

1415—Traffic Bye-Laws.

Messrs. Smyth and Gilmore of C.I.E. and Mr. O'Donoghue of the A.A. attended the meeting. Mr. O'Donoghue stated that traffic had increased approximately 300 per cent. in the area since 1947 and that the new Bye-laws would not give the necessary increase in parking space to compensate for this. He thought that more attention should be given to a system of one-way streets and felt that the Main Street was not capable of taking traffic while cars were parked on either side. He felt that the proposed Bye-Laws were inadequate and that any Bye-Laws should take cognizance to what the position would be in ten years time. Mr. Gilmore, C.I.E., stated that in the main his Authorities were satisfied with the proposals. He did not think that one-way traffic along the Quinsboro Road and back up the Florence Road would be feasible as such system would create chaos at the Florence Road Main Street junction. He would make the following recommendations:—

That there be no parking on the Adelaide Road from the station yard or no parking near the Bus Station at Albert Avenue. Councillor Temple made the suggestion that a sign be erected at the Carlisle Grounds informing the public that access could be had to the Sea Front along the Seymour and Seapoint Roads. Mr. Smyth of C.I.E. concurred with Mr. Gilmore's remarks and stated that generally speaking his Company approved of the Bye-Laws. It was decided that the Town Clerk would summarise and circulate all the points made at the last three meetings and that decisions would be taken thereon at the next Meeting.

1416—Swimming Pool.

Mr. Barry of Bord Failte who attended the Meeting stated that as a result of the recent circular from the Department recommending indoor heated pools, he felt that they should change the policy of having one large pool at the Sea Front in favour of (a) having a fairly large indoor heated pool at the Carlisle Grounds and a smaller open pool which could be a focal centre at the northern end of the Esplanade. Councillor Hipwell agreed and proposed that they accept Mr. Barry's recommendation in principle. The Chairman seconded this proposition. At this stage Councillor Temple interposed and stated that he also agreed but suggested that in addition they should take immediate steps to have a Deputation received by the Chairman of C.I.E. to discuss the acquisition of the Carlisle Grounds. He pointed out that it should be feasible to have football interests catered for at the grounds leased from the Meath Estates at the Vevay Road. Mr. Hipwell agreed with Mr. Temple's addendum to his resolution and same was passed with Councillor McAuliffe dissenting. Mr. Barry indicated that he would be prepared to go on the Deputation to C.I.E. if it became necessary. He also stated that while he could not commit his board, they would certainly examine the suggestion of giving financial aid to a Municipal football pitch. In the course of the discussion Mr. Healy, Town Engineer, stated that he also thought well of Mr. Barry's suggestion. He stated further that on future lands acquired for housing in Old Connacht, they might also find room for a playing pitch.

1417—Urban Road Improvement Grant, 1964/65.

The Town Engineer's proposals for the expenditure of a grant of £1,760 on above as follows was approved:—

Laying of footpaths in pre-cast slabs on (a) Sea Point Road; (b) Galtrim Park; (c) Convent Avenue.

1418—Purchase of Property at Dock Terrace.

The Town Clerk stated that H. J. Byrne, valuer, had suggested an offer of £1,200 to Mr. Ernest Darcy for his house at Dock Terrace, the Council agreed, and on the suggestion of Councillor Temple gave the Officials power to buy this property at the best price possible, even if same exceeded the amount of £1,200. He pointed out the difficulty of negotiating when the Officials concerned had to await Council meetings for decisions.

1419—Water Supply — Scott Park Area.

The Council approved the report of Town Engineer on above matter and his suggestion that the Council seek permission from Dublin Corporation to make an extension of the 4" main on Boghall Road to supply the Scott Park area from that main.

1420—Scheme of Loans under Section 11 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.

The Council adopted the scheme which had been circulated to them by the Town Clerk. On the proposal of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Hipwell, asked that the regulations be amended so as to allow loans to be granted to those whose income do not exceed £1,200 instead of £1,040 as at present.

1421—Mr. E. B. Wilson, Auctioneer.

The application from above to be placed on the panel of Auctioneers to Bray Urban District Council was adjourned.

1422—Housing.

The Town Clerk stated he had received an application from the architects stating that they had completed surveys of Peete's field and felt that there would not be any difficulty in erecting 100 houses therein.

1423—Town Planning, Prohibition Order.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a Prohibition Order had been served on Mr. O'Gara who, without permission had commenced erecting a pre-fabricated house at Ravenswell Road. The Council approved.

1424—Town and Regional Planning Acts.

(a) Application for permission to erect shed in builder's yard at Brighton Tce., received from C. Dodd and Sons. Report from Engineer recommending approval in principle subject to the submission of detailed plans. Report approved.

(b) Application from Mr. Cavey, Royal Hotel, for permission to make extensions and alterations to the Hotel. Report from Town Engineer approving generally, subject to certain alterations in the toilet system and to the approval of the Fire Officer on certain matters. Report approved.

(c) Application from Higginbottom and Stafford on behalf of their clients, The Galbur Construction Company, for permission to erect 36 houses at the rear of the Tennis Courts at Vevay Road, Bray. Report from Town Engineer recommending that permission not be granted because:—

- (a) the half brick facade and hip roofs were most unattractive.
- (b) the winders on the stairs and the very congested bathroom were unsatisfactory.

- 9" thick cavity blocks were not acceptable.
- (d) two parking bays at least should be provided on the service road.
- (e) No details of water mains had been submitted and provision should be made for the installation of at least one fire hydrant on the site. The Report was approved but on the suggestion of Councillor Temple it was agreed that if the Engineer and the applicant could settle the outstanding matters, the Council would agree to the application without further consideration by them.

Chairman *D. Sayers*

Date *8/9/64*

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BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, at 7.30 on Tuesday, the 8th September, 1964.

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

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

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

1425—Minutes of Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the 11th August, 1964, which had been circulated were adopted. Arising out of the minutes Clr. Temple protested that there had been no mention in the Press of the Council's protest and views on a recent housing allocation.

1426—Manager's Orders.

Manager's Orders No. 8870 to 8875 were noted. Arising out of Managers Orders some members mentioned the case of Mr. Dawson who had been refused permission to erect a wooden hut for human habitation in back garden. It was eventually decided that he was to get in touch with Town Engineer with a view to receiving permission to convert his garage into sleeping quarters.

1427—Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council, was expressed to the relatives of Mr. P. McDowell, County Registrar.

1428—Retiral of County Engineer.

The members paid tribute to the outgoing County Engineer, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, and they praised his work for the County over a number of years and directed their good wishes be conveyed to Mrs. O'Byrne.

1429—Congratulations.

The Congratulations of the Council were voted to:

(a) The bus drivers, conductors and supervisory staff of C.I.E. for the manner in which the travelling public were catered for in the Summer.

(b) To Mr. Thomas Murphy, Dargle Garage, for the manner in which he and his assistants conducted their local bus tours during the season.

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1430—Traffic Bye-Laws.

The Council decided to make the following recommendations to Garda Authorities in above matter:

- (1) There will be no parking allowed on southern side of Herbert Road from its junction with Main Street to St. Paul's School.
- (2) That no parking be allowed from Railway Road to Adelaide Road junction.
- (3) That no parking be allowed at Albert Avenue.

It is also agreed that a diversion sign be erected at Carlisle Grounds indicating that the Seafront could be approached via Seymour Road or Seapoint Road.

It was agreed to adjourn decisions on parking in Main Street and one-way traffic in Quinsboro Road and Florence Road on the suggestion of Clr. E. Byrne. Clr. Byrne made the suggestion pending an examination of the possibility of acquiring a large and semi-derelect site lying between Main Street, Florence Road and Quinsboro Road and using same as a car park.

1431—E. and E.S.V. Vote.

The Council agreed to Engineer's recommendation that the grant of £1,500 plus a local contribution of £215 be expended in relaying Fairview Terrace in concrete. Clr. McAuliffe protested at some length the reduction in the amount of the grant.

1432—Retiring Officials—Excess Expenditure.

The Council decided not to take this item in committee.

1433—Adjournment of Meeting.

At this stage attention was called to the fact that the journalists representing Irish Independent and Wicklow People had left the meeting and on the proposition of Clr. Hipwell it was decided to adjourn meeting in protest at their departure. The Town Clerk was directed to write letters to both papers protesting against departure of their representatives before the meeting was completed. It was decided to hold the adjourned meeting on Tuesday, 15th September, at 7.30 p.m.

1434—Peete's Field, Layout Plans.

Before adjourning the Council approved in principle of the layout of above housing scheme submitted by the Architects, Boyle and Delaney. The members who had inspected the layout before before the meeting felt it was satisfactory.

1435—Notices of Motion Accepted.

The Chairman accepted the following notices of motion:

- (1) From Clr. Hipwell:

Please take notice that I intend at the next meeting of the Council to move:—

That the Department of Posts and Telegraphs be asked to erect 2 Public Telephone Kiosks by next Season in front of our new Municipal Building on the Seafront.

- (2) From Clr. Sayers:

That in view of the erection, by the Council, of another 100 houses approximately, at Old Connaught, in the near future, and the need for a combined effort to overcome the present housing problems in the urban area, is it hereby resolved to request the County Man-

ager to kindly sanction the holding of a special joint meeting between the official side and the Council to deal with the following matters:—

- (a) The preparation and confirmation of a fixed priority list of the most deserving applicants on the housing lists, and
- (b) the preparation and confirmation of a supplementary list of the less deserving applicants on the housing lists.

1436—Question for Answer.

The Chairman accepted the following question for answer at October meeting from Clr. E. E. Byrne:

"That a statement be issued as to when it is proposed to commence the stage at the beach pavilion in order that the pavilion may function for the season 1965."

Chairman..... *David Sayers*

Date..... *13/10/64*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 15th September, 1964.

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

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

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

1437—Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was expressed to the relatives of the late Joseph Doyle, Kilruddery and Maurice Dempsey, King Edward Road.

1438—Excess Expenditure.

Expenditure in excess of that allowed in the estimates of expenses for the year ending 31/3/1965, was authorised in accordance with Section 11 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, as follows:

- (a) William Doyle, Retired Assistant Water Works Inspector—£1,094.
- (b) Mrs. A. E. Keogh, Retired Arts Teacher, Vocational Educational Committee—£571 4s. 0d.
- (c) The 'Reps.' C. J. Coughlan, Library Assistant—£712.
- (d) John Murray, Council Employee recently resigned—£194.

In voting the above monies the Chairman and other members paid very high tributes to Mr. William Doyle and to Mrs. Keogh and directed the Clerk to convey their good wishes to both officials.

1439—John Murray, Council Employee.

There was a long discussion on the resignation of John Murray, Council Employee and it was finally agreed that the Manager would investigate the matter and other matters complained of in connection with staff relationship and if necessary hold a meeting of the Wages Sub-committee thereafter.

1440—Peete's Field, Layout Plans.

The members approved of the layout plans presented by Messrs. Boyle and Delaney for a total of 139 houses and flats and urged the Department to grant sanction as soon as possible therefor.

1441—Tidy Towns Competition.

The Council noted the comments of the adjudicators in the above competition.

1442—Auctioneer—E. B. Wilson.

The Council decided to enter the above applicant's name on the list of auctioneers to Bray U.D.C. This, on the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne.

1443—Fairgreen Award.

Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Council had to pay £7,000 compensation in above case together with Plaintiff's costs of £1,989. The Council voted the necessary excess expenditure on proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne.

1444—Dock Terrace, Bray.

Town Clerk informed the meeting that an offer of £1,200 for Mr. Darcy's house at Dock Terrace had not been accepted. He decided to take no further action at this stage.

1445—Castle Street—Kennymore.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. H. J. Byrne, Valuer, recommended the acceptance of Mr. Kenny's offer to sell his premises in Castle Street for £3,000. It was explained that this money would be refunded by the County Council. On the proposition of Clr. McAuliffe, seconded by Clr. Sayers, it was agreed to purchase at figure mentioned on condition the money would be refunded by the County Council.

