

Pavilion at People's Park:

After the Estimates were adopted last year it was decided to make a contribution of £100 towards the cost of a Sports Pavilion in the People's Park, the remainder of cost to be subscribed by the football Clubs who would use it. A design for the Pavilion was prepared by the Town Engineer but as the Clubs did not proceed with the work last year, the Council's contribution is now included in the Estimates.

Band Performances:

Last year the amount for Band Performances was increased from £150 to £300 as in recent years there has been a rise in the charges for the hire of Bands. For the coming year, £300 is again included.

School Meals:

The cost of food for meals for children attending National Schools shows a marked increase (£504). Last year the sum allowed was £972, which was £372 in excess of the provision made in 1950/51. The withdrawal, over a year ago, of State subsidies from bread and butter used in School Meals has resulted in increased costs and in addition, there has been an increase in the number of children partaking of the meals. The cost of serving the meals in the coming year will be £284 as compared with £205 provided last year; this is due mainly to the necessity for providing additional equipment. One-half the cost of food is met from State Grants so that the net increase under this heading is one-half of £504 or £252. The cost of serving meals however, has to be met in full by the Council, and the extra cost to Rates for the coming year consequently, will be £331.

Salaries:

The cost of salaries of existing staff shows no change but it has been represented that owing to the increase in the volume of clerical and accounting work, an additional clerical Officer (at cost of £220) would be necessary in the Council's office. There is merit in the submission that work has expanded very much in recent years, and furthermore an examination of the position shows that numerically the staff is the same as it was twenty-five or twenty-six years ago, apart from the recruitment of an additional Shorthand-Typist three years ago. In 1926 the number of Council Houses was 185 and it is now 869; there were only four loans under the Small Dwellings Acts, whereas the number now is 137 (including 27 - 1939 loans). In the intervening years, new legislation has involved additional clerical work and the keeping of further administrative and accounting records, such as those arising in connection with Fuel Scheme, Town Planning, Housing lists, etc. Moreover, it should be mentioned that in the same period the population of the town has increased from 8,000 to over 12,000; such an increase in population is bound to result in an expansion in the Council's activities and commitments.

Office Expenses:

There is an increase of £70 - from £150 to £220. This is due altogether to postage expenses.

Fuel Scheme:

There is a rise in the cost of this item of £526, as there are now more families availing of the Scheme and the cost of fuel has risen. The additional cost however, is fully recouped and will not have to be met from Rates.

Office Safe:

A new Safe is found to be very necessary for the safe keeping of important records, such as Agreements, Leases and other legal documents. The cost is estimated at £100.

Civil Defence:

For this purpose £100 is included, which is the same as the provision made last year.

Stores:

£84 is provided for a half-year's lown charge on the new Stores, which together with Fire Station, are being provided on site near Town Hall. The cost of Fire Station is being borne by County Council. The Town Engineer has reported that a new roof, at a cost of £220 is required for the Store at Harbour.

County Council Demand:

This Demand, as already mentioned, is up by £2,806, which represents 1s 3d in the Rate Levy. In the past two years it has increased by 2s 7d. The Demand compares as follows with that for the present year:-

	1952/53	1951/52	Increase(+) or Decrease(-)
Main Roads	£ 7,603	£ 5,411	+ 2,192
Public Assistance	12,201	12,604	- 403
Mental Hospitals	6,500	6,261	+ 239
Health Services	4,194	1,430	+ 2,764
General Purposes (Co.)	1,428	3,414	- 1,986
	£31,926	£29,120	+ £2,806

Whilst there are variations in the costs under each heading, the increase in the Demand is really ascribable to the Health Services, the cost of which in the past few years, has shown a marked upward trend and is due to the expansion of these services and the rise in the costs of Hospital treatment.

Unemployment Assistance Acts Levy:

This is the product of a Special rate of 9d in the £1 which the Council is required to raise under the Unemployment Assistance Acts, 1933 and 1940, and the money is paid to the Department of Social Welfare. The levy which is based on the gross valuation, excluding Council houses and a few minor items, shows an increase of £76. As stressed, when submitting the Estimates last year, the levy of this charge and the County Council Demand on the gross valuation of property in the Urban District shows clearly the lack of merit in any claim that the erection of new dwellings, which are only rated to one-third for the first seven years, is of immediate benefit to an Urban Authority.

Comparison of Rates:

Whilst the Estimates now presented for your consideration would involve an increase of 3s 5d over the rate for the present year, it will be evident from the details given that provision is included for many new works, and the Council may consider that some of these might be deferred. It is unfortunate however, that the increase in the County Council Demand, which cannot be pruned in any way, entails an automatic increase of 1s 3d.

Last year it was pointed out that in the years 1937 to 1942 the expenditure on Municipal Services under the control of the Council, was about 14s 0d in the £1. In 1951/52 the rate for similar services was 13s 7d, notwithstanding the radical changes in prices, wages rates, and other costs which have occurred in the meantime. In recent years there have been insistent demands for improved services and new amenities, such as improvements at the Esplanade, better roads, improved water supply, more public lighting, etc., but it must be appreciated that these cannot possibly be provided without the incurring of additional costs which inevitably are reflected in the rates. In fact, it might be held that the achievement in a brief period of so many improvements, without a marked rise in the levy for municipal services (i.e. excluding the statutory demand services) has been no mean achievement on the part of the Council.

Once more I desire to express sincere appreciation of the co-operation and assistance which has been received from the Chairmen and the Members of the Council. The satisfactory service given by all members of the Council's staff, both indoor and outdoor, must also be mentioned. The preparation of the Estimates and the review of your services was much facilitated by the thorough manner in which the Town Clerk kept the necessary records and supplied all relevant information, and valuable assistance was also given by the Town Engineer and Staff Officer.

Yours faithfully,

M. FLANNERY,

WICKLOW COUNTY MANAGER.

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Roads in Bray Urban District.

As you are well aware the condition of the roads maintained by Bray U.D.C. is very far from satisfactory.

Practically all the tarmacadam roads are in a very bad state of repair and are deteriorating at an alarming rate. Several of these roads are so rough and uneven that it is now essential that the surface should be scarified and levelled, and that a new surface of premixed tarmacadam should be provided.

A number of the tarmacadam roads which have not yet deteriorated to such a great extent need immediate attention in the form of levelling and tar-dressing. This latter treatment which is a comparatively cheap treatment, is essential if the present rapid deterioration is to be arrested. It is generally recognised that tar-macadam surfaces must be treated at regular intervals with a surface dressing of tar and chippings. The chippings are merely held by the tar and are intended to form the wearing coat of the road. In no case should the road be allowed to deteriorate to such an extent that the foundation of the road is forced to do the work of the wearing coat.

Normally a wearing coat or surface dressing has a life of only 4 to 6 years, depending on the volume of traffic, rate of spread of tar, quality of the chippings, etc.. This means that surface dressing at reasonable intervals is essential and it is only when this is provided that tarmacadam roads can be properly maintained.

Practically all the tarmacadam roads are now in immediate need of tar-dressing and those which have deteriorated beyond tar-dressing need new tar-grouted or tar-macadamed surfaces.

In view of the urgency of the matter and the fact that any further deterioration of the roads will increase enormously the capital sum which must eventually be expended to restore these roads, I strongly recommend that a substantial sum should be provided for in the coming financial year to carry out these urgently needed roadworks.

I attach a list of the roads which I consider should be given new tar-macadam surfaces and those which should be immediately tar-dressed, together with an estimate of the cost for each road.

M. Healy,
Town Engineer.

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Short Specification and Estimate of Cost of Road Repairs of the more important roads.

