

sought, together with improvements in the layout and maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces have entailed substantial additional outlay. The loan charges on the capital cost of reconstruction of footpaths, and water supply improvements (including plant) also entail much additional expenditure, as does new Housing.

A breakdown in detail of the Rate of 51s. 4d. derived from the Estimates for 1965/66 shows that it is made up as follows:—

Municipal Services.		
Roads—Urban	2s.	2d.
Sanitary Services (water, Sewerage, Cleansing, etc.)	9s.	0d.
Housing	2s.	3d.
General Urban Purposes (Esplanade, Parks, Vocational Education, Public Lighting, School Meals, Legal Expenses, Audit, Printing, Stationery, Insurance, Salaries, etc.)	9s.	10d.
Unemployment Assistance Acts Levy.		9d.
County Council Demand.		
Roads—Main	2s.	2d.
Public Assistance	1s.	7d.
Health Services	20s.	1d.
General Purposes (Scholarships, Courthouses, Valuation, Diseases of Animals, Civil Defence, Electoral Lists, etc.)	2s.	5d.
Fire Brigade	1s.	1d.
	51s.	4d.

The most criticised of the Services which feature in these costs is that of Health. It has become the practice not only to complain of the burden of costs, but also to declaim that value is not being got for the money spent. It may be of interest to examine the latter point in relation to the Urban Area of Bray. Up to quite recently there was only one District Medical Officer in Bray, now there are two. The County Council have on their establishment one Public Health Nurse, whose duties are limited to Bray Urban area. Two other Public Health Nurses are also assigned duties in Bray (such as Schools Medical Service, inspection of boarded out children, etc.), as Schools Medical Service, inspection of boarded out children, etc.), whilst the County Council also pays a subsidy to the Local Nursing Association. One of the Council's Health Inspectors is located in Bray, and apart from his activities in relation to the supervision of food and drink and general sanitation, members will be familiar with his work on housing. Recently a new Clinic was acquired for Bray, and further improvements to it are being arranged. This Clinic is used not only by the District Medical Officers, but is also used by the Chief Medical Officer, and his Staff and by the Dentists, Ophthalmologist and other staff. Very full advantage is taken by patients from Bray of the many types of Specialist Clinics attached to Dublin Hospitals which can be used under special arrangements made by the County Council. At the moment, a comprehensive Oral Polio-myelitis Vaccination Scheme is being brought into operation for children and those up to the age of 15 years. The number of admissions to maternity hospitals from Bray in 1963/64 was 163, the number for the County as a whole was 751. The tendency is for the number to

rise. Treatment in this instance is free, and the cost per case on the present basis of charge would not be less than £25 to £30 on the average. The number of admissions to other hospitals in the same year was up to 600, and in most of these instances, treatment was provided free of charge. One must also have regard to the costs of maintenance of St. Colman's Hospital, Mental Hospitals, and in many classes of special homes and institutions. There is also considerable outlay on fees to Medical practitioners for maternity services, whilst maternity cash grants and the payment of disability allowances entail much expenditure nowadays.

In view of the foregoing details it could be submitted that, whilst it is clear that the cost of the Health Services looms large in the budget of a Local Authority, there is also ample evidence of the value being got for the outlay.

It is not unlikely that the current financial year will end with the Council's Revenue Account in debit—a position which has not occurred in the past fifteen years. The modest reserves held by the Council enable it, at most times, to carry on without having to resort to overdraft accommodation. At one time, interest charges were a rather costly item in the annual accounts, as services have to be maintained for four months or so at the beginning of each financial year before rates start to come in, and if no credit balance is available to meet outlay in these months, there must be resort to borrowing on the revenue account. The credits which existed were in the main derived from surplus on Stock Redemption some years back, and it is unfortunate that rising costs should have absorbed them in recent times. Furthermore, it may even be necessary to liquidate any deficit which may arise on the Revenue Account, and this could entail a special funding arrangement and another addition to the rate levy in coming years.

To the Chairman and Members, I wish to convey my thanks and appreciation for all the assistance given and the consideration shown by them in the past twelve months. The issues facing them were many and involved, and also at times presented special difficulty, such as the schemes for long-term Seaford Development and new housing.

Any further information which may be required in connection with these Estimates will be given at the Estimates Meeting to be held on Tuesday, the 30th March, 1965.

200	Do—Clothing (Workmen)
187	Do—Materials
100	Do—Superannuation
—	Cleaning of Cookhouse
979	Cleaning Street Road Sewer
1,884	Waterworks—Salaries
300	Do—Wages
33	Do—Superannuation
330	Do—Clothing—Workmen
—	Do—Materials
3,343	Do—Dublin Corporation for bulk
300	water supply at 2.8d.
—	Do—Repayment of Value
3,312	Do—Seaford—Domestic Rates Collection—
3,400	Wages
144	Do—Wages (Street Cleaning)
80	Do—Clothing—Workmen
320	Do—Tools—Workmen etc.
	Do—Fuel—Workmen etc.
	Do—Vehicle No. 1

Also submitted County Manager's Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1966, as follows:

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st DAY OF MARCH, 1966.

EXPENDITURE

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
URBAN ROADS		
Ordinary Road Works:		
Urban Roads Maintenance—Wages	1,692	
—Materials, Cartage and Tools	800	
Footpaths—Repairs	300	
New Road Works:		
Road Fund Grant	1,760	
Employment Schemes Grant	1,750	
Road Signs, Name Plates, Etc.	50	
Roadside Tree Planting and Seats	50	
Salaries (Engineer and Overseer—Part)	842	
Salaries (Storekeeper one-half)	442	
Clothing (Workmen)	55	
LOAN CHARGES		
1955 Strand Road, Eglinton Road, etc (Treas.)	196	
1956 St. Kevin's Sq, Seymour Road, Galtrim Road Wyndham Park and Connolly Square (Treas.)	379	
1957 Herbert Road, St. Laurence's Terrace and Dock Terrace (Treas.)	278	
1964 Footpaths, reconstruction at Florence Road Eglinton Road, Galtrim Road (Treas.)	374	
1965 New access to Seafrost (Ravenswell Road) (Treas.)	10	
1965 New Footpaths (half-year)	600	
	9,578	
SANITARY SERVICES		
Sewer—Wages	1,141	
Do.—Clothing (Workmen)	38	
Do.—Materials	300	
Do.—Superannuation	187	
Cleaning of Cockbrook	100	
Cleaning Strand Road Sewer	—	
Waterworks—Salaries	979	
do.—Wages	1,854	
Do.—Superannuation	300	
Do.—Clothing—Workmen	38	
Do.—Materials	250	
Do.—Dublin Corporation for bulk water supply at 2.88d.	3,545	
Do.—Replacement of Valves	500	
Scavenging—Domestic Refuse Collection—Wages	2,818	
Do.—Wages (Street Cleaning)	5,498	
Do.—Clothing—Workmen	144	
Do.—Tools, Brushes, etc.	50	
Do.—Fuel, maintenance, etc. Refuse Vehicle No. 1.	250	

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council
Do.—Fuel, maintenance, etc. Refuse Vehicle No. 2.	250	
Do.—Repairs to Handcarts.	50	
Do.—Superannuation (Workmen)	282	
Do.—Fencing and New Culvert at Dump	130	
Cove Swimming Pools—Repairs	100	
Do.—Cleaning	150	
Water Safety—Contribution towards I.R.C.S.	25	
Public Lighting	2,845	
Salaries—(Engineer and Overseer—Part)	842	
Salaries—Storekeeper—part	442	
Other Sanitary Expenses	10	
Public Conveniences—Repair and Maintenance	100	
Public Conveniences—Wages	478	
New Litter Boxes, repairs and replacements	100	
Acquisition and Clearing of Derelict Sites	100	
Beach Pavilion—Maintenance.	100	
LOAN CHARGES		
1947 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.)	219	
1947 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.)	17	
1947 Watermains—Herbert and Vevay Roads (C.P.W.)	84	
1949 Sewers and Watermains—Meath and Sidmonton Roads (C.P.W.)	209	
1951 Miscellaneous 4" Watermains (Scheme No. 1) Purchase	117	
1951 Laying of Watermains—Church Road, etc. (Scheme No. 1) (C.P.W.)	183	
1952 Purchase of additional Watermains (Scheme No. 2)	284	
1952 Relaying of Watermains (Scheme No. 2) (C.P.W.)	245	
1953 Esplanade Improvements (Treasurer)	233	
1955 Sea Wall Repairs (Treasurer).	234	
1955 Relaying of Watermains (Scheme No. 3) (Treas.)	223	
1958 New Sanitary Conveniences—People's Park and Town Hall (Treas.)	135	
1962 Purchase of Refuse Collection Vehicle (Treas.)	356	
1964 Purchase of Tipper Lorry (Treas.)	358	
1963 Sanitary Convenience Southern Esplanade (Treas.)	471	
1964 Beach Pavilion at Esplanade (Treas.)	697	
1965 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	
1965 Purchase of New Equipment (Compressor, Roller, Van, etc.) (half-year)	498	
1965 Improvement to Public Lighting (half-year)	150	
	28,860	

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council
HOUSING		
Housing of the Working Classes		
Maintenance and Repairs	3,000	
Salaries—Engineer and Overseer—Part	842	
Do.—Clerical Staff	1,075	
Rent Collector's Commission	2,193	
Rates on Council Houses	10,521	
Rates on Council Houses at Old Conna	5,740	
Insurance	300	
LOAN CHARGES		
1931 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver)	1,194	
1933 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver)	912	
1935 Wolfe Tone Sq. and Kilmantin Park (C.P.W.)	6,185	
1936 do. do.	1,086	
1937 Little Bray Housing Development (C.P.W.)	543	
1939 33 per cent. Conversion Stock	2,237	
1947 Dublin Road, etc., 91 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.)	2,491	
1949 do.	541	
1950 do.	287	
1951 do.	79	
1939 Little Bray Housing Development (C.P.W.)	121	
1949 18 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.) Direct Labour	523	
1951 do. do.	69	
1950 Fairgreen Terrace, St. Peter's Terrace, etc. 29 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.) Direct Labour	858	
1952 do. do.	52	
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme—Acquisition of Land (C.P.W.)	111	
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme Development (C.P.W.)	244	
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme—Erection (C.P.W.)	1,070	
1952 Boghall 22 Houses Scheme—Erection (C.P.W.)	174	
1951 Old Conna Scheme—Acquisition of Land (Palermo)	325	
1954 Old Conna Scheme—Acquisition of Land (Dublin Road)	228	
1952 Old Conna Scheme—Development of Land	1,410	
1952 Old Conna Scheme—Erection of 48 Houses	3,093	
1953 Old Conna Scheme—Erection of 94 Houses	6,862	
1954 Old Conna Scheme—Erection of 36 Houses	2,478	
1951 Acquisition of Dock Terrace (Treas.)	139	
1955 Acquisition of houses at Maitland Street (C.P.W.)	180	
1955 Children's Playground at Boghall Road (Treas.)	140	

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council
1958 Acquisition of houses at Maitland Street (C.P.W.)	160	
1960 Acquisition of houses at Ardee Street (C.P.W.)	140	
1964 Chapel Lane and Greenpark Road Schemes —8 houses, etc. (C.P.W.)	1,030	
1964 Old Conna Scheme (No. 2) (Part charge)	300	
LOAN CHARGES—Private Dwellings		
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	
	71,249	
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:		
Town Hall Expenses—Lighting, Heating and Cleaning	325	
Do.—Repairs	100	
Do.—Cleaner's Wages	219	
Tourist Development	500	
Public Library Salaries (Librarian and Assistants)	2,525	
Do.—Wages	90	
Do.—Gratuity to Deceased Officer	650	
Do.—Books, binding, etc.	1,050	
Do.—Books (Juvenile Section)	600	
Do.—Loan Charges—Proposed New Extension	—	
Do.—Heating and Lighting	140	
Do.—Repairs and Maintenance	100	
Do.—Office Expenses—Stationery, Postage and Telephone, etc.	128	
Do.—Painting	200	
Vocational Education—Demand	4,190	
Do.—Superannuation	1,425	
Do.—Superannuation (Gratuity)	285	
Public Parks and Esplanade—Wages	3,434	
Do.—Clothing (Workmen)	27	
Do.—Materials and Petrol	100	
Do.—People's Park Improvements	250	
Esplanade—New Litter Baskets	50	
Do.—Sodding, Seeds, Manure	100	
Do.—Repairs to Seats and Bandstand	100	
Do.—Strip Lighting	400	
Do.—Flags and Pennants	75	
Do.—Life Buoys	40	
Do.—Replacement of Notice Boards	50	
Do.—Replacement of Flag Poles	50	
Do.—Painting of Railings, Seats and Bandstand	400	
Do.—Sea Wall Repairs and Footpaths	100	
Do.—Repairs to Shelters and Kiosks	100	
Do.—Repairs to Boatslip	100	

