhaps it may be claimed by somebody that this would not have occurred if a local county hospital with a full range of specialist services were available in County Wicklow, but there is little evidence that would support a contention that a local hospital of this type would have provided the same services at cheaper rates. On the contrary it could even be claimed that for a number of years the local authorities in the Dublin area and close to it, who availed of voluntary hospitals had not been meeting the full costs which would have had to be defrayed by them if they were dependent on their own local institutions.

There is no doubt, moreover, that Bray Urban District receives its due share of the services nowadays provided under the Health Acts. The figures for hospital admissions support this view. There is available in Bray a local health clinic providing a wide range of services of which full advantage is taken. Recently a second District Medical Officer was appointed to serve the area. Finally, it might be added that in the County Health District the rate for the health services for the coming year is 16s. 5d.; and in Bray Urban District it will be 16s. 1d.

Frequently it is urged that because of the continued rise in rates some of the local services might be transferred to the central authority or that a greater part, or all of the cost might be met by the State. Proposals of this character would mean that revenues now derived from rates would have to be found from alternative sources of taxation. Judging by the manner in which the introduction of a limited measure of new taxation was received some time ago it scarcely could be expected that new and alternative methods of taxation would be more acceptable than local rates. It has often been stated that rates present the difficulty that, as they are assessed on property values which usually remain unaltered they do not reflect the capacity to pay. But it could be claimed that many forms of indirect taxation likewise do not take into account the capacity to pay. It is sometimes claimed that the cost of the Health Services could, without undue difficulty, be found from a source other than rates. Mention has been made of compulsory insurance but it is not clear if the technical problems attaching to any scheme of compulsory insurance, or the productivity from it, so far have been examined in detail. It is clear, however, that the existing rates of social welfare insurance, both for employer and employee, are much lower in this country than in others, such as, for example, in Britain.

In some of these other countries, moreover, there are special taxes which do not apply here. Generally it probably also will be found that in them the levels of rents for municipal houses are much higher.

Even the rate of 43s. 4d. which the Estimates would require for the coming year still would be very much lower than the rate in other urban areas. Of the sixty or so Urban Districts in this country, Bray last year, had with two or three exceptions, the lowest rate. In making any comparisons it must not be overlooked that the few exceptions mentioned had not to maintain services of the same character as those provided in Bray where special amenities and services to provide facilities for visitors have to be provided. For these latter services and amenities it would be true to say that almost everybody derives some benefit as the majority of households in the town—quite apart from registered hotels or boarding houses—keep guests during the course of the year, whilst residents who do not have these sources of income have a fairly pleasant environment provided for them.

During the year all the members of the Council staff, both outdoor and indoor, carried out their duties in a satisfactory manner. In particular acknowledgement must be made of the assistance given by the Town Clerk, Accountant, and Town Engineer in the preparation of the details required for these estimates. To the Chairman and members of the Council I wish to convey my thanks and appreciation for the guidance and assistance so readily given by them during the year. They have had to devote much time and consideration to a variety of public services which each year are becoming more complex for part-time and unpaid administrators. In particular much attention had to be given by them to long-term projects on which the development and well-being of Bray will be much dependent in the coming years.

Any further information which may be required in connection with these Estimates will be supplied at the Estimates meeting to be held on Tuesday, 31st March, 1964.

Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure
for the Financial Year Ending
31st day of March, 1965

EXPENDITURE

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
URBAN ROADS:		
Ordinary Road Works:		
Urban Roads Maintenance—Wages	1,692	
—Materials, Cartage & Tools	800	
Footpaths—Repairs	300	
New Road Works:		
Road Fund Grant	1,760	
Employment Schemes Grant	2,050	
Road Signs, Name Plates, etc.	50	
Roadside Tree Planting and Seats	50	
Salaries (Engineer and Overseer—Part)	691	
Salaries (Storekeeper—One-half)	386	
Clothing Workmen)	55	
LOAN CHARGES:		
1948 Florence Road Reconstruction (C.P.W.)	—	
1952 Church Road Reconstruction (Treas.)	—	
1952 Reconstruction—Seapoint Road, Novara Ave., Herbert Road, etc. (Treas.)	408	
1955 Strand Road, Eglinton Road, etc. (Treas.)	408	
1956 St. Kevin's Sq., Seymour Rd., Galtrim Rd., Dyndham Park & Connolly Sq. (Treas.)	401	
1957 Herbert Road, St. Laurence's Tce., and Dock Terrace (Treas.)	291	
1964 Footpaths, reconstruction at Florence Rd., Eglinton Rd., Galtrim Rd. (Treas.)	335	
1964 Access to Seafront (Ravenswell Rd.) (Treas.)	10	
	<u>£9,279</u>	

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
SANITARY SERVICES:		
Sewer—Wages	1,141	
do. —Clothing (Workmen)	38	
do. —Materials	300	
do. —Superannuation	187	
Cleaning of Cockbrook	50	
Cleaning of Strand Road Sewer	—	
Waterwork—Salaries	1,591	
do. —Wages	1,370	
do. —Clothing—Workmen	38	
do. —Materials	200	
do. —Dublin Corporation for bulk water supply at 2-88d.	3,545	
Scavenging—Domestic Refuse Collection—Wages	2,818	
do. —Wages (Street Cleaning)	4,374	
do. —Clothing—Workmen	144	
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)	255	
Cove Swimming Pools—Repairs	600	
Cove Swimming Pool—Cleaning	150	
Water Safety—Contribution towards I.R.C.S.	25	
Public Lightings	2,720	
Salaries (Engineer & Overseer—Part)	691	
Salaries (Storekeeper—part)	386	
Other Sanitary Expenses	10	
Public Conveniences—Repair & Maintenance	50	
Public Conveniences—Wages	478	
New Litter Boxes—Repairs and replacements	100	
Acquisition and Clearing of Derelict Sites	100	

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LOAN CHARGES:	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
1939 Public Health—General (C.P.W.)	66	
1947 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.)	228	
1947 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.)	17	
1947 Watermains—Herbert and Vevay Roads (C.P.W.)	87	
1949 Sewers and Watermains—Meath and Sidmonton Roads (C.P.W.)	213	
1951 Miscellaneous 4" Watermains (Scheme No. 1)—Purchase	122	
1951 Laying of Watermains—Church Road, etc. (Scheme No. 1 (C.P.W.))	187	
1952 Purchase of additional Watermains (Scheme No. 2)	289	
1952 Relaying of Watermains (Scheme No. 2) (C.P.W.)	252	
1953 Esplanade Improvements (Treasurer)	236	
1955 Sea Wall Repairs (Treasurer)	241	
1955 Relaying of Watermains (Scheme No. 3) (Treasurer)	229	
1958 New Sanitary Conveniences—People's Park and Town Hall (Treas.)	139	
1962 Purchase of Refuse Collection Vehicle (Treasurer)	366	
1963 Purchase of Tipper Lorry (Treas.)	255	
1964 Sanitary Conveniences, Southern Esplanade (Treasurer)	481	
1964 Beach Pavilion at Esplanade (Treas.)	670	
1964 Tourist Facilities at Harbour	20	
1964 New Swimming Pool	10	
1964 Joint Sewerage Scheme	10	
1964 Acquisition of Land adjoining River Dargle	5	
1964 Acquisition of Land adjoining Bray Head	5	
1964 Acquisition of Land at Martello Terrace	5	
	£26,094	