- (1) Seapoint Road: Length: 570 yards. Width: 21 feet.
 Scarify existing road surface to average depth of $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". Pitch old cuttings and soft spots to depth of 6". Shape and grade surface and thoroughly roll. Lay a $2\frac{1}{4}$ " carpet of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " premixed tarmac which shall be sealed with a $\frac{3}{4}$ " coat of $\frac{3}{8}$ " tarmac. (Est. cost - £1,900)
- (2) Novara Avenue: Length: 580 yds. Av. Width: 27 feet.
 Specification as for Seapoint Road.
 (Est. Cost - £2,480)
- (3) Herbert Road (portion only) Length: 600 yds. Av. Width: 25ft.6 inc.
 Strengthen sides and pitch soft spots and old cuttings. Surface with 2" of premixed tarmacadam.
 (Est. Cost - £1,400)
- (4) Galtrim Park: Length 180 yds: Width: 20 feet.
 Specification as for Seapoint Road except scarify $1\frac{1}{2}$ " and 2" carpet
 (Est. Cost - £390)
- (5) Westfield Park: (portion) Length: 120 yds. Width: 18 feet.
 Break out defective portion of this road and lay new 5" thick concrete slab on 5" consolidated layer of hardcore.
 (Est. Cost - £720)
- (6) Greenpark Road (portion) Length: 500 yds. Width(av.): 20 feet.
 Scarify to average depth of 4", reshape, form graded concrete channels and lay new tar-carpet as on Seapoint Road.
 (Est. cost - £1,670)
- (7) Parnell Road (portion) Length: 160 yds. Width: 21 feet
 Scarify 2" depth, shape formation, pitch cuttings and soft spots and surface with $2\frac{1}{4}$ " carpet of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " tarmac sealed with $\frac{3}{4}$ " coat of $\frac{3}{8}$ " tarmac. (Est. Cost - £500.)
- (8) Old Connaught Ave. Length: 150 yds. Width: (Av.) 28 feet.
 Specification as for Seapoint Road.
 (Est. Cost - £630).

In addition to the above I would request that a sum of £1,000 (including Strand Road) should be provided to level and tar-dress a number of the other roads in the town, which urgently require same.

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING
 31ST MARCH, 1953.

EXPENDITURE

	<u>Estimated by Manager</u> £
<u>URBAN ROADS</u>	
<u>Ordinary Road Works</u>	
Urban Roads Maintenance - Wages	1,177
do. - Materials, Cartage & Tools	750
Repairs to Footpaths	200
Road Signs, etc.	80
Tar Spraying - Eglinton Road, Strand Rd. etc.	1,000
Special Grant Works (Council's Contribution)	300
Salaries (Surveyor and Overseer part)	314
Salaries (Storekeeper one-half)	207
Clothing (Workmen)	53
Superannuation - Former Overseer & Surveyor (one-fourth)	98
<u>LOAN CHARGES</u>	
1947 Meath & Sidmonton Road Reconstruction (C.P.W.)	672
1949 Meath & Sidmonton Roads Reconstruction (C.P.W.)	210
1948 Florence Road Reconstruction (C.P.W.)	509
1952 Church Road Reconstruction	280
1952 Reconstruction - Seapoint Road, Novara Avenue, Herbert Road, etc. (half-year)	<u>625</u>
	<u>£6,475</u>

SANITARY SERVICES

	<u>Estimated by Manager £</u>
Sewers - Wages	639
do. - Clothing (Workmen)	36
do. - Materials	200
do. - Cartage	50
do. - Superannuation (Workmen)	41
Cleaning Cockbrook	50
Waterworks - Salaries	879
- Wages	742
- clothing - workmen	45
- materials	50
- superannuation (Doyle & Lee)	424
- Dublin Corporation for bulk supply @ 3.95d	3,300
- Purchase of Water Meters	100
- Water supply to Kiosks at Esplanade	336
Scavenging - Domestic Refuse Collection - wages	960
- Wages (Street cleaning)	2,029
- clothing - workmen	139
- carting	40
- tools etc.	50
- Superannuation - workmen	397
- Fuel, maintenance etc. Refuse Vehicle	240
- New Dumping Site - Cost of Acquisition	275
Municipal Baths - Maintenance and repairs to Platform	250
- External Painting	130
- Replacement - Glass & Flashings	120
- Provision of Lantern Lights	250
Cove Swimming Pools - New Store	150
Public Lighting	1,900
Salaries - (Surveyor & Overseer - part)	314
Superannuation - (Surveyor & Overseer - part)	98
Salaries - Storekeeper - part	207
Other Sanitary Expenses	20
Repairs to Lavatories at Strand Road	
do. Boat House	120

LOAN CHARGES

1928 Sewers (C.P.W.)	254
1929 Sewers (C.P.W.)	77
1939 Public Health - General (C.P.W.)	143
1947 Watermains - Herbert & Vevay Roads (C.P.W.)	110
1947 Sewers & Watermains - Meath & Sidmonton Roads (C.P.W.)	268
1951 Miscellaneous 4" Watermains (Treas.) (Scheme No.1) purchase	170
1951 Laying of Watermains - Church Rd. etc. (Scheme No.1)	191
1950 Refuse Collection Vehicle	424
1952 Purchase of additional watermains (Scheme No.2)	369
1952 Relaying of Watermains (Scheme No.2) (half-year)	189

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£16,776

HOUSING

Housing of the Working Classes

	<u>Estimated by Manager £</u>
Maintenance and Repairs	1,200
Salaries - Surveyor & Overseer - part	314
do.	488
Superannuation - Overseer & Surveyor (one-fourth)	98
Rent Collectors' Commission	906
Rates on Council Houses	5,742
Insurance	300
Clearing of Derelict Sites	100
Grant under Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1948	40

LOAN CHARGES

1912 Dargan Street etc. (C.P.W.)	303
1931 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver)	1,194
1933 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver)	912
1935 Wolfe Tone Square & Kilmartin Park (C.P.W.)	6,185
1936 do. do.	1,086
1937 Little Bray Housing Development (C.P.W.)	543
1939 do. do.	121
1949 3 3/4% Conversion Stock	1,943
1947 Dublin Road etc. 91 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.)	2,491
1949 do. do.	541
1950 do. do.	287
1951 do. do.	76
1949 Pollard's Terrace Acquisition	80
1949 Greenpark Terrace, Vevay Road & Dargle Road - 18 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.) Direct Labour	523
1951 do. do. do.	69
1950 Fairgreen Terrace, St. Peter's Tc., etc - 29 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.) Direct Labour	858
1952 do. do. do. (half-year)	26
1950 Boghall - 22 Houses Scheme - Acquisition of Land (Treas.)	111
1950 Boghall - 22 houses Scheme - Development (C.P.W.)	244
1950 Boghall - 22 Houses Scheme - Erection (C.P.W.)	1,056
1951 Old Connaught Scheme - Acquisition of Land	325
1952 do. do. (half-year)	96
1952 do. - Erection of 40 houses (part charge)	200
1951 Acquisition of Dock Terrace	180

Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts.

Loan Charges.

1935 C. Public Works Loan	368
1936 C. Public Works Loan	1,066
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	721
	£35,599

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	<u>Estimated by Manager</u> £
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>	
Town Hall Expenses - lighting & heating	400
Town Hall - Painting Landing and miscellaneous repairs	100
Tourist Development	200
Town & Regional Planning	5
Public Library salaries (Librarian and Assistants)	903
do. wages	52
do. Books, binding etc.	850
do. Loan Charges	270
do. Heating and lighting	110
do. Furniture and fittings	20
do. Miscellaneous - Fire Extinguishers	50
do. Juvenile Library	100
Vocational Education - Demand	1,657
Vocational Education - Superannuation	52
Public Parks and Esplanade - Wages	1,266
do. - clothing (workmen)	25
do. - materials	80
do. - Pavilion at People's Park	100
Sodding of Esplanade	50
Painting Railings (Strand Road)	200
Tree Planting at Bray Head	200
Bandstand - new storage hut	200
Kiosks - repairs	100
Repairs to Wall at Bray Head Park	150
Repairs to Plantation Fences	50
Repairs to Seats	50
Repairs to Sea Wall	120
Repairs to Boat Slip	50
Notice Boards	60
New Kiosk at Bray Head	150
Strip Lighting at Esplanade	155
Flags at Esplanade	150
Cutting grass at People's Park	40
Markets and Weighbridge - salary of Weighmaster	312
do. - Repairs	10
do. - Rent	15
Band Performances	300
Milk and Dairies Acts	10
School Meals - cost of food	1,476
do. - cost of administration	284
Allotments - administration	5
Allotments - Cost of Land and Seeds	50
Salaries	1,890
do. - Additional Clerical Officer	220
do. - Surveyor & Overseer - part	314
	<u>£13,161</u>

