

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 16th October, 1961, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Officials—Messrs. M. Flannery, Wicklow Co. Manager; M. Healy, R.E., Town Engineer, and J. P. McDonnell, Acting Town Clerk.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors C. Doyle and D. Sayers.

771.—CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 12th September, 1961, and Special Meeting of 26th September, 1961, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

772.—CO. MANAGER'S ORDERS.

County Manager's Orders Nos. 8478 to 8483 were noted.

773.—PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Quotation submitted by the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of additional lights at the initial cost of £135 for the provision of switch-wire and £63 annual charge.

Having considered the Town Engineer's recommendation in the matter, it was proposed by Mr. Hipwell and seconded by Mr. Mrs. Ledwidge that the quotation be accepted, and instructions be issued to the Electricity Supply Board to provide the additional lights. The Council authorised the necessary financial expenditure.

774.—BRAY COVE SWIMMING CLUB.

Letter from the Secretary, Bray Cove Swimming Club, applying for a reduction in the annual rent of the Bray Cove from £50. After a discussion, it was proposed by Mr. Hipwell and seconded by Mr. J. O'Toole that the rent be reduced by £15 to £35. It was proposed by Mr. McAuliffe and seconded by Mr. M. O'Toole that a reduction of £10 be allowed thus reducing the rent to £25. A vote was taken on the amendment.

For—Mrs. McAuliffe and M. O'Toole (2).

Against—Mr. E. Byrne, J. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, F. G. Hunt, Mrs. Ledwidge, J. O'Toole, G. H. G. Stuart and J. Temple (Chairman) (8).

The amendment was declared lost and the original vote carried.

775.—BRAY SAILING CLUB.

Application for additional accommodation at the Harbour.

Submitted letter from Mr. D. Fisher, Bray Sailing Club, for additional accommodation at the Harbour. Reference was made by the Members to the proposed extension of the factory at the Harbour, and it was decided that the Town Engineer should discuss the matter with the Bray Sailing Club and submit a report for an alternative site to the next Meeting of the Council.

776.—BRAY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Filling of Vacancy.

Resulting from the death of the late Mr. J. Duffy, a vacancy arose on the Vocational Education Committee.

It was proposed by Mr. J. O'Toole and seconded by Mr. Mrs. Ledwidge that Brother Austin, Presentation College, be elected.

It was proposed by Mr. Hipwell and seconded by Mr. E. Byrne that Mr. T. Byrne, Glenburg, Dargle Road, Bray, be elected.

A vote was taken. The voting resulted as follows—

For Brother Austin—Mr. J. O'Toole, Mrs. Ledwidge, T. Byrne, F. G. Hunt, G. H. G. Stuart and J. Temple (6).

For Mr. T. Byrne—Mrs. H. B. Hipwell, E. Byrne and M. O'Toole (3). Mr. McAuliffe did not vote. Brother Austin was elected to the Committee.

777.—Holidays (Employees) Act, 1961.

The Acting Town Clerk was directed to submit a summary of the Act to the Council.

778.—EXCESS EXPENDITURE.

Purchase of Tubular Hand Carts.

The Council authorised the expenditure of £143 for the purchase of Tubular Hand Carts as recommended by the Town Engineer.

779.—Storage Tank for Diesel Oil.

Report from the Town Engineer recommending that a Storage Tank be purchased for the storage of diesel oil to be used in connection with the new Refuse Collection Vehicle recently ordered. In his report, the Town Engineer pointed out that the cost would be offset by the purchase of diesel oil in bulk which amounted to approximately 8d. per gallon lower than the retail price.

The Council, having considered the matter, authorised the necessary excess expenditure for the provision and erection of a Storage Tank.

780.—RAT INFESTATION AT "ISLAND" STRAND ROAD AND NEAR RAILWAY "WHITE GATES."

It was agreed that the Health Inspector be instructed to take the necessary steps to remove the rats on the above sites.

781.—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.

50, Main Street, Bray.

Application from Mr. F. Duff for permission to erect a Right of Way at the rear of his premises was considered, and it was decided to refer the matter to a further Meeting of the Council.

Confirmed: *[Signature]*
CHAIRMAN
DATE: 14/11/61

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 14th November, 1961, at 7 p.m.
Present—Councillors: Messrs. J. Temple (Chairman), E. Byrne, J. Byrne, C. Doyle, H. B. Hipwell, F. G. Hunt, Mrs. Ledwidge, H. L. McAuliffe, M. O'Toole, D. Sayers, G. H. G. Stuart.

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

782 Confirmation of Minutes.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 10th October, 1961, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

783 County Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders Nos. 8491 to 8498 were noted.

784

Expression of Sympathy—**Assist. Commissioner W. Quinn.**

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, extended a vote of sympathy to Assist. Commissioner W. Quinn on the recent death of his wife.

785

Erection of Six Houses at Chapel Lane.

The Seal of the Council was affixed to Agreement completed by Messrs. C. Dodd & Sons, Ltd., for the erection of six houses at Chapel Lane, Bray.

786

Loan of £10,700 for Six Houses at Chapel Lane, Bray.

Proposed by Cllr. S. Sayers and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Ledwidge and resolved:

"That we the Members of the Bray Urban District Council hereby apply to the Minister for Local Government for Sanction to the raising of a Loan of £10,700 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of defraying the cost of the erection of six houses at Chapel Lane, under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1961."

787

Tidy Town Competition—Result.

Notification was received from An Bord Fáilte Eireann that Bray had been awarded thirteenth (13th) place in the Tidy Town Competition out of a total of twenty-four entries. Noted.

788

Plans for the Improvement of the Municipal Baths and Extension to Boathouse.

Mr. K. Fox, Architect, An Bord Fáilte Eireann, explained in detail the Plans which were submitted by An Bord Fáilte for the improvement of the Municipal Baths and extension to the Boathouse.

The County Manager and the Town Engineer indicated that the Scheme was a most commendable one and would provide increased accommodation for shelters on the Seafront. These proposals were fully discussed by the Council, and it was agreed to convey approval in principle to the adoption of the Plans.

The Council expressed the wish that work should commence as soon as possible on these projects and Mr. Fox indicated that it might be possible to have the extension to the Boathouse completed before the commencement of next season.

789

Damage to Council Property.

Submitted report from the Town Engineer that considerable damage had been caused to the Toilets at the Town Hall by vandals. The Council appealed to the Public to report any incidents of vandalism immediately.

790

Bray Holiday Guild.

Proposals from Messrs. Irish & Overseas Publishing Co., indicating that they are prepared to publish a Guide to Bray subject to the approval of the Council.

After a discussion, it was agreed to ask Representatives of this Publishing Company to meet the Chairman, Cllr. E. Byrne and Officials to obtain further information and report back to the Council.

791

Employment of Persons over Forty by Local Authorities—Notice of Motion.

"That this Council strongly recommends to the Minister for Local Government that Regulations placing an upper age limit on Applicants for permanent employment on the outdoor staff of Local Authorities be and are hereby rescinded."

The Motion was adopted in principle and the Acting Town Clerk was directed to forward the Resolution to the Association of Municipal Authorities.

792

Erection of Christmas Tree at Town Hall, Bray.

The Council granted permission to the Bray Amusements' Committee to erect a Christmas Tree at the Town Hall as in former years.

793

Improvement at Albert Walk.

This matter was adjourned to the next Meeting of the Council.

794

Bray Sailing Club.

An application from the Bray Sailing Club for additional accommodation was submitted. It was agreed that the possibility of a temporary letting should be discussed between the Members of the Club and the Town Engineer.

795

Town and Regional Planning Acts.

Extension to Melifont Hotel, Quinsboro Road, Bray.

Application from Mr. M. Dowling, Melifont Hotel, Quinsboro Road, Bray, for permission to erect extension at the rear of the premises. Recommend approval.

796

Town and Regional Planning Acts.

Erection of New Factory at Harbour—D. Coughlan, Ltd.

After discussion, it was decided that a Sub-Committee of the Council should meet applicant on the 18th November regarding this proposal, consisting of the Chairman, Cllr. G. Hunt, Cllr. M. O'Toole and Officials.

797

Town and Regional Planning Acts.

Extension to Record Press, Ltd., Brighton Terrace, Bray.

An application for permission to build an extension of approximately 4,000 feet at the rear of the above premises, was submitted. The Town Engineer, in his report, pointed out that it was the intention to use in this new building, a Rotary Press, and that Plans as submitted, did not provide sufficient insulation for a machine of this type.

The Council recommended approval to this application.

CONFIRMED : *[Signature]* 12/12/61 DATED
CHAIRMAN.

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 12th December, 1961, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

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

798.—SYMPATHY.

The sympathy of the Council was expressed to Mr. P. Savage, P.C., an ex-member of the Council, on the death of his father, and to Miss N. O'Carroll (Council Staff) on the death of her grand-niece.

799.—TOWN CLERK.

The Chairman and members welcomed Mr. McCarthy, Town Clerk, on his return to duty after illness. Mr. McCarthy thanked the members for their welcome and their kindness during his illness.

800.—CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the 14th November were confirmed, it having been first decided to record the fact that Councillor McAuliffe had, at that Meeting, dissented from Council's approval to plans for reconstruction of Municipal Baths (Minute No. 788).

801.—COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

County Manager's Orders Nos. 8500 to 8506 were noted. Arising out of Order No. 8500—Clarke, 5 Sutton Villas, some of the members felt that the family should be provided with a house while the repairs were being carried out. During the course of the discussion the Chairman gave, as his opinion, that all documents, records, etc., in connection with Manager's Orders current, should be available at the Council's Meeting.

802.—AMUSEMENTS COMMITTEE—BAND STANDS.

The Council granted permission to the above body to use the Central and Southern band-stands in the 1962 season, when not otherwise required.

803.—PURCHASE OF LAND AT OLD CONNA.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the representatives of the owners of this land had written to the effect that they would not be prepared to sell the whole field, i.e. 8½ acres. After discussion it was decided to offer a sum of £2,000 for the 3½ acres originally sought and the owners be responsible for erecting a boundary-wall or fence.

804.—HOUSING—NOTICE OF MOTION, COUNCILLOR McAULIFFE.

At the request of the Chairman, Councillor McAuliffe agreed to adjourn his Notice of Motion re. housing, and was granted leave to bring it forward at any time.

805.—CIVIL DEFENCE.

The County Manager gave the members a short report on the present position of Civil Defence in Bray, informing them that there were at present one hundred (100) active members, but pointed out that the Warden and Welfare sections were under-strength. It was decided to ask Mr. Brophy, Civil Defence Officer, and some of his officers to attend the next meeting of the Council to discuss Civil Defence generally.

806.—ALBERT WALK.

After a lengthy discussion on the question of the necessity for carrying out improvements in the Albert Walk it was decided to ask that Mr. Yates, C.I.E. Engineer, and Mr. Healy, Town Engineer, would have further discussion on the matter.

807.—LEASE OF HAY AND STRAW MARKET.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Pembroke Estate had offered the Fee Simple Interest of the above property to the Council for £210. He, however, stated that at present the Council, by the terms of the Agreement with the Estate, incur no loss, but were bound to obtain the permission of the Estate before erecting any structures, etc., on the ground in question. It was decided to recommend that £25 be offered the Pembroke Estate for the Fee Simple Interest in the property.

808.—OUTDOOR STAFF—APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN WAGES.

It was decided, as per custom, to refer the above application to the sub-committee recently appointed to deal with wages.

809.—PUBLIC LIGHTING—ROYAL MARINE PARK.

The above matter was adjourned, pending reply from the residents as to what contribution they would make to the erection of Public Lighting in their area.

810.—ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT.

The Engineer submitted a report stating the works carried out with the grant and that, due to the necessity for a surface-dressing at Car Park, on the northern end of the Esplanade, there was an excess expenditure on the works programme of £177. On the proposition of Councillor Sayers, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, the excess expenditure was approved. Arising out of this item, a rather lengthy discussion took place on the laying off of men on the current relief works, and their subsequent re-employment at temporary demolition work. The Town Engineer explained to the meeting that the men were left off because of the fact that the Relief Scheme finances would not allow them to be kept in employment. It was further pointed out that when they were re-employed they were taken on at the standard rate paid to the regular employees of the Council.

811.—BRAY GUIDE.

The Council had before them an offer from Irish Overseas Publishing Co. to publish a guide to Bray, and supply the Council with 1,000 copies without charge. They also had a second offer from Mr. E. McDonnell, on condition that he improved the quality of the paper in his guide and published a better type of photograph. Councillor Edward Byrne was deputed to consult with Mr. McDonnell in this regard.

