

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council, held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 14th February, 1967, 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, J. O'Toole, M. O'Toole, and J. Temple.

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

2137—Minutes of Meetings.

The Minutes of Special Meeting of 3rd January, 1967, and Monthly Meeting of 10th January, 1967, which had been circulated, were adopted.

2138—Manager's Orders.

The County Manager's Orders for the month of January, 1967, were noted.

2139—Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was voted to the relatives of the late: Mrs. Mary Dunne and Denis Dunne, 10 Dargan Street. William O'Donovan, 4 Marie Villas. Bridget Noone, 29 Greenpark Road. Elizabeth Neary, 23 St. Kevin's Square. Kathleen Kelly, 51 Main Street. Charles O'Toole, 60 O'Byrne Road. Thomas Conroy, 17 St. Dominick's Road, Wicklow. Mr. John Doran, 2 St. Laurence's Terrace.

2140—Water—Scott Park.

Clr. E. Byrne, and other members, complained strongly of the shortage of water in the Scott Park area. Mr. Healy informed them that the pipes had been ordered for the work to remedy the shortage and it was expected to be carried out in a week or two.

2141—Miss Eileen Murray—Librarian.

The Council, on the proposition of Clr. Hipwell and seconded by the Chairman, congratulated Miss Eileen Murray on her appointment as Librarian, and expressed their complete confidence in her, in that position.

2142—Auditor's Report.

The above report for the two years ended 31/3/66, which had been circulated, was noted by the Council. Members expressed satisfaction at the lack of any adverse criticism by the auditor. Special tributes were paid to Mr. P. Murray, who had taken over the job of Acting Accountant at a difficult period, and who had managed so well.

2143—Coast Erosion.

Having heard the report from Mr. Healy on danger of erosion at the Promenade, it was decided that this matter would be discussed at a meeting of the North Wicklow Members of the County Council, on Thursday, 16th instant, and that Mr. Healy be asked to attend the meeting.

2144—Bray Amusements Committee.

Permission was granted to Bray Amusements Committee to hold their annual meeting at the Town Hall, on Friday, 17th instant. Cirs. McAuliffe and Hipwell expressed the hope that all members would attend it.

2145—Kiosks.

On the proposition of Clr. McAuliffe, seconded by Clr. M. O'Toole, Mr. H. B. Hipwell was appointed Auctioneer to the Council for the 1967 season. It was also decided that Mr. E. Wilson would be Auctioneer to the Council for the 1968 season.

2146—Estimates Meeting.

It was decided to hold the annual Estimates Meeting on Tuesday, 28th March, 1967.

2147—National Farmers' Association.

A letter from the Barndarrig branch, N.F.A., was, on the proposition of Clr. E. Byrne, seconded by Clr. J. Temple, marked "read."

2148—Gaming & Lotteries Act, 1956—Applications.

No objection was raised to the granting of licences, under the above Act, in respect of Messrs. Freney and Dawsons premises on the Strand Road.

2149—Wards System.

The Council noted the Minister's order, bringing in the Ward system for the next Council Election in Bray. On the proposition of Clr. J. Temple, seconded by Clr. H. Hipwell, the Minister was to be asked to increase the number of seats on the Bray Urban District Council from 12 to 15.

2150—Tenders for lettings on Esplanade.

The following tenders were opened and recommended for acceptance: Deck Chair concession—Mr. P. Mooney and Mr. P. O'Neill, 2 Connolly Square—£50.

Putting Green concession—Mr. P. Mooney and Mr. P. O'Neill, 2 Connolly Square—£360.

Weighing Machines etc—4 Weighing machines, £5 each; 4 Binoculars, £6 each—Total £44—British Automatic Co. Ltd.

Watercraft—23 craft at 5/- per craft—R. J. Merlihan, "Gledside," Bird Avenue, Clonskeagh.

2151—Review of Rents.

This matter was adjourned to a further date. Chairman and Town Clerk to fix a suitable night for a Special Meeting.

2152—Bray Tourism Co-ordinating Committee.

A letter was read from the above Committee setting out their objectives, and asking the co-operation of the Council in having work started as soon as possible on the Esplanade. It was agreed to do everything possible to facilitate the Committee. Arising out of this letter, there was a lengthy discussion on the condition of Albert Avenue. It was decided, on the suggestion of Clr. Temple, that the Committee get in touch with Bord Failte and Coras Iompair Eireann, to see if anything could be done about the unsightly bank at one side of the avenue. The Town Clerk was also asked to write to Bord Failte in the matter.

2153—Carlisle Grounds.

It was agreed to let the Carlisle Grounds to Wicklow Junior League to the end of the season. A charge to be made on the basis of £25 per quarter, charged last year, and a condition of the letting was to be that if a well-founded complaint of discrimination was received from Dargle Rovers or Glenview Rovers, the letting would be cancelled on a week's notice.

2154—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

- (a) Application from Mr. M. Whitefield, Enniskerry, to erect a bungalow at Killarney Road. The Council concurred with a recommendation from the Town Engineer that permission be granted.
- (b) Application from Messrs. C. A. Jenkins Ltd., Sandycove, to erect 6 semi-detached houses and 1 detached house at Kingsmill Road. The Council concurred with a recommendation from the Town Engineer that permission be granted.
- (c) Application from Mr. J. O'Toole, Harbour Bar, for permission to erect an advertising hoarding on C.I.E. bridge at Seapoint Road. Recommendation from the Town Engineer that permission be refused on the grounds that hoardings of this nature, i.e. 18' x 2½', are undesirable on the approaches to the Esplanade. The Council unanimously recommended to the County Manager that permission be granted.

2155—Solus Factory Extension.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Solus Teo. were embarking on a large factory extension and had received planning permission from Dublin County Council. They wished to use the Bray sewerage system to connect with toilets at the extension. The Council agreed to grant permission on the usual conditions.

2156—House Purchase Loans—Applications.

The Council agreed that, subject to monies being available, loans be granted to the following applicants when the necessary legal formalities had been cleared, and in the case of one, Mr. Michael Watson, that the Officials be satisfied that his income would qualify him for a loan.

- (a) Mr. Michael Watson, 3 Sydenham Villas, Putland Road, in respect of a site at Bentley Park (Urban area).
- (b) Mr. A. Rooney, 1 Castle Terrace, in respect of site No. 18, Bentley Park (Urban area).
- (c) Mr. Eamon McGlone, 15 Hawthorn Road, in respect of site No. 9, Bentley Park (Urban area).
- (d) Mr. Thomas A. Freney, 3 Maple Grove, in respect of site No. 10, Bentley Park (Urban area).

Arising out of this, the Town Clerk pointed out that a great deal of confusion would be caused by the name of a 42 house scheme, being erected by Mr. Ruane, within the Urban area. Mr. Ruane has a scheme in the County Council area, just across the road, which is called Bentley Park Estate. The Council agreed that the Town Clerk write immediately to Mr. Ruane and ask him to think of another name for the 42 house scheme in the Urban area.

2157—Notices of Motion.

The Chairman accepted the following Notices of Motion for the next Monthly Meeting of the Council.

- (a) "We, the undersigned, hereby give notice that we will move at the next Statutory Meeting of this Council: 'That we request the Minister to accept the legal cost of the Purchase Scheme in instalments—to be paid in the annuity.'"

Clr. E. Byrne, Clr. J. Temple and Clr. D. Sayers.

- (b) "That we request the Town Clerk to prepare a comprehensive scheme of purchase for all Council houses in the Town."

Clr. E. Byrne, Clr. J. Temple and Clr. D. Sayers.

- (c) "That we the Members of the Bray Urban District Council request the Minister for Local Government to permit the present system of Election of Urban Councillors to remain instead of reverting to the 1934 system of Election in Wards, and that any resolution to the contrary be and is hereby rescinded."

Clr. H. B. Hipwell.

2158—Harbour.

Clr. G. Hunt said that he had recently visited the Harbour with Mr. Barry of Bord Fáilte, who intimated that if Mr. Healy would put up a scheme for certain improvements, Bord Fáilte would be prepared to give financial assistance. Mr. Healy was asked to draft a scheme for minor improvements.

2159—Notice of Motion—Clr. J. Temple re Housing Allocation.

Clr. J. Temple having received the permission of his supporters in this motion, asked that it be deferred indefinitely, with power to re-enter. This was granted.

2160—Allocation of Houses.

The Medical Officer of Health recommended for 7 houses now vacant as follows:

- 1 House—2, Maitland Street.
- 1 House—2, Cillmantain Park.
- 1 House—44, Beech Road.
- 4 New Houses—Hawthorn Road.

4 New Houses

- (1) Mr. P. J. Whelan, 9, St. Kevin's Square.
- (2) Mrs. Kelly, 4, St. Laurence's Terrace.
- (3 & 4) Two tenants of the Council in overcrowded houses to be transferred thereto.

For the 3 small houses which would be then vacant he recommended:

- P. Brien, 1, Emmet Road (house in dangerous condition).
- H. McEvoy, 11, Jones's Terrace (condemned house).
- Mrs. Emily Murray, Park Lodge (overcrowded).

He further recommended that J. Moorehouse, 9, St. Laurence's Terrace, be transferred to the house to be vacated at 4, St. Laurence's Terrace, by Mrs. Kelly (total in 9, St. Laurence's Terrace—18 persons). 2, Cillmantain Park—J. E. McGrath, 13, St. Cronan's Road (9 people including 1 invalid who requires room to himself in 13, St. Cronan's Road). 44, Beech Road—J. Murphy, 24, Wolfe Tone Square (occupies 1 room, total number in the house—8 persons).

The Members concurred with the Medical Officer of Health's recommendations but stipulated that of the 15 persons four-starred at their recent meeting, the remainder should be given first preference of the 10 houses being completed at Richmond Hill by Mr. Healy.

Chairman *David Sayers*

Date *14/3/67*

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

Apologies for inability to attend received from Councillors C. Doyle, G. H. G. Stuart, and J. Temple.

2161—Minutes of Meetings.

The Minutes of Special Meeting of 24th January, 1967, and Monthly Meeting of 14th February, 1967, which had been circulated, were adopted.

Arising out of the Minutes the Town Clerk was asked to write to Bord Failte again, re proposals for Albert Avenue, and to ask the Health Officer to inspect the shore on the Avenue.

2162—Sympathy

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

John Keepan (ex. Weighmaster), 6, Cillmantain Park.

J. Grant, Wolfe Tone Square North.

J. J. Murphy, 4, Trafalgar Terrace, Meath Road.

Garrett Scanlon, 6, Kennedy Park.

Patrick Richardson, 35, Wolfe Tone Square, South.

Mrs. M. Hall, 11, O'Byrne Road.

Mrs. Mary Sutton, 6, Greenpark Terrace, Greenpark Road.

Mrs. Mary O'Leary, 24, Avondale Park.

Mrs. Agnes O'Neill, "Seaview," Seapoint Road.

James McTighe, "Tipperary House," Vevay Road.

Mrs. Susan J. Kelly, "Homestead," Upper Dargle Road.

Mrs. Eileen Hickey, 30, Hawthorn Road.