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	<u>Estimated by Manager</u> £
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES (continued)</u>	
	13,161
	<u>forward</u>
Rate Collector's Commission	690
Superannuation - Town Clerk	519
do. - Poor Rate Collector	237
do. - Former Surveyor & Overseer - part	98
do. - Medical Officer for Health	36
Legal Expenses	350
Audit Expenses	50
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	550
Office Expenses - Postage & Telephones	220
Preparation of Rate Books etc.	65
Rent - Rates and Taxes	208
Insurances (Fire, E.L., P.L. and F.G.)	369
Discount on Rates	140
Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates	200
Fuel Scheme - cost of turf etc.	1,859
Fuel Scheme - administration (printing, etc.)	40
Bank Interest	50
Miscellaneous	100
Office Safe	100
Civil Defence	100
<u>HARBOUR CHARGES</u>	
Superannuation of Harbour Master	197
Materials	10
Lighting and power for crane	5
Repairs to Harbour Store	220
<u>LOAN CHARGES - GENERAL PURPOSES</u>	
1932 Vocational Education (C.P.W.)	228
1943 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.)	320
1947 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.)	20
1947 Car Park (C.P.W.)	249
1949 Harbour Dredging	104
1950 Town Hall alterations and repairs	172
Esplanade improvements (half-year) (Treas.)	360
New Stores (half-year) (Treas)	84
<u>COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES</u>	
Main Roads	7,603
Public Assistance	12,201
Mental Hospitals	6,500
Health Services	4,194
General Purposes (County)	1,428
Separate Charges	-
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE LEVY</u>	
£45,255 P.L.V. @ 9d in £ (1933 & 1940 U.A. Acts)	1,697
	<u>£54,734</u>

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R E C E I P T S

	<u>Estimated by Manager £</u>
<u>ROADS</u>	
State Grant - Estate Duty Grant	75
Miscellaneous	50
	<u>125</u>
<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>	
School Meals - State Grants	738
Recoupment Loan Charges on Watermains - State Grant	
Scheme No.1	120
Scheme No.2	186
Sewer Connections	100
Water Connections	250
Water Rents	700
Sanitary Conveniences Esplanade	70
Sewer Rents (Dublin Road)	80
	<u>£2,244</u>
<u>HOUSING</u>	
<u>Housing of the Working Classes</u>	
Housing Subsidy - Little Bray Scheme	910
Housing Subsidy - Wolfe Tone Square and Kilmartin Park	3,710
Housing Subsidy - Dublin Road, Castle St., etc.	418
Housing Subsidy - 29 Houses Scheme	54
Housing Subsidy - 18 Houses Scheme	88
Housing Subsidy - Contribution to Interest Rate - 91 houses	455
Housing Subsidy - do. - 29 houses	115
Housing Subsidy - do. - 18 houses	80
Housing Grant - 1908 Act	30
Housing Grant - 1948 Act (Sect. 19)	27
Rents (inc. of Rates)	13,506
Purchase Annuities (old Schemes)	3,266
Purchase Annuities - Boghall Scheme	1,373
Ground Rents and Rates - Boghall Scheme.	842
<u>Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts.</u>	
Repayment by borrowers (old loans)	1,205
Repayment by borrowers (new loans)	5,527
	<u>18</u>
	£31,606

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

	<u>Estimated by Manager £</u>
<u>State Grants</u>	
Bounty in lieu of Rates	400
Allotments	45
Fuel Scheme	1,240
Loan Charges on Vocational School	114
Grant in Aid of Harbour	-
Fair Green Letting	20
Markets and Town Hall Lettings	50
Dividend on Shelter Fund	10
Site No.1 (Bray Head)	600
Site No.2 (Central Bandstand)	5
Site No.3 (Putting Green)	220
Site No.4 (Concert Parties)	20
Chair Licence	70
Kiosks (Bray Head and Strand Road)	17
Kiosks - Esplanade	560
Weighing Machines	80
Photographic Licence	100
Fuel Scheme - payments by recipients, and recoupment from County Council	620
Harbour Tolls	5
Harbour Rents	40
Public Library - registration fees etc.	300
Annuity - Sec. 11. E.S.B. Act 1930 - Mill Lane premises	175
Miscellaneous	200
	<u>19</u>
	£4,891

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL ESTIMATES - 1952/53

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

	<u>Gross</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>Expenditure</u>
Roads	6,475	125	6,350
Sanitary Services	16,776	2,244	14,532
Housing Services	35,599	31,606	3,993
General Urban Purposes	54,734	4,891	49,843
	<u>£113,584</u>	<u>£38,866</u>	<u>£74,718</u>

The net requirements of the Council to be met from Rate Levy, therefore, are £74,718.

Municipal Rate of 1d in the £1 produces £195. Rate in the £1 to meet the net expenditure of £74,718 is 31s 11d.

URBAN ROADS

Following lengthy discussion it was agreed to delete the sum of £1,000 in respect of tar spraying of a number of roads.

SANITARY SERVICES

The Estimate for Sanitary Services was adopted subject to the following amendments:-

Reduction of the sum estimated for materials under Sewer Services from £200 to £150. Reduction from £336 to £286 in respect of the Estimate for cost of supply of water to the Kiosks at the Esplanade.

The following items were deleted, viz.,

New Dumping Site - Cost of Acquisition	£275
External painting - Municipal Baths	130
Replacement - Glass & Flashings	120
Provision of Lantern Lights - Municipal Baths	250
New Store - Cove Swimming Pools	150
Repairs to Lavatory at Boathouse	120

HOUSING SERVICES

The Council approved of the Estimate in respect of Housing Services without amendment.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

Public Library The sum of £850 included in the Estimates for the purchase of books, binding etc., was reduced to £650.

Miscellaneous. The Following items were deleted, viz.,

Painting of Railings at Strand Road	£200
Repairs to wall at Bray Head Park	150
Purchase of flags for erection at Esplanade	150

A sum of £200 included in the Estimates for tree planting at Head was reduced to £50. It was agreed to provide a sum of £200 for repairs to footpaths, etc., at People's Park. Provision of a sum of £200 for a storage hut at Bandstand was reduced to £60. A sum of £350 provided for Legal Expenses was reduced to £250. The sum of £100 provided under the heading "Miscellaneous" was reduced to £50. The sum of £100 provided for Civil Defence was reduced to £75. The Council deleted the sum of £220 provided for repairs to the Harbour Stores. The sum of £220 provided for additional Clerical Officer was reduced to £120.

RECEIPTS

The amounts provided in the Estimates for Receipts under the various Services were approved, subject to an increase by £430 in the amount provided for Receipts from the Letting of the Kiosks at the Esplanade.

The effect of the foregoing amendments is to decrease the net amount provided in respect of the various services as follows, viz.,

Urban Roads	£1,000
Sanitary Services	1,145
General Urban Purposes	1,715

Summary

	Est. by Manager.		Adopted by Council	
	Gross Exp.	Net Exp.	Gross Exp.	Net Exp.
Urban Roads	6,475	6,350	5,475	5,350
Sanitary Services	16,776	14,532	15,631	13,387
Housing	35,599	3,993	35,599	3,993
General Urban Purposes	54,734	49,843	53,449	48,128
	£113,584	£74,718	£110,154	£70,858

Proposed by Clr. E. Byrne, Seconded by Clr. P. Ledwidge and resolved:-

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A, B and C, hereunder, and determine in accordance with the said Estimates the rates set forth in Column 8 of Table C to be the rate in the £1 for the several purposes specified in the said Estimates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1953, and that the total Municipal Rate to be levied for the said financial year to be 30s 3d".

TABLE A
EXPENDITURE

Service	Purpose of Expenditure.	Amount Estimated	
		Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Urban Roads	Ordinary road works	6,175	5,175
	Special Grant works	300	300
Total		£6,475	£5,475
Sanitary Services	Sanitary Services	£16,776	£15,631
Total		£16,776	£15,631
Housing	Housing of the working classes	28,638	28,638
	Local Assistance Schemes	-	-
	Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	6,961	6,961
Total		£35,599	£35,599
General Urban Purposes			
County Council Services:			
Main Roads	Main Roads	7,603	7,603
Public Assistance	Public Assistance	12,201	12,201
Mental Hospital	Mental Hospital	6,500	6,500
Health (County)	Health (County)	4,194	4,194
General Purposes (County)	General Purposes (County)	1,428	1,428
Separate Charges	Separate Charges	-	-
Unemployment Assistance	Unemployment Assistance	1,697	1,697
Other Urban Purposes:			
Public Libraries	Public Libraries	2,355	2,155
Tourist Development	Tourist Development	200	200
Town & Regional Planning	Town & Regional Planning	5	5
Vocational education	Vocational education	1,937	1,937
Other purposes	Other purposes	16,614	15,529
Materials expense (balance)	Materials expense (balance)		
Machinery expense (balance)	Machinery expense (balance)		
Total		£54,734	£53,449

