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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners' Room on Tuesday, 9th March, 1971 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs. W.F. Cumisky, J.L. Derham, J. Kennedy, J.F. Larkin, and B.L. Purcell, Chairman, presiding.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Messrs. A. Hamilton and L. Manley.

Mr. J. McCall, Assistant Manager and the town clerk were in attendance.

MINUTES:

The minutes of monthly meeting of the 9th February, 1971 and of special meeting of the 16th February were read and signed.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE FOR IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD:

On the proposal of Mr. J.L. Derham which was seconded by Mr. J. Kennedy the Chairman was appointed nominee.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:

It was proposed by Mr. J. <sup>KENNEDY</sup>~~Derham~~, seconded by Mr. J.L. Derham and resolved that Balbriggan be entered in the Tidy Towns Competition 1971.

LETTER FROM ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND:

Letter dated 19th February 1971 from Assistant Hon. Secretary of Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland was read. The letter appealed to all municipal authorities who are not members of the Association to consider becoming members.

In view of the proposed re-organisation of the Local Government system it was unanimously agreed that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners become members of the Association.

Authorisation for over-expenditure of the estimate of expenses was granted in the sum of five pounds in respect of the annual subscription.

WHITE PAPER ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION:

Following a short discussion it was agreed to consider the matter at the April meeting by which time the Commissioners would have had an opportunity to study the White Paper.

COPIES OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

The following copies of resolutions from other Local authorities were read and noted:-

(a) Loughrea Town Commissioners - " That the Minister for Local Government be requested to introduce legislation whereby Local Authorities would not have to provide for malicious injury claims.

(b) Cork Co. Council - " That this Council view with concern the policy of the Minister and the Department of Justice of closing so many and in reducing the strength of so many other rural Garda Stations and that we request an immediate reversal of this policy".

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The clerk was directed to write to the Secretary of the Department of Justice informing him that it had come to the notice of the Commissioners that it was proposed to close Lusk Garda Station and to request that it not be closed.

HALL BOOKINGS:

There were no applications for July 1971.

The Chairman undertook to inform the Hon. Secretary of the Balbriggan Combined Clubs of the terms and conditions under which the ballroom would be available for Bingo sessions.

A quotation from the Balbriggan Gas Co. Ltd., for the supply of a gas boiling table in the sum of £79/2/- was considered by the meeting and it was decided not to purchase the plate for the present.

OTHER MATTERS:

The clerk was instructed to ascertain from the County Council when it was proposed to effect improvements to Public Lighting at Fancourt Road and Dublin Street.

Leo J. Manley

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin  
held in the Commissioner's Room on Tuesday  
13th April, 1971 at 7.30.p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs. W.F.Cumisky, F.E. Guildea and L.J. Manley,  
Vice-Chairman, presiding.

Apologies for inability to attend were received  
from the Chairman, Mr. B.L. Purcell and Mr. J. Kennedy.

MINUTES:

The minutes of monthly meeting of the 9th March, 1971  
were read and signed.

ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

(a) Lusk Garda Station. Letter dated 18th March, 1971  
from the Department of Justice was read which stated that the  
policing of the Lusk area will be examined as part of a general  
review of the deployment of the Force which is being carried out  
at present.

(b) Public Lighting. Letter dated 12th March, 1971  
from the Acting Assistant County Manager was read which stated  
that 1. Work will be completed by early Summer on improvement  
of lighting at Dublin Street and 2. a new network of lighting  
was being considered by the E.S.B. for the Fancourt area.

WHITE PAPER ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION:

In view of the small attendance at the meeting  
consideration of the White Paper was deferred.

HALL BOOKINGS:

There were no applications for August, 1971.

DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

It was noted from letter dated 24th March, 1971 from  
Dublin County Council that a Draft Development Plan for County  
Dublin had been approved by the Council. Copy of the notice  
of the preparation of the draft published in accordance with  
Section 21(1)(b) of the Local Government (Planning and Development)  
Act 1963, which was enclosed with the letter, was read and noted  
by the Commissioner's. Copies of the maps of the Draft Development  
Plan and a copy of the written statement comprised in the  
Draft Development Plan were also submitted to the meeting.

OTHER MATTERS:

1. Housing meeting. The clerk was instructed to write  
to the Secretary of the local Housing Committee expressing  
the Commissioner's disappointment at not being invited to  
their recent meeting to which area T.D's and County Councillors  
had been invited.

2. Telephone Service. The clerk was directed to write to  
the Department of Post & Telegraphs complaining of the bad  
telephone service in Balbriggan.

3. Copy of Resolution from Clonmel Corporation. The following  
copy of resolution from Clonmel Corporation was read -  
"That we call on the Minister for Finance to grant total  
exemption from income tax on all allowances paid by local  
authorities to part-time Fire Brigade Personnel".

*Brian Purcell*  
13/4/71

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioner's Room on Tuesday 11th May, 1971 at 7.30.p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs. W.F.Cumisky, A. Hamilton, J. Kennedy, J.F.Larkin, L.J.Manley, and B.L.Purcell, Chairman presiding.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting of the 13th, April 1971 were read and signed.

ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

Telephone service. The Clerk informed the meeting that following the Commissioner's complaint to the Department of Posts & Telegraphs the Chief Traffic Superintendent had requested to be informed of specific defects in the service. The clerk was instructed to write setting out several faults which were mentioned by the various Commissioners.

WHITE PAPER ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION:

Following a short discussion it was decided to hold a special meeting on 15th June, 1971 when it was hoped the Commissioner's would be in a better position to deal with the matter.

PROPOSED PROHIBITION ON PARKING OUTSIDE R.C. CHURCH:

Letter dated 29th April, 1971 from Assistant Commissioner, Garda Siochana, was read requesting the Commissioners' observations on a recommendation to prohibit parking on both sides of the street outside the R.C. Church for a distance of 638 feet. The Commissioner's unanimously favoured the proposed prohibition.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES FOR ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND:

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman were appointed delegates and the town clerk was also requested to attend meeting of the Association at the City Hall, Dublin on 3rd June, 1971.

HALL BOOKINGS:

An application for use of the ballroom on Fridays in September by Fr. B. Collier, C.C., on behalf of St. Theresa's Youth Club, was granted.

A letter dated 20th April, 1971 from Fr. Collier was also read which stated that the terms of the hiring of the Supper Room for one year were acceptable to the Youth Club with the exception of the condition which required the Youth Club to bear the cost of the installation of separate supplies of light and heat for the Supper Room. The cost of providing separate installations was greater than the Youth Club could afford at present and as heat would not be required before October, 1971 it was requested that the cost of lighting be offset by the Commissioner's against the improvements carried out to the Supper Room by the Youth Club. It was agreed that the request was a reasonable one and that it should be granted.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

It was proposed by Commissioner Manley, seconded by Commissioner Cumisky and resolved that a vote of sympathy be passed with the widow and family of the late Mr. Sean Lemass, former Taoiseach.

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*Purcell* 2/6/71

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Coimmissioners' Room on Tuesday 8th June, 1971 at 7.30.p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs. F.E. Guildea, J.F.Larkin, L.J.Manley and B.L. Purcell, Chairman, presiding.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting of the 11th May, 1971 were read and signed.

ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

Telephone Kiosk. It was noted from letter dated 14/5/71 from the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs that it was expected to have a telephone kiosk erected at Drogheda Street within the next two months.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:

It was noted from letter dated 23/5/71 from Bord Pailte Eireann that judging in the Tidy Towns competition begins on June 1st and continues until mid-August.

The Clerk was directed to request the County Council to sweep the streets on Saturday and Sunday mornings. ✓

HALL BOOKINGS:

Application from St. Theresa's Youth Club for bookings on Fridays in October 1971 was granted.

OTHER MATTERS:

(a) Condition of streets and footpaths.

The clerk was instructed to again draw the County Council's attention to the bad condition of the main street and of the footpath at Clonard Street. ✓

(b) Bus Service. The clerk was directed to write to C.I.E. requesting that a bus service be provided in the mornings for school children attending Balrothery School.

(c) Wavin Sports and Social Club. A letter dated 4/6/71 from Wavin Sports and Social Club was read requesting that the Coimmissioners' receive a deputation. It was agreed to meet representatives of the club at the July meeting.

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*Brian Purcell*  
13/7/71

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of Special Meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday 15th June, 1971 at 7.30.p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs. W.F.Cumisky, J.L.Derham, F.E.Guildea, A.Hamilton, L.J. Manley and B.L. Purcell, Chairman presiding.

The Manager & town clerk were in attendance.

The meeting was called to discuss the White Paper on Local Government Reorganisation.

Commissioners Manley and Purcell reported that they had attended a conference of the Municipal Authorities Association at the City Hall, Dublin on the 3rd June, 1971. At this conference it was recommended that the proposals in the White Paper be rejected on the grounds that (a) adequate consideration could not be given to the proposals until the White Paper on Local Finance & Taxation was published and (b) committees which were not elected democratically were not acceptable.

Commissioner Derham was of the opinion that Town Commissioners would be abolished and that the meeting should seek an alternative structure which would best suit Balbriggan.

Commissioner Manley felt that if all Town Commissioners resisted they would not be abolished.

Commissioner Cumisky proposed that the Minister for Local Government be informed that Balbriggan Town Commissioners regretted that it might be found necessary to abolish Town Commissioners. Commissioner Manley seconded and it was agreed.

Following further discussion it was unanimously agreed to submit the following six suggestions to the Minister for Local Government.

1. That new councils, community or otherwise, be composed of elected members only.
2. That elections for any proposed councils in the Dublin City and County area (including community councils) be held on the same date.
3. That the area of County Dublin north of and including Swords be a county electoral area.
4. That this county electoral area be divided into one-seat constituencies.
5. That a community council be elected for each constituency.
6. That the offices and staff, referred to in paragraph 8.4. 2. of the White Paper, be sited in Balbriggan.

*Brian Purcell*  
15/7/71



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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Coimisineiri Baile  
Brigin held in the Commissioners' room on Tuesday  
13th July, 1971 at 7.30.p.m.

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PRESENT:

Messrs. W.F. Cumisky, F.E. Guildea, A. Hamilton,  
J. Kennedy, J.F. Larkin, L.J. Manley and B.L. Purcell.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Commissioner Manley was proposed by Commissioner  
Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Cumiskey.

Commissioner Purcell was proposed by Commissioner  
Guildea and seconded by Commissioner Larkin.

A Poll was taken resulting as follows:-

For Purcell: Commissioners' Guildea and Larkin.

For Manley: Commissioners Kennedy and Cumisky.  
Commissioner Hamilton did not vote.

As the poll did not produce a result Commissioner  
Purcell was elected by lot and subscribed the Declaration  
of Acceptance of Office.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Commissioner Manley was proposed by Commissioner  
Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Guildea and was  
unanimously elected. He subscribed the Declaration of  
Acceptance of Office.

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE:

Commissioners Cumisky, Manley and Purcell were  
unanimously elected.

FUEL SCHEME COMMITTEE:

The following were elected:-

Commissioner Hamilton: Proposed by Commissioner Manley,  
seconded by Commissioner Larkin.

Commissioner Larkin: Proposed by Commissioner Kennedy  
seconded by Commissioner Hamilton.

Commissioner Manley: Proposed by Commissioner Cumisky  
seconded by Commissioner Hamilton.

*B.L. Purcell*  
14/9/71

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of Meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin  
held in the Commissioners' Room on Tuesday 13th July, 1971  
at 7.50. p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs. W. F. Cumisky, F. E. Guildea, J. Kennedy,  
A. Hamilton, J. F. Larkin, L. J. Manley and B. L. Purcell,  
Chairman presiding.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of monthly meeting of 8th June, 1971 and of  
special meeting of 15th June, 1971 were read and signed.

ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

(a) Phone Kiosk. The clerk was instructed to write to  
the Department of Posts and Telegraphs requesting that the  
phone kiosk recently erected outside the Northern Bank be  
resited in the vicinity of the Technical School.

(b) Tidy Towns Competition. The clerk was instructed  
to write to C.I.E. requesting that the grass and weeds on  
railway banks at the strand be cut.

(c) Bus for children attending Balrothery school.  
The chairman agreed to obtain a list, setting out Names and  
Addresses of pupils attending Balrothery school who would  
avail of bus service if provided.

HALL BOOKINGS:

Application from St. Theresa's Youth Club for use of  
ballroom for dances on Fridays in November 1971 was granted.

MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNTY COUNCIL FOR ATTENTION:

(a) Footpaths and streets. The clerk was directed  
to draw the Council's attention to the bad condition of  
footpaths and streets in the town.

(b) Itinerant Site. The clerk was instructed to  
request the Council to provide wider gate at itinerant site  
so that domestic refuse could be collected.

(c) Right of way at Bath-house. The clerk was directed  
to request the Council to enforce the right of way at the  
Bath-house.

(d) Mill Pond. The clerk was instructed to request the  
Council to prohibit dumping at the Mill Pond and to abate  
the nuisance caused by rubbish already there.

(e) Litter Bins. The clerk was directed to request the  
Council to repaint litter bins in the town.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

On a proposal by Commissioner Manley, which was seconded  
by Commissioner Guildea the meeting passed a vote of sympathy  
with the families of Seamus Cusack and Desmond Beattie, who  
were shot by British troops in Derry.

*B. L. Purcell*  
14/9/71

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in  
the Commissioner's Room on Tuesday, 14th September 1971  
at 7.30 p.m.

P R E S E N T:

Messrs. W. F. Cumisky, J. L. Derham, F. E. Guildea,  
A. Hamilton, J. F. Larkin, L. J. Manley and B. L. Purcell, Chairman,  
presiding.

M I N U T E S:

The minutes of Annual Meeting of 13th July 1971 and of  
Monthly Meeting of 13th July 1971 were read and signed.

A R I S I N G   O U T   O F   M I N U T E S:

(a) Telephone Service. It was noted from letter dated  
22/7/71 from Chief Traffic Superintendent, Department of Post & Telegraphs  
that additional equipment was being installed which would relieve  
congestion on the telephone service in Balbriggan.

(b) Passage in front of old sea baths. Letter dated 22/7/71  
from County Planning Department was read which stated that the matter of  
the right of way in front of old sea baths had been investigated and that  
it was not proposed to take any action.

(c) Mill Pond. It was noted from letter dated 31/8/71 from  
Dublin County Council that rodent control measures are operated on this site  
at regular intervals.

(d) Telephone kiosk at Drogheda Street. Letter dated 10/8/71  
from Department of Post & Telegraphs was read which stated a survey would  
be carried out to see if an alternative suitable site could be obtained for  
the kiosk.

A U D I T O R ' S   R E P O R T   F O R   2   Y E A R S   E N D E D   3 1 / 3 / 7 0:

NOTED.

A B S T R A C T   O F   A C C O U N T S   F O R   Y E A R   E N D E D   3 1 / 3 / 7 1:

NOTED.

L O C A L   G O V E R N M E N T   R E O R G A I S A T I O N:

The Chairman, Vice. Chairman and Commissioner W. F. Cumisky  
were unanimously selected to represent the Commissioners at the meeting of  
representatives of the County Dublin Local Authorities to be held in the  
Custom House on October 20th 1971.

E M E R G E N C Y   L I G H T I N G   S Y S T E M   F O R   B A L L R O O M:

Consideration of report on emergency lighting system for  
ballroom was postponed pending a survey of other halls in the area. The  
Chairman, Commissioners Larkin and Cumisky together with Mr. F. Larkin  
Engineer, were assigned with the carrying out of the survey following which  
a special meeting would be held on 28/9/71.

H A L L   B O O K I N G S:

The Balbriggan Cage - Bird Society were allocated bookings  
on 23/10/71 and 10 -- 12/12/71. Sr. Therasas Youth Club were granted  
Friday bookings in December 71 and January 1972.

T I D Y   T O W N S   C O M P E T I T I O N:

Adjudicator's report on Balbriggan's entry in 1971 competition  
was read. It was noted that the 81 marks obtained was an improvement of  
one mark over the previous year.

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OTHER MATTERS:

(a) E.S.B. Sub-Station at Drogheda Street. The clerk was directed to confirm that planning permission had been obtained for the erection of this sub-station.

(b) Rail fares. The clerk was instructed to write to C.I.E. requesting that reduced fare scheme recently applied to area between Greystones and Skerries be extended to Balbriggan.

