

554.—Postal Services.

At the request of the Town Clerk this matter was adjourned to the next Meeting.

555.—Filling of vacancy on Vocational Education Committee and Library Committee.

It was decided to adjourn this matter to the next Meeting of the Council.

556.—Office Field.

It was decided that the Council enter negotiations with the Meath Estate to take a Lease of the above field or to purchase it.

557.—Storekeeper, J. Byrne.

The Council, on the suggestion of Clr. H. McAuliffe, conveyed their best wishes to Mr. J. Byrne and expressed the wish that he would be back in office before long.

558.—Esplanade.

The Council granted permission to the County Manager to offer a sum of £50 per year to the Meath Estates, Ltd., for renewal of Lease on the Esplanade for a further 99 years.

559.—Notice of Motion—Public Lighting at Marine Park.

The Chairman accepted the following Notice of Motion from Clr. J. O'Toole and Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge, "That we intend to move at the next Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council that two lights be erected on the road leading to Royal Marine Park.

560.—Christmas Social—22nd December.

It was decided to hold a Meeting on Saturday, 17th instant, in the Town Hall, at 3 p.m., to make arrangements for above

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 25th October, 1960, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Officials: M. Flannery, Wicklow Co. Manager; D. F. McCarthy, Town Clerk; M. Healy, Town Engineer; J. T. O'Byrne, Co. Engineer, and P. Hickey, Assist. County Engineer.

559.—Excess Expenditure Superannuation.

The Council, on the proposition of Clr. Sayers, seconded by Clr. Byrne, approved the excess expenditure to provide for

(a) payment of £70 19s. 0d. in respect of the late Mr. O. Whelahan-Crotty who was a teacher with Bray Vocational School from 1st September, 1937, to 31st August, 1948.

(b) Weekly payment of £4 3s. 5d. to Mr. J. O'Toole, Council Employee, who retired owing to ill-health after twenty-eight years' service with the Council.

The Members of the Council and the Manager paid tribute to Mr. O'Toole's efficiency and courtesy while in the services of the Bray Urban District Council, and wished him well in his retirement.

529.—Tourist Amenity Schemes for Bray.

On it being decided by the Council to discuss this matter in Committee, Clr. McAuliffe withdrew from the Meeting in protest and did not return to the Meeting until the second item—Flooding in the Little Bray Area, was being discussed.

The Town Clerk read the Town Engineer's report of the 10th October in which he set out the difficulties and disadvantages of siting a Swimming Pool on the Esplanade opposite the White Gates. After a somewhat lengthy discussion, it was decided that the County Manager and the Town Engineer would meet the Officials of Bórd Fáilte to discuss the feasibility or otherwise of locating a Swimming Pool at this point.

In the course of the discussion, Clr. Hunt informed the Meeting that Bray Enterprises had now acquired all interests in Barry's Field and proposed to develop it as soon as possible.

The Town Clerk also read a letter from Mr. Tyrrell, Secretary, Bray Enterprises, setting out proposals of that body, i.e., The Development of Barry's Field, in which it was proposed to lay out Bowling Greens, two Hard-court Tennis Courts, and eighteen hole Putting Green and to erect Pavilion. Bray Enterprises also propose to purchase the C.I.E. Buffet and to make extensions and alterations thereto to provide a hall with an organ for concerts and recitals, and also to provide a Billiard Saloon, Roof Cafe, Cocktail Bars and Table and Deck Tennis.

Carlisle Grounds.

The Chairman accepted the following Notice of Motion from Clr. Stuart to be moved at the next Statutory Meeting of the Council: "That the Council's decision not to acquire the Carlisle Grounds be hereby rescinded."

530.—Flooding at Little Bray.

At the outset the Council received Messrs. Valentine and Corcoran of the Co. Wicklow Anglers' Association, who suggested that artificial groins placed in the river might help the position by eliminating silting. They undertook to let Mr. Healy have the technical details, and it was decided that a copy of his report on Flooding would be supplied to the Co. Wicklow Angler's Association.

A general discussion on flooding then took place and various suggestions were made by the Members. Finally, on the proposition of Clr. Sayers and seconded by Clr. Hipwell, it was decided that the Engineer give an estimate of the cost of implementing part 2 (a) of his report of the 7th August, 1958, i.e., the provision of a pumping system and catch pits for disposing of surface water. It was also decided to examine the question of purchasing property up river from the Dargle and Bray Laundry from the owner, Miss Barton, and closing the gateway to this property through which the floodwaters enter the Dargle River.

Clr. McAuliffe stated that he believed there had been a Right-of-Way between the property owned by Miss Barton and that owned by Col. Butler and that this Right-of-Way had been closed.

The Chairman intimated that he and other Members were taking up the question of the seeking of a Grant by the Wicklow Co. Council for the removal of the silting on the seaward side of Bray Bridge, at an early Meeting of that Body.

The Co. Engineer and Mr. Hickey agreed with the points and recommendations of Mr. Healy's report.

531.—Flooding at St. Peter's Road—Dublin Road.

Clr. Doyle raised the question of flooding in the above area, and it was agreed that he would meet Mr. Hickey on the site in an endeavour to remedy this flooding.

On Clr. Stuart's request, it was decided to deal with his Resolution in a similar manner.

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 10th January, 1961, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

561.—Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of Monthly Meeting of 13th December were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

562.—County Manager's Orders.

The County Manager's Orders (Nos. 8569 to 8574) were noted.

563.—Arising out of Previous Minutes.

Arising out of the Minutes, the Town Clerk read a letter from Supt. Hynes re. Traffic at the Town Hall, to the effect that he was having the matter examined.

564.—Adjourned Items.

After a discussion, it was decided to adjourn consideration of a letter from Bórd Fáilte Éireann re. Amenity Schemes to a Special Meeting to be held on 17th January.

It was also decided to adjourn to that Meeting discussion on the Derelict Sites Act, 1960, and also request the Town Engineer to have a list of Derelict Sites for the Meeting.

It was further decided, on the proposition of Clr. M. O'Toole, seconded by Clr. Doyle, that the Special Meeting in question would not be held in Committee.

Clr. Hipwell obtained leave to adjourn his Notice of Motion re. the Industrial Development Association to a future date, it being stipulated that if he wished to re-enter it, he would do so in time to allow each Member to get seven days' clear notice of his intention.

On Clr. Stuart's request, it was decided to deal with his Resolution in a similar manner.

565.—Co. Manager's Orders—E.S.B. Sub-Station.

Arising out of the Manager's Orders, Clr. McAuliffe protested at the giving of permission to the E.S.B. to erect a Sub-Station at the rear of No. 29 Main Street, Bray, on the grounds that it might be dangerous.

566.—Lighting—Royal Marine Park.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of extra lighting at Royal Marine Park to the Estimates' Meeting. Clr. McAuliffe and other Members stressed the need for some further lights in Palermo. It was finally decided that the Members who felt there was a need for extra lights, and extended lighting, in various parts of the town, should submit their suggestions to the Town Clerk and the Town Engineer would then examine the whole question of Public Lighting.

The Council, on the proposition of Clr. E. Byrne, seconded by Clr. J. Temple, voted the excess expenditure in the sum of £46 2s. 0d. to cover the increased Public Lighting charges for the year.

During the discussion on Public Lighting, Clr. Stuart urged that residents whose hedges and trees overhung the footpaths and diminished the value of Public Lighting, be urged to trim same.

567.—Filling of vacancies on Vocational Education and Library Committees.

On the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Sayers, it was unanimously agreed to appoint the Rev. W. W. L. Rooke, Rector, to fill the vacancies on the above Committees caused by the death of the late Canon Campbell. The Council extended their felicitations to the Rev. Mr. Rooke on his being appointed Rector of Bray.

568.—Ceanannus Mor Resolution—Leasehold Rents.

After a long discussion of the above matter the resolution was adopted.

569.—Ceanannus Mor Resolution—Air Guns.

This Resolution was marked Read.

570.—Thurles Resolution—Street Trading.

This Resolution was adopted.

571.—Wexford Resolution—Terms granted to Industries.

The Wexford Resolution re. favourable terms granted to Industries sited west of the Shannon was adopted.

572.—Tidy Towns' Competition.

The Council noted the contents of a letter from Bórd Fáilte Éireann matters raised by the Bray Urban Council arising out of the report of the Assessors of the Tidy Towns' Competition, 1960. The letter was to the effect that the Assessors were engaged on a Contract Basis and their contract had terminated. Clr. McAuliffe protested at the contents of the letter.

573.—Pensions Increase Act, 1960.

On the proposal of Clr. Sayers, seconded by Clr. Hipwell, the Council approved an increase to Pensioners as follows:—

J. Keenan, ex-Weighmaster	£2 13 9 per annum
P. O'Brien, ex-Harbour Master	£17 0 6 per annum
J. Devitt, ex-Overseer	£13 10 0 per annum

The necessary excess expenditure was voted.

574.—Postal Services.

A letter from the Post Master stated that following his discussion with a Sub-Committee of the Council on the above matter, the Department of Posts and Telegraphs regretted that there were no grounds for altering the decision previously conveyed to the Council.

It was decided to request the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to receive a deputation in the matter.

575.—Cinema Licences—Royal and Roxy Cinemas, Bray.

There being no objections from the Council's Officers it was agreed to issue licences to the above cinemas in accordance with the customary conditions.

575.—Free Fuel Scheme.

On the proposition of Clr. M. O'Toole, seconded by Clr. McAuliffe, it was decided to protest to the Minister for Social Welfare on the decision to curtail the Free Fuel Scheme in so far as Old Age Pensioners, in receipt of the new contributory Old Age Pensions will not in future be entitled to Free Fuel.

576.—Heating—Board Room.

The Council approved a proposal to instal gas space-heaters in the Board Room and voted the necessary expenditure entailed for the work.

577.—Woodbine Sea Angling Club.

The above Club, with an address in Dublin, wrote asking for permission to erect a timber hut in the Harbour Area adjacent to the Council shed near the bridge. Recommendation from the Town Engineer that permission not be granted, as huts of this character tend to become dilapidated and unsightly.

On the suggestion of the Town Clerk, the Council agreed to let another hut which had been occupied by the Inchicore Sea Angling Club to the Woodbine Sea Angling Club on similar conditions as those obtained in the case of the Inchicore Sea Angling Club.

578.—Town and Regional Planning Acts.

Alteration to Gas Co. Premises at Main Street.

Application from the Gas Company for permission to carry out alterations to their premises at Main Street, Bray. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted. Report from Co. Fire Officer to the effect that he had no objection on condition that the premises were used only for cooking demonstrations under Staff Supervision, and that Fire Extinguishers be installed.