1446—Peete's Field—Compensation.

The Council agreed to offer of £700 per acre for the fee simple interest in above land. This was a figure suggested by Mr. H. J. Byrne, Valuer.

1447—Land at Bliard Lane.

An offer of 11 acres of land at £700 an acre was received from Mr. Desmond Murphy. The Town Engineer reporting thereon stated that if the adjoining land owned by Mr. Cassel could not be purchased the figure for Mr. Murphy's land would be excessive. It was agreed to continue negotiating with Mr. Murphy and Mr. Cassel. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a figure of £1,600 per acre was being sought for Cassel's land.

1448—51 Main Street—Mrs. Kelly.

The above lady who holds 51, Main Street, and a yard at the rear thereof from the Council on a lease at £52 a year, applied to sub-lease 8 perches of the land to her son to enable him to erect a house thereon. The application was agreed to on condition that an increase of rent of £5 per application was agreed to on condition that an increase of rent of £5 per annum be made and that the house to be erected would be a suitable one.

1449—Miscellaneous.

(a) J. Kinsella, the Council asked that their solicitors endeavour to finalise the above case as soon as possible.

(b) Town Planning Acts—the Clerk informed the meeting that the new Act would come into force on 1st October, 1964. On the suggestion of Clr. McAuliffe it was decided to purchase a copy of the Act for each member.

(c) House Purchase. The Chairman agreed to a suggestion of Clr. Temple that the above matter be placed on the Agenda for the October meeting.

1450—Town and Regional Planning.

An application from Messrs. Woodworths to reconstruct their premises and incorporate the adjacent premises therein was approved subject to their compliance with a recommendation by the Town Engineer that the corner (Main Street—Florence Road) be splayed back 6 feet.

(b) An application from Mr. S. B. Murphy to erect a bungalow at Killarney Road, Bray, was submitted. The Council recommended that approval in principle be granted to the erection of a house on this site.

After examining the plans and on the report of the Town Engineer the Council recommended refusal as applicant had not submitted adequate details of the proposed new bungalow.

Date..... 13.10.64.....

Chairman..... David Sayers.....

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 on Tuesday, the 13th October, 1964.

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

Apology for inability to attend was received and accepted from Cllr. G. H. G. Stuart.

Officials present—K. J. Brangan (Deputy County Manager), M. Healy (Town Engineer), and D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk).

1451—Minutes of Meeting.

The Minutes of the meetings of the 8th and 15th September, 1964, which had been circulated were adopted.

1452—Manager's Orders.

Manager's Orders No. 8876 to 8887 were noted.

1453—Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was voted to Mrs. Lindsay, Dargle Road, on the death of her husband and to Mrs. Cleary, Maitland St., on the death of her sister.

1454—Auditor's Report for year ended 31/3/63.

The report was noted with satisfaction.

1455—Overdraft Accommodation—Revenue Account.

On the proposition of Cllr. Hipwell, seconded by J. Byrne, it is agreed to seek overdraft accommodation in Revenue Account in the sum not exceeding £17,000 to the 31/12/64.

1456—Appointment of Tenants.

The Council on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Temple, unanimously adopted the following motion:—

That in view of the erection, by the Council of another 100 houses approximately, at Old Connaught in the near future and the need for a combined effort to overcome the present housing problems in the urban area, it is hereby resolved to request the County Manager to kindly sanction the holding of a special joint meeting between the official side and the Council to deal with the following matters: (a) the preparation and confirmation of a fixed priority list of the most deserving applicants on the housing lists

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and (b) the preparation and confirmation of a supplementary list of the less deserving applicants on the housing lists.

1457—Telephone Kiosks—Beach Pavilion.

The Council on the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by M. O'Toole, unanimously adopted the following motion:—

That the Department of Posts and Telegraphs be asked to erect 2 Public Telephone Kiosks by next Season in front of our new Municipal Building on the seafront.

1458—Beach Pavilion—Diving Stage.

After a long discussion it was decided to adjourn this matter to special meeting to be held on October 27th to which Mr. Barry of Bord Fáilte was to be invited.

1459—Swimming Pool—Carlisle Grounds.

Adjourned to special meeting of 27th October, 1964.

1460—Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws.

The Council resumed their discussion on above matter and it was finally agreed that the proposals of the Garda be accepted with the following amendments:—

(a) No parking on southern side of Herbert Road from its junction with Main Street to St. Paul's National School.

(b) No parking from the Railway Yard to Adelaide Road junction.

1461—Industrial Yarns—Effluent.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Industrial Yarns had applied for permission to use the Town sewerage system for dye effluent and it is hoped to have the matter fully discussed at the next statutory meeting. The members unanimously were of the opinion that all possible steps should be taken to facilitate this factory in every way.

1462—Tenant Purchase Scheme.

The following Council Committee were appointed to meet a similar Committee from tenants of Wolfe Tone Square, O'Byrne Road and Cillmantain Park.

D. Sayers (Chairman).
J. O'Toole.
E. Byrne.
M. O'Toole.
H. Hipwell.
G. Hunt.

1463—Library Staff—Revision of Salaries.

The Council on the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Hipwell, unanimously approved the new scale of salaries for the Librarian and assistants which are to operate from 1st October, 1963, and to attract the 12% award as from 1/2/64. The Council also approved of excess expenditure of £657 to meet the increase.

1464—W. Murphy, Overseer—Remuneration.

The Council on the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Hipwell, deferred consideration on increase to overseer until they received report from County Manager on result of investigations being

sought by Transport Workers Union into the relationship between overseer and outdoor staff.

1465—Road Safety Fortnight.

Adjourned to next monthly meeting.

1466—Anti-Apartheid Movement.

Adjourned to next monthly meeting.

1467—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

Adjourned to meeting of 27th October, 1964.

1468—Planning Applications.

(a) The Council recommended approval of an application by O'Hagan and Cosgrove, Blackrock, to build two bungalows on sites 3 and 4 Raheen Park.

(b) The Council recommended approval of application from Mr. E. Kelly, Main Street, to erect a detached house in yard. In this case the Town Clerk pointed out before statutory approval could be granted the applicant would have to publish necessary notice under the Act.

1469—Lease of Land, Captain's Avenue—T. Murphy.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that some months ago it had been agreed to lease 9 perches of land at Captain's Avenue to above. Mr. Murphy now requires an extension of amount of land to be leased. The members unanimously agreed.

1470—Right-of-Way at rear of premises of F. Duff, Main Street.

On the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. McAuliffe, it was agreed to recommend in principle that right-of-way sought by above be granted.

Chairman *David Sayers*.....

Date *10/11/64*.....

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held in the Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 27th October, 1964.

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

Officials present—M. Flannery (County Manager), D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk), and M. Healy (Town Engineer), K. Barry, Bord Fáilte Éireann.

1471.—Beach Pavilion.

The members again expressed their dismay and annoyance at the delay in completing the Beach Pavilion. While they held the Contractor blameless, it was the general opinion of the Meeting that the firm of Architects dealing with the work had not given it proper attention. It was finally decided that the Architects be written to and informed that if the work was not restarted within a month the whole matter would be referred to the Minister. This decision was taken unanimously on the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne.

1472.—Diving Stage.

Mr. Barry stated that he had given the suggestions of Mr. Healy in the matter careful consideration and had consulted the Construction Engineer who dealt with it. If Mr. Healy's suggestions to reduce the width of the Diving stage from 12 ft. to 6 ft. and having only a single row of supports were adopted, the cost would probably be reduced from an estimated £8,200 to an estimated £6,000, but Mr. Barry felt that the saving would not be worth it. After a discussion, it was decided, on the proposition of Clr. Hunt, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, to go ahead with the dearer of the two proposals. The Council agreed on this with the stipulation that Mr. Barry would set a strict time limit from the Architects and would inform the Town Clerk thereof. They also expressed the wish that the diving stage be as nearly opposite the centre of the Beach Pavilion as possible, but they did not, however, wish any further boring or the expense thereof to be undertaken. On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by the Chairman, it was agreed that the Council would be responsible for 20 per cent. of the cost of borings already taken. Their cost came to £299 4s. 3d., the Council's share would therefore be £59 16s. 10d. The Council voted the necessary expenditure therefor.

1473.—Swimming Pool—Carlisle Grounds.

It was decided to enter into negotiations to purchase the Carlisle Grounds, the Council to negotiate with Mr. Donegan the Leaseholder and Bord Fáilte to negotiate with the C.I.E. It was also decided to

appoint a valuer or valuers and after a discussion on who was to be appointed, it was decided, on the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Clr. Hunt, to leave the appointment in the hands of the County Manager who was to get an independent valuer.

1474.—Swimming Pool—Esplanade.

Regarding the Swimming Pool at the Esplanade, Mr. Barry explained that he was gathering data for this pool. Its eventual size, however, depended to a great extent on the degree of success the Council would have in acquiring the Carlisle Grounds for a larger swimming pool. In reply to a question from Clr. Hunt, Mr. Barry stated that the firm of Scott and Partners had been engaged for the swimming pool project. A letter was read from the Chamber of Commerce for the building of a swimming pool at the Esplanade.

1475.—Shelters.

In reply to a question from the Chairman, Mr. Barry said that an outline scheme for re-development, including the shelters, had been drawn up for the southern end of the Esplanade. The carrying out of this, of course, would entail considerable expenditure and it was thought better to give the Swimming Pool projects priority.

1476.—Harbour Area.

Mr. Barry explained at some length the difficulties which were being encountered in getting suitable alternative sites for Doherty's coal yard and Mullins' building yard. He stated that if these two businesses could be relocated the whole harbour scheme would be put in hand.

1477.—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

It was agreed to adjourn consideration of this Act to a further Meeting.

1478.—Mrs. Kathleen McDonnell, retired Vocational Teacher.

On the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge, the necessary excess expenditure was voted to allow the above lady to be paid a sum of £29 18s. 3d. refund of contributions under the Superannuation Acts.

1479.—Tenant Purchase Scheme.

It was agreed that the Council's sub-Committee meet the tenants' Committee in the Town Hall on Tuesday, November 3rd, at 9.15 p.m.

1480.—Notice of Motion.

The Chairman accepted the following Notice of Motion from Clr. H. L. McAuliffe:—
"That time be allocated at the next statutory Meeting to discuss the Minister's Order re: Travelling expenses for members attending Meetings.

Chairman *D. Sayers*

Date *8/12/64*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held at Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 10th November, 1964, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

1481.—Minutes of Meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting of 13th October, which had been circulated, were adopted.

1482.—Manager's Orders.

Manager's Orders 8888 to 8899 were noted.

1483.—Sympathy.

The Sympathy of the Council was voted to Mr. M. Deering, M.C.C., on the tragic death of his son in Borneo.

1484.—Housing, Special Meeting.

On the proposition of Councillor Temple, it was decided to hold a special meeting of the Council, to discuss housing allocation, on Tuesday, 17th November, at 7.30 p.m. It was decided to ask the County Medical Officer of Health and the Health Inspector to attend.

1485.—Right-of-way, F. Duff.

In reply to a query from Councillor McAuliffe, the County Manager explained that he was prohibited from granting the above request, as the right-of-way sought was over land which had been acquired under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.

1486.—Subsistence Allowance—Members of Urban Council.

After an extremely lengthy debate, the Council resolved, on the proposition of Councillor McAuliffe, seconded by Councillor Temple, that Section 6 of the recent regulations regarding payment of travelling and subsistence allowance to members of Local Authorities be amended in such a manner as to give every Councillor who attends a meeting of the Council a subsistence allowance of 15/- per meeting.

1487.—Amusement Arcades—Chamber of Commerce.

A letter from Chamber of Commerce asked that the Council oppose the granting of licences to above in the main shopping streets of the town. The Council's view was, that this had been the policy always.

1488.—Anti-apartheid Movement.