(c) Street Lighting. The clerk was directed to apply to County Council for the erection of lights at Market Green. The clerk was also instructed to convey the Commissioner's thanks for the excellent lighting system installed on the main streets.

(d) Footpath at Craoibhinn Park. The clerk was instructed to request the County Council to repair footpath outside phone kiosk at Craoibhinn Park.

(e) Vote of Sympathy. On the proposal of Commissioner Manley which was seconded by Commissioner Cumisky the meeting passed a vote of sympathy with the widow and family of the late Gerrard L. Mc Gowan.

*Brandy L. Manley*  
*12/10/71*

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday 12th October, 1971 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs J. L. Derham, F. E. Guildea, J. F. Larkin, L. J. Manley, and B.L. Purcell, Chairman, presiding.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

The Commissioners sympathised with Mr. Kennedy, Town Clerk, on the death of his brother.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting of the 14th September, 1971 were read and signed.

ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

- (a) Right of way at old sea baths. The Clerk was instructed to pursue the matter of the right of way with the County Council.
- (b) Rail fares. A letter dated 23/9/71 from C.I.E. was read, which set out revised rail fares for suburban areas. The Commissioners noted the contents of the letters and directed the Clerk to reply stating that no good reason had been stated for the exclusion of Balbriggan from the fare structure.
- (c) Public Lighting. The Clerk was directed to draw the attention of the County Council to a number of street lights which were not working.

EMERGENCY LIGHTING SYSTEM FOR BALLROOM:

It was proposed by Commissioner Derham, seconded by Commissioner Manley and resolved that the system as designed by the Consultant Engineer be installed. Further it was proposed, Commissioner Manley, seconded by Commissioner Larkin and resolved that overexpenditure in the sum of £1,000 be authorised for the financing of the work.

BALBRIGGAN HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT:

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had this item put on the Agenda as some towns-people had expressed fears that development taking place at the Harbour might restrict facilities available to the public. Commissioner Derham stated that he had seen the plans of the project and they did not interfere with any of the public's present facilities.

HALL BOOKINGS:

Application from St. Theresa's Youth Club for bookings on Fridays in February 1972 were granted.

OTHER MATTERS:

- (a) An application from Wavin Pipes Ltd., for use of front entrance of old cinema was read. The Clerk was asked to obtain more information in regard to the application.
- (b) A letter dated 1/10/71 from Macroom Urban District Council with copy of resolution passed in regard to transport charges was read and noted.
- (c) At the request of Ballina Urban District Council the Commissioners passed the following resolution:-  
"That Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Government to issue a postage stamp in 1972 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of General Michael Collins, First Commander in chief of Ogláigh na H'Eireann".

*B. Purcell*  
9/11/71

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held  
in the Commissioners' Room on Tuesday, 9th November,  
1971 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs. W.F. Cumisky, F.E. Guildea, A. Hamilton, J.F. Larkin  
and B.L. Purcell, Chairman, presiding.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting of the 12th October, 1971 were read  
and signed.

ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

(a) Rail fares. A further letter dated 21/10/71 from C.I.E.  
was read which stated that it has been decided not to extend the  
suburban fares structure beyond Skerries. Commissioner Cumisky  
felt that this decision should not be accepted and he proposed  
that C.I.E. be asked to receive a deputation from the Commissioners  
to discuss the matter. Commissioner Larkin seconded the proposal  
which was carried unanimously and the clerk was instructed to  
make the necessary arrangements.

(b) Entrance to old cinema. The clerk informed the meeting  
that he had not received a reply to letter addressed to Mr. F. van  
der Werff, Director & General Manager of Wavin Pipes Ltd., seeking  
further information in regard to his application for use of the  
entrance to old cinema. However, an application has been received  
from the Hon. Secretary of the Wavin Sports & Social Club for  
permission to close off the door to the Commissioners' Room. An  
alternative door would be provided on the opposite side of the  
Room by and at the expense of the Wavin Sports & Social Club. It  
was decided to consider the application at the December meeting.

(c) Condition of Footpaths. It was noted from letter dated  
19/10/71 from Dublin County Council <sup>that</sup> it was proposed that work will  
be put in hands as soon as possible to remedy the condition of  
footpaths in Balbriggan.

(d) Telephone kiosk at Drogheda Street. The clerk reported that  
following the Commissioners' objection to the siting of the phone  
kiosk two officials of the Department of Posts & Telegraphs had  
attended the Town Hall on 29/10/71 to discuss the matter with  
representatives of the Commissioners and of the Northern Bank.  
The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Commissioner Cumisky represented  
the Commissioners and the Northern Bank was represented by its  
Solicitor, Architect and local Manager (Mr. Anderson). Following  
a lengthy discussion the Posts & Telegraphs officials, while not  
undertaking to resite the kiosk, promised to have another look at it.

(e) E.S.B. Sub-Station at Drogheda Street. Following a query  
from the Commissioners in regard to the siting of a sub-station at  
Drogheda Street the County Council replied by letter dated 8/11/71  
that planning permission had been given to the Electricity Supply  
Board to erect the sub-station at the location in Drogheda Street.

The clerk was directed to ask the Planning Authority to notify  
the Commissioners, as a matter of courtesy, of applications by  
statutory undertakers for the erection of buildings in Balbriggan  
pointing out that the Commissioners consider the location of the  
sub-station and the phone kiosk at Drogheda Street to be most  
unsatisfactory.

(f) Bus Service for children attending Balrothery School. A

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letter dated 22/10/71 from C.I.E. was read which stated that the only way a bus service could be provided for Balbriggan children attending Balrothery School was on Private Hire Basis and for the purposes of quoting some items of information were requested. The Chairman informed the meeting that he would convey the contents of the letter to Mr. Madden, Principal Teacher, who could follow up the matter if he thought fit.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION:

The Chairman reported that he and Commissioner Cumisky had attended the meeting in Leinster House on 20/10/71 when the Minister for Local Government met representatives of the members of Dublin County Council, Dun Laoghaire Corporation and Balbriggan Town Commissioners. The Manager and town Clerk were also in attendance. The meeting lasted some two and one half hours and it transpired that the Minister proposed to introduce legislation setting up a regional authority for the City and County of Dublin with area committees for a number of areas. It was also proposed to establish community councils. The Minister invited the members to come back for further discussions on the exact nature of the proposed Councils and Committees.

HALL BOOKINGS:

Application by St. Theresa's Youth Club for Friday bookings in March, 1972 were granted.

OTHER MATTERS:

(a) Itinerant Site. The clerk was directed to write to the County Council requesting that electric current be provided in the caravans on the itinerant site. He was also asked to request the County Council to collect domestic refuse from the site.

(b) Itinerants on Baths Road. The clerk was directed to write to the County Council requesting that itinerants be moved from the roadside of Baths Road.

(c). Pedestrian Crossings. The clerk was instructed to request the County Council to lower footpaths at pedestrian crossing to facilitate persons pushing perambulators.

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Brian Linnell  
14/12/71

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of Special Meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioner's Room on Tuesday 7th December, 1971 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs W. F. Cumisky, J. L. Derham, F. E. Guildea, A. Hamilton, J. F. Larkin, L. J. Manley, and B. L. Purcell, Chairman presiding.

The Manager and town clerk were in attendance.

The Chairman stated that at the request of four Commissioners he had called this special meeting. The request arose out of press publicity in connection with development work which had commenced at the Harbour.

Commissioner Derham informed the meeting that Mr. H. Allen who was undertaking the scheme, had withdrawn his plant from the site as a result of the bad press publicity which had been instigated by one person. ~~Mr. H. Allen~~ Commissioner Derham stated that the objection to the scheme that right of access to the harbour would be denied to the public was not valid as this right could not be denied.

Commissioners Hamilton and Larkin stated, in their opinion the objection was not to the project but to the lack of information about it.

Commissioner Guildea said that his feed back indicated that the towns people wanted this development.

Following further discussion on the matter it was proposed by Commissioner Cumisky, seconded by Commissioner Manley and resolved that a letter be sent to Mr. Allen informing him that he has the wholehearted support of the vast majority of the people in this town for his project at the Harbour.

It was also unanimously agreed to accept an invitation from the Dublin Port & Docks Board to hear details of the development proposal explained by Mr. Allen to representatives of the County Council and the Town Commissioners.

*B. L. Purcell*  
14/12/71



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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiribhaile Brigin held in  
the Commissioners Room on Tuesday 14th December 1971  
at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs. W. F. Cumisky, J.L. Derham, J. F. Larkin, L. J. Manley  
and B. L. Purcell, Chairman, presiding.  
An apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. F. E.  
Guildea.

MINUTES:

The minutes of monthly meeting of the 9th November and of special  
meeting of the 7th December 1971 were read and signed.

ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

(a) Rail fares. It was noted from letter dated 16th November  
1971 from Commercial Manager, Coras Iompair Eireann, that he would arrange  
to meet the deputation from the Commissioners to discuss the fares structure.

(b) Telephone kiosk at Drogheda Street. It was noted from  
letter dated 1st December 1971 from Department of Posts and Telegraphs that  
it was proposed 1. To move the kiosk to the edge of the footpath provided  
the County Council agreed, 2. To provide muffed glass in the side of the  
kiosk nearest the Bank. 3. To try to eliminate noise caused by banging  
of kiosk door and 4. To review the entire position when the projected  
housing development at the north of the town takes place.

(c) Planning proposals by statutory undertakers. Letter dated  
30/11/71 from Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department, Dublin  
County Council, was read which stated that in future consultation proposals  
from statutory undertakers would be included in the weekly lists of  
applications, copies of which are received by the Commissioners.

(d) Development works at Balbriggan Harbour. Letter dated  
10/12/1971 from Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department, Dublin  
County Council was read and noted. The letter informed the Commissioners  
that an application for planning permission had been received from Costal  
Marine Ltd., for proposed alterations and extensions to buildings and  
erection of dormatory unit and certain site works at Balbriggan Harbour.

APPLICATION FROM WAVIN SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB FOR PERMISSION TO CLOSE  
OFF ENTRANCE TO COMMISSIONERS' ROOM.

It was unanimously recommended that permission be granted to  
Wavin Pipes Ltd., to close off door of Commissioners' Room and provide  
alternative door.

DRAFT POLLING SCHEME 1971:

Noted

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION:

It was noted that each Commissioner had obtained a copy of letter  
dated 19/11/71 from the Minister for Local Government addressed to the  
Chairmen of each Local Authority in the Co. Dublin area and also a copy of  
a note on the meeting held on 20th October 1971, at which the Minister  
discussed the proposals in the White Paper with representatives of the  
local authorities in County Dublin.

HALL BOOKINGS:

Application from St. Theresas Youth Club for Friday bookings in  
April 1972 was granted.

OTHER MATTERS:

Bus Shelters. The Clerk was instructed to request C.I.E. to  
erect 2 bus shelters - one at Drogheda Street opposite Technical School and  
the other outside the Garda Barracks in Dublin Street.

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OTHER MATTERS CONTINUED:

Railings of Public Convenience at the Square. The Clerk was directed to ask the County Council to replace the broken railings, of the public convenience at the Square, with a wall.

Flooding at Fancourt. The Clerk was instructed to request the County Council to abate the flooding at Fancourt Road between the Quarry and House occupied by Mr. John O'Byrne.

Congratulations. The Clerk was asked to write to O'Dwyers G.F.C. congratulating the club on its victory of the Senior Football League. The Clerk was also asked to congratulate Wavin Pipes Ltd., on the excellence of their clubroom.

*Brian Linnell  
11/1/72*

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of Estimates Meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin  
held in the Commissioners' Room on Tuesday, 11th January,  
1972 at 7.30 p.m.

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PRESENT:

Messrs. W.E. Cumisky, F.E. Guildea, A. Hamilton and J.F. Larkin. *and B.L. Purcell, Chairman, Presiding*  
Apologies for inability to attend were received from Messrs. J.L. Derham and L.J. Manley.

The Manager and town clerk were in attendance.

The following report dated 24th December 1971 was submitted by the Estimates Committee with their estimate for the year commencing 1st April 1972 :-

We enclose Estimate of Expenses for the year 1972/73 together with detailed particulars of the amounts shown under the various headings.

The Estimate provides for a total expenditure of £5 290 and Receipts £4 775 which allowing for estimated credit balance of £5 at 31st March, 1972 gives amount required from County Council as £510 equivalent to a rate levy of 5p in the pound.

Particulars of the principal variations in the Estimate as compared with that adopted for the current year are as follows:-

HOUSING: Increases in provisions for Rates & Insurances (£80) and Rent Collection (£20) are more than offset by reduction in provision for Loan Charges (£120) and total estimated expenditure is down by £20.

FUEL SCHEME: The increase in the price of turf calls for an additional amount of £500 under this heading. A corresponding receipt is shown from Government Grant.

GENERAL: Total estimated expenditure is less than that estimated for the current year by £160 mainly because of the non-recurring improvement works effected in the Ballroom during the past two years. Receipts from ballroom lettings show an increase of £100.

It was proposed by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton and resolved that the Estimate of Expenses as submitted by the Estimates Committee, as shown in Tables A and B, be adopted and that the amount set out in Table C be the sum to be demanded from the Dublin County Council.

*B.L. Purcell  
7/2/72*

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

(BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS)

Estimates of Expenses and Demand for the local financial year  
ending on 31st day of March, 1973.

TABLE A

EXPENDITURE

Purpose of Expenditure 1.	Amount Estimated	
	Estimated by Estimates Committee 2.	Adopted by Commissioners 3.
	£.	£
Housing	1,170	1,170
Tourist Development	-	
School Meals	-	
Allotment Schemes	-	
Fuel Scheme	1,750	1,750
Other Expenses	2,370	2,370
TOTAL	5,290	5,290

TABLE B

RECEIPTS

Nature of Receipts 1.	Amount Estimated	
	Estimate by Estimates Committee 2.	Adopted by Commissioners 3.
	£.	£
Housing	1,810	1,810
School Meals	-	
Allotment Schemes	-	
Fuel Scheme	1,750	1,750
Other Receipts	1,215	1,215
TOTAL	4,775	4,775

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Estimate of Expenses and Demand for the local financial year  
ending on 31st March, 1973.

TABLE C

Calculation of the sum to be demanded

Estimated Expenditure (1)	Estimated Receipts (2)	Net Estimated Expenditure (3)	Estimated Debit Balance (if any) (4)	Estimated Credit Balance (if any) (5)	Amount to be Demanded (6)
£ 5.290	£ 4.775	£ 515	-	£ 5	510

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that at (~~an adjournment of~~) the ~~Estimate~~ Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held this day of January, 1972, the Commissioners did by resolution adopt the estimate of expenses set forth in Tables A, B and C, and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said estimate the sum set forth in Column 6 of Table C to be the sum to be demanded for the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1973.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1972.

Signed:

Brian Purcell  
Chairman

Countersigned:

Thomas Kennedy  
Town Clerk

DEMAND

To the County Council of the County of Dublin

The Balbriggan Town Commissioners hereby transmit to the above-named Council the annexed estimate of expenses and calculation of the sum to be demanded for the ensuing financial year ending on 31st day of March, 1973. The Commissioners hereby demand that the sum of £510 shall be supplied to them by the said Council.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1972.

Signed:

Brian Purcell

Chairman

Countersigned:

Thomas Kennedy

Town Clerk

Town Hall, Balbriggan.

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioner's Room on Tuesday, 11th January, 1972 at 7.50 p.m.

PRESENT

Messrs W. F. Cumisky, F. E. Guildea, A. Hamilton, J. F. Larkin, and B. L. Purcell, Chairman presiding.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Messrs J. L. Derham and L. J. Manley.

The Manager and town clerk were in attendance.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

Before starting the meeting the Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy with Commissioner Larkin on the death of his father. Commissioner Cumisky seconded and all members present associated themselves with the vote. The Manager expressed sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting of 14th December, 1971 were read and signed.

ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

Rail Fares. Letter dated 14/12/71 from Commercial Manager, C. I. E. was read which requested that the Commissioners indicate a date and time suitable for the reception of deputation to C. I. E. The Clerk was instructed to state that 27th January, 1972 at 3 p.m. was the most suitable time and next most suitable the 3rd February at 3 p.m.

CINEMA LICENCE:

Application by Fingal Cinema Ltd., for licence in respect of Savoy Cinema was granted.

HALL BOOKINGS:

Application from St. Theresa's Youth Club for bookings on Fridays in May 72 was granted.