Bridget Lowe, 4, Auburn Villas, Dargle Road.

Conel Hughes (ex. Rent Collector to Bray U.D.C.).

Chief Justice C. O'Dalaig, on the death of his brother.

Mr. Michael Conboy, Wicklow.

2163—Mr. P. J. Murray, Rate Collector.

The Council, on the suggestion of Clr. McAuliffe, asked the Manager to examine sympathetically the question of making some special allowance to Mr. P. J. Murray for his excellent work as Acting Accountant, during the past ten months.

2164—Wards System—Notice of Motion.

Proposed by Clr. Hipwell, and seconded by Clr. McAuliffe, and it was resolved (Clr. Mrs. M. Ledwidge dissenting) that the Minister for Local Government be requested to permit the present system for the election of Urban Councillors to remain, instead of reverting to the previous system of election in separate Wards.

2165—Legal Costs—Purchase Scheme.

Clr. E. Byrne moved a Motion that the Minister be asked to allow Legal Costs on the Purchase Scheme for Wolfe Tone Square, to be paid in the Annuity. After a long discussion on this matter, it was finally decided to ask the Council's Legal Adviser to take legal expenses in instalments, in cases where persons are unable to pay the full £25.

2166—Sale of Houses.

It was proposed by Clr. E. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Sayers, and resolved, that the Town Clerk be asked to prepare a Purchase Scheme for all the rented houses at present owned by the Bray Urban District Council.

2167—Number of Councillors.

The Department of Local Government wrote stating that the number of Councillors was fixed by Law and could not be changed by a Ministerial Order. The Members expressed their dissatisfaction with this situation and asked that when an Act of Parliament dealing with Local Government be introduced, that the opportunity be taken to amend the Law in this regard.

2168—Bray Amusements Committee.

Permission was given to Bray Amusements Committee to use the bandstand, during the coming season, when not required otherwise by the Urban Council.

2169—Bray Youth Club.

It was agreed to receive a deputation from this Club at the April meeting to discuss youth welfare in the town.

2170—Sea Scouts

It was agreed to grant the Sea Scouts Committee permission to erect temporary posters, advertising a Fancy Fair in the Parochial Hall.

2171—Excess Expenditure.

On the proposal of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, Excess Expenditure in a sum not exceeding £392, was voted under the heading of Vocation Education, for the year ending 31st March, 1967.

2172—Traffic Wardens.

A letter from the Garda Síochána stating that it was not intended to continue supplying Gardai to act as Wardens for schools at Ravenswell and Vevay Road, was discussed at some length. It was finally decided to ask the Minister for Justice to allocate extra Gardai to the town, in order that the very efficient work in this regard be continued by the Gardai. It was decided to ask the local Superintendent to continue to give Gardai for this purpose, until the Minister's decision was arrived at.

2173—Valuation for Rating Purposes.

A memorandum from the Municipal Authorities Association setting out proposals under the above, was agreed to, with the exception of Section 4 which recommended that other outdoor officers of Local Authorities be empowered to suggest cases for revision of valuation.

2174—Lease of Site at Upper Dargle Road.

It was agreed in principle to let a site at Upper Dargle Road, some 5 perches in extent, to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, for 25 years at £1 per year.

2175—Gaming & Lotteries Act, 1956—10b, Albert Walk and 13b, Albert Walk.

The Council decided to raise no objection to granting of licences to the above, if the technical officers of the Council were satisfied.

2176—Site for Sale of Oysters.

The tender of Mr. Thomas Boyle, Perrystown, Dublin, in the sum of £20 for the sale of oysters be accepted.

2177—Ponies on the Beach.

It was recommended that the tender of Mr. Austin Gaskin, in the sum of £10 be accepted for the above.

2178—Charnwood Estate.

The Council agreed that the 188 houses being erected by Irish Sound Construction Company at Vevay Road, be called Charnwood Estate.

2179—Bray Tenants' Association.

It was agreed to receive a deputation of the above Association, at the April Meeting.

2180—Closing of Roads—Cycle Race—Bray Trades Council.

It was agreed that an advertisement be inserted in a newspaper, stating the intention of the Council to close Sidmington Road, Putland Road, Meath Road and Galtrim Road, to public traffic between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. on the 11th May, 1967, for the purpose of allowing a cycle race to be held.

2181—Road Safety.

It was agreed to refer the following recommendations from Bray Road Safety Committee to the County Engineer:—

- (a) That extra lighting be placed at the pedestrian crossing at Sunnybank, and,
- (b) A white line and no-parking sign be placed on the roadway at the main street, between Murphy's shop and Keogh's Garage.

2182—Section 10, Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956.

The Town Clerk was asked to write to the Minister for Justice, asking for a reply to the points made by a deputation which waited on him in above matter, several months ago.

2183—Office Field.

A letter from a resident complaining of damage done to his property by persons using the office field, was noted. The Engineer was asked to look into the feasibility of removing a mound of clay, which was facilitating vandalism.

2184—Housing.

On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge, it was resolved, that the loan of £54,000 be sought for the erection of 24 houses by Direct Labour at Richmond Hill.

2185—Housing—Richmond Hill, National Building Agency.

On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. Sayers, the acceptance of a tender of £194,322 by the National Building Agency from Forkin Bros., 55, Mary Street, Dublin, for the erection of 90 houses together with development work for 34 extra houses, was agreed to, and it was decided to seek the sanction of the Minister to the raising of a loan for this scheme, together with the incidental expenses therefor.

2186—Flooding.

Arising out of the receipt of a letter from Little Bray Residents' Association, it was decided to write again to the Minister in the above matter,

and ask when he would be prepared to receive a deputation from the Council, thereon.

2187—Development Plan.

It was decided to consider the Development Plan in conjunction with the Estimates Meeting on the 28th March, 1967.

2188—Flooding at Vallambrosa.

Clr. McAuliffe said that if the County Council would have the culverts in the vicinity of Vallambrosa cleared occasionally, it would avoid the danger of flooding. The Manager pointed out that this was private property, and that the Council would have no legal right to enter on these lands. It was decided to refer the matter to the County Engineer for his attention.

2189—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—Application.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the application by Mr. J. O'Toole for permission to erect an advertising hoarding at Seapoint Road had been reconsidered and it was felt that permission could not be given. Members intimated that they would serve a notice under Section 4, of the City and County Management Act, 1955, in this regard.

Chairman *David Sayers*

Date *11/4/67*

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Minutes of Estimates Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council, held at the Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday, 28th March, 1967, at 7.30 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, and J. Temple.

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

2190—Submitted Report of the County Manager, dated 16th March, 1967.

Summary of Expenditure and Receipts

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

	Gross Expenditure £	Receipts £	Net Expenditure £
Roads	8,752	3,310	5,442
Sanitary Services	36,725	2,996	33,729
Housing	92,185	83,332	8,853
General Urban Purposes	131,040	7,353	123,687
	268,702	96,991	171,711

The amount which will have to be found from Rates in the coming year is £171,711, and the Municipal Rate required to produce it would be 58s. 8d. Such a rate would be 2s. 8d. over that levied in the present year, which was 56s. 0d.

Many new works are being provided for in the Estimates now submitted, and these, together with the necessary provisions for wage adjustments which occurred in 1966, would require an additional Municipal Rate of 1/8d. In addition, there is an increase in the County Council Demand, which would require a Rate of 1/-.

The main items accounting for the increase in the cost of the Council's own services are: provision for a scheme to prevent flooding from the Dargle River, the cost of facilities and improvements at the Seafront, improvements in the scavenging service, additional public lighting cost, new housing charges and a rise in the Demand of the Vocational Education Committee.

The following is a list which gives more precise details of the charges leading to increased expenditure:

1

Wages Increases:
10th Round Increase from 1/6/1966, and special allowance for scavenging staff ... £1,900

Scavenging:
Refuse Dump—Fencing and Levelling ... £1,550
New Refuse Collection Vehicle ... £ 500

Drainage and Sewerage:
Dargle River Drainage Scheme to prevent flooding:
Gross Loan Charge (one-fourth year) £2,280
Deduct expected State Grant £1,140
Net Charge ... £1,140
Joint Sewerage Scheme for Bray and adjoining area (part loan charge) ... £ 400

Public Lighting:
New Lights and increase in E.S.B. charges ... £ 296
Improvement of Lighting—loan charges ... £ 307

Seafront Facilities and Improvements:
New Beach Pavilion—additional loan charges ... £ 785
Works at Boatlip and Cove Pools ... £ 360
Sea Wall Protection Works (loan charges) ... £ 300

Housing:
Provision for Supplementary Housing Grants to persons building their own houses—loan charges ... £1,050
Resurfacing of access laneways at Wolfe Tone Square ... £1,000

Elections:
Provision for Local Elections in 1967 ... £ 370

Tourism:
Increase in contribution to Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation ... £ 100

Vocational Education:
Increase in Demand of Vocational Education Committee ... £ 651
£10,709

The total increases shown here come to £10,709, but they are offset to the extent of about one half by reductions under a number of headings, these being:

Reductions in expenditure:
Roads—Liquidation of Loan Charges ... £ 535
Water Supply—provision made in 1967 for special works which are non-recurring ... £ 850
Superannuation and Death Gratuities—reduction in cost ... £2,056
Housing Loan Repaid ... £1,194
Parks and Open Spaces—special provision made last year for works of a non-recurring character ... £ 500
£5,135

After deducting the foregoing reductions, the net increases would require a Rate of 1/8d. in the £, for municipal services.

ROADS

The outlay on roads for the coming year is estimated at £8,752, and after allowing for receipts of £3,310, the net cost is £5,442.

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There is a decrease in the provision which has to be made for the present year, and this is mainly due to the liquidation of a loan charge.

Road Fund Grant:

In the present year the Road Fund Grant received by the Council was £1,760, and it is expected that a similar sum will be forthcoming this year. In the present year, with this Grant, grass areas in the Housing Scheme at Old Conna were replaced with concrete, and verges at Wolfe Tone Square, which at one time had been laid in grass, were also treated with tar macadam. In addition, the Fairgreen Road in Little Bray, was resurfaced.

Employment Schemes Grant:

There has been a continuous reduction in this Grant. It was over £200 in the present year, the Grant received being £1,400, and it was a condition that £185 be contributed also from Rates, with the view to providing employment, through special works, in mid-winter.

It has been the practice in recent times to lay new footpaths with this Grant, as this type of work has a high labour content. The grant was used in the present year to lay new footpaths at Greenpark Road, Herbert Road, Seapoint Road and also to improve a junction at Seapoint Road.

About two years ago, the Town Engineer, consequent on the representations received from the Members, submitted a report on the condition of footpaths in various parts of the town, and indicated that, in order to carry out the reconstruction programme which was being sought in a short term, it would be necessary to spend £7,500. As this sum, quite obviously, would be one which could not be met through Revenue in one year, the Council felt that it should be regarded as a capital work and a loan be arranged. In the meantime, however, it was found that a short term loan for such a project could not be raised. If it were possible to arrange such a loan, the annual charge would be about £1,200, and in the past two years, one half of this sum was included. In 1965/66, the £600 which was included in the Estimates, by way of a loan charge, was used to defray the cost of repairing damaged roadways and dwellings consequent on serious flooding in November, 1965. In the present year, £600 had again been included, and as a loan could not be arranged, it was used to meet, in part, the cost of wages increases allowed as from June, 1966.