812.—DERELICT SITES ACT—SEAPoint ROAD.

Having considered a report from the Town Engineer to the effect that a site at Seapoint Road, as delineated on a map supplied, and in area 8 perches and 26 square feet, was derelict, the Council, on the proposal of Councillor M. O'Toole, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, resolved that the site be acquired by the Council, under the powers vested in them by the Derelict Site Act, 1961.

813.—LEASE OF SITE AT HARBOUR TO DAVID COUGHLAN, LTD.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the above firm continued to erect a factory premises on the above site, despite being asked to desist by the Council. The Town Clerk further stated that the Engineer was satisfied that the premises would not cost £6,000 as was agreed in the Lease made in 1956. The Council unanimously approved the decision to take legal action against the firm for failure to comply with this particular covenant in the Lease, dated 17th December, 1956.

814.—APPLICATION FOR RIGHT OF WAY AT REAR OF 50 MAIN STREET.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that, having considered the above matter at great length, he felt that the Right of Way through the garden of Council house could not be allowed. The Council, on the proposition of Councillor Hipwell, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne, recommended that the Manager would reconsider his decision.

815.—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.

The following recommendations were made in connection with applications for special permission under the Town and Regional Planning Acts.

- Permission granted to W. Kirwan, Beech Road, to erect a wall at rear of premises.
- Permission granted to Mr. Lyons, Sidmonton Ave., to erect private garage at the "Lawn," Sidmonton Avenue.
- Permission granted to Bray Emmet's G.A.A. Club to erect Handball Court at Novara Road.
- Permission refused to Mr. V. Cassoni to erect Filling Station at Vevay Road, Bray.
- Permission refused New Ireland Assurance Co., Ltd., to erect illuminated sign at 33 Main Street, Bray.

An application from James Doyle to erect a porch in front of the main building line at 22 Putland Villas, was referred back to the Engineer for further consideration. Mr. Healy had recommended that permission be refused as the porch projected beyond the main building line.

816.—S.D.A. ACTS—APPLICATIONS.

The Council recommended the granting of a loan of £1,480 to Mr. Dermot McKenna, of 1 Wolfe Tone Square, South, subject to the usual conditions. Applications received from Mr. D. P. Maloney, 1 Erabazon Terrace, and Mr. James Carroll, "Beechmount," Putland Road, were deferred for further investigation.

817.—62 WOLFE TONE SQUARE, NORTH.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that William Kelly, son of the recently deceased tenant of the above house had applied for the tenancy. He had been living with his wife for some time in England. The Council recommended that the tenancy be allocated to the applicant on condition that he would not use it for other than a dwelling-house, and it to be clearly understood that a precedent was not being created.

817.—ESPLANADE BYE-LAWS.

The members of the Council recommended that a Prosecution against four boys for breach of Esplanade Bye-Laws would not be gone ahead with, provided the boys apologise for the trouble they had caused to Mr. Murray, Esplanade Caretaker.

John Doyle
9/1/62

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 25th July, 1961, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cirs. H. B. Hipwell (in the chair), Messrs. E. Byrne, J. Byrne, C. Doyle, F. G. Hunt, Mrs. Ledwidge and Mr. H. McAuliffe.

Officials: Messrs. J. P. McDonnell, A./Town Clerk, and M. Healy, Town Engineer. Apologies for inability to attend were received from Cirs. J. Temple, J. O'Toole, T.D., M. O'Toole, D. Sayers, and G. H. G. Stuart, and Mr. M. Flannery, Wicklow County Manager.

722. Illness of Chairman.

The Members expressed their regret on hearing of the illness of Clr. J. Temple, Chairman, and expressed the hope that he would have a speedy recovery.

723. Public Lighting.

After discussion it was agreed to proceed with portion of the Town Engineer's report and adjourn for consideration at a further Meeting the balance of items contained therein.

It was agreed to provide the following new lamps and the necessary financial expenditure was authorised:

- (a) 2 Pilot lights at Palermo—one at corner of Beech Road and one on Pole 988 at Ledwidge Crescent.
- (b) One light at Putland Road—Cairn's corner.

It was decided to convey the views of the E.S. Board to the residents of Royal Marine Park that no lights could be erected until the trees were removed.

724. Sale of Tickets on Esplanade.

An application for permission to sell tickets on the Esplanade from St. Pappin's, Ballymun, was refused.

725. Miscellaneous.

The following matters were raised by Clr. McAuliffe:

Cars were being parked on St. Kevin's and Connolly Square at right angles, causing obstruction to users of the footpaths.

The matter was referred to the Town Engineer and Garda Authorities.

Traffic at Sunnybank: After discussion regarding congestion of vehicular traffic at Sunnybank, particularly at week-ends, the Town Engineer was directed to have the matter taken up with the County Engineer. The Council also decided to ask the Garda Authorities to have a Garda on duty whenever the situation warrants it.

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 9th January, 1962, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Messrs. E. Byrne and J. O'Toole.

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

818. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of December 12th, 1961, and of a Special Meeting of July 25th, 1961, were confirmed, it having been first decided to amend Minute 811 to make it clear that the Council had, in fact, accepted the offer of Mr. E. J. McDonnell, in the matter of the publication of a Guide to Bray.

819. SYMPATHY.

The sympathy of the Council was expressed to the Coughlan family, King Edward Road, the Gilmore family of Little Bray and the O'Brien family of Connolly Square, on their recent bereavements.

820. TRAFFIC CONTROL—ENTRANCE TO CONNOLLY'S SQUARE.

Arising out of a complaint that cars parked in the above area impeded pedestrians, it was decided that the Town Engineer get in touch with the Garda Superintendent and see what can be done to obviate the nuisance complained of.

821. BRAY SEA ANGLERS' CLUB.

It was decided to receive a deputation from the above club at the Monthly Meeting of February 13th, to discuss the matter of a site for a Pavilion.

822. TOURIST AMENITY SCHEMES—MARTELLO TERRACE.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that Mrs. Chisholm, owner of six houses in Martello Terrace, sought £12,000 for her interest therein. The Clerk informed the Meeting that there were eight houses in all in this terrace and that thirteen families would have to be re-housed therefrom. After a discussion, it was decided that Mrs. Chisholm be offered not more than £3,000 for her interest.

823. DOCK TERRACE—SITE FOR BOAT-BUILDING YARD.

An application from Mr. J. Foley in above matter was deferred, pending the outcome of the Council's discussion with the Bray Sea Anglers.

824.—CIVIL DEFENCE.

Mr. James Brophy, Civil Defence Officer, addressed the Council on the progress of the Civil Defence in Bray, and stressed the fact that they needed a great number of recruits for the Warden services and also a number for the Welfare Services. The Council decided to appoint the following sub-committee to promote Civil Defence recruiting in conjunction with Mr. Brophy:—

J. Temple (Chairman), Cllr. Mrs. Ledwidge, Cllrs. Hunt, Doyle and Sayers.

825.—CINEMA LICENCES.

Cinema Licences were granted to the Royal and Roxy Cinemas on the customary conditions.

826.—BRAY TOWN PLANNING AMENDMENT—NOVARA ROAD.

A recommendation of the Town Engineer that the Council's Draft Plan be amended so as to permit the development of the Novara Avenue frontage of 33 Main Street, as a shopping frontage, was agreed to.

827.—WAGES—OUTDOOR STAFF.

On the proposition of Councillor Hipwell, seconded by Cllr. C. Doyle, the Council unanimously accepted the recommendation of the sub-committee, who met the Union representatives to discuss a wage claim, by the outdoor staff. The recommendation was that an increase of 12s. 6d. per week, with effect from the 1st January, 1962, be paid. The sub-committee recommended further that the Town Hall and Library Cleaners and the School Meal Attendants be granted pro-rata increase. This was also accepted. In the course of a discussion on the matter the County Manager dealt with other increases which had been granted during the financial year and stated that to date the increases of wages and salaries left a sum of over £1,900 to be met in next year's estimates. This equated to approximately 9d. in the £ on the rates. The Council, in approving the recommendation, also voted the necessary excess expenditure to provide for increases.

828.—"OFFICE FIELD"—PLAYGROUND AT VEYAY ROAD.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Meath Estate had refused to grant a Lease of the above field, but were prepared to grant another 11 month letting. The following deputation was appointed to seek an interview with the Earl of Meath in the matter: Chairman—J. Temple, Cllrs. M. O'Toole, G. Hunt, Mrs. Ledwidge, together with the County Manager, Town Engineer and Town Clerk.

829.—"HAY AND STRAW MARKET"—PEMBROKE ESTATE.

The Council noted the fact that the Pembroke Estate would not accept their offer of £25 for the Fee Simple Interest of the above property.

830.—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING.

- (a) Home and Colonial Stores—Reconstruction, 3 Westbourne Terrace—Approved.
 - (b) David Coughlan, Ltd. Matter to be left in the hands of the Town Engineer and County Manager.
 - (c) Erection of bungalow at Raheen Park. Matter to be left in the hands of the Town Engineer and County Manager.
 - (d) Bray Enterprises—Development Plan—Barry's Field.
- Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had not received sufficient data from the Architect concerned to enable the Town Engineer to give recommendation on a Development Plan received on behalf of Bray Enterprises.—Adjourned.

831.—SMALL DWELLING ACTS—APPLICATIONS.

The Council recommended that loans of £1,480 each be granted to Messrs. L. Duffy and James Carroll in respect of houses to be erected by them at Vevay Road. The application of Mr. D. P. Maloney for similar loan was adjourned.

*Confirmed.
Date 18/2/62. J. Temple - Chairman*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Messrs. C. Doyle and J. Byrne.

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

832.—CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of January 9th, 1962, which had been circulated, were confirmed.

833.—COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

County Manager's Orders Nos. 8515 to 8522 were noted.

834.—11, O'BYRNE ROAD.

On it being intimated that recommendation had been received that a tradesman be appointed tenant of 11, O'Byrne Road, it was decided, on the proposition of Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. O'Toole, that the basic rent on this house would be increased by 50 per cent. and that the Town Clerk would prepare a report on rents to be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

835.—BRAY SEA ANGLERS—HARBOUR.

A Deputation of three members of the Bray Sea Anglers was received by the Council. Their spokesman, Mr. Messitt, said they desired three things:

- (a) Removal of obstruction at the mouth of Harbour.
- (b) Repair of the slipway at the Harbour.
- (c) They wish to lease a site of 30 square feet at Dock Terrace to build thereon a boathouse and clubroom.

The Chairman informed the Deputation that he had been discussing this matter with Bórd Fáilte, who were now prepared to facilitate erection of boathouses and pavilions in Dock Terrace for the Sea Anglers and the Bray Sailing Club and he felt that grants in aid of the project would be forthcoming to the Council from Bórd Fáilte. He suggested that the Deputation prepare an inexpensive plan of their proposal and discuss it with the Town Engineer. The Deputation then withdrew.

836.—GROUND RENTS COMMISSION.

A request from the Ground Rents Commission asking for the Council's views on Ground Rents gave rise to a discussion during which the following points were made:—

- (1) That the Council approved of nominal ground rents—say £1 per year which gave Local Authorities certain control over groups of houses.
- (2) That they were of opinion that ground rents should be reduced to a nominal figure after the original capital outlay had been recouped to the owner of the lands.
- (3) That they were strongly opposed to a ground Landlord increasing the rents when renewing the lease.

The Council's delegates to the Municipal Authorities Association were instructed to bring forward these points.

837.—SPEED LIMIT.

On the proposition of Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. Sayers, with Clr. McAuliffe dissenting, the Council adopted a report of a joint meeting of Garda Officers and Council Engineers, recommending that the 30 miles per hour speed limit replace that of 25 miles per hour in the Bray area.

838.—ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING.

Thursday, March 29th, was fixed as the date for the annual Estimates Meeting.

839.—REVISION OF SALARY—TOWN ENGINEER.

On the proposition of Councillor Sayers, seconded by Councillor Hunt, the Council unanimously recommended that the Town Engineer's scale of salary be fixed at £1,350 by 57 to £1,635 per annum. Mr. Healy to enter the scale at the maximum with effect from the 1st August, 1960. The necessary excess expenditure to implement the recommendation was also voted.

840.—GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT—DAWSON.

The Council having heard reports from the Fire Officer and Health Officer, made no objection to the above application.