OTHER MATTERS:

Local Government Reorganisation. The following letter dated 10/1/72 from Youghal Urban District Council was read and noted.

To: Each Local Authority:

Dear Sirs,

Re: White Paper on Local Government Reorganisation.

My Council have directed me to forward the following resolution, recently adopted by them for consideration by your Council.

"That the Youghal Urban District Council reiterate their objection in principle to the White Paper on Local Government Re-Organisation and call on all local authorities in agreement to renew their objection at this stage. That copies of the resolution be forwarded to all local authorities and to the Minister for Local Government!"

I should be pleased if you would advise me in due course of your Council's decision.

Yours Faithfully,

S. Dooley,  
Town Clerk.

Housing Scheme at Baths Road. The Manager informed the meeting that he would have a letter issued to each Commissioner on the following day setting out the position in regard to the Baths Road housing scheme.

*S. Dooley*  
7/2/72

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of Special Meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners' Room on 2nd February, 1972 at 7.30. p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs. W.F. Cumisky, J.L. Derham, A. Hamilton, E. Hodgins, J.F. Larkin and L.J. Manley, Vice-Chariman, presiding.

Apoligies for inability to attend were received from the Charman, Mr. Brian L. Purcell and Mr. F.E. Guildea.

The meeting was called by the Vice-Chairman, in the absence of the Chairman who was away on business, in view of the happenings in Derry City on Sunday, 30th January, 1972.

It was proposed by Commissioner W.F. Cumisky, seconded by Commissioner L.J. Manley and resolved:-

That we Balbriggan Town Commissioners representing all creeds and classes in the town of Balbriggan, Capital of Fingal in the North County Dublin, desire to place on record our utter horror at the condemnation of the vicious slaughter of thirteen innocent people in the city of Derry on Sunday last the 30th January, 1972.

We demand the immediate withdrawal of the Parachute Regiment in Northern Ireland, and the withdrawal of all British troops without delay, these to be replaced for a temporary period by a peacekeeping force of the United Nations. We also demand the immediate end of interment without trial.

We direct that a copy of this resolution be sent to the British Prime Minister, the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland and the Commander-in-chief of the army of occupation in Northern Ireland.

We wish to extend our most sincere sympathy to the relatives and friends of the deceased and to all those who suffered injuries on the occasion.

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*Brian Purcell*  
7/2/72

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# TOWN HALL, BALBRIGGAN

## CHARGES FOR LETTINGS

	£	s.	d.
ALL-IN CHARGE, Dances (6 hours) ... ..	8	10	0
„ „ (5 hours) ... ..	6	10	0
„ „ (4 hours) ... ..	4	10	0
„ „ Friday, Saturday and Sun- days excepted (4 hours)	3	10	0
„ Concerts, Dramas, etc. ... ..	5	0	0
„ Excursion Parties, etc. ... ..	5	0	0
„ Meetings ... ..	3	0	0
„ Card Games, Whist, etc. (per night)	2	10	0
„ Shows, Bazaars, etc. (per hour) ...	1	0	0
„ Children's Parties ... ..	1	5	0
„ Dancing Classes (day, per hour) ...	0	5	0
„ „ „ (night, per hour)	0	7	6

The Hall will not be booked until the annexed Contract Note is duly signed and received by the Town Clerk, six days in advance, and all Engagements are to terminate not later than the hour mentioned in the Agreement.



# TOWN HALL, BALBRIGGAN



## CONDITIONS OF LETTING

- 1.—All persons engaging the Hall or Supper Room are required to pay to the Town Clerk, **at least three days** preceding the day of use, payment in full for the whole term of the engagement. Deposit of a proportionate sum will be required at time of booking engagement.
- 2.—No nails are allowed to be driven into the walls or woodwork, or any part of the building, and nothing to be attached to the walls, woodwork, or fittings, unless specially allowed by the Town Clerk.
- 3.—Persons hiring or using the building, or any part thereof, shall be accountable for any loss, damage or injury to the building, or to any of the fittings, furniture, or other property therein, during their occupation; and shall deposit the amount claimed for such loss or damage before removing their property from the premises. They are required to keep the premises used, and also the furniture and fittings, in a clean condition, and deliver them up in the same good order as received.
- 4.—The Town Clerk, his representatives and servants, shall at all times have the right of free access to all parts of the building, for the purpose of inspection and supervision.
- 5.—The Lessees of the Hall are required to employ a sufficient number of door-keepers to efficiently protect the premises, as well as to attend to the opening and shutting of all doors, with a view to ensure the comfort and safety of the audience.
- 6.—The entrance doors to be opened, and passages kept clear, at the exact time announced, and the Hall must not be filled beyond the number allowed for comfort and safety.
- 7.—All the above regulations to be strictly carried out; and in the case of a breach of any of them, the Commissioners reserve power to enforce them at the expense of the Hirer.

# TOWN HALL, BALBRIGGAN



To the Town Clerk, Balbriggan.

I *Patrick J Fogarty*  
— hereby agree to rent the Town Hall ..... Room  
We  
*For Dance*

to be held on *Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1946*

from *9* o'clock to *5* o'clock, subject to the annexed Conditions and

Terms of Letting, and I  
We also agree to pay the Town Clerk the sum of

£ *8 : 10 : 0* three days at least before the above date.

I  
We send herewith the sum of £ *1 : 0 : 0* as a deposit, to be

returned on fulfilment of engagement, or forfeited in case of non-fulfilment.

Dated this *6<sup>th</sup>* day of *Sept* 19*46*

Signed .....  .....

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners' Room on Monday 7th February, 1972.

PRESENT:

Messrs. W.F. Cumisky, F.E. Guildea, A. Hamilton, E. Hodgins, J.F. Larkin, L.J. Manley and B.L. Purcell, Chairman, presiding.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of Estimates Meeting of 11/1/72, Ordinary Meeting of 11/1/72 and of Special Meeting of 2/2/72 were read and signed.

ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

Public Lighting. It was noted from letter dated 1/2/72 from Dublin County Council that an order had been issued for the erection of lamps at Market Green.

BALBRIGGAN HARBOUR.

The clerk gave a detailed report on the discussion held at 11 Parnell Square, Dublin on the 24th January, 1972 between representatives of Dublin County Council, Dublin Port & Docks Board, Balbriggan Town Commissioners and Costal Marine Ltd.

Dublin County Council was represented by the Chairman, Senator John Boland and Councillors Miss M. Ennis, P.J. Burke, T.D., M. Clinton, T.D., and P. Murphy. Council officials present were Mr. G. Redmond, Senior Administrative Officer and Mr. P.J. Dooley.

Dublin Port and Docks Board was represented by the Secretary, Mr. J. P. Murphy.

Town Commissioners' present were Messrs. Cumisky, Hamilton, Kennedy, Larkin and the Chairman, B.L. Purcell.

Costal Marine Ltd. were represented by Mr. H. Allen, Mr. H. Allen, Junior, and Mr. O'Halloran, Architect.

The principal conclusions arrived at from the discussion were:-

1. Most people were enthusiastic about the Costal Marine Ltd. proposals for the harbour,
2. There were no serious technical difficulties at present
3. The parties present at the discussion favoured the proposals in principle
4. Costal Marine Ltd. should apply for sale or lease of small triangle of land beside old salthouse to widen road leading to harbour and
5. That County Council should make early decision on application from Costal Marine Ltd. for sale or lease of site in Mill Street for use as boatyard.

RAIL FARES:

Commissioners Cumisky, Derham and Manley attended at the office of the Commercial Manager, Coras Iompair Eireann on 3/2/72 and reported that they had received a sympathetic hearing from Mr. E. Byrne, Commercial Manager and Mr. Murray, his assistant. A reply to the Commissioners' request to have the new fares system extended to Balbriggan would be issued in about four to six weeks.

HALL BOOKINGS:

Application from St. Theresa's Youth Club for Friday bookings in June, 1972 was granted.

DERRY KILLINGS:

It was proposed by Commissioner Cumisky, seconded by Commissioner Larkin and resolved:

That we Balbriggan Town Commissioners representing all classes and creeds in this town request the Irish Rugby Football Union to cancel the next proposed Rugby International match against England at Twickenham next Saturday as a protest against the savage killings of 13 innocent people by British forces in the City of Derry on Sunday the 30th January, last.

The clerk was instructed to send a copy of the resolution to the Secretary of the Irish Rugby Football Union.

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OTHER MATTERS:

- (a) Condition of Streets: The clerk was directed to write to the County Engineer requesting that the condition of the main streets in the town be remedied as a matter of urgency.
- (b) Street corners at Chapel Street and Clonard Street. Commissioner Hodgins told the meeting that mirrors similar to those at Asgard Hill, Howth would be suitable at the corners at Clonard Street and Chapel Street.
- (c) Street Lights. Following complaints from Commissioners that some lights were out of order the clerk reminded the meeting that it was necessary to furnish pole number (or exact location in absence of number) with each complaint.
- (d) Votes of sympathy: The meeting passed votes of sympathy with the family of the late Rev. Fr. G.B. Walsh and with Councillor Niall Andrews on the death of his brother.
- (e) Appeal by Chairman. The Chairman appealed to traders in the town to sell Irish goods only where possible.
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*By [Signature]*  
14/3/22

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of Special Meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners' Room on Wednesday 1st March, 1972 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Commissioners W.F. Cumisky, J.L. Derham, F.E. Guildea, J.F. Larkin and B.L. Purcell, Chairman, presiding. Apologies for inability to attend were received from Commissioners Hamilton and Manley.

Rev. Fr. Collier, C.C. and Mr. C. Geraghty represented the Balbriggan Youth Council.

The Manager, Mr. R. O'Brolchain and Town Clerk, Mr. T. Kennedy were in attendance.

The meeting was called to discuss an application from the Balbriggan Youth Council for the establishment of a committee to administer the Town Hall Ballroom with a view ~~to~~ extending the facilities already afforded.

Rev. Fr. Collier made the following submission on behalf of the Balbriggan Youth Council:-

"We feel that the provision of a Youth and Community Centre is an urgent need in the town. Having examined the cost of building such a centre, we consider that we would be doing a greater service if the town hall were developed for this purpose; especially taking into account its location and the fact that it is already the property of the town's people.

PROPOSITIONS.

1. The town hall to remain in public ownership vested as at present in the town commissioners as trustees and governors.
2. That Balbriggan Town Commissioners establish a hall committee to administer the hall on their behalf.
  - (a) That this committee be formed from the existing Youth Council.
  - (b) That the Committee comprise of ten members.
  - (c) That initially their term of office be three years.
  - (d) After this period the elections be held at an open meeting of the town.
  - (e) That this Committee be known as the Youth and Community Centre development committee.
3. That it would be the responsibility of the Youth and Community Development Committee to administer the Town Hall as a public service to the town.
4. That all funds raised by this Committee be spent on the Hall and auxiliary community services.
5. That a JOINT effort be made by the Town Commissioners and the Youth and Community Centre Development Committee to raise voluntary funds for Capital expenditure involved in necessary extentions and improvements to the existing structure.
6. That this committee should as a priority provide adequate facilities for the Young people of the town.
7. That with the assistance of Old Age Pensioners Committee they would provide a comfortable room at street level for the elderly people of the town.

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8. That if educational, recreational and social facilities be provided and promoted for all the people within the centre. This would entail:-
- (a) A Kitchen and Canteen area at Ballroom level.
  - (b) Resiting of toilets and cloakrooms.
  - (c) Building games room to the side.
  - (d) New Foyer entrance.
  - (e) With O.A.P's Room to the front. "

In addition Fr. Collier presented statement of accounts which showed that at present rates of expenditure and income there would be an annual sum of £2,500 approximately for the extension of facilities.

Following discussion the Manager suggested that the application might be granted by the appointment of a Sub-Committee, with power delegated by the Commissioners, to administer the Town Hall Ballroom. He did not favour the election of a committee as set out at 2(d) above and suggested that the Commissioners decide on the selection of a committee on the basis of interest shown by the various clubs and societies during the initial stages of the venture.

These suggestions were acceptable to the representatives of the Youth Council and to the Commissioners but it was decided not to take further action on the matter until the Combined Clubs Committee had an opportunity to submit its observations on the proposals.

Rev. Fr. Collier undertook to submit the proposals to Combined Clubs Committee and attend to explain them. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Combined Clubs in this regard.

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14/3/72 *[Signature]*

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Minutes of monthly meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners' Room on Tuesday 14th March, 1972.

PRESENT:

Messrs. W.F. Cumisky, J.L. Derham, A. Hamilton, J.F. Larkin and B.L. Purcell, Chairman, presiding.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of monthly meeting of 8th February and of special meeting of 1st March, 1972 were read and signed.

ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

- (a) Bus Shelters. Letter dated 11/2/72 from C.I.E. was read and noted. The letter stated that while it is not the policy of the Board to provide bus shelters at provincial locations the Balbriggan sites would be reassessed at a future date in view of the involvement of the Dublin City Service.
- (b) Railings on Public Convenience at the Square. It was noted from letter dated 22/2/72 from the County Secretary that future replacements of the railings would be in heavier section and that it was considered that this would reduce the risk of damage.
- (c) Flooding at Pancourt. Letter dated 28/2/72 from the County Council was read which stated that permission had been requested from Mr. William Sweetman to put pipe through his land in order to relieve flooding and that a reply was awaited. The Chairman undertook to interview Mr. Sweetman with a view to obtaining a favourable response to the Council's request.
- (d) Youth Council's application for establishment of Committee for administration of ballroom. As the result of an incident on the 8th March, 1972 when members of the Youth Club refused to leave the ballroom a discussion took place on their behaviour. Following the discussion it was decided that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Commissioner Cumisky meet the Youth Club members to explain what would be required of the Commissioners by way of behaviour if the application for the establishment of committee were to receive favourable consideration.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE FOR IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD:-

The Chairman, Mr. B.L. Purcell, was appointed nominee.

HALL BOOKINGS:

Application from St. Theresa's Youth Club for Friday bookings in July, 1972 was granted.

FACILITIES AT CAR PARK OPPOSITE CHURCH:

The Clerk was directed to apply to the County Council ~~the~~ for the provision of a tennis court at the south end of the car park by the erection of railings and a pavilion.

DUBLIN PARKING TEMPORARY RULES, 1972:

Noted.

OVER-EXPENDITURE, 1971/72:

It was proposed by Commissioner Derham, seconded by Commissioner Larkin and resolved that over-expenditure of £200 be authorised under heading "Cheap Fuel Scheme".

OTHER MATTERS:

- (a) Visit by Commissioners to E.S.B. Stations. The clerk was requested to thank the E.S.B. for the hospitality afforded ~~them~~ during the visit to Ringsend and Poolbeg Stations on the 3rd March, 1972.

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(b) Welsh Boxing Team. On a proposal by Commissioner Derham which was seconded by Commissioner Cumisky it was agreed that an official welcome be given to the Welsh boxers on March 26th when they would meet an Irish team in a contest at the Town, Hall, Balbriggan.

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*R. Russell*  
11/4/72



COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners' Room on Tuesday 11th April 1972 at 7.30. p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs. W.F. Cumisky, F.E. Guildea, J. Kennedy, J.F. Larkin and B.L. Purcell Chairman, presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from L.J. Manley.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting of the 14th March 1972 were read and signed.

ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

(a) Letter dated 27/3/1972 from Chairman, Electricity Supply Board was read which suggested that as electricity accounts could be paid in local banks and as unlocked coin boxes were available the majority of Balbriggan consumers were apparently satisfied. The clerk was instructed to reply stating that the Commissioners considered that locked coin boxes should be provided for consumers with the facility of having the boxes emptied locally.

(b) C.I.E. Fares Structure. Letter dated 14/3/72 from Commercial Manager, C.I.E. was read which stated that fare structure applicable to Dublin District Suburban Services would be extended to Balbriggan from 1/4/72. A letter dated 10/4/72, from Balbriggan Commuters Association, thanking the Commissioners for their support in the matter was also read. The clerk was instructed to reply to both letters.

(c) Flooding at Fancourt Road. The Chairman informed the meeting that he interviewed Mr. William Sweetman who promised to permit the County Council to lay a pipeline through his property.

HALL BOOKINGS:

Application from St. Theresa's Youth Club for Friday bookings in August 1972 was granted.

Letter dated 19/3/72 from O'Dwyers Football Club complaining about the condition of the Supper Room on the 27th February was read. The clerk was directed to reply stating that repairs had since been effected.