As the Members of the Council, from time to time, have expressed the view that this programme of footpaths reconstruction, should be undertaken whenever a loan could be arranged, £600 again has been included as part of a capital debt charge on a loan of £7,500. In a year in which full loan charges would have to be borne, the cost, at £1,200, would represent a Rate of 5d. in the £.

As mentioned earlier, the cost of roads in the present year shows a reduction because of the liquidation of loans raised about ten years ago. The total cost of Urban Roads is estimated at £8,752, as compared with £9,287 in the present year.

SANITARY SERVICES

Here, the gross outlay, at £36,725, shows a marked increase over the present year, when the provision allowed was £30,779. The services included under this heading are affected by the 10th Round Wage Increase, and, in addition, provision is being made for a number of new works and improvements. After deducting receipts of £2,996, the net outlay is £33,729, which compares with £27,816 in the present year.

Sewerage:

The cost of maintenance, apart from the 10th Round Wage Increase, shows little change, but, under the heading of loan charges, provision is being made for the Joint Sewerage Scheme, which is intended to provide an improved sewage outfall at Bray Harbour, and also to provide a sewerage system, not only for parts of the Urban District, but also for

an area immediately outside it. The total cost of this Scheme, according to the latest reports, would be expected to be about £150,000, and it is being suggested that the cost should be borne equally by Bray Urban District Council and Wicklow County Council. If a 50% State Grant be received towards the capital cost, then the amount to be borne by the Bray Urban Council and Wicklow County Council would be £37,500 each. On the basis of this estimate, the annual loan charge would be somewhere over £3,000. In the attached Estimates, however, only £500 is being included, as it is considered that it would be unlikely that heavy capital costs, and consequent borrowing, will have been undertaken before the end of the present financial year.

At this stage, however, it should be stressed that the carrying out of this Joint Sewerage Scheme could be expected to involve the Council in an annual loan charge of 1/-d. in the £, or more.

Water Supply:

The payment for Bulk Water Supply, at £3,700, shows an increase of £153 over the amount allowed in the present year. The wages and salaries for employees in this section show an increase of about £220, consequent on the 10th Round adjustment, but there is a reduction of £700 on the outlay in the present year, because of the provision which had to be made in 1966/67 for special works, such as installing new valves, and improvements to the inspection system. In addition, there is a reduction of £300 under the heading of Superannuation.

It was recommended last year, by the Town Engineer, that a new Service Reservoir should be provided at a level which would enable water to be supplied, at adequate pressures, in the higher parts of the town. The cost is estimated at £10,000, and if a State Grant of 50% were available, the capital cost to be met by the Council would be £5,000, and the annual loan charge involved would be about £450. Provision is made for a part loan charge of £100.

Cleansing Service:

The cost of Domestic Refuse Collection and of Street Cleaning is up by almost £1,000 because of the 10th Round Wage Increase, and also because of the settlement of a claim for extra remuneration for the Staff engaged on household refuse collection.

The Council, like every other Sanitary Authority, has found much difficulty in arranging for a refuse dump. Our civilisation is one which involves a high degree of waste. In order to reach high standards in food handling and to effect improvements in the storing and retailing of many commodities, containers of all types are being increasingly used, but these containers and packaging materials have to be disposed of, and this can result in a problem for the Sanitary Authority. The amount of material to be taken away, whether from households or from streets, is much greater now than, say, fifteen or twenty years ago. Not only is there greater difficulty and rising costs in removing such material, but there is also the problem of finding somewhere to dump it. In finding a suitable site for a refuse dump, it must be borne in mind that, if the haul be a very long one, costs of disposal will be all the greater. The present refuse dump is fairly convenient, but complaints have been received from time to time about its condition. The Town Engineer, consequently, has recommended that new fencing should be provided and that, in order that it be levelled off in a suitable manner, a stream in the vicinity be culverted. The cost of these works is estimated, by him, at £1,800, and this sum is now included in the Estimates.

It has been reported by the Town Engineer that a new Refuse Vehicle will have to be purchased in the coming year, and the capital cost of it is estimated, by him, at £5,000. Even for part of the year this would involve a loan charge of £500, and the provision for this is made in the Estimates. The last lorry which was purchased could not be regarded as having given satisfactory service, and, in fact, the loan for it has two

further years to run. In contrast, a special type of cleansing vehicle, which was purchased in the 1950's lasted over eleven years, and gave more satisfactory service, quite apart from the ease with which it could be handled, loaded and unloaded.

The total cost of the street and household cleansing service comes to £13,763 and this would represent a rate in the £ of 4s. 8d. If expressed as a charge per head of population, it is 21s. 9d.

As mentioned in previous reports, the Council provides a service of a standard which is reached by very few other Urban Authorities. During the summer, a daily refuse collection service is given in the two principal shopping areas, Main Street and Quinsboro Road, and is also provided for the Strand Road, where most of the hotels and guest houses are located.

Provision of Litter Bins :

For this purpose, only £50 is being included in the present year, but the amount required would be greater, were it not for the fact that a special arrangement has been made with a contractor to provide receptacles on lamp posts throughout the town. Of late, there has been a falling off in the wanton damage to litter bins, and it is hoped that this will continue.

Public Lighting :

In recent years the Council has continued to improve the Street Lighting. About fifteen years ago or so the cost was about £1,200. In the coming year, however, the estimate is £3,166, an increase of almost £300 over the sum allowed for 1966/'67.

In addition to this provision, £457 is included to meet the loan charge on a loan of £1,800 which was raised about a year ago. This is a short term loan, repayable in five years, and the proceeds were used to improve the lighting in the Main Street and Quinsboro Road. It is intended, in the coming year, to improve the lighting between Bray Bridge and the Dublin County Boundary.

Swimming Pool and Boat Slip :

Pending the construction of a new swimming pool, it is necessary to maintain, in a reasonable condition, the bathing facilities which presently exist at Bray Cove. For this purpose, a similar amount to that provided last year is again included—viz. £250 for repairs, and £200 for cleaning.

In 1966 a loan of £1,900 was raised by the Council for the purpose of carrying out some improvements to the Cove Pools, and also for repairing the Boat Slip at the Esplanade. In the coming year, this loan will involve a charge of £360. At present, it is not possible to indicate when the project for a new swimming pool at Carlisle Grounds will be commenced, but it is felt that some provision should be made, in loan charges, for preliminary costs. Consequently, a sum of £200 has been included to meet part of a loan charge which possibly might be incurred before the end of the coming year.

Beach Pavilion (Esplanade) :

In the coming year, the loan charges on the new Beach Pavilion will be £1,445. This structure could be regarded as one of the improvements representing the first stage of the provision of special tourist facilities at the Seaford. Already the Council had erected a number of shelters and carried out other improvements.

Carlisle Grounds Scheme :

The purchase of Carlisle Grounds was completed about a year ago, and on this site of 3½ acres, it is intended, not only to provide a modern swimming pool, but also to provide other tourist attractions, such as cafe, children's play area, etc. The details of the scheme have not yet been settled with An Bord Fáilte. The loan charge arising from the cost of acquisition will be £385 in the coming year.

Sea Wall Protection Works :

Heavy seas have been causing damage to the Sea Wall for the past year, and it is now estimated that an expenditure of £20,000 will be required for the carrying out of suitable protection works. It would be hoped to obtain a State Grant towards the cost, under the Coast Protection Act, 1963. The loan charge of £300 has been included as a provisional sum, in respect of the repayment of part of the capital cost which will have to be met by the Council.

Dargle River Drainage—Flood Prevention Scheme :

Consequent on the occurrence of flooding from the Dargle River, in November, 1965, the Council decided to investigate the possibility of a scheme which would prevent such flooding. A Consultant Engineer was engaged by the Council for this purpose, and his report was submitted to the Department of Local Government some time ago, with a request that a special State Grant be made available towards meeting the cost. The Consultant had estimated the cost of measures to prevent flooding, at £116,000. To meet the loan charge for part of a year, on a scheme of this character, £1,140 has been included in the Estimates.

Pending the carrying out of the Scheme recommended by the Consultant, the Town Engineer arranged with Messrs. Roadstone Ltd., to take large quantities of gravel from the river bed, at places between the Dargle Laundry and Bray Road Bridge. This work is still in progress.

The loan charges on the capital cost of the Scheme recommended by the Consultant would come to over £10,000 a year, and if no State Grant were received, the Rate in the £ required to meet it would be 3s. 6d. If a State Grant of 50% of the cost were to be received, then the Rate required would be 1s. 9d. in the £.

It should, at this stage, be mentioned that the County Council has carried out extensive repair works on roads and bridges as a result of the flooding which occurred in November, 1965, but have received no special grants whatever towards the cost involved.

The Urban Council, moreover, spent up to £3,000 on the special measures undertaken by them to cope with flood damage, and no special grants were received to defray any part of the cost.

HOUSING

For Housing, the gross expenditure is estimated at £92,185, and the receipts from Rents, State Subsidy and repayment of loans, at £83,332, leave the net cost to be borne from Rates at £8,853. Last year, the provision made for housing was £7,391. The rise in the cost, in the case of these services, is mainly attributable to the provision which has to be made for the repayment of loans raised for the purpose of making Supplementary Grants to persons purchasing or building their own houses.

Housing Repairs :

Last year, £3,000 was allowed for repairs to Council houses, and a similar sum again has been included this year, even though a number of houses already have been purchased by tenants under the Tenant Purchase Scheme. It could not be expected that the cost of repairs will show any falling off in the near future. It must be borne in mind that, even if a number of houses be purchased by tenants, and that the Council consequently be relieved of the liability to repair them, the cost of repairs is continuously rising because of alterations in wage rates.

Resurfacing of Access Lanes at Wolfe Tone Square :

Frequent representations have been made to Members of the Council by tenants about the condition of the laneways which provide access to houses in Wolfe Tone Square. It has been submitted that these be resurfaced. To resurface all these laneways would be costly, and £1,000, which is the estimate of the Town Engineer, has been included for this purpose.

New Housing :

In the past two years, 23 houses have been built by the Town Engineer, as a Direct Labour project. As the Council found difficulty in arranging for the building of houses by contract, it was fortunate that the Town Engineer was in a position to build some houses by Direct Labour.

As a result of negotiations with the National Building Agency, it is now hoped to arrange for the start of the construction of 90 houses on lands at Old Conna, at an early date. In addition, the Town Engineer will be continuing with the Direct Labour programme and it is expected that twenty four further houses will be completed in this way.

In the present year the final repayment on a loan borrowed in 1931, for the erection of houses in the Little Bray area, was made, and this results in a reduction in loan charges of almost £1,200 in the coming year. An additional provision has to be made for the loan charges on the new schemes at Old Conna (Richmond Hill), and £5,000 is included by way of loan charges. This outlay, however, will be offset, to a considerable extent, by rents from new houses and the receipt of State Subsidy, whilst the liquidation of the loan charge already referred to will mean that, taken over all, the new housing schemes, in the coming year, will involve little additional expense to the Council. In later years, however, it must be expected that the new schemes will require a substantial measure of subsidy from the Rates.