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council
Do.—Repairs to Store at Harbour	250	
Do.—Repairs to Promenade Railings	450	
Bray Head—Clearing of Undergrowth	100	
Markets and Weighbridge—Salary of Weighmaster	62	
Do.—Repairs	10	
Do.—Rent	15	
Band Performances	500	
Milk and Dairies Acts	10	
School Meals—Cost of Food	1,070	
Do.—Cost of administration	468	
Salaries	4,890	
Do.—Engineer and Overseer—Part	842	
Rate Collector's Commission	1,418	
Superannuation—Former Weighmaster	248	
Do.—Former Council Employee	—	
Legal Expenses	300	
Audit Expenses	200	
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	500	
Office Expenses—Postage and Telephone	285	
Preparation of Rate Books, etc.	90	
Rents, Rates and Taxes	305	
Insurance (Fire, E.L., P.L., and F.G.)	802	
Discount on Rates	90	
Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates	550	
Fuel Scheme—Cost of Turf, etc.	1,850	
Fuel Scheme—Administration (Printing, etc.)	50	
Bank Interest	50	
Planning and Development	300	
Miscellaneous	65	
Local Elections	300	
LOAN CHARGES—GENERAL PURPOSES		
1957 Town Hall Repairs (Treasurer)	610	
1959 Town Hall Repairs (Treasurer) (Supplementary)	333	
1965 New Concrete Platform for Promenade (part)	200	
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES		
Main Road	6,166	
Public Assistance	4,504	
Health Services	58,015	
General Purposes (County)	7,073	
Separate Charges (Criminal Injuries)	9	
Separate Charges (Fire Brigade)	3,122	78,889
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE LEVY		
£54,988 P.L.V. at 9d. in £1 (1933 and 1940 U.A. Acts)	2,062	
	116,067	

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council
RECEIPTS		
URBAN ROADS:		
State Grants		
Estate Duty	150	
Road Fund	1,760	
Employment Schemes	1,500	
Miscellaneous	100	
	3,510	
SANITARY SERVICES:		
State Grants—Recoupment Loan Charges on Watermain—Scheme No. 1	121	
Do.—Do.—Scheme No. 2	210	
Do.—Do.—Scheme No. 3	87	
Do.—Do.—Scheme No. 4 (Boghall Rd.)	60	
Do.—Sanitary Convenience 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	
	2,973	
HOUSING		
Housing Subsidy—Little Bray Scheme	910	
Do.—Wolfe Tone Sq. and Cillmantain Park	3,710	
Do.—Dublin Road, Castle Street, etc.	501	
Do.—29 Houses Scheme	84	
Do.—18 Houses Scheme	88	
Do.—48 Houses Scheme	820	
Do.—94 Houses Scheme	4,000	
Do.—36 Houses Scheme	1,200	
Do.—Contribution to Interest Rate, 91 Houses	460	
Do.—Contribution to Interest Rate, 29 Houses	112	
Housing—Contribution to interest Rates, 18 houses	79	
Do.—Contribution to Interest Rate, 48 Houses	1,232	
Do.—Chapel Lane, Greenpark Rd. Scheme (8 Houses)	100	
	13,296	
C/F.	13,296	

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
HOUSING (Contd.)		
B/F.	13,296	
Rents (Inc. of Rates)	19,145	
Rents (Inc. of Rates) Old Conna	13,275	
Purchase Annuities and Rents (Old Schemes)	2,634	
Purchase Annuities and Rates—Scott Park Scheme	2,228	
Ground Rents	688	
Rents—Chapel Lane and Greenpark Road Schemes	1,096	
LOAN REPAYMENTS—PRIVATE DWELLINGS		
Repayments by Borrowers (Old Loans)	734	
Repayments by Borrowers (New Loans)	11,582	
	64,678	
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES		
State Grants		
Bounty in lieu of Rates	657	
School Meals	535	
Fuel Scheme	1,593	
Vocational Education—State recoupment of Superannuation	705	
Other Receipts		
Vocational Education—Recoupment of Superannuation from other Local Authorities	24	
Fairgreen Houses Letting	20	
Markets and Town Hall Lettings	75	
Site No. 3, Putting Green	350	
Chair Licence	40	
Watercraft Licence	6	
Kiosks—Eslanade	960	
Shopping Arcade—South Boathouse	305	
Weighing Machines	44	
Photographic Licence	25	
Sale of Oysters Licence	20	
Fuel Scheme — Payments by recipients and recoupment from County Council	252	
Public Library—Registration Fees, etc.	300	
Annuity—Sec. 11, E.S.B. Act, 1930—Mill Lane Premises	175	
Miscellaneous	626	
	6,717	

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1965-'66

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

	Gross Expenditure £	Receipts £	Net Expenditure £
Roads	9,578	3,510	6,068
Sanitary Services	28,860	2,973	25,887
Housing	71,249	64,678	6,571
General Urban Purposes	116,067	6,717	109,350
	225,754	77,878	147,876

The net requirements to be met from Rate Levy as above, are £147,876.

Municipal Rate of 1d. in £1 produces £240.

Rate in the £1 to meet the net expenditure of £147,876 is 51s. 4d.

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

(a) Roads—Expenditure

A sum of £300 for Footpath Repairs was reduced by £100.

(b) Sanitary Services.

A sum of £500 for Replacement of Valves was reduced by £200.

(c) Housing.

A vote was taken on a proposal by Clr. Hipwell to reduce, by £500, the sum of £3,000 estimated for maintenance and repairs of houses.

Voting for the proposition were: Clrs. E. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, F. G. Hunt, and G. H. G. Stuart.

Against the proposition were: Clrs. Mrs. Ledwidge, H. L. McAuliffe, D. Sayers, and J. Temple.

The Chairman gave his casting vote against Clr. Hipwell's proposal, and the sum of £3,000 was, therefore, allowed.

It was decided to raise a loan of £2,000 to tarmacadam the present grassed spaces in Myrtle Grove and Arbutus Grove, and to carry out similar work on the verges at Wolfe Tone Square. A sum of £300 (Loan Charge) was, therefore, added to the Expenditure under the heading of 'Housing.'

(d) A sum of £300 (Planning and Development) and a further sum of £300 (Local Elections) were deleted under this heading.

(e) Library.

Clr. Hipwell proposed, and Mrs. Ledwidge seconded that the Library Estimates be adopted. Clr. Stuart proposed, and Clr. McAuliffe seconded, that £200 for painting be deleted from the Library Estimates. On a vote being taken all present, except Clr. Stuart and Clr. McAuliffe voted for Clr. Hipwell's proposal, and the Library Estimate was adopted.

Receipts:

No change was made in the Estimate for Receipts.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Wicklow Urban Council had not adopted their Estimates, and had asked that three Members of the Bray Urban Council meet with them and delegates from the Arklow Urban Council on Monday, 5th April, at 4.30 p.m., in Wicklow. The Meeting to be to discuss and protest against the increased County Council demand on the Urbans in the County, with particular reference to the Demand for Health Expenditure.

The Bray Urban District Council did not formally adopt the Estimates but decided to adjourn them to the 13th April, 1965.

The Chairman and Cllrs. Temple and Hipwell were selected to attend the Meeting in Wicklow.

1582—Miscellaneous.

During the course of the Meeting the following points were raised:

Seats: The Town Engineer was asked to consider putting some seats near the new Bowling Green.

Clothing—Workmen: The Town Clerk was asked to take up the matter of properly fitting clothing for the workmen with the Contractors.

Domestic Refuse: It was decided that gloves be obtained for all the men on the Domestic Refuse collection.

Shannon Caravans: The Town Clerk was elected to write to this company about complaints re dumping.

Beach Pavilion: It was decided to discuss this matter on the 13th April.

Charges to Library: It was decided to get legal opinion as to whether the Library Fees could be raised.

Pavilions—Office Field and People's Park: The Town Engineer was asked to go into the question of widening the Pavilion at People's Park, and erecting a Pavilion in the Office Field.

Poles on Seafront: The Town Engineer was asked to look into the cost of providing permanent aluminium or concrete poles to carry the strip lighting on the Seafront.

Fire Brigade: Cllr. Temple asked the County Manager to investigate and report on complaints regarding the inadequacy of the Fire Brigade vehicle in Bray, which failed to negotiate a hill in Enniskerry recently.

Public Lighting: The Council adopted the report of the Public Lighting Committee, who met Mr. Nugent of the Electricity Supply Board on 5th March.

Chairman..... *D. Sayers*

Date..... *11/5/65*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 13th April, 1965, immediately after the adjourned Estimates Meeting.

All the Members of the Council, with the exception of Cllr. J. O'Toole, who was unable to attend, were present.

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

1585—The Minutes of Meetings of 9th and 16th March, which had been circulated, were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

1586—Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders for month of March were noted.

1587—Licences for Watercraft.

Applications by Mr. Merlihan for 23 craft, and by Mr. White for a speedboat, were granted, subject to the usual conditions.

1588—Temporary Licence for site at Dock Terrace—T, Hammil.

Application by T. Hammil, Milltown, for a temporary Licence for a site at Dock Terrace, for kiddies rides, at a fee of £20, was granted.

1589—Hut at Harbour—Seraggs.

The application by Mr. M. Seraggs, to rent the hut at the Harbour, was adjourned, as Bray Sailing Club had not given up possession thereof.

1590—Bray Sea Angling Club.

(a) A resolution from this Club, deploring the condition of the Harbour, was read. The Town Clerk was directed to fully inform the Club of the steps which had been taken, and which were being taken, by the Council to remedy the matter.

(b) The Club, by letter of 2nd April, sought a site for the erection of a temporary premises. The Town Engineer recommended that they be granted the site between the Harbour shed and the site granted to Bray Sailing Club. It was decided to ask the Club to submit plans therefor.

1591—Bray Cove Swimming Club.

It was decided to grant the use of the Cove swimming pools to the above Club, at the rent of £50 for the season, subject to the customary conditions.

1592—Courthouse—Bord Fáilte Éireann.

A letter from Bord Fáilte, stating that, if a new Courthouse was ever being erected in Bray, they would be prepared to pay the cost of demolishing the old building, was read. The letter was noted.

1593—Closing of Roads—Circuit of Bray Race.

In response to public advertisement re above, a letter, which had been received from the Garda Authorities, was read, suggesting that the route be changed, as follows — the race be diverted from the Albert Avenue and Strand Road, via south Adelaide Road, via Meath Road to Putland Road.

After some discussion, during which, several of the Members voiced the view that this would be no improvement, it was decided to accede to the Superintendent's request, and to publish the necessary notices.

1594—New Housing Scheme—Richmond Hill.

The Town Clerk read correspondence from the Department and the Architect, suggesting minor changes in above scheme, with a view to effecting economies, as the scheme, it was felt, would result in a very high rent having to be charged. The Town Clerk mentioned that it may be as high as £2 18s. 0d. per week. The Department asked that particular and careful consideration be given to the suggestion that the houses be centrally heated. Mr. J. Byrne expressed his doubts as to the advisability of central heating. Mr. Healy, Town Engineer, went over the various points raised, and said that the question of heating would have to be further investigated. It was agreed that Mr. J. Byrne's advice would be solicited before a decision was made.

The Council, on the proposition of Mr. Temple, requested that the officials should press ahead with the scheme, and settle the details as quickly as possible.

1595—Development in Boghall Area (Wicklow County Health Area)—Mrs. Stephens.

The Town Clerk read the report of the meeting with Mrs. Stephens, her architect, Mr. Delaney, and her auctioneer, Mr. H. J. Byrne, held on the 31st ult.