IRISH MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES - CIRCULAR DATED MARCH 1972 FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

Deferred to May 1972 meeting.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:

It was proposed by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Cumisky and agreed to enter the competition.

DUBLIN TRAFFIC TEMPORARY RULES, 1972:

Noted.

OTHER MATTERS:

The clerk was instructed to write to the County Council requesting that:-

- (a) Wrecks of old cars be removed from Station Street and
- (b) Double yellow lines be painted on Drogheda Street at each side of pedestrian crossing.

*B. Purcell*  
9/5/72

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners' Room on Tuesday 9th May, 1972 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs A. Hamilton, L.J. Manley and B.L. Purcell, Chairman, presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. W.F. Cumisky.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting of the 11th April, 1972 were read and signed.

IRISH MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES - IMPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

The contents of Circular dated March, 1972 from Department of Local Government were noted.

PROPOSED NEW POLLING SCHEME:

It was agreed that the new polling scheme proposed by the County Council did not call for any observations from the Commissioners.

EMPLOYER - LABOUR CONFERENCE NATIONAL AGREEMENT - REVISION OF WAGES:

It was proposed by Commissioner Manley, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton and resolved that approval be given to the Managers proposal to revise the town hall caretaker's wages from £6.10 to £6.73 per week with effect from 1st January, 1972.

HALL BOOKINGS:

Application from St. Theresa's Youth Club for Friday bookings in September, 1972 was granted.

OTHER MATTERS:

- Development work at rere of Drogheda Street. The clerk was instructed to request the County Council to provide, as part of the development work, a service road at the rere of houses from 51 to 97 Drogheda Street.

Ordination at Balbriggan Church. On a proposal by the Chairman which was seconded by the Vice-Chairman it was decided to officially welcome the Archbishop on his first visit to Balbriggan to officiate at the first ordination ceremony in Balbriggan to take place on the 13th May, 1972.

21st  
B.L. Purcell

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B.L. Purcell  
13/6/72

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin  
held in the Commissioners' Room on Tuesday 13th  
June 1972 at 7.30 p.m.

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PRESENT:

Messrs. W.F. Cumisky, J.L. Derham, A. Hamilton, J.F. Larkin  
and B.L. Purcell, Chairman, presiding.

The Manager, Mr. R. O'Brolchain and Town Clerk, Mr. T. Kennedy  
were in attendance.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of meeting of the 9th May, 1972 were read and signed.

ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

Telephone kiosk at Drogheda Street. It was noted from letter  
dated 17/5/72 from Department of Posts & Telegraphs that the  
telephone kiosk at Drogheda Street had been moved to the edge of  
the footpath, that muffed glass had been provided in the side  
nearest the Bank premises and that a door closing device had been  
fitted to eliminate banging of the kiosk door.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:

The clerk was instructed to request the County Council and C.I.E.  
to carry out annual tidying of grass etc. It was noted that members  
of the Youth Club had already cleaned the river and had promised to  
keep the beach clean.

ANNUAL MEETING OF IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD:

The Chairman, Mr. B.L. Purcell, reported that he had attended  
the annual meeting of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.,  
and that the meeting had been adjourned because of an objection to  
a candidate for election to the Board of Directors.

RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION FROM YOUTH COUNCIL IN CONNECTION WITH  
TOWN HALL BALLROOM AND SUPPER ROOM:

*Deferred as deputation failed to attend.*

HALL BOOKINGS:

Application by St. Therasas Youth Club for Friday bookings in  
October 1972 was granted.

OTHER MATTERS:

The clerk was directed to refer the following items to the  
County Council for attention:-

1. The removal of itinerants from car park opposite Church.
2. The repair of street lights at 41, Dublin Street, Bremore and  
the Square.
3. The provision of additional seats at Courthouse.

The clerk was also instructed to write to Garda Siochana  
requesting that steps be taken to prevent lorries from overloading  
and spilling surplus on Streets.

DROGHEDA INDEPENDENT:

The Commissioners asked the clerk to convey to the Editor of the  
Drogheda Independent their concern at the absence of press reporter ~~FROM~~  
~~at~~ last three meetings.

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*Leo J. Mansley*  
*11/4/1972*

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Baile Brigin held in the Commissioners' Room on Tuesday, 11th July, 1972 at 7.50.p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs. W.F. Cumiskoy, F.E. Guildea, A. Hamilton, E. Hodgins, J. Kennedy, J.F. Larkin, B.L. Purcell and L.J. Manley, Chairman presiding.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of meeting of the 13th June, 1972 were read and signed.

ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

- (a) Railway property. It was noted from letter dated 6/7/72 from Area Engineer, C.I.E., that grass and briars would be cut and repairs effected to wooden promenade.
- (b) Meeting of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. Commissioner Purcell was requested by the Commissioners to attend meeting of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. on 27/7/72 for the election of a director.
- (c) Overloading of lorries. Letter dated 27/6/72 from Garda Siochana was read which stated that the matter of overloading of lorries was receiving attention.
- (d) Drogheda Independent. By letter dated 30/6/72 the Editor of the Drogheda Independent stated that a reporter would not attend meetings because of an attack on the paper and a reporter at a Commissioners' Meeting. As there had been no such attack it was decided that the Chairman, with Commissioners Cumiskoy and Larkin, should see the Editor to refute the allegations.
- (e) Car Park. It was noted from letter dated 29/6/72 from Dublin County Council that it was not proposed to rail off any of the car park to provide tennis courts.

DEPUTATION FROM YOUTH COUNCIL IN CONNECTION WITH BALLROOM:

Rev. Father Collier C.C. and Mr. Christopher Geraghty attended on behalf of the Youth Council.

At a Special Meeting on the 1st March, 1972 it was decided to obtain observations from Balbriggan Combined Clubs on the Youth Council's application for the establishment of a committee to administer the Town Hall Ballroom. A reply dated 27/5/72 from the Hon. Secretary of Balbriggan Combined Clubs was received which opposed the Youth Council's proposals. A second letter dated 10/7/72 was sent by the Hon. Secretary expressing agreement with the Youth Council's application.

It was unanimously agreed to hold a special meeting in August, 1972 to consider the matter.

LOCAL ELECTIONS BILL, 1972:

Noted.

REPORT ON "STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE"

As Commissioners had not yet sufficient time to study the report it was decided to postpone discussion on it until the September, 1972 meeting.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31/3/72:

Noted.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND:

Two letters dated 20/6/72 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland were read as a result of which the following Resolutions were passed:

1. Proposed by Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy that subscription of £10 be paid and
2. Proposed by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Chairman that Commissioner Purcell be appointed delegate to Annual Conferance of the Association and that approval be given for the recoupment of expenses incurred in attending conference.

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HALL BOOKINGS:

Application from St. Theresas Youth Club for bookings in November, 1972 was granted. <sup>FRIDAY</sup>

OTHER MATTERS:

- (a) Pedestrian Crossing At Drogheda Street. The Clerk was instructed to write again to Garda Siochana in relation to the parking of cars too close to the crossing particularly in relation to the east site of the street. In view of the continuing problem the clerk was also instructed to ask Garda Siochana to investigate the possibility of providing a controlled crossing.
- (b) Footpaths. The Clerk was directed to request the County Council to repair footpaths at Dublin Street and Derham Park Upper.

John Hanley  
12/9/72

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile  
Brigin held in the Commissioners' Room on  
Tuesday 11th July, 1972 at 7.30.p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs. W.F. Cumisky, F.E. Guildea, A. Hamilton, E. Hodgins,  
J. Kennedy, J.F. Larkin, L.J. Manley and B.L. Purcell.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Commissioner Purcell was proposed by Commissioner Larkin and  
seconded by Commissioner Guildea.

Commissioner Manley was proposed by Commissioner Cumisky and  
seconded by Commissioner Hodgins.

Commissioner Cumisky, who was proposed by Commissioner Hamilton  
indicated that he did not wish to be considered for the office.

A poll was taken resulting as follows:-

For Manley: Commissioners Cumisky, Hodgins and Kennedy.

For Purcell: Commissioners Guildea and Larkin.

Commissioner Manley was elected and he subscribed the Declaration  
of Acceptance of Office.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Commissioner Hamilton, who was proposed by Commissioner Purcell  
indicated that he did not wish to be considered for the office.

Commissioner Purcell was proposed by Commissioner Larkin, seconded  
by Commissioner Hodgins and elected. He then subscribed the  
Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ELECTION OF ESTIMATES COMMITTEE:

The following were elected to the Estimates Committee:-

Commissioner Manley - Proposed by Commissioner Purcell, seconded by  
Commissioner Hamilton.

Commissioner Purcell - Proposed by Commissioner Manley, seconded by  
Commissioner Larkin.

Commissioner Cumisky - Proposed by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by  
Commissioner Purcell.

ELECTION OF FUEL SCHEME COMMITTEE:-

The following were elected to the Fuel Scheme Committee:-

Commissioner Larkin - Proposed by Commissioner Purcell, seconded by  
Commissioner Manley.

Commissioner Hamilton - Proposed by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by  
Commissioner Cumisky.

Commissioner Kennedy - Proposed by Commissioner Manley, seconded by  
Commissioner Guildea.

Leo. J. Manley  
12/9/72

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of Special Meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile  
Brigin held in the Commissioners' Room on Tuesday,  
22nd August 1972 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Commissioners Cumisky, Hamilton, Kennedy, Larkin and Manley,  
An apology for inability to attend was received from MR.B.L.Purcell.  
The Manager, Mr. R. O'Brolchain, and Town Clerk, Mr. T. Kennedy  
were in attendance.

The meeting was called to give further consideration to the  
application from St. Therasas' Youth Club for revised letting  
conditions for the Town Hall Ballroom.

The Manager informed the Commissioners that since the last  
meeting he had examined the application. He had borne in mind that  
existing users of the Ballroom should retain their bookings and also  
that the ownership of the Ballroom should remain in the hands of the  
Commissioners. He had discarded the suggestion of the establishment  
of a Sub-Committee as there were several difficulties particularly  
in relation to the spending of monies. A straightforward lease did  
not sufficiently protect the Commissioners ownership but the Housing  
Acts enabled the appropriation of the Town Hall Ballroom for housing  
purposes. This could permit the leasing of the ballroom subject to  
existing lettings to the Youth Club and at the same time safeguard the  
Commissioners ownership. The lease should be of relatively short  
duration.

Commissioner Cumisky expressed the fear that if and when  
Fr. Collier was replaced the Commissioners interest in the Ballroom  
might be jeopardised.

Commissioner Larkin was not satisfied that the townspeople  
favoured the granting of the application to the Youth Club.

The Chairman said he was satisfied with the undertaking given  
by Fr. Collier and Mr. Geraghty that existing bookings would be  
honoured under any new arrangement.

Commissioner Kennedy stated that he could not understand how the  
Balbriggan Combined Clubs expressed agreement with the granting of  
the Youth Club's application when neither of the two clubs with which  
he was connected was aware of the change in the Combined Clubs  
attitude in the matter.

At the request of the meeting Commissioner Kennedy agreed to  
have the matter clarified at a meeting of the Combined Clubs.

It was decided unanimously that in the meantime legal opinion  
be sought as to how best the application could be granted in a manner  
which <sup>would</sup> safeguard the Commissioners interests and guarantee bookings  
to existing users of the Ballroom.

Criticism was expressed at the absence of some Commissioners  
from such an important meeting.

Leo J. Manley  
12/9/72

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COIMISINEIRI    BHAILE    BRIGIN

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday 12th September, 1972 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs W.F. Cumisky, J.L. Derham, F.E. Guildea, J.F. Larkin, and L. J. Manley, Chairman presiding.  
An apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. B.L. Purcell.

MINUTES:

The minutes of Annual Meeting of 11th July, 1972, monthly meeting of 11th July, 1972 and Special Meeting of 22nd August, 1972 were read and signed.

ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

Discharge of sewage into harbour. It was noted from letter dated 12/7/72 from County Council that a survey is underway with a view to identifying houses which are still connected directly to harbour and having them changed over to the pumping system which conveys the sewage clear of the harbour.

REPORT ON "STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE":

As Commissioners had not yet had an opportunity to study the report it was decided to postpone discussion on it until the October meeting. The clerk was asked to prepare a brief synopsis of the sections of the report affecting the Town Commissioners.

RIGHT OF WAY AT BOAT HOUSE SLIP:

A letter dated 9/8/72 from Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department, Dublin County Council was read. This letter stated that the County Solicitor would require the strictist proof of the existence of the public right of way before preparing a notice for service on Mr. Lee (who is causing the blockage) and requested the Commissioners to ascertain whether the proof required would be forthcoming.

A lengthy discussion followed the reading of the letter and accompanying copies of reports and correspondence following which Commissioner Cumisky proposed, Commissioner Larkin seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Lee be asked to attend the November meeting with a view to resolving the matter. In the meanwhile the Clerk was requested to ascertain if Planning permission had been obtained by Mr. Lee to use the old bathhouse as a residence.

HALL BOOKINGS:

Application by Balbriggan Cage Bird Society for use of the Ballroom for Annual Show was granted in respect of 8th, 9th and 10th December 1972. An application by St. Theresa's Youth Club for Friday bookings in December '72 and January 1973 was also granted.

A letter from Miss Bernadette O'Rourke, 37 High Street, Balbriggan was read, which complained of excessive noise from dances in the town hall ballroom. The clerk was directed to take up the matter with Rev. F.R. Collier, Director of Youth Club with a view to having the noise abated.

OTHER MATTERS:

The clerk was instructed to refer the following matters to the County Council for attention.

1. Surfacing of main streets.
2. Condition of surface of roadway and paths at Curran Park.
3. Lights out of order on main streets for long periods.
4. Additional lights required at Craoibhin Park/Market Green and



County Bridge.

5. Railways<sup>ways</sup> of toilets at The Square in need of repairs.
6. Parking of caravans at rear of bathing shelter, Blackrock, should not be permitted.
7. Surfacing of grass margin at Seapoint.
8. Information in regard to the use of land opposite Hampton Mills, which was acquired by County Council 3 years ago.
9. Appreciation for excellent job of tidying up of front strand.

The Clerk was also directed to write to Father Tonge expressing the Commissioners' regret at his departure from the parish and to write to Father O'Beirne welcoming him to Balbriggan.

Recd. P. Mauley  
10/10/42

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held  
in the Commissioners' Room on Tuesday 10th October  
1972 at 7.30 p.m.

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PRESENT:

Messrs. W.F. Cumisky, J.L. Derham, F.E. Guildea, J.F. Larkin,  
B.L. Purcell and L.J. Manley, Chairman, presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. A. Hamilton.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting of the 12th September 1972 were read and signed.

ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

(a) Right of way at boat house slip. Commissioner Derham informed the meeting that several townspeople had expressed a desire to tender their opinions on the matter to the Commissioners at a meeting.

(b) Resurfacing of main streets. The clerk informed the meeting that resurfacing of the main streets would commence shortly.

(c) Footpaths at Seapoint. It was noted from letter dated 5/10/72 from Dublin County Council that footpaths between Seapoint and the County Bridge would be repaired in the current financial year.

REPORT ON "STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE".

It was unanimously agreed that while the report was a good one particularly in regard to staff structure, personnel and training of staff it had little relevance to Balbriggan Town Commissioners and consequently the meeting had no views to put forward to the Minister for Local Government.

TRAFFIC HAZARD AT DUBLIN STREET:

The Chairman stated that he had this item on the Agenda as a townsman had been killed crossing Dublin Street recently, a woman had been knocked down there last year and two other people he knew had been killed there. It was agreed that Dublin Street, in the vicinity of the Church, was dangerous for pedestrians and with a view to reducing the danger it was decided to request the County Council to (a) erect a push-button pedestrian crossing and (b) erect clearly legible "In" and "Out" signs at the car park opposite the church. It was also decided to ask the Garda Siochana to ensure that the car park was properly used.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:

Adjudicator's report on Balbriggan's entry in the Tidy Towns Competition was read and it was noted that the town had received 83 marks against 81 in 1971.

HALL BOOKINGS:

Application from St. Theresa's Youth Club for Friday bookings in February 1973 was granted.

OTHER MATTERS:

The clerk was instructed to request the County Council to provide the following:-

1. A "stop" sign at end of Quay Street,
2. Prohibition of parking at Seapoint Lane.
3. Repairs to railings at river in Quay Street.
4. Maintenance of open space at Market Green.
5. Additional street lighting at the hill on High Street.