841.—CAR PARKS.

The Council, having considered the Town Engineer's report on parking, authorised the Town Clerk to enquire what the owners of Galtrim House and Novara Field would be prepared to sell their properties for.

842.—OFFICE FIELD.

The Town Clerk read the report of a meeting between the Chairman and officials of the Council and the Earl of Meath regarding the above. It was decided to renew the eleven months letting of the field and to prepare a plan for a pavilion to be sited on the rear access road of O'Byrne Road.

843.—DERELICT SITES—UPPER DARGLE ROAD.

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor Sayers, it was unanimously agreed in principle to lease a small plot of ground acquired some years ago by the Council under the Derelict Sites Act to a Mr. Ravely, owner of "Kimberley", for £5 per annum.

844.—BORD FAILTE—AMENITY SCHEMES.

A letter was read from Mr. Gordon Clarke of Bord Fáilte, stating that the Board's Architect, Mr. Fox, had the contract documents for the erection of bus shelter and toilet accommodation and shops at the boathouse ready for approval. The estimated cost was £6,500. Mr. Clarke's letter then went on to suggest that this work and the re-development of the Municipal Baths (Estimated cost, £10,000) be taken together from a financial viewpoint and that the Council meet 50 per cent. of the cost. He further stated that the Board would require the Council to guarantee that any profit derived from the projects be applied to:

- (a) Upkeep and maintenance.
- (b) Further development of Tourist Amenities and facilities for Bray.

The County Manager pointed out to the Meeting that the Council's share of the costs was estimated at £3,125 and that, depending on the Loan facilities available, the annual expenditure would be between £700 and £800. Councillor Stuart and other members expressed surprise at the Council being asked to contribute 50 per cent. as they had understood from previous discussions and correspondence that the Council's contribution to Amenity Schemes would only be about 20 per cent. The County Manager explained to the Council that the Council's contribution would be 20 per cent. of the comprehensive scheme and after further discussion the Council, on the proposition of Clr. E. Byrnes, seconded by Clr. Hunt, with Clr. McAuliffe dissenting, resolved that the provisions set forth in Mr. Clarke's letter of 8th February be agreed to, on the clear understanding that the costs now being met by the Council would be reckoned in collecting the total contribution of 20 per cent. of the comprehensive scheme, and in addition to the monies already spent by the Council in erecting shelters, clearing and demolishing properties, etc. The members authorised the officials to make arrangements either with the Commission of Works or the Hibernian for a loan under the best possible terms.

845.—WAGES APPLICATION—OUTDOOR STAFF.

The Council considered a letter from the Transport Workers' Union stating that their members employed by the Bray Urban District Council would not accept the recent offer of 12s. 6d. per week. Members generally expressed their surprise and disappointment at the attitude of the Union in this matter and on the proposition of Clr. Hopwell, seconded by Clr. E. Byrnes, it was recommended that the Manager and the Union should have further consultations, it being pointed out that if this were not successful the Union could approach the Labour Court.

846.—ESPLANADE LEASE.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Draft Lease submitted by the Solicitors of the Meath Estate was not satisfactory in as much as the Meath Estate had stipulated in it that the Council should have to seek permission for any addition, erection or alteration to any structure, etc., on the seafront. It was decided that the officials of the Council and their Legal Adviser hold a consultation with the Meath Estate and their Legal Advisers on the matter. The Chairman of the Council to attend if possible.

847.—ACQUISITION OF LAND AT OLD CONNA—GORHAM'S ESTATE

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Gorham Estate would not accept their offer of £2,000 for 3½ acres of land, the estate to be responsible for building the wall. After some discussion it was decided to offer the Estate £500 per acre and to hold discussion with them regarding the building by the Council of a wall which would not cost the £1,200 estimated to be the cost of the type of wall now sought by the Estate.

848.—S.D.A. LOANS—APPLICATION.

The Council recommended that the Loan of £1480 be made to Dermot P. Maloney, 1 Brabazon Cottages, in respect of a house proposed to be erected by him on Vevay Road, subject to his complying with the customary conditions and in accordance with the Council's Scheme under the S.D.A. Acts.

849.—TOWN PLANNING PROPOSALS.

(a) Bray Enterprises, Ltd.—Development of Barry's Field.

The Council approved in principle the Development of Barry's Field as per plan submitted under cover of letter date 11th December, by Mr. Maguire, Architect, on condition that the proposal outlined therein to erect a sectional timber concert hall not being proceeded with as the Council was not prepared to give permission for this.

(b) Application by Casino Amusements Theatre, Ltd., for permission to erect a large neon sign on the forecourt of their premises at 110-111 Strand Road, Bray. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be refused on the grounds that the sign would be in front of the building line, that it would constitute a sky sign and that that it would be injurious to the amenities of the area.

The Council agreed with the Town Engineer's recommendation but suggested that he have a discussion with the applicants in the matter.

(c) Application from Patrick J. Forde for permission to erect a bungalow at Raheen Park, Bray.

The Town Engineer expressed himself as not entirely satisfied with the plan submitted. It was recommended that the matter be dealt with by the officials.

850.—PALERMO HOUSING SCHEME.

Several members stated that they had received communications from some of the tenants of above scheme asking that the grass lawns between their houses be either concreted or tarred. It was agreed to have the matter discussed at the next monthly meeting.

851.—NOTICES OF MOTION.

The Chairman accepted the following Notices of Motion to be moved at the next Statutory Meeting of the Council.

(1) From Councillor C. Doyle—

"That the Minister for Justice be requested to amend the Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956, in order to bring the facilities offered to tourists by the amusement caterers into conformity with the facilities now available to the public at English seaside resorts and elsewhere.

(2) From Councillor E. Byrne—

"That time be allowed to discuss the possibility of allowing borrowers under the Small Dwelling (Acq.) Acts to repay their instalments and rates on a combined quarterly basis.

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban Council held in Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 13th March, 1962, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

852.—RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

The Council passed a Resolution of sympathy with the wife and family of the late Mr. Philip Rooney, who was a member of the Library Committee.

853.—CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the monthly meeting of 13th February, 1962, which had been circulated were confirmed.

854.—COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

County Manager's Orders nos. 8523 to 8529 were noted.

855.—GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT—NOTICE OF MOTION—CLR. C. DOYLE.

The above Motion was adjourned to a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, 20th March, 1962.

856.—PAYMENT BY INSTALMENT. S.D.A. LOANS AND RATES—NOTICE OF MOTION—CLR. E. BYRNE.

The above Motion was also adjourned to the meeting of the 20th.

857.—PEDALO CRAFT.

An application from P. J. Merlihan for a licence for 23 pedalo craft was approved subject to the usual conditions. It was decided, however, to suggest to the applicant that he keep a speedboat available in case of danger.

858.—GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT—APPLICATIONS.

There being no objection from either the Fire Officer or the Health Inspector, the Council approved applications under the above Act from the following:

- (a) J. Kane, in respect of 10 (b) Albert Walk.
- (b) Irish Amusements Ltd., in respect of Esplanade, Bray.
- (c) Mary O'Toole, in respect of 10 (a) Albert Walk.
- (d) Michael O'Toole, in respect of 13 (b) Albert Walk.

In connection with the application of Robert Loughlin, 33 Stanaway Road, Crumlin, in respect of premises situated at 3, Marleborough Terrace, Bray, the Chairman and other members commented on the unkempt appearance of the building and adjourned the matter, directing the Town Clerk to seek Legal advice as to whether they could object to a licence being granted because of this.

859.—WAGES—OUTDOOR STAFF.

A letter from the Transport Worker's Union gave further details of wage increases granted locally and indicated that the Union proposed putting their case to the Labour Court if, in view of these further increases, the Council still refused to increase their offer. After long discussion, it was decided that the sub-committee again met the union.

860.—CHAPEL LANE—HOUSING SCHEME. LOAN.

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, seconded by Mr. J. O'Toole, the seal of the Council was affixed to a Mortgage Deed with the Commissioner of Public Works for a loan of £10,700 for a period of 50 years at 6½ per cent.

861.—PLOT OF GROUND AT THE 'ISLAND' STRAND ROAD.

On the proposition of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Hipwell, the offer of C.M.E. to sell 22 perches of land at the 'Island' Strand Road, for £22 was accepted.

862.—BRAY CREST.

Permission was granted to Bray Bridge Club to use the town crest on a brochure being prepared for the Annual Bridge Congress.

863.—FESTIVAL CLOCK—GUINNESS AND SON, LTD.

Permission was granted to Guinness and Son, Ltd., to place the Festival Clock on the Esplanade in August, 1962, subject to the usual conditions.

864.—TENDERS—SITES AT ESPLANADE

The following tenders, in each case being the only one received, were accepted for sites on the Esplanade for the 1962 season:

- (a) Thomas Boyle, 12 Muckross Avenue, Perrystown, Dublin—£20 for sale of Oysters.
- (b) British Automatic Co., Ltd.—£40 for seven (7) weighing machines on the Esplanade and one in toilet adjacent to Courthouse. In this case the members asked that the Company pay more attention to servicing these machines in future.
- (c) Patrick Mooney and Peter O'Neill, 2 Connolly Square—£40 for licence to place deck-chairs on the Esplanade.
- (d) Patrick Mooney and Peter O'Neill, 2 Connolly Square—£260 for licence to maintain putting green on the Esplanade.

865.—SITE FOR CAR PARKS.

The Town Clerk reported to the meeting that a sum of £23,500 was sought for Galtrim House, plus £120 and that the owner, Mrs. Fraser, of the Field, Novara Tce., had refused to sell. No action was taken.

866.—PALERMO HOUSING SCHEME—GRASS LAWNS.

This matter was adjourned to the meeting of the 20th. The Engineers report to be circulated.

868.—BORD FAILTE SCHEME—BOATHOUSE.

The Town Clerk read a letter from four (4) persons on the sea-front objecting to the boathouse scheme. Having heard a short report from the Engineer in the matter, no action was taken.

869.—TOWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The following applications were received:—

- (a) P. Keogh, Doyle's Garage, Bray. Detached house for Killarney Road. Recommendation from Town Engineer that approval be granted.—Approval recommended.
- (b) Application from Eric Finucane for permission to erect (8) Houses (two blocks of four each) at Boghall Road, Bray. Recommendation from Town Engineer that approval be granted, subject to certain minor alterations. Approval recommended. Way-leave for sewer was also granted.
- (c) Application from William Drysdale, 24, Beech Road, for permission to erect a garage. Recommendation from Town Engineer that application not be granted except the structure is erected with concrete block walls and tiled roof. In reply to Mr. Doyle, the Engineer said he would be prepared to accept Ruberoid Tiles. Recommendation of the Engineer accepted.
- (d) E. Farrell, 21 Dublin Road. Extension to Licensed Premises. Recommendation from Engineer that permission be granted subject to a slight alteration in the plan. Recommendation approved.
- (e) Application from Mr. Kevin Doyle, Sunnyside, for permission to erect new toilet. Recommendation from Town Engineer that application be approved. Recommendation approved.
- (f) Application from Mr. P. J. Forde for permission to erect Bungalow at site No. 45 at Raheen Park. Report from Town Engineer that the plan now submitted was virtually identical to that which was turned down in February, 1962. He recommended that permission be refused for similar reason. Recommendation that permission be refused.

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council, held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 20th March, 1962, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors E. Byrne and G. H. G. Stuart.

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

870. Wages—Outdoor Staff:

It was decided to meet Union Representatives in the Town Hall, Bray, on Wednesday, 4th April 1962, at 8 p.m., to discuss this matter.

871. Gaming and Lotteries Act, 1956—Amendment:

On the proposition of Clr. Doyle, seconded by Clr. J. Byrne, it was decided to ask the Government to amend Sections 10 and 14 of the above Act as follows:

Section 10(1):

"No person shall operate or cause to be operated or provide facilities for the operation of any slot machine which requires the insertion of any coin of a higher denomination than one penny to operate the machine, and that the aggregate amount which can be won by the player without inserting another coin does not exceed one shilling."

Section 14(b) to be amended by the substitution of the words "one shilling" for the word "sixpence," and the substitution in 14(d) of the words "one pound" instead of "ten shillings."

872. Small Dwelling Loans—Rates:

A Notice of Motion in Councillor E. Byrne's name was adjourned owing to his absence.

873. Rent Increases:

The above matter was after a long discussion adjourned to a Special Meeting to be held on Monday, 26th March.