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HOUSING:	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Housing of the Working Classes:		
Maintenance and Repairs	2,000	
Salaries—Engineer & Overseer—Part	691	
Salaries—Clerical Staff	968	
Rent Collector's Commission	1,862	
Rates on Council Houses	8,823	
Rates on Council Houses at Old Conna	4,456	
Insurance	300	
LOAN CHARGES:		
1931 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver)	1,194	
1933 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver)	912	
1935 Wolfe Tone Sq. and Kilmantain Park (C.P.W.)	6,185	
1936 Wolfe Tone Sq. and Kilmantain Park (C.P.W.)	1,086	
1937 Little Bray Housing Development (C.P.W.)	543	
1939 3½ per cent. 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 Fairgreen Tce., St. Peter's Tce., etc., 29 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.) D. Labour	858	
1952 Do. do.	52	
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme—Acquisition of Land (C.P.W.)	111	
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Development (C.P.W.)	244	

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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
1953 Old Conna Scheme—Erection of 94 Houses	6,862
1954 Old Conna Scheme—Erection of 36 Houses	2,478
1951 Acquisition of Dock Tce. (Treas.)	139
1955 Acquisition of houses at Maitland Street (C.P.W.)	180
1955 Children's Playground at Boghall Road (Treas.)	140
1958 Acquisition of houses at Maitland Street (C.P.W.)	160
1960 Acquisition of houses at Ardee St. (C.P.W.)	140
1964 Chapel Lane Scheme—6 Houses, etc. (Treas.) (Part Charge)	400
1964 Acquisition of land at Palermo (Part Charge)	100

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQ.) ACTS:

LOAN CHARGES:

1936 C. Public Works Loan	734
1949 C. Public Works Loan	1,442
1950 C. Public Works Loan	1,442
1951 C. Public Works Loan	1,922
1952 C. Public Works Loan	2,410
1953 C. Public Works Loan	2,864
1956 C. Public Works Loan	705
1962 C. Public Works Loan	797
	£65,848

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GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Town Hall Expenses—Lighting, Heating and Cleaning	325	
Town Hall Expenses—Repairs	50	
Town Hall Expenses—Cleaner's Wages	219	
Tourist Development	300	
Public Library Salaries (Librarian & Assistants)	2,019	
Public Library—Wages	90	
Public Library—Gratuity to Deceased Officer	650	
Public Library—Books, binding, etc.	950	
Public Library—Books (Juvenile Section)	600	
Public Library—Loan Charges—Proposed New Extension	—	
Public Library—Heating & Lighting	130	
Public Library—Repairs and Maintenance	90	
Public Library—Office Expenses—Stationery, Postage & Telephone, etc.	170	
Vocational Education—Demand	3,550	
Vocational Education—Superannuation	1,290	
Public Parks & Esplanade—Wages	2,269	
Public Parks—Clothing (Workmen)	27	
Public Parks—Materials & Petrol	100	
Esplanade—New Litter Baskets	50	
do. —Sodding, Seeds, Manure	100	
do. —Repairs to Seats, Boat-slip, Bandstand	450	
do. —Strip Lighting	350	
do. —Flags and Pennants	75	
do. —Life Buoys	40	
do. —Replacement of Notice Boards	50	
do. —Painting of Railings, Seats and Bandstand	400	
do. —Sea Wall Repairs and Footpaths	100	
do. —Repairs to Shelters and Kiosks	50	
do. —Repairs to Store at Harbour	100	
Bray Head—Clearing of Undergrowth	100	
Markets & Weighbridge—Salary of Weighmaster	62	
Markets & Weighbridge—Repairs	10	
Markets & Weighbridge—Rent	15	
Band Performances	500	
Milk & Dairies Acts	10	
School Meals—Cost of Food	1,070	
School Meals—Cost of administration	468	
Salaries	4,355	

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Salaries—Engineer & Overseer—Part	691
Rate Collector's Commission	1,248
Superannuation—Former Weighmaster	236
Superannuation—Former Council Employee	230
Legal Expenses	300
Audit Expenses	200
Printing, Stationery & Advertising	500
Office Expenses—Postage & Telephone	285
Preparation of Rate Books, etc.	80
Rents, Rates and Taxes	305
Insurance (Fire, E.L., P.L., and F.G.)	302
Discount on Rates	90
Refunded & Irrecoverable Rates	550
Fuel Scheme—Cost of Turf, etc.	1,850
Fuel Scheme—Administration (Printing, etc.)	50
Bank Interest	50
Miscellaneous	65
Local Elections	—

LOAN CHARGES—GENERAL PURPOSES:

1954 New Stores (Treasurer)	73
1957 Town Hall Repairs (Treas.)	629
1959 Town Hall Repairs (Treas.) (Supplementary)	342

COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES:

Main Roads	9,912
Public Assistance	1,824
Mental Hospitals	11,136
Health Services	34,849
General Purposes (County)	5,195
Separate Charges (Criminal Injuries)	113
Separate Charges (Fire Brigade)	2,892

UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE LEVY:

£52,810 P.L.V. @ 9d. in £1 (1933 and 1940 U.A. Acts)

1,981

£97,662

RECEIPTS

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
URBAN ROADS:		
State Grants:		
Estate Duty	150	
Road Fund	1,760	
Unemployment Schemes	1,800	
Miscellaneous	100	
	£3,810	
SANITARY SERVICES:		
State Grants—Recoupment Loan Charges on		
Watermains—Scheme No. 1	121	
do. do. —Scheme No. 2	210	
do. do. —Scheme No. 3	87	
State Grants—Sanitary Conveniences at		
Southern Esplanade	75	
do. —Derelict Sites Clearance	50	
Sewer Connections	20	
Water Connections	400	
Water Rents	950	
Sanitary Conveniences	450	
Beach Pavilion—Lettings	400	
Sewer Rents—Dublin Road	150	
	£2,913	
HOUSING:		
Housing of the Working Classes:		
Housing Subsidy—Little Bray Scheme		910
do. do. —Wolfe Tone Sq. & Cillmantain Park		3,710
do. do. —Dublin Road, Castle St., etc.		501
do. do. —29 Houses Scheme		84
do. do. —18 Houses Scheme		88
do. do. —48 Houses Scheme		820
do. do. —94 Houses Scheme		4,600
do. do. —36 Houses Scheme		1,200
do. do. —Contribution to Interest Rate		
91 Houses		460
do. do. —Contribution to Interest Rate		
29 Houses		112
do. do. —Contribution to Interest Rate		
18 Houses		79
do. do. —Contribution to Interest Rate		
48 Houses		1,232
Chapel Lane Scheme (6 Houses)		100
Rents (Inc. of Rates)		17,652
Rents (Inc. of Rates) Old Conna		11,991
Purchase Annuities and Rents (Old Scheme)		2,631
Purchase Annuities and Rates—Scott Park Scheme		2,122
Ground Rents		688
Rents Chapel Lane Housing Scheme		150
SMALL DWELLING (ACQUISITION ACTS):		
Repayments by Borrowers (Old Loans)		734
Repayments by Borrowers (New Loans)		11,582
		£60,846