Arising out of the Meeting, it was recommended that the facilities sought by this developer be granted on the following conditions:

- (1) Bray Urban District Council would accept foul sewerage from a maximum of twenty-five houses.
- (2) Wicklow County Council to collect and pay to Bray U.D.C., a sewage rent based on 1/6d. in £1 valuation on each house.
- (3) No extra houses to be connected for sewer purposes, to the above-mentioned twenty-five houses.
- (4) A Pumping Plant, if same is necessary, to be provided and maintained by the developer, until such time as the new sewerage scheme could be utilised for these houses.
- (5) That the developer would lay a water main from the Dublin Corporation's main at Boghall to their site.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that the Sub-committee had felt that the occupiers of the houses to be build should be drawn from the Council's Housing List, or, at any rate, confined to persons in Bray Urban area, or its immediate vicinity (say, the Bray Electoral Area).

Mr. Temple felt that the charge for the sewerage rent was unfair, but it was pointed out that this was similar to that paid by private residents in the Dublin Road area.

The suggestions were finally agreed.

1596—Housing—Grants Scheme.

A scheme of grants for the erection of new houses, which had been circulated, was approved of by the Council.

1597—Housing—Allocations.

The Council approved of the proposal to allocate No. 18, Hawthorn Road, to Mr. Myles Byrne, 7 Dwyer Park, but asked that the proposal by the Medical Officer of Health, to allocate 24, Castle St., to R. F. Murray, be referred back to the County Medical Officer of Health for further consideration. They again urged that O'Dea of No. 5, Jones' Terrace, be rehoused, as a matter of urgency.

1598—Housing—Deputation from Tenant's Association.

It was agreed to receive a deputation of three people from the above Association at the May Monthly Meeting.

1599—Housing—site at 2 Dublin Road.

The Council agreed to the suggestion that a pair of houses be built on this site by direct labour, subject to the sanction of the Department.

Chairman.....*Deputy*.....

Date.....*11/5/65*.....

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of adjourned Estimates Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held at Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday the 13th April, 1965, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Officials Present—M. Flannery (County Manager), Mr. M. Healy (Town Engineer), Mr. J. P. McDonnell (Accountant), and D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk).

An apology for inability to attend was accepted from Clr. J. O'Toole.

1583—Joint Meeting of Sub-committee of Arklow, Wicklow and Bray Urban District Councils held in Wicklow on April 5th.

The Chairman reported on the Meeting and the Town Clerk submitted the following report also:—

MEMO on General Meeting of Wicklow, Arklow and Bray representatives held in County Council Offices, Wicklow, on Monday, the 5th April, at 4.30 p.m.

The Chair was taken by Mr. Delahunt, Wicklow, and in attendance were Messrs. Kane and Conroy, Wicklow U.D.C., Messrs. Keegan and Sweeney, Arklow U.D.C., and Messrs. Sayers, Hipwell, Temple and M. O'Toole, Bray U.D.C.

Officials Present: Messrs. M. Flannery (County Manager), K. J. Brangan (County Secretary), Gormley (T.C., Arklow), Cusack (T.C., Wicklow), and McCarthy (T.C., Bray).

At the outset it was decided that the Meeting would not be held in Committee, but if it were necessary to go into Committee for any particular reason, this could be done. Mr. Kane, Wicklow, opened by stating that Wicklow had called the Meeting because of the very steep rise in rates and in particular in the County Demand on the Urbans. What they failed to understand was why the rate increase on the County had only been 3s. 0d. while the rate demand on the Wicklow Urban represented an increase of 5s. 11d. His Council felt that Reserve Fund of the County Council should be applied to reducing the demand on the Urbans as well as the demand on the County. It had been said that this was not possible but he was not satisfied that it should be so.

Other Councillors having spoken on the continued increase on the County Demand, and in particular in connection with the Health Services, the County Manager made a statement of explanation of the position. Each Member at the Meeting was supplied with figures

on the cost of the Health Services, Dispensary costs and Maternity costs in the Urbans, which went to show that the Urban Dwellers made proportionately more demands on these services than did their rural counterparts.

The County Manager dealt at length with the fact that rates could not be maintained at a static level in isolation from rising cost on all sides. He gave as an example that a house, which could be built for a sum of £300 in 1939 now would cost six times as much. He dealt with the fact that the valuation system was inelastic and took no account of rising incomes. Dealing with the question that credits accumulated by the Council should not be devoted to cushioning the demand on the Urbans, he pointed out that these credits were accumulated under the heading of Housing and Sanitary Services where no demand was made on the Urbans. If credits had been accumulated under the heading of Health Services, the position would be that the Urbans would participate in any reduction. Unfortunately, he stated the Health costs continued to rise steadily each year. After some further discussion during which the Manager threw out some suggestions for mitigating the burden of rates, the Members thanked him for his very lucid explanation of the position. On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. Delahunt, it was proposed that the Government be asked to bring in legislation to ease the present intolerable burden on Ratepayers, particularly where it arose from crushing charges under the Health Services.

The following report on the subject of the County Demand on Urbans was circulated to all the Members by the County Manager:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.
Chairman and Members of: 6th April, 1965.
Bray Urban District Council.
Arklow Urban District Council.
Wicklow Urban District Council.

Re: Annual Estimates and Rates for 1965/66.

Dear

At the Special Meeting, representative of the three Urban District Councils, which was held in Wicklow yesterday evening, the 5th inst., further details in connection with the costs of Public Services in Co. Wicklow were given. Already the Estimates for all Local Authorities in the County have been accompanied by lengthy Statements in which I set out in much detail explanations of the estimated costs, of the Local Services for the year 1965/66, but as Members of the Urban Authorities who were not also Members of the County Council seemed to require further information regarding the Services for which the County Council solely is responsible it was decided to circulate further details for yesterday's Meeting, and I am now enclosing them for the information of each Member of the three Urban District Councils of Bray, Arklow and Wicklow.

In the Statement which is headed: "Rates for Public Services—figures derived from Estimates for Year 1965/66," the proposed Rates for the three Urban Districts are analysed under the various Service headings. The Urban Councils' own Municipal Services are shown in the first part of this Table. In the second part of the Table the effect of the County Council Demand is shown and it will be seen that the charges against each of the Urban District Councils, as represented by a Rate Levy, are roughly the same. The total Rate for the County Council Demand is 27/4d. in Bray Urban District as compared with 31/3d. for Arklow Urban District and 30/6d. for Wicklow Urban District. The reason why the Demand on Bray Urban District

is less than the other two is explained in a footnote to the Table—it is due to the fact that Bray Urban District Council runs its own Vocational School and Public Library, whilst the charges for the County Vocational Service and the County Library are included in the Demand on the other two Urban District Councils. It also has to be pointed out that the Rates leviable in the County Area in respect of the Services which are also chargeable to the Urban Areas roughly correspond to the Rates assessed in the three Urban Districts.

Credits of County Council.

It has been advanced at Estimates Meetings of the Urban Authorities that the Urban Councils should participate in any Credits available to Wicklow County Council, but once more it must be made clear that any Credits available to Wicklow County Council do not arise from the Urban Services included in the County Council Demand, viz., Main Roads, Public Assistance, Health, General Purposes, and Separate Charges. On the contrary, in the last financial year (1964/65) the expenditure on the Health Services and on Public Assistance exceeded by a substantial margin the amounts provided in the Annual Estimates. The County Council were kept fully informed of these trends during the course of the last financial year. The main reason for the excess expenditure in the case of the Health Services was that the County Council was informed after the beginning of the financial year, and after the Rate for that year had been determined some months earlier, that the charges for maintenance in Voluntary Hospitals in Dublin were being increased.

All the Local Authorities in County Wicklow have had a fair amount of Credits available to them in the past five or six years and these have been used from time to time to prevent any acute fluctuation in the level of Rates. The Urban Councils of Bray and Wicklow, however, in the past two years have applied any reserves they held towards the reduction of the Rate Levies in these two years, or for meeting unexpected expenditure during the course of the year, especially new outlay resulting from increases in remuneration, or provision for Superannuation. In addition new works have from time to time been carried out for which provision had not been made in the Estimates. The existence of modest reserves provides a cushioning effect against unforeseen expenditure of this type. But if such reserves be used to a marked extent so as to effect a Rate reduction then eventually the stage will be reached that when they become exhausted the effect on the Rate level may be an acute one. Take, for example, the case of Wicklow Urban District Council in 1964/65. In that year it was decided to use the Credit Balance to an extent of roughly 5/- so as to stabilise the Rate Levy. This in reality meant that the expenditure for which provision had to be made in the Estimates was not reflected in the Rate which was struck to the extent of 5/-. When the Credit Balance became exhausted it was inevitable that the relationship of expenditure to the Rate in the £ would be shown in the subsequent year.

For many years in the past the Local Authorities had been urged by the Central Authority to avoid resorting to heavy overdraft accommodation and it had become recognised as a feature of local administration that some modest reserves should be available so as to meet the expenditure which arises in the first four months of the year—a period in which practically no Rates whatever are collected. The public, as well as Members, will be quite well aware that the First Moiety of Rates is paid by very few during the period up to 31st July. But in the meantime Public Services have to be carried on and if bank overdraft is to be avoided, together with the interest charges on it, then some reserves must be available to a Local

Authority. Again if all Local Authorities were to have to seek overdraft accommodation from the Banks for many months of the year the effect on the national credit position would be a marked one.

It was fully explained to the Meeting of the Urban Authorities which was held yesterday that any Credit Balance available to Wicklow County Council was derived from the financial experience in relation to its own specific Services, especially those of Sanitary Services, Housing and General Purposes.

Health Services.

Of the estimated requirements of the three Urban Authorities the Demand for the Health Services requires a Rate ranging from 20/- to 21/- in the £. This is a very significant item in the costs of the Rate to be levied in the three Urban Areas. The Rate for Health, moreover, has in the past ten years or so shown a tendency to rise more steeply than that for any other of the Services for which Local Authorities are responsible. The two items which in the main account for this rise are (a) outlay on hospital treatment; and (b) the cost of medicines. Whereas in 1955/56 the gross cost of hospital treatment was £202,835 it will be £471,931 in the present year (1965/66). Moreover, the greater part of this steep rise in hospital costs (hospital costs include the General Hospitals, Mental Hospitals, County Home, Special Homes, etc.), has occurred in the last three years. The cost of medicines supplied through the Council's own Dispensary Service has risen from £2,750 in 1955/56 to an expected outlay of £16,500 in the present year. It should be pointed out here that the sharp rise in the cost of medicines will also be reflected in the cost of treatment in Hospitals and Homes. Indeed it seems that no element of cost for the Health Services has shown such an acute rise as that for medicines. A special Table is attached which shows the trend of the cost of the Health Service by giving details under the various headings for the years 1955/56, 1961/62 and 1965/66. It will be seen that the gross expenditure has increased from £308,514 for 1955/56 to £664,047 for 1965/66. Of this gross expenditure, as mentioned in the Table, somewhat less than one-half would be met from State funds through the Health Grant.

It has become the fashion to say that value is not being got for the outlay on the Health Services, but it is submitted that any objective appraisal of the position will show that this is not correct. In particular it can readily be shown that the three Urban Areas derive benefit from the Health Services of the County Council. In a special Table, which is attached, and which was circulated to the Members who attended the Meeting yesterday, the expenditure on medicines for the year 1963/64 is shown to have been £12,126 14s. 6d. Of this outlay £7,812 18s. 7d. was attributable to the three Dispensary Districts of Bray, Arklow and Wicklow. Bray Dispensary District coincides with the Urban District, Arklow and Wicklow Dispensary Districts include some of the rural areas adjoining these two towns, but by far the greater part of the population in both cases is made up of the inhabitants of the two Urban Areas. The three Urban Areas represent about 40 per cent. of the total population of the County, but it is found that in the year 1963/64 about 64 per cent. of the total cost of medicines arose in the three Dispensary Districts, which include the Urban Areas.