Loans and Grants for Private Building :

In the Estimates, provision is being made for new loans to persons either building or purchasing their own houses. The new loan charges included come to almost £6,500, but these will be completely offset by repayments from borrowers, and consequently no charge is involved on the Rates.

For some time past, the Council has been making Supplementary Grants to persons erecting or buying their own houses. These Grants are in addition to those which are paid by the Department of Local Government, and are for similar amounts. The normal grant is £275 per house. It is expected that by the end of the next year, up to one hundred such grants will have been paid by the Council, and this will involve considerable loan charges. The loan charges for 1967/68, arising out of the payment of these grants, are estimated to reach £1,500, and this is £1,050 more than in the present year. The cost of these grants will represent a Rate of about 6d in the £ in the coming year, and this is a levy which can be expected to show a rise, as additional grants are made in the coming years.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

The expenditure under this heading includes Vocational Education, Parks and Open Spaces, the Esplanade, the Public Library, School Meals and many other services. In addition it includes the County Council Demand, and the special levy under the Unemployment Assistance Acts.

Esplanade and Seafront :

Provision again is included for numerous maintenance items at the Seafront, such as litter baskets, strip lighting, flags, pennants, life buoys, painting of railings and seats, repairs to shelters, kiosks and boat-slip, maintenance of lawns on the Esplanade, etc. The total cost of all these items would come to £2,190. For Strip Lighting, £500 is included and this is £100 more than in the present year. The number of lights is being increased, and there also has been an increase in the E.S.B. charges.

For the painting of railings, seats and bandstands, £500 is again being allowed. Likewise £250 has been included for repairs to shelters and kiosks, and £250 for repairs to the boat-slip.

Parks and Playing Fields :

Some time ago, it was arranged to acquire the area known as the Office Field from the Meath Estates, for the purpose of being used as playing pitches. The Meath Estates showed a very commendable willingness to facilitate the Council, and agreed to a lease of five acres of land at a nominal rent. It was, however, necessary to provide boundary walls and suitable fencing. In addition, it has been recommended that a pavilion be provided. The cost of a pavilion is estimated at £3,000, and a wall and fencing at about £1,000. The total outlay, consequently, would be £4,000, and it is recommended that a loan might be arranged to meet the cost. If this is done, the annual loan charge for a half year would be £320, and this sum is being included in the Estimates.

During the present year, the Council continued with the scheme for improving the People's Park in Little Bray, and it is felt that the work carried out there results in the place presenting a pleasant appearance, and in providing another facility for visitors to the town.

Vocational Education :

The Demand of the Committee, at £5,616, shows a rise of £651, which is equivalent to a Rate of 3d. in the £. The total cost of Vocational Education in the coming year will be £7,478. The Rate required, after taking into account a contribution from the Department of Education towards the cost of superannuation, will be 2s. 3d. in the £.

Public Library :

The total cost of the Public Library is estimated at £4,701, which is a reduction of £155 on that for the present year. During the present year, Mr. D. Breathnach resigned to take up a senior appointment in Kilkenny, and he is being succeeded by Miss E. Murray.

The report of the Librarian shows that membership continues to increase, the total number of borrowers at present being 2,038. The report of the Librarian is being circulated with these Estimates.

Local Elections :

As Local Elections will be held in June next, the sum of £370 is being included to meet the cost of them.

Tourist Development :

The contribution made by the Council under this heading now goes to the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation. This group run an office in Bray, and it is quite evident that they have been providing a worthwhile service in the matter of publicity, quite apart from arranging for the booking of accommodation. Because of an expansion in their activities, they have asked that the Council might increase the annual contribution to £600, and consequently the Estimates show the contribution at £100 above that which is being made at present (£500).

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND

For the coming year, the County Council Demand is £91,356, which is £3,708 more than for 1966/67. This would represent a Rate of 1s. 0d. in the £. The amounts demanded under the various headings of Main Roads, Public Assistance, Health and General Purposes will always be affected by balances brought in from previous years, these being determined by the relationship of the actual outlay for a year to what had been estimated for it. In the coming year the increase derives mainly from the cost of Roads, as provision has had to be made for 10th Round wage increases.

Unemployment Assistance Acts Levy :

This special levy which is made in all Urban Districts, with a population over 6,000, will come to £2,085 in the coming year. The yield is paid over to the Department of Social Welfare.

Elements affecting Cost Levels:

The rate put forward in the Estimates shows an increase of 2s. 8d. over that levied in the present year. Of this, 1s. 0d. is attributable to the County Council Demand, and the balance of 1s. 8d. results from the Urban Council's own services. From the details given it will have been seen that the rise in the cost of Municipal Services is due, in the first instance, to 10th Round remuneration increases. These applied to the outdoor staff and to junior clerical staff. The total amount required in respect of the former was £1,600 in the present year, and £1,900 for the coming year, but any increases for the clerical staff were offset by some reductions in costs consequent on the engaging of new staff at lower points on salary scales, and reductions in the cost of superannuation.

At this point, it is felt that mention should be made of the many new claims received from Unions in recent months. Experience shows that nowadays, no sooner is one claim disposed of than another arrives. These claims are being continuously received by all local authorities. In particular, the number relating to hospitals staff is so great that those with a responsibility for local administration could ultimately find themselves left with altogether inadequate time for the many other matters requiring attention. It is notable that, if any type of negotiating machinery be set up, it seems to be expected that local authorities could be expected to keep it in almost continuous session. But it should be mentioned that local authorities do not employ, as do some industrial organisations, a specially trained staff to cope with industrial relations. If the very many claims at present requiring to be dealt with in various ways, such as through arbitration boards, the Labour Court, and industrial councils, result in their being accepted, even in part, then the costs of services and local rates will show a further steep rise in the near future, and the rate required for 1968/69 will be substantially higher than that now being sought. It is well that this should be appreciated in advance. Again whilst the incomes of those in employments continue to rise, there are some in the community who cannot adjust their personal budgets to meet with the rising costs of either commodities or public services. To give a true picture of the situation, however, it must also be mentioned that many of the wage and salary claims received by local authorities are based on and follow from something which, it is submitted, has happened in industry or in the state-sponsored bodies.

The following analysis will serve to show how the proposed rate of 58s. 8d. required by the Estimates now submitted is made up:

Municipal Services

	s.	d.
Roads—Urban	1	10
Sanitary Services (Water, Sewerage, Cleansing, etc.)	11	6
Housing	3	0
General Urban Purposes (Esplanade, Parks, Vocational Education, Public Lighting, School Meals, Legal Expenses, Audit, Printing, Stationery, Insurances, Salaries, etc.)	10	5
Unemployment Assistance Acts Levy		9

County Council Demand (County-at-large Services)

Roads—Main	5	4
Public Assistance	1	5½
Health	20	8
General Purposes (Scholarships, Courthouses, Valuation, Diseases of Animals, Civil Defence, Electoral Lists, Food & Drugs Control, Weights & Measures, etc.)	2	7
Fire Brigade	1	1
Separate Charges—Malicious Injuries		½
	58	8

In the event that it might be advanced that value is not being received for the outlay on the Health Services, it must be pointed out that the number of persons being admitted to general hospitals continues to rise. For example, the number admitted in 1965/66 was 3,489, compared with 2,637 in 1962/63, and the number of in-patient days which had been 59,514 in 1962/63 had risen to 70,713 in 1965/66. There also has been a marked rise in the number of mental defectives, and deaf and dumb persons admitted to special institutions for care and training. The cost of medicines has gone up by over 100 per cent. in the past few years. Nowadays, expensive drugs are supplied free of charge or at reduced cost to many persons outside of those in the so-called low-income group, where otherwise hardship might arise. This is a reasonable and much appreciated facility. There has been much clamour about the ambulance service in recent times, and in the coming year it will cost £20,000, and even then it can be expected that there will be people who will demand still higher standards. The outlay on Disability Allowances, which serve to keep persons out of institutions where their upkeep would be much more costly, will reach almost £34,000 in the coming year.

The Estimates, as already indicated, include not only provision for improvements in some services, but also for many new works. Provision is being made for improvements in the cleansing service through the purchase of new equipment, and alterations to the refuse dump. Protection works for the Sea Wall at Esplanade are being provided for, and other works at the Seafront are also included. A new item, involving considerable outlay, is the loan charge—even though it only represents a part of the probable annual cost—for a Drainage Scheme to prevent flooding in the low-lying parts of the town. As the details of the Scheme for tourist facilities at Carlisle Grounds have not yet been determined only a limited sum is included for loan charges. Some provision is also being made for the Joint Sewerage Scheme, an essential undertaking if the town is to continue to expand. These proposed new projects will, however, in the coming years, entail much heavier charges for loan repayments, and some of them will also involve considerable maintenance charges. They are essential, however, if Bray is to maintain its position as a seaside resort and be able to attract either industry or persons who would find it a pleasant place in which to live.

The costs and other details on which these Estimates are based have been taken out with due care, and exactitude by Mr. McCarthy, Town Clerk, and by Mr. D. Foley, who recently took up duty as Accountant, and has shown commendable competence in quickly acquainting himself with the financial activities of the Council. The Town Engineer, Mr. Healy, has continued to build houses by Direct Labour, and whilst waiting for the advent of contract building, has helped in this way to meet the needs of some of those on the waiting list for houses. The Librarian, Miss E. Murray, has shown, in her new post, not only a large measure of enthusiasm and dedication—qualities which mean so much in running a public library—but has also been discharging her duties with unusual skill. Mr. P. Doyle, Water Inspector and Fire Brigade Station Officer, has displayed that untiring effort and diligence which one always associates with him. The Overseer and Rate and Rent Collectors, and all members of both outdoor and indoor staff have performed their duties in a competent manner in the past year, and have, in this way, kept the public services generally as a satisfactory level. The special reports, prepared by the Town Engineer and Librarian are being circulated with this statement.

Once again it is only proper that a tribute be paid to the Chairman of the Council for all the thought he has given to public issues and for the kindness he always has shown to all with whom he comes in contact in public life. To the other Members of the Council, I would like to convey my thanks for the earnest manner in which they have approached our mutual problems and the help and guidance so freely afforded.

Any additional information on these Estimates which may be requested

will be given at the Estimates Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 28th March, 1967, at 7.30 p.m.