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GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:	Estimated by Manager	Council by Adopted
State Grants:		
Bounty in lieu of Rates	576	
School Meals	535	
Fuel Scheme	1,598	
Vocational Education—State recoupment of Superannuation		638
Other Receipts:		
Vocational Education—Recoupment of Superannuation from other Local Authorities	24	
Fairgreen Houses Letting	20	
Markets and Town Hall Lettings	75	
Dividend on Shelter Fund	10	
Site No. 3 (Putting Green)	320	
Chair Licence	40	
Watercraft Licence	6	
Kiosks—Esplanade	945	
Shopping Arcade—South Boathouse	495	
Weighing Machines	40	
Photographic Licence	12	
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>£8,707</u>

ANNUAL ESTIMATES, 1964/65

SUMMARY OF CHARGES:	Gross		Net
	Expenditure	Receipts	Expenditure
Roads	9,279	3,810	5,469
Sanitary Services	26,094	2,913	23,181
Housing	65,848	60,846	5,002
General Urban Purposes	97,662	6,707	90,955
	<u>£198,883</u>	<u>£74,276</u>	<u>£124,607</u>

The net requirements to be met from Rate Levy as above, are £124,607. Credits of £2847 are available which can be applied to reduce the amount to be raised by Rate Levy in the year 1964/65 to £123,760.

Municipal Rate of 1d. in £1 produces £238.
Rate in the £1 to meet the net expenditure of £123,760 is 43s. 4d.

Chairman: *Ewan Byrne*

Date: *April 14, 1964*

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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 14th April, 1964, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor J. O'Toole.

1318.—Minutes of Meeting.

Minutes of Meeting of 24th March, 1964, which had been circulated, were adopted.

1319.—County Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders, numbers 8817 to 8830, were noted.

1320.—Votes of Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was expressed to the relatives of the late Mr. Thomas Egan, Dargan Street, Mrs. Gorman, Dublin Road, Mr. Michael McGarry, 11 Brennan's Terrace, Miss Kathleen Murray, Duncairn Terrace, Mr. J. Darcy, Grosvenor Avenue, Mrs. Metcalfe, 23 Pearse Square, Mr. E. Butler, 5 Hawthorn Road, and Mr. P. Hannon, 2 Ledwidge Crescent.

1321.—Vehicular Traffic in the Town Hall area

Councillor McAuliffe moved his motion re vehicular traffic in the Town Hall area. The motion was formally seconded by Councillor Hipwell. Mr. McAuliffe stated that without doubt Killarney Road should be the major road at this junction. He set out at length the difficulties and dangers to pedestrians in the vicinity of the Town Hall and suggested the following remedies: (1) The construction of an island about 9' in height to divert north bound traffic from the vevay Road around the south side of the Town Hall to join Killarney Road at right angles instead of as presently of a Y-shaped junction (2) The Bus Stop at the Town Hall to be moved to a position outside Mr. Roe's premises on the Main Street. He suggested that the Island should be 18' wide and there should be a carriage way of 24' in width.

The Council unanimously approved of Mr. McAuliffe's suggestions subject to the opinion of the Traffic Committee of Engineers and Gardai, to which it was suggested and agreed that the matter should be referred. All present praised Mr. McAuliffe for the time and thought he had put in to this urgent problem and its possible solution and the very clear maps which he made available for the Council.

Mr. McAuliffe thanked the members.

1322.—Boundary Extension.

Owing to the absence of Councillor J. O'Toole the motion was deferred to the May Meeting.

1323.—Filling of Vacancy on Vocational Education Committee.

On the proposition of Councillor Sayers, seconded by Councillor Temple, Mr. Thomas Byrne, "Glenburg," Lower Dargle Road, was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Vocational Education Committee caused by the death of the late Reverend Brother Austin. Councillor McAuliffe proposed the name of Mr. C. Martin but received no seconder and dissented from the resolution appointing Mr. Byrne.

1324.—Flooding.

Due to the absence of the Town Engineer from the Meeting it was decided to defer the question of flooding to the May Meeting. In the meantime the members asked that Mr. Healy's report on flooding in the Town in general be circulated to them some days before the May Meeting.

1325.—Twelve Per Cent Increase.

On the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, it was agreed to give an increase of 12 per cent. to the cleaners in the Town Hall and Library and seven School Meals Attendants, the payment to be retrospective to the 14th January. The necessary excess expenditure of £22 was voted.

1326.—Circuit of Bray Cycle Race.

It was agreed on the application of the Secretary of Bray Amusements Committee to pass a formal resolution closing Florence Road from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, May 24th, for the purpose of holding the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race. The Town Clerk was instructed to give the necessary public notice.

1327.—Weighing Machines.

The Council agreed to grant the British Automatic Company Limited, the concession for Weighing Machines and Telescopes on the Esplanade for the customary sum of £42.

1328.—Martello Terrace.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Bórd Fáilte Éireann in which they suggested that the question of acquiring 1, Martello Terrace from Miss Corby not be gone ahead with at present. The letter went on to state that the Bórd itself would endeavour to acquire the old Hot Sea Baths from Mr. Mullen.

The Council agreed to defer action in the case of 1, Martello Terrace.

1329.—Development of Land at rear of Tennis Grounds, Vevay Road

Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955. Councillor Temple proposed and Councillor Doyle seconded, and it was resolved "that a lay-out plan submitted on behalf of the Meath Estates in connection with the proposed development of the field at the rear of the Tennis Grounds at Vevay Road, Bray, be approved." During the course of the discussion all the members pressed the need of houses and felt that this outweighed the traffic hazards referred to in the reports of the County and Town Engineers.

1330.—Watercraft Licences.

An application was received from Mr. R. J. Merlihan for permission to ply 20 pedalo and Viking Watercraft for hire from Bray beach, subject to the customary conditions. The application stated that he would have to move further north on the beach due to the presence of rocks or to move south of the slipway in the interests of public safety.

There was a further application from D. Nolan, Vevay Bakery, Vevay Road, for permission to operate a Speedboat from the Sea Front. Councillor Temple mentioned that last year Mr. Nolan had not been co-operative with the officials of the Council. The Town Clerk concurred.

It was finally decided to grant both applications.

1331.—Taking over of Roads.

The Chairman accepted the following Notice of Motion to be dealt with at the next meeting from Councillor Hipwell, "That the Council take over that portion of road bounded on the south by the rear wall of the Garda Barracks, on the north by the boundary wall of Mr. Myles Byrne's Market Garden, on the east by Novara Road, and on the west by the rear entrance of Aravon School and that they also take over the concrete passageway leading from this road to the Meath Road and that the necessary legal formalities to take over this area be commenced immediately."

1332.—Site at Harbour, Shannon Caravans.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that Shannon Caravans Ltd., to whom a site formerly leased to David Coughlan Ltd., had been recently assigned, now sought sanction to mortgage the property in the sum of £8,000. The following sub-committee of the Council was, on the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Hipwell, appointed to meet the representative of the firm on Saturday next in the Town Hall at 11 a.m.; Councillors E. Byrne, Chairman, C. Doyle, Vice-Chairman, F. G. Hunt, and J. Temple. It was decided that if the committee recommended permission as sought by the company be granted.