TABLE B

RECEIPTS

Service	Nature of Receipts	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Urban Roads	State Grants - Estate Duty (to be specified)	75	75
	Other Receipts (Miscellaneous)	50	50
Total		£125	£125
Sanitary	State Grants (School Meals) (to be specified)	738	738
	Other Receipts (Miscellaneous)	1,506	1,506
Total		£2,244	£2,244
Housing	Housing of the working classes:		
	Rents	14,348	14,348
	State Grants	5,887	5,887
	Other receipts	4,639	4,639
	Local Assistance Schemes		
	Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts	6,732	6,732
Total		£31,606	£31,606
General Urban Purposes			
	State Grants (Bounty in lieu of Rates)	400	400
	Other Receipts	4,491	4,491
	Materials expense (balance)		
	Machinery expense (balance)		
Total		£4,891	£5,321

TABLE C
CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND

Name of Service	Estimated Gross Expenditure (Table A)	Estimated Receipts (Table B)	Net estimated expenditure	Calculation of sum to be raised		Rate in the pound on the effective Valuation of the area (£46,802)
				Estimated debit balance (if any) (if any) (if any)	Estimated Estimated Amount leviable	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Urban Roads	5,475	125	5,350		5,350	27.42
Sanitary	15,631	2,244	13,387		13,387	68.63
Housing	35,599	31,606	3,993		3,993	20.45
General Urban Purposes:- County Council Services:						
Main Roads	7,603		7,603		7,603	38.97
Public Assistance	12,201		12,201		12,201	62.54
Mental Hospitals	6,500		6,500		6,500	33.30
Health	4,194		4,194		4,194	21.50
General Purposes (County)	1,428		1,428		1,428	7.31
Separate Charges						
Unemployment Assistance	1,697		1,697		1,697	8.70
Other Urban Purposes	19,626	5,321	14,505		14,505	74.18
	£110,154	£39,296	£70,858		£70,858	363.00

Total General Rate 30s 6d

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101. Tribute to County Manager.

The Council congratulated the County Manager in respect of the presentation of the report and paid tribute to the lucid manner in which all details of Council's services had been explained to the Members of the Council. The County Manager paid a tribute to every member of the staff, who had carried out their duties efficiently throughout the year and who had afforded assistance in the preparation of the Estimates, typing, etc..

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John R. Byrne
May 13, 1952

Bray Urban District Council



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Urban Council held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, 8th April, 1952, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT :—

COUNCILLORS :—

E. E. Byrne (in chair).
H. J. Byrne.
J. Kinsella.
P. Ledwidge.
Mrs. McCallion.
P. Martin.
J. Temple.
H. B. Hipwell.
Dr. Donnelly.

OFFICIALS :—

County Manager
(Mr. M. Flannery).
Town Clerk
(Mr. E. J. Fennell).

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Clrs. French, D. Sayers and G. H. G. Stuart.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

102. The Chairman on behalf of the Council tendered votes of sympathy to the relatives of Clr. E. J. Little, Dr. Wentworth Taylor, Mrs. Naylor and Mr. Christopher K. Fennell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

103. The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 11th March, 1952, and of adjourned Monthly Meeting of the 18th March, 1952, which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

Clr. Temple explained that he was unable to attend the Estimates Meeting held on the 31st March, 1952, owing to illness.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

104. The County Manager's Orders No. 7261 to 7266 as circulated, were noted.

Concerning Order No. 7262 it was agreed to request the Town Engineer to submit a report on the condition, etc., of No. 20 Castle Street, and to direct the Health Inspector to submit a report regarding the use of the premises for human habitation.

BUS SERVICE.

105. The following Motion standing in the name of Dr. Donnelly on the Agenda Paper was adjourned in view of the terms of a letter from Coras Iompair Eireann concerning the provision of 'bus service to Killarney Road district, viz. :—

"At next Statutory Meeting of the Council, I wish to propose that means be pursued to accommodate residents and visitors to Bray re a 'round-the-town' bus service."

The letter intimated that the Company were not prepared to provide a 'bus service to Killarney Road district as such service would not be economical. Following discussion it was agreed to ascertain from Coras Iompair Eireann and the Department of Industry and Commerce if there would be any objection to a local contractor operating a 'bus service to cater for residents in the outlying parts of the town. It was agreed to represent to the Company that the population of the outlying parts of the town had increased considerably since the erection of County Council dwellings at Killarney Lane, etc., and the erection of 44 new houses on lands at Boghall and that the 'bus serving Wolfe Tone Square should continue on to the Boghall Road.

PURCHASE OF WATERMAINS.

106. Proposed by Clr. P. Ledwidge, seconded by Clr. Hipwell, and resolved :—

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of Charge in respect of the Loan of £4,100 which is being borrowed from Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of 20 years, for the purchase of watermains.

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL.

107. The Council adopted a Resolution from An Uaimh Urban District Council concerning allowances, etc., to dependents of Air Corp personnel killed in the course of duty.

SMALL DWELLING (ACQ.) ACTS.

108. The following Loans were approved, viz. :—

<i>Name and Address</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>Loan</i>
Garda Malachy Flanagan, Lodge View, Enniskerry.	37 Dempsey's Field	£1,350
Sgt. John J. Scanlon 4 Marie Villas, Bray.	Herbert Road, Bray	£1,600
Garda Ed. Broughan, 3 Herbert Road, Bray	Herbert Road, Bray	£1,600

Mr. J. Dickson withdrew his application which was considered at a previous Meeting and adjourned for further information.

Submitted letter from Mr. J. F. Lang, requesting that he be permitted to defer payment of the sum due by him in respect of a Loan at 1st April to the 30th instant. The Council agreed to have payment deferred until the 30th April.

Concerning instalment of Annuity due by Mr. C. Doyle, "Mount Carmel," Davitt Road, it was decided to inform the borrower that if the sum due was not paid forthwith, that the matter would be placed in the hands of Council's solicitors.

TENANCIES OF COUNCIL HOUSES.

109. It was agreed to allocate No. 30 Wolfe Tone Square N. to Mr. J. Keenan, 15 Dock Terrace, subject to the condition that Mr. Keenan (Snr.) will live at No. 30 Wolfe Tone Square N. Concerning two vacant houses at Boghall, it was agreed to invite applications by public advertisement.

REMUNERATION OF FIRE BRIGADE PERSONNEL.

110. Submitted report of the Town Clerk giving details of the proposed revised allowances to be paid to the firemen for attendances at Fire outbreaks, practices, etc., call-to duty and retaining fee.

Members of the Council represented that the firemen would prefer to receive the allowances payable under the Circular, May, 1948, if the rates for "Stand-to" duty were increased from the old rate of 15/- to 30/- for each week during which the men are required to be available for attendance at fire outbreaks.

Mr. Ledwidge referred to the initiative displayed by a member of the Brigade, Mr. Sutton, who dealt personally with a fire outbreak in Dargan Street recently.

WATER SUPPLY—OLD CONNAUGHT.

111. Submitted letter from Deputy City Engineer stating that the Dublin Corporation would make a charge of 1/6 per 1,000 gallons for all water supplied in connection with the new Housing Scheme at Old Connaught.

Order:—Noted.

DUBLIN GAS CO.

112. Submitted letter from Alliance and Dublin Consumers Gas Co., stating that their technical Officers were not advised regarding proposal of the Urban Council to resurface Church Road and stating that they could not admit that the resurfacing of Main Street was in any way hindered by the maintenance of their services.

Order:—Noted.

CULTIVATION OF COTTAGE PLOTS.

113. Submitted letter from the Department of Local Government drawing attention to the fact that quite a number of cottage plots were not being cultivated in a satisfactory manner by tenants. It was agreed to request the Rent Collectors to submit a report upon the manner in which gardens of Council dwellings are cultivated by the tenants.

ILLUMINATED WINDMILL.

114. Submitted letter from Breen Electrical Co., stating that they would not be interested in the provision of a Windmill on Bray Head and again asked that the site should be made available on the Esplanade.

It was agreed to intimate to the Company that the Council would not approve of the proposal.

64 WOLFE TONE SQUARE, WEST.

115. Submitted correspondence regarding the joint tenancy of 64 Wolfe Tone Square West, the tenants being Miss Carton (shop portion) and Mr. O'Brien.

It was agreed to direct Miss Carton to remove a structure back 20 feet from its present position.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS—ROOF AT LATTICE COTTAGE.

116. Submitted letter from Mrs. Murphy, Lattice Cottage asking Council to reconsider its decision regarding alteration to the roof of the premises. The Council approved, subject to an undertaking being given that she would not claim any compensation in respect of the improvements which will be made when the roof has been replaced, if and when the Town Planning Scheme comes into operation.