*Res. J. Manley  
14/11/72*

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin  
held in the Commissioners' Room on Tuesday 14th  
November 1972 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs. W.F. Cumisky, J.L. Derham, F.E. Guildea, A. Hamilton,  
J.F. Larkin, B.L. Purcell and L.J. Manley, Chairman, presiding.

Mr. F.J. Larkin, Architect and Mr. T. Kennedy, Town Clerk, were  
in attendance.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting of the 10th October were read and signed.

ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

Resurfacing of main street. The clerk was instructed to write to  
the County Council enquiring when was it proposed to resurface Dublin  
Street.

RIGHT OF WAY AT BLACKROCK:

Mr. F.N. Lee, owner of the old bathhouse premises arrived in response  
to a request by the Commissioners to attend the meeting with a view to  
having the matter of complaints about alleged obstruction of right of  
way in front of his premises discussed.

Mr. Lee informed the meeting that he was owner of the old boathouse  
for the past 9 years and that he was at loss to understand how a complaint  
now arises. He welcomed all and sundry to the boathouse and slipway  
except persons wishing to park cars on slipway. The parking of cars would  
prevent free access to the beach.

Mr. Lee asked how numerous were the complaints as he did not think  
that 99% of the Balbriggan people were aware that he was in residence  
at the boathouse and that in his opinion the whole trouble has been  
instigated by just one person.

Commissioner Derham stated that several people had complained to  
him. A trench had been dug and a path taken away and 5 years ago a  
notice had been erected saying "No cars parked here". Mr. Lee's children  
told him that he could not pass over slipway.

Commissioner Larkin said that in order to drive over the slipway one  
would have to drive over a "No parking" sign approx. 2 feet long.

Commissioner Guildea stated that the matter had arisen over the  
past three summers when people with prams had difficulty in passing over  
the slipway. He himself had seen the obstruction.

The Chairman asked Mr. Lee if he was prepared to take away the "No  
Parking" sign and Mr. Lee replied that he was.

Mr. F. Larkin, Architect, informed the meeting that the map accompanying  
the deeds of the property did not include the slipway.

Mr. Lee said that there was another map which showed that the slipway  
was part of the property. Commissioner Cumisky, whose family originally  
owned the boathouse, confirmed that the slipway was included.

*Mr. Lee said that he would consult his solicitor in regard to the production of this map*  
In reply to the Commissioners' remarks Mr. Lee said he had a trench  
dug to prevent water coming into the house and he had the trench piped.

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He had the "No Parking" notice erected to prevent the blockage of the slipway and to keep away undesirables. His boats did not obstruct people wishing to pass and he was prepared to honour the right of way.

Commissioner Derham felt that the Commissioners should also hear from townspeople in regard to their complaints in the matter and he proposed that Mr. Stephen Lawless and Mr. Hugh Reilly be invited to the December meeting to speak. Commissioner Guildea seconded.

Commissioner Cumisky could not understand, in view of Mr. Lee's undertaking, the necessity of inviting others to speak on the subject. He proposed an amendment that in view of Mr. Lee's explanation and undertaking that the Commissioners accept that Mr. Lee was prepared to co-operate. There was no seconder to the amendment.

Commissioner Derham's motion was then put to the meeting and was carried the voting being:-

For: Commissioners Derham, Guildea, Hamilton, Larkin, Purcell and Manley.  
Against: Commissioner Cumisky.

Mr. Lee thanked the meeting for receiving him and requested the Commissioners, in their future investigations of the matter, to enquire if any of those complaining had approached him.

HALL BOOKINGS:

Application by St. Theresas' Youth Club for Friday bookings in March 1973 was granted.

A letter dated 10th November 1972 from Rev. Fr. Collier, Director of Youth Council, was read requesting revised letting terms for the Ballroom on an interim basis. It was decided that in view of the imminence of a decision on the proposals already submitted that the existing arrangements should stand.

OTHER MATTERS:

(a) Name of new housing estate. A discussion took place regarding the naming of the new housing estate at Baths Road and regarding the changing of the name of George's Square. Further discussion was postponed until the December meeting..

(b) Payment of E.S.B. accounts. Commissioner Guildea informed the meeting that he attempted to pay his electricity account at Skerries but failed to do so as the office was closed because of the illness of the clerk. In view of this the Commissioners agreed to a suggestion put forward by Commissioner Guildea that a room in the Town Hall be offered to the E.S.B. by the Commissioners for collection of accounts.

(c) The clerk was directed to request the County Council to provide ramp at footpath in front of car park at Quay Street.

(d) The clerk was instructed to request the Council to repair street lights which were out of order.

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Rev. J. Manley  
19/12/72

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

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Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the  
Commissioners' Room on Tuesday 12th. December, 1972

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PRESENT:

Messrs. W. F. Cumisky; J. L. Derham; F. E. Guildea; A. Hamilton;  
J. Kennedy; B. L. Purcell and L. J. Manley, Chairman, presiding.

Mr. R. O'Brolchain, Asst. City & Co. Manager, Mr. T. Kennedy, Town  
Clerk and Mr. E. Cunningham were in attendance.

The Chairman proposed that the meeting be  
adjourned as a mark of respect to the relatives of the late Mr.  
Francis J. Larkin, who had died suddenly earlier that day. He  
extended sincere sympathy to the Larkin family and particularly  
to Commissioner John Larkin, a nephew of the deceased. The late  
Mr. Larkin had been the Commissioners' Architect and Engineer  
since 1945.

The proposal was seconded by Commissioner  
Purcell. The other Commissioners present, Mr. O'Brolchain and  
Mr. T. Kennedy associated themselves with the Chairman's sentiments.

Leo J. Manley  
19/12/72

*The wife, family, brother and sister of the late  
Francis Joseph Larkin  
desire to return their grateful thanks for  
your kind expression of sympathy in their  
recent great loss  
and especially your kindness in having Mass offered.*

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of Estimates Meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile  
Brigin held in the Commissioners' Room on Tuesday,  
19th December, 1972.

PRESENT:

Messrs. W.F. Cumisky, J.L. Derham, F.E. Guildea, J.F. Larkin, and L.J. Manley, Chairman, presiding.

Mr. R. O'Brolchain, Assistant City & County Manager, Mr. T. Kennedy, Town Clerk and Mr. E. Cunningham were in attendance.

The following report dated 1st December, 1972 was submitted by the Estimates Committee with their estimate for the year commencing 1st April, 1973:-

We enclose Estimate of Expenses for the financial year 1973/74, together with detailed particulars of the amounts shown under the various headings.

The Estimate provides for a total expenditure of £5,700 and Receipts £5,225, which taking into account an estimated debit balance of £45 at 31st March 1973, gives amount required from County Council as £520 (1972/73 - £510) equivalent to a rate levy of 5p in the pound.

Particulars of the principal variations in the Estimate as compared with that adopted for the current year are as follows:-

HOUSING Increases in provisions for Rates and Insurances (£50) and Rent Collection (£20) are more than offset by a reduced requirement for Loan Charges which is £355 less than the current year's amount. The loan for the reconstruction of the Glover Estate has now been repaid and in 1973/74 the first loan raised for the provision of bathrooms for houses shall also have been repaid.

CHEAP FUEL Increase in the price of turf together with a slight increase  
SCHEME in the number of applications necessitate an additional £280 under this heading. There is a corresponding receipt in Government Grant.

GENERAL Estimated expenditure shows an increase of £415 because of additional provisions for Heat and Light (£100), Wages (£100), Rates (£100), Salaries (£50), Office Expenses (£20), and Other Expenses (£50).

It was proposed by Commissioner Derham, seconded by Commissioner Larkin and resolved that the Estimate of Expenses as submitted by the Estimates Committee, as shown in Tables A and B, be adopted and that the amount set out in Table C be the sum to be demanded from the Dublin County Council.

*Leo J. Manley*  
9/1/73

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

(Balbriggan Town Commissioners)

Estimate of Expenses and Demand for the local financial year ending on  
31st day of March 1974.

TABLE A  
EXPENDITURE

Purpose of Expenditure 1.	Amount Estimated	
	Estimated by Estimates Committee 2.	Adopted by Commissioners 3.
Housing	£ 885	£ 885
Tourist Development	-	-
School Meals	-	-
Allotment Schemes	-	-
Fuel Scheme	2,030	2,030
Other Expenses	2,785	2,785
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>5,700</b>

TABLE B  
RECEIPTS

Nature of Receipts 1.	Amount Estimated	
	Estimated by Estimates Committee 2.	Adopted by Commissioners 3.
Housing	£ 1,930	£ 1,930
School Meals	-	-
Allotment Schemes	-	-
Fuel Scheme	2,030	2,030
Other Receipts	1,265	1,265
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,225</b>	<b>5,225</b>

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Estimate of Expenses and Demand cal financial year  
ending on 31st March 1974.

TABLE C

Calculation of the sum to be demanded

Estimated Expenditure (1)	Estimated Receipts (2)	Net estimated Expenditure (3)	Estimated Debit Balance (if any) (4)	Estimated Credit Balance (if any) (5)	Amount to be Demanded (6)
£ 5,700	£ 5,225	£ 475	£ 45	£ ---	£ 520

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held this ~~day~~ of 19th December 1972 the Commissioners did by resolution adopt the estimate of expenses set forth in Tables A, B and C, and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said estimate the sum set forth in Column 6 of Table C to be the sum to be demanded for the financial year ending on the 31st day of March 1974.

Dated this 19th day of December 1972

Signed: Leo J. Mauley  
Chairman

Countersigned: Thomas Kennedy  
Town Clerk

DEMAND

To the County Council of the County of Dublin

The Balbriggan Town Commissioners hereby transmit to the above-named Council the annexed estimate of expenses and calculation of the sum to be demanded for the ensuing financial year ending on 31st day of March, 1974. The Commissioners hereby demand that the sum of £520 shall be supplied to them by the said Council.

Dated this 19th day of December 1972

Signed: Leo J. Mauley Chairman

Countersigned: Thomas Kennedy Town Clerk

Town Hall, Balbriggan.



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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin  
held in the Commissioners' Room on Tuesday 19th  
December, 1972.

PRESENT:

W.F. Cumisky, J.L. Derham, F.E. Guildea, J.F. Larkin, B.L. Purcell  
and L.J. Manley, Chairman, presiding.

Mr. E. O'Brolchain, Assistant City & County Manager, Mr. T. Kennedy,  
Town Clerk and Mr. E. Cunningham were also present.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting of 14th November 1972 were read, amended  
and signed as a true and accurate record.

RIGHT OF WAY AT BLACKROCK:

Mr. H. Reilly and Mr. S. Lawless attended the meeting to air  
complaints from townspeople in regard to the obstruction of free passage  
over the slipway in front of the old bathhouse at Blackrock. Both  
gentlemen instanced several occasions when townspeople had been prevented  
in one way or another from passing over the slipway.

The Commissioners again discussed the matter and it was proposed  
by the Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Guildea and resolved that  
Mr. F. Lee, owner of bathhouse, be requested to park boats at side of  
bathhouse and not in front and that he also let the Commissioners know  
what liquid is being discharged by him from the premises on to the beach.

ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

(a) Car Park at Quay Street. It was noted from letter dated  
11.12.72 from County Council that a ramp would be provided at entrance  
to car park.

(b) Footpaths. It was noted from letter dated 11.12.72 from  
County Council that footpaths at Drogheda Street are being reconstructed  
and that paths at Dublin Street would be maintained in as good a  
condition as possible.

(c) Sign Post at Quay Street. It was noted from letter dated  
14.12.72 from County Council that it was considered that the signpost  
at "Flygates" was <sup>Not</sup> undesirable from the Safety Aspect.

(d) Condition of surface of streets. It was noted from letter  
dated 18.12.72 from County Council the surface of the main street from  
the Square to <sup>Drogheda</sup> Clonard Street was at present being repaired and that  
provision would be made for the improvement of Dublin Street in the  
coming year.

TOWN CLERK'S REMUNERATION:

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Cumisky  
and resolved that consent be given to the Manager's proposal pursuant  
to Section 6, City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 to increase  
the Town Clerk's remuneration by £65 per annum from 1.4.70 and by £71  
per annum from 1.1.71 and that over-expenditure of the estimate of  
expenses be authorised.

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TELEPHONE SERVICE:

The Chairman suggested that in view of the bad telephone service in the town at present that the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs be asked to receive a deputation from the Commissioners in order to arrange better telephone facilities. Commissioner Cumisky proposed, Commissioner Derham seconded and it was agreed that as new trunk lines were at present being installed the matter be deferred until March 1973. In the meanwhile the clerk was instructed to write to the Department of Posts & Telegraphs regarding the faults in the present service.

HALL BOOKINGS:

Application from St. Theresa's Youth Club for ballroom bookings on Fridays in April 1973 was granted.

FOOTPATH ALONG CANAL:

A letter dated 11.12.1972 from Mr. Oliver Heeney, 2 Georges Square, was read suggesting that a temporary bridge be erected to replace pathway which had been washed away by flood waters. As it was not clear what exactly Mr. Heeney had in mind Commissioner Larkin was asked to interview Mr. Heeney and report to the January meeting on the matter. The Clerk was requested to ascertain when the County Council proposed to acquire the area.

TOWN CLERK'S RESIGNATION:

Commissioner Derham proposed that the Commissioners' appreciation of Mr. Kennedy's services be put on record. The Chairman seconded and it was unanimously agreed.

The Commissioners also welcomed Mr. Eamonn Cunningham who is succeeding Mr. Kennedy as town clerk.

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Leo J. Mauley  
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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday 9th January, 1973 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs W. F. Cumisky, J. L. Derham, F. E. Guildea, A Hamilton, J. Kennedy and L. J. Manley, Chairman presiding. An apology for inability to attend was received from B. L. Purcell.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting of the 19th December 1972 were read amended and signed. The minutes of the Estimates meeting of 19th December, 1972 were read and signed.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

RIGHT OF WAY AT BLACKROCK:

As no reply had yet been received from Mr. Lee in connection with the request about a discharge flowing on to the beach, it was proposed by Commissioner Cumiskey and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy that a reminder be sent to Mr. Lee.

THE HEAD:

It was proposed by Commissioner Cumiskey and seconded by Commissioner Guildea that a letter be sent to Mr. Heeney regarding his intentions concerning "The Head".

At the outset of the Meeting Commissioner Cumiskey proposed a vote of welcome to the new Town Clerk, Mr. Cunningham who was replacing Mr. T. Kennedy. This was seconded by the Chairman and associated with by all the Commissioners.

PROVISION OF BUS SHELTERS:

Following a discussion in which the Chairman and Commissioner Kennedy instanced occasions in which people waiting for buses had to stand in the wind and rain, it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy that a letter be written to C. I. E. asking them to re-assess the position and to erect Bus Shelters in Dublin Street and Drogheda Street.

Protective Barrier along river at Quay Street:

It was proposed by the Chairman, after discussing occasions on which children were seen playing on the rocks, and seconded by Commissioner Derham that a letter be sent to Dublin County Council asking them to erect a protective barrier similar to that placed on the opposite side along the River at Quay Street.

HALL BOOKINGS:

An application by St. Theresa's Youth Club for Hall Bookings for the Friday's in May, 1973 was granted.

OTHER MATTERS:

Passageway along Railway Embankment:

- (1) A letter from Stevenson's (Balbriggan) Ltd., dated 21st December, 1972. was read. Following a discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Derham that a letter be sent to Dublin County Council asking them to consider erecting Lights along the passageway along the Railway Embankment. This was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton and resolved. It was proposed by Commissioner Cumiskey that the County Council be asked to resurface the passageway from the banksto the houses.

(2) PARKING OF CARS ON STREETS:

Following a discussion in which Commissioner Kennedy complained of the parking of cars on the footpaths, it was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Guildea and resolved

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*Superintendent  
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that a letter be sent to the Inspector, Garda Siocana pointing out the obstructions and asking him to take appropriate action.

(3) PEDESTRIAN CROSSING:

It was proposed by the Chairman, after a discussion, and seconded by Commissioner Guildea and resolved that the County Council be asked to erect Illuminated Signs "Pedestrian Crossing Ahead" in a more conspicuous place so that they can be clearly seen by approaching motorists.