Also submitted, County Manager's Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1968, as follows:

**ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st DAY OF MARCH, 1968.**

EXPENDITURE

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council
URBAN ROADS		
Ordinary Road Works		
Urban Roads Maintenance—Wages ...	1,854	
Urban Roads—Materials, Cartage & Tools ...	850	
Footpath—Repairs ...	300	
Footpath Verges—Wolfe Tone Square & Led- wedge Crescent ...	—	
New Road Works		
Road Fund Grant ...	1,760	
Employment Schemes Grant ...	1,485	
Road Signs, Name Plates, etc. ...	100	
Roadside Tree Planting and Seats ...	50	
Salaries (Engineer and Overseer—Part) ...	865	
Salaries (Storekeeper one—half) ...	468	
Clothing (Workmen) ...	55	
LOAN CHARGES		
1956 St. Kevin's Sq., Seymour Road, Galtrim Road, Wyndham Park and Connolly Sq. (Treas.) ...	—	
1957 Herbert Road, St. Laurence's Terrace and Dock Terrace (Treas.) ...	—	
1964 Footpaths reconstruction at Florence Road, Eglinton Road, Galtrim Road (Treas.) ...	355	
1967 New access to Seafront (Ravenswell Rd.) (Treas.) ...	10	
1967 New Footpaths (half-year) ...	600	
	8,752	
SANITARY SERVICES		
Sewers—Wages ...	1,285	
do. —Clothing (Workmen) ...	38	
do. —Materials ...	300	
do. —Superannuation ...	202	
Cockbrook—Cleaning ...	100	
Cockbrook—Gratings on Culverts ...	—	
Waterworks—Salaries ...	1,044	
do. —Wages ...	2,012	
do. —Superannuation ...	—	
do. —Clothing—Workmen ...	38	
do. —Materials ...	250	
do. —Inspection System improvement ...	—	
do. —Dublin Corporation for bulk water supply @ 2.88d. ...	3,700	
do. Replacement of Valves ...	100	

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council
Scavenging—Domestic Refuse Collection—		
do. —Wages ...	3,500	
do. —Wages (Street Cleaning) ...	5,939	
do. —Clothing—Workmen ...	144	
do. —Tools, Brushes, etc. ...	50	
do. —Fuel, maintenance, etc. Refuse Vehicle No. 1 ...	250	
do. —Fuel, maintenance, etc. Refuse Vehicle No. 2 ...	250	
do. —Fuel, maintenance, etc. Refuse Vehicle No. 3 ...	150	
do. —Repairs to Handcarts ...	50	
do. —Superannuation (Workmen) ...	467	
do. —Dump—Levelling and Road Re- pair, etc. ...	1,800	
Cove Swimming Pools—Repairs ...	250	
do. —Cleaning ...	200	
Water Safety—Contribution towards I.R.C.S. ...	25	
Public Lighting ...	3,166	
Salaries—(Engineer and Overseer—Part) ...	865	
Salaries—Storekeeper—part ...	468	
Other Sanitary Expenses ...	10	
Public Conveniences—Repair and Maintenance do. —Wages ...	150	
New Litter Boxes, repairs and replacements ...	478	
Acquisition and Clearing of Derelict Sites ...	50	
Beach Pavilion—Maintenance ...	100	
	200	
LOAN CHARGES		
1947 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.) ...	198	
1947 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.) ...	15	
1947 Watermains—Herbert & Vevay Roads (C.P.W.) ...	78	
1949 Sewers & Watermains—Meath & Sid- monton Roads (C.P.W.) ...	200	
1951 Miscellaneous 4" Watermains (Scheme No. 1) purchase ...	113	
1951 Laying of Watermains—Church Road, etc. (Scheme No. 1) (C.P.W.) ...	171	
1952 Purchase of additional Watermains (Scheme No. 2) ...	272	
1952 Relaying of Watermains (Scheme No. 2) (C.P.W.) ...	228	
1953 Esplanade Improvements (Treasurer) ...	212	
1955 Sea Wall Repairs (Treasurer) ...	220	
1955 Relaying of Watermains (Scheme No. 3) (Treasurer) ...	212	
1958 New Sanitary Conveniences—People's Park and Town Hall (Treasurer) ...	121	
1962 Purchase of Refuse Collection Vehicles (Treasurer) ...	327	
1963 Sanitary Conveniences Southern Esplan- ade (Treasurer) ...	471	
1964 Purchase of Tipper Lorry (Treasurer) ...	336	
1964 Beach Pavilion at Esplanade (Treasurer) ...	660	
1966 Improvement to Public Lighting (Treas.) ...	457	
1966 Beach Pavilion at Esplanade (Treas.) ...	785	
1966 Cove Pools, Boatlip at Esplanade— Repairs (Treasurer) ...	360	

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council
1966 Amenity Scheme—Carlisle Grounds		
Acquisition (Treasurer) ...	385	
1967 Tourist Facilities at Harbour ...	20	
1967 New Swimming Pool, Carlisle Grounds		
Scheme ...	200	
1967 Joint Sewerage Scheme ...	500	
1967 Acquisition of Land adjoining River		
Dargle ...	5	
1967 Acquisition of Land adjoining Bray		
Head ...	5	
1967 Acquisition of Land adjoining Martello		
Terrace ...	5	
1967 Purchase of New Equipment (Compressor Roller Van, etc.) (half-year) ...	498	
1967 Dargle River Drainage Scheme ...	1,140	
1967 Water Supply—Service Reservoir ...	100	
1967 New Refuse Lorry ...	500	
1967 Sea Wall Protection Works ...	300	
	36,725	

HOUSING

Housing of the Working Classes

Maintenance and Repairs ...	3,000
Maintenance and Repairs—Surfacing Open Spaces at Old Conna ...	—
Maintenance and Repairs—Resurfacing Lanes at Wolfe Tone Square ...	1,000
Salaries—Engineer and Overseer—Part ...	865
Salaries—Clerical Staff ...	482
Superannuation—Clerical Staff ...	750
Rent Collectors' Commission ...	2,396
Rates on Council Houses ...	13,227
Rates on Council Houses at Old Conna ...	6,534
Rates on Council Houses at Richmond Hill ...	1,233
Insurance ...	375

LOAN CHARGES

1931 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver) ...	—
1933 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver) (St. Brigid's, etc.) ...	912
1935 Wolfe Tone Square and Kilmartin Park (C.P.W.) ...	6,185
1936 do. do. ...	1,086
1937 Little Bray Housing Development (C.P.W.) ...	543
1929 3½% 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 ...	573
1951 do. do. ...	69

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council
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 (Old Conna) ...	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.) ...	130	
1955 Acquisition of houses at Maitland St. (C.P.W.) ...	180	
1955 Children's Playground at Boghall Road (Treas.) ...	50	
1958 Acquisition of Houses at Maitland St. (C.P.W.) ...	160	
1960 Acquisition of Houses at Ardee Street Chapel Lane and Greenpark Road Schemes—9 houses etc. (C.P.W.) ...	1,430	
1966 Hawthorn Road (No. 2)—8 Houses ...	1,385	
1966 Ravery Villas Housing Scheme—6 Houses ...	1,050	
1967 Richmond Hill (Direct Labour) 10 Houses ...	1,000	
1967 Richmond Hill (Direct Labour) 24 Houses ...	1,000	
1967 Richmond Hill (Contract) 90 Houses ...	3,000	

LOAN CHARGES—House Purchase Loans

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 ...	1,476
1966 C. Public Works Loan ...	346
1967 C. Public Works Loan ...	6,000

LOAN CHARGES—Supplementary Grants

1966 Supplementary Housing Grants ...	800
1967 Supplementary Housing Grants ...	700

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES		
Town Hall Expenses—Lighting, Heating and Cleaning	325	
Town Hall Expenses—Repairs	100	
Town Hall Expenses—Cleaner's Wages	237	
Tourist Development	600	
Public Library Salaries (Librarian and Assistants)	2,056	
Public Library Wages	105	
do. Books, Binding, etc.	1,350	
do. Books (Juvenile Section)	800	
do. Loan Charges—Proposed new Extension	—	
do. Heating and Lighting	140	
do. Repairs and Maintenance	140	
do. Office Expenses—Stationery, Postage and Telephone, etc.	120	
Vocational Education—Demand	5,616	
Vocational Education—Superannuation	1,562	
Public Parks and Esplanade—Wages	3,898	
Public Parks and Esplanade—Clothing (Workmen)	27	
Public Parks and Esplanade—Materials and Petrol	200	
Public Parks and Esplanade—People's Park Improvements	150	
Public Parks and Esplanade—Provision of Playing Pitch (Office Field)	—	
Public Parks and Esplanade—Maintenance Carlisle Grounds	50	
Esplanade—New Litter Baskets	100	
do. Sodding, Seeds, Manure	100	
do. Repairs to Seats and Bandstand	100	
do. Strip-lighting	500	
do. Flags and Pennants	100	
do. Life Buoys	40	
do. Replacement of Notice Boards	50	
do. Replacement of Flag Poles	50	
do. Painting of Railings, Seats and Bandstand	500	
do. Sea Wall Repairs and Footpaths	100	
do. Repairs to Shelters and Kiosks	250	
do. Repairs to Boat-slip	250	
do. Repairs to Store at Harbour	—	
do. Promenade Railings	50	
Bray Head—Clearing of Undergrowth	100	
Bray Head—Repairs, of Walls and Fences	100	
Bray Head—Repairs to Access Roads	—	
Markets and Weighbridge—Salary of Weighmaster	62	
Markets and Weighbridge—Repairs	10	
Markets and Weighbridge—Rent	15	
Band Performances	500	
Milk and Dairies Acts	10	
School Meals—Cost of Food	1,070	
School Meals—Cost of Administration	468	
Salaries	5,027	
Salaries—Engineer and Overseer—Part	865	
Rate Collector's Commission	1,418	

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council
Superannuation—Former Weighmaster	—	
Death Gratuity—Former Council Official	—	
Legal Expenses	1,000	
Audit Expenses	120	
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	500	
Office Expenses—Postage and Telephone	350	
Preparation of Rate Books, etc.	90	
Rent, Rates and Taxes	252	
Insurance (Fire, E.L., P.L., and F.G.)	820	
Discount on Rates	125	
Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates	550	
Fuel Scheme—Cost of Turf, etc.	2,120	
Fuel Scheme—Administration (Printing, etc.)	80	
Bank Interest	50	
Planning and Development	200	
Miscellaneous	65	
Local Elections	370	
Harbour Repairs	300	
LOAN CHARGES—GENERAL PURPOSES		
1957 Town Hall Repairs (Treasurer)	560	
1959 Town Hall Repairs (Treasurer) (Supplementary)	306	
1967 New Concrete Decking for Promenade (part)	200	
1967 Sportsground at Office Field	320	
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES		
Main Roads	15,569	
Public Assistance	4,250	
Health Services	60,568	
General Purposes (County)	7,486	
Separate Charges (Criminal Injuries)	113	
Separate Charges (Fire Brigade)	3,270	
	91,256	
UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE LEVY		
1966/67 £55,600 P.L.V. @ 9d. in £1 (1933 & 1940 U.A. Acts)	2,085	
	131,040	
RECEIPTS		
URBAN ROADS		
State Grants		
Estate Duty	150	
Road Fund	1,760	
Employment Schemes	1,300	
Miscellaneous	100	
	3,310	
SANITARY SERVICES		
State Grants—Recoupment Loan Charges on		
Watermains—Scheme No. 1	110	
do. do. Scheme No. 2	200	
do. do. Scheme No. 3	81	