In a further Table which is attached some details are given of the treatment afforded in Maternity Hospitals for the year 1964. The total number of admissions to Maternity Hospitals in that year came to 1,150 and the Table shows that of these 623 cases came from the three Dispensary Districts of Bray, Arklow and Wicklow, but if the

number of admissions were strictly in proportion to population then it would only have been 463. From these details it is evident that Maternity Hospitals are availed of to a greater extent in the Urban Areas than in the remainder of the County. As to hospital costs generally it must be borne in mind that nowadays hospitals are expected to provide services of an ever-improving standard. There is more and more tendency towards specialisation and increasing resort to complex diagnostic examinations with a view to determining suitable courses of treatment for patients. The number of specialist staff who would provide these essential services is consequently increasing year by year. The working conditions for hospital staffs have been improved and notwithstanding the improvements which have been made there have been difficulties from time to time in procuring nursing and medical intern staff. The reduction which has taken place in working hours has, moreover, been reflected in an increase in staff numbers. In the past ten years nursing staff has had to be increased in number by almost 50 per cent. It must be here borne in mind that the services provided in a modern hospital are to a great extent of a personal character—this is not an instance in which higher productivity can be achieved by the advent of machine aids, as in other types of employment.

Effect of Rising Costs on Rates.

The Rate to be struck in any year will always be affected by the general level of costs. At a period when the costs are affected by rates of remuneration or prices of materials arising the public cannot expect that Rates can be maintained at previous levels. At the same time Local Rates are being expected to bear the cost of improved Services. New housing is demanded, better roads are sought, improved water supplies and sewerage systems have to be provided, and generally Local Authorities are expected to provide what is nowadays called the "infra-structure" (i.e., essential environment, without which trade or industry could not operate). The difficulties of Local Authorities in relation to their Rates arise from the fact that they are still tied to an outmoded system of revenue rising. If any stability is to be achieved in Local Rates then alternative sources of tax revenue to meet the impact of rising costs and expanding Services must be found, but a remedy for this situation does not rest with the Local Authorities themselves.

Yours sincerely,

ENCLS.
MF/JK.

M. FLANNERY,
Wicklow County Manager.

Statistics were also circulated showing the benefits accruing to Urban areas and a comparison of rates levied on Urban and County Health areas as follows:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL. HEALTH SERVICES.

TREATMENT AFFORDED IN MATERNITY HOSPITALS.

Number of cases admitted in year 1964:

Bray Dispensary District	...	...	...	373
Arklow Dispensary District	...	...	...	158
Wicklow Dispensary District	...	...	...	92
Remainder of County	...	...	...	527
Total Admissions	...	...	...	1,150

The foregoing Table shows that of the total number admitted to Maternity Hospitals in 1964, 623 came from the three Dispensary Districts which include the Urban Areas. If the number were in proportion to population the number from these three Dispensary Districts would have been 463. It is evident consequently that Maternity Hospitals are being availed of to a greater extent in the Urban Areas than in the remainder of the County.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL. HEALTH SERVICES.

Cost of Medicines (Year 1963/'64)	Cost £ s. d.	Population (1961 Census)
Bray Dispensary District	2,995 14 7	10,878
Arklow Dispensary District	2,694 2 9	6,409
Wicklow Dispensary District	2,123 1 3	6,286
Remainder of County	4,313 15 11	34,900
Total	£12,126 14 6	58,473

It will be noted from the foregoing figures that the three Dispensary Districts of Bray, Arklow and Wicklow, which include the three Urban Areas and represent about 40 per cent. approximately of the total population of the County, accounted for about 64 per cent. of the total cost of medicines.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL. HEALTH SERVICES COSTS.

Comparative costs as shown by provision made in Estimates for Years 1955/6; 1961/2; 1965/6.

	1955/6 £	1961/2 £	1965/6 £
Branch of Service			
General Medical Services	22,816	37,061	59,100
County Institutions	56,988	71,300	95,731
Extern Institutions (General Hospitals, T.B. Hospitals, etc.)	86,356	101,600	224,100
Mental Hospitals	59,491	82,732	152,100
Maternity and Child Health	22,307	22,740	27,910
Tuberculosis and Infectious Diseases	19,269	11,060	12,275
Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services	5,543	3,720	7,772
Specialist Services	2,670	5,000	8,050
Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons	5,560	13,500	22,000
Boarding-out, etc., of Children	6,070	6,500	7,781
Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients	3,800	6,000	13,250
Fluoridation of Water Supplies	—	—	1,000
Supervision of Food and Drink	2,903	2,350	3,300
Contributions to District Nursing Associations	1,105	1,250	2,477
General Administration	9,154	11,933	16,464
Assessment under Nurses' Act	50	30	30
Retiring Allowances and Gratuities	2,850	5,633	7,885
Other Expenses	1,432	1,626	2,316
Loan Charges	150	500	500
Gross Expenditure	£308,514	£384,535	£664,047

These figures show the trend of the cost of the Health Services in the past ten years. Of the gross cost shown above somewhat less than one-half would be met from State funds through the Health Grant (Loan Charges are not admissible to recoupment and receipts from paying patients, etc., are deducted before calculating the Grant).

RATES FOR PUBLIC SERVICES.

FIGURES DERIVED FROM ESTIMATES FOR YEAR 1965/66.

Service	Bray U.D.C.	Arklow U.D.C.	Wicklow U.D.C.
Urban Services			
Roads	2 2	2 0	4 5
Sanitary Services	9 0	18 3	12 6
Housing Services	2 3	5 3	3 2
General Urban Purposes	9 10	8 6	7 4
Unemployment Assistance	9	—	—
	24 0	34 0	27 5
Less Credits	—	—	11
Total for Urban Services.	24 0	34 0	26 6
County Council Demand			
Main Roads	2 2	2 5	2 4
Public Assistance	1 7	1 7	1 8
Health	20 1	21 3	20 4
General Purposes (including Fire Brigades and Libraries)	*3 6	3 11	4 2
Separate Charges (almost altogether for Vocational Education)	*Nil	2 1	2 0
Total for County Council Demand	27 4	31 3	30 6
Total for all Services	51 4	65 3	57 0

*Bray Urban District Council has its own Public Library and Vocational Education Service and consequently these sums do not include any charges for the County Library and Vocational School Services. The cost of these services is met by Bray Urban District Council under the heading of General Urban Purposes.

Other Members of the Sub-committee also spoke of the Meeting and stressed the desirability of further meetings between the Urban Councils of the County. It was resolved on the proposition of Cllr. M. O'Toole, that the other Urban Councils be asked if they would be

prepared to seek a joint deputation with An Taoiseach in the matter of rates and the impact of the Health Demand on Urbans. It was decided that if they agreed to this and a deputation were to be received, another meeting of the three Urbans would be held in Wicklow to decide on an alternative system of obtaining funds to service the Health Charges.

1584—Travelling Expenses.

On the proposition of Cllr. Temple, seconded by Cllr. McAuliffe, the Council agreed to adopt the conditions of Circular G.9/63 of the 29/4/65, with effect from the 1/4/65.

The Council then resumed the discussion of the Estimate of Expenses and decided to increase the receipts under the heading of Roads Miscellaneous by £120 and to increase Rent Receipts by £240. This having been agreed, the following resolution was adopted on the proposition of Cllr. Hunt, seconded by Cllr. J. Byrne, with Cllr. McAuliffe dissenting because of the high charge of Health Services:

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A, B and C, and determine, in accordance with the said amended Estimate, the Rate set forth in Column 8 of Table C to be the rate in the £1 to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said Estimate (as amended) for the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1966, to be 51s. 0d. in the £."

The Chairman thanked all those concerned with preparing the Estimate and also thanked the staff, both indoor and outdoor, for their help during the year.

Chairman..... *D. Lagers*

Date..... *8/6/65*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 11th May, 1965, at 7.30 p.m.

All the Members of the Council, with the exception of Clr. J. O'Toole, were present.

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

1600—The Minutes of Meetings of 30th March (Estimates) and 13th April (monthly) which had been circulated to the Members, were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

1601—Deputy P. Brennan—Congratulations.

The Council voted their congratulations to Deputy P. Brennan on his being appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government.

1602—Deputy J. Everett and Clr. J. O'Toole.

The Council expressed their sympathy with the above gentlemen on their illness and directed the Town Clerk to convey to both their good wishes for a speedy recovery.

1603—The County Manager's Orders for month of April were noted.

Arising out of the Manager's Orders:—

(a) Seats—It was urged that seats be placed on the footpaths surrounding Falte Park. It was agreed that the views of Bray Enterprises be sought on this matter. It was also requested that new seats be erected in the People's Park, and that the notice prohibiting cycling be also erected therein.

(b) Protective Clothing—It was also agreed that protective clothing be obtained for men working on the Refuse Collection vehicle. Clr. Temple pointed out that this was the intention of the Council expressed at a recent meeting.

(c) Housing Development Belcoont—Mrs. Stephens—There was a long debate on the possibility of extra houses being built on this site. The Town Engineer explained that the town sewers could not take sewage from more than 25. Clr. Temple then asked that the possibility of servicing extra houses in this area by Septic Tanks be explored by the Wicklow County Council. After a further discussion it was agreed that the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Clr. Doyle would attend the next Meeting of the North Wicklow Committee of the Wicklow County Council, at which this matter would be discussed.

1904—Flick Knives.

A Kilkenny Corporation resolution calling for the banning of flick knives was adopted.

1605—Road Safety.

It was decided to form a Road Safety Committee consisting of the Chairman and Vice-chairman of Bray Urban District Council and two members each from the Trades' Council and the Chamber of Commerce. It was suggested that this Committee would have power to co-opt any other interested parties.

1606—Dates for Meetings.

It was decided to hold the Annual Meeting for striking of the rate at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday the 18th May, and to hold the Annual Meeting of the Council on Tuesday the 29th June.

1607—Glenard Avenue.

It was decided to declare above a public road on condition that each of the residents thereon contribute a nominal sum towards its repair and improvement, this, on the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by the Chairman. The necessary excess expenditure of £300 was voted.

1608—Public Lighting.

On the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, it was decided to seek the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the raising of a loan of £1,800 from the Council's Treasurers for a ten year period ...for:

- (a) Conversion of 50 mid-night lights to pilot lights and
- (b) a new lighting system for Main Street and Quinsboro' Road.

1609—Site of St. Kevin's Square.

It was decided that before a decision would be arrived at on the application of Mr. Kirwan to lease a small plot of ground at St. Kevin's Square, the views of the neighbouring inhabitants in the matter would be sought. If there was no objection, the Council were prepared to lease him the site at £1 per year.

1610—Urban Road Improvement Grant.

An Urban Improvement Grant of £1,936 was notified for 1965/66. This was an increase of £176 on last years. It was decided that Mr. Healy would circulate his proposals to the Members and the matter would be considered at the next Meeting.

1611—Housing.

(a) Richmond Hill.—The Council considered a long letter from the Architects, Messrs. Boyle & Delaney, stating that they had been in touch with four Contractors, who were interested in the scheme, with a view to having a negotiated contract which, it is estimated, would have more than one year on the completion date. The Council noted the contents of the letter and again urged that the scheme be pressed ahead with all speed.

(b) Housing Sites—Meath Estates.—The Town Clerk reported on the result of an interview he and the Town Engineer had with the Earl of Meath re housing sites. The Meath Estates were not prepared to dispose of the site at Lauderdale Terrace to the Council, but wished to build thereon themselves. They would not sell the site

at Boghall Park to the Council for housing but would be prepared to make a lease. The Estate would be prepared to make a lease of the Office Field to the Council at a nominal rent on condition that it was properly fenced when taken.

After a long discussion during which several members felt that the sites at Lauderdale Terrace and Boghall Park should be acquired by the Council for housing some of the applicants on the Housing List, it was proposed by Clr. McAuliffe and seconded by Clr. M. O'Toole, that if the Council failed to acquire these sites by agreement, a Compulsory Purchase Order be made in respect of them.

The Council appointed a Sub-committee consisting of the Chairman and Cols. E. Byrne, J. Temple and H. B. Hipwell to seek an interview with the Earl of Meath and request that he sell the site to the Council.