Order—Permission recommended in accordance with reports of Technical Officers.

Town and Regional Planning Acts.

Erection of Garage at 10 Cillmantain Park.

Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted.

Order—Permission granted in accordance with the Town Engineer's report.

John Temple
14/2/61

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 17th January, 1961, at 7.15 p.m.

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Clr. J. O'Toole, T.D.

Officials: Supt. J. F. Hynes, Messrs. J. T. O'Byrne, Co. Engineer, and P. Hickey, Asst. Co. Engineer; Messrs. M. Flannery, Wicklow Co. Manager, D. F. McCarthy, Town Clerk, and M. Healy, Town Engineer.

579.—Fixing of date of Estimates Meeting.

On being informed by the Town Clerk that the customary date of the Estimates Meeting (31/3/61) this year fell on Good Friday, it was decided to hold the Meeting on Tuesday, 28th March, 1961.

580.—Traffic Control.

Clr. Stuart, who had initiated the matter, stated that while he realised that Pedestrian Crossings put down by the Co. Council were in the nature of an experiment, he felt that they should be legalised by the necessary beacons. He also felt that the crossing at Novara Road should be resited and there should be traffic lights at the Quinsboro' Road. He felt further, the question of a Pedestrian crossing in the Castle St./Dublin Road area should be investigated. Clr. M. O'Toole was in favour of a Pedestrian crossing at the entrance to Ledwidge Crescent, while Clr. McAuliffe thought one was needed at Old Conna, at the entrance to Solus factory. Clr. D. Sayers agreed that the Crossings should be made fully legal and thought that the crossing at Quinsboro' Road corner should be resited. He further asked if a Pedestrian crossing from the Royal Hotel would be feasible. Clr. E. Byrne suggested a "Stop sign" at the bus halt at the western end of Putland Road. He further suggested that the question of one-way traffic on the Strand Road during the Summer be gone into again, especially where it affected cars coming out of hotels on the Strand Road. A third point made by Clr. E. Byrne was that the question of alternating parking on the Main Street be considered by the Garda Authorities. Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge suggested a Pedestrian crossing from St. Peter's Church and Ledwidge Crescent. Clr. H. B. Hipwell thought that the Quinsboro' Road crossing was too near the junction and agreed that the crossing should be legalised. Clr. J. Byrne agreed with the points made by the other members and felt that one Pedestrian crossing would do on the Dublin Road.

Clr. McAuliffe stated at this stage, he would hand in a notice of motion to the effect that the one-way traffic on the seafrost be abolished. He also urged that a sign be erected on the Strand Road regarding the proper parking of cars. Clr. F. G. Hunt favoured a sign at Quinsboro' Road junction as he stated there was a tendency for drivers from Dublin to go right through up the Main Street.

Supt. J. F. Hynes dealt with the points raised by the Council. Regarding the resiting of the Pedestrian crossing at Quinsboro' Road he stated that Mr. Hickey and he had selected the particular spot to cater for the patrons of the cinema and he felt that it should not be changed. He thought that there should be more than two crossings on the Main Street and agreed that they should be legalised by the erection of the necessary beacons. He felt that "Winking Willies" should be erected at the Quinsboro' Road junction giving lighting along the four roads. Regarding the alternate parking on the Main Street he stated that at present parking was limited to thirty minutes and it would need a change of Byelaws to give effect to Clr. Byrne's suggestion. Regarding a Pedestrian crossing from the Royal Hotel he thought that Coras Iompair Eireann would object as it would mean that large buses would have to stop on a hill. He thought that the siting of the Pedestrian crossing on the Main Street, near Scraggs, might be changed slightly and would go into that point. He felt that the Crossing at Novara Road corner should remain unchanged. He did not believe that two-way traffic on the Strand Road in the Summer would be feasible. Mr. Hickey and the Co. Engineer agreed with the Superintendent's views. They stated that beacons at three Pedestrian crossings, viz., Quinsboro' Road, Main Street (near Scraggs) and Main Street (Novara Road), and "Winking Willies" at the Quinsboro' Road junction would cost in the region of £1,100. It was agreed, after some further discussion, that the Engineer and the Garda Superintendent would examine the position in the Dublin Road area and recommend a site for one Pedestrian crossing. The Chairman stated that when a report was received the Co. Council members would seek the necessary funds from the Co. Council. He informed the Meeting, however, that it might be difficult to get the full amount this year from that Body.

581.—Bórd Fáilte Amenity Schemes.

A long discussion took place on above arising out of the letter of 10th December from Mr. Clarke of Bórd Fáilte, which incorporated a special report of Mr. Fox, Architect to Bórd Fáilte Eireann. These reports, together with a memo by the Town Engineer thereon, had been circulated. Clr. F. G. Hunt informed the Meeting that he had visited Bórd Fáilte Eireann on that date and they had no interest in the Carlisle Grounds as a Swimming Pool site. Neither had Bray Enterprises, who were only interested in the site at the White Gates. He urged immediate development at the White Gates in order that the Grant available to the town might be obtained. He further stated that Bray Enterprises had purchased the Belgian Field and that something would be done there before the Summer. Clr. M. O'Toole stated the matter boiled down to a site for a Swimming Pool. He felt that the reports from Bórd Fáilte were contradictory as in one place they stated the Carlisle Grounds was an excellent site for a Swimming Pool. He personally was against a Swimming Pool, particularly when they had only a very short swimming season and the cost of a pool was bound to be very great. Councillor E. Byrne said if the matter went ahead the Swimming Pool would be entirely Urban Council controlled. He further made the point that if Bórd Fáilte withdrew, all the expenses would fall on the Council. Clr. D. Sayers urged that they go through the report, paragraph by paragraph, as there were other matters in it besides a Swimming Pool. He was against the idea of a Swimming Pool at the Carlisle Grounds but he was rather disappointed that the report did not recommend a Concert Hall. Clr. McAuliffe was strongly against any imposition falling on the rates by reason of the erection

of a Swimming Pool. In reply to a question regarding the financial end the Town Clerk stated that the position generally was that Bórd Fáilte might be expected to advance £100,000 if the Ratepayers contributed £20,000. Mr. Barry of Bórd Fáilte had indicated that Amenity Schemes carried out in recent years by the Council would rank as portion of their contribution. He felt that an expenditure of £20,000 would add about 1s. 0d. in the £ in the rates for approximately 20 years. After some further discussion, Clr. Sayers proposed and Clr. C. Doyle seconded and the following resolution was adopted by ten votes to two (Clrs. H. McAuliffe and M. O'Toole).

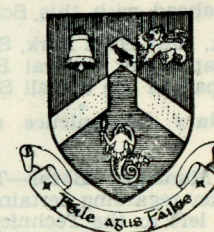
"That the Council approve of Bórd Fáilte's Engineer making trial borings in the esplanade near the White Gates in conjunction with the Town Engineer for the purpose of ascertaining the suitability of the site for a Swimming Pool. This approval is granted on the clear understanding that the Council, by doing so, do not commit themselves in any way to the construction of a Swimming Pool on this site and that Bórd Fáilte will be responsible for any expenses incurred in this work."

At this stage Mr. Healy, Town Engineer, stated that he would like to make it clear that his reports, which had been referred to earlier in the Meeting were made as part of his duty to the Bray Urban Council, the County Manager and the Ratepayers of Bray. He owed no duty to any other Body and had no apology to make for any reports made or opinions given. These opinions and recommendations were his own. The County Manager stated that for several years he had been dealing with these matters in an objective manner as was his duty and gave his opinions and views in what he believed to be the best interests of the Council.

The Chairman assured the Engineer that no reflection was being cast on him in any way and he felt that all members dealt with these matters according to what they conceived to be the best interests of the town. It was suggested that a small Committee of the Council be formed to deal with many other points in the schemes of Amenities. After discussion, however, it was decided that the Council, as a whole, would meet in Committee to deal with these matters on Tuesday, 24th January, and that in the meantime, the Town Clerk would prepare a list of schemes (a) which had been agreed by all, and (b) about which agreement had not been yet reached.

14/3/61

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 24th January, 1961, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Officials—Messrs. M. Flannery, Wicklow Co. Manager, D. F. McCarthy, Town Clerk, and M. Healy, Town Engineer.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Messrs. J. O'Toole, T.D., E. Byrne, C. Doyle, and G. H. G. Stuart.

582.—Factory Site—D. Coughlan, Ltd.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that in 1956 the Council leased a site at the Harbour to D. Coughlan, Ltd., on condition that within two years, industrial premises would be erected thereon to a value of not less than £6,000. Subsequently the Council granted the firm a year's extension to carry out the work. It had not been done last year and the Council sought to recover possession. Legal advice, however, was obtained and as a result the firm had been given two months from 22nd October, 1960, to submit Plans and a further twelve months to carry them out. The Plans had now been submitted and the Town Engineer reported that from the figures of cost submitted if the structure was properly constructed and the walls properly plastered externally that a total of £6,000 would be expended. He recommended approval subject to (1) compliance with requirements of the Factories Acts and (2) suitable details of the roof trusses and external finishes being submitted.

On the recommendation of Clr. H. McAuliffe, seconded by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge, the Council recommended that approval be granted, subject to the Town Engineer's recommendations.

583.—Tourist Amenity Schemes.

At the outset the Chairman announced that he had been to Bórd Fáilte offices during the week and had had a full discussion with the Officials of the Board. As a result he wished to state that while Bórd Fáilte required an overall Scheme to be submitted this did not mean that the work need be carried out in any one year. In order to ease the burden on the Ratepayers it could be spread out over a number of years. When the Board got an overall Scheme their technical advisers would go into the details of the various items submitted, in conjunction with the Town Engineer. They would then report back to the Council and at that stage Bórd Fáilte would give their decision regarding Grants which they would be prepared to pay. The Council would not be committed to anything until that stage was reached.

The Council then proceeded to consider a memo submitted by the Town Clerk on Schemes which had been agreed over the past few years, as follows:

(1) **Purchase of 35 acres of land under Bray Head**—The Council agreed unanimously to go ahead with this Scheme.

(2) **Shelters**—Cliff Walk, Bray Head Park, Site of South Bandstand, Site of Boathouse, and adaption of Central Bandstand as a Shelter. These were also agreed as part of the overall Scheme.

(3) **Extension of Sanitary Convenience at Boathouse** (Already carried out)—Agreed.

(4) **Reconstruction of Municipal Baths**—This also was agreed. There was a short discussion regarding certain details and the use of glass. These matters were left to the Technical Advisers to settle.

(5) **Harbour Area.**

(a) Lay out of Dock Tce. as a Car Park and Carnival Site—Agreed.