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday 13th February, 1973 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs. W.F. Cumiskey, J.L. Derham, A. Hamilton, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin and B.L. Purcell, Vice Chairman, presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. L.J. Manley.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting of the 9th January were read and signed.

ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

A letter from C.I.E. regarding the provision of bus shelters was read and noted.

A letter from the Garda Siochana regarding illegal parking in the town was read and noted.

WAGE INCREASE TO CARETAKER:

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Commissioner Derham and resolved that a wage increase of 47p per week be granted to the Caretaker with effect from January 1st being phase 2 of the 13th Round National Agreement.

HALL BOOKINGS:

An application from St. Theresa's Youth Club for hall bookings for the Fridays in June 1973 was granted.

An application from the Horticultural Society for hall bookings for August 31st and September 1st was granted.

OTHER MATTERS:

It was proposed by Commissioner Larkin and seconded by Commissioner Cumiskey that the E.S.B. be asked to alter the time switch on the heating system so that heat could be provided all day on Election day February 28th.

It was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy seconded by the <sup>Commissioner Cumiskey</sup> ~~Chairman~~ and agreed that the congratulations of the Commissioners be extended to Archdeacon Gallen on his recent elevation by His Grace, Dr. Ryan.

Following a query by Commissioner Kennedy in relation to a means test for the Fuel Scheme the Chairman read out the regulations.

An application for a Cinema Licence by Fingal Ltd., was granted.

A letter from the Town Clerk Tipperary Urban District Council was read and noted.

A letter of appreciation from the family of the late J.C.Larkin was read.

A letter enclosing questionnaire from the Regional Tourism Board was read following which it was agreed that Commissioners J.L.Derham and B.L. Purcell would complete the questionnaire.

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L.J. Manley  
13/3/1973

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday, 13th March, 1973. at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT

W. Cumiskey, J. L. Derham, F.E. Guildea, A. Hamilton, J. Larkin, B. L. Purcell, and L. J. Manley Chairman presiding.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the 13th February, were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes

Commissioner Derham informed the meeting that in the absence of Commissioner Purcell he completed the questionnaire from the Regional Tourism Board and returned it.

The following letter from The Very Reverend Archdeacon Edward Gallen. was read.

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Parochial House,  
Corpus Christi Church,  
Drumcondra,  
Dublin 9.

21. February 1973.

Dear Mr. Cunningham.

No letter has given me more  
pleasure than yours conveying the  
congratulations of the representatives of  
my native Balbriggan.

I enjoy returning to the places  
of my youth; and it is pleasant to  
observe how with all the modernisation  
and improvements our town retains  
its original character - the "County"  
Road; "Kings" Strand, the Black Rock  
where, at good tide, is the best bathing  
on this Coast.

Thank you very much; and will  
you convey my thanks and good  
wishes to each of your Town

Commissioners.

Yours very sincerely  
Edward Gallen

Prof. McAuley  
13/3/73

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

A letter from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs was read. Following discussion in which difficulties in placing calls was again aired, it was proposed by Commissioner Cumiskey seconded by Commissioner Larkin and agreed that a further letter be written to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs pointing out the difficulties stated. A letter from Dublin County Council in connection with the right of way at Seabanks was read. As it appears that the Council mistook the path in question. The Clerk was instructed to get in contact with Mr. Maloney of Stevensons Ltd., to clarify the matter.

A letter from Dublin County Council dated February 19th re Public Lighting was read and noted. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Public Lighting Department about certain Lights not working in the town and also the poor Lighting at the Car-Park, Pedestrian Sub-way at Quarry Road and also in Laneway beside the Cinema.

Approval of Over expenditure

Authorisation for overexpenditure in the financial year 1972/73 under the following headings was requested Fuel Scheme

Fuel Scheme £110

General £600

It was proposed by Commissioner Derham and seconded by ~~the~~ <sup>Chairman</sup> Commissioner Derham and resolved that approval of overexpenditure as stated be adopted. It was proposed by ~~the~~ Commissioner Derham and seconded by the Chairman the the Company which



installed the heating system ~~to~~ requested to re <sup>locate</sup> book the switch which controls the heating in the Ballroom .

#### Hall Bookings.

A letter from Fr. Collier requesting use of the Ballroom on Tuesday and Friday nights for basketball and the supper-room on Sunday nights for Club Social for Youth Club members only was read. Application was granted provided the hall is not booked for dancing.

#### Dumping At Fancourt Quarry.

The Chairman expressed his concern about the serious health hazard which existed at the dump at Fancourt Quarry. Commissioner Derham informed the meeting that dumping had now ceased and that the Quarry was being closed-in at present.

#### Other Matters

A letter from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company Ltd., requesting appointment of nominee to vote at General meetings of the Company. It was proposed by Commissioner Derham and seconded by the Chairman and agreed that Commissioner Purcell be nominated.

A letter from Kinsale Urban District Council was read and noted.

A letter from Board Failte (P.R.D.D.) re Tidy Towns Competition was read following which it was agreed that the application form for the competition be completed and returned.

A letter from The Commissioner Garda Siocana together with copies of Dublin Parking Temporary Rules 1973 were read and noted. It was proposed by Commissioner Cumiskey seconded by the Chairman and agreed that a letter be forwarded to Dublin County Council pointing out the condition of the channels in the town.

A letter from Fr. Collier C.C. requesting that portion of the

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cost of expenditure incurred by the Youth Club be borne by the Commissioners was read. Further discussion on this was adjourned to the next meeting of the Commissioners. Following a discussion in which Commissioners again complained of the inadequate service offered by the E.S.B to citizens of Balbriggan in Paying their Accounts it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Commissioner Cumiskey that the Chairman of the Electricity Supply Board be asked to receive a deputation from the Commissioners with a view to improving the service.

Leo J. Manley  
10/4/73

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday 10th April 1973 at 7.30 p.m.

Present. W. Cumiskey, A Hamilton, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin and L. J. Manley Chairman presiding.  
Mr. R. O'Brolchain, Assistant City and County Manager and Mr. E. Cunningham, Town Clerk were also present.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. B. L. Purcell.

The Minutes of the meeting of 13th March were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes.

A letter from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs dated 5<sup>th</sup> April 1973 was read and signed.

A letter from the Eastern Health Board re Old Bath House was read and signed.

As no reply had been received from the Electricity Supply Board it was proposed by Commissioner Cumiskey recorded by the Chairman and resolved that a further letter be sent to them.

Reception of Deputation from Housing Action Committee.

A deputation consisting from the above committee consisting of Mr. B. Bergin, Mr. J. Keamy and Mr. J. Dunne. Mr. J. Dunne acting as spokesman for the deputation stated that they were anxious to have the following information in regards to the new houses being built by the County Council at Bath Road.

- (1) When will they be completed.
- (2) When will they be allocated.
- (3) When will they be inhabited.

The members of the deputation together with the Commissioners expressed their anxiety over the rate of progress in building the houses and the fear of some families having to spend another Winter in their present living conditions. The deputation also requested that as soon as the first houses were completed that they be handed over to the County Council immediately, and that the Council allocate these immediately to the most deserving cases in the Town.

The Manager in reply stated that the original completion date for the houses was July 24th but that an extension to this had been given. The Contractor is not obliged to hand over houses until the scheme is completed. He expected that the first houses should be completed by the end of September. The houses will be allocated in May and that they can be given to the tenants 2 - 4 weeks after been handed over by the Contractor depending on their condition. The Manager also intimated that he would do everything possible to expedite the work. Houses would be allocated according to the points system in operation by the Council. Applicants from the Balbriggan Housing area would be entitled to extra points.

Tidy Towns.

The following three Commissioners were nominated to work in liaison with three members of the Balbriggan Development Committee with a view towards improving the town for the above competition.

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The Chairman Mr. L. J. Manley, Mr. W. Cumiskey and Mr. B. L. Purcell. It was proposed that the Development Committee be asked to nominate three members.

Footpaths in Drogheda Street.

A letter from Mr. Timlin re above was read. A copy of this letter was forwarded to the County Council. *by Mr. Timlin*

It was proposed that a letter be sent to the County Council asking them to erect litter bins at the following locations.

(a) Vocational School 1st Gate. (b) Cinema. (c) between Lenehans shop and Mr. Timlins house. (d) opposite Mc Loughlins Garage.

Vacancy of Town Engineer.

A letter from the Manager dated 10th April was read. In it the Manager intimated that he proposed to appoint Mr. J. Donnellan, Assistant County Engineer for the Balrothery area to the vacant post at a salary of £100 per annum in a temporary basis. Commissioner Larkin stated that the late Mr. Larkin's son would be qualified as an architect next year and asked could he be appointed then. The Manager stated that he would discuss this with Mr. Donnellan.

Other Matter's.

A letter from the City Librarian Westminster City Librarian was read.

It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Commissioner Hamilton and resolved that the Council request the Gardai investigate the traffic flow at Mill Street with the intention of having a 'Stop' sign erected at its entrance. It was also proposed that the following letters be sent (1) Mr. J. Mc Call former County Secretary wishing him every happiness in his retirement.

(2) To Dr. Kavanagh on his recent elevation.

(3) The family of the late Dr. Mc Quaid on their bereavement.

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*Leo J. Manley*  
8/5/73

*MEMORARE*

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided.*

*Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.*

*O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petition, but in your clemency hear and answer me.*

*Amen.*



The Archbishop of Dublin  
on behalf of  
the clergy and the people of the diocese  
acknowledges with grateful appreciation  
your expression of sympathy  
on the death of  
the Most Reverend John Charles McQuaid, D.D.



Please pray  
for  
Archbishop John Charles McQuaid  
Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland  
1940 – 1972

that  
by the intercession of his Patroness  
Mary the Mother of God  
his Divine Master would grant him  
the reward of a life of devoted service  
to the People of God  
who are the Church of Christ

He died on the 7th of April 1973

*Requiescat in pace Domini*

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

MINUTES: of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday 8th May, 1973.

PRESENT:

J. L. Derham, F. E. Guildea, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, B. Purcell, and E. J. Manley Chairman presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Mr. W. Cumiskey.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting of 10th April, 1973 were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes:

A letter from the E.S.B. accepting a deputation from the Commissioners was read. It was decided that a deputation should meet Mr. Murray of the E.S.B. on Thursday 31st May, at 3 p.m.

Cards, acknowledging receipt of letters from the Commissioners to the County Council re (1) Traffic Flow, Mill Street, (2) Provision of additional Litter Bins and (3) condition of channels following re-surfacing work in Drogheda Street were read.

A copy of letter addressed to Mr. Maloney Stevenson's Ltd., by the County Council re Public Lighting along Railway Embankment that the Council proposed to do some work in this area in the present financial year.

Pedestrian Lights at Church, Dublin Street.

Following discussion in which the Chairman instanced an occasion whereby a pedestrian was unable to cross the road at the Church because of heavy and fast traffic it was proposed that the Clerk should write to the Senior Administrative Officer, Engineering Section, Dublin County Council asking his views on the type of sign which could be erected to warn motorists that a Church was ahead.

Claim by Youth Club for improvements carried out.

A discussion on this subject was postponed to the following meeting.

Extension of Town Boundaries:

The Chairman was informed by Commissioner Derham that all present development in the town was inside the town boundaries.

Other Matters:

On the proposal of Commissioner Derham it was decided that a letter of complaint be sent to Dublin County Council about the unsatisfactory manner of checking the Public Lighting in the town. Lights which were reported out of order five weeks previously were still not repaired.

Permission was given to Commissioner Derham to search for a map which he required to aid him in his literary work on the history of the Commissioners.

A letter from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland enclosing Summary Recommendations for Local Government Reorganisation was read. Copies of the Recommendations were distributed to the members present.

On the proposal of Commissioner Purcell it was decided to ask the County Council for an up to date account of the proposed service road at rere of Drogheda Street..

*Brian Purcell  
12/6/73*



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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday June 12th at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Messrs W.F. Cumiskey, L. Derham, J. Larkin and B.L. Purcell, Vice-Chairman presiding.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Messrs. J.Kennedy and L.J. Manley.

Mr. R. O'Brolchain and the Town Clerk were in attendance.

Minutes:

The minutes of monthly meeting of the 8th May, 1973 were read and signed.

Arising out of Minutes:

A deputation from the Commissioners to the Chairman of the E.S.B. which had been arranged for May 31st did not travel as this date was unsuitable for Mr. Murray, Chairman of E.S.B. A new date, June 14th, had been arranged.

A letter from Dublin County Council stating that a Pedestrian Crossing at the Church, Dublin Street, was not warranted, was noted. Following discussion the Clerk was instructed to write to the Superintendent Garda Siochana asking him to confirm that a Garda will be on duty outside the Church at all Masses. A letter from Mr. McGinley re Public Lighting was received. It was noted that defective lights in Church View and Curran Park were now in working order and that it was proposed to provide lighting in the Car-Park and in the laneway beside the Savoy Cinema in the present financial year. Lights in the pedestrian subway of Fancourt Road are not the responsibility of the Council.

A letter from Dublin County Council re Traffic Signs at Mill Street was read. New signs had been erected shortly after the April meeting.

Acknowledgements of the votes of (1) congratulations to Dr. Kavanagh on his recent elevation and (2) the good wishes of the Commissioners on Mr. J. McCall, on his retirement as County Secretary were read and noted.

Acknowledgement from Dublin County Council of receipt of communication re Service Road at rear of Drogheda Street was read. The Chairman outlined this problem to the Manager.

Hall Bookings:

An application by Mr. Europa for Hall Bookings on November 20th, 1973 was granted.

Wage Increase to Caretaker:

Phase 1 of the 14th Round National Agreement granting an increase of 83p per week from 1st June, 1973, and 3p per week from 1st July, 1973, was approved.

Other Matters:

Commissioner Cumiskey outlined the problem people have of getting into the Grave-yard because of a circular issued by Dublin County Council to the caretaker asking him to keep the gates locked. Following discussion the Clerk was instructed to contact the Senior Administrative Officer about this. The Clerk was also instructed to write to Mr. P. McBride, Caretaker of the grave-yard congratulating him on the state of the grave-yard.

The Chairman also queried who was responsible for the up-keep of the Road to the Main Gates of the old Burial Ground at Balscadden as it was in a deplorable condition.

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Window Posters and car-stickers received from Board Failte re Tidy Towns were distributed to the members present. The Chairman, Mr. Purcell, gave the Commissioners an account of the recent annual meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances. The Clerk was instructed to examine the Public Liability Policy in relation to accidents while the Hall is let to outside bodies.

*John Larkin*  
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10 July 1973

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of committee meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile  
Brigin held in the Commissioner's room on Tuesday,  
June 12th, 1973.

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Present:

Messrs. W. Cumiskey, L. Derham, J. Larkin and B.L. Purcell, Vice-Chairman,  
presiding.

Mr. R. O'Brolchain, Assistant City and County Manager and Mr. E. Cunningham,  
Town Clerk were in attendance.

*The* following letter was read by the Manager.

Meitheamh 12, 1973.

To each Commissioner.

At the 31st March, 1973, a total of £234.24 was due by the Dalbriggan Youth Club to the Town Commissioners in respect of bookings of the Town Hall. Fr. Collier, Director of the Youth Club in a letter dated 13th March, 1973, requested that the Commissioners refund to the Youth Club expenditure incurred by the Youth Club on maintenance and repair of the Town Hall since April, 1971. An account totalling £796.98 in respect of this has been furnished.

In a letter dated 20th April, 1971, Fr. Collier requested that the cost of lighting and heating of the supper room to October, 1971, be borne by the Commissioners in return for improvements carried out by the Youth Club. This was agreed to by the Commissioners. On examining the account furnished by Fr. Collier expenditure on improvements carried out by the Youth Club prior to the 1st November, 1971, and subject to the agreement amounts to £387.22. Taking into account an amount of £30 listed twice the balance remaining is £379.76 and is broken down as follows:-

Painting	-	£22.38
Labour	-	35.00
Seating	-	11.57
Labour	-	5.43
Curtains	-	9.68
Cleaning	-	60.00
Repairs.	-	70.00
Linoleum	-	145.70
Labour	-	<u>20.00</u>
		£379.76.
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The Youth Club are seeking to have the amount due £234.24 written off and in addition have a refund of £145.52 made.