CANVAS DOORWAY CANOPY.

117. The Council approved of Plan submitted by Mr. A. Borza for proposed canvas canopy at the Sunshine Cafe, provided the head-room be increased to 7 ft. 9 inches.

BOUNDARY WALL.

118. The Council granted permission to Mrs. E. McGuirk, The Pharmacy, Meath Road, Bray, to erect a boundary wall in front of the premises.

ALTERATIONS TO PREMISES, VEVAY ROAD.

119. Consideration of Plan submitted by Mr. Shiel, for alterations to premises at Vevay Road, was adjourned for report from the Town Engineer in the matter.

PROPOSED GARAGE AT 41 ST. PETER'S ROAD.

120. Consideration of a letter from the tenant of 41 St. Peter's Road requesting permission to erect a garage at the premises was adjourned pending submission of Plan.

STRUCTURE AT BRAEMAR BALLROOM.

121. It was agreed to adjourn consideration of proposed structure at Braemar Ballroom pending submission of Plan of Specification.

AMUSEMENT SITE—BRAY HEAD.

122. Submitted letter from Mr. Richard Williams, stating that he is prepared to pay a rental of £750 for each of the two seasons during which he would use the site at Bray Head for Amusement purposes, together with 50 per cent. of the receipts from the Amusements in a week in June and a week in September.

Order:—Tender accepted.

E. J. Fennell
May 13, 1952

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

of Rates Meeting of the Urban District Council held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, 6th May, 1952, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Clr. E. Byrne, (Chairman), Clrs. H. J. Byrne, J. French, J. Kinsella, H. B. Hipwell, G.H.G. Stuart, P. Martin, D. Sayers, and J. Temple.

Officials: E. J. Fennell, Town Clerk, J. P. McDonnell, Accountant, and D. J. Bateman, Rate Collector.

123. Adoption of Rate

It was proposed by Clr. French, seconded by Clr. Martin, and resolved:

"That we, the Bray Urban District Council hereby determine the amount of the Municipal Rate to be levied in respect of the year to end on 31st March, 1953, to be a rate of 30s 3d in the £1. The said rate to be collected in two half-yearly moieties; the first moiety and arrears on or after the 6th May, 1952 and the second moiety on or after the 1st October, 1952, and that the Rate Book be signed and sealed accordingly."

124. Rate Collector's Warrant

It was proposed by Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. Stuart and resolved:

"That the Warrant as now submitted for the collection of Rates for the year to end on the 31st March, 1953, be sealed and signed by the County Manager and handed to Mr. D. J. Bateman, Rate Collector, for collection".

125. Schedule of Uncollected Rates 1951/52

The Schedule of Uncollected Rates for the year ended 31st March, 1952 was examined. It was decided to declare as irrecoverable, the sum of £648 15 8 and to carry forward to the Warrant for 1952/53, the sum of £2,724 16 7d.

E. J. Fennell
May 13, 1952

Bray Urban District Council



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 13th May, 1952, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:—

COUNCILLORS:—

E. E. Byrne (in chair).
H. J. Byrne.
J. French.
H. B. Hipwell.
J. Kinsella.
P. Ledwidge.
D. Sayers.
C. H. G. Stuart.
P. Martin.
Dr. Donnelly.
J. Temple.

OFFICIALS:—

County Manager
(Mr. M. Flannery).
Town Clerk
(Mr. E. J. Fennell).
Town Engineer
(Mr. M. Healy).

DEATH OF VERY REV. A. CANON MORIARTY.

126. The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, extended a vote of sympathy to the Archbishop of Dublin, Diocesan Clergy, and relatives of the late Very Rev. A. Canon Moriarty.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

127. The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, extended a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Dr. Foran, Wm. Lee, Mr. Waldron, Mr. Dodd and Mr. Shelton.

ILLNESS OF CLR. MRS. McCALLION.

128. The Town Clerk was directed to convey to Mrs. McCallion the Council's best wishes for a speedy recovery from her illness.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

129. The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 8th April, 1952; of the Estimates Meeting held on 31st March and Rates Meeting held on the 6th May, 1952, which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

130. The County Manager's Orders (Nos. 7267 to 7275) as circulated, were noted.

With reference to Order No. 7272 concerning *inter alia* the withholding of increments from the Rent Collectors, the County Manager stated he would not implement the Order regarding suspension of the Collectors, if there was considerable improvement in the state of the Collection at the 30th June, 1952. The question of the payment of the increments was also being considered.

QUESTIONS—CLR. FRENCH.

131. (1) QUESTION: By whose authority were the kerb stones on the footpath at the Casino, Strand Road, removed?

ANSWER: During the erection of the Casino portion of the footpath in front of the Casino was damaged and was replaced by Mr. Boni's Contractor. It was replaced to the Engineer's satisfaction.

2. QUESTION: Why were two Weighing Scales installed in the sanitary conveniences at the Southern End of the Esplanade?

ANSWER: Weighing Machines have been installed in the South Sanitary Conveniences for the past few years. Permission was granted for the installation at the request of the Company. As far as can be ascertained, no obstruction is caused to users of the Conveniences.

3. QUESTION: Why have the gates on these Conveniences not been attended to?

ANSWER: An Order has been issued for the rehanging and repainting of the gates.

4. QUESTION: The Publicans recently got 70 per cent. reduction on excess water. Why did the remaining few—the market Gardeners, not get the reduction also?

ANSWER: The Council agreed to grant an allowance of 70 per cent. to Publicans in respect of water consumed on the premises, which would also be used for domestic purposes. In the case of market Gardeners the meters have been installed in the gardens. As these premises are not being used for domestic purposes and as all the water used is for commercial purposes the question of rebate does not arise in these cases.

APPRECIATION OF COUNCIL'S OF SYMPATHY.

132. Submitted letter from Mrs. N. Taylor and Mrs. Hilda Little thanking the Council for its expression of sympathy in their recent bereavements.

SMALL DWELLING (ACQ.) ACTS.

133. The Council approved of Loans of £1,600 each to Mr. Geo. Ed. Collier, 81 St. Helen's Road, Booterstown, Co. Dublin and Mr. Michael Kirby, Appletree Cottage, Dargle Road, Bray, in respect of houses at Dempsey's Field, subject to the Agreement regarding the provision of a storm overflow being completed immediately by Mr. M. Dempsey.

LEASE OF PREMISES, 51 MAIN STREET.

134. It was proposed by Clr. H. J. Byrne, seconded by Clr. J. French and Resolved:—

"That we the Bray Urban District Council in pursuance of Section 83 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1946, hereby lease to Mr. Patrick Kelly, the premises known as 51 Main Street, for a term of fifty years at a rental of £50 per annum over and above Rates and Taxes; the said lease to commence on the 1st April, 1952.

TENDERS FOR DEVELOPMENT WORK AT THE ESPLANADE.

135. The following three Tenders for preliminary development work at the Esplanade were considered, viz:—

Messrs. A. F. Hastings & Co., Frankfort, Dundrum Road, Dublin ...	£1,990 0 0
Messrs. O'Donnell's Nurseries & Fruit Farms, 34 Castle Street, Bray ...	£3,991 0 0
Moses Doyle, 22 Cedarmount Road, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin ...	£2,600 0 0

The Council recommended the acceptance of the Tender of Messrs. Hastings. Letter from Mr. D. Fitzgerald, Consultant Architect, suggesting the erection of a railing instead of a dwarf wall on the roadside on the northern end of the Esplanade was considered. Following discussion it was agreed to adhere to the original decision to erect a dwarf wall.

SUGGESTED HOSPITAL FOR BRAY.

136. Submitted letter from Bray Trades and Labour Council regarding the proposed establishment of a Hospital in Bray. Following discussion it was agreed to inform the Bray Trades and Labour Council that Clr. Dr. Donnelly who is actively associated with the Committee dealing with preliminary investigation in the matter, would be prepared to receive the Deputation from members of the Trades Council at his residence.

OLD CONNAUGHT HOUSING SCHEME.

137. Submitted letter from Mr. D. Fitzgerald, Consultant Architect and letter from Mr. Gorham's solicitor regarding the proposal of the Council to acquire Mr. Gorham's land at Old Connaught in connection with the proposed Hodusing Scheme. It was agreed to ask the Consultant Architect to meet Mr. Gorham's solicitor to discuss the matter further. The Council deferred consideration of a recommendation of the County Manager that a bonus Scheme for workmen engaged on the Housing Scheme at Old Connaught should not be approved.

SMOKING CONCERT IN BOARDROOM.