(b) Improvement of Access by

(i) Widening and reconstruction of Ravenswell Road—Agreed.

(ii) Rebuilding of Harbour Bridge—Agreed.

(c) Facilities for Sailing and Angling, i.e., provision of Boat Slip accommodation, a Boathouse and storage for anglers' equipment.

All the above items were agreed as part of the Scheme.

(6) **River Walk/Doyle's Field**—Acquisition of land for Park and continuance of Riverside Walk—Agreed.

(7) **Castle Street**—Acquisition and demolition of "Island" at Castle Street and use of space for Car Park—Agreed.

(8) **Old Picture House at Quinsboro' Road**—The Town Clerk stated that this building had not been considered to date but he felt that some decision should be taken on it by the Council. After discussion it was decided to submit a proposal in the overall Scheme for the acquisition of this building for a Concert Hall.

(9) **Improvement and Development at the Peoples Park** — The Council also agreed to this item along the lines of the Town Engineer's report considered at a Meeting in October last.

The Meeting noted that the Bórd Fáilte Architect had expressed himself in agreement with most of the above projects in the course of a report of 10th December.

Northern end of Esplanade—The garden strip at the northern end of the Esplanade had been referred to by Mr. Fox in his report and the Council decided that it also should be a part of the overall Scheme and should be acquired for a Car Park.

It was decided not to take any action regarding the other properties in that particular area mentioned by Mr. Fox.

Carlisle Grounds—The Town Clerk, in his memo, had referred to the fact that Mr. Fox of Bórd Fáilte strongly urged the acquisition of this ground which could be used for many purposes. The Chairman and other Members, however, stated that they understood that a proposal was being considered by a group of businessmen to promote Football and enter a team in the league of Ireland. In view of this it was decided to take no action for the present on the Carlisle Grounds but that it be considered at the second stage of the development when the Technical Advisers' report would have been submitted. In the meantime it was felt that perhaps the intentions of Coras Iompair Eireann regarding the grounds might be ascertained.

Barry's Field—The above Schemes would be carried out by the Council and the local development group's contribution to the overall Scheme would consist of the acquisition and development of Barry's Field by laying out therein a Bowling Green, two Hard Court Tennis Courts, and an 18 hole Putting Green. Also the erection of a suitable Pavilion. At this stage Clr. Hunt stated that the local development group did not propose to go ahead with their Scheme for purchase of C.I.E. Buffet.

Swimming Pool—The Chairman said he thought the Meeting could very well come to a decision regarding the Swimming Pool and include it in the overall Scheme. The Members all agreed that it was a project which should receive 100 per cent. Grant from An Bórd Fáilte. Clr. Hunt mentioned that Bórd Fáilte would be responsible for all design and planning. After some further discussion it was, on the proposition of Clr. J. Byrne, unanimously agreed to include the Swimming Pool project at the White Gates in the overall Scheme provided that the technical and other difficulties could be overcome. Clr. M. O'Toole mentioned what he thought would be a very real difficulty, i.e., the acquiring of properties for the Swimming Pool and the Chairman replied that this would be dealt with as the Scheme developed.

Cove Pools—Clr. Hunt drew attention to the fact that Mr. Fox, in his report, had recommended improving access to the Cove Pools. It was decided to include this item also in the overall Scheme.

Miscellaneous—Clr. O'Toole wondered if the Scheme could include improvements to footpaths in the Adelaide Road. The feeling of the Meeting was that it could not and that it was a matter which should be considered at the Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council.

Clr. M. O'Toole urged the provision of a small Shelter for one or two persons at the extreme end of the South Harbour Pier.

Clr. McAuliffe stated that he had been approached by business men in the Main Street urging that fields in the Oldcourt Area be developed for factories. He was informed that suitable fields in that area were brought to the notice of potential industrialists.

Office Field—The Chairman suggested as a final item in the overall Scheme development of the field known as the Office Field as a Recreation Grounds. This was agreed.

The Chairman, in thanking the Meeting on being congratulated by Clr. Hipwell for his initiative, stressed the fact that Bórd Fáilte would prepare all plans and specifications at no cost to the Urban Council.

J. P. Hipwell
14/3/61

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 14th February, 1961.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors J. Byrne and F. G. Hunt.

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

584.—Promotion of Miss M. O'Byrne, Librarian.

The Chairman and other Members congratulated Miss M. O'Byrne, Librarian, on her appointment as City Librarian Dublin, and while regretting her departure from Bray, wished her every success in her new sphere. The County Manager also spoke and paid tribute to Miss O'Byrne. The Town Clerk associated himself with the congratulations on behalf of the staff.

585.—Bray Industrial Development Association.

Clr. H. B. Hipwell moved the following Motion standing in his name: "That the decision of the Council not to appoint representatives on the Bray Industrial Development Association be and is hereby rescinded."

Clr. D. Sayers seconded.

After a lengthy discussion on the matter a vote was taken, the voting for the motion, six, viz., Clrs. H. B. Hipwell, D. Sayers, G. H. G. Stuart, M. O'Toole, J. O'Toole, Mrs. Ledwidge. Against the motion—Clrs. E. Byrne, C. Doyle, H. McAuliffe and J. Temple. The motion, a rescinding one, required a two-thirds majority and was therefore declared lost.

A letter from the Trades Council in the above matter was noted.

586.—Postal Services.

A letter from the Department of Post and Telegraphs to the effect that a despatch of mail, Bray to Dublin, was being introduced on 6th February, 1961, at 11 a.m. daily, was noted with approval.

587.—Beaching of boats at Dock Terrace.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that two boats had been beached on Council property at Dock Terrace for some considerable time. He had written to the owners asking them to make formal application for permission to beach the boats but had not got a reply. The Meeting decided that the Town Clerk would write once more to the persons concerned before legal action would be taken in the matter.

588.—Lands at Bray Head.

The Council granted the Officials permission to enter negotiations to purchase 35 acres of land under Bray Head.

589.—Derelict Sites Act, 1940.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter until a housing survey at present in progress was available for consideration by the members. Both matters could then be taken together.

590.—Hut at Harbour.

The Town Clerk stated that at a previous Meeting the Council had offered a Dublin Sea Angling Club the use of a hut at the Harbour. They had now replied to the effect that they wished to have repairs carried out to the hut. In the meantime the local Sailing Club had applied for use of the hut. The Council decided that the letting of one year as a temporary convenience be granted to the Bray Sailing Club at a rent of £2 per year.

591.—Irish Karting Club.

Application from the above Club for the use of the Car Park and northern end of the Esplanade for some meetings during the coming Season. If the application was granted it would necessitate the closing of the road at this area and accordingly the Council, on the advice of the Town Engineer, refused permission. The Town Clerk was asked to inform the applicants that the Council would be prepared to allow them to use Dock Terrace.

592.—Tidy Towns Competition.

It was decided to enter the above competition for 1961.

593.—Coras Iompair Éireann.

Arising out of discussion on the Tidy Towns Competition several members complained strongly of the activities of Coras Iompair Éireann in the matter of bill posting and eventually the Town Clerk was directed to write to the new Area Manager and ask that he meet the Council in Committee in Bray to discuss the train services to Bray. The Town Clerk was also directed to protest to Coras Iompair Éireann at the indiscriminate bill posting in the town.

594.—Esplanade—renewal of Lease.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Meath Estates required £100 a year for the renewal of the Lease of the Esplanade for a further 99 years on similar conditions to those on which it is at present leased. After discussion it was proposed by Clr. H. McAuliffe and seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, that the Meath Estates be asked to accept the Council's original offer of £50. On a vote being taken the following voted for the proposal, viz., Clrs. E. Byrne, C. Doyle, Mrs. Ledwidge, H. McAuliffe, J. O'Toole, M. O'Toole, D. Sayers (7). Three voted against (3), viz., Clrs. H. B. Hipwell, G. H. G. Stuart, J. Temple.

The motion was accordingly declared carried.

595.—Excess expenditure.

The Council unanimously agreed to vote a sum of £540 excess expenditure under the heading of Housing Repairs and Maintenance.

596.—Office Field.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Meath Estates, Ltd., to state that they would not sell the field to the Council but they were prepared to make a further letting for eleven months from 1st March, 1961, and that this letting would not preclude further discussion on a possible leasehold. The Chairman said a recent Meeting of the Management Committee had decided to ask for a joint deputation to the Earl of Meath on the matter. On the proposition of Mr. Hipwell, seconded by Mr. McAuliffe it was decided that the Meath Estates, Ltd., be asked to receive a deputation of the Management Committee including the Councillors thereon as soon as possible.

597.—Town Planning Acts—Garage at Glenfield, Putland Road.

Application from Mr. R. Hyland, Glenfield, Putland Road, Bray, for permission to erect a garage at his premises. Report from Town Engineer recommending approval on condition that a window or vent be provided.

Order: Report of Engineer approved.

598.—Town Planning Acts—Porch at 12 Raheen Park, Bray.

Application from Mr. W. J. Lavelle, 12 Raheen Park, for permission to erect a glass porch in front of his premises. Report from Town Engineer recommending approval as the porch would not project beyond the access steps already provided.

Order: Report of Town Engineer approved.

599.—Town Planning Acts—Shed at St. Gerards, Westfield Park, Bray.

Application from Mr. F. Lenihan, St. Gerard's, Westfield Park, for permission to erect a shed. Report from Town Engineer recommending approval provided the shed is properly constructed.

Order: Report of Town Engineer approved.

600.—Town Planning Acts—Proposed alterations to Hot Sea Baths.

The Town Clerk stated that he had, on that morning, received an application from Mr. P. J. Mullen, "Schomberg," Killarney Road, in which the applicant pointed out that in September, 1950, he had received approval to carry out alterations to the Hot Sea Baths and convert them into living quarters. He now wished to go ahead with this work but in addition he wished to add a section of approximately 32' x 15' at the rear to provide kitchen and dining-room on the ground floor with bedroom and bathroom over portion of same. The ground floor rooms to be lighted and ventilated with roof lighting. Provision also to be made for an increase of yard space at the rear.

The Town Engineer reported that Mr. Mullen's additional proposals do not appear to be suitable since he proposes to provide light and ventilation for this section by means of a roof light.

After discussion, during which members stated that Mr. Mullen wished to live in the reconstructed premises himself, it was decided, on the proposition of Mr. Hipwell, seconded by Mr. M. O'Toole, to grant permission, provided the Town Engineer was satisfied in the matter.

S. J. M. 14/3/61

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 14th March, 1961, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Official: Messrs. D. F. McCarthy, Town Clerk, and M. Healy, Town Engineer. Apologies for inability to attend were received from Mr. M. Flannery, Wicklow Co. Manager, and Mr. C. Doyle.