(c) Deputation from Bray Tenants' Association — The Council received a Deputation from the Bray Tenants' Association of which Mr. D. O'Rourke and Mr. C. O'Brien were spokesmen. Mr. O'Rourke dealt on the plight of young married couples living in flats with no yards or gardens and in danger of being turned out if they had children and also on the advent of the Summer season. They felt that young married couples had no chance of being housed off the Council's Housing List. He suggested that the Council set up a Sub-committee for Housing. Mr. O'Rourke said that there were no private houses to be had—the same applied to second-hand houses—and the only hope seemed to be a Utility Society. He urged that the 'red tape' in housing be removed and he thanked Mrs. Stephens for her efforts to house young people.

The Chairman thanked the Deputation and gave as his view that all the trouble stemmed from the lack of sites and he felt that the boundary would have to be again extended. Clr. Temple urged the Manager to see if a site for private building could be made available at Palerno or elsewhere.

(d) No. 1 Emmet Road.—The Council were informed that the above house had been considered dangerous and it was proposed to transfer the tenant, Mr. O'Brien, therefrom to 36 Maitland Street.

(e) A letter from the Trades Council pledging support to the Council with their housing drive was read.

1612—Beach Pavilion.

The Town Clerk stated that they had been informed that the above would be ready for Whitsun. After some discussion it was decided to auction the facilities for a period of one year; this, on the proposition of Clr. M. O'Toole, seconded by Clr. McAuliffe.

1613—Closing of Roads—Cycle Road.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that one objection had been received to the closing of the Meath Road on the 23rd May in connection with the cycle race. It was from Mr. John W. Ryan of "Lee Cote," Meath Road. Having considered the objection, the Council decided to close the road as advised. This, on the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge.

1614—Provisional Town Plan.

The Town Engineer, Mr. Healy, stated that he would require the services of a Draughtsman in connection with the preparation of maps and for the collection of certain statistics for the preparation

of the Provisional Plan. On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Mrs. Ledwidge, it was agreed to provide the necessary excess expenditure for the employment of a draughtsman for approximately ten weeks. Clr. Temple dissented.

1615—School Meals.

On the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by the Chairman, it was agreed to support the Trades' Council in their view that a comprehensive school meals service be established by the Department of Local Government. Mr. Temple stated that he wished to question the fact that a cup of cocoa would cost 3d. The Town Clerk stated that that was what the cost had been worked out at. It was agreed to go into this costing figure again.

1616—Town Planning Applications.

The Council recommended that permission be granted in the following cases:—

- (a) Thomas McHugh, 23, O'Byrne Road—extension to house.
- (b) E. J. Brady—erection of 5 detached houses at Putland Road.
- (c) F. X. Blackburn—erection of bungalow at Upper Dargle Road.

(d) In the case of the application of Irish Sound Construction Company, Ltd., to erect 103 houses at Vevay Road, the Council recommended that permission in principle be granted, provided the officials were satisfied with the application.

Chairman. *J. J. Myers*

Date. *8/6/65*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held at Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, May 18th, 1965, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Officials Present—Mr. M. Healy (Town Engineer), J. P. McDonnell (Staff Officer), P. J. Murray (Rate Collector), and D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk).

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

1617—Schedule of Uncollected Rates.

The Council considered the Schedule of Uncollected Rates for the year ended 31/3/1965, which totalled £2,560 8s. 4d. They recommended that sums totalling £60 19s. 5d. be written off as irrecoverable, special mention being made of the cases of Mrs. Rogers of 52 Main Street, and Mrs. Hargaden of Quinsboro Terrace.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the collection for the year was 97.65%, a slight improvement on last year's collection.

The Chairman and other Members paid tribute to the Rate Collector and all those concerned with the collection of Rates, and also to the Ratepayers of the town.

1618—Striking of Municipal Rate.

Proposed by Cllr. H. B. Hipwell;
Seconded by Cllr. E. Byrne,
and resolved:—

"That we, the Members of Bray Urban District Council, hereby make a Municipal Rate of 51/-d. in the £, to be levied in respect of year ending 31st March, 1966. Said Rate to be collected in two moieties, the first moiety and arrears after the 18th May, 1965, and the second moiety on or after the 1st October, 1965, and that the Rate Book and Rate Collector's Warrant be signed and sealed accordingly."

The Rate Book and Rate Collector's Warrant were accordingly signed and sealed.

1619—Press Publicity.

Cllr. Temple and other Members complained strongly of the lack of publicity given to the Members of the Council at their Meeting of 11th, when most important housing problems were discussed. Several Members stated that publicity was only given to the members of the Deputation, and only the Chairman's remarks were given mention in the "Wicklow People."

It was decided that the Chairman and Town Clerk take up the matter with the local Reporter of the "Wicklow People."

1620—36 Maitland Street.

On the Town Clerk informing the Members that it had been decided to allocate this vacant house to Mr. Thomas Douglas, 105a, Greenpark Road, who lives in an unfit house, the Members urged that the case of Mr. Duffy, who lives in a house in Upper Dargle Road, be gone into, as a matter of urgency, it being stated that this house could be dangerous.

1621—Irish Transport and General Workers Union.

It was decided that the Wages Committee of the Council would meet representatives of the Union in the Town Hall, on Tuesday night, the 25th inst., at 8 p.m.

1622—Housing.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Department of Local Government had been asked to sanction the building of six houses, by Direct Labour, on a site at Palermo, which had been, at one time, thought suitable for shops. The Town Clerk further informed the Meeting that the Department would not sanction two houses on the site of No. 2, Dublin Road, but that they had been asked to sanction one house thereon.

1623—Office Field.

Mr. Temple asked that the Officials investigate, as a matter of urgency, the building of a wall on a laneway giving access to the Office Field from Wolfe Tone Square.

Chairman.....
Date.....

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, the 8th June, 1965, at 7.30 p.m.

Present—Cllrs. D. Sayers (Chairman), J. Byrne, C. Doyle, H. L. McAuliffe, G. Hunt, J. Temple and G. H. G. Stuart.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Cllrs. Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. O'Toole, M. O'Toole, E. Byrne and H. B. Hipwell.

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

1624.—Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders for Month of May were noted.

1625.—Minutes of Meetings of 13th April, 11th May and 18th May, which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

1626.—Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was voted to the relatives of the late P. McDonnell, N.T., and Mr. McGarry, Florence Road, on the death of his wife.

1627.—Deputy P. Brennan.

A letter from Deputy P. Brennan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government, thanking the Council for their good wishes was noted.

1628.—Local Government Elections—postponement.

A Circular from the Minister postponing the Local Government Elections to next year was noted.

1629.—Urban Road Improvement Grant.

After a discussion, it was decided on the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Cllr. Sayers to approve of the Engineer's recommendations, with the following amendments:

That the sum of £1,200 proposed for a concrete path on the Northern side of Church Road be reduced to £600, and that this £600 be spent on paths at:

- (a) Opposite Sutton Villas.
- (b) Opposite Murphy's Garage, Dargle Road.
- (c) At Cill Manntain Park.
- (d) At O'Byrne Road.

Councillor Stuart dissented from this proposal to reduce the monies allocated to Church Road.

1630.—Housing General.

There was a long discussion regarding the acquisition of sites for housing:

- (a) Mr. Finucane's Land at Killarney Road.—Mr. Finucane wrote declining to accept £700 per acre offered by the Council for a six acre field at Killarney Lane, and stating that he was prepared to discuss the matter with the Council as he wished to commence building on this land himself at an early date. It was decided to adjourn this matter for one month in the hope that by that date the Arbitration Award for Richmond Hill would be available and that this would be a guide to the price per acre which could be offered to Mr. Finucane for the full 27 acres.

- (b) Cassell's Land.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that they had offered to pay Mr. Cassell a sum similar to that awarded by the Arbitrator for the land at Richmond Hill, for the 29 acres within Urban Area. Mr. Cassell's Solicitor had replied stating that his client wished to sell all his land (there was approximately 28 acres of extra land outside the Urban area). It was decided that the offer made regarding the land within the Urban area would stand. It was further decided that the Council would acquire the remainder of his farm outside the Urban area at a lower price to be negotiated by the Official's of the Council.

- (c) Meath Estates—Land at Lauderdale Terrace and Boghall Park. In this case the Meath Estates had written to say that since they had received outline permission to develop the lands at Lauderdale Terrace, they had been in touch with Contractors in the matter and did not wish to sell it to the Council. Regarding Boghall Park, they were prepared to lease it to the Council. The Earl of Meath, in the course of a discussion with the Town Engineer and Town Clerk, had indicated that he would be prepared to discuss the building of terraced houses on the land. It was decided that if terraced houses were built of a type suitable for young, and not very wealthy married couples, the Council would raise no objection to private development in these areas.

1631.—Information and 'Bus Tour Kiosk and Shelter.

A letter was received from Bord Fáilte containing a sketch plan of the revised Information and 'Bus Tour Kiosk and Shelter, the cost of which was estimated at £8,000. The Town Clerk stated that neither the County Manager or the Town Engineer were satisfied with the cost, which they felt was excessive and that he had written to Bord Fáilte for some details as to how the estimate was arrived. All the Members present felt that the cost was excessive, and it was decided to adjourn the matter pending receipt of the necessary information.

1632.—Relief of Rates.

Correspondence was read from the Arklow and Wicklow Urban Councils stating that they were prepared to join in a Deputation with Bray to the Taoiseach on the question of the excessive burden of rates on Urban areas. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Office of An Taoiseach asking if a Deputation would be received.

1633.—Site at St. Kevin's Square—J. Kirwan.

The Town Clerk stated that he had received some objections from neighbours to the proposal. It was decided to adjourn the matter in the hope that the parties concerned might come to agreement.

1634.—Town Planning.

Application by Mr. V. Byrne, "St. Joseph's," Vevay Road, for fitting a shop front and changing the user of the premises from private garage to shop was recommended for approval on the Town Engineer's report.

1635.—Housing Repair Contract.

One tender only was received for above and it was recommended that the Contract be re-advertised.

1636.—Complaint of Mr. Feeley and others as to excessive noise and vibration from the premises of Mr. Hunt at the Seafroont.

After a discussion it was decided that a sub-Committee of the Council consisting of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillors C. Doyle and J. Temple would meet both parties in the Town Hall at 8 p.m. on Tuesday the 15th in an endeavour to resolve the matter at issue.

1637.—Notices of Motion.

The following Notices of Motion were handed in by Mr. J. Byrne and accepted by the Chairman for discussion at the next Meeting:—

"That the Council ask to have copies of County Rate Estimates supplied to all Urban Bodies in the County before the date of the Meeting for the striking of the county rate. That copies of this resolution be sent to Wicklow County Council, to the Minister for Local Government and to the Association of Municipal Authorities."

"That as many civil cases in Wicklow Circuit Court are concerned with people or property in Bray, and as Bray is the largest centre of population in the county, we request that sittings of the Circuit Court be held in Bray. That copies of this resolution be sent to the County Registrar, Wicklow, to the Minister for Justice and to the Secretary of the Department of Justice."

1638.—Chief Fire Officers Conference.

Mr. McAuliffe reported on the above Conference which he had attended as Deputy for the Chairman and stated that the Officers were most pleased with their reception in Bray.

1639.—Office Field—pathway.

It was decided to open a pathway recently closed by a tenant giving access to the Office Field. This on the suggestion of Mr. Temple.

1640.—Allowance E. Murray, Esplanade Caretaker.

The Council approved of a proposal to pay Mr. E. Murray, Esplanade Caretaker £1 per week extra during the months of June, July and August, in connection with duties at the week-ends, and agreed to provide the necessary excess expenditure therefor.

Date 13. 7. 1965

CHAIRMAN.

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 29th June, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors E. Byrne and M. O'Toole.

1641.—Election of Chairman.

On the proposition of Mr. J. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor C. Doyle, Mr. D. Sayers was elected Chairman.

Mr. G. Hunt was proposed by Mr. J. Byrne, and seconded by Mr. G. H. G. Stuart.

The voting was as follows:

For Councillor Sayers—Crs. Doyle, Hipwell, Temple, Mrs. Ledwidge, McAuliffe, J. O'Toole, and Sayers (7).

For Councillor Hunt—Crs. J. Byrne, F. G. Hunt, and G. H. G. Stuart (3).

Mr. McAuliffe's name was proposed for the office of Chairman, by Mr. Temple, but Mr. McAuliffe withdrew in favour of Mr. Sayers.

1642.—Office of Vice-Chairman.