1333.—Town and Regional Planning Acts.

(a) Application from Lyons and Lyons on behalf of their client, Mr. P. Regan, for permission to carry out alterations to Lounge and entrance Porch of Bray Head Hotel and also to erect a Recreation Room at the rear.

The Council concurred with the Town Engineer's recommendation that permission be granted.

(b) Application from Lyons and Lyons on behalf of their client, Mr. P. Regan, for permission to carry out alterations to the Holyrood Hotel.

The Council concurred with the Town Engineer's recommendation that permission be granted subject to the approval of the Fire Officer and County Medical Officer of Health.

(c) Application from Mr. J. O'Toole for permission to carry out a Lounge extension to his premises at the Harbour Bar. Recommendation from the Town Engineer that the present application should be refused as the extension was shown projecting from the main building and tended to cut off the Harbour area. Further stating that this would certainly affect any other development of the Harbour area.

After discussion, during which the members indicated that they did not agree with the Town Engineer's recommendation the matter was referred back to Mr. Healy for further consideration.

(d) Application from Mr. Michael Dowling for permission to erect a Public House at Strand Road.

When this application was considered the members stated that it was their view that they had decided at a previous meeting to refer the matter back to the applicant and request him to submit a plan for a two-storey building. The Town Clerk said that his recollection was that no decision had been given in this regard. The Council then requested the Town Clerk to write to Mr. Dowling and recommend that a new application should be submitted, this time for a two-storey building.

Chairman: Edward J. Byrne

Date: May 12, 1964

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, the 12th May, 1964, at 7.30 p.m. for the purpose of Striking a Municipal Rate for the year ending 31st March, 1965.

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

Officials present—M. Flannery (County Manager), D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk), M. Healy (Town Engineer), P. Murray (Rate Collector), and J. McDonnell (Staff Officer).

1334—Schedule of Uncollected Rates.

The Council considered the arrear sheets and agreed with the County Manager's decision to strike off a total of £788 8s. 5d. as irrecoverable. Arrears carried forward for collection totalled £1913 8s. 9d., the amount collected was £95,160 14s. 3d. The Rate Collector was congratulated on his excellent collection of 97.24%. The Rent Collectors were also congratulated on a collection of 99.4% rents. The Members asked that the Manager give sympathetic consideration in the cases of arrears to (1) Mrs. Rogers, Vevay Road, (2) Mr. Stephenson, St. Kevin's Square, and (3) the Crinnion Family, Seapoint Road.

1335—Striking of Municipal Rate for year ending 31/3/65.

On the proposal of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. Temple, it was resolved that "We, the members of Bray Urban District Council hereby make a municipal rate of 42s. 6d. in the £ to be levied in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1965. The said rate to be collected in two moieties—the first moiety and arrears after the 12th May, 1964, and the second moiety on or after 1st October, 1964, and that we resolve that the rate book be signed and sealed accordingly." The rate book was signed and sealed as was the Rate Collector's warrant.

Chairman: Edward J. Byrne

Date: June 9, 1964

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, May 12th, immediately after the close of the Special Meeting held for the purpose of Striking a Municipal Rate for the year ending 31/3/65.

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

Officials present—M. Flannery (County Manager), D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk), M. Healy (Town Engineer), P. Murray (Rate Collector), and J. McDonnell (Staff Officer).

1332—Minutes of Meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting of 14th April, 1964, and of the Estimate Meeting of 31st March, 1964, which had been circulated were adopted.

1337—County Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders numbered 8831 to 8840 were noted.

1338—Votes of Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was voted to the following on their recent bereavements—Mr. W. Wheeler, Meath Road, Mr. A. Curtis, Bailsbridge, Mr. R. Roche, Florence Villas, Mrs. W. Coleman, Wolfe Tone Square, Mr. Michael Dunphy, 3 Cherry Tree Drive, Mr. Joseph Kenny, Seapoint Road, Mrs. Patrick Hackman, Wolfe Tone Square, and Mr. Patrick Hickey, Greystones.

1339—Allocation of 7, St. Peter's Road.

Arising out of Manager's Orders, Clr. Temple stated that he was not satisfied with the allocation of a house to Mr. Bradshaw at 7, St. Peter's Road. He felt strongly that there were other much more deserving applicants on the list. The County Manager stated that houses were allocated in accordance with the recommendation of the County Medical Officer of Health, who in turn was bound by the regulations drawn up in 1950 in this regard. After some further discussion Clr. Temple moved, Clr. Hipwell seconded, and it was resolved that the files in connection with the allocation of 7, St. Peter's Road and the County Medical Officer's report in connection with same, together with a copy of the Housing list be sent to the Minister for Local Government and that he be asked to send an Inspector to Bray to visit the houses of interested applicants.

1340—Proposal to Extend the Urban Boundary.

Clr. O'Toole proposed the Motion standing in his name that the Urban Boundary be extended to meet the urgent housing and industrial requirements. Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge seconded it. Several Members having spoken in favour of the Motion, it was adopted in principle. The Manager indicated that a detailed Report in the matter would be submitted at a later date.

1341—Taking Over of Roadway.

Clr. Hipwell proposed and Clr. Sayers seconded that the roadway in the vicinity of Aravon School be taken over by the Council. After some discussion Clr. Hipwell withdrew his Motion pending the result of an approach which the Town Clerk was instructed to make to the Board of Works in connection with the putting of this roadway and the walls of an adjacent laneway in proper repair.

1342—Urban Road Improvement Grant, 1964/65.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the sum of £1,760, the same as last year, had been notified and asked if the members would submit any suggestions they had in the matter to the Town Surveyor.

1343—Report from Architect on Housing Scheme at Palermo.

The above Report was adopted by the Council with the following amendments—(a) No four bed-roomed houses to be built; (2) no shops to be erected on the site adjacent to St. Peter's School; (3) the Council desired that a proportion of flats be erected.

1344—Closing of Florence Road—24th May, 1964.

On hearing from the Town Clerk that no objections had been received following on public advertisement the Council on the proposal of Clr. J. O'Toole, seconded by Clr. Hipwell, resolved that the Florence Road be closed to public traffic from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. on the occasion of the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race on May 24th.

1345—Irish Language.

On the proposal of Clr. O'Toole seconded by Clr. Hipwell, the Council adopted a resolution from Kilkenny Corporation to the effect that the Government do now implement a positive policy on the Irish Language and that all Public Bodies co-operate in bring Irish into more general use.

1346—Beach Pavilion, Esplanade.

It was agreed to deal with the Beach Pavilion, Esplanade in separate parts: (a) The Cafe, and (b) The Toilets and Changing Rooms. The Town Clerk gave particulars of cost and payments to date on the above scheme. Clr. Temple again referred to the unwarranted delay in the completion of the work and the Town Clerk was instructed to get in touch immediately with Bord Fáilte and to also enquire as to when work on the diving stage and kiosk would be put in hands.

1347—Overdraft Accommodation.