601.—Confirmation of Minutes.

Minutes of Special Meeting of 17th January, Special Meeting of 24th January, and Monthly Meeting of 14th February were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

602.—Rail Services—Discussion with Mr. C. F. Clarr, Area Manager of Coras Iompair Eireann, and Mr. Ryan of Coras Iompair Eireann.

The above Officials of C.I.E. attended the Meeting and heard the views of the Members as to desirable improvements in the Train Services. Among the suggestions which they promised to carefully consider were:—

- (1) The matter of speeding up the No. 83 'Bus and having it run on Sundays.
- (2) The question of promoting Mystery Roadway excursions and bus tours to Bray.
- (3) The question of putting back for, say, fifteen minutes, the time of departure of the present 3.15 p.m. Bray Train from Westland Row to facilitate School Children.
- (4) To run a Special Harcourt Street-Bray 'Bus Service on Summer Sundays.
- (5) The question of erecting a bridge from the railway station giving direct communication to the Seafront.
- (6) To run extra trains as follows:—
To Dublin between 10.15 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. and again at 11.30 a.m.
From Dublin at 1.15 p.m.
To Dublin between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., and again at 3 p.m.
From Dublin at 5 p.m.
During the Summer from Bray at 8.30 p.m., 9.30 p.m. and 11 p.m.

The Chairman thanked the Coras Iompair Eireann Officials for coming to the Meeting and stated that he hoped that it would be the beginning of very good relations with the new C.I.E. Board.

Mr. Clune, on his part, thanked the Members for their suggestions, and promised to go into them carefully. He also stated that it was proposed to renovate and re-paint the Railway Station.

Mr. Clune stated that the commencement of Sunday Summer Services would be governed by the weather, and if it was fine, trains would be put on without delay.

604.—Arising out of the Minutes, the Town Clerk was asked to seek a Report from the Co. Surveyor and the Superintendent of the Garda Síochána re Pedestrian Crossings, and ask the Surveyor for costings for what is proposed.

605.—Gaming and Lotteries Act.

On condition that the Fire Officer and Health Officer were satisfied, the Council decided to raise no objection to the granting of licenses under the above Act to:

Cassoni Amusements, Ltd., Strand Road, Bray.
Dawsons Amusements, Ltd., Strand Road, Bray.
M. O'Toole, Albert Avenue, Bray.
Irish Amusements, Ltd., Strand Road, Bray.
P. J. Kane, Albert Avenue, Bray.
Mary O'Toole, Albert Avenue, Bray.
R. Loughlin, Marlborough Terrace, Bray.

On the proposition of Mr. McAuliffe, seconded by Mr. D. Sayers,

606.—Office Field.

The Meath Estates stated that they would meet a Deputation of the Council between 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, 16th March. The Town Clerk stated that the Earl of Meath had informed him that he felt that it would be best if the Council take an eleven months' letting from the 1st March, 1931, on similar conditions to the one held for 1930, and that in the meantime they could negotiate for a longer Lease.

On the proposition of Mr. Sayers, seconded by Mr. J. Byrne, it was agreed to take an eleven months' letting, and to ask the Meath Estates for a thirty-one years' Lease.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed that if the Town Engineer had any shed available, same could be erected in the Office Field as a temporary Pavilion.

607.—Lease of Esplanade.

The Town Clerk read a lengthy letter from the Solicitors of the Meath Estates reiterating their request for £100 per year for the renewal of the Lease of the Esplanade. After a rather lengthy discussion, the Chairman accepted the following Notice of Motion in the matter from Mr. H. B. Hipwell: "Please take Notice that I will move at the next Statutory Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council the following Motion—That the offer of the Bray Urban District Council to the Earl of Meath of a future rent of £50 per annum for the Bray Esplanade be withdrawn and such offer be increased to the figure of £100 per annum, and that the previous resolution offering £50 per annum be and is hereby rescinded."

Several Members of the Council passed adverse comments on the tone of the letter received from the Solicitors to the Meath Estates.

608.—Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Co., Ltd.

On the proposition of Mr. McAuliffe, seconded by Mr. D. Sayers, Mr. M. O'Toole was nominated to represent the Council at the Annual Meeting of the above Company.

609.—Dock Terrace.

Mrs. C. Salmon was granted permission to place her boat on the above Terrace.

610.—Urban Road Improvement Grant, 1961/62.

A Grant of £1,600 for Road Improvement Works was noted. It was decided to ask the Department of Local Government to give a further Grant from the fund to carry out improvement works on the Vevay Road, Bray. The works are to be carried out by the Wicklow County Council.

611.—Old Harbourmaster's Hut.

On the proposition of Mr. McAuliffe, seconded by Mrs. Ledwidge, it was recommended that the Letting at Temporary Convenience for £1 per annum be made of the above hut to the Rev. Fr. McDowall, C.C.

612.—Mr. G. T. O'Reilly, V.S.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the above Official had sought an increase of salary. He was appointed in 1948 at £52 per annum which was increased to £78 per annum in 1947 and to £83 17s. per annum in 1950. An examination of the percentage increases granted to other officials would show that an increase to £156 would be equitable. Mr. McAuliffe proposed that no increase be granted. He received no seconder.

Mr. E. Byrne proposed, and Mr. D. Sayers seconded, that the salary be increased to £153 per annum. Mr. J. O'Toole proposed, and Mr. Mrs. Ledwidge seconded, that his salary be increased to £210 per annum. A vote, taken on the amendment of Mr. J. O'Toole resulted in six voting against and five for.

Voting against were—Mr. E. Byrne, J. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, H. L. McAuliffe, M. O'Toole and D. Sayers.

Voting for were—Mr. G. Hunt, Mrs. Ledwidge, J. O'Toole, T.D., G. H. G. Stuart and J. Temple.

The amendment was declared lost and a vote taken on Mr. E. Byrne's motion resulted in ten votes being cast for and one (Mr. McAuliffe) against. The Council, at the request of the Chairman, indicated their wish that Mr. O'Reilly submit a Monthly Report of his work to them.

613.—Application from Irish Local Government Officials' Union for increases in Remuneration, for certain grades.

The above matter was adjourned to a Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 21st March, and the Town Clerk was directed to ascertain what increases had been granted by the Wicklow County Council.

614.—Superannuation—Mr. R. J. Connelley and Miss J. Cahill—ex-Vocational Teachers.

On the proposition of Mr. Hipwell, seconded by Mr. D. Sayers, the necessary excess expenditure to make lump sum payments and pensions to the above-mentioned was voted.

615.—Bray Development Schemes.

This matter was adjourned to the Special Meeting to be held on the 21st March.

616.—Tenders for Sites at the Esplanade.

The following Tenders were opened and their acceptance was recommended:—

T. Boyle, 12 Muckross Ave., Perrystown, Terenure, Dublin—£20 for site for the sale of oysters.
Messrs. Mooney and O'Neill, 2 Connolly Square, Bray—£260 for lease of Putting Green.

Messrs. Mooney and O'Neill, 2 Connolly Square, Bray—£40 for lease of Deck Chair Site.

British Automatic Weighing Co., 36a North Great Georges' St., Dublin, for placing of eight Weighing Machines on the Esplanade.

617.—Factory Site at Ravenswell Row.

An application from Messrs. Miley and Miley Solicitors, 12 South Frederick St., Dublin, acting on behalf of Messrs. James and Kinsella, seeking to lease the site at Ravenswell Row for a Factory was received. They offered £40 a year for the site. On the proposition of Mr. Hipwell, seconded by Mr. J. Byrne, it was recommended that the site be leased for 99 years for an annual sum of £40 on condition that buildings to the value of not less than £3500 be erected thereon.

618.—Transfer of Interest—7 Scott Park, Bray.

The Tenant Purchaser of 7 Scott Park, sought sanction to transfer his interest to either Mr. T. Hayes, 6 Cherrytree Drive, or to Mr. N. Vickers, 4 Beach Road. The Town Clerk stated that Mr. Hayes had some two years ago, taken over 6 Cherrytree Drive subject to a S.D.A. Loan. Mr. Vickers, on the other hand, had not got a house and proposed getting married in the month of May.

It was recommended that Mr. Russell be allowed to transfer to Mr. Vickers.

619 Leinster Motor Club.

Permission was given to the above organisation to terminate their veteran car race in Bray.

620.—Public Toilets.

A letter from the Soroptomist Club of Bray and District urged the need for having towels and soap in the toilets at the Town Hall, Courthouse and Seafront. It was decided that towels and soap could be provided at the Seafront, but it was not feasible to do so at the other two toilets.

621.—Tenders for Houses at Chapel Lane.

The following Tenders were opened.

S. McCarthy, Newcourt Road, Bray—£9,144.

McNulty Bros., Dalkey—£9,160.

C. Dodd and Son, Bray—£10,485.

E. Finucane, Bray—£11,354.

It was decided to refer the Tenders to the Architect and ask for his report, which could be considered at the Meeting to be held on the 1st March, with a general discussion of the Housing Position.

622.—Town Planning Applications.

The following Town Planning Applications were approved in accordance with the Town Engineer's reports.

(1) Application from Dr. B. Donnelly to make alterations to shop front at Albert Avenue.

(2) Application from Mr. W. McGrath to erect an extra room at 5 Dwyer Park.

(3) Application from Mr. J. J. O'Connor for permission to erect an extension at the rear of Cois Fairge, Strand Road, Bray.

(4) Application from Messrs. Lochner & Son, for permission to make alterations at the rear of 98 Main St., Bray.

Handwritten signature and date: 11/4/61

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 21st March, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. J. O'Toole, T.D.

Officials—M. Flannery, Wicklow Co. Manager, D. F. McCarthy, Town Clerk, and M. Healy, Town Engineer.

623.—Vogue Magazine.

The Council expressed their resentment of an article published in Vogue Magazine recently as being defamatory to Ireland. The matter was raised by Mr. McAuliffe.

624.—Bórd Fáilte Éireann.

After a short discussion on a letter of the 21st February from Bord Fáilte Éireann re. Amenity Schemes in Bray, it was decided that the Urban District Council staff together with the Chairman, seek a Meeting with Messrs. Clarke and Fox of Bord Fáilte Éireann to discuss the various matters in detail.

625.—Housing.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Architect—Prof. D. Fitzgerald—was not yet in a position to report on the housing tenders recently received. He informed the Meeting that they now had a Housing List of 109 whereas last year it was only 70. A general discussion on housing then took place, and on the proposition of Mr. Sayers, seconded by Mr. M. O'Toole, it was unanimously agreed to give the officials authority to endeavour to acquire land for some 20 houses in the Palermo Area.