A circular regarding above was marked 'read.'

1489.—People's Park—Civil Defence.

The Council granted the Wicklow Civil Defence Organisation permission to use People Park for a demonstration on November 22nd, on condition that they took care that no damage was caused, and no crowds allowed on the east end of the park.

1490.—Florence Road, Noise.

A letter from Mr. J. Peterson complaining of disturbance on the Florence Road after dances in the Arcadia was referred to the Garda Síochána.

1491.—Litter—Purchase of Suction Cleaners.

On the proposition of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Sayers, it was agreed to purchase two Suction Cleaners at a cost of approximately £150 each, and the necessary excess expenditure therefor was voted. The Engineer was directed to examine and report on possible improvements in the method of disposal of collected refuse.

1492.—Lease of Land at Captain's Avenue to T. Murphy.

The Members, having been notified, in accordance with the terms of the Local Government Act of 1946. It was proposed by Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor McAuliffe, and resolved, that land at Captain's Avenue, approximately 23 perches, be leased to Mr. T. Murphy for £10 a year.

1493.—Road Safety Fortnight.

The Council approved of the Minister project, and directed that the Town Clerk do all that he could to help.

1494.—Southern Bandstand—Bray Sea Anglers.

It was decided to grant Bray Sea Anglers the use of the Southern Bandstand on Sunday, the 18th July, in connection with a Fishing Festival. It was also decided to grant them permission to exhibit advertisements in the vicinity for one day.

1495.—Purchasing of Property.

It was decided to discuss the purchase of certain properties, with the aim of re-housing O'Doherty's Coal Yard and Mullen's Yard, from the Harbour at a Special Meeting on Tuesday, 17th November.

1496.—Industrial Yarns Sewerage Disposal.

A report from Mr. Healy on the desire of Industrial Yarns Limited to dispose dye effluents into the Council's sewers at Little Bray, and thence to the out-flow in the Harbour, was read. The Town Engineer pointed out that this would be most undesirable and, furthermore, the factory in question was situated in County Dublin. The County Manager gave a detailed history of the negotiations and of the various points of issue to the members, and it was decided, on the proposition of Councillor Temple, to write to the Dublin County Council, pointing out that it was their responsibility, and not that of Bray, and suggesting

that the Dublin County Council, the factory officials, and the Industrial Development Authority should endeavour to solve, what was their own problem, themselves.

1497.—Six Houses at Chapel Lane.

The rent of above six houses was fixed at £1 11s. 9d. per week, exclusive of rates.

1498.—Bray Sailing Club.

It was decided to receive a deputation from above club at the next statutory meeting.

1499.—Beach Pavilion—Diving Platform.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Mr. Barry, of Bord Failte, saying that Messrs. Cooney and Co. were to go ahead with the diving stage, estimated to cost £8,500. The Council approved.

1500.—Land at Purcell's Square South.

The Council approved in principle, a proposal to lease land at above site to Hibernia Printing Works for 99 years at £20 a year.

1501.—No. 2, Dublin Road—O'Gorman.

The Town Clerk stated that Mr. Healy and himself had inspected the above house, which is owned by the Council, and found it in a very bad condition. The Council agreed to the suggestion that the question of transferring this family to one of the new houses be considered.

1502.—S.D.A. Loan Application.

An application from Eamonn Kelly, 7 Scott Park, for a loan of £2,500 was received. It was recommended that the granting of a loan be approved in principle, the Officials to determine the amount, having regard to the value of the premises and the ability of the applicant to repay.

1503.—52, Main Street.

It was agreed to grant a division of the lease on above, between Mrs. Kelly and her son Eamonn at £52 annual rent to be divided as follows: £42—Mrs. Kelly, and £10—Mr. Eamonn Kelly.

1504.—Town and Regional Planning.

(a) Application from Kilmacud Construction Co., Ltd., to erect a bungalow at Raheen Park.

Recommendation from Engineer that approval be granted subject to increasing the garage from 7 feet to 8 feet in width.

Engineer's Report adopted.

(b) Application from J. O'Gara (Boyle) for permission to erect a detached house on Ravenswell Road.

Recommendation from Engineer that approval be granted provided the structure already on the site was removed.

Engineer's Report adopted.

(c) Application from Mr. E. Kelly for permission to erect a house at rear of 52 Main Street.

Recommendation from Engineer that permission be granted.
Recommendation adopted.

(d) Application from Mr. P. Regan, Holyrood Hotel, Bray, for permission to make extensions to his premises.

Recommendations from Engineer that permission be refused on the grounds that the proposed extension would extend beyond the existing buildings on Strand Road, the Sidminton Avenue.

CHAIRMAN: J. Smyth

DATE: 8/12/64

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



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

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor G. H. G. Stuart.

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

1505.—E.S.V. Scheme.

Because of the danger that cement would not be obtainable for the above scheme, the Council decided to grant permission to the Town Engineer to formulate another scheme which would not require the use of quantities of cement.

1506.—Harbour Development—Sunbeam House.

A letter from Mr. Barry of Bord Falite to Councillor Hipwell was read, indicating that Bord Falite would be most interested, and would be prepared to contribute in the event of the Council purchasing Sunbeam House. Mr. Hipwell informed the Meeting that he felt it could be purchased for £15,000. The building itself could be used readily as a Court House, and the present Court House could be demolished. In this regard he stated that the owner of the Royal Hotel had informed him that he would be prepared to pay the cost of the demolition of the old Court House. Mr. Hipwell went on to point out that the yard attached to Sunbeam House could be used by Doherty's as a coal yard, and by Mr. Mullen, Builder, both of whose premises are located at present in the Harbour and were impeding the development plans for the Harbour. On the suggestion of Councillor Temple, it was decided that the Council get a report on the building from the Town Engineer, and the matter could then be discussed by a Committee of the County Council and the Urban Council.

The Town Clerk indicated that there was a portion of the Golf Club Grounds which would be acceptable to Messrs. Doherty's for a coal yard, and the Council approved the suggestion that the Golf Club Committee be written to in this matter.

The County Manager pointed out that they now had the power to acquire land by compulsion and suggested that they consider acquiring Doyle's field and the Gas Company land at Seapoint Road.

1507.—Housing List.

The Council considered the first seven pages of the October, 1964, Housing List, dealing in all with 114 of the more urgent cases. It was recommended that two names be struck off, the applicants in both cases having recently purchased houses. Various recommendations were made and noted regarding the urgency and non-urgency of specified cases on the list, and it was decided that a report would be received and action taken where it was necessary to issue Demolition or Closing Orders.

The Council unanimously recommended that Mr. J. Delaney of 1 Jones's Terrace be allocated the vacant house at 12 Chill Mountain Park.

1508.—Development at Lauderdale Terrace.

The Council considered a Town Planning application for the erection of twenty-four houses at Lauderdale Terrace. It was noted that the proposal meant, in effect, that the best portion of the Office Field would be taken from the Council and the public, leaving them only a portion which was liable to booding. The Town Clerk was directed to write to the Meath Estates expressing the Council's dissatisfaction at the proposal.

CHAIRMAN: *David Sayers*

DATE: *8/12/64*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban Council held at Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 8th December, 1964, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

1509.—Minutes of Meetings.

The Minutes of Special Meeting of October 27th, and Monthly Meeting of November 10th, which had been circulated, were adopted.

1510.—Manager's Orders.

Manager's Orders Nos. 8900 to 8907 were noted.

1511.—Bray Amusements—Christmas Tree.

Permission was granted to Bray Amusements to erect a Christmas Tree outside the Town Hall, as heretofore, and the Council agreed to lend the Committee strip-lighting for same.

1512.—Lease of Land at Purcell's Square.

On the proposition of Councillor Hipwell, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne, it was agreed to lease the site at Purcell's Square, area 1 rood, 13 perches and 26 sq. yards, to Mr. Owen McGarry, for 99 years, at £20 a year. Prior notification of the proposal, in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946, had been given to each Councillor.

1513.—Lease of Land at Rear of 51 Main Street.

On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. Byrne, it was agreed to lease site of 8 perches, at the rear of 51 Main Street, to Mr. Eamonn Kelly, for 99 years, at £10 per year. Notice, under Section 83 of the 1946 Act, had been given to each Councillor.

1514—On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. Byrne, it was agreed to lease the house and site—51 Main Street—to Mrs. C. Kelly for 99 years at £42 per year. Notice, under Section 83 of Local Government Act 1946, had been given to each Councillor.

1515.—Tenders for Scrap.

The Council, on the suggestion of Clr. Temple, directed that Tenders received be opened, and the Scrap sold, in accordance with the recommendation of the Town Engineer.

1516.—Minute No. 1473 of Meeting of 27th October.

Clr. McAuliffe stated that he had not been recorded as dissenting from proposal to purchase the Carlisle Grounds for a swimming pool. The Town Clerk said he would note the matter in the Minutes.

1517.—Industrial Yarns.

Clr. Temple gave a resumé of the position regarding Industrial Yarns, arising out of a Meeting of The Industrial Development Committee, and he stated that he hoped the position would now be understood, and the fact that Bray Urban Council had no option but to act as they did, and further, that Industrial Yarns Limited, being situated in County Dublin, any services to the factory were the responsibility of the Dublin County Council.

1518.—Office Field Park—Deputation.

The Council received Very Rev. Fr. O'Flynn and some thirty others from the Vevay Road area, who voiced their strong protest at the proposal of the Meath Estates to take over the better part of the Office Playing Field for the building of houses, and thereby deprive the youth of the area of a much needed field for games. Fr. O'Flynn, Messrs. Tracey and Hannon spoke, and sought the Council's help in the matter. It was finally decided that the Vevay Road Playing Field Committee, which included members of the Council, would ask that Lord Meath meet them in the Town Hall to discuss the matter at a very early date.

1519.—Sailing Club Deputation.

Colonel T. O'Brien lead the above deputation, and pointed out the difficulties his Club had through lack of amenities. Messrs. Barrington and Fisher, and Miss Ann Moran, also pressed the Club's case, that they either be granted the Council's hut at the Harbour, or granted permission to erect a temporary Club House on Dock Terrace. The deputation having left, it was decided, in principle, to grant them a site in Dock Terrace, and the Clerk was instructed to write asking that they apply, submitting a plan.

He was also instructed to get in touch with the Anglers' Association, and to state that the Council would be prepared to grant similar facilities to them. This was on the proposal of Clr. Hunt, seconded by Clr. McAuliffe.

1520.—Obstruction in the Harbour Mouth.

On the above question being raised, Mr. Healy pointed out that if this obstruction was removed, there was a very positive danger that the South Wall of the Harbour would be eroded. The obstruction gives a certain amount of protection to the Harbour Wall.

1521.—Hut at Harbour—Vocational School.

Arising out of the application by the Vocational School for use of this hut, Mr. Healy said that it is required for most of the year for storage. It might be possible to let it to the Vocational School for two months of the Summer. The Council suggested that this information be conveyed to Mr. Hutchinson, C.E.O.

1522.—Six Houses at Chapel Lane.—Graded Rents.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that the Department were not disposed to agree to a Fixed Rents Scheme for about houses, and had suggested a Graded Rents System. He felt that the Department would insist on this system. After a long discussion on the matter, Clr. Temple proposed, and Clr. McAuliffe seconded, that a Fixed Rent System. He felt that the Department would insist on this system. After a long discussion on the matter, Clr. Temple proposed, and Clr. McAuliffe

seconded, that a Fixed Rent System be adopted. On a vote being taken, three Members—Clr. Hipwell, Clr. McAuliffe and Clr. Temple—voted for Fixed Rents, and the other nine Members present voted for a Graded Rent System. It was accordingly agreed to adopt a Graded Rents System, whereby rents were scaled—26s. a week basic, to the economic rent, £3 a week basic.