On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell and seconded by Clr. Sayers, it was resolved that "We the members of Bray Urban District Council seek the sanction of the Minister to the raising of the overdraft accommodation with the Council's Treasurers, the Hibernian Bank, in a sum exceeding £15,000 to the 30th August, 1964."

1348—Travelling and Subsistence Allowances for Members.

The Council noted the contents of above circular. Many of the members felt that the distance of one mile should be altered.

1349—Gaming and Lotteries — Rapelli.

Report from the Council's Solicitor notified that the appeal in the above case was dismissed. The Solicitor gave as his opinion that if the Council wished to restrict certain areas of the Urban District from having licences under the Act the present resolution should be rescinded and another passed defining the areas in the Town to which the Act should apply.

1350—Salary Revision.

On the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Sayers, salary revisions in accordance with the recent awards and agreements in respect of Town Clerk, Staff Officer, Rent and Rate Collectors, Store-keeper and water Inspector were approved and the necessary excess expenditure voted.

1351—Annual Meeting.

The Council fixed Tuesday, 30th June, as the date of their Annual Meeting.

1352—Town and Regional Planning Acts.

(a) Application from John Duffin, 33 Wolfe Tone Square Middle, for permission to erect an extra bedroom and bathroom. The Council concurred with the report from the Engineer approving the application.

(b) Application from Mr. A. J. Bliss, Roseville, Dublin Road, for permission to erect a garage on his premises. The Council concurred with a report from the Engineer recommending that permission be granted on condition that the doors of the garage open inward.

(c) Application from Mr. Patrick Savage, Adelaide Road, for permission to alter existing shop fronts to form a car wash area and also to resite the petrol pumps. A recommendation from the Town Engineer that permission be granted on condition that the new position of the pumps would be moved back 7 feet. Report from County Fire Officer stating that he had no objection to the proposal on condition that (a) no part of the premises on the west side of the laneway be used for sleeping accommodation and that (b) the existing petrol pumps be not moved. The Council concurred with both recommendations.

(d) Application from Michael Dowling, Mellifont Hotel, to erect a new licensed premises at Strand Road, Bray. Recommendation from Town Engineer that approval be granted subject to the concurrence of the County Fire Officer and County Medical Officer of Health.

(e) Application from Mr. James O'Toole, Harbour Bar, for permission to make an extension to the Harbour Bar. Report from Town Engineer pointing out that this proposal would mean a 20 feet extension from the existing building line, and recommending that permission be refused. The Council members referred the matter back to the Town Engineer for further consideration.

(f) Application from Mr. L. Dowling, 21 O'Byrne Road, for permission to add a bathroom and kitchen to his premises. Recommendation of the Council that permission be granted on condition the Town Engineer agreed.

Chairman.....

Date.....

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Adjourned Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, the 19th May, 1964.

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

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

1353—Tenant Purchase Scheme—Houses at Wolfe Tone Square and O'Byrne Road.

The Council on the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Sayers, approved of the Tenant Purchase Scheme for above with out amendment. It being resolved that the ground rent to be charged be 6d. per week in all cases.

1354—Flooding.

After a lengthy discussion on flooding it was agreed that the adjacent County Councils and Landlords should be written to where flooding was due to their neglect and the flooding that was the County Council's responsibility should be dealt with in a special report by the Town Surveyor. This report to set out remedies and the costs thereof.

1355—Swimming Pools.

Consideration of a circular from the Department in this regard was adjourned.

1356—Castle Street.

The Council agreed in principle to the purchase of Kennymore premises in Castle Street and gave the Officials permission to negotiate therefor and report back when a firm figure was agreed thereon.

1357—Albert Walk and District Traders' Association.

The following requests were agreed:—

- a street plan of the town to be displayed at the Beach Pavilion.
- an Information Bureau to be situated at the same site. This matter to be taken up with Bord Falte.
- a sign post to be erected at the same site, pointing the Town Centre.
- Litter baskets and street name plates to be provided at Albert Walk and Albert Avenue.

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With regard to the request that the sum allocated to the Tourist Board be increased to £500, the Chairman ruled that this would require Notice of Motion and he subsequently accepted the following Notice of Motion from Clr. Hipwell, "That the Council's allocation of the sum of £300 to the I.T.A. or its successors at the Annual Estimate Meeting held on the 31st March, 1964, be increased to the sum of £500 and that the previous resolution be and is hereby rescinded."

During the discussion of Albert Walk the question of the Council taking it over from the C.I.E. was raised and it was agreed to ask if the C.I.E. would be prepared to carry out the necessary renovations and repairs to the Walk if the Council were prepared to take it over.

1358—Beach Pavilion.

Clr. Temple again raised the question of the Beach Pavilionxthe delay in completing same and the defects therein. When the Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. Healy was meeting the Architect in this matter at 11 a.m. on Thursday, 21st May, 1964, it was agreed that any Councillor who could do so should attend the meeting.

1359—Alleged Nuisance by Noise.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a Memorial complaining of the noise from the Fun Palace, Bray, had been forwarded by the Department to the Council, it originally having been addressed to the Minister by some twenty-five residents in the area. He pointed out that no action could be taken until the new Planning Act was in force.

1360—S.D.A. Acts.

The meeting approved of the transfer of interest of Mr. Fuchs in 19 Camaderry Road to Mr. Richard Murphy, a retired Bank Official.

1361—Salary Scale Clerk-/Typists.

The Council unanimously approved of the revised salary scale for Clerk/Typists in accordance with the recent arbitration award and voted the necessary excess expenditure therefore.

1362—Gratuity—Patrick Hackman Deceased.

The Council approved unanimously the payment of a gratuity of £526 18s. 8d. due Mrs. Catherine Hackman, the legal personal representative of the late Patrick Hackman who had been in continuous employment with the Council from the 4/7/1949, until his death on the 11/5/1964.

1363—E.S.V. Scheme.

The Council noted a letter from Special Employment Schemes Office which explained that E.S.V. Grants were based on the number of unemployed in each town each year in the month of January.

1364—Vote of Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was voted to the wife and family of the late Mr. P. O'Keeffe, Secretary of the G.A.A.

1365—Congratulations.

Congratulations reported to the Bray Order of Malta (Ladies Section), in their recent success in the National Competition.

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1366—Legion of Mary.

Permission was granted to the Legion of Mary to place a book-barrow on the Esplanade during the Summer season.

1367—Miscellaneous.

The Town Clerk informed Clr. M. O'Toole that he was going into the legal aspect of street trading with particular reference to the "Mr. Skippy Vans."

The Town Clerk informed Clr. Sayers that Mr. Fox was to get Mr. Finucane to get some minor repairs done at the toilets at the southern end of the Esplanade.

The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Meath Estates asking what progress was being made with the erection of houses near the Tennis Court.

Chairman.....

Date.....

Edward Byrne
June 9, 1964

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council called by requisition of the following five Members—Councillors J. Temple, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. O'Toole, F. G. Hunt and D. Sayers. The Meeting was held in the Town Hall at 8 p.m. on the 29th May, 1964.

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

Officials present—M. Flannery (County Manager), D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk), M. Healy (Town Engineer), and K. Barry, Bord Failte Eireann.