626.—Revision of Salary Scales.

The Council, on the proposition of Mr. E. Byrne, seconded by Mr. D. Sayers, resolved unanimously that the Application of the Irish Local Government Officials' Union for a revision of salaries from 1st August, 1960, in respect of Clerk/Typists, Library Staff, Clerical Officers, Storekeeper, Water Inspector, Staff Officer and Rent Collectors, as set out in letters of the 18th February and 11th March, 1961, be agreed, and the necessary Financial provision was authorised.

627.—Purchase of land in the Bray Head area.

A letter from Messrs. McCready and Sons, Solicitors, on behalf of their client, Miss Harrison, Newcourt Road, Bray, stated that she would be prepared to sell four acres of land for a price of £3,000 on condition that a 6' high wall would be erected around the property she would retain, and that further, she would get an alternative water supply. The Council decided to take no action on this letter for the present.

628.—Town Planning.

Application from Mr. H. Salmon, 6 Wolfe Tone Square West, for permission to erect an extra room at the end of his house. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be granted.

629.—Ravenswell Row Site for Factory.

Mr. James, who is seeking a site from the Council at Ravenswell Row, Bray, attended the Meeting and displayed for the Council some of the products proposed to be manufactured at the factory. These (Connemara Marble Jewellery) were inspected appreciatively.

H. J. Doyle
11/4/61

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 11th April, 1961, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. J. O'Toole, T.D. The Chairman and Members expressed their thanks on receipt of an invitation from Mr. F. Duff to the Official Opening of his extended premises on Friday, 21st April.

633.—Minutes for Confirmation.

The Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 14th March and Special Minutes of 21st March, which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

634.—County Manager's Orders.

The County Manager's Orders No. 8595 to 8604 were noted.

635.—Esplanade—Renewal of Lease.

Mr. H. B. Hipwell moved the motion standing in his name to the effect that the sum of £100 as sought by the Meath Estates Ltd., be agreed to, Mr. O'Toole was of opinion that the Council pay not more than 1s. 0d. Other Members expressed the view that the Council should not increase its previous offer of £50. Eventually after a lengthy discussion, the Council unanimously agreed to a suggestion from Mr. C. Doyle that their Legal Advisers should obtain Counsel's opinion on the matter.

636.—Urban Road Improvement Grant.

The Town Engineer proposed that the Grant of £1,600 be used to surface dress the following roads was approved on the proposition of Mr. H. B. Hipwell, seconded by Mr. J. Byrne:—

Strand Road (north end), Strand Road (south end),
Galtrim Park, Seymour Road, Wyndham Park, Galtrim Road,
Kevin and Connolly Squares, Sidminton Avenue.

During the course of a discussion on this item the following roads were mentioned as being in need of repairs and the Town Engineer promised that he would do what he could to effect an improvement in them, viz., Greenpark Road, Fairgreen Tce., Wolfe Tone Square verges. The Town Clerk was directed to draw the attention of the Co. Council to the need for improving the Main Road near Colliers and footpaths from Adelaide Road to Strand Road and also the roadway at junction of Eglinton and Quinsboro' Roads.

637.—Health Services—Resolution from Dun Laoghaire Corporation.
Resolution from Dun Laoghaire asking that Health Services be made a national Charge was unanimously adopted.

638.—Derelict Sites Act, 1960.

The Council considered a list of Derelict sites prepared some time ago by the Town Engineer, and made the following decisions: Dock Terrace (Council property)—To be improved by the Council and a Grant sought. Ravenswell Row—Reserved for Industry. Pollard's Tce.—Reserved for Council houses. Chapel Lane—Reserved for Council houses. 40 Castle Street—To be cleared by Co. Council. 20 Castle St.—To be acquired under Derelict Sites Act, and cleared. "Island" at Strand Road—Derelict property on this "Island" not already acquired to be acquired and cleared by Council. Site at Fitzwilliam Terrace—Owner to be asked to clean up the site within a month. Site at Rose Cottage—Owner to be asked to clean up the site within a month. Site at Vevay Road at entrance to O'Byrne Lane—Owner to be asked to clean up the site within a month. Site at junction of Greenpark Road and Dargle Road—Council to acquire ruinous house on site adjoining McEvoy's, Greenpark Road. Owner to be given one month to clear.

Site at Greenpark Road—Council to acquire. Site at junction of Seapoint Road and Seymour Road—Council to acquire. Site at Glenard Avenue—Council to acquire. 52 Main Street—Council to acquire.

Old Cinema, Quinsboro' Road—On the proposition of Mr. E. Byrne, seconded by Mr. M. O'Toole, the Council directed that a Preliminary Order be served on the owner of above premises with the intention of acquiring it.

Building at Cerebral Palsy Clinic, Vevay Road—Owner to be given one month to clean up the site.

House formerly occupied by Miss McHugh, Upr. Dargle Road — Council to acquire.

Arising out of the above discussion it was decided that the Town Engineer examine a site near Fatima House which the Council considered was in a derelict condition and also a site near Trafalgar Tce., between Grattan Tce. and Meath Road. Mr. McAuliffe urged that a notice prohibiting dumping be placed at Milton Tce.

639.—Novelty Watercraft.

Applications from Messrs. Merlihan and Murray for licence were received. After a discussion on the disagreements between these two applicants in previous years it was decided that a sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Mr. E. Byrne and Stuart would meet the applicants on a date to be fixed, in an endeavour to allocate separate portions of the Beach to each applicant.

640.—Revision of wages of outdoor employees and reduction of hours.

The following sub-Committee was set up to meet representatives of the Unions in the Town Hall, Bray, on Friday, 21st April, at 7.30 p.m., to discuss demands submitted by the Unions, viz., Mr. J. Temple, Chairman, Mr. E. Byrne, D. Sayers, C. Doyle, H. B. Howell.

641.—Bray Cove Swimming Pools.

It was decided to accede to a request from the above Club and let them the Cove Swimming Pools for the coming season at a rent of £250, the Council to be responsible for cleaning the Pools and providing Pests as necessary.

642.—Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts.

Application from Mr. S. Carroll, 9 Prince of Wales Tce., for a loan of £1,400 on a house proposed to be erected by him at Newcourt Road was recommended, subject to the necessary regulations being complied with.

643.—Town and Regional Planning Acts.

The following Town Planning Applications were approved, in accordance with recommendation of the Town Engineer viz.,

William Collins, 6 Darley Cottages, Vevay Road—Erection of Bathroom and toilet.

E. Finucane, Quinsboro' Road—Bungalow at 20 Cuala Road.

Electricity Supply Board—Sub-Station at Carlisle Grounds.

Mr. M. Lyons, Kingsmill Road—Bungalow at Kingsmill Road.

Mr. S. Carroll, 9 Prince of Wales Tce.—House at Newcourt Road.

644.—Gaming and Lotteries Act.

Subject to approval of the Co. Fire Officer and Health Officer the Council decided to raise no objection to an application by Mr. J. Cooke, Albert Walk, for a Licence under the above Act in respect of 10cd Albert Walk.

645.—Tourist Guide.

Permission was granted to Mr. E. J. McDonnell to use the Bray Crest on a revised edition of a Guide to Bray which he was having prepared. The Council asked that nothing should be written on the Guide indicating that it was issued with the approval of the Council.

L. J. Murphy
9/5/61

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Estimates Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 28th March, 1961, at 7.30 a.m.

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

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

630. Estimate of Expenses.

Submitted report of County Manager dated 20th March, 1961.

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	£9,922	£3,850	£6,072
Sanitary Services	20,658	2,461	17,597
Housing Services	62,415	56,125	6,290
General Urban Purposes	78,634	5,632	73,002
	<u>£171,029</u>	<u>£68,068</u>	<u>£102,961</u>

The amount to be met from the Rate levy in the coming year, as shown above, would be £102,961, but the application of available Credits of £859 which would derive from savings in the present year would reduce the net requirements to £102,102. The Municipal Rate which would be required to produce £102,102 is 36s. 10d. in the £, and this would be an increase of 8d. over the rate for the present year, which is 36s. 2d.

In the brief note issued with the Tables on 18th instant, it is mentioned that the proposed increase of 8d. includes provision for some new works. But even these new works would not have required an increase in the Municipal Rate if it had not been for a rise in the County Council Demand, which requires an additional rate of 11d. The new items and those entailing initial cost include Footpath repairs, £300; acquisition and clearing of Derelict Sites, £250 (taking into account Government Grant recoupment); revision of charges by Electricity Supply Board for Public Lighting, £144; Superannuation,

£231; painting of railings at People's Park, £200; and £100 extra for painting of railings, etc., at Seafrost; Loan Charges to meet initial costs on new comprehensive Tourist Development Scheme, £240. Against the foregoing items, however, there are a number of offsets, in particular a fairly substantial reduction in existing Loan Charges, so that the ultimate effect would be an increase of 8d. in the Municipal Rate.

A Special Report has been prepared by the Town Engineer on the Services in his charge and this is being circulated to the Members. In addition, a Report of the Librarian on the Public Library is being issued.

ROADS:

The gross outlay on Roads in the coming year would be £9,922 and, after taking into account Receipts from various sources, but mainly from Government Grants, of £3,850, the net outlay is £6,072.

Road Fund Grant.

Last year for the first time the Council received a Grant from the Road Fund towards the cost of fourteen miles of Urban Roads which have to be maintained. The amount of the Grant was £1,600 and it was applied in surface dressing the number of roads which had been reconstructed some years ago with the aid of special loans raised by the Council. The present thoroughfares involved were Novara Avenue, Herbert Road, Greenpark Road and Quinsboro' Road. Recently a notification was received from the Department of Local Government to the effect that a similar Grant of £1,600 would be available again for the coming year, and the Town Engineer will be submitting a recommendation to the Council as to how this money might be spent. It is to be noted that the Department require the money to be spent on the permanent improvement of Urban Roads by way of works of realignment, widening and reconstruction, but it is mentioned that in special circumstances surface dressing work may be approved by them. The Council has had to incur exceptionally heavy expenditure in the past fourteen years in improving Urban Roads. The outlay involved was so considerable that it was necessary to arrange a capital programme of reconstruction, the cost of which in all came to over £35,000. This capital programme still involves the Council in very heavy loan repayments and for the coming year they would come to £2,725. Seeing that the permanent road improvements have already been carried out by the Council in former years through borrowing, it is to be expected that the Department would agree that the Road Fund Grant may be used almost altogether for surface dressing.

Employment Schemes Grant.