1523—Vocational Education Committee—Annual Demand.
The Annual Demand submitted was for £4,190, and increase of £640 on that for last year. It represents an increase of 2.21d. in the pound over last year. On the proposition of Clr. Sayers, seconded by Clr. McAuliffe, the amount sought was granted.

1524—Public Lights.
Requests for Public Lights as follows were referred to the Town Engineer:

- (1) An extra light at Kennedy Villas.
- (2) An extra light on O'Byrne Road.
- (3) An extra light near the Cerebral Palsy Clinic, and Loreto Convent, Vevay Road.

1525—Buy Irish Campaign.
The Council noted the terms of Circular S.2/64 of the 27th November in above matter.

1526—Noise in Florence Road.
It was decided to refer letter from Mr. Davis, Royston, Florence Road, on the subject, to the Garda Síochána.

1527—Mr. Murphy, Overseer—Increase in remuneration.
On the proposition of Clr. McAuliffe, seconded by Clr. Sayers, it was agreed to grant W. Murphy, Overseer, an increase in his daily differential over the men, from 11s. 2d. per day, to 15s. per day, and a payment of 6s. 8d. per hour for 2½ hours on Saturday, when it becomes necessary for him to supervise members of the outdoor staff when they work on Saturdays, the increase being granted, with effect from the 1/1/1964. The Council agreed to provide the necessary expenditure therefor. The increase also to be subjected to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

Arising out of this matter, the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Manager had made an appointment with the Trade Union to discuss certain complaints from the staff, on Friday, 27th November. The Union Secretary or Members did not appear. Clr. Temple asked that the Manager investigate, personally, complaints of the situation, and disunity, between the Overseer and the staff.

1528—School Meals.
The Town Clerk explained the position which had arisen in the School Meals Scheme, and stated that it would not be possible to give cocoa to children who were not necessitous. They had examined the possibility of granting it to such children on a repayment basis, but the cost would be 3d. per day. Several Members felt that the cost should be lower, and it was asked that this aspect of the question be re-examined.

1529—Gaming and Lotteries Application.
The Town Clerk stated that Mr. E. Rapelli had notified his intention to apply for a Gaming and Lotteries Licence for his premises—1 Quinsboro Road. The Council recommended that the application be opposed, on the grounds that Quinsboro Road—a shopping and residential area

—was not a suitable area for Gaming and Lotteries. The Town Clerk also read a letter from the Council's Legal Advisors stating that, in their opinion, permission would have to be received under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for any change of user of the building. The recommendation, which was unanimous, was made on the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne.

1530—Town and Regional Planning.
Application from Mr. W. Scraggs, for permission to erect Petrol grounds that Filling Station, Garage Workshop, and showrooms at Quinsboro Road (Site of old cinema).

Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be refused for the following reasons:—

'The present junction of Galtrim Park with Quinsboro Road is very Blind and far from satisfactory.

The introduction of a filling station, as proposed, will result in traffic swinging in from Quinsboro Road towards the new petrol pumps and this will increase the danger to traffic at this road junction.

I also consider it undesirable that a public garage and workshop, complete with petrol pumps, should be constructed in the middle of a good class residential and shopping area. The noise in a garage workshop is objectionable, and the car-bodies, cars, oil drums and other materials which are invariably dumped or parked in the vicinity of a garage of this nature, are most undesirable on the main approaches to Bray Sea-front.

It also appears to me that this garage could adversely affect our already difficult traffic and parking situation on Quinsboro Road by attracting extra vehicles to the area.

The County Engineer also recommended that permission be refused as it would constitute a hazard to road traffic users and it would affect the existing amenities, and further, that the noise created by a workshop, and the parking of cars, would be undesirable in this area.

The Council concurred with the recommendations of the Engineers.

1531—The Chairman accepted the following Notice of Motion, for the next Meeting, from Clr. McAuliffe:—

'Take notice that I, or some Member acting on my behalf, shall at the next Statutory Meeting of the Bray Urban District Council, propose the following Notices of Motion:—

(1) That a request be sent to the Electricity Supply Board to modernise the Public Lighting System in the Bray Urban Area, and that a copy of the resolution passed by the Council be forwarded to the Associations directly connected with Public Lighting.

(2) That, following the increase in number of accidents on the Dublin/Bray Road, particularly around Loughlinstown Hospital, and with a view to reducing such accident rate on citizens of Bray, etc., that a resolution be passed, requesting the appropriate Road Authority and the Minister for Local Government to take immediate steps to have the dangerous access roads at Loughlinstown Hill reduced to a minimum.

Chairman..... *Wm. McAuliffe*

Date... 12-1-65

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



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

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from the Chairman, Mr. D. Sayers, and Councillors J. O'Toole, and G. H. G. Stuart.

Mr. McAuliffe stated that the Chairman was absent because of the sudden illness of Mrs. Sayers, and he asked that the Council would join him in wishing her a speedy recovery. The Council also expressed their good wishes for the restoration to health of Mrs. Byrne, mother of Clr. E. Byrne, who is also seriously ill.

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

1532—Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was expressed to:

Mrs. U. O'Dea, Pembroke Road, Dublin.

Superintendent J. Kelly, "Fairmead," Meath Road, Bray.

Mrs. V. Hayden, Upper Dargle Road, Bray.

Mr. B. Fitzsimons, 13 Brennan's Parade, Bray.

Mrs. K. Stuart, 11 St. Peter's Road, Bray.

Mrs. B. Farrell, 11, St. Brigid's Terrace, Bray.

Mrs. B. Richardson, Newcourt Villas, Bray.

Relatives of the late Mr. Reilly, 9 Duncairn Avenue, Bray.

Relatives of the late Mrs. Corcoran, St. Alban's, Meath Road.

Relatives of the late Mrs. Dwyer, No. 2 St. Peter's Road.

1533—Minutes of Meetings.

The Minutes of Special Meeting of November 17th, and Monthly Meeting of 8th December, which had been circulated, were adopted.

1534—Manager's Orders.

Manager's Orders for month of December were noted.

1535—Special Meeting.

On the suggestion of Clr. Temple, it was decided to hold a special meeting of the Council on Tuesday, 26th inst., to consider the remainder of the housing list, and to consider the prospect of obtaining sites for building thereon by direct labour.

1536—Motions re Public Lighting and Loughlinstown Road.

With the permission of the Council, the above Motions were deferred to the next Meeting.

1537—Public Lighting—Letter from Chamber of Commerce.

The Council considered a request from the Chamber of Commerce that two out of every three lights would remain lit until 1 p.m. each night. It was decided to get an estimate of cost for this from the E.S.B., and discuss it at the Estimates Meeting of the Council.

1538—Fire Officer.

Clr. Temple expressed the wish that the Fire Officer, Mr. Sharp, would attend Council Meetings when reports of his were being considered.

1539—Annual Estimates Meeting.

The date of the Annual Estimates Meeting was fixed at Tuesday, 30th March, 1965.

1540—Repairs to Bray Cove, and Reconstruction of Slipway.

The Town Clerk reported that the final cost of above work was £1,927. On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. Mrs. Ledwidge, it was resolved that sanction of the Minister to the raising of a Loan of £1,900 with the Council's Treasurers, for this work, be sought.

1541—Revision of Salaries Scale, Town Engineer.

On the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Hipwell, a revision of salaries scale to the Town Engineer, Mr. Healy, was approved, and the necessary excess expenditure voted therefor. The revision was in accordance with an arbitration award, with effect from the 1/10/63.

1542—Health Act.

On the proposition of Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Hipwell, it was unanimously agreed to request the Minister for Health to give a larger grant to the County Health Authorities in the coming year.

1543—Cinema Licences—Royal Cinema and Roxy Cinema.

The Fire Officer and Health Officer having reported that they had no objections, the Council granted Cinema Licences to the above cinemas for the coming year.

1544—Gaming and Lotteries.

It was decided to make no objection to the granting of licences in the cases of Irish Amusements, Limited, and Dawson's Amuse-

ments. The Fire Officer and Health Officer had no objections to the licences being granted.

1545—Bray Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws.

The Council approved the Draft Bye-Laws submitted by the Garda Síochána.

1546—Road Safety — Letter from Trades Council.

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

1547—Office Field.

The Town Clerk reported on the meeting between the Sub-committee, and the Earl of Meath, and informed the Council that Mr. Healy and Lord Meath's Architect were to have a further meeting in the matter.

1548—Combined Sewerage Scheme — Bray U.D.C./Wicklow Co. Council.

The Council, on the recommendation of the Town Engineer, recommended for acceptance the proposal of the Consultant Engineers, Messrs. McCabe and Delaney, that Messrs. Land and Marine Contractors, Ltd., be engaged to carry out a Hydrographic Survey of the sea bed off Bray Harbour, at an estimated cost of from £2500 to £3,000.

The Town Engineer, in his report, agreed with the consultants, that the above firm appeared to give the best service, at the cost, out of four specialist firms who were asked to tender.

1549—Housing Subsidies and S.D.A. Loans.

The Council adopted a Drogheda Corporation resolution, that: (a) Subsidy be paid on the actual cost of Local Authority Houses and (b) there be an increase of income limits for applicants for S.D.A. Loans and Grants.

1550—Housing Scheme — Palermo.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that the Architect on above scheme had revised the lay-out in accordance with the request from the Department of Local Government, and was preparing the Housing Plans. His revision resulted in an increase in the number of flats in the area. The proposal now being 88 flats and 66 houses, an increase of 15 flats.

The Architect further reported that it was felt that flats would cost in the region of £3,200 each, and the houses, approximately £2,600. This, the Town Clerk stated, would mean that the rents would be between £2 5s. 0d. and £2 10s. 0d. per week.

The Members noted the information, and urged that the Architect prepare the final plans as quickly as possible, because of the urgent need for houses.

1551—Local Government (Planning and Development) Applications.

(a) Application from Messrs. Irish Sound Construction Co., Ltd., for outline permission for 112 semi-detached houses at "Newstead," Vevay Road.

Recommendations from Town Engineer that the present application be refused for the following reasons:

- (1) Only one access off Vevay Road should be permitted. If houses are built facing Vevay Road they must be approached by a service road.
- (2) The area shown as Public Open Space is so provided that it would be of little use to residents in the proposed estate. Whereas the proportion of open space is adequate, the distribution is not.
- (3) No indication is given of how it is proposed to service this area. There may be some difficulty, particularly as regards sewers. Further information must be submitted—such as contours, proposed sewer lines, etc.—before a decision could be given on sewerage problems.
- (4) Some parking bays will be required on a large housing scheme of this nature.
- (5) It is desirable that some of the existing trees on this estate should be preserved and incorporated in the layout.
- (6) A decision on the question of density can scarcely be made at this stage until the "sewerability" of the site has been determined.

The Council concurred with the Town Engineer's recommendation

(b) Application from Mr. J. A. Nottage, Dublin Road, Bray, for permission to erect a Filling Station on Dublin Road, at its junction with St. Peter's Road.

Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be refused, in view of the damage which would result to traffic and pedestrians, from a Filling Station in this position. He further pointed out that St. Peter's Road is the only vehicular access to several hundred Council Houses, and that very heavy traffic uses this road. The Town Engineer considered that a filling station on this site would constitute a danger to traffic and pedestrians.

Council concurred with Town Engineer's recommendations.

(c) Application from Mrs. M. C. Stephens, of Bellecourt, Boghall Road, for out-line permission for housing development on a thirteen acre site within the urban area, at Boghall Road. Recommendation from Town Engineer that permission be refused as the site generally cannot be sewered, and that, consequently, the application should be regarded as premature.

After a discussion, the Council concurred with the recommendation, but suggested that the Town Engineer meet the Architect to discuss the matter, as it appeared that a very small portion of the site could be sewered.

1552—Beach Pavilion and Diving Stage.

Mr. Barry, Bord Fáilte Éireann, attended the Meeting to discuss various aspects of the above development.