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council
do. —Sanitary Conveniences at South- ern Esplanade	75	
do. —Derelict Sites Clearance	50	
Sewer Connections	20	
Water Connections	460	
Water Rents	950	
Sanitary Conveniences	430	
Beach Pavilion—Lettings	430	
Sewer Rents—Dublin Road	150	
	2,996	
HOUSING		
Housing Subsidy—Little Bray Scheme	910	
do. —Wolfe Tone Sq. & Cillman- tain Park	3,710	
do. —Dublin Road, Castle St., etc.	501	
do. —29 Houses Scheme	84	
do. —18 Houses Scheme	88	
do. —48 Houses Scheme	820	
do. —94 Houses Scheme	4,000	
do. —36 Houses Scheme	1,200	
do. —Contribution to Interest Rate, 91 Houses	460	
do. —Contribution to Interest Rate, 29 Houses	112	
do. —Contribution to Interest Rate, 18 Houses	79	
do. —Contribution to Interest Rate, 48 Houses	1,232	
do. —Chapel Lane, Greenpark Rd., Scheme, 9 Houses	621	
do. —Old Conna (6 Houses Scheme D.L.)	414	
do. —Hawthorn Road (8 Houses Scheme D.L.)	560	
do. —Richmond Hill (10 Houses Scheme D.L.)	500	
do. —Richmond Hill (24 Houses Scheme D.L.)	500	
do. —Richmond Hill (90 Houses) (Contract)	1,000	
Rents (Inc. of Rates)	21,695	
Rents (Inc. of Rates) Old Conna	14,110	
Purchase Annuities and Rents (Old Schemes)	2,818	
Purchase Annuities and Rates—Scott Park Scheme	2,412	
Ground Rents	718	
Rents—Chapel Lane, Greenpark Road, Dublin Road, and Raverty Villas Schemes	2,004	
Rents—Hawthorn Road (D.L.)—8 Houses	814	
Rents—Richmond Hill (D.L.)—10 Houses	508	
Rents—Richmond Hill (D.L.)—24 Houses	606	
Rents—Richmond Hill Contract—90 Houses	1,515	
LOAN REPAYMENTS—PRIVATE DWELLINGS		
Repayments by Borrowers (Old Loans)	734	
Repayments by Borrowers (New Loans)	18,607	
	83,332	

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

State Grants

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council
Bounty in lieu of Rates	844	
School Meals	535	
Fuel Scheme	1,824	
Vocational Education—State Recoupment of Superannuation	775	

Other Receipts

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council
Vocational Education—Recoupment of Super- annuation from other Local Authorities	24	
Fairgreen House, Letting	20	
Markets and Town Hall, Lettings	50	
Esplanade—Putting Green	360	
Chair Licence	50	
Watercraft Licence	6	
Kiosks—Esplanade	790	
Shopping Arcade—South Boathouse	590	
Weighing Machines	44	
Photographic Licence	—	
Sale of Oysters Licence	20	
Fuel Scheme—Payments by recipients and re- coupment from County Council	296	
Public Library—Registration Fees, etc.	300	
Annuity—Sec. 11, E.S.B. Act, 1930—Mill Lane Premises	175	
Miscellaneous	650	
	7,353	

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1967/68

Summary of Charges

	Gross Expenditure £	Receipts £	Net Expenditure £
Roads	8,752	3,310	5,442
Sanitary Services	36,725	2,996	33,729
Housing	92,185	83,332	8,853
General Urban Purposes	131,040	7,353	123,687
	268,702	96,991	171,711

The net requirements to be met from Rate Levy as above, are £171,711.
Municipal Rate of 1d. in £1 produces £244.
Rate in the £1 to meet net expenditure of £171,711 is 58/8d.

The Council considered the Estimates in detail, and made the follow-
ing amendments:—

- Sanitary Services—Expenditure.
A sum of £200 (part loan charge), New Scheme, Pools—Carlisle
Grounds, was reduced by £190, to £10.
- A sum of £500 (part loan charge), Joint Sewerage Scheme, was
reduced by £250, to £250.

- (c) Housing.
A sum of £1,000 for resurfacing lanes at Wolfe Tone Square, was reduced by £500, to £500.
- (d) General Urban Purposes.
A sum of £1,000 for Legal Expenses, was reduced by £500, to £500.

No change was made on the Receipt side, but the Council decided that Credits be taken to allow a Rate of 58s. 0d. in the £, instead of the Manager's required Rate of 58s. 8d. in the £.

The Credits taken were £447.

These changes having been made, the Council, on the proposition of Clr. H. B. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. H. L. McAuliffe, resolved:

"That we hereby adopt the Estimates of Expenses set forth in Table A, B and C, and determine, in accordance with the said amended Estimates, the Rate set forth in Column 8 of Table C, to be the rate in the £ to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said Estimates, as amended, for the Financial year ending 31st March, 1968, to be 58s. 0d. in the £."

2191—Miscellaneous.

During the course of the Meeting, and the item by item consideration of the Estimates, the following matters arose:—

(1) The chairman and Members extended a welcome to the incoming Accountant, Mr. Foley, and Mr. Foley thanked them for their kindness in this regard.

(2) Members strongly urged that improvements be carried out, without delay, on the two old shelters on the Seafront and also the seats. Mr. Healy promised that this would be done.

(3) Councillors M. O'Toole and E. Byrne, sought to reduce the amount for footpath repairs, from £300 to £150, but, the majority of the Meeting agreed to allow the sum of £300 stand.

(4) The Town Engineer was urged to carry out repairs to Connolly Square and St. Kevin's Square, as soon as possible.

(5) The Council discussed an estimate of £1,800 for the dump. Members urged that the approach roads be improved, as much as possible. Mr. Healy felt that this could be done to a degree.

(6) Clr. McAuliffe dissented from the amount allowed for cleaning and repairing of Cove Pools.

(7) Flooding, Little Bray—The Town Clerk was instructed to phone a strong protest from the Council, at the failure of the Minister to meet a Deputation from the Council, to date, regarding flood relief measures in Little Bray.

(8) The Council discussed an estimate of £100 (total sum) for a Water Reservoir. Clrs. Temple and E. Byrne strongly protested against the lack of water in the Scott Park area. Mr. Healy pointed out that in the course of about four weeks, he hoped to have a new main laid from Wolfe Tone Square to Kennedy Park. This would help matters somewhat, but he further pointed out that most of the houses would need to rearrange their internal plumbing, and finally stated, that the position would not be completely satisfactory until such time as a large storage reservoir was erected by the Council.

(9) Seawall Restoration—During a discussion on a sum for these works, Clr. Temple suggested that if a Deputation were being received by the Minister on the Dargle River flooding, this was a matter that might also be discussed.

(10) Clrs. McAuliffe and Temple dissented from the proposal to increase the tourist contribution from £500 to £600.

(11) People's Park—The Chairman and other Members congratulated

the Engineer, and Mr. Tom Murray on the excellent work being done on the People's Park.

(12) Clrs. McAuliffe and other Members complained strongly that the County Council were not carrying out their duties properly, in the matter of Main Roads in the Town, particularly at Convent Hill and Adelaide Road. The Town Clerk was directed to take up the matter with the County Secretary.

(13) The County Manager directed the attention of the Members to the necessity for taking some action regarding Review of Housing Rents, and it was agreed that after receiving a Deputation of the Tenants, at the next Meeting of the Council, that they would hold a Special Meeting of the whole Council in Committee, to discuss this matter. They would also decide on the date for a Special Meeting to discuss the Draft Town Plan, which has been circulated.

The Chairman thanked the Members for their patience and detailed consideration of the Estimates, the Manager for his lengthy explanation and clear Statement of the Financial details, and the Town Clerk and other members of the staff.

Chairman *T. Sayers*

Date *9/5/67*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council, held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 11th April, 1967, at 7.30 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 and J. Temple.

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

2192—Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of Monthly Meeting of 14th March, 1967, which had been circulated, were adopted.

2193—Manager's Orders.

The County Manager's Orders for the month of March, 1967, were noted.

2194—Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was voted to the relatives of the late:
 Mrs. Margaret Keenan, 6 Cillmantain Park, Bray.
 Patrick Berry, 5 Kilmartin Place, Bray.
 Mr. Henry Humphreys, "Glenstal," Cuala Grove, Bray.
 Mr. James Bolton, Mona Cottage, Strand Road, Bray.
 Mrs. Bridget Smith, 4 Sugarloaf Terrace, Bray.
 Mr. John Shortt, 64 Wolfe Tone Square North, Bray.
 Mr. Ronald Ross, "Rahan," Killarney Road, Bray.
 Miss Mary Ritchie, 7 Loreto Terrace, Bray.
 Mrs. Mary Kelly, Cavan.
 Miss Anne O'Brien, 1 Davitt Road, Bray.
 Mr. Michael Mackey, 3 Castle Terrace, Bray.
 Mrs. Frances E. O'Malley, 1 Marie Villas, Convent Avenue, Bray.
 Mr. Patrick Sheehan, 6 Martello Terrace, Bray.
 Mr. William Moore, 203 Norwood Road, Southall, Middlesex.

2195—Flooding.

A letter from Little Bray Residents Association, congratulating the Council on making provision in the Estimates for a Flood Prevention Scheme, and supporting the Council in its endeavour to get a hearing from the Department in the matter, was noted.

The Councillors expressed complete dissatisfaction at the failure of the Minister to indicate that he would receive a deputation regarding the above. Councillor Temple's view was that the Council should transact no further business unless some reply was received from the Minister before the next Statutory Meeting.

Mr. McAuliffe was informed that the County Council were investigating the position regarding Valembrasa.

2196—Council Coat of Arms.

Permission was granted to Bray Wheelers Cycling Club to use the Council Coat of Arms.

2197—Town Planning Conference—Dublin, 22nd/25th May, 1967.

It was unanimously agreed that all the Members, the Town Engineer and the Town Clerk attend the Conference if they so wished, and that expenses, in accordance with the scale, be granted to them.

2198—Road Safety Committee.

It was agreed to receive a deputation from the above committee at the next Monthly Meeting.

2199—Winch at Bray Harbour.

Bray Sea Angling Club were granted permission to erect a winch at the Harbour Boat-slip.

2200—Purchase of plot of ground in front of French School.

On the proposition of Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Hipwell, it was agreed to purchase the fee simple interest of above plot of ground for a sum of £2,750, from the owner, Mr. T. C. Kingsmill-Moore. The Town Clerk informed the Council that he felt they could raise a loan for this amount, and the loan charges in the current financial year would only be in the region of £20 or £30. The Council agreed to meet the excess expenditure incurred.

2201—Bray Tenants Association—Differential Rents—Deputation.

The following deputation attended the Council Meeting: Mrs. Vickers, Mrs. Hannon, and Messrs. McMahon and Connolly.

Mr. Connolly was spokesman for the deputation, and made a case against the differential rents, stating that they would be a very heavy burden and did not take into consideration the social needs and background of the people and of the fact that many people in Bray worked in Dublin and had heavy bus and lunch expenses. He felt there was no basic study made of the scheme. He further stated that the Minister, in a recent letter to the Dublin Tenants Association, had stated that he was not forcing differential rents on Local Authorities.

Mr. Connolly said his Association felt a solution might be a slight increase on all fixed rents, and a house purchase scheme.