Each year the Council receives a Grant for Employment Schemes which were carried out in mid-Winter, and last year the sum received was £2,000, towards which the Council is required to make a contribution from rates of £285. The Grant was used in laying new concrete paths and in remedying defects in the road surface laid down some years ago at Newcourt Road. It is expected that a similar Grant will be received in the coming year and consequently provision has been included for it, together with the Council's contribution.

Footpath Repairs.

From time to time complaints are received regarding the condition of the footpaths in parts of the town and in the Estimates now submitted to you, £100 is included for repairs to them but, in addition, £300 is suggested for reconstruction.

New Access Road to Seafont.

This is a project that has been under consideration by the Council for a number of years and it is now regarded as a work which should be included in the comprehensive Scheme for Tourist Development, which has been under discussion with An Bord Fáilte.

The idea is to provide alternative access to the Seafont via Ravenswell Road and the Harbour. This will entail widening Ravenswell Road, improving the exit under the Railway, and the provision of a new Deck Slab for the Harbour Road Bridge. It is felt by the Council that this alternative access will relieve congestion and mean that the Seafont could be reached with much greater ease by incoming traffic. So far, however, it has not been possible to arrive at an understanding with the Local Government Department that they would make a Grant from the Road Fund for the project. Having regard to the difficulties yet to be overcome in starting this Scheme, only a token sum for it has been included in the Estimates.

SANITARY SERVICES:

The total outlay on Sanitary Services is estimated at £20,058, which compares with £19,749 allowed by the Council for the present year. The Receipts are estimated at £2,461 and this leaves the net outlay at £17,597. The net expenditure approved for 1960/61 was £17,629. Consequently, it will be seen that there is little change under this heading.

Street and Household Scavenging.

The Services provided can still, it is felt, be regarded as being of a satisfactory standard. It has been possible to maintain the daily collection of household refuse from all premises in the main thoroughfares of the town during the Summer, whilst the twice-weekly collection of domestic refuse from all parts of the town has been continued in operation. It is found, however, that it is becoming somewhat more difficult to keep public thoroughfares clean and free from litter. Special litter boxes have been provided each year in increasing number by the Council, but the modern tendency towards packaging so many items sold in shops and the tendency at times to destroy the Litter Boxes which have been provided, means that it is very difficult to avoid some element of litter, especially at times such as at week-ends during the Summer when the streets and Seafont are very crowded.

Waterworks.

The expenditure on Waterworks shows little change. Much attention is still being given by the Town Engineer and the Waterworks Inspector (Mr. P. Doyle) and his Assistant, to the conserving of supply and prevention of waste. But for their efforts it is felt that the payment for the Bulk Supply would show a rise in recent years.

Baths and Swimming Pools.

It is necessary to provide £125 for the erection of timber Platforms giving access to the sea and for some repairs at the Municipal Baths. Last year the sum allowed for the purpose was £150. These Baths must, of course, be kept in operation until such time as the proposals for their reconstruction are determined, together with the much more costly Scheme for the new Swimming Pool at the Seafont.

Provision is again included for cleaning the Pools at Bray Cove (£150) and also a small sum (£25) for minor repairs.

Public Lighting.

In the present year the Public Lighting is costing £2,545, but for the coming year it will cost £2,689, an increase of £144, which arises from the fact that the Electricity Supply Board recently revised their charges.

A number of requests for new lights were received during the year, but no final decision in the matter had been taken by the Council. It must be borne in mind that any new lights now installed would add to the cost of Public Lighting now shown in the Estimates. From the information available, it seems that Public Lighting in Bray is of a higher standard than in other towns of somewhat similar population, judging by the costs involved which are appreciably higher than in Bray.

Provision of Litter Boxes.

Reference earlier was made to the measures being taken to deal with litter, and in the coming year £100 is being included to provide new Litter Boxes.

Derelict Sites.

New legislation has recently come into operation to assist Local Authorities in dealing with Derelict Sites. Special Reports in this regard already have been before the Council and it is hoped that in the coming year it will be possible to proceed with some of the proposals which could, by removal of Derelict Sites, enhance the appearance of Derelict Sites and improve amenities. To meet the costs involved £500 has been included. It has been indicated, however, that Government Grants to the extent of 50 per cent. of the cost will be available, so that the net outlay involved will be £250.

Tourist Development Scheme.

So far, the details of the proposed Scheme of improvements which would lead to better tourist facilities have not been finally determined with An Bord Fáilte. But it is felt that some provision should be included in the Estimates for this Scheme. It is considered that the cost of the proposed new Swimming Pool should be defrayed completely from Grant and that the capital outlay to be met by the Council should be used in the provision of the many other facilities which are included in the provisional Comprehensive Scheme. It is thought that the Council themselves might be in a position in the coming year to undertake the provision of new Boathouse, Slipway and other facilities at the Harbour and a part loan charge of £100 is being included. It is at present not clear as to the extent which the Council would be involved in Loan repayments for other improvements at the Seafont, including an Amusement Site near the Harbour, and consequently only token sums by way of Loan Charges have been included under these headings. New Shelters are regarded as a rather urgent item by the Council, and at present the final designs for one of them are being awaited. A Loan Charge of £50 has been included to meet the repayments which might arise on loans for the purpose of Shelters during the coming year.

HOUSING:

Under this heading the gross expenditure is estimated at £62,415. The Receipts are taken to reach £56,125 and, consequently, the net charge on rates will be £6,290. Last year the cost was £5,825, the difference mainly being due to repairs.

New Housing Scheme.

The Scheme for the erection of a number of houses at Chapel Lane was approved recently by the Department of Local Government, and Tenders for the erection of them were received last week. It is hoped to have a report on the Tenders shortly and work should start at a very early date. A Loan Charge to meet part of a year's borrowing costs has been included, but it is offset to a considerable extent by estimated receipts from State Subsidy.

Repairs.

For the present year the Council allowed £1,500 for repairs, but so many applications for repairs were received that this sum was found inadequate, and consequently the Council authorised additional sums during the course of the year. These additional allocations were £500 and £838, which brought the expenditure on repairs in the present year to a total of £2,838—that is, there has been an excess of £1,338 under this heading in 1960/61. If the insistent demands, so strongly supported by some Councillors, are to be met, then it is quite evident that the allocation for repairs would have to be very substantially increased. However, it is hoped that the demand may not be so insistent in the coming year, and consequently the provision now being included in the Estimates for repairs is £2,000, which is £500 more than that allowed for 1960/61.

In any review of the position relating to Housing maintenance, regard must be had to the present level of rents. Most of the houses for which repairs are being sought are let at very low rents—a great number of them at rents as low as 2s. 5d. and 3s. 2d. per week. If a large-scale programme of repairs is continuously to be carried out, then most of the rents of pre-1939 houses will have to be revised. Present-day costs of maintenance, taking into account the cost of materials and the level of wages, bears no relationship to the level of rents which were fixed twenty-five years or so ago, and which were related to the money values and incomes of that time.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

Only one new loan was issued during the past year under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts and this leaves the number of borrowers at 151. The total amount which has been lent by the Council under this Scheme comes to £204,400. Some difficulty is still being found in collection of repayments of loans from a small number of borrowers and also in ensuring that Ground Rents and Fire Insurances are paid up to date.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:

The expenditure under this heading includes the demand from the County Council; the special levy of 9d. in the £ under the Unemployment Assistance Acts; the Vocational Education Demand; the maintenance of the Esplanade, Seafront and Public Parks; the Public Library; School Meals Scheme; Band Performances; Fuel Scheme, and many other items.

The main item is the County Council Demand which, including the cost of the Fire Brigade, for the coming year would be £51,114. The total expenditure under General Urban Purposes is estimated at £78,634 and, after allowing for Receipts of £5,632, the net requirements would be £73,002, which involves an increase of £3,022 over the present year.

Esplanade, Seafront and Public Parks.

Last year the Council allowed £500 for the painting of railings and seats at the Esplanade and for the coming year the Town Engineer recommends that £600 be granted—a sum which has been included in these Estimates.

The replacement of Notice Boards which got into bad condition is expected to cost £100. For Strip Lighting on the Seafront, £350 is included, this being £50 more than last year.

The Town Engineer has recommended that undergrowth at Bray Head be cleared, as otherwise there is grave danger that the remaining woodlands may be destroyed by fire. His estimate for this purpose is £200. In addition, £50 extra (£100 in all) is being sought for repairs

to fences and walls at Bray Head. It is felt that the district could be made more attractive if the Railings at the People's Park, Little Bray, were painted in bright colours and an estimate of £200 has been included for this purpose.

Band Performances.

In 1960/61 the Council allowed £400 for this purpose and a similar sum is again included.

Vocational Education.

Whilst the Demand shows practically no change, it is necessary to make provision for Superannuation to an extent of £415, but almost one-half of this will be met by State recoupment, so that the net charge to rates will be £231.

School Meals.

The cost of School Meals is again estimated at £1,415 and, allowing for a State Grant of £535, the net cost falling on rates is £880.

Public Library.

A Special Report on the Library has again been prepared by the Librarian and is being sent to Council Members with these Estimates. This report of the Librarian shows that the number of books issued for 1960/61 was again over 143,000, the percentage of non-fiction issues being almost 50 per cent. It will be found, moreover, from the report, that there is a high standard of reading amongst borrowers, and the constant demand for books relating to scientific subjects, useful Arts, economics, Architecture, painting and decoration, gardening, trades and household work. The Junior Section of the Library, with issues of over 40,000 books to schoolchildren, is very popular and is giving invaluable help in the education and training of youths.

A Scheme for extensions to the Library building, which would include a Reference Library, Study Room for children, and Lecture Room-cum-Art Gallery have recently reached the draft Planning Stage, and a Grant for the purpose has already been sought from the Library Council.

It is regretted that the Librarian, Miss M. O'Byrne, will shortly be leaving the Council's services, but during the period she held office in Bray she has contributed in large measure to all Schemes for the improvement of the town and the well-being of its population. Her securing, through open competition, of the most responsible post in the Local Authority Library Service is evidence of her unusual qualifications, energy and intellectual capacity; it also supports the high opinion which has been held of this official at all times by the Members of the Council and of the Library Committee.

Fuel Scheme.

The cost of providing fuel to households occupied by persons who would not be in a position to meet the cost from their own resources is estimated at £2,190. This cost is recouped in full by the State and by Wicklow County Council. The average number of households which have been availing of this Scheme runs from 350 to 400.

Public Parks—Acquisition of Further Land.