138. The Council granted permission to the Bray Darts League to hire the Boardroom on the 30th May for a Smoking Concert. The Council also approved of the hire of the Boardroom by the Life Boat Committee on a date to be determined later.

CYCLE RACE ON SEA WALL.

139. The Council granted permission to the Bray Amusements Committee to hold a Children's Cycle Race on the Sea Wall on the 3rd June. Clr. Stuart dissented.

COUNTY WICKLOW TENNIS CLUB—ERECTION OF LOCATION SIGN.

140. The Council granted permission to the Wicklow Lawn Tennis Club to erect a sign at Bray Head and Vevay Road to indicate the location of the Club.

CLIFF WALK—BRAY TO GREYSTONES.

141. The Council took no action on a letter from the Bray Amusements Committee concerning maintenance of the Cliff Walk between Bray and Greystones.

ALTERATION OF 'BUS ROUTES

142. The Council took no action in the recommendation of the Bray Amusements Committee concerning an alteration in bus routes No. 45 and 45A.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS—ERECTION OF SHOPS AT DEMPSEY'S FIELD.

143. The Council approved of Plan submitted by Messrs. McNamara & O'Hare for erection of two shops on Sites 46 and 47, Dempsey's Field. The Council also approved of the proposal of the Homeland Building Society to erect bungalows on Sites 52 to 63 Dempsey's Field and approved of the erection of an E.S.B. Sub-Station in accordance with Plans submitted.

PLACING OF BOOK BARROW ON THE ESPLANADE.
144. Permission was granted to the Legion of Mary to place a Book Barrow on the Esplanade during the Summer Season.

USE OF CARLISLE GROUNDS FOR AMUSEMENTS.
145. Submitted letter from Bray Wanderers F.C. concerning use of the Carlisle Grounds for Amusement purposes. It was agreed to inform the Club that adequate sanitary facilities would have to be available and that permission would be required for the erection of any structures on the site.

STRUCTURE AT IVY COTTAGE.
146. The Council refused permission for the erection of a structure in front of Ivy Cottage by Mr. P. Rowan.

ERECTION OF SCULLERY AT 9 FAIRGREEN TCE.
147. Permission was granted to the tenant of 9 Fairgreen Tce., to erect a scullery at the premises.

ERECTION OF HUT AT ESPLANADE.
148. The Council granted permission to Mr. B. O'Malley, Marie Villas, to erect a hut adjoining the Putting Green on the Esplanade, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Town Engineer.

ALTERATIONS TO PREMISES, VEVAY ROAD.
149. Plans submitted by Mr. Shiel, Vevay Road, for alterations to premises at Vevay Road.
Order:—Permission granted subject to the structure not being used as a shop.

GARAGE AT 41 ST. PETER'S ROAD.
150. The Council refused permission requested by Mr. P. Kelly, 41 St. Peter's Road for erection of garage at his premises.

BUS SERVICE TO KILLARNEY ROAD DISTRICT.
151. Submitted letter from Coras Iompair Eireann agreeing to meet a Deputation of the Council regarding the provision of a bus service to the Killarney Road District. The following members were appointed to attend at the office of Coras Iompair Eireann on Tuesday, 20th inst. at 3 p.m., viz.: Clr. E. Byrne, Chairman; Clrs. H. J. Byrne and Dr. Donnelly.

PLACES OF PUBLIC RESORT.

152. Regarding control of places of public resort generally and in particular in respect of premises used for the playing of Pongo, it was agreed to request the County Fire Officer, Town Engineer and Health Inspector to inspect all such premises and have a report submitted to the Council at its next Statutory Meeting in June.

TENDERS FOR STRIP LIGHTING.

153. The following Tenders for provision of strip lighting were considered, viz.:—
Breen Electrical Co., 16 Dame Street, Dublin £240 0 0
Alpha Electrical Service, 82 Main Street, Bray. £369 5 0
E. O'Neill, Derrynane, Ravenswell Road, Bray £285 12 4
It was decided to adjourn consideration of the acceptance of a Tender pending a report from the Town Engineer in the matter.

NOTICE OF MOTION—CLR. J. FRENCH.

154. "That we the members of Bray Urban District Council do hereby call upon the Minister for Justice to ban the importation of all comics emanating from American Publishers on the grounds that they contain many pictures which are indecent and advertisements which are highly suggestive making them therefore unsuitable and dangerous reading matter for the youth of Ireland and that we as a Council deplore the expenditure of currency on such publications and the fact that many of them are printed in this country."

PLACING OF PONIES ON THE SEA FRONT.

155. The Council decided not to accept a Tender for the plying of ponies for hire on the sea front during the coming Season.
Two offers had been received, viz.:—
James Bowden, 38 Stephen's Place, rere Merrion Sq. £40
John Moorehouse, 12 St. Laurence's Terrace, Bray £5

EALING STUDIOS—FIRE BRIGADES.

156. It was agreed to make a Trailer Pump available to Ealing Studios in connection with a film which is being made by the Studios at Enniskerry.

J. E. Byrne
June 10, 1959

Bray Urban District Council



Minutes of adjourned Meeting of the Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, on Tuesday, 20th May, 1952, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:—

COUNCILLORS:—

E. E. Byrne (in chair).
H. J. Byrne.
J. French.
H. B. Hipwell.
J. Kinsella.
P. Martin.
P. Ledwidge.
G. H. C. Stuart.
D. Sayers.
J. Temple.
Dr. Donnelly.

OFFICIALS:—

Town Clerk
(Mr. E. J. Fennell).
County Manager
(Mr. M. Flannery).
Town Engineer
(Mr. M. Healy).

SMALL DWELLING (ACQ.) ACTS.

157. Further consideration of applications for Loans under the Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts received from Messrs. G. E. Collier and Michael Kirby were adjourned pending completion of the Agreement relating to the provision of a Storm Overflow at Dempsey's Field.

RENTING OF TOLLS OF CONVENIENCES AT BRAY BRIDGE.

158. The only Tender received, viz., that of Mrs. Violet Dutton, 7 Vevay Road, for renting of the Tolls of Sanitary Conveniences at Bray Bridge in the sum of £3 3s. 0d. for one year from 1st June, 1952 to 31st May, 1953, was accepted.

STRIP LIGHTING.

159. The Council approved of the Report of the Town Engineer recommending the acceptance of the Tender of Messrs. Breen Electrical Co., in the sum of £240 for the provision and maintenance of strip Lighting at the Esplanade.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS—EGGCHICK HATCHERIES.

160. Permission was granted to Eggchick Hatcheries for the retention of a temporary structure at the premises.

REPAIRS TO FONTENOY COTTAGE

161. The Council approved of the proposal of the occupier, Mr. Devitt, to have repairs carried out to the roof of his premises, subject to the condition that in the event of the Town Planning Scheme coming into operation he will not seek compensation in respect of betterment of the premises as a result of repairs to the roof.

ERECTION OF GATES AT 40 WOLFE TONE SQUARE, MIDDLE.

162. The Council granted permission to Mr. Peter Broughan, 40 Wolfe Tone Square Middle, to erect gates at the premises.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT NEWCOURT ROAD.

163. The Council approved of a Plan submitted on behalf of Mr. R. Bohan for proposed housing development at Newcourt Road, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Town Engineer regarding road, sewers, watermains, etc., as set out by him in his report.

ADDITIONS TO BRAEMAR BALLROOM AND CAFE.

164. The Council refused permission for the erection of additions to Braemar Ballroom and Cafe, Strand Road, for Mr. Baird, in accordance with Plans submitted on his behalf by Mr. O'Driscoll.

TENDERS FOR PAINTING.

165. Councillor Martin referred to the acceptance by the Town Engineer of a Tender for painting of poles, etc. Members represented that Tenders should have been brought to the notice of the Council. The Town Engineer pointed out that the work was of an urgent character and it was necessary to accept a Tender immediately, so that the work could be completed before the 1st June, 1952.

TENANCY OF COUNCIL HOUSES.

166. The Council considered applications for tenancy of two houses recently erected at Boghall. Following discussion, it was decided not to consider four applications which were not received within the prescribed period.

After examination in detail of the circumstances of each of the 64 applicants it was agreed to approve of the allocation of the two houses to Mr. John Fitzgerald, St. Helen's, Gate Lodge, Killarney Road and Mr. James Gorman, Oldcourt Lodge, Vevay Road, Bray.

It was agreed that No. 30 Wolfe Tone Square, North, be offered to Mr. Treacy, 11 Quinsboro' Road, in the event of a family named Keenan, 15 Harbour View, refusing to comply with the requirements of the Council regarding the vacation of the house at Harbour View by Mr. Keenan, Senior.