(a) He produced a Plan of a proposal to have a building on the Fourcourt of the new Beach Pavilion. This building would incorporate: (i) A Tourist Information Office, which could be rented to the Eastern Tourist Development Board; (ii) Public Telephone Kiosks, and (iii) A Bus Kiosk. It was estimated that the cost of this building would be £3,750.

After a protracted discussion, the Council, on the proposition of Cllr. M. O'Toole, seconded by Cllr. G. Hunt, accepted the proposal, and agreed to be responsible for 20 per cent. of the cost. At this stage,

Mr. Temple brought up the question of whether the work should be advertised as a separate contract, or given to the present contractors as an extra on the scheme. He felt strongly that it should be advertised separately, and pointed out that this would mean that the work be completed more expeditiously, as the present contractors could, conceivably object to having another contractor on the site until they were finished their other works.

After another lengthy discussion, the Council accepted Mr. Barry's viewpoint. Clr. Temple asked to be recorded as dissenting from the view point.

(b) Diving Stage.

Mr. Barry informed the Meeting that he had received a communication from the Architect on above work, which was in progress, stating that the final estimated cost would be £9,500, and not £8,200 as originally estimated. Council agreed to pay 20 per cent. of extra cost.

(c) Beach Pavilion Proper.

Mr. Barry submitted a schedule of costs of repairs and variations on above, as follows:—

	Total	B.F.E.	U.D.C.
1. Additional Storage Tanks	3,250	2,600	650
2. Lining Tanks to Concrete Ditto	1,000	1,000	—
3. Clothes Baskets	135	—	135
4. Guard Rails (if provided)	600	480	120
5. No. 4 Public Lighting Standards at end of paved area (if provided)	200	160	40
6. Symbols ('Men' and 'Women')	40	32	8
7. Contingencies (provisional)	300	240	60
8. Statement No. 1 (per letter of 2/8/64)	32,975	25,833	7,142
Total (estimated)	38,500	30,345	8,155

X The Council agreed to provide the extra monies for all the eight items listed, except No. 1. Several Members held the view that the Council should not be asked to pay anything for additional storage tanks which, they thought, should have been planned for originally by the architects. After some discussion on this point, Mr. Barry agreed that Bord Failte pay the full £3,250 extra for these additional storage tanks.

1553—Allocation of Houses at Chapel Lane.

The County Medical Officer of Health recommended the following for the Houses in Chapel Lane:

- (1) W. O'Gorman, Dublin Road, Bray.
- (2) T. Green, Rear 8, Prince of Wales Terrace.
- (3) R. Murray, Greenpark Road.
- (4) M. Fleming, 29 Castle Street.
- (5) P. J. O'Toole, 9 Jones' Terrace.

The Members asked that he give consideration to the case of O'Dea, 5 Jones' Terrace. In the case of O'Toole of Jones' Terrace, the Town Clerk said that it might not be possible to house this man at present, as his Landlord has refused to give an Undertaking regarding his present accommodation, which is unfit for human habitation.

Chairman *Dani Sayers*

Date *9/2/65*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held at Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday the 26th January, 1965, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Mr. M. Flannery (County Manager) and Messrs. J. O'Toole, G. H. G. Stuart, G. Hunt and J. Byrne.

Officials Present—M. Healy (Town Engineer), J. Comyn (Health Officer) and D. F. McCarthy (Town Clerk).

1554—Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was expressed to the relatives of the late Mrs. Alice Byrne and the Members present paid tribute and to that of her late husband, who for so many years was a public representative in Bray and in Co. Wicklow.

Sympathy was also expressed to the relatives of the late Mr. J. Cooney, who had been a Member of the Council for many years.

The Meeting adjourned for 15 minutes as a mark of respect.

1555—Congratulations.

Sincere congratulations and good wishes from the Council were voted to His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Conway, Bishop of Armagh, on his elevation to the rank of Cardinal.

1556—S.D.A. Loan—Application.

On the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, it was agreed to grant a Loan of £1,800 to Mr. Eamonn Kelly, 51, Main Street, Bray, in respect of a house to be erected at the rear of 51, Main Street. The Loan to be subject to compliance with the customary conditions.

1557—14, Dock Terrace.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that Mr. Darcy, the owner of 14, Dock Terrace, has now agreed to sell the house to the Council for £1,200, plus legal expenses—Bord Failte to contribute 80 per cent. of the cost. On the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Sayers, it was agreed and the necessary excess expenditure voted.

1558—Public Lighting.

Arising out of Mr. McAuliffe's Motion re Public Lighting a Subcommittee of the following were appointed to meet Officials of the

E.S.B. in an endeavour to devise a scheme for improving public lighting in the Town at a cost within the capacity of the Council. The Committee were Cirs. H. L. McAuliffe, E. Byrne, J. Temple, C. Doyle and the Chairman Mr. Sayers.

1559—Loughlinstown Road.

On the proposition of Mr. McAuliffe, it was unanimously decided that Dun Laoghaire Corporation be written to and asked, in the interests of safety, to close off as many of the entrances to the new Dual Carriageway at Loughlinstown as possible. They were also to close the openings in the centre margin of the roadway and further to erect warning signs at the approaches to the Hospital. Another suggestion was that they re-make the surface of the road of which complaints were received.

1560—Housing Sites for Direct Labour.

On the proposition of Clr. Temple, it was decided that Meath Estates Ltd., be asked to dispose of Boghall Park to the Council for the erection of houses thereon. It was further decided that Mr. Healy prepare plans for the erection of not less than thirty Houses by direct labour. It was felt that some of these could not be erected at Peete's Field. The Council recommended that extra remuneration be paid to Mr. Healy for his work in erecting houses by direct labour.

1561—Housing List.

The Council took up consideration of the Housing List and examined Pages 3, 9, 10, and two applicants on Page 11. In each case the Members gave their views on the state of urgency of the applicants. It was then decided on the proposition of Clr. Temple that the Town Clerk would go through the List and compile therefrom a list of those whom it was felt would be able to afford houses in a Tenant Purchase Scheme.

No. 6 Chapel Lane. Clr. Temple raised the question of a previous recommendation of the Council that Mr. O'Dea of 5, Jones's Terrace, be allocated a house in Chapel Lane. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Medical Officer of Health had not yet made a recommendation of the matter, but if Mr. O'Dea were recommended there would be, at present, dangers of (a) The Council losing their subsidy and (b) of a second tenant being installed in 5, Jones's Terrace, from where the Council would not be allowed to re-house him. All this because the owner of the house had declined to give an undertaking not to re-let the house for human habitation and that the said owner had twenty-eight days to appeal against the Demolition Order which had been served on him. Clr. Temple pressed very strongly that Mr. O'Dea be housed and it was finally decided to discuss the matter again at the Meeting to be held on the 9th February.

Chairman *David Sayers*

Date *9/3/65*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held at Town Hall, Bray, on Wednesday, 17th February, 1965, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors J. Byrne and G. H. G. Stuart, and from Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager.

1581—Congratulations.

The Council voted their congratulations to Mr. Andy McEvoy on his receipt of the Caltex Award, and on his brilliance as a forward in English First Division Football.

1582—Sympathy.

The Sympathy of the Council was voted to the relatives of the late Mr. Britton, Galtrim Park, and of the late Mrs. C. McCarthy, Galtrim Park.

1583—Land for Housing.

Following a general discussion, the Council, on the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Hipwell, approved of negotiations in progress with Mr. W. Cassell and Mr. J. Murphy, for the purchase of their lands, totalling some forty acres, for the purposes of erecting houses thereon. The Council also directed that a Compulsory Purchase Order be made if it was found impossible to acquire the lands at a fair price by negotiation.

1584 — Purchase of Sunbeam House—Courthouse and Dispensary Requirements.

A long discussion was initiated arising out of a query from Clr. C. Doyle, as to what was the position regarding the proposal that the County Council purchase Sunbeam House, Lower Dargle Road, for a Courthouse. Clr. Temple informed the Meeting that the matter had been considered at a Sub-committee level, and a final decision would be taken in the near future by the Wicklow County Council, and several Members then referred to the need for some type of dispensary accommodation in the Little Bray area for old people who found the journey to the Killarney Road Clinic too long, and also on the desirability of having the present Courthouse demolished and a new one provided.

It was finally decided that the Council recommend to the Wicklow

County Council that:

- (a) Kennymore premises at Castle Street, which was being purchased should be taken over as a temporary dispensary, and (b) that plans should be set afoot to erect a new Courthouse on the grounds of the Clinic in Killarney Road, and the old Courthouse be demolished.

The Town Clerk was directed to ask what help Bord Fáilte would give in the matter of the Courthouse.

1585—Public Lighting.

It was agreed that the Sub-committee appointed, regarding above, meet Electricity Supply Board representatives in the Town Hall at 8 p.m., on Friday, 5th March.

1586—Road Safety.

It was agreed to receive the Bray Trades Council at the March Meeting, as they were unable to attend last night's Meeting.

1597—Town Planning.

The Town Engineer recommended approval for the following three applications, and the Council concurred

- (a) Mr. A. Nolan, "Alverma," Meath Road—fitting a Dormer window in attic.
 (b) Thomas Murphy, Lower Dargle Road—Extension to Garage.
 (c) J. Tynan, Strand Road, Bray—Two semi-detached houses at Lower Rargle Road.

An application from O'Neill and Company, Newcourt Road, for permission to build two houses on a site at Raheen Park produced a report from the Engineer, stating that he felt the site was not suitable for two houses, and recommending that one house be allowed.

The Council urged the Town Engineer to re-examine the application to see if there was any possibility of the two houses being fitted into the site.

1588—Tenant Purchase Scheme—Wolfe Tone Square, O'Byrne Road, and Kilmantin Park.

The Town Clerk reported the result of the Meeting of a Sub-committee of the Council with a Tenant Sub-committee as follows:—

- (1) The Sub-committee felt that they could not accede to the Tenants' request that special repairs be carried out in the cases of houses being sold under the proposed Purchase Scheme.
 (2) The Sub-committee felt that a Tenant wishing to sell his house within seven years of the initial purchase payment, should be compelled to give the first option to the Council, the price to be based on the amount of the purchase money which had been paid by the tenant. After the seven years, the Tenant's only obligation, on reselling, would be, that the Council would approve of the purchaser.
 (3) A Tenant purchaser to have the same rights as regards disposal by will to his relatives, as the ordinary owner of a house.
 (4) The Sub-committee felt that there was nothing they could do within the Scheme to cover a case where the son or daughter of the tenant had been actually living in the house, and paying the rent for several years before the parent died, and the tenancy was transferred at an up-graded rent.
 (5) The Sub-committee felt they could not accede to the request of the Tenants Group that the 3d. per room increase made some years ago be deducted when computing the purchase price.

- (6) The Sub-committee felt that no useful purpose would be served by extending the period of seven years.

Clr. Temple said that he felt that a case could be made for repairs to be carried out, and there were many repairs which needed to be effected. He also asked that when the scheme was being submitted to the Minister, a strong case should be made for the position which some of the Tenants found themselves in, under item 4 above. He further brought up, what he felt to be a very important point, and this was the safeguarding against immediate, or almost immediate, resale by a Tenant who purchased their house by an outright payment.

The Town Clerk stated that he felt that this undesirable eventuality could be guarded against in the lease.

After some further discussion, it was decided that the Town Clerk seek legal opinion as to the possibility of guarding against immediate resale, at a profit, and if there were no adequate safeguards, the Scheme should be submitted to the Department on the basis that there would be no outright purchasing allowed.

1589—Bus Tour and Information Kiosks.

In reply to a question from Clr. Hunt, the Town Clerk said that he had been informed that afternoon that these buildings would not be ready for this season. Clr. Temple, and other Members, directed that Bord Fáilte should be informed that it was imperative that they be finished and that the Council were extremely perturbed at the delay.

Chairman..... *David Joyce*

Date..... *9/3/65*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held at Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 9th February, 1965, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

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

1562—Minutes of Meeting.

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

1563—Congratulations.