It was decided by the Council recently that, in furtherance of the Scheme for widening Tourist facilities, further lands for Public Parks should be acquired. Some of these lands are in the vicinity of Bray Head and already negotiations have been opened with the owners for their acquisition. At this place it would be intended not only to lay-out a Park and do some landscaping, but also to provide

amusements such as a Miniature Golf Course. It was felt by An Bord Fáilte that some land near the Riverside and Harbour also should be acquired so as to open up this area and link together the People's Park, the River and the sea, so that eventually pleasant walks from the Seafont to the hinterland would be available. These Schemes will entail considerable capital cost with heavy Loan Charges. For the coming year a part loan charge of £110 has been included in the Estimates.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND:

As mentioned earlier, the County Council Demand in the coming year shows an increase of £2,810. With the Demand there is now included the costs of the Fire Brigade, and this latter item shows an increase of £270 for 1961/62. Separate Charges, which are completely made up of Criminal Injury Awards, come to £765 for 1961/62, which is an increase of £341 over the present year. It should be mentioned that the Demand and the various headings included in it are also affected by the balances resulting from the costs experienced in the current year and the preceding one. Whilst another factor influencing the levy on the urban area is the rateable productivity in the County Health District (i.e., the County, excluding the three Urban Districts). There has been little alteration in the Valuations effective for rating purposes, but the effective Valuations in the Urban Areas, especially in Bray, have been rising because of the termination of rate remissions on new buildings.

Unemployment Assistance Acts Levy.

The amount that the Council require to raise for this purpose will be £1,954 and is the product of a special rate of 9d. in the £1 which the Council must levy and pay to the Department of Social Welfare under the Unemployment Assistance Acts, 1931/40. It will be found that the amount generally is almost equal to that which is received each year by way of a State Grant for the provision of employment in mid-Winter.

General Comments.

In submitting the Estimates last year, reference was made to the level of rates in Bray and in other Urban areas. It will be found that rates in Bray compare quite favourably with those, for example, levied in the adjoining metropolitan districts. There may be a few Urban authorities which have lower rates than those in Bray. Even if the burden of rates be measured as a charge per head of population rather than by reference to a rate derived from rateable valuations, it will, it is felt, be found that reasonable value is being given in Bray for the money which is being expended on Municipal Services.

In any comparison with other towns, the diversity of services provided in Bray must be taken into account. It would be interesting to know if there are any other urban districts where a daily household refuse collection service is provided at any time of the year. The Public Lighting in Bray is much more costly than the service provided in other towns of similar population. Each year in Bray over £5,000 is spent on the maintenance and provision of amenities at the Seafont. This is a substantial outlay, whether measured as a charge per head of population or taken as a part of the local rate.

It can, moreover, be urged that the standard of public services provided and the amenities which are available prove attractive not only to visitors, but also to permanent residents. People who can exercise any choice in the matter do not normally choose to live where services may be deficient or primitive in character, no matter how attractive from the scenic standpoint the surroundings may be.

An investigation conducted by the Council's staff some time ago showed that almost three-fourths of the privately-owned dwellings in the urban area benefited directly or indirectly from the revenue derived from visitors; a great number of households in the town, quite apart from registered hotels and guest houses, keep visitors; many households augment their incomes by temporary Summer lettings.

It was noted that during the course of the year references were again made to the alleged inconvenience to the residents of Bray, caused by the terms of an arrangement for using the hospital of an adjoining Health Authority. This matter was dealt with at length in submitting the Estimates last year, but it must once more be stressed that the cost of the Health Services of the County Council would have been much added to if the former arrangement had been kept in operation. There is no doubt but that it could have added about 1s. 3d. to 1s. 6d. in the £1 to the rate for Health Services and the contribution to be made to them by Bray Urban Council. Furthermore, any proposals for a local hospital service in Bray could not possibly be given effect to without adding substantially to the present Municipal Rate.

In the present year the rate struck by the Council was 36s. 2d. and of this 17s. 8d. was required to meet the County Council Demand. The balance of 18s. 6d. represents the costs of the Council's own Municipal Services, such as the Urban Roads, supply of water, Public Lighting, collection of household refuse, Street cleansing, Sewerage, Housing, Vocational Education, Public Library, School Meals Scheme, Bands, and the many amenities provided at the Seafont. Whilst it is still the case that many people associate rates only with Roads, Public Lighting and Cleansing—the services which are so obvious to anybody—yet it cannot be overlooked that rates nowadays, in great part, go to meet the cost of the many Social Services which Local Authorities provide, such as Health, Housing and various other Welfare measures. On comparing the present rate of 18s. 6d. for Municipal Services with that which was levied about twenty years ago and which then on average was 14s. 0d., it will be found that the increase in the meantime comes only to about 32 per cent. This could scarcely be regarded as an immoderate increase if regard be had to the general price level and the upward trend of all costs in the meantime.

All the members of the Council's staff have carried out their duties in a diligent manner during the year, a result which is reflected in the standard of services being provided with the resources available.

Once more I wish to convey to the Chairman and Members of the Council my thanks and appreciation for their guidance and assistance during the past year. It has been necessary for the Members to devote an unusual amount of their spare time in the past few years to the many projects for improving services and providing better facilities in Bray, both for visitors and residents. Some of these projects require lengthy and minute examination and, moreover, call for an unusual degree of vision where they are of a long-term character, with potential results which should contribute materially to the future progress of the town.

Mise, le meas mor,

M. FLANNERY,

Wicklow Co. Manager.

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the Financial Year ending 31st Day of of March, 1962.

EXPENDITURE

	Estimated by Manager.	Adopted by Council.
URBAN ROADS:		
Ordinary Road Works:		
Urban Roads maintenance—Wages	1,265	
Materials, Cartage and Tools	600	
Footpaths—Repairs	100	
do. Reconstruction	300	
New Road Works:		
Road Fund Grant	1,600	
Employment Schemes Grant	2,285	
Road Signs, Name Plates, etc.	40	
Roadside Tree Planting and Seats	50	
Salaries (Surveyor and Overseer—Part)	547	
Salaries (Storekeeper—one-half)	298	
Clothing (Workmen)	53	
Superannuation—Former Overseer (1/4th)	39	
LOAN CHARGES:		
1943 Florence Road Reconstruction (C.P.W.)	—	
1952 Church Road Reconstruction (Treas.)	214	
1952 Reconstruction—Seapoint Road, Novara Ave., Herbert Rd., etc. (Treas.)	1,299	
1955 Strand Road, Eglinton Road, etc. (Treas.)	449	
1956 St. Kevin's Sq., Seymour Rd., Galtrim Rd., Wyndham Park and Connolly Square (Treas.)	442	
1959 Herbert Road, St. Laurence's Terrace and Dock Terrace (Treas.)	321	
1960 New Access to Seafront (Ravenwell Road (Treasurer))	10	
	<u>£9,922</u>	
SANITARY SERVICES:		
Sewer—Wages	919	
do. Clothing (Workmen)	36	
do. Materials	200	
do. Superannuation (Workmen)	—	
Cleaning Cockbrook	50	
Cleaning Strand Road Sewer	—	
Waterworks—Salaries	1,255	
do. Wages	1,047	
do. Clothing—Workmen	36	
do. Materials	200	
do. Dublin Corporation for bulk water supply at 2-88d.	3,545	

	Estimated by Manager.	Adopted by Council.
Scavenging—Domestic Refuse Collection—		
Wages	1,775	
do. Wages (Street cleaning)	3,163	
do. Clothing—Workmen	139	
do. Tools, brushes, etc.	50	
do. Fuel, maintenance, etc., Refuse Vehicle (No. 1)	350	
do. Fuel, maintenance, etc., Refuse Vehicle (No. 2)	350	
do. Repairs to Handcarts	100	
Municipal Baths—Erection of timber decking and repairs	125	
do. Sundry Repairs	50	
Cove Swimming Pools—Repairs	25	
Cove Swimming Pool—Cleaning	150	
Cove Swimming Pools—Repairs to Penstock	—	
Water Safety—Contribution towards I.R.C.S.	25	
Public Lighting	2,689	
Salaries—(Surveyor and Overseer—part)	547	
Superannuation—(Former Overseer—part)	49	
Salaries—Storekeeper—part	298	
Other Sanitary Expenses	20	
Public Conveniences—Repairs and Maintenance	100	
New Litter Boxes, repairs and replacements	100	
Acquisition and Clearing of Derelict Sites	500	
LOAN CHARGES:		
1939 Public Health—General (C.P.W.)	99	
1947—Watermains—Herbert and Vevay Roads (C.P.W.)	99	
1949 Sewers and Watermains—Meath and Sidmonton Roads (C.P.W.)	223	
1951 Miscellaneous 4" Watermains (Scheme No. 1) Purchase (Treasurer)	131	
1951 Laying of Watermains—Church Road, etc. (Scheme No. 1) (C.P.W.)	196	
1952 Purchase of additional watermains (Scheme No. 2)	317	
1952 Relaying of Watermains (Scheme No. 2) (C.P.W.)	268	
1955 Relaying of Watermains (Scheme No. 3) (Treasurer)	249	
1956 New Sanitary Conveniences—People's Park and Town Hall (Treas.)	153	
1955 Sea Wall Repairs (Treasurer)	263	
1961 Sea Front Improvement Scheme	10	
1961 New Shelters at Esplanade (Treas.) (part charge)	50	
1961 Amusement Centre near Harbour	10	
1961 Tourist Facilities at Harbour—Slipway, Boathouse, etc. (Treas.) (part charge)	100	
	<u>£20,058</u>	
HOUSING:		
Housing of the Working Classes		
Maintenance and Repairs	2,000	
Salaries—Surveyor and Overseer—part	547	
Salaries—Clerical Staff	722	
Superannuation—Former Overseer (1/4th)	49	