On the proposition of Mr. Hipwell, seconded by Mr. Doyle, Mr. H. L. McAuliffe was elected Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Stuart proposed the name of Mr. Hunt, who declined to contest the office.

Mr. Mrs. M. Ledwidge asked to be recorded as dissenting from the election of Mr. McAuliffe as Vice-Chairman.

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council, held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 17th May, 1966, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Officials Present—M. Flannery (County Manager), P. J. Murray (Acting Accountant), L. Duffy (Acting Rate Collector), and D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk).

1963—List of Uncollected Rates as on 31-3-1966.

The above list was considered, and the Council concurred with the County Manager's decisions thereon. The total Rate collected to 31/3/1966 was £130,467 6s. 9d. Amount carried forward for subsequent collection was £2,737 8s. 8d. Amounts written off as irrecoverable—£234 4s. 9d.

The Chairman and other Members complimented Messrs. Murray and Duffy on the excellent rate collection for the year ended 31/3/1966, which was 97.77 per cent.

1964—Striking of Municipal Rate.

Proposed by Cllr. Hipwell;
Seconded by Cllr. E. Byrne;

and resolved:—

"That we, the Members of Bray Urban District Council, hereby make a Municipal Rate of 56/d. in the £, to be levied in respect of year ending 31st March, 1967. Said Rate to be collected in two moieties, the first moiety and arrears after 17th May, 1966, and the second moiety on or after the 1st October, 1966, and that the Rate Book and Rate Collector's Warrant be signed and sealed accordingly."

The Rate Book and Rate Collector's Warrant were accordingly signed and sealed.

1965—Local Elections—Wards System.

A letter dated 11th May, from the Department of Local Government, was read, in above matter, and a long discussion followed. Cllrs. Hipwell and McAuliffe declared themselves as being opposed to the Wards system. Cllr. Temple expressed himself as having an open mind on the matter. The other Councillors, however, spoke in favour of the proposal of the Minister.

1966—Miscellaneous.

The Town Clerk was asked to write again to the Meath Estates asking when the lease of the Office Field would be ready for signature.

Cllr. E. Byrne and other Councillors referred to the fact that Messrs. Woolworths, having bought the Dublin Bar over two years ago, had left it empty and it was tending to become dilapidated. The Town Clerk was asked to take up the matter with Messrs. Woolworths.

It was decided to put the matter of a swimming pool at the Carisle Grounds on the agenda for the next meeting.

Chairman.....

Date.....

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 29th June, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors E. Byrne and M. O'Toole.

1641—Election of Chairman.

On the proposition of Cllr. J. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor C. Doyle, Mr. D. Sayers was elected Chairman.

Cllr. G. Hunt was proposed by Cllr. J. Byrne, and seconded by Cllr. G. H. G. Stuart.

The voting was as follows:

For Councillor Sayers—Cllrs. Doyle, Hipwell, Temple, Mrs. Ledwidge, McAuliffe, J. O'Toole, and Sayers (7).

For Councillor Hunt—Cllrs. J. Byrne, F. G. Hunt, and G. H. G. Stuart (3).

Cllr. McAuliffe's name was proposed for the office of Chairman, by Cllr. Temple, but Cllr. McAuliffe withdrew in favour of Cllr. Sayers.

1642—Office of Vice-Chairman.

On the proposition of Cllr. Hipwell, seconded by Cllr. Doyle, Cllr. H. L. McAuliffe was elected Vice-Chairman.

Cllr. Stuart proposed the name of Cllr. Hunt, who declined to contest the office.

Cllr. Mrs. M. Ledwidge asked to be recorded as dissenting from the election of Cllr. McAuliffe as Vice-Chairman.

1643.—Municipal Authorities Conference.

Cirs. E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and the Town Clerk were selected to represent the Council at the conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities to be held in Cobh on the 14th to 16th September. Cirs. J. Temple was selected as substitute delegate.

1644.—Housing—Palermo.

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Department, regarding a proposal to erect six houses, by direct labour, on a site which had been originally designated for shops.

The Department states that it was felt that the site should be reserved for shops, but if the Council felt that shops would not be needed, no objection would be raised to the proposal to build six houses on the site by direct labour.

1645.—Housing—Pollard's Terrace.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that Mr. James O'Dea, of Jones's Terrace, and Mr. P. Keogh, of 26 Connolly Square, had been appointed tenants of the above two houses.

1646.—Miscellaneous.

The Town Clerk was asked to request the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to put an extra post-box on the Palermo Estate, and the Town Engineer was asked, by Cirs. Temple, to have a report on the condition of the roadway at Cillmannain Park for the next meeting.

Chairman.....

Date.....

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council, held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 13th July, 1965, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Officials Present: Mr. M. Flannery (County Manager), Mr. M. Healy (Town Engineer), and D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk).

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors G. Hunt and M. O'Toole.

1647.—Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was voted to the Clergy of the Parish and to the relatives of the late Fr. Clarke, C.C., also to the widow of the late Mr. S. Donnegan, N.T., and to the relatives of the late Mr. M. Fortune, 21 Pearse Square, the late Mrs. Mary Byrne, Connolly Square, the late Mr. P. Cullen, "Crowbank", the late Mr. Corbett, 5 Coastguard Terrace.

All the Members and the County Manager associated themselves with the votes of sympathy.

1648.—Notices of Motion

(a) County Council Estimates.

Councillor Byrne moved his motion in this regard, and was seconded by Councillor McAuliffe.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the County Council be asked to supply Urban Council Members with copies of their Estimates, and explanatory memoranda thereon.

Mr. Byrne agreed that his motion be not circulated to the Municipal Authorities and the Minister.

(b) Courthouses.

Mr. Byrne moved his motion, which was seconded by Councillor McAuliffe, and passed unanimously. The motion was to the effect that sittings of the Circuit Court be held in Bray.

1649.—Conference of Municipal Authorities—Motions.

It was decided to send the following three resolutions for debate to the Conference of Municipal Authorities, to be held in Cobh on 14th/16th September, 1965.

(1) Proposed by Councillor McAuliffe that the Minister for Local Government be asked to review the licencing fees imposed under the

Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, as it was felt that these are too high.

Councillor Hipwell dissented from the motion.

- (2) Proposed by Councillor Stuart, and seconded by Councillor Hipwell, that the Malicious Injury Code be abolished.
- (3) Proposed by Councillor McAuliffe, and seconded by Councillor Hipwell, that Courthouses be, in future, maintained from central funds, not by the Ratepayers.

1650—Glenard Avenue—Taking over as public road.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had published the necessary notice, as required by Statute, and had received no objection to the taking over of this road. It was, therefore, proposed by Councillor Hipwell, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne, and resolved, that on and from the 13th July, 1965, the roadway known as Glenard Avenue, in length 147 yards, from its junction with Sidmonton Avenue to the southern end of the Avenue, be taken over as a public roadway.

1651—Tenders for Repairs of Council Houses.

The following tenders were opened at the Meeting:

Kevin O'Toole, 67 O'Byrne Road, Bray—List Price, plus 33½ per cent.
McNulty Bros., 8 Railway Rd., Dalkey—List Price, plus 27½ per cent.
Domestic Insulations Ltd., Glenard Ave.
Bray—List Price, plus 25 per cent.

On the proposition of Councillor Temple, it was decided to accept the lowest tender, provided the Engineer was satisfied.

1652—Filling of vacancy on Vocational Education Committee.

On the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Mrs. Ledwidge, Miss Stella Foley, N.T., Rear of Marine Terrace, was selected to fill the vacancy on the Vocational Education Committee, created by the death of the late Mr. Sean Donegan, N.T.

1653—Increase of Pension—Mr. R. J. Connolly.

On the proposition of Councillor Hipwell, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne, it was decided to grant an increase in pension to Mr. R. J. Connolly, retired teacher with Bray Vocational Education Committee, in accordance with the terms of Circular E.L./10, of the Department of Local Government—i.e. £20 3s., per annum. The necessary expenditure was voted.

1654—Tenant Purchase Scheme.

Letter, Ref. H.39/20/3, of the 17th June, from the Department of Local Government, indicated that the Minister would be prepared to approve of the Scheme submitted. It was requested, however, that the Council would endeavour to re-draft the scheme, so that there would be a more uniform purchase price, and to this end, a uniform price level be applied. It was decided that the Town Clerk prepare details for the next Meeting.

1655—Rates—Letter from Department of An Taoiseach.

The Council noted a letter from the private Secretary to the Taoiseach stating that it would not be possible for the Taoiseach to meet a deputation from the three Urban Councils in Wicklow, regarding the rates burden, but stating that a copy of the letter had been forwarded to the Minister for Local Government, and the Minister for Health.

1656—Bray Sea Angling Club.

The Bray Sea Angling Club wrote to state that they were unable, through lack of finances, to build a pavilion at present, and asked for permission for a boat pen on the site. It was agreed to, subject to the usual conditions.

1657—Harbour—General.

The Town Clerk circulated a report from the Town Engineer on the general condition of the Harbour, and desirable improvements thereto.

On the proposition of Councillor Temple, it was decided to hold a special meeting, to consider the question of the Harbour generally, at a later stage, when Mr. Healy had had further consultations with Messrs McCabe and Delaney, Engineers for the sewerage scheme.

It was also decided to ask that a representative from Bord Fáilte attend this Meeting.

1658—Housing

(a) Richmond Hill.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that it was expected that the award on the Richmond Hill site would be available in the course of about ten days.

(b) Cassell's Land.

The Town Clerk stated that he had written to Mr. Cassell's Solicitor, offering to pay a price per acre equal to the award in the Richmond Hill case for Mr. Cassell's land within the Urban area, but had stated that a lower sum would be paid for the land outside the Urban area, and had asked what Mr. Cassell sought for this particular area of land.

1659—Housing Allocations.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that George Doyle, of 3 St. Laurence's Terrace had been transferred to 9, St. Peter's Road, and that 3 St. Laurence's Terrace had been allocated to Michael Moorehouse, who, with his wife and seven children, lived in a broken-down caravan, and was an extremely urgent case.

1660—Wages Sub-Committee.

It was decided that the above Sub-Committee would meet at 8 p.m., on Tuesday, 20th July, to further discuss claims by the Irish Transport and General Workers Union.

On the proposition of the Chairman, Mr. H. L. McAuliffe, Vice-Chairman, was co-opted onto this Sub-Committee.

1661—Planning Applications.

(a) Application from Mr. J. Doyle, to erect two large advertising signs, was referred back for further consideration, after the Council had heard a report from the Town Engineer recommending refusal.

(b) Application from V. Griffiths, to erect a store or garage at rear of the Post Office, Quinsboro Road, Permission recommended, in accordance with Town Engineer's report.

(c) Application from Mr. S. Duddy, to erect three detached bungalows at Killarney Road.

Permission refused because of objections by the County Engineer, who reported that the entrances are combined in such a way that

they would not afford adequate sight line, and from the Acting County Medical Officer of Health because of inadequate sewerage arrangements.

(d) Housing Development at Newstead Estate.

A revised lay-out submitted by Messrs. MacGinley and Associates was considered. The Town Engineer stated that permission should not be granted until the developers acquired pedestrian access to Church Road, and reported that, indeed, vehicular access to this road would be desirable.

The Council agreed to recommend that the developers plans be approved, if the Town Engineer's recommendations were met with.

(e) Lauderdale Terrace.

Application from Meath Estates for Outline Permission for thirty-six houses on the site at Lauderdale Terrace.

The Council decided to adjourn this application, and in the meantime instructed the Town Clerk to get in touch with Meath Estates, and ask if they would give any guarantee that the houses would be suitable for those persons who would be locals and able to avail of Council loans and grants.

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

Date: 10.8.65.....

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 10th August, 1965, at 7.30 p.m.

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor C. Doyle.

Official's Present—Mr. M. Flannery (County Manager), and D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk).

1662.—Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was voted to the relatives of the late:

Miss A. Keogh, Parnell Road, Bray.

Mrs. Burke, 2, Maitland Street, Bray.

Mr. Patrick Sutton, Upper Darg'e Road, Bray.

Mrs. Bradshaw, Wolfe Tone Square, Bray.

Mr. Joseph Bishop, Dublin.

Mr. John Archer, Esplanade, Bray.