The congratulations of the Council were voted to Assistant Commissioner William Quinn, on his promotion to the rank of Commissioner.

1564—Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was voted to the relatives of the late Charles Kelly, and to Mr. Y. Renard-Gaulet on recent bereavements.

1565—Zambian Student.

The Council noted that a Zambian Student was being sent to study for some weeks at the Town Hall.

1566—Manager's Order—Town Planning Application.

Arising out of Manager's Order No. T.P. 31, Councillor Temple deplored the fact that so many private building schemes were being rejected. There was a lengthy discussion, during which it was pointed out that the main reason for the rejection of the application for development at "Newstead" was the approach roads and the question of "sewerability."

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Architect in question was in touch with the Town Engineer in the matter.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr. M. O'Toole, it was resolved that the officials examine, as a matter of urgency, the possibility of purchasing suitable sites for private development.

1567—Gaming and Lotteries—Applications, Freeny and Arcadia.

There having been no objections received from the Council's Technical Officers, the Council, with Mr. McAuliffe dissenting in the case of Freeny, decided to take no action in connection with above applications.

1568—Tidy Towns Competition.

The Council (Cllr. McAuliffe dissenting), decided to enter the Tidy Towns Competition for the coming year. This item gave rise to a general discussion on the condition of the town.

The Town Clerk was directed to look into the question of the unfinished Arcadia, and the condition of the wall near Dr. Devlin's house.

Litter—It was decided that the Overseer and the Health Inspector be instructed to initiate prosecutions to those contravening the Litter Bye-Laws.

Complaints were made that the Scavenging Staff were not emptying the litter bins, and it was directed that the Town Engineer look into the matter.

1569—Old Age Pensions—Dun Laoghaire Resolution.

The Council adopted a Dun Laoghaire resolution, calling for an increase in Old Age Pensions, and that the Non-contributory Pensions be increased to a level with the Contributory Pensions.

Cllr. Hipwell proposed a further resolution, which was seconded by Cllr. M. O'Toole, and adopted, that the present system of estimating that, whatever capital old age pensioners had accumulated be presumed to produce 10 per cent. interest, be modified to a more realistic figure.

1570—Speed Limit — Castleblayney Resolution.

The resolution from Castleblayney Urban District Council, calling for a general speed limit of 50 miles per hour, was marked "read."

1571—Road Safety—Letter from Trades Council.

It was agreed to receive a deputation from the Trades Council at the next meeting of the Council, to discuss several matters to do with Road Safety and Traffic.

1572—Bray Sailing Club.

Bray Sailing Club submitted a Plan for a temporary Club House at Dock Terrace. It was agreed to grant them a temporary Licence for the Club House at the nominal rent of £1 a year, subject to their completing the necessary agreement.

1573—Housing—Peete's Field.

The Council approved of the plans of Messrs. Boyle and Delaney, for 96 flats and 70 houses at Peete's Field, and expressed the wish that sanction be obtained as soon as possible.

1574—Allocation of No. 6, Chapel Lane.

The Council concurred with the Medical Officer of Health's recommendation that the above house be granted to Mr. J. Brien, 24 Castle Street, whom the Medical Officer deemed, lived in grossly overcrowded circumstances. The Council requested that Mr. O'Dea of 5 Jones' Terrace be allocated 24 Castle St.

1575—Five Day Week — Outdoor Staff.

The Council agreed to the granting of a five day week for the full year, to the Council's Outdoor Staff, and agreed to provide the necessary excess expenditure to which this would give rise.

1576—Increase in Remuneration—Council worker, Thomas Murray.

On the proposition of Clr. Hipwell, seconded by Clr. Temple, it was agreed to pay the above-mentioned Council employee, an increase of 15s. per week, with effect from the 1st April, 1965, because of his extra skill and the extra work he was doing on both the Seafont and in the People's Park.

1577—Damage to Railings at Promenade.

Engineer's Report noted.

1578—Boghall Park.

A letter was received from Meath Estates, in reply to a request from the Council that this park be sold to the Council for housing purposes. The Meath Estates indicated that they could not sell outright, but were prepared to have the park developed for private houses, of a similar type to those located nearby. This was agreed.

1579—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

An application was received from the Architect to the Meath Estates for permission to erect 24 houses at Lauderdale Terrace.

The Town Engineer recommended that Outline Permission be granted, if the question of the adjacent football ground (Office Field) being retained by the Council was settled.

The Council recommended that it be indicated to the Meath Estates that permission would be granted to the application, if the Meath Estates in their turn, granted a long lease on portion of the Office Field, as present held by the Council for a Playground and football pitch, which, it was felt, is imperative to provide in this area of the town, where an expansion of population was inevitable.

1580—It was decided to hold a Special Meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 17th inst., to discuss:

- (a) Traffic conditions with the Trades Council, and
- (b) Tenant Purchasing Scheme.

David Sayers

CHAIRMAN, Bray Urban District Council

9/3/65

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held at Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 9th March, 1965, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

1590—Minutes of Meetings.

The Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 9th January, and Special Meetings of 17th February, and 26th January, which had been circulated, were adopted.

1591—Manager's Orders.

Manager's Orders for month of February were noted.

1592—Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was voted to:

Mrs. McGennetty, Meath Road, on the deaths of her husband and brother.

Mrs. Woods, Putland Road, on the death of her husband.

Mrs. O'Brien, 7 St. Laurence's Tce., on the death of her father.

Mrs. Flynn, 8 Loreto Terrace, on the death of her husband.

Mr. B. Connolly, Shankhill, on the death of his mother.

Mrs. O'Sullivan, 26 Maitland St., on the death of her father,

and also to the relatives of:

the late Joseph Kenny,

the late Thomas Beatty,

the late Mary Furlong,

and the late J. D. O'Reilly.

1593—Zambian Student.

The Chairman and other Members extended welcome to Mr. Chibiliti of Zambia, who had come to study Local Government affairs in Ireland. Mr. Chibiliti thanked the Members for their welcome.

1594—51 Main Street, Bray.

On the suggestion of Clr. Temple, the Town Clerk was asked to ring the Department, and urge that they give immediate sanction to the lease of land to Mr. Eamonn Kelly, rear 51 Main Street.

1595—Peete's Field Scheme.

There was a long discussion on the fact that no word has been received from the Department regarding the above scheme, during which it was suggested that the Minister be asked to receive a deputation in the matter, if sanction was not received in the course of a few days.

1596—Eastern Regional Tourist Board.

Mr. H. Naylor, of the above Board, attended the Meeting, and explained to the Members what his Board were attempting to do, dwelling particularly on two points: (1) the need for promotional activity in the town, and (2) his Board's proposal to set up an information centre.

Regarding No. (1), it was decided, on the suggestion of Mr. Temple, that when Mr. Naylor would be available, a meeting of all bodies in the town, who might be helpful in the matter of tourism, be called, to discuss publicity and promotions.

Regarding No. (2), the Town Clerk had earlier informed the Meeting that Mr. Walker, Architect, felt that the 'Bus and Tourist Information Kiosks would be erected by the end of June, but would not commit himself on this point. The Council again deplored the excessive delay. Mr. Naylor said he had been acquainted with this, and he proposed to put a specially constructed caravan on the site in the month of May. This could be used until such time as a permanent structure was erected. This was agreed.

1597—Road Safety: Deputation from Trades Council.

A deputation from the Trades Council, consisting of Messrs. R. Connolly, P. Connolly, S. Donnegan, C. Grant, and W. Moore, attended. They urged that the Council set up a permanent Road Safety Committee, and provide recreational devices in the parks to keep the children off the road.

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Minister to the Chairman, urging that a short road safety campaign be instituted between the 26th May and 2nd June. The deputation also stated that they would be asking the Wicklow County Council to make changes and additions in the pedestrian crossing system in the main thoroughfare, and they hoped they would have the Urban Council's support in this matter.

A letter from the Chamber of Commerce, regarding traffic on Seapoint Road, was referred to the Town Engineer. It was agreed to erect a "TO SEAPRONT" sign at the Courthouse corner.

1598—Closing of Roads.

The Council agreed to publish the customary notice of intention to close Florence Road for the Bray annual cycle race, between the hours of 2.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m., on Sunday, May 23rd.

The Council also agreed to give the use of the Southern Bandstand to the Bray Amusements Committee, in connection with the Annual Scooter Rally on Sunday, May 30th.

1599—Council's Revenue Account—Overdraft Accommodation.

On the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. Sayers, it was agreed to seek the sanction of the Minister to the raising, by the Council, of an Overdraft Accommodation in its Revenue Account, for a sum not to exceed £25,000, for the period ending 31st July, 1965.

1600—Excess Expenditure.

On the proposition of Clr. Temple, seconded by Clr. E. Byrne, excess expenditure in the sum of £225 was voted under the heading "roads," in connection with the return of Superannuation payments to Overseer, Mr. W. Murphy.

1601—Pensions Increase Bill 1964.

The Council unanimously agreed to grant an increase in pension of £11 16s. 3d., per annum, to ex-employee, John Keenan, under the provisions of the above Act, and with effect from the 1/10/1964.

1602.—Gaming and Lotteries Acts.

On hearing reports from the Fire Officer and Health Officer, the Council decided to raise no objections to the granting of licences, under the above Act, to the following:

Mr. W. S. Simpson, "Monaco," 10 (b) Albert Walk, Bray.
Mrs. Mary O'Toole, 10 (a) Albert Walk, Bray.
Alphonso A. Borza, 1 Marlborough Terrace, Bray.
Michael O'Toole, 13 (b) Albert Walk, Bray.
E. Boni, 75 Strand Road, Bray.

In connection with Mr. Boni, the Council also recommended that permission be granted, under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, after considering a report from the Town Engineer.

1603—Gaming and Lotteries Acts—E. Rapell, Quinsboro Road, Bray.

The Town Clerk stated that Mr. Healy and himself had attended the District Court on the 26th ult., where Mr. McCarroll, Solicitor had opposed the granting of a licence, under the above Act, in respect of these premises. When informed that permission would also have to be obtained, under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, and that such permission had been sought, the District Judge adjourned the case until the Council had taken a decision on the application under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

The Council considered this application, and having heard a report from the Town Engineer in the matter, recommended that permission, under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, be not granted, on the grounds that it would be undesirable to have a premises of this nature in one of the main business areas of the town. Councillor Temple asked that the Council's Solicitor attend the next Meeting to discuss the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, with the Members.

1604.—Notices of Motion.

The following Notices of Motion were accepted by the Chairman for discussion at the next Meeting of the Council.

1. "That the Council take the necessary steps immediately to acquire lands within the confines of the Urban District, which can be provided with essential public services, and which can be let by the Council to persons on the Council's Housing List, or who otherwise may be approved by the Council, and who are desirous of building houses for their own occupation. Details of a scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants by the Council to assist such persons also to be prepared and submitted."
2. "That, at its next Meeting, the Council consider taking over Albert Walk, and that, in the meantime, the Town Engineer report on the cost of either removing or terracing the unsightly bank which has been the cause of so many complaints for many years."

1605—Tenders for Licenses, etc., on the Seafront.

The following tenders were received, and recommended for acceptance:—

- Photographic Licence: P. A. Byrne, 5 St. Peter's Road, Bray: £25 5s.
- Deckchair Licence: P. Mooney and P. O'Neill, 2 Connolly Sq.: £40 0s.
- Putting Green: P. Mooney and P. O'Neill, 2 Connolly Sq.: £350 0s.
- Site for sale of Oysters: T. Boyle, 12 Muckras Ave., Perrinstown, Dublin, £20.

Ponies on the Beach: A Gaskin, 2 Herbert View, Dargle Rd., £10 0s.
Weighing Machines and Telescopes; British Automatic Co., Ltd., 36a

St. George's Street, Dublin: 4 Weighing Machines at £5 per machine; six Telescopes at £6 per machine. Total £44.