	Estimated by Manager. £	Adopted by Council. £
Rent Collectors' Commission	1,426	
Rates on Council Houses	7,853	
Rates on Council Houses at Old Conna	4,020	
Insurance	380	
LOAN CHARGES:		
1931 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver)	1,194	
1933 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver)	912	
1935 Wolfe Tone Square and Kilmantain Park (C.P.W.)	6,185	
1936 Wolfe Tone Sq. and Kilmantain Park	1,086	
1927 Little Bray Housing Development (C.P.W.)	543	
1939 do. do.	121	
1949 3½% Conversion Stock	2,237	
1947 Dublin Rd., etc., 91 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.)	2,491	
1949 do. do.	541	
1950 do. do.	287	
1951 do. do.	79	
1949 Greenpark Tce., Vevay Rd., & Dargle Rd. 18 houses Scheme (C.P.W.) Direct Labour	523	
1951 do. do.	69	
1950 Fairgreen Tce., St. Peter's Tce., 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 Develop- ment (C.P.W.)	244	
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme—Erection (C.P.W.)	1,070	
1952 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme—Erection (C.P.W.)	174	
1951 Old Conna Scheme—Acquisition of Land (Palermo)	325	
1954 Old Conna Scheme—Acquisition of Land (Dublin Road)	228	
1952 Old Conna Scheme—Development of land	1,410	
1952 Old Conna Scheme—Erection of 48 Houses	3,134	
1953 Old Conna Scheme—Erection of 94 Houses	6,876	
1954 Old Conna Scheme—Erection of 36 Houses	2,478	
1951 Acquisition of Dock Terrace (Treas.)	154	
1955 Acquisition of houses at Maitland St. (C.P.W.)	187	
1955 Children's playground at Boghall Road (Treasurer)	197	
1958 Acquisition of houses at Maitland St. (C.P.W.)	160	
1960 Acquisition of houses at Ardee St. (C.P.W.)	143	
1961 Chapel Lane Scheme, etc. (Treas.) (part charge)	192	
SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQ.) ACTS: LOAN CHARGES.		
1936 C. Public Works Loan	734	
1949 C. Public Works Loan	1,442	
1950 C. Public Works Loan	1,442	
1951 C. Public Works Loan	1,922	
1952 C. Public Works Loan	2,410	
1953 C. Public Works Loan	2,864	
1956 C. Public Works Loan	343	
	£62,415	

	Estimated by Manager. £	Adopted by Council. £
GENERAL PURPOSES:		
Town Hall Expenses—Lighting, Heating and Cleaning	300	
Town Hall Expenses—Repairs	50	
Town Hall Expenses—Cleaner's Wages	169	
Tourist Development	300	
Public Library—Salaries (Librarian and Assistants)	1,642	
Public Library—Wages	70	
Public Library—Books, binding, etc.	800	
Public Library—Do. (Juvenile Section)	550	
Public Library—Loan Charges—Proposed New Extension	10	
Public Lighting—Heating and Lighting	130	
Public Library—Repairs and Maintenance	40	
Public Library—Office Expenses: Stationery, Postage and Telephone, etc.	178	
Vocational Education—Demand	2,563	
Vocational Education—Superannuations	415	
Public Parks and Esplanade—Wages	1,709	
Public Parks and Esplanade—Clothing (Workmen)	25	
Public Parks and Esplanade—Materials and Petrol	100	
Esplanade—New Litter Baskets	50	
do. Sodding, seeds, manure	100	
do. Repairs to seats, Boat slip, Band- stand and Harbour Slipway	150	
do. Strip Lighting	350	
do. Flags and Pennants	50	
do. Lifebuoys	40	
do. Replacement of Notice Boards	100	
do. Painting of Railings and Seats	600	
do. Sea Wall Repairs	106	
do. Repairs to Shelters	20	
Bray Head—Repairs to Fences and Walls	100	
do. Clearing of Undergrowth	200	
People's Park—Painting of Railings	200	
Markets and Weighbridge—Salary of Weigh- master	56	
Markets and Weighbridge—Repairs	10	
Markets and Weighbridge—Rent	15	
	£11,192	
Band Performances	400	
Milk and Dairies Acts	10	
School Meals—Cost of Food	1,070	
School Meals—Cost of Administration	345	
Salaries	3,583	
Salaries—Surveyor and Overseer—part	547	
Rate Collector's Commission	951	
Superannuation—Former Overseer—part	49	
Superannuation—Former Weighmaster	222	
Superannuation—Former Council employee	217	
Legal Expenses	250	
Audit Expenses	100	
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	485	
Office Expenses—Postage and Telephone	255	
Preparation of Rate Books, etc.	65	
Rents, Rates and Taxes	305	

	Estimated by Manager. £	Adopted by Council. £
Insurances (Fire, E.L., P.L., and F.G.)	490	
Discount on Rates	90	
Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates	550	
Fuel Scheme—Cost of Turf, etc.	2,140	
Fuel Scheme—Administration (Printing, etc.)	50	
Bank Interest	50	
Miscellaneous	50	
Local Elections, 1960	—	

HARBOUR CHARGES:

Superannuation of Harbour Master	245
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LOAN CHARGES—GENERAL PURPOSES:

1943 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.)	242
1947 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.)	17
1953 Esplanade Improvements (Treas.)	267
1954 New Stores (Treasurer)	154
1957 Town Hall Repairs (Treas.)	690
1959 Town Hall Repairs (Treasurer) (Supplementary)	375
1961 Acquisition of land adjoining River Dargle	10
1961 Acquisition of land adjoining Bray Head (part charge)	100

£25,566

COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES: £

Main Roads	9,918
Public Assistance	3,250
Mental Hospitals	6,958
Health Services	25,484
General Purposes (County)	2,604
Separate Charges (Criminal Injuries)	765
Separate Charges (Fire Brigade)	2,135

51,114

UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE LEVY.

£52,148 P.L.V. at 9d. in £1 (1933 and 1940 U.A. Acts)	1,954
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£78,634

RECEIPTS

	Estimated by Manager. £	Adopted by Council. £
State Grants		
Estate Duty	125	
Road Fund	1,600	
Employment Schemes	2,000	
Miscellaneous	125	
	£3,850	

SANITARY SERVICES:

State Grants—Recoupment Loan Charges on—	
Watermains—Scheme No. 1	126
do. Watermains—Scheme No. 2	222
do. Watermains—Scheme No. 3	93
do. Derelict Sites Clearance	250
Sewer Connections	20
Water Connections	350
Water Rents	950
Sanitary Conveniences	300
Sewer Rents—Dublin Road	15
	£2,461

HOUSING:

Housing of the Working Classes.	
Housing Subsidy—Little Bray Scheme	910
do. Wolfe Tone Square and Cillmantain 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 Scheme (Six Rents (Inc. of Rates)	14,938
Rents (Inc. of Rates) Old Conna Park	11,503
Purchase Annuities (Old Schemes)	2,509
Purchase Annuities and Rates—Scott Park Scheme	2,061
Ground Rents	661

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:

Repayments by borrowers (old loans)	734
Repayments by borrowers (new loans)	10,423
	£56,125

Estimated Adopted by
by Manager. Council.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:

State Grants	£	£
Bounty in lieu of Rates	497	
School Meals	535	
Fuel Scheme	1,823	
Vocational Education—State recoupment of Superannuation	201	

Other Receipts.

Fairgreen House Letting	20
Markets and Town Hall Lettings	50
Dividend on Shelter Fund	10
Site No. 3 (Putting Green)	260
Chair Licence	40
Watercraft Licence	6
Kiosks—Esplanade	795
Weighing Machines	40
Photographic Licence	5
Sale of Oysters Licence	20
Fuel Scheme—Payments by recipients and recoupment from County Council	317
Public Library—Registration fees, etc.	300
Annuity—Sec. 11 E.S.B. Act, 1930—Mill Lane premises	175
Advertisements—Litter Boxes	38
Miscellaneous	500
	£5,632

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL ESTIMATES, 1961-'62.

SUMMARY OF CHARGES:

	Gross Expenditure £	Receipts £	Net Expenditure £
Roads	9,922	3,850	6,072
Sanitary Services	20,058	2,461	17,597
Housing Services	62,415	56,125	6,290
General Urban Purposes	78,634	5,632	73,002
	£171,029	£68,068	£102,961

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URBAN ROADS:

It was decided to delete £300 for reconstruction of footpaths from the Estimates in the hope that the Employment Schemes Grant could be utilised in great part for the reconstruction of footpaths in the future.

SANITARY SERVICES:

A sum of £50 only was allowed for repairs and replacements of handcarts. £100 had been estimated by the Manager.

£50 was also deleted from the Estimate of £100 for New Litter Boxes and a sum of £50 for the Loan Charges on new Shelters at Esplanade was reduced by £40 to £10. A sum of £100 Loan Charge on works at the Harbour was reduced by £80 to £20. During the discussion on Sanitary Services, Cllr. McAuliffe asked to be taken as dissenting from the expenditure of £175 on Bray Cove Swimming Pools. It was agreed to make enquiries regarding the possibility of having two Pilot lights in Palermo.

HOUSING:

No change was made in the Estimate for Housing, but arising out of a long discussion on the increasing cost of repairs to Council houses, it was decided, on the proposition of Cllr. E. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. M. O'Toole, that when new tenancies were being granted in the cases of houses built before 1939, the basic rent be increased by 100 per cent. This motion was carried on a show of hands, Cllrs. Sayers and McAuliffe voting against. It was also decided to re-examine the question of having a series of Tenant Purchase Schemes.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:

The following amendments were made under this head:

	Estimated	Reduced by
Replacement of Notice Board	£100	£50
Painting of railings and seats	£600	£100
Clearing of undergrowth at Bray Head	£200	£100
Painting of railings at People's Park	£200	£50
Legal Expenses	£200	£50
Loan Charges—Acquisition of land near Dargle River	£10	£5
Loan Charges—Acquisition of lands at Bray Head	£100	£95

During a discussion on this section of the Estimates, Cllr. McAuliffe dissented from a proposal to pay £300 to the Tourist Association, and also dissented from the Library Estimate. He further dissented from the proposal to reduce the amount allowed for clearing of undergrowth at Bray Head.

It was decided to paint the Shelter near the C.I.E. Station when the Station was being painted, and to do it in a similar colour.

RECEIPTS.

URBAN ROADS—No change.

SANITARY SERVICES—An amount of £300 estimated receipts from Sanitary Conveniences was increased to £400.

HOUSING—No change.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES—No change.

It was decided to take total Credits of £944 and this, together with the various changes made during the Meeting, allowed for a rate for the coming year of 36s. 5d. in the £1. It was formally proposed by Cllr. B. Hipwell, seconded by Cllr. J. O'Toole, and resolved:

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A, B and C, and determine in accordance with the said amended Estimate the rate set forth in Table C to be the rate in the £1 for the several purposes specified in the said Estimates (as amended) for the financial year ending 31st March 1962, to be 36s. 5d. in the £1.

The Chairman thanked the Manager for the manner in which he had presented the Estimates, and also the Council's staff, both indoor and outdoor, for the manner in which they carried out their duties during the year. The Manager replied on behalf of the staff.

631.—Lease of Land at Ravenswell Row.

The meeting having been given particulars and ten days' clear notice of intention in accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, it was proposed by Cllr. D. Sayers, seconded by Mrs. Ledwidge, and resolved to lease a site at Ravenswell Row to Messrs. James and Kinsella, for 99 years at £40 per annum, subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

632.—Flag Day.

Application from the Friends of the Mentally Handicapped Children for permission to place a caravan near the Courthouse on 13th and 14th April in connection with a Flag Day which they propose to hold. Permission was granted for same.

John J. Lempke