When considering the claim the Commissioners would want to bear in mind the difference between items of repair and painting (help to maintain fabrics of hall) and equipment and furnishings which would be utilised by the Youth Club itself. The above account £379.76 appears to divide up as follows:-

<u>Equipment:</u>	Seating	-	£11.57
	Curtains	-	9.68
	Linoleum	-	<u>145.70.</u>
			£166.95

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<u>Repairs:</u>	Painting	-	22.38
	Labour	-	35.00
	Labour	-	5.43
	Repairs	-	70.00
	Labour	-	<u>20.00</u>
			£152.81
			=====

There is a further item which should be separately considered,  
 Cleaning - £60.00

It is considered that in the normal case the Youth Club might bear the cleaning cost - £60 and the cost of equipment £166.95, leaving their nett claim at £152.81. If this were to be set off against the amount due there would be a nett sum due to the Commissioners by the Youth Club of £81.43.

In considering this claim it is necessary to mention to the Commissioners that there has been a considerable reduction in the income in bookings from dances etc., Last year for the months of April, May and June total receipts were £157.75. In the current year receipts were £41.

If this pattern continues receipts for the year would only be about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the amount provided in the estimates i.e. £240 as against £950.

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Mr. O'Brolchain stated that as he would be unable to attend the July meeting he was taking this opportunity of discussing the claim with the Commissioners. The proposal depends on how much the Rates can bear. In the absence of a balance sheet the financial state of the Youth Club cannot be ascertained. The Youth Club could ask the County Council for a grant to purchase equipment.

Following further discussion the Clerk was instructed to ask Fr. Collier for a Balance Sheet before the July meeting.

*John Larkin*  
 10/12/73

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin  
held in the Commissioners room on Tuesday, July 10th, 1973,  
at 7.30 p.m.  
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Present:

Messrs. W. Cumiskey, F. Guildea, A. Hamilton, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, B. Purcell  
and L.J. Manley.

Mr. D.A. Delaney, acting Assistant City and County Manager and Mr. E. Cunningham,  
Town Clerk, were in attendance.

Election of Chairman:

Commissioner Manley outgoing chairman stated at the outset that he was not going  
forward for re-election and thanked the Commissioners for their help during the year.

Commissioner Kennedy was proposed by Commissioner Hamilton.  
Commissioner Kennedy withdrew stating that he would not have enough time due to  
work and other business.

Commissioner Purcell proposed Commissioner Larkin.

Commissioner Guildea seconded this proposal.

Commissioner Kennedy proposed Commissioner Cumiskey.

Commissioner Hamilton seconded this proposal.

Commissioner Cumiskey stated that he would not accept the position unless it was  
an unanimous decision. He then withdrew.

Commissioner Cumiskey proposed Commissioner Manley.

Commissioner Manley, as he had already stated, said that he was not going forward.

Commissioner Larkin was then declared elected and took the chair.

Election of Vice Chairman:

Commissioner Purcell proposed Commissioner Manley who withdrew.

Commissioner Cumiskey proposed Commissioner Kennedy.

Commissioner Hamilton seconded this.

Commissioner Kennedy was then declared elected.

Election Estimates Committee:

The following were elected to the Estimates Committee.

Commissioner Manley.

Commissioner Cumiskey.

Commissioner Larkin.

Election of Fuel Scheme Committee:

The following were elected to the Fuel Scheme Committee.

Commissioner Hamilton.

Commissioner Kennedy.

Commissioner Larkin.

*John Larkin*  
11/4/73  
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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin  
held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday, July 10th,  
1973, at 8.00 p.m.

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Present:

Messers. W. Cumiskey, F. Guildea, A. Hamilton, J. Kennedy, B. Purcell, L.J. Manley  
and J. Larkin, Chairman, presiding.

Mr. D. A. Delaney, acting Assistant City and County Manager and the Town Clerk were  
in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of monthly meeting of June 12th were read adopted and signed.

The minutes of committee meeting of June 12th were read adopted and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes:

A letter from the Superintendent Garda Siochana, stating that the matter of having  
Guards detailed to direct traffic at the Church, Dublin Street, was having attention,  
was read and noted. The Chairman stated that he would check if there was a Guard on  
duty at Evening Mass.

As no reply had been received from Dublin County Council re the closing of the  
gates at the Burial Ground the Clerk was instructed to take the matter up with  
Mr. D. O'Sullivan, Senior Administrative Officer, Dublin County Council.

A letter from Dublin County Council stating that the re-surfacing of Drogheda  
Street would be completed as quickly as possible, was noted.

An acknowledgement card was received from Dr. Ryan on the death of Dr. J.C. McQuaid.

Report from Commissioner Manley on deputation received by the Chairman of E.S.B.

The following deputation met Mr. Murray, Chairman of E.S.B. who was accompanied by  
another gentleman.

Commissioners A. Hamilton, B. Purcell and L.J. Manley.

The deputation complained of the office been taken from Balbriggan to Skerries.  
They offered the E.S.B. the use of the Commissioners Room free of charge one day in  
every month so that the E.S.B. could send down an official to open the collection boxes  
and collect the bills. Mr. Murray looked favourably upon this idea but said that he  
would have to contact the Unions and the Insurance Company about the suggestion.

As no communication had yet been received from the E.S.B. Commissioner Cumiskey  
proposed that the matter be adjourned to the September meeting. This was agreed.

Commissioner Guildea again instanced occasions where he had difficulties in paying  
his bills in Skerries.

Commissioner Hamilton stated that <sup>Mr. Murray</sup> ~~he~~ was surprised when told of those difficulties.

Commissioner Purcell stated that one factory in Balbriggan was using more electricity  
than the whole of Skerries and also that there was no electrician stationed in Balbriggan.

Abstract of Accounts:

A statement on the accounts of the Commissioners for year ended 31.3.1973 was  
circulated, read and noted.

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Claim by Youth Club:

Following further discussion on this Claim in which the Commissioners, while complementing Fr. Collier on his effort for the youth, also stated that when the Youth Club first took over the Hall they agreed to decorate the premises at their own expense. When the Youth Club were running dances everything was in order but now that support for the dances had dwindled they were now asking the Commissioners to bear the cost of the improvements. The Clerk was instructed to request Fr. Collier and members of the Youth Club to attend the September meeting of the Commissioners.

Other Matters:

Commissioner Manley again instanced occasions where he was having difficulties in making telephone calls. Following a discussion when other Commissioners pointed out the same problem, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs asking him to receive a deputation from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Kennedy informed the meeting that Mr. Lee was now living in the Boat house and that the situation had improved.

~~2. Commissioner Guildea informed the Commissioner Kennedy that the Council were now working on footpaths in the Blackrock area.~~

A vote of congratulations was passed on Mr. Childers on his inauguration as President of Ireland.

A vote of best wishes was passed on Mr. De Valera on the occasion of his retirement as President of Ireland.

Votes of sympathy was passed to the widow and family of the late Senator P. Wilson, Belfast and General Sean Mc Eoin, Longford.

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*John Larkin*  
11/9/73.

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of Meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile  
Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on  
Tuesday, September 11th at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs. W. Cumiskey, J.L. Derham, F.E. Guildea, A. Hamilton,  
J. Kennedy, L.J. Manley, B. Purcell and J. Larkin, Chairman presiding.

Claim by Youth Club for improvements carried out.

A deputation from the Youth Club consisting of Fr. Collier and Mr. P. Fitzgerald was received by the Commissioners to discuss this claim. A copy of letter dated June 12 was given to Fr. Collier and Mr. Fitzgerald. The Town Clerk informed them of how the breakdown was arrived at. Following a discussion on the cleaning fee of £30, Fr. Collier asked that the Youth Club be allowed time to study the letter. Commissioner Derham asked Fr. Collier if they had applied to the Dublin County Council for a grant for the work done. Fr. Collier replied that he was not aware of such grants. The Town Clerk informed Fr. Collier of the conditions for getting such grant and also where to apply.

On the suggestion of Commissioner Derham it was agreed that the Youth Club study the contents of the letter and submit their views in writing to the Town Clerk who in turn would circulate the contents to the Commissioners.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Annual meeting of July 10th were read and signed.

The minutes of Ordinary meeting of July 10th were read, amended and signed.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

A letter from Mr. Murray, Chairman of Electricity Supply Board was read. Copies of this letter was circulated to the members. In this letter Mr. Murray informed the Commissioners that after careful consideration of the subject he regretted that the E.S.B. "were unable at present to provide a special outlet for payment of accounts in Balbriggan despite the very generous offer of your Commissioner to provide an office for this purpose". He also added that the situation would come up for review periodically. Following further discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Electricity Supply Board expressing the disappointment of the Commissioners at the decision and also asking the E.S.B. to guarantee that the offices in Skerries will be open to people paying their accounts during office hours.

An acknowledgement card was received from President Childers thanking the Commissioners for their good wishes.

A letter from Dublin County Council dated 20th July, 1973, re Public Lighting, was read. It informed the Commissioners that the E.S.B. carry out an inspection every two weeks on public lights in the town except those on the Main Road. If they discover any lights are inoperative they report them to the Corporation for attention. Commissioner Derham informed the Commissioners of a conversation he had with Corporation workmen who informed him that they carry out an inspection once every month.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT:

The Auditor's report for the years 1970/71, 1971/72 which had been circulated with the agenda was taken as read.

FUEL SCHEME DELIVERY:

Commissioner Cumiskey informed the meeting that due to a shortage of drivers he would be unable to deliver turf in the forthcoming period. Commissioner Kennedy said that he had raised this matter with the Old Age Pension Committee. They agreed to deliver the turf to the Old Age Pensioners only if Mr. Cumiskey would let them take it out on a Saturday. Commissioner Cumiskey was agreeable and also agreed to supply Commissioner Kennedy with a list of names.

OTHER MATTERS:

A letter from Fr. O'Beirne P.P. requesting use of the hall as a school while the National School was being repaired was read. The Commissioners gave their unanimous consent to the request. The Annual report of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland was distributed to the members. Commissioners Cumiskey and Purcell were elected to attend the Annual Conference in Eniscorthy.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the County Council about tinkers camping in the car park.

John Laukin  
9/10/73

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday October, 9th at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Messrs W. Cumiskey, F. E. Guildea, J. Kennedy, L. J. Manley, B. Purcell and T. Larkin chairman presiding.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Messrs J. Derham and A. Hamilton.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of meeting of September 11th were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes.

A letter from The Superintendent, Garda Siochana was read in connection with the supervision of traffic outside the R. C. Church.

A letter from the Eastern Health Board together with reports from Inspectors re drainage at the Boat-Shed was read.

The reports stated that no sewerage was coming from the drains on to the beach, but that changing rooms in front of the boat-shed were sometimes used as toilets, which were then swept on to the beach.

Acknowledgement cards were received from Mr. De Valera thanking the Commissioners for their good-wishes and from Dublin County Council re itinerants in the Car-Park.

The Tidy Towns Report for 1973 which was circulated to the Commissioners was noted.

Other Matters:

On the proposal of the Chairman and seconded by Commissioner Purcell and associated with all the Commissioners present and the Town Clerk, a vote of sympathy was passed to Commissioner Cumiskey on the recent death of his sister.

A letter from the Balbriggan Comercial Club requesting to take over the bend Room was read. Following discussion it was agreed to await a report from the Town Engineer on the state of the premises before any decision was taken.

On the proposal of Commissioner Cumiskey it was agreed that when the register of electors would be published the Commissioners would divide up the town and check the register themselves.

The Town Clerk was instructed to check with Dublin County Council on the number of sites in the itinerant encampment at Bath Road. A general discussion took place on the over-all problem of taking itinerants from the road-side and also of the travelling traders that come into Balbriggan every Saturday and sell goods without a licence.

A discussion on the re-surfacing of Dublin Street was postponed until following meeting.

Claim by Youth Club.

A letter dated October, 4th from the Youth Club was read. This stated expenditure of £796.98 was incurred in the Ballroom with the exception of £165.70 Linoleum for the supper-room. Following further discussion it was agreed that the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman together with the Town Clerk would meet Fr. Collier about the claim and to determine what he Fr. Collier wants.

John Larkin  
13/11/73

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of Meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin  
held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday 13th  
November, 1973 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs. W. Cumiskey, J.L. Derham, A. Hamilton, L.J. Manley and  
J. Larkin, Chairman presiding.

Mr. P Donnellan, Town Engineer and Mr. E. Cunningham, Town  
Clerk were in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting of October 9th were read and signed.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

Reports from the Health Inspector in connection with the drainage  
at the Boat Shed were re-read at the request of Commissioner Derham.

A letter from the E.S.B. noting the Commissioners comments on  
the refusal of E.S.B. to provide an office in Balbriggan was read.  
Commissioner Derham again stated that the E.S.B. were being  
unreasonable, and that people should not be expected to carry money  
to Skerries.

A letter from Dublin County Council stating that the itinerants  
were camped on private property beside the car-park was read.

FOOTPATH TO BURIAL GROUND:

The Chairman informed the meeting that a person had been injured  
recently in an accident on the road leading to the Burial Ground  
as there was no footpath there. It was agreed to write to Dublin  
County Council requesting them to provide a footpath on one side of  
the road.

REPAIRS TO DUBLIN STREET:

The Chairman informed the meeting that tenders had been sought  
recently by advertisements to carry out this work which should commence  
shortly.

REPORT ON MEETING WITH FR. COLLIER:

The following report was read and noted.

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Report on meeting of Members of Youth Club and representatives of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on October 17th in the Commissioners Room.

PRESENT: Rev. Fr. Collier, Mrs. Graham, and Miss Wilson for Youth Club, Mr. J. Kennedy, Mr. J. Larkin for Commissioners, Mr. E. Cunningham Town Clerk was also present.

At the outset of the meeting Fr. Collier established that the amount of £796.98 was spent on repairs to the Town Hall with the exception of £145.70 cost of placing lineoleum in the supper-room. Cost of repairs and decoration to the supper-room with the exception of the lineoleum was being borne by the Youth Club as agreed with the Commissioners in April, 1971. The Youth Club were asking the Town Commissioners to refund them the £796.98 spent. On being asked if the Youth Club had sought a grant from the County Council for the work done, Fr. Collier replied "that they had not as they did not know that grants were available to Youth Clubs". Particulars of where to apply were given to Fr. Collier by the Town Clerk.

It was also pointed out to the youth Club that none of this work was authorised by the Commissioners and that the Youth Club being the primary users of the hall had got the most benefit from the work done.

Fr. Collier in reply, stated "that the Youth Club had paid the Town Commissioners £997.37 in respect of rent for the hall for the period in question in addition to the cost of repairs". The Youth Club was fully aware that the work was unauthorised by the Commissioners with the exception of £60 cleaning fee which was agreed with the previous Town Clerk and that they were completely at the mercy of the Commissioners as to whether the Commissioners would recoup them all or any of the cost.

Further action was postponed until the Youth Club applied to Dublin County Council for a grant and the outcome of such application was known.

*J. Larkin*  
13/11/73.

OTHER MATTERS:

On the proposal of Commissioner Hamilton it was agreed to write to Dublin County Council about the pump near the grave yard as it was out of order. Previous requests by private individuals to have the pump repaired were unheeded.

Commissioner Cumiskey informed the meeting that lights were not working in Georges Hill. The Clerk was instructed to contact the E.S.B. in Skerries to have the matter rectified.

On the proposal of Commissioner Manley it was agreed to write to Dublin County Council about the grass margin on the Skerries Road from Seapoint to the County Bridge as it was becoming an eyesore.

The Commissioners unanimously agreed to support resolution by Carrickmacross Urban District Council requesting (1) "the Government to provide a Motor Vehicle Insurance Department to provide Insurance Cover for all road using vehicles and that a tax to cover the expense be levied on all fuels at point of entry" and (2) "the Minister for Finance to cease the present system of motor road taxation and substitute therefor a tax on all types of motor fuel".

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John Larkin  
11/12/13.

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Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday 11th December at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners W. Cumiskey, J. L. Derham, F. Guildea, A. Hamilton J. Kennedy, L. J. Manley and J. Larkin Chairmah presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioner Purcell.

Confirmation of Minutes: The minutes of meeting of 13th November, were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes: A letter from Dublin County Council was read stating that provision was being made in the forthcoming financial year for the erection of a footpath to the Burial Ground. Acknowledgement card was received from Dublin County Council in connection with the pump near the Burial Ground. The meeting was informed that the lights were still not working in Georges Hill. The Clerk was instructed to contact the E.S.B. to have them fixed together with lights on the pump Lane. Commissioner Manley informed the meeting that the Road-Overseer for the area had contacted him about the grass margin at Sea-Point. He was informed that this was private property and that the Council could do nothing to improve the area.