873. Palermo Housing Scheme—Grass Lawns:

The Council having considered a report from the Town Engineer in the above matter, in which he pointed out the reason why the Scheme was laid out in the manner it was originally, and also mentioned that it would cost upwards of £1,000 to surface these Grass Lawns properly.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the Town Engineer be asked to go into the matter again.

John A. Temple 16/4/62

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of a special meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall on Monday, 26th March, 1962, at 8 p.m.

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

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

874.—Rent Increase.

The meeting considered at length proposals for an upward revision of rents. The Town Clerk gave figures showing that in the last financial year monies expended on repair of houses had exceeded the estimate of £1,500 by £1,800 and that in the current financial year the sum of £2,000 would be expended on repairs. A scale of suggested increases ranging from 2/6d. per week on the lower rental houses to 1/- per week on houses whose rents ranged between 10/6d. and 12/- was placed before the members. The implementation of this would, it was estimated, increase the revenue of the Council by some £2,600 per year. The members, however, favoured an increase based on the number of rooms per house.

On the proposal of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. M. O'Toole, it was resolved that no all-round increases would be made in the group 3 schemes (i.e., those built by Messrs. Dodd & Sons, rented at 16/- and 17/- per week).

After further discussion it was proposed by Clr. Hunt and seconded by Clr. J. Byrne, that an increase of 4d. per room be imposed on all schemes except the above-mentioned. Clr. E. Byrne proposed and Clr. D. Sayers seconded, that the increase be 3d. per room. On a vote being taken the proposal of Clr. E. Byrne was carried by seven votes—Clrs. E. Byrne, C. Doyle, Mrs. Ledwidge, H. L. McAuliffe, M. O'Toole, D. Sayers and J. Temple, to three votes—Clrs. J. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell and F. G. Hunt. On the proposal of Clr. E. Byrne, seconded by Clr. D. Sayers, the Town Clerk's report of the 27/2/1962, regarding increases on re-lettings, etc., was unanimously adopted. It was further agreed that increases imposed under both heads come into effect on the first gale day in the month of May, i.e., May 5th, 1962. The all-round increase of 3d. per week not to be applied where increases have been made on re-lettings to date.

875.—Land for Houses—reps. Gorham.

The Council, having heard from the Town Clerk that the agents for the Reps. Gorham would not consider an offer of £500 per acre for 3½ acres of land at Palermo with the Council to be responsible for erecting a suitable wire mesh fence, decided, on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. E. Byrne, to acquire approximately eight (8) acres of the land by compulsory purchase.

876.—"Island" at Strand Road—Miss Devitt's property.

The Council unanimously decided to acquire the above property by compulsion as the price sought (£2,500) was considered excessive.

877.—S. D. A. Loans—Application.

It was recommended that the loan of £1,600 be granted to Michael Joseph O'Toole, "Sorrento," Ade'aide Road, in respect of 2, Raheen Park, subject to the customary conditions.

878.—Disposal of Land at Upper Dargle Road.

On the proposal of Mr. Hipwell, seconded by Mr. J. Byrne, it was resolved to lease four plots of ground on the Upper Dargle Road to J. H. W. Reavely, in accordance with the conditions set forth in a communication from the Town Clerk dated 14th March, 1962.

879.—Town Planning—M. O'Mahoney, "Mountainview," Vevay Road.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Town Engineer the Council recommended that permission be given to the above to make extension to his premises.

880.—Land Under Bray Head.

On the proposal of Mr. M. O'Toole, seconded by Mr. Hunt, it was agreed to purchase 7.15 acres of land in fee simple, free from all encumbrances in Raheen Park for the sum of £937 10s., conditional on Bórd Fáilte Éireann making 100 per cent. grant towards the purchase.

881.—Miscellaneous.

The Town Clerk was asked to get in touch with the Co. Council requesting that some trellis work be erected at the site of 40 Castle Street. He was also requested to ascertain the intentions of Messrs. Dodd & Sons regarding the commencement of the six houses at Chapel Lane. Also, to point out to the Manager of Newtown Works that his Company had no authority to use the Council Site at Ravenswell for parking lorries.

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 10th April, 1962, at 9.15 p.m.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor C. Doyle and Councillor G. H. G. Stuart.

Officials present—Messrs. M. Flannery (Co. Manager), M. Healy (Town Engineer), J. P. McDonnell (Acting Town Clerk).

874.—Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the monthly meeting of 13th March, 1962, which had been circulated were confirmed.

875.—County Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders Nos. 8530 to 8543 were noted.

876.—Lifesaving on Seafont.

On behalf of Comhairle na Mire Gaile, the Council presented certificate of bravery to Garda Acton, Bray, for saving human life at Bray seafont on 10th July, 1960. Mr. Frank Lynch of 30 Oldcourt Park, Bray, who indicated that he would be unable to attend the meeting was also awarded a similar certificate for his part in the same rescue.

877.—Filling of Vacancy on Library Committee.

Resulting from the vacancy caused by the death of the late Mr. P. Rooney, the Council unanimously appointed Mrs. G. Hunt of Kylemore, King Edward Road, Bray, as a member of this committee.

878.—Improvements at Seafont:

(a) Extension at Boathouse.

The following tenders for the proposed shelter and extension of public toilets at Esplanade were considered by the Council:

Mr. E. Finucane, Quinsboro Road, Bray—£8,280.

Wm. Clarke & Co., Abbey Street, Wicklow—£9,994 18s.

J. J. Smith & Co., St. Theresa's Rd., Crumlin, Dublin—£11,242 13s. 6d.

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Having examined the tenders, Mr. K. Fox, Bord Failte, and the Town Engineer, recommended acceptance of the lowest tender. It was indicated by Bord Failte that they would contribute one half of the cost of the above works.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. D. Sayers, that the tender of Mr. E. Finucane, in the sum of £8,280, being the lowest, be accepted.

On the proposition of Cllr. Hunt, seconded by Cllr. Hipwell, it was agreed to raise a loan of £4,300 for a 15 year period from Council's Treasurer, for the purpose of defraying costs of the above work. Cllr. McAuliffe dissented.

(b) Acquisition of property at "Island," Strand Road.

The County Manager reported that further negotiations with the owner of Erin Cottage and the adjoining property at Strand Road, Bray, had not been successful and that it now seemed unlikely that these premises could be acquired by agreement. Consequently, there would have to be resort to Compulsory Acquisition.

The Council noted position and agreed that in the circumstances Compulsory Acquisition of the property was to be sought.

879—Wages Application—Outdoor Staff.

On the proposition of Cllr. McAuliffe, seconded by Cllr. Hunt, the Council unanimously accepted the recommendation of the sub-committee who met the Union representatives to discuss the wage claim of outdoor staff. The recommendation was that an increase of 12s. 6d. already offered be increased to 17s. 6d. per week with effect from 1st January, 1962, and that the Unions concerned be notified of Council's decision.

It was indicated by the members that this would bring the total increase in wages to the outdoor staff, from April 1st, 1960, to 25/- per week. The Council also authorised the necessary excess expenditure resulting from the above revision of wages.

880—Bray Chamber of Commerce.

The Council decided that the committee appointed to the I.D.A. would arrange a meeting at Town Hall, Bray, on 17th April, 1962, at 8 p.m.

881—Small Dwelling (Acq.) Acts—Application.

Application from Mr. A. Byrne of Villa Maria, Dargle Road, to transfer his interest to Mr. T. J. Cranny, 2 Carlton Tce., Novara Road, Bray, was adjourned to next meeting as application, which was received late, had not been fully investigated.

882—Small Dwelling (Acq.) Acts—Application.

Application from Mr. Joseph Flood, 61 Wolfe Tone Square, West, for loan in respect of house proposed to be erected at Boghall Road, Bray, was deferred.

883—Town Planning Applications.

Application from Mr. E. Finucane, for permission to erect 13 houses near junction of King Edward Road and Killarney Road, Bray.

The Town Engineer recommended that general approval should be granted for a maximum of 12 houses subject to compliance with the following conditions:—

- (1) The houses at King Edward Road should be sited 100 ft. from centre of road and in line with the adjoining buildings.
- (2) That a revised layout should be submitted before any work commences.
- (3) No division walls should be erected between front gardens. The divisions, where required, should be low hedges or flower beds.
- (4) A low parapet wall should be built beside the footpath surmounted by railings if necessary.

After long discussion, the Council recommended approval of plan in principle and that Contractor discuss details of proposed house plans with Chairman, Cllr. Hunt and Town Engineer.

884.—Extension at Edenvale, Brennan's Tce., Bray.

Application from Mr. J. Padden, to erect extension in front of premises. Report from Town Surveyor that work had commenced on this project without the Council's approval and it was necessary to serve a Prohibition Order on the applicant. The Town Engineer stated that the extension projects from the main wall of the Terrace in front of the building line and consequently is most undesirable. He also indicated that as this contravenes the Council's Draft Planning Scheme and is injurious to the amenities of the area, he recommended that the application is refused. The Council recommended that the Town Engineer and County Manager re-examine this application.

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Estimates Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Thursday, 29th March, 1962, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apology—G. H. G. Stuart.

Officials present: Messrs. M. Flannery (Co. Manager), M. Healy (Town Engineer), D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk), J. P. McDonnell (Accountant).

882.—Bray Cove Swimming Pool.

The Council, on the proposition of Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Sayers, agreed to let the above to the Bray Cove Swimming Club on the same terms as last year, i.e., the Council to be responsible for cleaning and repairs and the Club to pay the rent of £50.

883.—Turf Scheme.

The Council considered a request from O.N.E. (Peter Ledwidge Branch) that the Cheap Fuel Scheme be extended to the month of April. It was agreed to make a recommendation to that effect to the Minister for Social Welfare.

884.—Town Planning.

The Council, on the recommendation of the Town Engineer, recommended that permission be granted to P. J. Forde, to erect a house at 54 Raheen Park, subject to details of garage and roof colour being specified.

885.—Estimate of Expenses.

Submitted report of the County Manager dated 19th March, 1962:—

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	10,039	4,010	6,029
Sanitary Services	21,530	2,561	18,969
Housing Services	63,808	58,017	5,791
General Urban Purposes	84,037	5,368	78,669
	179,414	69,956	109,458

The amount to be met from the Rate levy in the coming year, as shown above, would be £109,458, but the application of available Credits of £880 which derive from savings in the present year would reduce

the net requirements to £108,578. The Municipal Rate, which would be required to produce £108,578, is 38s. 10d. in the £ and this would be an increase of 2s. 5d. over the rate for the present year, which is 36s. 5d.

The increase in the rate is due to the extent of 1s. 5d. to the Demand from the County Council and the balance of 1s. is ascribable to the Council's own services. In the case of the County Council Demand the rise was expected and comes mainly under the heading of the Health Services. The greater part of the rise in Cost of the Health Services is due to hospital treatment, as pay increases, together with a rise in the costs of medicines have led to further outlay. As to the Council's own services there is a rise in costs equal to a rate of 1s. 3½d., but this is offset to the extent of 3½d. by some savings, such as reductions in loan charges and some maintenance costs, so that the net increase remains at 1s. The decisions recently taken by the Council in relation to improvements at the seafront involve the Council in new outlay equal to a rate of 3d. in the £, whilst the Town Surveyor has reported that urgent works at the Harbour (slipway and jetty) will require 2½d. The Vocational Education Committee's Demand requires 1d. in the £ extra next year and the purchase of a new cleansing vehicle is responsible for another 1d. The cost of wages and salaries increases as already approved by the Council would come to about 7½d. Regarding wages costs, the position is that in May last year the Council agreed to an increase of 7s. 6d. per week in the remuneration of the Outdoor Staff, this together with a reduction in working hours to forty-four for the entire year, to apply from 1st April, 1961. It is calculated that the reduction in working hours would be equivalent to a wage revision of 6s. 6d. per week.

Some time ago, however, the Workmen's Union sought a further increase of 30s. per week. After rather prolonged negotiations, an increase of 12s. 6d. per week which would be a total rise of £1 in the year 1961/62, apart from the reduction in working hours, was approved.

The cost of the new wages increase of 12s. 6d. would come to £750, and that granted at the beginning of the financial year (7s. 6d.) cost £450, or a total between the two items of £1,200 for the year. The Union, it should be mentioned, has indicated that they are not prepared to accept the last offer.

The Town Engineer has prepared a special report on the services which are in his charge. A copy of this is being circulated to the Members of the Council. A report of the Librarian on the Library Services is also being issued.