1663.—Manager's Orders.

Arising out of the Manager's Order, it was agreed that a report would be prepared on the differential renting system by the Town Clerk.

Permission was granted to Bray Golf Club to use the Bray Crest on their Blazers or ties. In this connection permission was also granted to the Chamber of Commerce to take a loan of the Grant of Arms to the Council from the Library, for the purpose of making a copy thereof. Councillor Hipwell guaranteed its safe return.

1665.—E.S.V. Grant—1965/66.

The Council noted that a grant of £1,400 was being made for relief schemes this year. It was decided that the Engineer have a report on the matter for the next Meeting.

1666.—Sale of Council Houses.

The Town Clerk was asked to circulate details to the next Meeting.

1667.—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—Noise.

A letter from Messrs. Feely, O'Brien and Fox regarding alleged noise and vibration from the premises of Messrs. G. Hunt, was considered at some length, and it was finally decided to refer the whole matter to the Council's Law Agent for his advice.

1668—Overdraft accommodation — Council's Revenue Account.

On the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Hipwell, it was resolved that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government be sought to the raising of Overdraft accommodation by the Council on their Revenue Account of an amount not exceeding £25,000, to the 31st October, 1965.

1669—Scheme of Supplementary Grants for erection of houses—amendment.

On the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Hipwell, it was resolved that the Council's Scheme of Supplementary Grants be amended as follows:—

Grants, to be made to applicants whose Income does not exceed £1,045, with an allowance of £100 for each of four dependants. These grants to be made where houses have been commenced after the 1st July, 1965.

1670—Scheme of Loans—amendment.

On the proposition of Clr. McAuliffe, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, it was decided that the upper income limit for the granting of Loans be raised from £1,040 per annum to £1,200 per annum.

1671—Housing Loans—Direct Labour Housing.

On the proposition of Clr. Sayers, seconded by Clr. Hipwell, it was agreed to seek the sanction of the Minister to the raising of Loans as follows:—

- (a) No. 6 Direct Labour Scheme (9 Houses, 6 at Chapel Lane, 2 at Pollard's Terrace and 1 at Dublin Road) Loan £19,800, from the Commissioner of Works for 50 years at 6½ per cent.
- (b) Six Houses at Old Connaught—Loan £13,200 from Commissioner of Works for 50 years at 6½ per cent.

1672—Richmond Hill Housing Scheme.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that he had just received the award of the Arbitrator for the 8½ acres of land acquired from Mr. Peete. Mr. Peete was awarded a total of £10,986 for his land and for the loss in value of his house. Mr. Dicker, who had a structure on the site was awarded £57 for the value of some 5 perches of land and £78 for disturbance from that land, total £135.

Legal costs to Messrs. Dicker and Peete, stamp duty, and interest to Mr. Peete from the date of the acquiring of the property, plus the payment by Agreement of £30 to Mr. Martin, who owned 18 perches on the site, plus costs of all advertising for the Compulsory Purchase hearing and the subsequent Arbitration hearings brought a total of £12,632.

The Council, on the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. J. Byrne, agreed to seek a Loan of £12,600 to cover these costs.

1673—Housing Lauderdale Terrace.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Town Engineer and himself had been in touch with the Meath Estates and had suggested that in this case a clause be put into the Licence from the Meath Estates to the Builder of these 36 houses, to the effect that the Town Clerk should be informed of the sale price of the houses and that the Council be allowed to nominate a list of persons, who would be offered these houses on a priority basis, from the Council's Housing List. The Meath Estates had agreed to this.

The Council expressed themselves satisfied on the matter, but suggested that when granting permission, the Meath Estates should be

asked if they would now be prepared to give a long Lease of the Office Field to the Council.

1674—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

(a) J. Doyle—Advertising Signs. — The Members of the Council pressed the Manager strongly to give sympathetic consideration to this application. The County Manager on his part pointed out the undesirability of large signs being placed on railway bridges, where they tended to become a traffic hazard, and he further pointed out that the granting of permission in this case would be a precedent. He agreed, however, to the further consideration of the matter.

(b) The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Developers who wished to erect 108 Houses on the lands at Vevay Road formerly owned by Mr. Hill, had been asked to acquire Pedestrian Rights at Church Rd. and they had replied to the effect that they were unable to do so. The Council decided that permission could not be granted if a Pedestrian right-of-way was not acquired by the applicants.

1765.—Housing Tenancies.

Clr. Temple informed the Meeting, that during the week, a Housing Applicant named John Griffiths of Dwyer Park, had with his wife and two children been evicted and it had been necessary to send Mrs. Griffiths and the two children to the County Home at Rathdrum. He urged that the question of allowing this family into the dilapidated house at 28 Castle Street, as a temporary expedient be considered. The County Manager promised to look into the matter.

Miss Farrell, 18 Cill Manntain Park.—Several Members of the Council urged that this girl be allowed to stay as tenant of the house. The Manager explained that the girl was not yet seventeen and that a legal Agreement could not therefore be entered into with her. Further to this he pointed out the extremely serious position of housing, where you had large families living in over-crowded conditions. The Council asked that he give the matter further consideration.

Clr. McAuliffe dissented from this and wished the matter to be further discussed.

1766.—Miscellaneous.

River Walk.—The Members asked that the River Walk be given some attention.

Litter Bins.—Complaints were made of continual throwing of litter on the streets, and it was urged that proper litter bins be placed in front of St. Paul's Church, and outside the Post Office at ~~Upper~~ Dargle ^{Lower} Road and near Woolworths and at the Southern end of Quinsboro Road.

Noise of Roadshow at Florence Road.—The Members asked that the noise emanating from this Roadshow be controlled as it was disturbing the residents of the vicinity.

Chairman *D. Sayers*

Date *14/9/65*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 14th September, 1965, at 7.30 p.m.

Present—Clrs. D. Sayers (Chairman), E. Byrne, J. Byrne and H. L. McAuliffe.

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

Officials present—Mr. M. Flannery (County Manager), M. Healy (Town Engineer), and J. P. McDonnell (Acting Town Clerk).

1767.—Minutes of Meeting.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the 10th August, 1965, which had been circulated, were adopted.

1768.—Manager's Orders.

The Manager's Orders for the month of August, 1965, were noted.

1769.—Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was voted to the relatives of the late:

William Malley, 23 Florence Road, Bray.

Owen Mullen, Woodbine Terrace, Seapoint Road, Bray.

Harold White, 2 Auburn Villas, Dargle Road, Bray.

1770.—Tidy Towns' Competition.

Submitted letter from Bord Fáilte Éireann, stating that Bray had secured a special award for the greatest increase in marks over the previous year, and that a cash prize of £50 had been awarded to the Council, plus a certificate.

The Members of the Council were very pleased to hear that Bray had received this special prize, and it was agreed that Clrs. G. Hunt and H. L. McAuliffe should attend a special ceremony to be held in Virginia, County Cavan, on the 19th September, to receive this award.

1771.—Site at Harbour—David Coughlan Limited.

Submitted letter from Messrs David Coughlan Limited, requesting permission to sub-let portion of their premises at the Harbour, Bray, to The Grange Engineering Limited, Adelaide Road, Dun Laoghaire.

The Council indicated that they would have no objection to this proposal, subject to the County Manager agreeing.

1772.—Bray Crest.

The Council granted permission to Musical Souvenir Products Ltd., Duncalrn Terrace to use the Bray Crest on their letter-heading.

1773.—Graded Rents.

Report of Town Clerk on Graded Rents submitted. On the proposition of Clr. E. Byrne, seconded by Clr. J. Byrne, the report was adopted.

1774.—Sale of Houses.

The Council adopted revised scheme for Sale of Council houses, as circulated.

1775.—E. S. V. Scheme—1965-66.

The Council agreed to the Town Engineer's recommendation that the grant of £1,400 plus local contribution of £200, be expended on the re-laying of concrete footpaths at Newcourt Road, Herbert Road, Greenpark Road, and Ardee Street.

1776.—Excess Expenditure.

The Council, on the proposition of Clr. Sayers, seconded by Clr. J. Byrne, approved the necessary Excess Expenditure, in accordance with Section 11, of the Local Government Act, 1955, as follows:
Road Improvement Grant 1964/65—£102.

1777.—Approach Roadway to Seafont.

Submitted letter from the Department of Local Government, enquiring if consideration might be given to a more direct route to the Seafont, via Seapoint Road, instead of Ravenswell Road.

The Members viewed with concern the possibility of abandoning access to the Seafont via Seapoint Road, in view of the expenditure incurred by them already, and it was agreed that their views be brought to the notice of the Department.

Further details of proposed access to the Seafont will be submitted to the Council in the Development Plan.

1778.—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—Noise.

The Law Agent's report on noise and vibration complaint, in respect of premises known as Fun Palace, Strand Road, Bray, was submitted and adopted.

1779.—Wicklow Sea Anglers' Association.

It was agreed to circulate report of Town Engineer to Members of the Council for the next meeting.

1780.—Housing—Land at Old Connaught, Bray.

Submitted letter from the Solicitors of W. J. Cassell regarding the sale of land.

Having agreed that the price sought was too high, the Council agreed that a Valuer be appointed to report on the matter.

1781.—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 — Applications.

(a) Thomas McCann, 33 O'Byrne Road, Bray — Extension to premises.

The Town Engineer stated that he had no objection, provided the work is carried out in a satisfactory manner.
The Council recommended approval.

- (b) Mr. Bolger, Newcourt Road, Bray—Change of user from private garage to ladies' hairdressing saloon. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be refused, as Newcourt Road is a residential area, and the opening of a business thereon is not desirable. The Council agreed with the decision that permission be refused.
- (c) D. O'Neill, Newcourt Road, Bray—outline approval for erection of bungalow at Raheen Park, Bray. The Town Engineer stated that if a house is erected on this site, care should be taken so that the roof line of the new building will not interfere with the view of existing residents of Raheen Park. Council recommended that outline permission be granted subject to conditions as set out by Town Engineer.

1782.—Notice of Motion—Clr. J. Byrne.

The Chairman accepted the following Notice of Motion to be moved at the Meeting of the Council to be held on 12th October, 1965.

"That we request the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to consider:

- (1) providing at least one postbox at the southern end of Meath Road, Bray.
- (2) removing the pillarbox at Seapoint Road (near Seymour Road) to a position where it will be less of an obstruction to view of the footpath.
- (3) providing a postbox in the Newcourt Road area.
- (4) examining the position of postboxes in the Palermo area, bearing in mind the possibility of further housing to the south west."

Chairman *J. Sayers*

Date *12.10.1965*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 12th October, 1965, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Officials Present: Mr. M. Flannery (County Manager), Mr. M. Healy (Town Engineer), and D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk).

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

1783—Minutes of Meeting of 14th September.

Attention was drawn to an error in the Minutes of the above Meeting. In Minute No. 1777, the words "Ravenswell Road," should have been used instead of "Seapoint Road," in line five.

1784—Manager's Orders.

The Manager's Orders for the month of September, 1965, were noted.

1785—Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was voted to the relatives of the late:

P. Burke, Coastguard Station, Bray.
John Martin, Davitt Road, Bray.
A. Fitzsimons, Cillmantain Park, Bray.
C. Davis, 9 Brennan's Parade, Bray.
Mr. McIntyre, Wolfe Tone Square, Bray.
P. McDonagh, Avondale Park, Bray.

1786—Congratulations.

The congratulations of the Council were expressed to the Bray Civil Defence Fire-Fighting Unit on their recent victory in the Player's Cup Competition. Mr. P. Doyle, who trained the Unit, was also congratulated.

1787—Sale of Houses.

Clr. Temple asked that a copy of the amended scheme for above be sent to the Tenants Committee, for their information.

1788—

The following resolutions, proposed by Clr. J. Byrne, were seconded by Clr. H. L. McAuliffe, and passed:

"That we request the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to consider:

- (1) providing at least one postbox at the southern end of Meath Road, Bray;
- (2) removing the pillarbox at Seapoint Road (near Seymour Road) to a position where it will be less of an obstruction to view of the footpath;
- (3) providing a postbox in the Newcourt Road area.
- (4) examining the position of postboxes in the Palermo area, bearing in mind the possibility of further housing to the south west."