He also protested against repairs not being carried out to Wolfe Tone Square houses before they were sold, and he further alleged that the Council were not allocating enough money to house repairs.

Mr. Connolly also said that his Association wishes a tenant purchase scheme to be inaugurated when Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, came into force.

The Chairman thanked the deputation, and said their proposals would be considered carefully. He also said that they had been directed by the Minister to bring in this scheme of differential rents.

2202—Band Performances.

When the Town Clerk informed the Council that the Army No. 1 Band plus transport, would cost approximately £50 for a performance on August Weekend, it was decided not to engage them, but to see if a dance band could be engaged for that afternoon.

2203—Dump at Woodbrook.

It was agreed to receive a deputation from Woodbrook Golf Club, at the next statutory meeting, to discuss the condition of the dump.

Mr. Healy stated that he hoped to have a machine at the dump within a week. Many Members felt its condition was extremely bad, and that there was dumping from outside the area.

A letter from the Chamber of Commerce, regarding the condition of the dump and the approach road, was also discussed.

2204—Electoral Areas Order.

A letter from the Minister for Local Government, stating that he did not propose to alter his Order, dividing Bray into Wards, for Local Election purposes, was noted.

2205—Bray Youth Committee.

A deputation, consisting of Messrs. McLevey, Davies and Creagh, representing the Bray Youth Committee, was received by the Council, and issued a lengthy statement of their aims and objectives to each Member of the Council, and Messrs McLevey and Creagh asked that the Council consider same and take any necessary action as soon as possible. It was decided to consider the matters arising from their circular at a Special Council Meeting to be held on April 25th, 1967.

2206—Church in Belfast.

A letter from Mr. P. Feely, Emerald House, suggested that the Council send congratulations to Rev. B. Drummond, who had associations with Bray, on the laying of the foundation stone of a new church in Belfast. It was agreed to do this.

2207—Section 10, Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956.

The Council decided that Clr. Hunt and the Town Clerk go into the points raised in a letter from the Minister for Justice in this matter.

2208—Letting of Houses.

The Council agreed with the County Medical Officer of Health's recommendations that:

- (a) No. 4, St. Laurence's Terrace, be let to Joseph Moorehouse of 12 St. Laurence's Terrace. (Total number in 12 St. Laurence's Terrace —10), and
- (b) No. 22 Maitland Street be let to Mr. W. D. Davies of 7 O'Byrne Villas. (4 persons in one room).

Both of the above had been on the Council's priority list.

2209—Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963.

It was decided to hold a Special Meeting on the 25th April, 1967, to consider the Draft Development Plan.

2210—Housing—Capital Requirements.

The Council noted the following allocations of capital monies for the coming year.

- (a) Local Authority Housing — £142,000.
- (b) Housing Grants — £10,000.
- (c) House Purchase Loans — £120,000.

2211—Bray Tourism Co-ordinating Committee.

A letter from the above Committee sought more signs around the Sea-front. It was decided that the Town Clerk endeavour to get in touch with the firm which provides street maps in Dublin, and ascertain if they would be interested in carrying out similar work in Bray.

2212—Closing of Roads.

The necessary public notices having been given, and no objections having been received, it was proposed by Clr. E. Byrne, and seconded by Clr. Sayers, and resolved (with Clr. M. O'Toole dissenting) that the roads, as advertised, would be closed to public traffic on the 10th and 11th May, 1967, for the purpose of holding a foot race and a cycle race, in connection with the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the Bray Trades Council.

2213—Leasing of land at Upper Dargle Road.

On the proposition of Clr. McAuliffe, seconded by Clr. Hipwell, it was resolved that a plot of ground, some five perches in extent, be leased to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, of "Dunville," Upper Dargle Road, for twenty five years at a rent of £1 per annum, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

2214—Mass Radiography.

The Town Clerk read the programme of the Mass Radiography Units, which would operate in Bray in the week commencing the 17th April, 1967, and asked that the Members and the press urge all they could to take advantage of this free service.

2215—House Purchase Loan.

The Council unanimously agreed to grant a House Purchase Loan to John Breen, 2 Beech Road, Bray, in the sum of £2,200, in respect of Site No. 22, Charnwood Estate, subject to his complying with the customary conditions.

2216—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—Applications.

- (a) Application from Mr. C. Doyle, "Glenhilton," Herbert Road, Bray, for permission for a single storey extension to his premises. The Council accepted the recommendation from the Town Engineer that permission be granted.
- (b) Application from Mr. K. Byrne, "Avera," Strand Road, to make a small extension to existing premises. The Council accepted the recommendation of the Town Engineer that permission be granted.
- (c) Application from Sinn Fein, Bray, for permission to place a caravan on the public roadway at the entrance to Connolly Square, for a period of one month, the caravan to be used as an election headquarters. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be refused. The County Manager pointed out that permission could not be granted for such an application, as it would obstruct the public thoroughfare for a month. The Council concurred with the recommendation of the Town Engineer and accepted the view of the County Manager. The Town Clerk was directed to write to Sinn Fein, and suggest that they apply for permission to place the caravan on some site which would not be a public road.
- (d) Application by Mr. P. J. Murphy, 28 O'Byrne Road, to make an extension to the kitchen of his house. The Council accepted a recommendation from the Town Engineer that permission be granted.

2217—Richmond Hill (Dicker)

The Chairman and other Members said they had been approached by Mr. Dicker, who said he would leave the site at Richmond Hill, on which he was camping, if he received £500 from the Council.

The County Manager pointed out that the Council could not pay more than the award, made by the Arbitrator, to Mr. Dicker.

Chairman *J. Sayers*

Date *9/5/67*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council, held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 25th April, 1967, 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, and J. Temple.

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

2218—Revision of Rents.

At the outset, the Chairman made a statement regarding Revision of Rents, and stressed for the benefit of the public, that the Bray Urban District Council had not yet taken any decision on same.

2219—DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

(1) Boundaries and Use Zoning

After a long discussion, the Council agreed to the seven Use Zones, set out in the Plan. In the case of Use Zone No. 1, Residential—agreement was reached on the proposal of Cllr. Hipwell, seconded by Cllr. M. O'Toole. Cllrs. J. Temple and H. L. McAuliffe dissented, as they did not agree to the prohibition of advertising hoardings in residential areas.

(2) Density Zoning

This clause was agreed to.

(3) Advertising Hoardings

This clause was agreed to.

(4) Filling Stations

This clause was agreed to.

(5) Protected Buildings

This clause was agreed to.

DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

(1) Period of Plan

Clause agreed to.

(2) Sewerage System

Clause agreed to. It, however, was decided that a clause be inserted in the Plan that the objectives here were conditional on capital monies, and adequate Government aid, being obtainable.

(3) River Dargle

Clause agreed to. Here, again, it was decided to insert a clause to the effect that flood protection works proposed, were conditional on capital monies, and substantial Government aid, being obtainable.

(4) Water Supply and Distribution System—Service Reservoir.

Clause agreed to. Again, it was decided to insert a clause to the effect that the objectives here were conditional on capital monies, and adequate Government aid, being obtainable.

(5) Parks and Tourist Amenities.

The proposals were agreed to in the case of the Carlisle Grounds, however, it was decided to insert a clause that the work would be dependent on capital monies, and substantial aid from the State and Bord Fáilte, being obtainable. It was also decided to insert (P.K.6) the acquisition of a small plot of ground immediately East of the Carlisle Grounds.

(6) Preservation of Woodlands and Trees.

This clause was agreed to.

(7) Harbour Area.

This clause was agreed to. Again, it was decided to insert a clause to the effect that the objectives here were conditional on capital monies, and adequate Government aid, being obtainable.

(10) Preservation of Bray's Identity.

After a discussion during which some Members expressed the belief that there should be a boundary extension into County Dublin, this clause was agreed to.

(11) Road Improvements and Parks.

This clause was agreed to.

2220—Miscellaneous.

During the course of the meeting it was decided that the Town Clerk should make approaches to the Reverend Mother, Loreto Convent, to ascertain her views on the possible disposal of some Convent land for housing, and on the removal of the wall along the Vevay Road.

The Town Clerk was requested to write to the owner of the Home Market at Vevay Road, and ask her to remove the unsightly boards which are at present the cause of much adverse comment.

The Town Engineer was asked to keep in mind the need for public toilets in the Quinsboro Road area, with the possibility of having them erected in the Carlisle Grounds.

The Town Clerk was directed to approach the Meath Estates, and ask if they would accept the return of Boghall Park playground, in order that it might be used for the building of houses by private individuals or by the Council.

Car Parks—The Town Engineer was asked to consult with the County Engineer, as to the feasibility of using the portions of Castle Street which have been demolished, as public car parks.

Trades' Council Jubilee—As a result of the reading of a letter from the Secretary of the Trades' Council to the Chairman, it was decided that the Council would meet in the Town Hall on Sunday, 7th May, at 3.15 p.m. in order to welcome delegates from the Trades' Council, who will have taken part in a parade from Old Connaught to the Town Hall.

Chairman *D. Sayers*

Date *13/6/67*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council, held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 9th May, 1967, at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. D. Sayers, Chairman, presided, and there was a full attendance of Councillors.

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

2221—Minutes of Meetings.

The Minutes of Estimates Meeting of 28th March, 1967, and Monthly Meeting of 11th April, 1967, which had been circulated, were adopted.

2222—Manager's Orders.

The County Manager's Orders for the month of April, 1967, were noted.

2223—Sympathy.

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

Mrs. A. Byrne, 23 Castle Street.
Joseph Traynor, Seapoint Gardens, Seapoint Road.
Mrs. Mary O'Toole, 8 St. Kevin's Square.
Miss Elizabeth Kenny, 1 Oldcourt Terrace.
John McDonnell, 4 Warburton Terrace.
Mrs. Elizabeth Moran, 72 Beech Road.
John Fortune, 21 Pearse Square.
Sean Casey, Lord Mayor of Cork.

2224—Local Government (Planning and Development Act, 1963—Draft Development Plan.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the Draft Plan to Tuesday, 16th May, 1967.

2225—Resignation of Mr. H. Stuart.

The resignation of Mr. H. Stuart from the Council for business reasons, was accepted with regret.

2226—Sinn Fein—Caravan.

It was decided to grant Sinn Fein permission to place a caravan on a vacant space on the southern end of Castle Street from the 1st to the 29th June, 1967.

2227—Letters from Bray Chamber of Commerce.

- Pedestrian crossing at St. Peter's Road—This matter was referred to the County Council for their attention.
- Offer of workmen from Mr. Cavey to help clean up the beach—It was decided to accept this offer with thanks, and ask Mr. Cavey to get in touch with the Engineer regarding the matter.

2228—Striking of the Rate.

It was decided to hold a Meeting on Tuesday, 16th May, 1967, for the striking of the Rate. The meeting to be at 7.30 p.m.

2229—Woodbrook Golf Club—Deputation.

A Deputation from Woodbrook Golf Club which consisted of Messrs. Boushel, Moran, E. Curran (Hon. Secretary), Commander Bambrick, attended the Meeting and complained strongly about the condition of the dump, and the continual nuisance caused to their members by smoke blowing across the course from this dump. After some discussion it was decided that the representatives of the Golf Club would meet the Town Engineer, the County Manager, and the Town Clerk to discuss the matter fully in an endeavour to obviate or mitigate the cause of complaint.