Roads.

The total outlay on roads in the coming year is estimated at £10,029 and after taking into account receipts from various sources, but mainly from Government Grants of £4,010, the net outlay is £6,029.

Road Fund Grant.

The first time the Council received a Grant from the Road Fund was in 1960/61. The Council has to maintain about 14 miles of Urban Roads and for many years it has been the view of urban authorities that assistance from the Road Fund, which is maintained with the receipts from motor taxation, should be allowed to them. In the present year the grant received from this source was £1,600 and it was used in surface dressing part of the Strand Road and also Galtrim Park, Kevin and Connolly Squares, Wyndham Park, Galtrim Road and Sidmonton Avenue.

It should be once again mentioned that long before any assistance was forthcoming from the Road Fund Grant the Council had embarked on an extensive programme of road improvements and reconstruction. From 1946 onwards this work was undertaken as a capital programme. The total cost of the programme came to over £35,000 and loan charges

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arising out of it still have to be met by the Council. This capital programme has reduced considerably the cost of annual maintenance as much of the reconstruction was done in concrete. Furthermore, the work was done at a time when costs were at a level of about one half of those which would obtain at present.

The urban ratepayers, through the County Council Demand, contribute in the same measure to the cost of the upkeep of Main Roads as rural ratepayers. In the present year the levy for Main Roads was the same in Bray as in the rest of the County, being 3s. 5d. in the £. It will be found, however, that in 1961/62 the total rate for Roads in rural parts of the County (the County Health District) was 9s. 10d., which is considerably higher than the levy in Bray Urban District where the total rate for Roads came to 5s. 6d. in the £. The reason for this difference is that, whilst the County Council had to spend the equivalent of a rate of 6s. 5d. on the maintenance of Rural Roads, the Bray Urban Council's outlay on the 14 miles of Urban Roads which they have to maintain, came to a much relatively lighter outlay, being 2s. 1d. in the £.

In the coming year, the Road Fund Grant will, according to a letter recently received from the Local Government Department, be increased by one-tenth to £1,760. The Department also indicated that the Estate Duty Grant, which for the past 60 or 70 years has been paid to Local Authorities, is being abolished. The amount from this source received by the Council was usually £125, but the Department say that Urban Councils will be compensated for the loss of this receipt. It should here be remarked that it is only to be expected that the money available for road works from the Road Fund should show an increase, seeing that returns of the numbers of motor vehicles taxed show a rise of about ten per cent. each year. It should follow that there would be a somewhat corresponding increase in the revenue of the Road Fund from Motor Taxation. Mention has been made in the newspapers recently of the necessity for the Central Authority to make special Grants towards the cost of providing roads suitable for new traffic in areas in which railways have been closed. If this has had to be done, it could not, however, be regarded as being part of a normal roads programme of reconstruction and maintenance.

Employment Schemes Grant.

Each year the Council receives a grant for Employment Schemes and these works are carried out in mid-Winter. The 1961/62 Grant received was £1,850 and as in every other year the Council had to make a special contribution. The contribution required in the coming year is estimated at £285, which corresponds to the amount levied this year. The last Grant and the Council's contribution has been used in the reconstruction in concrete of part of Ravenswell Road.

Footpath Repairs.

The estimate for this purpose for the coming year is £150, as compared with £100 in 1961/62. It is intended by the Town Engineer that this would be used in repairs to a number of sections of footpath throughout the Town which have got into a rather unsatisfactory condition. In the present year the County Council carried out a large-scale scheme of reconstructing footpaths in the centre of the Town and it is expected that they will continue with it in the coming year.

New Access Road to Seafont.

The reconstruction of Ravenswell Road, which has been mentioned earlier, is part of a programme for providing alternative access to the seafont. This new access would serve, eventually, to relieve congestion and ease very much the traffic conditions on the existing route to the seafont, via Quinsboro Road, which is becoming somewhat more difficult each year during the height of the tourist season, especially

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at week-ends. The sum, which has again been included in the estimates towards the cost of this scheme, is, however, only a token sum as no indication so far has been received of the extent to which the costs might be met by a special grant from the Road Fund. The scheme not only would require the improvement of Ravenswell Road but would also entail the improvement of the exit under the railway and the provision of a new deck slab for the Harbour Road Bridge. It would be part of the comprehensive scheme of improvements which the Council have in mind for the seafont.

Sanitary Services.

The total outlay on Sanitary Services is estimated at £21,530 and this compares with £19,838 allowed by the Council for the present year. The receipts under this heading are estimated at £2,561 which leaves the net outlay at £18,969. The corresponding expenditure for 1961/62 was £17,277.

The items responsible for a rise in the expenditure under this heading are the loan charges on improvements at the seafont and pay increases.

Street and Household Scavenging.

The total cost of the services for the coming year will be £6,616, and will require a rate of 2s. 5d. in the £. Last year the rate was 2s. 2d. The services provided remain of a high standard compared with other urban areas. There is a daily collection of household refuse from all premises in the main thoroughfares in the town during the Summer and a twice weekly collection from all other parts of the town. The cost of 2s. 5d. as a rate in £, or a charge of about 10s. per head can under present circumstances be regarded as quite reasonable. During the year it was necessary to purchase a new refuse collection vehicle and this entails a new loan charge of £200 per year.

At times there have been complaints about litter on the streets and it is regrettable that they are often well founded. It may be said, however, that the presence of this litter is not due to any lack of service on the part of the Council, but it is attributable to the habits of the public. From time to time, the Council has made appeals for more care in the disposing of litter and asked that it should not be deposited on public thoroughfares, but the result of these appeals has been rather disappointing. The practice of selling so many items in paper wrapping, which is to be commended seeing that it leads to higher hygienic standards, has, however, resulted in a spread of litter by people of careless habits. It can only be hoped that public appeal and the provision of litter boxes in increasing numbers will help to overcome this problem.

Waterworks.

The expenditure shows some increase due to the revision of remuneration but the consumption has been somewhat reduced in recent times. The Town Engineer and the Waterworks Inspector (Mr. P. Doyle) and his assistant have, as usual, been giving unremitting attention to the conservation of the supply and the prevention of waste. The laying of new water mains in recent years in many parts of the town, especially on Meath and Sidmonton Roads, Herbert and Vevay Roads, Church Road, Quinsboro Road, Putland Road, etc., has involved the Council in heavy capital costs with resultant loan charges but has served to stabilise and even to reduce consumption, even though the building of so many new Council houses and private dwellings could be expected to lead to a greater use of water. If it had not been for these improvements and the attention given to the system at all times by the Council's officials the cost of the bulk supply of water would have become much greater.

The Provision of Litter Boxes.

The sum allowed for this is £75; last year the expenditure was £50 and in the previous year it was £100. Apart from the necessity to provide some new litter boxes, many were wantonly damaged during the course of the year and consequently have to be replaced.

Public Lighting.

The expenditure on Public Lighting at £2,693 shows practically no change.

From time to time it has been mentioned that better or additional lighting should be provided in some places, but the Council must view such proposals with care as, apart from the annual charges, all new lights also involve considerable capital costs. At present the Council has 430 lamps which are lighting up to midnight and 38 pilot lights at main road intersections, etc., which are kept lighting all night. Some time ago a comparison was made with other towns in the country and it was found that the standard of lighting in Bray compares very favourably with them. The present cost works out at about 1s. in £ or about 5s. per head of population.

Derelict Sites.

For some time past the Council has been devoting much attention to improving derelict sites, which quite apart from their adverse effect on the appearance on parts of Bray should, it is felt, be applied to some useful purpose. The former unkempt site at Vevay Road has recently been used for new buildings and the appearance of this area in consequence has been much enhanced. Continuous negotiations have been in progress for the acquisition of derelict properties in Castle Street. The County Council, as Main Road Authority has helped in this matter. About six premises have been acquired and the sites cleared. Owing to the number of interests involved, the process of acquisition has been found slow and tedious. Eventually it is intended to provide a large parking area and a small green at this place. The main approach to Bray will also be much improved by these works. The area known as the "Island" on Strand Road has almost been completely cleared; there is still one property to be acquired before the Council's proposals can be completed. A number of derelict sites on the Upper Dargle Road, which the Council had acquired some years ago, and on which, owing to vandalism, improvements by the Council had not been successful, were recently leased to a person who has arranged with the Council to lay them out attractively.

Improvements at the Seafront.

The scheme recently agreed with An Bord Fáilte for the reconstruction of the Municipal Baths will involve loan charges in the coming year. The estimates for loan charges is £200 but this only represents the charge for one half-year. The cost is estimated at about £10,000 and the provisional arrangement being made is that one half of the cost will be met by the Council and the balance by a Grant from An Bord Fáilte. This arrangement must be described as provisional as the long-term agreement with An Bord provides that the Council's contribution towards the cost of all the schemes at the seafront will be 20 per cent. Even already the Council has completed new works such as the new Shelters at Bray Head and on Cliff Walk, etc., which cost over £5,000. Mention has been made already of the clearance being done at the "Island," Strand Road, and so far the entire cost of property acquisition and works has been borne by the Council. The capital expenditure on it will involve loan charges of £200 in the coming year; this, however, is only the charge for a half-year.

The provision of a new shelter and the expenditure on the public sanitary conveniences at the southern end of the Esplanade is estimated

to cost £8,000 and once more it has been provisionally arranged that one half of the cost will be met by the Council—the cost of these improvements also forms part of the comprehensive seafront Scheme towards which, ultimately, the Council is expected to meet 20 per cent. of the total outlay. For the coming year the work will entail a loan charge of £238; the following year it will be almost £500 provided that the contract price is more or less in line with the estimate.

Housing.

On housing the gross expenditure is estimated at £63,808. The receipts are taken to reach £58,017 and consequently the net charge on rates will be £5,791. The outlay shows a reduction of £499 on last year and this, in the main, is due to a reduction in some of the loan charges.

Repairs.

In the present year the Council allowed £2,000 for repairs and this sum will be fully expended. In addition, if the Council were to carry out all the repairs which are sought, the outlay could be much higher. It will be found that the Town Engineer, in his report, refers to the considerable cost which had to be met in repairing a number of houses in Wolfe Tone Square due to costly replastering being repaired.

It is quite clear that if repairs on the scale which are sought from time to time were to be put in hand by the Council each year, the outlay would be very much greater than it is at present. Moreover, the expenditure on repairs must be viewed in the light of the rental income. The level of rents in some cases is so low that if there is any considerable expenditure on repairs for a house with a low rent it would take years before the rent received would be equivalent to the cost of the repairs.

Last year reference was made in the report on the Estimates to the low level of some of the existing rents; some houses, and the number is fairly considerable, are still being let at rents of 2s. 5d. and 3s. 2d. per week. It is quite clear that such rents bear no due relationship to present income levels and money values. In fact the number of houses let at these low rents comes to almost 300. It is clear that unless repair costs are to impose further burdens on the rates, there should be some revision of these rents. From time to time the Council has been urged by the Department of Local Government to introduce for new lettings differential renting under which the rents would be related to household incomes, but it has been felt by the members that this system might introduce too many complexities, and lead to difficulties in assessment and collection. In the absence of differential renting it seems, however, only reasonable that the Council might review the rents of all houses, so that they may bear some relationship to incomes and living standards. A rent of 2s. 5d. assessed about thirty years ago would, having regard to the change in money values in the meantime, be represented by about 7s. 6d., nowadays, whilst 3s. 2d. per week would correspond to about 10s.

Again wages and many other types of income have increased by three or four times the level which operated twenty or thirty years ago. It should also be mentioned that whereas in some other Urban areas low rent houses have not got bathrooms, most of the Council houses built in Bray in the past thirty years have this facility. In the past eight years the cost of repairs has gone up from £1,200 to £2,000, but there has been no compensating increase in rental income. It is suggested that the stage has been reached when the relationship of rent to outlay on maintenance and the cost for housing would require review.

Small Dwelling (Acq.) Acts Loans.

During the past year a fair number of new applications for loans to persons building their own houses was received. Consequently, the

Council had to arrange for a new loan from the Commissioners of Public Works of £20,000. This loan will entail new loan charges of over £500 in the coming year but involves no cost to the rates as the entire claim will be met by the repayments from borrowers. There is no doubt but that the existence of these Loans is a great facility to young persons seeking to build their own houses and the present trend shows that it is likely in the coming year that more new dwellings will be provided in this way.

New Housing Schemes.