TEMPORARY OVERDRAFT ON REVENUE ACCOUNT.

167. It was proposed by Clr. E. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Sayers, and resolved:—

"That we the Bray Urban District Council hereby make application to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of an Overdraft on the Revenue Account in the sum of £10,000 for the period to end on the 30th June, 1952, to meet commitments pending the receipt of Municipal Rates.

SLOT MACHINES.

168. Notice of Motion—Clr. G. H. G. Stuart:—

"That we, the members of the Bray Urban District Council view with gravest concern the growth of gambling facilities (in the form of Pongo & Slot Machines) in the township. That a Special Meeting of the Council be called with a view to considering ways and means to control the setting up of such premises."

SPEED LIMIT REGULATIONS.

169. Notice of Motion—Clr. G. H. G. Stuart:—

"That we, the members of the Bray Urban District Council again call upon the Minister for Local Government to correct the legal difficulties which make the Bray Speed Limit Regulations inoperable."

Edward Byrne
June 10, 1952

MINUTES

of further adjourned Monthly Meeting of the Urban District Council held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, 27th May, 1952, at 7.30 p.m.

Present; Clr. E. Byrne (Chairman) Clrs. J. French, H. J. Byrne, G.H.G. Stuart, Dr. Donnelly, J. Kinsella, H.B. Hipwell, P. Martin and J. Temple.
An apology for inability to attend was received from Clr. Sayers.

Officials: M. Flannery, Wicklow Co. Manager, E.J. Fennell, Town Clerk, J. P. MacDonnell, Accountant and M. Healy, Town Engineer.

170. 20 Castle Street.

Submitted report of the Town Engineer and Health Inspector concerning the condition of premises, No. 20 Castle St.. The Town Clerk explained that a Closing Order had been made in respect of the upper storey of the house and pointed out that the Owner, through her Solicitors had been asked to intimate whether she would be prepared to sell the premises to the Council for a nominal sum, if the Council decided to acquire the premises.

It was agreed to defer the matter pending a reply from her Solicitor concerning disposal of the premises.

171. 29 Houses Scheme.

Proposed by Clr. J. French, seconded by Clr. H. J. Byrne and resolved:

"That we hereby apply to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the raising of an additional Loan of £1,250, from the Commissioners of Public Works, to defray the cost of the erection of 29 Houses on various Sites by Direct Labour"

172. Assignment of 3 O'Byrne Road, Bray.

The Council approved of the proposed assignment of No. 3 O'Byrne Road by Miss Joan O'Reilly to Mr. Edmund Moloughney.

173. Tenders for Stationery requirements.

Four Tenders for Stationery requirements, for a period of one year from the 1st April, 1952, were opened, viz., Dargle Press, Hibernia Printing Works, Falconer, and the North Wexford Printing & Publishing Co.. It was decided to accept the lowest Tender for each individual item contained in the Schedule and in any case where Tenders for a particular item were identical, preference is to be given to local Tender.

174. Vacancy for Clerk Typist.

The Town Clerk stated that Miss V.C. Byrne resigned from the service of the Council on 23rd February, and it was proposed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation. A Miss K. Cullen, Rathdrum, who competed at the Examination for Clerk Typists held by Wicklow County Council in March, 1951, was the only remaining candidate on the panel who had not yet been appointed. It was agreed to ask her if she would be prepared to accept the appointment as Clerk Typist. If she declines to do so, it will be necessary to hold an open competitive Examination to fill the vacancy.

175. Pollard's Terrace.

Submitted report of the Town Engineer stating that the six houses at Pollard's Tce., were in an unsatisfactory condition and recommending that it would be uneconomic to have repairs carried out. It was pointed out that if the houses were demolished, three new houses could be erected on the cleared site. It was unanimously agreed to have the houses demolished as they become vacant.

176. Cultivation of gardens by Council's tenants.

Submitted report of Rent Collector upon cultivation of gardens by Council's tenants. The reports state that generally, the gardens are being cultivated satisfactorily with some exceptions. It was agreed to instruct the tenants of houses whose gardens are not being satisfactorily cultivated that unless improvement is shown by them that Council will consider terminating their tenancy of the premises. The County Manager stated he would examine the possibility of contributing to a Prize Scheme for the best cultivated garden. He said he would examine whether there was any statutory authority in this connection.

177. Co-option of Mrs. E. J. Little.

The Council unanimously approved of the recommendation of the Library Advisory Committee that Mrs. E. J. Little be co-opted on that Committee to fill the vacancy created by the death of ex Councillor E. J. Little.

178. Appreciation of Council's Vote of Sympathy.

Submitted letter from the Rev. Secretary, Archbishop of Dublin, thanking the Council for its expression of sympathy on the death of the late Very Rev. A. Canon Moriarty, P.P...
Order: Noted.

179. Tenders for supply of sand, gravel, etc.

The following tenders for the supply of sand, gravel and chippings, and horse and lorry hire were considered, viz.,

	<u>Gravel & Sand</u>	<u>Chippings</u>	<u>Horse & Car</u>	<u>Tipper Lorry.</u>
Walter Byrne	6/-d per ton.	9/6d per ton		
Messrs Kelly & Sons	5/-d " " "	10/-d " " "		£4 per day
Charles Byrne	6/-d " " "	9/6d " " "		
E. J. Doyle	5/-d " " "	9/-d " " "		£4 "
John Doyle			£1 5s p.day.	

It was agreed to accept the Tender of Mr. E. J. Doyle and Messrs Kelly & Sons for the supply of sand and gravel at 5/-d per ton. The tender of Mr. E. J. Doyle for the supply of chippings at 9/-d per ton and for hire of tipper lorry at £4 per day was also accepted. The tender of Mr. John Doyle in the sum of £1 5s 0d per day for the hire of horse and car and that of Messrs Kelly & Sons for the hire of tipper lorry at £4 per day were accepted.

180. Illness of Clr. Mrs. McCallion.

Submitted letter from Clr. Mrs. McCallion, thanking the Council for their kind wishes for her speedy recovery from illness.
Order: Noted.

181. Town Planning Acts - 2 semi-detached houses at Herbert Road.

The Council recommended approval of Plan submitted by Mr. B. O'Brien, Architect, for two semi-detached houses at Herbert Road for Messrs Scanlon and Broughan

182. Proposed houses at Vevay Road for Mr. T. Whelan.

The Council recommended approval of Plan submitted by Mr. C. O'Reilly, Architect for the erection of seven houses at Vevay Road for Mr. T. Whelan.

183. E.S.B. Sub-Station - Convent Avenue.

The Council recommended approval of Plan submitted for erection of E.S.B. Sub-Station at Convent Avenue.

184. Repairs to Galtrim Lodge, Galtrim Park.

The Council recommended approval of Plan submitted for repairs to Galtrim Lodge, Galtrim Park, Bray.

185. Proposed shop at Fitzwilliam Terrace.

The Council recommended refusal, in principle, for the erection of a shop at Fitzwilliam Tce., for Mr. H. F. Strowd.

186. Braemar Cafe and Ballroom.

The Council reconsidered a letter from the Proprietor of the Braemar Ballroom and Cafe regarding refusal of permission under the Town Planning Acts and Council's Byelaws for the erection of structures at Braemar Cafe and Ballroom, Strand Road. The Council adhered to its decision and directed that legal Proceedings be instituted for contravention of the Town Planning Acts and Byelaws. It was agreed to ask Council's Solicitor to submit his advice as to the powers, etc., of Council to control the use of, and erection of structures.

187. Old Connaught Housing Scheme.

The Council noted the terms of a letter from the Department of Local Government stating that the Local Inquiry would be held on the 17th June, 1952, into the Compulsory Purchase Order made in respect of the acquisition of land which was formerly used as a Greyhound Racing Track.

188. Applications for advances under S.D.A. Acts.

The Town Clerk stated that the Agreement concerning the provision of Storm Overflow by Mr. Dempsey at Putland Road, had been completed. Loans of £1,600 had been provisionally approved for Messrs G.E. Collier and Michael Kirby, in respect of houses at Dempsey's Field. These loans were now approved unconditionally.

189. Notice of Motion - Clr. Temple.

Please take notice that I or someone on my behalf, will move at the next Statutory Meeting of the Council, that a Solicitor residing in Bray, shall be appointed Law Agent to the Bray Urban District Council.