The Town Clerk told the Meeting that he had received a letter from Mr. Walker, Architect, regretting his inability to attend due to a prior engagement and setting out replies to the four items on the Agenda, which were as follows:—

- (1) The failure of Bord Failte Eireann and the Architects of the Board to see that the conditions as set out in their letter of 17th January, 1963, has not been complied with.
- (2) The failure of the Architects or Contractor to install a satisfactory supply.
- (3) The failure of the Contractor or Architects with respect to the roofing of the said buildings.
- (4) The failure of the Architects to carry out their agreement as per Mr. Walker's letter of 28th February, 1964, to have completed by 31st March, 1964, the Municipal Baths and the Diving Stage regarding same.

After a discussion it was decided that point (1) on the Agenda should be dealt with separately and that the meeting would hear Mr. Barry's views thereon.

1368—Beach Pavilion.

At the request of the Council the Town Clerk read to the Meeting Mr. Barry's letter of 17/1/63 which gave reasons for granting the contract to Messrs. Cooney. Mr. Temple expressed his keen disappointment and indignation at (a) the unwarranted delay in completing the work, and (b) the existence of certain defects in the roof and the water supply of the work. While they were not blaming Mr. Barry directly they felt that some explanation should be given by him for the delay and for the defects.

Several other members spoke in a similar strain pointing out that the Council were not responsible for the delay. The Chairman then asked Mr. Barry to reply to the points raised. Mr. Barry said

that he had gone carefully into the history of the contract and found that they originally tried to have the work started in September, 1962, they were not able to do so and it was evidently December, 1962, before tenders were sought. There was then a delay which he had not foreseen in getting sanction from the Department with the result that the contract was not placed until March, 1963. Other delays occurred through the incidence of a bus strike prohibiting the transport of skilled men to Bray, and also the foundation of the building had to go deeper than was originally expected. Therefore, at this stage they were about six months behind time, the further delays was to him also most disappointing.

Mr. Temple said that while he appreciated Mr. Barry's explanation he felt that Mr. Barry was "covering up" for somebody else and he was not prepared to accept Mr. Barry's explanation. The Chairman said that like every other Member of the Council he was also disappointed in the delay. Some months ago he had had a conversation with the foreman on the job who assured him that everything would be finished by January, 1964, and evidently there was not "push" to get the job completed.

At this stage there was rather a lengthy discussion on whether the Architect's letter should be read to the Meeting and it was finally decided not to read the letter but to adjourn items 2, 3 and 4 of the Agenda to the Monthly Meeting and to ask that the Architect attend at this Meeting. Councillors Sayers and McAuliffe wished that the letter be read and discussed from the above decision.

1369—Excess Expenditure.

On the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Mrs. Ledwidge, the following items of excess expenditure were approved of in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the Local Government Act, 1955; Under the heading of Roads (a) £194 E.S.V. Scheme, 1963-64; (b) £371 Road Improvement Grants, 1963-64.

1370—Cab Shelter, Station Yard.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Architects to the new Arcadia Ballroom had written stating that the Contractors for the Ballroom would be prepared to remove the old shelter without cost to the Council were the Council to give permission. On the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Sayers, it was agreed to grant permission on condition that the Contractors removed the shelter and re-erected it at the Office Field.

1371—Kiosk at Beach Pavilion.

It was decided to accede to the request of Mr. T. Murphy that he receive a letting of a kiosk on the fourcourt of the Beach Pavilion for the season for the sum of £10.

1372—Votes of Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was expressed to the relatives of Michael Casey, Adelaide Road, on their bereavement, and to Mr. and Mrs. Millia, No. 10, Castle Street, on the tragic death of their young son.

Chairman, *D. Sayers*

Date, *14/7/64*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 9th June, 1964.

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

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors C. Doyle, M. O'Toole and J. O'Toole.

Officials present—M. Flannery (County Manager), D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk), M. Healy (Town Engineer), K. Barry, Bord Failte Eireann, and R. Walker of Scott and Partners, Architects.

1373—Minutes of Meeting.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of 12th May, 1964, Monthly Meeting of the 12th May, 1964, and Adjourned Meeting of 19th May, 1964, which had been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

1374—County Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders from Number 8841 to 8855 were noted.

1375—Beach Pavilion.

Items 2, 3 and 4 of the Agenda adjourned from Special Meeting of 29th May, 1964.

Item 2: The failure of the Architects or Contractor to instal a satisfactory water supply.

On that point Mr. Walker stated that grit got into the valves when the toilets were open over Whit week-end. He has arranged for extra stop cocks to be put in—twenty-three in all. He also gave details to the Council about improvements in water storage arrangements which he hoped would rectify matters. He regretted very much what had happened over Whitsun.

There was a long discussion on the technical points involved and it was decided that the Council would operate the toilets and the Town Engineer stated that he felt there was little risk of re-occurrence of what happened on Whitsun.

Mr. McAuliffe made three points which he said needed immediate attention—(1) the toilet rolls in their present position were an obstruction and should be moved to a more suitable part of the toilet; (2) springs were needed on the doors; (3) coat hooks were needed on the back of the doors.

He also felt that the mirror in the gents toilet should be screwed on with a different type of screw.

The Council finally decided on the proposal of Clr. Temple that the toilets be taken over on a temporary basis by the Council staff.

Item 3: The failure of the Contractor or Architects with respect to the roofing of the said building.

In this regard Mr. Walker said that he originally had thought of having an asphalt roof but having considered the cost and appearance tried what he admitted was an experiment of mastic jointing. This had failed twice and simply would not adhere and they now had to fall back on the original idea of asphalt roof at an extra cost of approximately £1,200.

Mr. Temple felt that it was reprehensible that the Architects took the manufacturers word for the suitability of the mastic preparation. He furthermore said that he thought that the lights in the roof were defective for he himself had seen an inch and a quarter of rain water lodged thereon.

It was stated that Bord Failte would pay the extra £1,200, Mr. Temple remarking, however, that the Taxpayer would be paying for it.

Item 4: The failure of the Architects to carry out their agreement as per Mr. Walker's letter of 23rd February, 1964, to have completed by 31st March, 1964, the Municipal Baths and the Diving Stage regarding same.

In this case Mr. Walker stated that the preliminary estimate for the work of the Diving Stage was £2,500. Those concerned had relied on a paper read some years ago to the Engineering Association on Bray Seafront and were of the opinion that they would make a proper foundation at 15 feet for the type of Diving Stage they wished to erect. However, when trial bores were taken there was no clay foundation to be found until they reached a depth of 40 feet. They were now trying an alternative type of design. When questioned as regards the cost of the new design Mr. Walker said he could not commit himself, but he felt that the cost would be something like £7,500. In this regard Mr. Barry of Bord Failte stated that he felt it only fair that what the cost would be that it should be borne in proportion of 20 per cent. Bray Urban District Council, 80 per cent. Bord Failte. In reply to question he intimated that Bord Failte would bear the cost of the extra work involved in putting the water system in order.

Mr. Temple stated that Mr. Walker had admitted that he had made mistakes and that in one instance he had been misled by a report in a paper read to the Engineering Association. All these mistakes meant simply that the town of Bray had to suffer and that the Council were held up to ridicule and that all the guarantees they had got had come to nothing.