A contract for the erection of six new houses at Chapel Lane has recently been arranged and it is hoped that work will start at an early date. The loan charge included in respect of this scheme is offset completely by an estimated receipt in rents.

For some time past the Council has been endeavouring to acquire a fairly large area of land in the Palermo district for new houses. Thus far, however, the offers made by the Council have not been accepted. Further progress with the building of new Council houses cannot be made until suitable land has been acquired.

Playground at Boghall Road.

A few years ago the Council procured a site, free of charge, from the Meath Estate for a playground at Boghall which was intended to serve the needs of the children in the nearby residential area. The site was developed by the Council but it is disappointing to find that little use is being made of it whilst it has suffered much from vandalism. Possibly the playground suffers from the drawback of not being sited in a place where it would attract young children and would be under the observation of parents. It must be admitted that the venture, even though a worthwhile one, has been disappointing in the result.

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; Schools 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 is £55,552. The total expenditure under General Urban Purposes is estimated at £34,037 and after allowing for Receipts of £5,368, the net requirement would be £78,669, which involves an increase of £6,117 over the present year.

It has already been pointed out that the County Council Demand shows a steep rise compared with last year. The actual amount of the increase is £4,439, and represents a rate of 1s. 3d.

The revision of salaries which took place in 1961 also appears under this heading and will require an additional rate of over 3d. in the £.

Esplanade.

Provision has been included under this heading for the various works essential for the maintenance of the Esplanade. This includes the purchase of litter baskets, sodding, seeds, flags, pennants and lifebuoys and repairs to seats. Provision is made again for £350 for strip lighting, together with £400 for painting of railings and band stand.

It is necessary to provide a new boatslip at the harbour and this involves an outlay of £300. The timber decking projecting from the northern harbour wall is now in a dangerous condition and the Town Engineer has recommended that it should be removed, seeing that

there is no possibility of vessels using the harbour which would require it. The cost of its removal is estimated at £250.

The total outlay on the Esplanade, Public Parks and Swimming Pools in the coming year, including loan charges, will come to about £6,000 and this represents a rate of 2s. 3d. in £. This might be regarded as the annual investment by the Council in the Amenity Schemes which serve to maintain the position of Bray as a seaside resort. The outlay, it might also be said, helps to provide a secondary source of income for a great number of householders in the town.

Band Performances.

In the present year the Council allowed £400 for this purpose and a similar amount is again included. Having regard to the rise in the charge for band performances and transport charges, it may be necessary to increase this allocation after the coming year.

Vocational Education.

The demand from the Vocational Education Committee at £2,808 is up by £244 or about 1d. in £.

School Meals.

The charges are the same in the present year except that there is a slight increase in the cost of wages of attendants. One-half of the cost of School Meals is met by State Grant but the State Grant does not cover the cost of the attendants.

Public Library.

A special report on the Library has been prepared by the Librarian as mentioned earlier and is being circulated to the members of the Council. During the past year Mr. D. Breathnach took up duty as Librarian and already it is evident that he can be expected to maintain the high standard of service which has been afforded for many years past. At present the total number of borrowers of the Public Library is 2,777, of whom 1,698 are adult readers and 1,079 junior readers.

The Scheme for extensions to the Library building which are to provide for a reference library, a study room for children, a lecture room and an Art Gallery has been under consideration for some time past and it was indicated by the Library Council that a State Grant of one-half of the cost might be expected. The details of the scheme yet remain to be settled. The Council feel, however, that if the library service is to be extended then a State subsidy should be available towards ordinary running costs as well as towards new capital outlay.

Fuel Scheme.

The cost of providing fuel to households occupied by persons who would not be in a position to find it from their own resources is estimated at £1,820. This is a reduction of about £300 on previous years and is due to a falling off in the number of recipients. This reduction in the number of recipients could be taken as reflecting generally improved living conditions.

Provision of New Public Parks.

The Scheme for improved Tourist amenities for the town include the acquisition of further lands for public parks in the Bray Head area. During the year negotiations for the acquisition of this land proceeded, but it is regretted that so far it has not been possible to conclude them. It is expected, however, that one part of the area which the Council proposes to acquire will be secured by the Council at a fairly early date. The loan charge included in respect of this item, however, is only a token sum, as having regard to the time

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necessary to conclude negotiations it is not likely that any actual loan charges would have to be met in the coming year.

As mentioned when this project was first outlined, it is intended on the land near Bray Head to lay out a public park, do some landscaping, and provide amusements such as a miniature golf course.

County Council Demand.

The Demand, as indicated earlier, shows a rise of £4,439. The increase is almost altogether due to the Health Services and was to be expected seeing that the cost of maintenance in institutions has been rising over the past year.

Unemployment Assistance Acts Levy.

The amount that is to be raised for this purpose will be £1,956 and is the product of a special rate of 9d. in the £ which the Council must levy and pay to the Department of Social Welfare under the Unemployment Assistance Acts, 1933/40. It will be found that the amount usually is almost equal to that which is received each year by way of a State Grant for the provision of employment in mid-Winter.

The Trend of Rates

At a time when all other costs are rising it scarcely can be expected that local rates, no matter what efforts are made with a view to achieving economy and lower costs, can be stabilised. In the past year those employed in every branch of industry and in business sought pay increases, and it is to be noted that the last of these claims came within a few months after awards of higher pay already had been made. It was frankly admitted that the claims were not based on a rise in living costs, and instead, it was advanced by the Unions that they were seeking higher living standards for their members.

A feature of the recent series of claims is that it is often difficult to segregate the stage they have reached, as a settlement may from the employer's standpoint mean a merger of two so-called rounds of increases, but may not be accepted as such by the employees. Again, claims for salary revisions are always settled very much later than those of wage earners, as they always follow the latter—and this means that there may be a degree of retrospection which involves heavy expenditure in excess of the provision made in Annual Estimates by Local Authorities. It is, for instance, because of the prolonged character of negotiations and the consequent element of retrospective application involved, that the pay increases for Hospital Staffs have resulted in a substantial rise in the cost of the Health Services as shown by the County Council Demand. Aside from the effect of wages and salaries adjustments, the costs of the hospitals have been affected by the increasing outlay on medicines—nowadays there is ever greater resort to new and costly medicines in the course of treatment—drugs which whilst costly undoubtedly have been proved to be efficacious.

Here it should be remarked that when people claim that value is not being got for the outlay on Health Services, they do not realise that the greater part of it is for hospital treatment. In Co. Wicklow about 70 per cent. of the cost of the total expenditure on Health is for hospital treatment, and it probably would be found that much the same is true of other counties. Yet the hospital costs in this country are quite low when compared with those in nearby countries—as a general rule, much less than half. The costs of the Health Services in County Wicklow were recently analysed, and were found to be incurred in the following proportions—Hospital Treatment (General Hospitals 45 per cent.; Mental Hospitals 25 per cent.-70 per cent.; General Medical Services (those provided through the Local Dispensaries including the cost of medicines) 10 per cent.; Maternity Services

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6 per cent.; Disabled Persons Allowances 3 per cent.; Tuberculosis and Infectious Diseases (excluding cost of Hospital Treatment) 3 per cent.; Specialist and Dental Services 2 per cent.; Ambulance 2 per cent.; Administration 2 per cent.; Miscellaneous 2 per cent. Any expansion of the existing Health Services could only be financed through heavier imposition by way of either National or Local Taxation, as happened in Britain where the cost of the Health Services in part are met, by heavy purchase taxes and much higher rates of Social Welfare Insurances payable both by employee and employer.

The rate for the present year is 36s. 5d., and of this, the Council's own services require 17s. 3d., the balance of 19s. 2d. being for the County Council Demand and the Unemployment Assistance Acts Levy.

As pointed out on previous occasions, the rate for Municipal Services for which the Urban Council is responsible, such as Housing, Urban Roads, Water Supply, Sewerage, Public Lighting, Cleansing, Vocational Education, Public Library, School Meals and Seafront Amenities has not shown a steep rise in the past twenty years or so; it is not much over 30 per cent., seeing that from 1937 to 1940 the rate for Municipal Services was on average about 14s.

As Bray is a Holiday Resort it is essential that Public Services, especially those which provide amenities and attractions for visitors, be maintained to a high standard. Consequently Roads, Public Lighting and Cleansing should be, if possible, maintained at a standard somewhat different from, say, inland towns. It is felt that this is being achieved in some measure by the Council. The provision of amenities at the Seafront is a matter which has been receiving much attention from the Council, and after detailed surveys of possible improvements, a comprehensive scheme was agreed with An Bord Fáilte, which body also will contribute towards the cost of them. For the coming year, the various services and amenities at the Seafront will require a rate of 2s. 3d. in the £, but as the new projects, such as shelters and the swimming pool materialise, the rate levy in respect of them must be expected to rise. These new works, however, are necessities if Bray is to maintain its position as a leading holiday resort. Moreover, there must be very few in the town who do not benefit in some way from tourism. The significance of outlay on amenities and attractions, is evident in the case of hotels, registered guest houses, amusement caterers, and most business firms, but a substantial income from tourism is also derived by a great number of householders in the town, including, it should be said, the Council's own Tenants.

All the Members of the Council's Staff, both outdoor and indoor, continued to carry out their duties in a diligent manner during the year. To the Town Clerk, Town Surveyor and Accountant a tribute is due for the manner in which they have kept records and submitted details so that these Estimates would be informative.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council it is my duty to express appreciation of the assistance and guidance given by them at all times. They have been giving unselfishly of their time, their capabilities, and their experience to the many problems which required attention, some of them problems of quite a complex character, such as those for future long-term development. Evidence of the demand nowadays made on the time of Public Representatives may be seen in the number of meetings which they have to attend and the number of inquiries addressed to them by members of the public.

Any further information which may be required in connection with these Estimates will be forthcoming at the Estimates Meeting on Thursday, 29th March, 1962.

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31st DAY OF MARCH, 1963.

EXPENDITURE.

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council
URBAN ROADS		
Ordinary Road Works:		
Urban Roads maintenance—Wages	1,427	
Materials, Cartage and Tools	600	
Footpaths—Repairs	150	
New Road Works:		
Road Fund Grant	1,760	
Employment Schemes Grant	2,285	
Road Signs, Name Plates, etc.	40	
Roadside Tree Planting and Seats	50	
Salaries (Engineer and Overseer Part)	610	
Salaries (Storekeeper one-half)	345	
Clothing (Workmen)	53	
Superannuation—Former Overseer (one-fourth)	49	
LOAN CHARGES		
1948 Florence Road Reconstruction (C.P.W.)	—	
1952 Church Road Reconstruction (Treas.)	206	
1952 Reconstruction—Seapoint Road, Novara Ave., Herbert Road, etc. (Treas.)	1,257	
1955 Strand Road, Eglinton Road, etc. (Treas.)	442	
1956 St. Kevin's Sq., Seymour Road, Galtrim Road, Wynham Park and Connolly Square (Treas.)	437	
1957 Herbert Road, St. Laurence's Tce., and Dock Terrace (Treas.)	318	
1962 New Access to Seafrost (Ravenswell Rd.) (Treas.)	10	
	£10,039	

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
SANITARY SERVICES		
Sewer—Wages	976	
do.—Clothing (Workmen)	36	
do.—Materials	200	
do.—Superannuation (Workmen)	176	
Cleaning of Cockbrook	50	
Cleaning Strand Road Sewer	—	
Waterworks—Salaries	1,425	
do.—Wages	1,178	
Clothing (Workmen)	36	
do.—Materials	200	
do.—Dublin Corporation for bulk water supply at 2.88d.	3,545	
Scavenging—Domestic Refuse Collection—Wages	1,996	
do.—Wages (Street Cleaning)	3,581	
do.—Clothing (Workmen)	139	
do.—Tools, Brushes, etc.	50	
do.—Fuel, maintenance, etc., Refuse Vehicle No. 1	250	
do.—Fuel, maintenance, etc., Refuse Vehicle No. 2	350	
do.—Repairs to Handcarts	50	
Municipal Baths—Erection of timber decking and repairs	125	
do.—Sundry Repairs	50	
Cove Swimming Pools—Repairs	25	
do.—Cleaning	150	
Water Safety—Contribution towards I.R.C.S.	25	
Public Lighting	2,693	
Salaries (Engineer and Overseer—part)	610	
Superannuation (Former Overseer—part)	49	
Salaries—Storekeeper—part	345	
Other Sanitary Expenses	10	
Public Convenience—Repairs and Maintenance	100	
New Litter Boxes, repairs and replacements	75	
Acquisition and Clearing of Derelict Sites	200	
LOAN CHARGES		
1939 Public Health—General (C.P.W.)	95	
1947 Watermains—Herbert and Vevay Roads (C.P.W.)	89	
1949 Sewers & Watermains—Meath & Sidmonton Roads (C.P.W.)	219	
1951 Miscellaneous 4" Watermains (Scheme No. 1) purchase	131	
1951 Laying of Watermains—Church Road, etc. (Scheme No. 1) (C.P.W.)	193	
1952 Purchase of additional Watermains (Scheme No. 2)	317	
1952 Relaying of Watermains (Scheme No. 2) (C.P.W.)	261	
1955 do. (Scheme No. 3) (Treas.)	248	
1958 New Sanitary Conveniences—People's Park and Town Hall (Treas.)	151	
1955 Sea Wall Repairs (Treasurer)	263	
	£20,662	