Chairman.....*David Sayers*
Date.....*13/4/65*

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Special Meeting of Bray Urban District Council held at Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 16th March, 1965, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Clr. G. H. G. Stuart for inability to attend.

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

1606.—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

In connection with an application, under the above Act, for change of usage of the premises known as the "Silver Lounge," 1 Quinsboro Road, Bray, the Law Agent gave details of the Council's Powers, conferred on them under the above Act.

Following a discussion the following resolution was proposed and adopted:

Proposed by Clr. J. Temple,
Seconded by Clr. H. L. McAuliffe,
and resolved unanimously:

"That, having heard the report of the Town Engineer on this application, the Council consider that permission for change of use of the premises, owned and used by Mr. Rapelli, at 1 Quinsboro Road, Bray, for the purpose of Gaming should not be granted under the Local Government (Planning and Development Act) 1963."

1607.—Notice of Motion re Albert Walk.

Clr. Hipwell moved the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:

"That, at its next Meeting, the Council consider taking over Albert Walk, and that, in the meantime, the Town Engineer report on the cost of either removing or terracing the unsightly bank which has been the cause of so many complaints for many years past."

Following a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Clr. H. B. Hipwell, and seconded by Clr. J. Temple, that a legal opinion be sought regarding the taking over of Albert Walk. The Council agreed to this proposition, with Clr. McAuliffe dissenting.

1608—Notice of Motion re Assistance Schemes for the building of new houses.

Clr. E. E. Byrne moved the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:

"That the Council take the necessary steps immediately to acquire lands within the confines of the Urban District which can be provided with essential public services, and which can be let by the Council to persons on the Council's Housing List, or who otherwise may be approved by the Council, and who are desirous of building houses for their own occupation. Details of a scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants by the Council to assist such persons also to be prepared and submitted."

The above Notice of Motion was discussed at length, and it was decided, on the proposition of Clr. E. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Temple, that a deputation of the Council, consisting of the Chairman, Clrs. E. Byrne, C. Doyle, and J. Temple, should meet the Earl of Meath, on a date to be fixed later, to discuss the proposal of acquiring sites for housing purposes.

1909.—Housing Scheme at Boghall Road, County Area.

The Town Engineer's report on the above matter was discussed.

After a lengthy debate, it was decided that the deputation named in the previous minute should also meet Mrs. Stephens and her Architect, to discuss the various problems arising out of this proposal.

1610—Allocation of 24 Castle Street.

It was decided to refer this matter back to the County Medical Officer of Health for further consideration.

1611—Water Supply—Scott Park.

This item is included in the Estimates for the forthcoming year.

1612—Local Government (Planning and Development) Applications.

The Town Engineer recommended approval for the following two applications, and the Council concurred:

- (a) Mr. P. Regan, Hollyrood Hotel, Bray—Extension to Hotel.
- (b) Mr. Frank Duff, Main Street, Bray—Extension and Alterations to Lounge Bar.

1613—Town Planning Application from W. L. Cassells for Outline Approval for land at Old Conna.

Having considered the Town Engineer's report on the matter it was decided to refer this application to the County Engineer for his recommendation.

1614—Sympathy.

The sympathy of the Council was voted to the relatives of the late Dr. J. H. Raverty, Medical Hall, Herbert Road, Bray.

The Members of the Council paid tribute to the valued service rendered by Dr. Raverty as Dispensary Officer in Bray over the years, and the County Manager associated himself with this message.

Chairman.....*J. Sayers*.....

Date.....*13/4/65*.....

BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Minutes of Estimates Meeting of Bray Urban District Council, held at Town Hall, on Tuesday, 30th March, 1965, at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

1581—Submitted Report of the County Manager dater 18th March, 1965.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS.

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

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

The amount to be met from the Rate Levy in the coming year, as shown above is £147,876. The Municipal Rate which would be required to produce £147,876 is 5s 4d, and this would be an increase of 8s. 10d. over the rate for the present year which is 4s. 6d.

The Estimates now submitted for your consideration will require a steep rise in the Rate Levy for the coming year and one which would be an increase very much in excess of any which had to be met in recent times. Last year the estimates which were submitted provided for an increase of 5s. 2d. but the Council reduced this by applying £1,327 from Credit Balances, which was equivalent to about 6d. in the £1 and effected a reduction equivalent to 4d. in the £1 by paring back the provision in the estimates for a number of items. Unfortunately no credits whatever are available in the present year with which to effect any reduction in the rate to be levied.

Of the increase of 8s. 10d. an amount of 4s. 6d. is attributable to the County Council Demand and the balance of 4s. 4d. is due to the cost of the Council's own services. The provision being made for the Council's own services includes outlay on many proposed new works, the provision of additional equipment, improved Public Lighting and repairs and improvements at the Seafont. In addition a

reduction in working hours and the introduction of a five-day week has entailed the recruitment of additional staff for cleansing and again the endeavour to reach higher standards of maintenance at the Seafrost and Parks has necessitated the employment of additional workmen. The cost of the Council's Services has in addition been affected by awards under the National Arbitration Scheme for Local Authorities Staffs, which have led to increases in remuneration. Furthermore, it is necessary to make provision for an increased outlay on Superannuation whilst the cost of Vocational Education also shows a rise.

ROADS.

The total outlay for Roads is estimated at £9,578 and after taking into account receipts of £3,510, mainly from Government Grants, the net outlay is £6,068. The item which almost altogether accounts for the increase in respect of roads is the provision being made for new footpaths.

Road Fund Grant.

The receipt by way of Road Fund Grant, which comes from Motor Taxation is again estimated at £1,760. The amount received in the present year was spent on new footpaths at Seapoint Road, Galtrim Park and Convent Avenue.

Employment Schemes Grant.

The Council each year received a special State Grant for an Employment Scheme to be carried out in mid-Winter. In the present year the amount received was £1,750, a sum which was less by £300 than that received in previous years. To this the Council makes a contribution of £250 so that the total amount available for road works is £1,750. In the present year this Grant was used for the provision of new lengths of concrete roadway at St. Peter's Road and Fairview Road.

Reconstruction of Footpaths.

As mentioned when the Estimates were being submitted last year, the Council in the past eighteen years has been engaged in a continuous programme of road improvements, the cost of which was defrayed by Loans. In all Loans amounting to over £35,000 were raised. In 1963/64 the Council decided to borrow £2,000 for the reconstruction of footpaths and this involves a Loan charge in the coming year of £374. As complaints still continue to be received about the condition of footpaths, the Town Engineer has recommended that a further Loan of £7,500 should be borrowed. This would bring the total capital outlay on footpaths to the considerable sum of £10,000. The new Loan of £7,500 would involve the Council in a substantial Loan charge. In a full year the amount to be met would be £1,200 and in the attached estimates the amount included is £600, being the repayment for a half-year.

Albert Walk.

It has been urged that the Council would take over the short private pathway known as Albert Walk for improvement and subsequent maintenance. The Town Engineer has reported on many occasions in recent years against such a proposal and indeed it is difficult to see how any sustainable arguments could be put forward for this suggestion. Albert Walk is a shopping precinct and has always been limited to pedestrians only. It is private property and the high value of the shops, etc., which adjoin it derive from the fact

that it is solely a pedestrian way. It is so narrow that it could never be used as a public road for vehicular traffic and consequently the Council could not possibly take it over as a public road. Indeed, its character and its value would be only adversely affected if it ever came to be used for vehicles—however such a happening is manifestly impossible.

It has been contended that the Council should take it over as a Public right-of-way. But it already is a public right-of-way and there is no likelihood whatever of its being shut off to public use as the value of the properties on it depend completely on its being kept open as a public right-of-way. The Council also has been asked to maintain and improve the bank on the side which adjoins the railway properties. But it is not a function of the Council to maintain embankments supporting the property of other persons or bodies.

Recently the Town Engineer has estimated that to carry out the works sought would cost £1,200. The properties adjoining Albert Walk are valuable to judge by the rents, which have been charged for them. The maintenance and improvement of the area is a matter for the ground Landlords and others with an interest in the area. It seems that no valid argument could be adduced in favour of the spending of public funds for such purpose. For these reasons no provision has been made in the Estimates for any work at Albert Walk.

SANITARY SERVICES.

The gross outlay on Sanitary Services is estimated at £28,860 which compares with £25,444 in the present year. After deducting receipts of £2,973 the net outlay is £25,887 which compares with £22,531 in the present year—a net increase of £3,356. The principal items accounting for this increase are Loan charges of £498, arising from the purchase of equipment for Water Supply; £500 for new watermain valves. There is an additional outlay of over £1,100 on Cleansing; £275 extra on Public Lighting, and £100 is being provided for the maintenance of the new Beach Pavilion at the Seafrost.

Street and Household Cleansing.

The total cost will be £10,186 in the coming year, including Loan charges and improvements at the Dumping Ground at Woodbrook. The Rate required for Cleansing would be 3s. 6d. in the £1.

Because of the introduction of a Five-Day working week and the necessity to provide for an expanding service, it will be necessary to employ two extra workmen on this service. Certainly the present standard of collection of household refuse cannot be maintained—in particular a daily collection on some of the main thoroughfares during the Summer months—unless additional staff be engaged. The cost of additional Staff is estimated at £1,134.

The full Loan on a new tipper lorry for the Cleansing service will have to be met in the coming year and this involves £100 extra. The provision of new fencing and a culvert at the Dumping Ground will cost £130.

The Town Engineer has recommended the purchase of a small lorry or van to collect road sweepings and the contents of litter bins. This vehicle would also help to eliminate the temporary dumps to which objection has been raised. The cost of this vehicle would be £1,200. This new van, however, will not require the employment of an additional driver.

Provision of Litter Bins.

A sum of £100 is again included for new Litter Bins. The wanton damage to these is considerable and most of them have to be renewed at the end of each year.

Water Works.

It has been found that some of the watermain valves for controlling the water supply are worn out and their replacement will cost £500.

The Council agreed some time ago to lay a new water main at Boghall so as to give better pressure in the Scott Park area. The cost of the main will be £1,200 and the loan charge will be £100 after taking into account State Subsidy.

The Town Engineer has reported that the following new equipment is required in connection with the water supply:—

A Compressor for use in road openings	£3,000
A Sludge Pump for removing water and sludge from cuttings	£300
A small vibrating roller to restore road surfaces after cuttings	£1,000
A Lighting and Heating Unit for night work (on water supply maintenance mostly)	£100

The Loan charges on the total capital outlay of £4,400 on this equipment, together with £1,200 for a Cleansing Service Van (Referred to under Cleansing) would be £996 in a full year, and provision for a half-year or £498 is included in the Estimates.

Sewerage.

Whilst the charges for Sewerage do not show any change it must be borne in mind that this service could cost much more in a few years time when a comprehensive sewerage scheme for the Urban District and adjoining areas is installed. Apart from new mains the new Scheme can be expected to involve costly outfall works beyond the Harbour. At present very detailed marine surveys are in progress and the type of disposal system will depend on the outcome of these surveys. Wherever the new main sewers and disposal works assist the development of lands within the Urban area, it should be expected that the owners of such lands should make a contribution to the new sewerage costs.

Seafront Improvements Scheme.

It is hoped that the new Beach Pavilion at the Esplanade, which will incorporate dressing facilities for bathers, an open-air cafe and public lavatories, will be ready for use by the end of May. The new Platform and Diving Stage should also be completed by that date. The total cost of these will be about £46,250 (£38,750 for the Beach Pavilion and £9,500 for the Platform giving access to the Sea), of which the Council is meeting £9,600 and the balance—being by far the greater part—is being met by a Grant from An Bord Fáilte. An additional building in which there would be a Tourist Information Office together with a Bus Tour Office and some Public Telephone Booths will also be provided and this will cost about £3,600. A sum of £100 is included to meet operational costs (lighting and maintenance, etc.) in the coming year. The Loan charges will be about £700 in 1965/66, but will be much greater (about £300 more) in subsequent years. A Site for the new Swimming Pool has not yet been finally determined and the work of planning it is still in the preliminary stages.