1789—Carlisle Grounds—Purchase of.

The Town Clerk reported that agreement had been reached with Bray Wanderers' Football Club and with the C.I.E. Board for the purchase of Carlisle Grounds for a swimming pool. The sum to be paid to the Football Club was £5,500, and the sum to be paid to the C.I.E. was also £5,500. Valuer's Fees, stamp duty and legal fees might possibly come to another £500. Bord Falte, on their part, had agreed to be responsible for 80% of the total cost, including fees.

Clr. Temple said that he felt that the purchase should not be gone ahead with until such time as some written agreement had been signed with the Meath Estates for a long lease of the Office Field, which was badly wanted for football clubs in the town. Other Members agreed in the matter of the Office Field, but felt that the purchase of Carlisle Grounds should be gone ahead with. Clr. Temple finally withdrew his objections, on the understanding that if the Meath Estates did not give the lease required within a reasonable time, steps would be taken to acquire the Office Field by compulsion.

It was decided to ask the Earl of Meath to meet the sub-committee of the Council, consisting of the Chairman and Clrs. E. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, and J. Temple, to discuss the Office Field position. The meeting to be arranged within a week if possible.

The following resolution was then put to the Meeting, and passed, with Clr. McAuliffe dissenting:

Proposed by Clr. Hipwell;

Seconded by Clr. Hunt:

"That we approve the purchase of the Carlisle Grounds for a swimming pool, on the terms set out above, and that we approve the raising of a loan to meet the Council's portion of the cost for same."

1790—Letter from Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce, in a letter, raised six points, as follows:

- (1) That a cover be provided on a second lorry, when collecting litter. The Town Engineer agreed to do so.
- (2) That steps be taken, especially on Sunday mornings, to remove accumulated litter in the vicinity of Murdoch's. It was explained that this was swept early on Sunday mornings, but that litter accumulated during the course of the morning, and also that there seemed to be a current of air, which caused litter to be accumulated by the blowing of the wind in this spot.

- (c) That a litter bin be provided at the bus stop outside Woodworths. The Town Engineer stated he was having this done. Arising out of this, and in response to a request from Clr. Mrs. M. Ledwidge, the Engineer promised to replace the small litter bin attached to the railings of St. Paul's Church by a litter bin erected on the footpath outside St. Paul's Church.
- (d) That some serious attempt be made to prevent traders sweeping shop refuse onto the footpaths.

It was decided that the Health Officer and the Overseer be instructed to report violation of the Bye-laws in this regard, for prosecution. The Town Clerk was also instructed to circulate the traders in the matter again, and warn them of the consequences of continuing to sweep litter onto the streets.

- (e) That a sign "To Seafront" be erected at the Courthouse.

It was stated that such a sign was in order, and would be erected.

- (f) That a bi-lingual road name-sign be erected at Herbert Road. In this regard, Clr. Temple suggested that this might be an opportune time to consider re-naming this road 'Raverty Road.' The Town Clerk undertook to look up the regulations on the matter of re-naming streets, and report to the Council thereon.

1791—Courthouses—Wicklow Resolution.

On the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Mrs. M. Ledwidge, a resolution from the Wicklow County Council, requesting that all Courthouses be returned to Local Authorities for their use, and that the Department of Justice, themselves, erect Courthouse buildings, was adopted.

It was agreed that the resolution be sent to the Executive Committee of the Association of Municipal Authorities.

1792—Bray Sailing Club—Extension to Dinghy Park.

It was agreed to grant the above Club permission to extend the fencing around their Dinghy Park, 30 ft. southwards.

1793—Direct Labour Housing—Letter from Trades Council.

On the suggestion of Clr. Temple, it was agreed to submit the above letter to the Wages Sub-committee of the Council, for investigation of the allegations made therein.

1794—Dargle River—Correspondence from Mr. Valentine.

The Council noted and approved of the Town Engineer's report on the points made by Mr. Valentine.

1795—Gaming and Lotteries—Mr. M. J. Freaney.

The Council noted the report of the Law Agent on the recent Court Case in above matter.

1796—Labour Court Decision and application by Transport Union for increase in pay for certain categories of workmen.

This matter was referred to the Wages Sub-committee.

1797—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.—Claim for Compensation—Mr. Paul Hyland.

The Council noted that the claim made had been referred to the Council's Legal Advisors.

1798—Road Safety.

On the Chairman stating he had received a circular from the Minister on above matter, the Meeting was informed that it had been decided to establish a County Road Safety Committee, and that the County Council would write to the Town Clerk inviting representatives from the Bray Committee to co-operate with the County Council. This was agreed.

1799—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—Applications.

- (a) Application from Mr. S. Duddy, for permission to erect two bungalows at Killarney Road.
The Council concurred with a recommendation from the Town Engineer that permission be granted.
- (b) Application from Messrs. Murdoch's, Limited, to erect a store at rear of their premises, 24 Main Street.
The Council concurred with a recommendation from the Town Engineer that permission be granted.
- (c) Application from Irish Sound Construction Co., Ltd., for Outline Approval to the erection of 131 housing units at Newstead Estate, Vevay Road, Bray.

Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission not be granted on the following grounds:

- (1) There is an adequate area of open space, but it is of little or no benefit to the scheme since it is mainly on the west side of the scheme.
- (2) The density is over 6 to the acre.
- (3) Pedestrian access on the southern side of scheme is of no use. Pedestrian access on to Church Road is essential.
- (4) The sewerage of the site depends on a way-leave through Christ Church grounds. Applicants should be asked to verify that this way-leave has been obtained.

The Council discussed the matter at some length, and while concurring with the Engineer's recommendation, they asked that the applicant's architect be invited to discuss the various points with the Engineer, in an endeavour to find a solution.

1800—Loans and Grants Act, 1962—Section 11.

Application from Mr. M. J. Kinsella, 11 St. Kevin's Square, Bray, for a loan of £2,200 for a house being erected on site No. 32, Vevay Road (rear of Tennis Grounds).

The Council recommended that the application be granted.

1801—Housing—Richmond Hill.

It was decided to hold a special meeting of the Council on Tuesday, the 19th October, to deal with the Architect's report on this matter.

1802—Sewerage Development Scheme.

It was decided to deal with this matter at the meeting of the 19th inst.

Chairman *D. Sayers*

Date *9/11/65*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of Bray Urban Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 19th October, 1965, at 8 p.m.

Present: Councillors D. Sayers (Chairman), G. Hunt, J. Temple, E. Byrne, J. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, and H. L. McAuliffe.

Officials Present: Mr. K. J. Brangan (Deputy County Manager), H. Healy (Town Engineer), and D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk).

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors M. O'Toole, J. O'Toole, G. H. G. Stuart, C. Doyle, and Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

Also present were: Messrs. Boyle and Delaney, Architects, and Mr. Tierney, Quantity Surveyor.

1803—Richmond Hill Housing Scheme.

The Town Clerk read a report from Messrs. Boyle & Delaney, on the tenders received in connection with the above scheme. The Architects, in their report, stated that they had considered three tenders for the building of 70 houses and 96 maisonettes. They were:

Name	Estimate	Time
Messrs. T. McInerney & Sons, Ltd., Bluebell, Inchicore	£549,812 19 2	90 weeks
Messrs. J. Bennett (Ireland), Ltd., Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin 2	£551,255 14 9	66 weeks
Messrs. G. & T. Crampton, Ltd., Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge	£599,793 9 11	104 weeks

The Architects favoured the tender of Messrs. Bennett, as even though it was £1,442 15s. 7d., higher than McInerney's, the houses would be built in 66 weeks, instead of 90 weeks by McInerney, and they recommended that final negotiations be entered into with Messrs. Bennett, with a view to signing a contract as soon as possible. Bennett used "system building" and McInerney "traditional building."

The break down of Bennett's estimate was:

Development and Site Work	£172,218 19s. 3d.
Superstructure of Dwelling Units	£379,036 15s. 6d.

The report went on to state that Bennett's estimate for superstructure of the housing units worked out at approximately £2,175 per unit, and for the maisonettes, £2,277 per unit.

The Quantity Surveyor stated that these prices were not unreasonable. The site work, however, came to approximately £1,000 per unit, which it was felt was high, but could be expected on a site of this nature.

Cir. Temple and other members expressed themselves disappointed at the very high cost, especially on the site work. Cir. Temple stated that he had been approached by a firm called Homeville, and

he had seen some houses they had built at Raheny. He asked the Architect why their tender had not been considered. Mr. Delaney, in reply, stated that his firm had dealt with Homeville in the initial stages, but felt that the price and the type of houses they proposed to build would not be suitable. The Architect also stated that he had got a preliminary figure of cost of superstructure from Homeville, of £2,380 per unit, which was considerably higher than the preliminary price received from the other firms.

In reply to a further question, the Architect gave the breakdown of Crampton's and McInerney's tenders, as follows:

McInerney & Sons, Ltd:	
Development and Site Work	... £150,902
Superstructure of Dwelling Units	... £398,910
Crampton Limited:	
Development and Site work	... £158,169
Superstructure of Dwelling Units	... £441,624

At this stage, Clr. Hipwell said that he had been very recently approached by yet another firm who, at present, were based in England, but who intended coming to Bray and erecting a factory for the construction of houses. He urged that they be considered for this scheme at Richmond Hill.

It was pointed out at this stage that if Homeville and the firm mentioned by Mr. Hipwell were considered, there might possibly be firms who would be interested and the scheme would have to be re-advertised. In reply to a question from the Chairman, the Architect gave his opinion that this would cause a delay of some months.

The Town Engineer, Mr. Healy, at this stage made a suggestion that some aspects of the development might be looked into in an effort to achieve some savings.

In reply to a question by Clr. Temple, the Town Clerk gave details of the final estimated cost of the scheme, if Bennett's tender was accepted, and stated that the basic rents would average £3 a week.

After further discussion, Clr. Hipwell proposed, and Clr. Temple seconded, that the Architect enter into consultations and negotiations with Messrs. Homeville and with the firm mentioned by Clr. Hipwell. Clr. Hunt proposed that the Architect's recommendation be accepted, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, and Clr. Sayers seconded it. On a vote being taken the proposition of Clr. Hunt was adopted. Those voting in favour of Mr. Hunt's proposition were: Cirs. E. Byrne, J. Byrne, D. Hayers and G. Hunt (4). Against were: Cirs. J. Temple, H. B. Hipwell and H. L. McAuliffe (3). Mr. Hunt's proposal was declared 'carried' by the Chairman.

1804—Sewerage Scheme.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had received a report from the Town Engineer on the report of the Consultant Engineers. Mr. Healy had felt that the estimate of cost of the scheme could be reduced by postponing non-essential items.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the Wicklow County Council be written to, and a joint meeting between Bray U.D.C. and selected Members of the Wicklow County Council be arranged, and that the Consultant Engineers be asked to attend this meeting.

Chairman..... *J. Sayers*

Date..... *14/12/65*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council, held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 9th November, 1965, at 8 p.m.

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

Officials Present: Mr. M. Flannery (County Manager), M. Healy (Town Engineer), and D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk).

1805—Minutes of Meeting.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the 12th October, 1965, which had been circulated, were adopted.

1806—Manager's Orders.

The Manager's Orders for the month of *October*, 1965, were noted.

1807—Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was voted to the relatives of the late James Murray, 10 Prince of Wales Terrace.
Patrick Condren, O'Byrne Road.
Miss Annie Harris, Shamrock Cottage, Pearse Road.
Thomas Cooling, Old Brighton Terrace.
Francis Hayes, 7 Cillmantin Place.

1808—Allocation of Houses.

There was a long discussion on the matter of allocation of houses, and, finally, on the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. McAuliffe, it was decided to request the County Medical Officer of Health to draw up a fixed priority list of housing applicants, in the order in which they would be allocated houses, in such a manner that an applicant would know his place on the list, and when he might expect to be housed.

It was also recommended that the County Medical Officer of Health endeavour to allocate houses on a points system, which, it was stated, was used in other areas.

1809—Richmond Hill Housing Scheme.

Clr. Temple proposed the following motion standing in his name, and Clr. Hipwell seconded it:

"I, or someone on my behalf, will move that the resolution carried at the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 19th October, 1965, in respect of the contract for the proposed housing