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	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
LOAN CHARGES—(Contd.)		
Forward	20,632	
	£	
1962 Sea Front Improvement Scheme—Municipal Baths Reconstruction	200	
1963 Boathouse at Esplanade (part charge)	238	
1962 Purchase of Refuse Collection Vehicle	200	
1962 Seafront Improvement Scheme—Acq. of property on "island" at Strand Road	200	
1962 Amusement Centre near Harbour	10	
1962 Tourist Facilities at Harbour—Slipway Boathouse, etc. (part charge)	20	
	21,530	

HOUSING**Housing of the Working Classes:**

Maintenance and Repairs	2,000
Salaries—Engineer and Overseer—Part	610
Salaries—Clerical Staff	810
Superannuation—Former Overseer (One-fourth)	49
Rent Collectors' Commission	1,426
Rates on Council Houses	8,281
Rates on Council Houses at Old Conna	4,237
Insurance	300

LOAN CHARGES

1931 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver)	1,194
1933 Little Bray Scheme (Royal Liver)	912
1935 Wolfe Tone Sq. and Kilmantain Park (C.P.W.)	6,185
1936 do.	1,086
1937 Little Bray Housing Development (C.P.W.)	543
1939 3½ per cent. Conversion Stock	2,237
1947 Dublin Road, etc., 91 House Scheme (C.P.W.)	2,491
1949 do.	541
1950 do.	287
1951 do.	79
1939 Little Bray Housing Development (C.P.W.)	121
1949 18 Houses Scheme (C.P.W.) Direct Labour	523
1951 do.	69
1950 Fairgreen Tce., St. Peter's Tce., etc.	858
1952 do.	52
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme—Acquisition of Land (C.P.W.)	111
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme Development (C.P.W.)	244
1950 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme—Erection (C.P.W.)	1,070
1952 Boghall—22 Houses Scheme—Erection (C.P.W.)	174
1951 Old Conna Scheme—Acquisition of Land (Palermo)	325
1954 Old Conna Scheme—Acquisition of Land (Dublin Road)	228
	37,043

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	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
LOAN CHARGES—(Contd.)		
Forward	£	37,043
1952 Old Conna Scheme—Development of Land	1,410	
1952 Old Conna Scheme—Erection of 48 houses	3,093	
1953 Old Conna Scheme—Erection of 94 houses	6,862	
1954 Old Conna Scheme—Erection of 36 houses	2,478	
1951 Acquisition of Dock Terrace (Treas.)	154	
1955 Acquisition of houses at Maitland St. (C.P.W.)	180	
1955 Children's playground at Boghall Rd. (Treas.)	140	
1958—Acquisition of houses at Maitland St. (C.P.W.)	160	
1960 Acquisition of houses at Ardee St. (C.P.W.)	140	
1962 Chapel Lane Scheme, 6 houses, etc (Treas.) (part charge)	100	
1962 Acq. Land at Palermo	20	
SMALL DWELLING (ACQ.) ACTS		
Loan Charges:		
1936 C. Public Works Loan	734	
1949 C. Public Works Loan	1,442	
1950 C. Public Works Loan	1,442	
1951 C. Public Works Loan	1,922	
1952 C. Public Works Loan	2,410	
1953 C. Public Works Loan	2,864	
1956 C. Public Works Loan	705	
1962 C. Public Works Loan	509	
	£63,808	

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

Town Hall Expenses—Lighting, Heating, Cleaning	300
do.—Repairs	50
do.—Cleaner's Wages	195
Tourist Development	300
Public Library Salaries (Librarian and Assistants)	1,966
do.—Wages	80
do.—Books, binding, etc	800
do.—Books (Juvenile Section)	550
do.—Loan Charges—Proposed New Extension	10
do.—Heating and Lighting	130
do.—Repairs and Maintenance	80
do.—Office Expenses—Stationery, Postage and Telephone, etc.	138
Vocational Education—Demand	2,808
do.—Superannuations	415
Public Parks and Esplanade—Wages	1,909
do.—Clothing (Workmen)	25
do.—Materials and Petrol	100
Esplanade—New Litter Baskets	50
do.—Sodding, seeds, manure	100
do.—Repairs to seats, Boat-slip, Bandstand and Harbour Slipway	150
do.—Strip Lighting	350
do.—Flags and Pennants	50
do.—Life Buoys	40
do.—Replacement of Notice Boards	50
	10,646

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	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES—(Contd.)		
Forward	10,846	
Esplanade—Painting of Railings, Seats and Bandstand	400	
do.—Sea Wall Repairs and Footpaths	100	
do.—Repairs to Shelters	20	
do.—New Boat slip at Harbour	300	
do.—Remove Defective Timber Decking at Harbour	250	
Bray Head—Repairs to fences and walls	100	
do.—Clearing of undergrowth	100	
People's Park—Painting of Railings	—	
Markets and Weighbridge—Salary of Weighmaster	56	
do.—Repairs	10	
do.—Rent	15	
Band Performances	400	
Milk and Dairies Acts	10	
School Meals—Cost of Food	1,070	
do.—Cost of administration	421	
Salaries	3,870	
do.—Engineer and Overseer—part	610	
Rate Collector's Commission	1,106	
Superannuation—Former Overseer—part	49	
do.—Former Weighmaster	222	
do.—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	
Insurance (Fire, E.L., P.L., and F.G.)	490	
Discount on Rates	90	
Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates	550	
Fuel Scheme—Cost of Turf, etc.	1,820	
Fuel Scheme—Administration (Printing, etc.)	50	
Bank Interest	50	
Miscellaneous	50	
Local Elections	—	
HARBOUR CHARGES		
Superannuation of Harbour Master	245	
LOAN CHARGES—GENERAL PURPOSES		
1943 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.)	238	
1947 Sea Wall Restoration (C.P.W.)	17	
1953 Esplanade Improvements (Treasurer)	267	
1954 New Stores (Treasurer)	150	
1957 Town Hall Repairs (Treas.)	690	
1959 Town Hall Repairs (Treas.) (Supplementary)	375	
1962 Acquisition of land adjoining River Dargle	5	
1962 Acq. of land adjoining Bray Head (part charge)	5	
1962 Acq. of property at Martello Terrace	5	
	£26,529	

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	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Forward	26,529	
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES (contd.)		
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES		
Main Roads	8,248	
Public Assistance	3,614	
Mental Hospitals	8,145	
Health Services	29,056	
General Purposes (County)	4,020	
Separate Charges (Criminal Injuries)	120	
Separate Charges (Fire Brigade)	2,349	
	£55,552	

UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE LEVY

£52,164 P.L.V. @ 9d. in £1 (1933 & 1940 U.A. Acts) 1,956

£54,037

RECEIPTS

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council
URBAN ROADS:		
State Grants		
Estate Duty	125	
Road Fund	1,760	
Employment Schemes	2,000	
Miscellaneous	125	
	£4010	
SANITARY SERVICES:		
State Grants—Recoupment Loan Charges on		
Watermains—Scheme No. 1 ..	126	
do. do. Scheme No. 2 ..	222	
do. do. Scheme No. 3 ..	93	
do. Derelict Sites Clearance ..	100	
Sewer Connections	20	
Water Connections	400	
Water Rents	950	
Sanitary Conveniences	500	
Sewer Rents—Dublin Road ..	150	
	£2,561	
HOUSING:		
Housing of the Working Classes:		
Housing Subsidy—Little Bray Scheme	910	
do. Wolfe Tone Square and		
Cillmactain 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		
(6 houses)	100	
Rents (Inc. of Rates)	15,603	
Rents (Inc. of Rates) Old Conna ..	11,811	
Purchase Annuities (Old Schemes) ..	2,527	
Purchase Annuities and Rates—Scott Park		
Scheme	2,091	
Ground Rents	661	
SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS:		
Repayments by Borrowers (Old Loans) ..	734	
Repayments by Borrowers (New Loans) ..	11,294	
	£58,017	

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council
State Grants:		
Bounty in lieu of Rates	541	
School Meals	535	
Fuel Scheme	1,568	
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 re-		
coupment from County Council	252	
Public Library—Registration Fees, etc. ..	300	
Annuity—Sec. 11 E.S.B. Act, 1930—Mill Lane		
Premises	175	
Miscellaneous	550	
	£5,368	

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL ESTIMATES, 1962/63.

SUMMARY OF CHARGES:

	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Net Expenditure
Roads	£10,039	£4,010	£6,029
Sanitary Services	21,530	2,561	18,969
Housing Services	63,808	58,017	5,791
General Urban Purposes	84,037	5,368	78,669
	£179,414	£69,956	£109,458

The net requirements to be met from Rate Levy as above, are £109,458. Credits of £880 are available which can be applied to reduce the amount to be raised by Rate Levy in the year 1962/63 to £108,578.

Municipal Rate of 1d. in £1 produces £233.

Rate in the £1 to meet the net expenditure of £108,578 is 38s. 10d.

19.

The Council considered the Estimates in detail and made the following amendments.

Sanitary Services.

A sum of £200 for part loan charge acquisition of land at the "Island," Strand Road, was reduced to £50.

Under the heading, Cove Swimming Pool Cleansing, it was proposed by Clr. McAuliffe and seconded by Clr. Doyle that the amount be reduced from £150 to £75. On a vote being taken only the proposer and seconder voted in favour.

A sum of £100—clearing undergrowth at Bray Head—was reduced to £50 and a sum of £250 Legal Expenses was reduced to £200. The amount allowed as receipts on the kiosks was increased from £795 to £1,109. The following tables indicate the net effect of the amendments and provisions for the various services, viz.:

	Gross Expenditure £	Receipts £	Net Expenditure £
Roads	10,039	4,010	6,029
Sanitary Services	21,380	2,561	18,819
Housing Services	63,808	59,417	4,391
General Urban Purposes	83,687	5,682	78,005
	178,914	71,670	107,244

Proposed by Clr. E. Byrne and seconded by Clr. F. G. Hunt 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 column 8 of table C to be the rate in the £ to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said estimate (as amended) for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1963, to be 36s. in the £."

The Chairman and Members congratulated the Manager and Staff for the manner in which the estimate was presented and the good service given during the year.

886.—Matters arising out of Consideration of Estimates.

Nameplates.

Clr. Doyle—That nameplates in the Palermo Estate should be erected on the gable end of houses and not on railings where they were liable to damage.

Litter Boxes.

Clr. M. O'Toole—That no more litter boxes be erected on poles as they were damaged.

Clr. Hipwell complained that they were not being emptied regularly enough.

Loans.

On the suggestion of Clr. McAuliffe the Council asked that they be circularised with particulars of all loans outstanding.

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Tourist Contribution.

Clr. McAuliffe proposed that Tourist Contribution be reduced from £300 to £250 but received no seconder.

School Meals.

The Chairman asked that one case of a refusal to give meals to a child be investigated.

Health Acts.

Clr. E. Byrne maintained that it would be more equitable to have the Urban Area charged on the basis of the actual expenditure on persons within the area rather than on a valuation basis. A rather lengthy discussion on this point arose and Clr. Byrne indicated that he would frame a Notice of Motion in the matter. The Chairman felt that they should adopt the terms of a County Wicklow resolution seeking a 75 per cent. Government Grant towards Health Charges instead of the present 50 per cent. Grant. Clr. McAuliffe complained of the condition of the Clinic in Bray and was informed by the Chairman that the Co. Manager was already investigating the matter.

John McAuliffe

12/6/62

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, 8th May, 1962, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Officials present: Messrs. M. Flannery (Co. Manager), M. Healy (Town Engineer), D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk), J. P. McDonnell (Accountant), P. J. Murray (Rate Collector).