Much delay has been experienced in connection with the Scheme for improvements at the Harbour because of the difficulty in making any progress in the acquisition of the necessary property.

Cove Swimming Pools.

A sum of £100 has been included for urgent repairs to the Cove Pools and £150 (the normal cost) for cleaning. It will be appreciated that pending the new Swimming Pool being available, it is essential that the Cove Pools be kept in operation.

Public Lighting.

For some months past proposals for improving the Public Lighting have been under consideration. It is now quite evident that the information from the Department of Local Government that a Grant from the Road Fund would be given towards improving the lighting of Main Roads in towns is of little help to Urban Authorities. The Capital cost of bringing the Public Lighting on the two principal thoroughfares in Bray—Main Street and Quinsboro Road—up to the standards specified by the Department would be considerable and it is of little advantage to the Urban Council that half of such capital cost would be met from the Road Fund. The capital cost would be £10,000 and the Road Fund, and the County Council—from Rates—would meet this in equal measure. But the annual additional maintenance costs of the improved system would be over £750. No Grant would be forthcoming towards the annual maintenance costs. If the proposals in relation to improved public lighting on main thoroughfares (in the interests of public safety) are to be meaningful and acceptable to Local Authorities, then a Grant towards maintenance should also be given.

Having regard to the altogether unsatisfactory character of the Department's proposals in relation to a Grant from the Road Fund, the Council decided to carry out a modified scheme of improvements. This will provide for 250 Watt mercury fluorescent lamps on 31 poles in the Main Street and Quinsboro Road and will cost £1,100 in capital outlay. The conversion of 50 lamps to Pilot Lights will cost £750 in capital expenditure. The additional annual maintenance charges will be £166. In the Estimates £155 extra has been included for Public Lighting and maintenance (bringing the total to £2,845) and £150 under Loan Charges. In the following year maintenance will cost £166 extra and Loan charges £300.

HOUSING.

The gross expenditure on Housing is estimated at £71,249. The receipts from Rents, State Subsidies and Repayments of Loans are estimated at £64,678, so that the net cost to be met from Rates is £6,571. The net provision allowed last year was £5,002, and the rise of £1,569 for the coming year is due to Repairs and the necessary provision for Loan charges on new schemes.

Repairs.

For repairs to Council houses £3,000 has been included in the Estimates. This was the sum recommended by the Town Engineer, and is £1,000 above the figure allowed for the present year. Of late great difficulty has been found in securing Contractors for repairs and in the present year some of the work has had to be done by direct labour, but it is not the type of work which can be done by a local authority conveniently or economically by direct labour.

New Housing Schemes.

During the past year 6 Houses were completed at Chapel Lane by the Town Engineer by direct labour and at present two more are in progress.

Plans for 96 Flats and 60 houses which were prepared by the Consultant Architects (Messrs. Boyle and Delaney) were submitted for Departmental approval some weeks ago. It seems that the cost of building will be very high (houses are estimated at £2,600 each and flats at £3,300 each) and consequently the rents to be charged will be much higher than those which were the rule some years ago. However, the level of incomes has risen very much in the meantime.

Negotiations are at present in progress for the purchase of further land for Council Housing.

Erection of Private Dwellings—Sites and Loans.

In the past two years the Council has not made even one loan for the erection of private dwellings, even though it is evident that there are many persons who are anxious to build their own houses. The income limit of £1,040 seems low for borrowers in present-day circumstances, but aside for this consideration, there is the difficulty of getting sites. The Council had hoped that the private development of sites might ease the position but in the event this has not happened. The price of land also has shown a very steep rise in the past two years, while building costs—mainly because of improved conditions for those employed in the building industry—have also risen sharply. In these circumstances the Council recently has decided to try to purchase land within the urban area which they could develop and then let building plots at reasonable prices. The possibility of arranging Supplementary Grants for persons with limited means, especially those on the Council's waiting list of housing applicants, is also being considered.

Open Spaces in Old Conna Housing Scheme.

It has from time to time been asked that the Council should cover with tarmacadam the open spaces which were regarded as an integral part of the Housing Scheme at Old Conna when it was being planned and laid out about twelve years ago. In the intervening years these grass lawns have been much abused and badly damaged. It is regrettable that this should have occurred and that there should be such a deplorable lack of care and appreciation for the surroundings of such valuable dwellings. These houses were very well designed and are quite spacious in their internal planning. They were constructed of the best material and in appearance are attractive. They are let at what can be regarded, in relation to present day building costs and the general level of incomes, as very reasonable rents. It would only be reasonable to expect that their surrounds should be the special interest of the people who occupy them. Surely it is about time that there was an improved outlook on the care and preservation of public open spaces. If this can be accepted in other places, such as in Continental countries, it seems that there should be no reason why a similar outlook should not obtain here. It would not be rational to look for a heavy outlay in replacing grass lawns with tarmacadam just because people abused them, especially at a time when the limited resources of the Council should be reserved for assisting the many families who are in need of housing.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

Under this heading, the item accountable for the greater part of the expenditure is the County Council Demand. There is also included here the special levy of 9d. in the £ under the Unemployment Assistance Acts, together with Vocational Education, Public Library, Maintenance of Esplanade, Seafront and Public Parks, School Meals, Band Performances and the Fuel Scheme under which turf is supplied to households in need. The total expenditure for General Urban Purposes is estimated at £105,767, of which the County Council Demand represents £78,889. After allowing for receipts of £6,717, the net requirement is £109,050, which would be an increase of £19,095 over the present year. Of this increase, the County Council Demand is responsible for £12,968.

Esplanade and Seafront.

The total outlay on the Esplanade (excluding loan charges) would be £5,626. This does not include any maintenance costs of the New Beach Pavilion, and of Public Sanitary Conveniences.

For the coming year, additional expenditure will arise under the following headings:—

Repairs to Promenade Railings (damaged by storm some months ago)	£450
Repairs to Boat-slip	£100
Loan Charges (half-year) on New Concrete Deck for Esplanade (Capital Cost £5,000)	£200
Repairs to Store at Harbour (£100 allowed last year)	£150
Replacement of Flag Poles	£50
Replacement of Notice Boards	£50
Striplighting (£150)	£50
Repairs to the Shelters and Kiosks (£50 allowed last year)	£50

In addition, provision again is made for the Painting of Railings and Seats (£100); Repairs to Sea Wall and Footpaths (£100); New Litter Baskets (£100).

During last Summer, the Esplanade was, it is felt, quite well maintained by the Council's Staff, notwithstanding the difficulties caused by litter, and heavy seas coming over the Promenade. The quantity of litter to be removed is increasing each year, and the Town Engineer considers that this will require extra staff in the coming year. In consequence, the provision for wages shows an increase of £1,165. It is expected that the two small Suction Cleaners recently bought by the Council will help in the removal of litter.

Band Performances.

A sum similar to that allowed last year (£500) is again included.

Public Park.

In the present year much progress was made in the new layout for the People's Park. Extra staff will, according to the Town Engineer, be required to continue this scheme of improvements. It is to be hoped that eventually the Council will be able to link up

the People's Park with the Seafront by a riverside Promenade in the direction of the Harbour. The acquisition of the necessary land here presents difficulties.

Public Library.

The number of adult registered borrowers now reaches 1,327, and the number availing of the Junior Library is 570, whilst there are 104 borrowers in the Intermediate Section (Secondary School Students). The net cost (after deducting receipts of £300), at £5,183 shows an increase of £1,484, and this is due mainly to the necessity to make provision for a gratuity to the next-of-kin of a deceased member of the staff, and the provision of £200 for needed painting of the library building. The Library Committee has recommended that the registration fee might be increased from 2s. 6d. to 5s. 0d., but the desirability of doing so is open to question. It might discourage borrowers—after all, a public library is expected normally, to be a free service.

Vocational Education.

The net cost of Vocational Education is £5,177, being an increase of £999 over last year. The rate required for the coming year is 1s. 10d. in the £1. The Annual Loan charges £2,041, on property recently acquired is a major item responsible for the increase in the Demand.

In the present year, one half (£1,400) of a gratuity payable to a retired officer of the Committee was defrayed from the Council's Credit balance.

Salaries.

As a result of a recent Arbitration Award (applicable on a national basis), the provision for Salaries is up by £866, but this, however, is offset to the extent of £230 by a reduction in Superannuation charges.

Unemployment Assistance Acts Levy.

The amount to be raised is £2,062, being the product of a rate of 9d. in the £1, which the Council must levy and pay to the Department of Social Welfare under the Unemployment Assistance Acts 1933/40.

Planning and Development.

Consequent on the coming into operation, as from the 1st October, 1964, of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, there is a statutory obligation on the Council to prepare a Development Plan for the Urban District within three years from that date. It is difficult at this stage to estimate the ultimate cost of preparing such a Plan. The data assembled some years ago for a Draft Plan under previous planning legislation will prove helpful, and the Town Engineer has indicated that he could proceed with some surveys and mapping if afforded temporary assistance during the coming year. It will probably be necessary to engage a Consultant later to

put the Plan in final form. For temporary assistance in the coming year, a sum of £300 is included in the Estimates. A request for a State Grant towards the expenses of Local Authorities in preparing Development Plans has so far brought no response. It is understood that any State help will be limited to guidance on the preparation of local and regional plans.

County Council Demand.

The Demand from the County Council at £78,899, shows an increase of £12,968 on that for 1964/65. Of this increase, the greater part (£12,030, which represents a rate of over 4s. 0d. in the £1), is due to a rise in Health Services costs. Of the total rate required to meet the Estimates now submitted, the County Council Demand accounts for 27s. 4d., and of this 20s. 1d. is attributable to the Health Services. Last year the Rate required for Health purposes was 16s. 0d. During the present year, there was a rise in the cost of almost all Health Services, and this involved outlay in excess of that which had originally been estimated. This excess outlay has to be met in the coming year through the County Council Demand. The greater part of the rise in Health costs is due to the increase in Hospital charges in the past few years. Whereas three years ago (1962/63), the weekly charges in a Voluntary Hospital of the general type was £9 12s. 6d., it was £15 4s. 6d. in 1964/65, and will be £19 1s. 6d. in 1965/66. Again the weekly charge in a Maternity Hospital three years ago was £11 4s. 0d., but will be £21 0s. 0d. from 1st April, 1965. Members and the public will be aware that these hospitals are providing continuously improving services with ever widening specialist facilities. As in all other employments, rates of remuneration have moved upward, whilst conditions of service for nursing staff have been progressively improved. Moreover, the costs in voluntary hospitals had been subsidised to quite an extent from the Hospitals Trust Fund, but with rising costs, the element of subsidy is now a much smaller proportion of the total outlay.

The Impact of Rates, and the cost of certain services.

Naturally Members will be disappointed at finding that such a substantial rise in the rate for the coming year would be required, but events during the present year will already have given clear indication of the trend of costs. As mentioned earlier the County Council Demand represents 4s. 6d. of the 8s. 10d. increase derived from the Estimates. There are two elements in the increase of 4s. 4d. for the Urban Council's own Services. The first is the cushion provided against steep rate rises by the use of Credits when they are applied to reducing the rate levy or used to meet unexpected outlay in the course of a year. The second element is the provision being made in the Estimates for new works and expanding services. It has to be borne in mind that last year the rate levy was reduced by taking an amount equivalent to about 6d. from the modest credit balance available to the Council. Such credits no longer are available and all costs will have to be met completely from next year's rate levy. In addition, some superannuation payments were excluded from last year's Estimates, with the intention of meeting them from any credit balance remaining.

During the present year, Arbitration Awards determined at a national level, and with retrospective effect, involved the Council in substantial outlay. The introduction of a five-day week has resulted in overtime for Saturday work, and in increased staff requirements. The maintenance of a cleansing service to the standard nowadays