He was frankly disappointed to say the least of it with the whole issue. Other Members voiced their keen disappointment in the delay in completing the Beach Pavilion, but felt that there was no reflection on the Contractors.

In taking over the toilets on a temporary basis for the Summer the Chairman said they were making the best of a very bad job.

1376—Dock Terrace—Children's Amusement.

The Council on the proposal of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Hipwell, agreed to rent a plot of ground to T. Hamill for the Summer for £20 for Children's Amusements.

1377—Civil Liability Act.

On the proposal of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. McAuliffe, the Council unanimously adopted a resolution from Youghal Urban Dis-

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trict Council asking that Section 60 of the above Act be not brought into force.

1378—Contribution to Tourist Association.

Clr. Hipwell moved a Motion standing in his name that the Council's allocation of a sum of £300 to the I.T.A. or its successors in the Annual Estimate Meeting held on the 31st March, 1964, be increased to a sum of £500 and that the previous resolution be and is hereby rescinded.

The Motion was carried by the following Councillors voting for it—Cirs. J. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, F. G. Hunt, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, H. L. McAuliffe and D. Sayers (6), against Cirs. E. Byrne, G. H. G. Stuart, and J. Temple.

It was decided to nominate the Director to the new Regional Board at a subsequent Meeting.

1379—Municipal Authorities Association.

It was decided to increase the annual subscription of the Council of the above Board from £5 to £10.

1380—Urban Road Improvement Grants 1964/65.

On the suggestion of Mr. Temple it was decided to circulate Mr. Healy's recommendation for the utilisation of the above grant to the Members.

1381—Vandalism.

The Council considered a letter from the Albert Walk Traders' Association calling for extra Guards to be drafted to Bray on weekends to cope with the current outbreak of crime and vandalism. The Members agreed completely with the letter and desired the Town Clerk to take up the matter with the Guards.

It was further desired to ask the Superintendent of the Guards to attend at the meeting of the 30th June, 1964, to discuss the Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws and it was decided that he might discuss the question of vandalism on the same occasion.

A further letter condemning vandalism was received from Bray Sea Angling Club whose boats were recently damaged in the harbour.

1382—Bray Amusements.

On the suggestion of Mr. Hipwell, Bray Amusements were granted the use of the two band stands for the season when they were not otherwise engaged by the Council.

1383—Town and Regional Planning Acts.

(a) Application from Miss Q. E. Carton for permission to erect two semi-detached houses at Sugar Loaf Terrace. The Council concurred with the Engineer's recommendations that permission be granted.

(b) Application from Mr. A. Boud for permission to extend building at Seacrest, Bray Head. The Council concurred with the Engineer's recommendations that permission be refused. The Engineer in the course of his report stated that the building was not very attractive at the entrance to Bray Head and various small extensions carried out from time to time make the entire development unsatisfactory. The structure consists of various bits and pieces instead of being one integrated unit.

Chairman..... *J. Sayers*

Date..... *19/7/64*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday 30th June, 1964, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from M. Flannery (County Manager), Clr. J. Temple (Ill) and Clr. M. O'Toole.

1384.—Election of Chairman.

The following were proposed for the office of Chairman:—

Clr. D. Sayers was proposed by Clr. McAuliffe and seconded by Clr. H. B. Hipwell.

Clr. Mrs. M. Ledwidge was proposed by Clr. J. O'Toole and seconded by Councillor G. H. G. Stuart.

Clr. F. G. Hunt was proposed by Clr. J. Byrne but received no seconder.

On a vote being taken Clr. D. Sayers was elected Chairman by six votes (E. Byrne, J. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, F. G. Hunt, H. L. McAuliffe and D. Sayers) to four votes (C. Doyle, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. O'Toole and G. H. G. Stuart).

Clr. D. Sayers then took the Chair. The outgoing Chairman first thanked the Members and Officials for their co-operation during the year. Tributes were then paid to the outgoing Chairman.

Clr. D. Sayers on taking the Chair thanked the Members sincerely for electing him and proposed to do all he could during the coming year to speed progress in their various schemes.

The Members congratulated Clr. Sayers on his election.

1385.—Office of Vice-Chairman.

On the proposition of Clr. E. Byrne seconded by Clr. J. Byrne, Clr. H. L. McAuliffe was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman for the coming year.

Clr. McAuliffe thanked all those who voted for him and who wished him well.

1386.—Municipal Authorities—Delegates.

Clr. J. Byrne proposed and Clr. E. Byrne seconded the name of the Chairman, Mr. D. Sayers. Clr. F. G. Hunt proposed and Clr. D. Sayers seconded Clr. H. B. Hipwell. Both Councillors were accordingly selected with the Town Clerk to attend the Conference. It was decided on the suggestion of Clr. McAuliffe that Clr. M. O'Toole be appointed substitute Delegate in the event of Clr. Hipwell or Clr. Sayers not being able to attend.

1387.—Election of Director to the Eastern Regional Tourist Organisation.

On the proposition of Clr. J. Byrne seconded by Clr. Hipwell, Clr. F. G. Hunt was nominated as Director to the above Board for the forthcoming year.

1388.—Resolutions for Conference.

On the proposition of Clr. McAuliffe seconded by Clr. Hipwell the following resolution was passed for debate by the Municipal Authorities at their next Conference—"That we deplore the existence throughout the country of widespread vandalism and as this involves serious damage to public and private property and brings a sense of frustration to local authorities and citizens who are endeavouring to improve their districts and add to public and private attractions and amenities we ask the Minister for Justice to take the necessary steps to curb this vandalism and in particular to ensure that adequate penalties, which will act as deterrents be imposed by the Courts on persons found guilty of acts of vandalism and of wilful damage to public and private property. We also wish to bring to the Notice of the Ministers for Justice and Local Government the serious burden thrust on local rates by malicious injuries decrees for wilful damage to private property caused by evilly disposed persons."

1389.—Traffic Bye-Laws.

Superintendent J. Keane and Sergeant P. Cleary attended to discuss the new Traffic Bye-Laws. The Superintendent explained the new Bye-Laws section by section and at the conclusion of the explanation Clr. H. L. McAuliffe and other Member made numerous suggestions and amendments. After a lengthy debate the Superintendent said he would consider these amendments and suggestions, and it was decided to go into the matter again at the next Meeting when the Council would make formal representations to the Commissioner as required by the Act.

1390.—Vandalism—Strength of Gardai.

On this matter the Superintendent asked to be excused from discussing certain aspects of this subject. He, however, stated that three extra gardai had recently been added to the force in Bray. Furthermore it was expected that another three would be sent to Bray in the near future. He also had received permission from his Superiors to call upon the Central Metropolitan Reserve in cases of necessity. The Councillors welcomed this news although some of them were of the opinion that what was needed were twelve extra men. Councillor McAuliffe and Clr. Stuart felt that what was badly needed was more rigorous application of the law in cases like these.

1391.—Salary Scale of Assistant Water Inspector.

The Council on the proposition of Clr. McAuliffe seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, unanimously approved of an increase of £75 a year for the Assistant Water Inspector with effect from 1st October, 1963, and voted the excess expenditure necessary in the matter.

1392.—Housing Repair Contract.