Mr. H. B. Hipwell took the chair initially but it was subsequently taken by Mr. J. Temple, Chairman.

885. Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the monthly meeting of April 10th, 1962, and of special meeting of March 26th, 1962, which had been circulated were confirmed.

886. Manager's Orders.

County Manager's Orders Nos. 8547 to 8552 were noted.

887. Consideration of list of unpaid rates.

The County Manager went through the list of unpaid rates and indicated that legal action was being taken where appropriate. He informed the meeting that the total amount for the year ended 31/3/62 was £92,216 3s. 1d. £89,404 19s. 1d. (96.95 per cent.) was collected and lodged. £2,628 4s. 4d. (2.85 per cent.) was carried forward for subsequent collection. £182 19s. 8d. (2 per cent.) was written off as irrecoverable. The members having heard particulars of the various amounts due commended the Rate Collector on his excellent collection.

888. Rent Collector's Salary.

After a long discussion on an application by the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, that the rent collectors of Bray be placed on the salary scale of £640 x 30 to £790 x bonus, similar to that of the collectors in Dublin, it was decided on the proposal of Mr. E. Byrne,

seconded by Mr. D. Sayers, to grant an increase of £60 on the scale with effect from the 1/11/61, and the necessary financial provision be made therefor. Mr. McAuliffe, who had suggested that the wages sub-committee deal with the matter dissented from the resolution.

889. Vote of Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was voted to the relatives of the late Miss Julie Long, who was formerly on the staff of the Council and to Mr. William O'Brien, Llanabar, on the death of his brother, Mr. Owen O'Brien.

890. Annual Meeting.

The date of the annual meeting of the Council was fixed for Tuesday, 26th June, 1962, at 7.30 p.m.

891. Road Improvement Grant.

Mr. Healy reported and recommended that the Road Improvement Grant of £1,760 be expended on concreting Ravenswell Road. Many members favoured carrying out improvement work on the Emmet Road and after a discussion the matter was adjourned to the next meeting.

892. Booking Kiosk—Scrages & Sons.

The customary permission was granted to Scrages & Sons to put a booking kiosk on the Esplanade for the usual fee of £5.

893. Car Race.

The Leinster Motor Club were granted permission to use the Main Street for the termination of their Veterans Car Race on 23rd June, 1962.

894. "Island," Strand Road.

The Council approved the proposal to pay a sum of £2,250 for the Davitt property at the "Island," Strand Road.

895. Ponies on the Beach.

An application from Austin Gaskin to ply ponies on the beach at a fee of £10 was agreed to on similar conditions to that granted in 1959 to a Mr. Delahunt.

896. S. D. A. Acts—Applications.

The Council approved the granting of S.D.A. Loans of £1,480 for houses to be erected in Boghall Road, subject to the usual conditions to the following:

Joseph Flood, 61 Wolfe Tone Sq., West.

Joseph R. Byrne, 49 Beech Road.

Sylvester R. Holton, 67 Wolfe Road, North.

897. Town Planning Applications.

(a) The Council concurred with recommendation of Town Engineer that permission be granted to S. O'Connor, 4 Vevay Road, to erect a screen wall and side door on his premises.

(b) Erection of houses on the King Edward Road by Mr. Eric Finucane. The Town Clerk reported that a meeting had been held in the Town Hall on 5th inst. between the Council officials, Mr. Finucane and Mr. Hunt and Captain Nelson, who represented the residents of the area, and that Mr. Temple had pre-

sided at same. As a result of this meeting it was recommended that, subject to the recommendation made to the April meeting by the Town Engineer, Mr. Finucane get permission to erect nine of the houses and that he, at a later date, submit plans for three sites at the Northern end of his proposed scheme for larger houses, if that were possible.

- (c) Application from Mr. V. Cassoni, Vevay Road, for permission to erect a Filling Station on the Vevay Road. Report from Town

Engineer recommending refusal for the following reasons:

1. The site is in a densely built up residential and business area and a filling station would be undesirable in the area.
2. The frontage of 68 ft. is not adequate to permit a proper run-in and run-out of vehicles.
3. The site is within 60 yards of the junction with Putland Road and parking of traffic in the vicinity of the filling station would constitute a danger to passing traffic.
4. There is already great difficulty in parking of traffic on this roadway and in the vicinity of the R.C. Church. This would be aggravated by traffic in the vicinity of the filling station.
5. A similar application by Mr. Cassoni has been refused on about six occasions.

The Council unanimously recommended that permission be granted.

In the course of a discussion on this matter Mr. Healy pointed out that he felt he could not change his views in the matter and in fact, these views had been upheld by the Department of Local Government.

898. Train Services.

The Town Clerk was directed to write to C.I.E. and urge that the Sunday train services to Bray commence on the first Sunday in June.

John Temple
12/6/62

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council, held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 15th May, 1962, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

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

Apology for inability to attend was received from M. Flannery (Co. Manager).

899.—Pedestrian Crossing at Sunnybank.

The Chairman and other members referred to the theft of a globe from the above Pedestrian Crossing and voiced their condemnation of this act of vandalism.

900.—Religious Services on the Seafront.

The Chairman read a letter received from Mr. Boles of Kilmacanogue, asking permission to hold three open-air services on the seafront in July. After some discussion it was decided to have the matter dealt with at the next meeting.

901.—The Minutes of the Estimates meeting, which had been circulated to the members, were confirmed.

902.—Striking of Municipal Rates.

On the proposition of Mr. Hipwell, seconded by Mr. Sayers, it was resolved that "We, the members of the Bray Urban District Council, hereby make a Municipal Rate of 38/- in the £, to be levied in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1963. The said rate to be collected in two moieties. The first moiety and arrears after the 15th May, 1962, and the second on or after the 1st October, 1962, and we resolve that the Rate Book be signed and sealed accordingly." The Rate Book was signed and sealed as was the Collector's Warrant.

903.—C.I.E. Train Services.

The Clerk read a letter from C.I.E. stating that the Sunday Services would be put into operation on and from Whit Sunday, 10th June, 1962. In this regard, the Chairman suggested that in future the Council contact the local Station Master in the matter of Train Services. He felt that the Station Master would be only too willing to do all he could in the interest of Bray.

904.—Town Planning Applications.

The Council recommended that Town Planning permission be granted in accordance with Engineer's report in the following two cases:

- (a) Thomas McHugh, 23 O'Byrne Road, Bray—permission to erect outside toilet.
- (b) Brian O'Brien, "Gorseland," Newcourt Road, Bray—permission to extend to the rear of existing Bungalow.

905.—Legion of Mary.

The Council granted permission to the Legion of Mary to place a Book Barrow on the Esplanade, opposite the Municipal Baths during the coming season.

906.—Urban Road Improvement Grant 1962/63.

The Council adopted a report of the Town Engineer that the grant of £1,760 be expended as follows:

Resurfacing Emmet Road	£560.
Concreting Ravenswell Road	£1,200.

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council, held in the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 12th June, 1962, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors J. O'Toole and D. Sayers. Cllr. J. O'Toole's absence was excused owing to illness.

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

967. Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of meetings of 8th and 15th May, 1962, which had been circulated, were confirmed.

968. Manager's Orders.

Manager's Orders Nos. 8553 to 8570 were noted.

969. Arising out of the Manager's Orders, Cllr. Temple voiced his disapproval of a recent tenancy appointment in Wolfe Tone Square.

969. Association of Municipal Authorities.

1. On the proposition of Cllr. Hipwell, seconded by Cllr. E. Byrne, it was decided to increase the annual subscription to the above Association from three guineas to five guineas.

2. (a) Resolutions for Congress:

Proposed by Cllr. E. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. H. B. Hipwell—That this Council considers the present system, whereby rates are assessed on Urban areas on the basis of valuation is unjust and inequitable. The Council feels that the County Council Demand should be based on Services rendered rather than on valuation.

2. (b) Proposed by Cllr. McAuliffe and seconded by Cllr. C. Doyle and resolved—That the upper income limit in respect to the issue of loans under the S.D.A. Acts be increased from £1,040 to £1,300.

910. Bray Sailing Club.

Application from Bray Sailing Club to—

1. Be allowed to increase the area of their Dinghy Park by 10 ft. This was acceded to, the Town Engineer having recommended same.
2. The Club were also given permission to place boats on Dock Terrace, on the clear understanding that they would remove them immediately on being requested to do so by the Urban District Council.

911. Bray Esplanade Bye-Laws—Bye-Law No. 12.

An application from Mr. R. W. Boles for permission to hold three open-air Services in Bray during the month of July was refused. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that a Bye-law prohibited the holding of Services on the Esplanade unless with the explicit permission of the Urban District Council. Mr. E. Byrne proposed that permission be granted. Mr. M. O'Toole seconded. Mr. McAuliffe proposed that permission be refused and Mr. Mrs. Ledwidge seconded. A vote was taken on Mr. McAuliffe's proposal and five members of the Council, viz., Mr. C. Doyle, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, H. McAuliffe, G. H. G. Stuart and J. Temple, Chairman, voted for.

The following Councillors voted against the motion: Mr. E. Byrne, J. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, F. G. Hunt and M. O'Toole.—Five.

The Chairman then gave his casting vote in favour of Mr. McAuliffe's proposal that permission be refused. It was so decided.

912. 36/36a Castle Street—Purchase of.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that agreement had been reached with the various interests involved in the purchase of the above property and that the total sums agreed to be paid came to £190 17s. 0d., plus legal costs. On the proposal of Mr. McAuliffe, seconded by Mr. M. O'Toole, it was agreed to purchase the property at the figure mentioned and the necessary excess expenditure was voted. The Council let it be understood that the County Council would recoup the monies when they were made available for the Road Fund, as in the case of premises purchased from Mr. Ogle.

913. Derelict Site—52 Main Street.

A letter was read from Mrs. K. Kelly, 51 Main Street, complaining of the unsightly condition of 52 Main Street and of its being a danger to children in its present ruinous state. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had brought its condition to the notice of the owner on a few occasions recently. On the proposition of Mr. McAuliffe, seconded by Mr. M. O'Toole, it was decided to write to the owner and inform him that the Council would acquire the site under the Derelict Site Act, unless within 14 days he remedied its present position.

914. C.I.E.—Incoming Excursions.

The Town Clerk was directed to write to the Station Master and complain of the lack of staff available to take tickets up from incoming excursionists to Bray over the week-end.

915. Salaries of Rent Collectors.

The above matter was adjourned to the next meeting.

916. Carlisle Grounds.

A letter from C.I.E. stated that they intended renewing the lease of Carlisle grounds with the present occupier.

917. Bórd Fáilte Éireann—Purchase of Lands at Bray Head.

The Council noted with satisfaction that Bórd Fáilte Éireann had paid purchase cost of acquiring 7 acres of land from the representatives, Kay Estate, i.e., £937.

918. Tenders for Housing Repairs.

The following tenders were opened and passed to the Town Engineer for his examination.

1. McNulty Bros., Dalkey—17½ per cent. increase on scheduled prices.
2. O'Toole Bros., Kiltimon—20 per cent. increase on scheduled prices.
3. M. Murphy, Meath Road—17½ per cent. increase on scheduled prices.

919. Gaming and Lotteries Act.

(a) Application from Mr. John Cooke, in respect of 10 c.d. Albert Walk. Report from County Fire Officer stating that he had no objection in this case. Report from Health Inspector stating that he had no objection if Mr. Cooke re-installed a fan which had been removed from the premises. Council agreed with the recommendations of the above officers.

(b) Application from Albert Tipple in respect of premises known as "Prom Amusements," Esplanade. Report from Health Inspector to the effect that the premises were unsuitable from the public health aspect, as—

- (a) Ventilation was entirely insufficient;
- (b) The one water closet available was unsatisfactory and inaccessible.

Report from Town Engineer stating that in his opinion the premises were entirely unsuitable for use as an amusement arcade. In the course of a lengthy report, he mentioned the lack of toilet facilities, the inadequate ventilation and the fact that the doors open inwards.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Fire Officer was at present absent on duty and that he would submit his report on his return.

On the proposition of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Mrs. Ledwidge, it was decided that the Council would oppose the granting of a licence for this premises at the Court to be held on July 6th next.

920. Bray Civic Week.

Permission was granted to Bray Amusements to hold a Novelty Dog Show in the bandstand enclosure on Saturday, July 14th, 1962.