Edward Byrne
June 10, 1952

Bray Urban District Council



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, on Tuesday, 10th June, 1952.

PRESENT :—

COUNCILLORS :—

E. E. Byrne (in chair).
H. J. Byrne.
H. B. Hipwell.
P. Ledwidge.
J. Temple.
G. H. G. Stuart.
J. French.
J. Kinsella.
P. Martin.
Dr. Donnelly.
D. Sayers.

OFFICIALS :—

Town Clerk
(Mr. E. J. Fennell).
County Manager
(Mr. M. Flannery).
Town Engineer
(Mr. M. Healy).
Law Agent,
(Mr. McCarroll).

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

190. The Chairman on behalf of the Council, extended a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. Robert Maguire, Herbert Garth, Mrs. Hannon and Mr. Wm. Douglas.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

191. The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 13th May, of adjourned Monthly Meeting of the 27th May, and of the further adjourned Monthly Meeting of the 27th May, 1952, which had been circulated and taken as read, were signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

192. The County Manager's Orders as circulated (Nos. 7276 to 7309) were noted.

DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

193. It was agreed to hold the Annual General Meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 25th June, 1952.

CRIME COMICS.

194. Proposed by Clr. J. French, seconded by Clr. H. J. Byrne and Resolved :—

"That we, the members of the Bray Urban District Council do hereby call upon the Minister for Justice to ban the importation of all Comics emanating from American Publishers, on the grounds that they contain many pictures which are indecent and advertisements which are highly suggestive, making them therefore, unsuitable and dangerous reading matter for the youth of Ireland and that we as a Council, deplore the expenditure of currency on such publications and the fact that many of them are printed in this country. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to every Urban District Council in the Country, to the Association of Municipal Authorities, and to the Dail Deputies for the Wicklow Constituency."

BRAY SPEED LIMIT REGULATIONS.

195. Proposed by Clr. G. H. G. Stuart, seconded by Clr. P. Martin and Resolved :—

"That we the members of the Bray Urban District Council again call upon the Minister for Local Government to correct the Legal difficulties which make the Bray Speed Limit Regulations inoperable."

GAMING MACHINES.

196. It was proposed by Clr. G. H. G. Stuart and seconded by Clr. P. Martin :—

"That we the Members of the Bray Urban District Council view with the gravest concern the growth of Gaming facilities (in the form of Pongo and Slot Machines) in the Town. That a Special Meeting of the Council be called with a view to considering ways and means to control the setting up of such premises."

Following lengthy discussion the terms of the Motion were adopted subject to the substitution of the words "Public Meeting" for Special Meeting of the Council in the Motion.

A division in this connection was taken when there voted for the holding of the Public Meeting 7, viz., Clrs. H. J. Byrne, J. French, H. B. Hipwell, P. Martin, D. Sayers, G. H. G. Stuart and J. Temple. Four members voted against the holding of the Public Meeting, viz., Clr. E.

Byrne (Chairman), Clrs. Dr. Donnelly, J. Kinsella and P. Ledwidge. It was decided to call a Public Meeting to be held in the Town Hall on Thursday, 26th June, 1952, at 8 p.m. and to invite the Gardai and Clergy of the various denominations. A sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Clrs. P. Ledwidge, G. H. G. Stuart and H. B. Hipwell was appointed to draft the form of Notices, Advertisement, etc.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL'S LAW AGENT.

197. Proposed by Clr. J. Temple, seconded by Clr. P. Martin:
"That a Solicitor resident in Bray shall be appointed Law Agent to the Bray Urban District Council."
Following discussion it was proposed by Clr. Hipwell and seconded by Clr. Sayers:
"That the Law Agent, Mr. McCarroll, be asked to attend at the Town Hall at least once a week and also to attend the Statutory Meetings of the Council."
Following further discussion both the original Motion and the amendment were withdrawn.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

198. Submitted letter from the Chief Executive Officer, Vocational Education Committee, recommending the appointment of Mrs. H. Little, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. E. J. Little. It was proposed by Clr. J. Temple, seconded by Clr. H. J. Byrne and Resolved:—

"That Mrs. H. Little, Cliftonville, Novara Road, be appointed on the Vocational Education Committee in succession to her late husband, Mr. E. J. Little.

ASSIGNMENT OF 36 CONNOLLY SQUARE.

199. The Council approved of the proposed assignment of 36 Connolly Square by Mr. James Fox, to Mrs. Breda Fox.

UNIVERSITY ADULT EDUCATION SCHEME.

200. The Council adopted a Resolution from Fermoy U.D.C. concerning Grants towards the University Adult Education Scheme.

STORAGE OF CIVIL DEFENCE EQUIPMENT.

201. Submitted correspondence with the Department of Defence regarding the provision of suitable storage accommodation for Civil Defence equipment. The County Fire Officer had recommended that a Nissen hut should be erected at the Fair Green. The Department of Defence had intimated that 60 per cent. of the cost of the provision of stores would be recouped to the Council.

It was agreed to adjourn consideration of the matter pending reports from the County Fire Officer and the Engineer as to the cost of erecting a permanent store which could also be used to store Council's equipment.

AMUSEMENT PREMISES.

202. Submitted report from the County Fire Officer and the Town Engineer regarding the following premises used for Amusement devices, Pongo, etc., viz.: Eddie's Amusements, Albert Walk; Manhattan Pongo Saloon, Albert Walk; Mick and Sons, Albert Walk, Hunt's Amusements; Dawson's Amusements; Boni's Casino and Ivy Cottage.
The Town Engineer reported that in general the Saloons were well kept as regards cleanliness, light, state of decoration, and all provide comfortable seating accommodation. He stated that the principal difficulty appears to be lack of adequate sanitary accommodation.
The County Fire Officer reported that no major alterations were necessary to make the buildings reasonably safe in the case of fire, but he recommended the installation of fire extinguishers in a number of the premises.

AMUSEMENT SITE AT BRAY HEAD.

203. The Council granted permission to Mr. Williams to use the Shelter at Bray Head in connection with the operation of the Amusements. It was decided to ask the Contractor to give the Council 50 per cent. of the proceeds received from the Amusement devices for one week which would include the 12th July, 1952, in lieu of the week to be given in June and September, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

BRAY COVE SWIMMING POOLS.

204. Submitted Report of the Town Engineer regarding the Bray Cove Swimming Pools intimating that the cost of erection of a suitable hand rail would be approximately £80, and that repairs to the Diving Stage will amount to £50. No action was taken by the Council in the matter.

Permission was granted to the Club for the erection of a sign at Bray Head and Display Boards on the Esplanade—the Notice Boards to be removed after the holding of the last function for the season.

LIFE BOAT ASSOCIATION.

205. Permission was granted to the Life Boat Association to hold a Flag Box collection on the Esplanade and seawall on the 18th and 19th July, 1952.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

206. It was agreed to grant permission to the Red Cross Society to hold Meetings in the Boardroom at the Town Hall on one afternoon in every quarter, free of charge.

CONTROL OF ERECTION OF STRUCTURES.

207. The Law Agent, Mr. McCarroll explained the powers of the Council in the control of erection of new structures and alterations and repairs to existing ones. Briefly, the Council's powers are obtained under the Public Health Acts, 1878, Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1907, Town Planning Acts and Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847. Bye-laws which have been made by the Council under the Public Health Acts provide for the control of erection of structures or additions to existing ones. The 1907 Act provides for the control of temporary structures. The Towns Improvement Clauses Act 1847, empowers a Local Authority to control the erection of such structures as sign post, show boards, etc., provided it can be proved that the erection of such structure would be an obstruction to the safe and convenient passage along any street. The Town Planning Acts empower a Local Authority to control erection of all structures but there is no power at present to have a structure removed once it has been erected, until such time as the Town Planning Scheme comes into operation.

Henry Byrne

8/12/52

Bray Urban District Council



Minutes of Special Meeting of the Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, on Tuesday, 17th June, 1952, in pursuance of the terms of the following Requisition:—

13TH JUNE, 1952.

E. J. FENNELLS, ESQ.,
Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Bray.

DEAR SIR,

Please convene a Special Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council for Tuesday, 17th June, 1952, at 7.30 p.m. for the purpose of instructing the Council's Law Agent in the drafting of a resolution on behalf of the Council, for submission to the Public Meeting on Thursday, 26th June, 1952, at 8 p.m. on the question of Slot Machines and Pongo.

Yours faithfully,

G. H. G. Stuart, (Vice-Chairman).
Edward Byrne, (Chairman).
H. B. Hipwell,
H. J. Byrne,
J. F. Kinsella.