2230—Flooding.

A letter from the Minister for Local Government (L.9./17/10) of the 18th April, stated that the examination of the report regarding flooding was almost completed, and a further letter would issue. The letter was noted.

2231—Bray Amusements Committee.

Permission was granted to Bray Amusements Committee to hold Open-Air Dancing in front of the Beach Pavilion, during the period 7th July to 16th July, 1967.

2232—Salary Revision—Clerical Officers.

On the proposition of Clr. E. Byrne, seconded by Clr. D. Sayers, new scales of payment as follows were approved for Clerical Officers.

(a) Clerical Officers who joined the service before 1964:

£400 x £40 to £600 x £76 to £676 x £45 to £1,126 x £50 to £1,176.

(b) Clerical Officers who joined the service after 1964:

£400 x £40 to £600 x £76 to £676 x £40 to £916 x £45 to £1,157 + £125 on marriage.

The necessary excess expenditure for these revised scales was approved. Revision to date from the 1st April, 1966.

2233—Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1953—Parker, 10a, Albert Walk.

The Council's technical officers had no objection to granting of licence. The Council approved.

2234—Public Lighting.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Electricity Supply Board had now stated that new type lighting of the same standard of that erected on Main Street—Quinsboro Road last year could be erected by the Electricity Supply Board on 23 poles, from Bray bridge to the urban boundary, for a capital sum of £1,018, and an annual increased charge of £60. The Council has approximately £700 credit in loan for Public Lighting, and on the proposition of Clr. E. Byrne, seconded by Clr. H. Hipwell, the necessary excess expenditure of £310, and £60 per annum was voted for this work.

2235—Bray Youth Committee.

Consideration of a memorandum from the above committee was adjourned to the next monthly meeting.

2236—Bus and Train Services.

A letter from the Bray Tourism Co-ordinating Committee asked for support to their request to Coras Iompair Eireann for an 86 bus service on Sundays, to commence in May. This letter gave rise to a general debate on Coras Iompair Eireann services to Bray and the Town Clerk was asked to request the attendance of the Traffic Superintendent of Coras Iompair Eireann.

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2237—Revision of Rents.

The Chairman and other members spoke at length on this question, and it was finally decided to ask that the Minister give a clear statement as to whether he wished a Differential Renting system to be applied or not. Most of the members voiced their objection to the Differential Renting system, and made it clear that they had only examined the matter on receipt of a circular from the Minister in March, 1966.

2238—Road Safety Committee.

The following deputation attended from the Road Safety Committee, and urged that the Council engage traffic wardens for school crossings instead of seeking that the Gardai carry out the work. The deputation were: Messrs. P. Connolly, J. Devine, P. Fogarty and Mrs. Smith. The Chairman said the points made would be considered carefully.

2239—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—Applications.

The following two applications were approved in accordance with the reports of the Engineer:-

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Apology for inability to attend received from Clr. J. O'Toole.

2240—Consideration of List of Unpaid Rates.

The Chairman and Members congratulated the Rate Collectors on the excellent collection of 97.58%, and then considered the list of unpaid Rates at the 31st March, 1967. This totalled £3,560.0.11d. Sums totalling £79 18. 10d. were recommended to be struck off as irrecoverable and sums totalling £3,480.2.1d. were carried forward for subsequent collection.

2241—Striking of Municipal Rate, for year ending 31st March, 1968.

Proposed by Clr. C. Doyle;

Seconded by Clr. J. Temple;

and resolved:—

"That we, the Members of Bray Urban District Council, hereby make a Municipal Rate of 58/-d. in the £ to be levied in respect of year ending 31st March, 1968. Said Rate to be collected in two moieties, the first moiety and arrears after 17th May, 1967, and the second moiety on or after the 1st October, 1967, 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.

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The Council recommended that House-Purchase Loans, in accordance with the customary conditions, be granted to:—

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- (2) Mr. Albert H. Kerr, 'Lakelands,' Boghall Road, in respect of site 161, Charnwood Estate.

2245—Closing of Level Crossing at Bray Station.

The Council decided to raise no objection to the above proposed closing, for repairs to be carried out to the permanent way, on Sunday, 21st May, 1967.

2246—Bray Amusements Committee.

Permission was given to use portion of the green south of the south bandstand for a Scooter Rally on May 28th, and the Town Clerk was directed to hire a Ceili Band on July 10th from 8.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

2247—Bray Agricultural Society.

Permission was granted to the above society to have access to their show through the Vevay Sports Ground on the 16th August.

2248—Councillor H. Stuart.

On the suggestion of Clr. Temple, it was decided to make a presentation to Councillor H. Stuart, and to have a little celebration after the Council meeting on 13th June. This was agreed, and the organisation of the function was left in the hands of the Chairman and Clr. J. Temple.

2249—Draft Development Plan.

The Council resumed consideration of the Draft Development Plan, having at a previous meeting reviewed the first eleven paragraphs.

- (12) **Public Housing**
Proposals agreed.
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Proposals agreed.

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Car-Park for Main Street

Clr. McAuliffe opposed a proposal to acquire Emmet Park (G.A.A.), and gain access to same via St. Cronan's Vocational School. He felt that the St. Cronan's property should not be interfered with. Other Members disagreed, and after a discussion the proposal in the Draft plan was adopted on the proposition of Clr. Hunt, seconded by Clr. J. Byrne.

Cemetery

On the suggestion of Clr. Temple, the Council unanimously agreed to write into the Plan, as one of the objectives, the acquisition of land, and the provision of a cemetery for the southern end of the town.

Boundary Extension

The Council agreed with the proposals for a boundary extension, but a discussion arose on the question of a boundary extension into Dublin County at the northern end of the town, and it was finally resolved that a clause be inserted in the Draft Plan, stating as an objective of the Plan the acquisition of the North Beach, or more specifically the land lying between the railway and the sea, from the northern boundary of the present Urban District to Corke Abbey.

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2250—Miscellaneous

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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, J. Temple.

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

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

2251—Minutes of Meetings.

The Minutes of Special Meeting of 25th April, 1967, Monthly Meeting of 9th May, 1967, and Special Meeting of 16th May, 1967, which had been circulated, were adopted.

2252—Manager's Orders

The County Manager's Orders for the month of May, 1967, were noted.

2253—Sympathy.

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

Maurice Mortell, 4, Sydenham Villas.

Loughlin Flanagan, 24, St. Peter's Road.

Mrs. Margaret Broughan, 40, Wolfe Tone Square Middle.

Miss Kathleen Breheny, "Bremac," Killarney Road.

Thomas Brien, 41, Wolfe Tone Square Middle.

Bartholomew Anthony Sheehan, 1, Fatima Terrace.

Patrick Meagher, 33, St. Peter's Road.

Gerard O'Reilly, Air Park, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14.

Comdt. Thomas Wickham, 307, Navan Road, Dublin 7.

2254—Flooding—Deputation to Minister.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Minister would receive a Council Deputation at Leinster House, on Thursday, at 3.30 p.m. The name of Clr. McAuliffe was substituted for that of Clr. M. O'Toole, who had been selected for the Deputation at another meeting. It was arranged that the Councillors would meet at the Town Hall at 2.00 p.m. sharp, on the 15th, to discuss the matter before going to Leinster House.

2255—Road Traffic Regulations—Loudspeaker.

It was decided not to grant permission to Mr. F. Fallon, Leitrim Place, Wicklow, to use a loudspeaker on his Ice Cream Van.

2256—Urban Road Grant.

The Council approved of the expenditure of an Urban Road Grant of £1,936 on surface dressing, as follows:

(1) King Edward Road	£400
(2) Church Road	£200
(3) Seymour Road	£100
(4) Harbour Terrace	£100
(5) Sidmonton Square & Avenue and Kingsmill Road	£300
(6) Connolly Square and Kevin's Square	£236
(7) Seapoint Road	£400
(8) Greenpark Road	£200

It was decided to inform the residents of Connolly Square, who had written about the condition of the roadway, about this decision.

2257—Football on Esplanade.

It was decided not to prosecute six young boys, reported by the Caretaker for playing football on the Esplanade, but to admonish them. Members expressed the view that it was older boys and young men who were doing most damage, and causing most annoyance in this regard.

2258—Housing Loan—90 Houses—Richmond Hill.

On the proposition of Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge, 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 £210,500 for the erection, by the National Building Agency, of 90 houses at Richmond Hill, and the development work on 34 houses on the same site, being built by Direct Labour. In this connection the Members asked that local labour be employed to a greater extent by the contractors.

2259—Transfer of Tenancy—79 O'Byrne Road.

The Council recommended that the tenancy of above house be transferred to John Marks, provided his brother had no objection.

2260—Wall—Mr. Cavey's Property at River View Terrace.

Mr. W. Cavey wrote offering to give the Council some land for widening the footpath at above point, if the Council would build a wall at the spot. This was agreed—the details to be left to the Engineer.

2261—Trains to Bray—Coras Iompair Eireann.

It was decided that Coras Iompair Eireann be written to, and informed that the Council, or a Sub-Committee of the Council, would meet them at the Town Hall, at 7.30 p.m. on any evening they wish to fix.

2262—Bray Youth Council.

Adjourned

2263—Traffic Problems.

Clr. McAuliffe proposed a special meeting to be held regarding road traffic problems. He received no seconder.

2264—Rents.

It was decided that the Town Clerk circulate the Minister's reply on above, and also circulate extracts from the relative circulars. If, as a result, it is necessary to hold a special meeting, one will be held.

2265—Cuddy, Cillmantain Park.

Clr. Temple, and other Members, made a strong plea that the Manager reconsider his decision to evict the above family from 21, Cillmantain Park. The Manager promised to give the matter further consideration.

2266—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—
Applications.

- (a) Application from J. Ryan, "Lee Cote," Meath Road, to erect an extension at rear of bungalow. The Council concurred with the Town Engineer's recommendation that approval be granted.
- (b) Application from Marketing Publications and Exhibitions Ltd. for permission to erect five Telesign Advertising Signs in the Town. The Town Engineer recommended that permission be refused on the grounds that the signs would form an obstruction, and would detract from the amenities of Bray as a Tourist Resort by subjecting visitors to increased quantities of commercial advertising. The Council concurred with the Engineer's recommendation.
- (c) Application from Miss E. McCarthy, Main Street, Bray, to erect a ten storey block of 18 flats on the site of a condemned dwelling, "Sheilaville." The Town Engineer recommended that permission be refused as the proposed density is nearly three times the maximum permissible, and that the site is subject to flooding, and the ground flood of any proposed structure should be raised at least to road level. The Council concurred with the Town Engineer's recommendation.

The Chairman thanked all the Members, and all the staff, for their co-operation and help during the term of office of the Council. Other Members spoke in similar vein, and they also thanked the Chairman for his patience and courtesy while holding the office. The County Manager, Town Clerk and Town Engineer thanked the Members for their help and forbearance during the period of the Council.

Chairman

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Date

July 4, 1967