The Council recommended the acceptance of the only tender received for Repair to Houses for the coming year, i.e., that of McNulty Brothers, 8 Railway Road, Dalkey—22½ per cent. on schedule of prices.

1393.—Civic Week.

The Council granted permission to the Irish Ale Brewers to park a caravan in the vicinity of the Bandstand during the Annual Waiters' Race.

1394.—Councillor J. Temple.

On the suggestion of Clr. McAuliffe it was decided to convey the Council's best wishes to Clr. Temple.

Chairman.....*D. Sayers*.....

Date.....*14/7/64*.....

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



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

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

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

1395—Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was expressed to the relatives of the late Brigadier General Andrew McDonnell, to the relatives of the late William Richardson, O'Byrne Road, Bray, and to Mrs. Harvey, 17 Quinsboro Road, on the death of her mother.

1396—Minutes of Meetings.

Minutes of Meetings of 29th May, 1964, 9th June, 1964, and 30th June, 1964, which had been circulated were adopted.

1397—Old Age Pensions—Resolution for Conference.

On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, it was decided to send the resolution to the Annual Conference of Municipal Authorities asking for an increase of Old Age Pension and a review of the means test.

1398—Beach Pavilion.

Members expressed their views on the lack of progress being made on the Beach Pavilion and the Town Clerk was directed to write to the Architects in the matter.

1399—Water Supply—Coast Guard Station.

After a long discussion on the above matter it was decided that legal advice be sought as to whether an Injunction in the High Court could be obtained to compel the owner to carry out the necessary repairs to the water service in the houses at the Coast Guard Station.

1400—Excess Expenditure—Purchase of Property at Castle Street.

On the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge, excess expenditure in the sum of £175 was allowed for the purchase of the Leasehold interests in Kennymore premises in Castle Street.

1401—Traffic Bye-Laws.

Four suggestions for amendments of the proposed Bye-laws were made. The first three were made by Clr. McAuliffe as follows:—

- That Quinsboro Road be a one-way street (Main Street eastwards), during the months of June, July, August and September.
- No parking be allowed on the Main Street in front of Hibernian Bank.
- No parking on the western side of Main Street.

Clr. C. Doyle suggested that no parking be allowed on the southern side of Herbert Road from the junction with Main Street to the junction with Davitt Road.

Before these matters were debated a suggestion made by Clr. Temple was unanimously adopted and that was that the Council adjourn this item and ask Representatives of the Automobile Association and the Road Transport Section of C.I.E. to attend the next Meeting and give their views.

1402—Road Improvement Grant.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the Engineer's Report to the next Meeting. Clr. McAuliffe dissented from this decision.

1403—Allocation of House.

In reply to a query from Clr. Temple the Town Clerk read a letter from the Department to the effect that the Minister would not be prepared to hold an investigation into the allocation of No. 7 St. Peter's Road. Clr. Temple expressed indignation at this and instanced other cases which he felt were in greater need of houses than the family who were housed in No. 7 St. Peter's Road.

He suggested that in view of the reply of the Minister re Housing Allocation and the Council's resolution expressing their dissatisfaction of the allocation made recently in St. Peter's Road, we request that before any Applicant is notified of his acceptance as a tenant in future that the matter be placed before the Council for their observation. Clr. Hipwell seconded this proposal which was also supported by the Chairman.

The Manager in a lengthy statement pointed out the difficulty of this procedure and stated that the regulations set out a strict procedure for the allocation of houses.

1404—Water Supply.

A letter was read from twenty-nine Householders in Scott Park, Roselawn Park and Cherry Tree Drive protesting about the acute shortage of water in their houses. Clr. E. Byrne and Clr. J. Temple stated that the position now was desperate and that something should be done by the Officials concerned without further delay. It was decided to refer the matter to the Town Engineer. A letter from the Labour Party on the same lines was also read.

1405—Toilet at Northern end of Esplanade.

The Council approved of reports from Dr. Dunlevy, Acting County Medical Officer of Health, and Mr. Healy, Town Engineer, recommending that this old toilet at Northern end of Esplanade which the Engineer did not consider fit for further repair be closed forthwith.

1406—Five Day Week.

The Council approved in principle of the five day week for the indoor staff, the details to be worked out by the County Manager.

1407—Peete's Land—Assessment of Compensation.

It was proposed by Clr. Temple and seconded by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge and resolved—"That we the Urban District Council hereby make application for the appointment of an Arbitrator under the Acquisition of Land (Assessment of Compensation) Act, 1925, for the purpose of determining the amount payable in respect of the acquisition of land at Old Connaught (known as Peete's Field), which has been acquired compulsorily under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts."

1408—Cassels' Land.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that Mr. W. A. Cassels with whom there had been negotiations with for some time for the purchase of land had sought a figure of £1,250 per acre for approximately 57 acres of land at Old Connaught. The Town Engineer reported that he considered this figure grossly excessive as there was no adequate access to the land except through the Council's housing estate and, of course, the land was not developed.

He recommended that if no further progress could be made in negotiations and that the Council take steps to acquire that portion of land within the Urban Area by compulsion.

The Council, on the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, resolved that the land, the property of Mr. Cassels, with the Urban Area of Bray be acquired by compulsion.

1409—Miscellaneous.

The Councillors asked that attention be given to the following matters by the Town Engineer:

- (a) The condition of River Walk which required immediate attention.
- (b) Condition of sewerage pipe crossing the river at River Walk.
- (c) The type of restoration being made at Dargle Road where ordinary concrete was being used instead of slabs.
- (d) The Fatima House dump which required cleaning.
- (e) The weeds on King Edward Road and the condition of that road generally which was most neglected.

The Town Clerk was asked to refer the following matters to the County Manager:—

- (a) A cutting in Albert Avenue needed repair.
- (b) The slabbing at Main Street Post Office is broken.
- (c) Repairs were needed to the footpath at Quinsboro Road.

Chairman *David Sayer*

Date *11/8/64*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

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

Apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor M. O'Toole.

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

1410—Minutes of Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the 14th July, 1964, which had been circulated were adopted.

1411—Manager's Orders.

Manager's Orders No. 8865 to 8869 were noted.

1412—Very Reverend Fr. Pigott, P.P.

The Chairman and members of the Council welcomed Very Rev. Fr. Pigott to Bray as Parish Priest of the Parish of the Most Holy Redeemer, and directed the Town Clerk to convey their good wishes to him.

1413—Housing Allocation.

Councillor Temple referred to the Minutes of the last Meeting and stated that all the members were dissatisfied with the recent allocation of a house at St. Peter's Road. He proposed that they protest strongly in the matter and again urge that the County Manager take the Councillors into his confidence before allocating houses. Councillor McAuliffe seconded this proposition. After some further discussion, during which the Manager indicated that he was bound by the regulations, the Chairman said that he would in the near future submit a resolution with a view to having a system of allocation set up suitable to all concerned as far as possible.

1414—Footpath Restoration—St. Brigid's Terrace.

Councillor McAuliffe complained that the restoration was badly done and slabs should have been laid down. The Engineer explained that in the case of openings of this nature, no financial provision was made for slabs and that the Electricity Supply Board and the Department of Posts and Telegraphs only allowed for the type of work which was done.