Filling of Vacancy in Town Commissioners.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Commissioner Hodgins had not attended a meeting of the Commissioners since July, 1972 and that he was now disqualified and that his seat was now vacant. The Chairman informed the meeting that he had been talking to Mr. Hodgins who informed the Chairman that because of difficulties he had been unable to attend meetings and that he would like to come back now. Following a discussion on the matter Commissioner Manley proposed that Mr. O' Heeney should fill the vacancy. There was no seconder to this proposal. Commissioner Derham proposed that the matter be left over to the following month. This was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. This proposal was carried on a show of hands.

Register of Electors.

Commissioner Cumiskey distributed the Draft Register of Electors to members and proposed that a special meeting be called after Christmas to divide up the town among the Commissioners to check if all people eligible to vote were on the list. Commissioner Manley seconded this proposal and agreed to by the Commissioners.

Town Hall:

The Town Clerk reported to the meeting the damage that was being caused in the Ballroom-Supper-room while they were in the custody of clubs hiring them. A discussion on the matter was postponed until the Engineer reported on the damage.

Itinerants in the Car-Park.

Despite the fact that the Council had requested the Guards to remove the itinerants from the Car-park they were still there. It was agreed to leave the matter over until the January meeting.

Other Matters:

On the proposal of Commissioner <sup>Manley</sup> Guildea the Clerk was instructed to write to the County Council requesting them to tarmacadem the holes in the paths at Derham Park and to repair the hole in the middle of the open space.

The Clerk was also instructed to write to the County Council requesting them to allocate a flat in Curran Park to a Miss B. Reid.

Commissioner Kennedy informed the meeting that Mr. Cumiskey was no longer <sup>able to</sup> deliver <sup>all the</sup> turf. The Old Age Pension Committee were having the turf delivered by a private haulier to the pensioners. Anyone who wished to make private arrangements with this haulier could do so.

John Larkin  
8/1/74.

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of Estimates Meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners room on Wednesday 2nd January at 7.30.p.m.

Present: Commissioners W. Cumiskey, J.L Derham and J. Larkin Chairman presiding. An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioner Manley. Mr. D.A.Delaney Assistant City and County Manager and Mr E. Cunningham Town Clerk were in attendance.

The following report dated 17th December 1973 was submitted by the Estimates Committee with their Estimate for the <sup>9 months</sup> year commencing 1st April 1974.

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Report of Estimates Committee for financial year ending 31st December, 1974.

We enclose Estimate of Expenses for the financial period 1st April, 1974 to 31st December, 1974 together with detailed particulars of the amounts shown under the various headings.

The Estimates provides for a total expenditure of £3,967 and Receipts £3427 which gives amount required from County Council as £540 (1973/74 £520) equivalent to a rate levy of 5p in the pound.

The principal variation in the Estimates as compared with that adopted in the current year is the change in the financial year now ending on December 31st instead of March 31st as heretofore Other variations are as follows:-

- HOUSING The requirement for Loan Charges is reduced to £30 as a result of the first loan for the provision of Bathrooms being repaid. The remainder of the Loan will be repaid in 1975.
- CHEAP FUEL SCHEME Increase in the price of turf together with a slight increase in the number of applications necessitate an increased provision under this heading. There is a corresponding increase in Receipts from Government Grant.
- GENERAL The reduction in the number of bookings for the Town Hall is reflected in the reduction of Ballroom Receipts and also the provision for Heating and Lighting. A provision of £200 has been made for the cost of elections in 1974.

Leo. J. Manley,  
W.F. Cumiskey.  
J. Larkin.

17th December, 1973.

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

ESTIMATES 1974

Particulars of Estimated Expenditure and Receipts

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
	£		£
<u>Housing</u>			
Loan Charges	30	Rents	1260
Rates & Insurance	270	State Subsidy	10
Rent Collection	130	Miscellaneous	70
Repairs	50		
Engineer's Fees	75		
Law Costs	10		
Water Charges	10		
Miscellaneous	<u>10</u>		
	585		<u>1340</u>
<u>Fuel Scheme</u>			
Fuel	1250	Recipients	120
Administration	30	Eastern Health Board.	15
	<u>1280</u>	State Grant	<u>1145</u>
			<u>1280</u>
<u>General</u>			
<u>Ballroom</u>			
Heating and Lighting	150	Ballroom	500
Loan Charges	200	Cinema	90
Wages	383	Shop and Rooms	130
Rates	300	Fees	2
Other Expenses	144	Other Receipts	85
<u>Office &amp; Other Expenses</u>			
Lighting and Heating	20		
Office Expenses	110		
Salaries	500		
Law Expenses	15		
Insurances	60		
Audit Fee	20		
Election	<u>200</u>		
	<u>2102</u>		<u>807</u>

SUMMARY

<u>Expenditure</u>	£	<u>Receipts</u>	£
Housing	585		1340
Fuel Scheme	1280		1280
General	<u>2102</u>		<u>807</u>
	3967		3427

Deficit: 540.



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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN  
(Balbriggan Town Commissioners)

Estimate of Expenses and Demand for the local financial year ending on  
31st day of December, 1974.

TABLE A  
EXPENDITURE

Purpose of Expenditure 1.	Amount Estimated	
	Estimated by Estimates Committee 2.	Adopted by Commissioners 3.
Housing	£. 585	585
Tourist Development	-	-
School Meals	-	-
Allotment Schemes	-	1,280
Fuel Scheme	1280	2,102
Other Expenses	2102	
TOTAL	3967	3967.

TABLE B  
RECEIPTS

Nature of Receipts 1.	Amount Estimated	
	Estimated by Estimates Committee 2.	Adopted by Commissioners 3.
Housing	£. 1340	1,340
School Meals	-	-
Allotment Schemes	-	1,280
Fuel Scheme	1280	807
Other Receipts	807	
Total	3427	3427

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Estimate of Expenses and Demand for financial year  
ending on 31st December, 1974.

TABLE C  
Calculation of the sum to be demanded

Estimated Expenditure (1)	Estimated Receipts (2)	Net estimated Expenditure (3)	Estimated Debit Balance (if any) (4)	Estimated Credit Balance (if any) (5)	Amount to be Demanded (6)
£ 3,967	£ 3,427	£ 540	£ -	£ -	£ 540

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that at (an adjournment of) the Estimates Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held this day of the Commissioners did by resolution adopt the estimate of expenses set forth in Tables A, B and C, and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said estimate the sum set forth in Column 6 of Table C to be the sum to be demanded for the financial year ending on the 31st day of December, 1974.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1974.

Signed: John Larkin  
Chairman

Countersigned: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk

DEMAND

To the County Council of the County of Dublin

The Balbriggan Town Commissioners hereby transmit to the above-named Council the annexed estimate of expenses and calculation of the sum to be demanded for the ensuing financial year ending on 31st day of December, 1974. The Commissioners hereby demand that the sum of Five hundred and forty pounds shall be supplied to them by the said Council.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1974,

Signed: John Larkin Chairman  
Countersigned: \_\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk

Town Hall, Balbriggan.

It was proposed by Commissioner Derham seconded by the Chairman and resolved that the Estimate of Expenses as submitted by the Estimates Committee, as shown in Table A and B, be adopted and that the amount set out in Table C be the sum to be demanded from the County Council.

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John Loukin  
8/1/74.

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday 8th January, 1974, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Commissioners W. Cumiskey, J. L. Derham, F. E. Guildea, A. Hamilton, J. Kennedy, L. J. Manley and J. Larkin Chairman presiding, Mr. R. O' Brolchain Assistant City and County Manager and E. Cunningham Town Clerk were <sup>m</sup>attendance.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioner Purcell.

At the outset of the meeting it was proposed by Commissioner Manley and agreed that a vote of best wishes for a speedy recovery be sent to Commissioner Purcell, who is in Jervis Street Hospital. The Manager and Town Clerk associated themselves with those sentiments.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of monthly meeting of December 11th 1973 were read amended and signed. The minutes of Estimates meeting of January, 2nd 1974 were read and signed.

PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC AT CHURCH:

Commissioner Manley proposed the suspension of the order of business to have the matter of the pedestrian traffic at the Church in Dublin Street discussed. A serious accident had occurred there recently in which the Chairman's aunt was injured. Two people were also killed there. He proposed that a pedestrian crossing be placed there and that the lighting be improved. The Manager informed the meeting that a Pedestrian crossing was not deemed necessary by the County Council. It was finally resolved that the Council be requested to examine the lighting situation there.

CLEANING OF TOWN HALL:

The Chairman again complained of the state of the Town Hall and of the lack of supervision on the doors. Commissioner Derham stated that due to the long corridor and double stairs it was hard to supervise and also that it was unreasonable to expect someone to remain at the door for 1 hour. The Town Clerk read a letter to the meeting dated May, 14th, 1973 which he sent to the Youth Club and the Badminton Club asking them to exercise more supervision on the doors.

The Clerk was instructed to contact the Youth Club again about supervision. The Clerk was also instructed to inform the caretaker not to commence work until Tuesday in any week.

CHECKING OF REGISTER OF ELECTORS:

Commissioner Cumiskey asked could the Town Commissioners appoint a reliable person to check the register. The Manager informed the meeting that they could not as the County Council prepares the Register. The Commissioners then divided the town into different areas to check themselves to the best of their ability. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Minister for Local Government asking him to give the same publicity on Radio and Television as <sup>was given</sup> they did to previous Draft Registers.

FILLING OF VACANCY ON TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

Following further discussion <sup>on</sup> this heading a proposal by Commissioner Cumiskey seconded by Commissioner Derham that Mr. E. Hodgins be co-opted on to the Commissioners was deferred to the following meeting as regulations required Mr. Hodgins prior consent. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Hodgins seeking his consent.

OTHER MATTERS:

A discussion document on the future of Local Government was distributed to the Commissioners present.

A resolution from Loughrea Town Commissioners wishing the New Council of Ireland every success and support was endorsed. Commissioner Kennedy was informed that work had commenced on the resurfacing of Dublin Street.

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Commissioner Hamilton again raised the problem of tinkers in the Car-Park and the adjoining property and the nuisance caused by some of them during the ~~Chairman~~<sup>Clerk</sup> period.

On the proposal of Commissioner Manley the Clerk was instructed to follow-up correspondence with Coras Iompair Eireann in connection with the erection of the bus shelters in Balbriggan. The Clerk was instructed to write to the County Council about flooding which occurs on the Roads and footpaths at No's 33 -37 and 41 - 44 Derham Park.

John Loukie  
12/2/74.

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin  
held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday 12th  
February 1974 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Commissioners W. Cumiskey, J. L. Derham, A. Hamilton, L. J. Manley,  
B. Purcell and J. Larkin Chairman presiding.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The Minutes of meeting of January 8th were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes:

Commissioner Purcell thanked the Commissioners for their letter of good wishes.

A letter from C.I.E. stating that they were seeking planning permission to erect a shelter in Dublin Street was read. Commissioner Manley proposed that the Commissioners write again to Coras Iompair Eireann and ask them to consider a shelter in Drogheda Street as well.

The Town Clerk informed Commissioner Derham that he had taken the matter of itinerants in the car-park up personally with the Senior Administrative Officer responsible. The Town Clerk under-took to pursue the matter.

Filling of Vacancy on Town Commissioners:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. E. Hodgins was not going forward for re-election to fill the Vacancy. Further action was postponed to the next meeting of the Commissioners.

Reception of Deputation from Youth Club:

The Deputation from the Youth Club consisted of Mrs. Harford, Miss Graham, Mr. D. Rooney and Rev. Fr. Collier. Fr. Collier, for the Youth Club, stated that they asked for the meeting because of the adverse publicity which emanated from the December and January meetings of the Commissioners. It appeared that the Youth Club was entirely responsible for the damage caused to the Town Hall. Mr. D. Rooney stated that people always collect in the Square and that the Youth Club always acknowledged any damage caused in the Town Hall by them.

The Chairman stated that there was not adequate supervision of the Club.

Commissioner Derham stated that supervision of the long corridor was the problem.

Commissioner Hamilton stated that the damage was caused by people not connected with either the Youth Club or the Badminton Club.

Commissioner Cumiskey suggested that the Clubs should put officers on the doors to admit their members and then to close the door.

It was finally agreed that a meeting be arranged between the Youth Club, Badminton Club and three members of the Commissioners to arrange for supervision of the main-door. The members of the Commissioners selected were:- The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Commissioner Purcell.

Local Government Re-organisation:

The Clerk informed the meeting that the implementation of the

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Local Government Re-organisation Contd:

discussion document for Local Government re-organisation would result in a financial loan to the Commissioners. This would arise from the transfer of the Housing Services Account to the County Council. The Clerk was instructed to convey this observation to the Minister and also to ask the Minister to have the County Council consult the Commissioners in matters dealing with Planning and Development.

Other Matters:

The Clerk was instructed to contact the County Council about the proposed method of re allocating houses not taken up in the Bath Road. The Clerk was also instructed to write to the Council about cleaning the Front Shore opposite the Railway Station, and also to erect a wall at end of the Bath Road to prevent clay which was being dumped there being washed out with the tide.

Commissioner Purcell informed the meeting that a proposal that all members be elected through the Ballot-Box at Municipal Authorities meetings was passed.

*John Laukin*  
12/3/74.

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday March 12th at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-

Commissioners W. Cumiskey, J. L. Derham, F.E. Guildea,  
A. Hamilton, J. Kennedy, B. Purcell and  
J. Larkin Chairman presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioner Manley.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of meeting of February 12th were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes:

A letter from the Minister for Local Government acknowledging receipt of the Commissioners observations on his Local Government Discussion Document was read. A Letter from Dublin County Council informing the Commissioners that the Council were in the process of making a Prohibition Order in respect of the Car-Park area. Meanwhile they were continuing in their efforts to have the itinerants moved. Following further discussion it was agreed to write to the County Council asking them to have the itinerants removed from the Car-Park to the site on the Bath Road.

Filling of vacancy on Town Commissioners

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Oliver ~~Manley~~ be co-opted on to the Commissioners to fill the vacancy.

Nomination for Public Bodies Insurance Meeting.

Commissioner Larkin, Chairman was nominated to attend meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances.

Authorisation of over-expenditure

It was proposed by Commissioner Derham seconded by Commissioner Purcell and resolved that over-expenditure in the sum of £450 for Fuel Scheme be authorised in the current financial year.

Deputation from Commercial Club

A deputation from the Commercial Club consisting of Messrs. N. Daly, S. Gossan and W. Reynolds was received. Mr. Daly for the Commercial Club stated that they sought two things from the Commissioners  
(1) Refund of £50 spent on re-wiring the Commercial Club and (2) use of the band room. The re-wiring was necessary to meet the requirements of the Insurance Company while the band room was needed to cater for their expanding membership which was at present 70. Mr. Daly also pointed out certain problems which were the Commissioners responsibility namely  
(1) repairs to windows (2) repairs to toilet (3) roof leaking (4) repairs to chimney. The Joint use of the front door and stairs also created problems. Mr. Daly stated that should they become tenants of the bandroom they would be prepared to keep it in good order and allow use of it to certain other organisations. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that the Commercial Club should contact members of the Irish Transport and General Workers Union to see if an agreement could be arranged whereby the I.T.G.W. U. could use the room when required. It was also stated that the knights of the order of Malta would be welcome to continue to use the room. A special meeting of the Commissioners was arranged for March 26th to discuss the Engineers report on the Commissioners property.

Other Matters:

A letter from Mr. P.E. Lawton Conductor 12th Dublin Company Brass Band, Clontarf

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requesting to see and examine musical instruments of the Balbriggan Town Band with a view to purchasing some was read. It was agreed that Mr Lawton should first examine the instruments.

The Chairman asked the meeting if anyone knew the whereabouts of the Old Forresters Banner. This was requested for a museum in Drogheda .

The Town Clerk was instructed to pursue the problem of dumping at the end of Bath Road at the request of Commissioner Kennedy.

Commissioner Cumiskey requested that all political parties and bodies should write to have a person from Balbriggan elected to Dublin County Council at the next Local Elections.

Commissioner Purcell praised the new Fingal Independent for their news coverage but pointed out that several Town Commissioners were interested in the welfare of the Youth in the Town which is contrary to reports recently issued.

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*John Lawton*  
9/4/74.

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of special meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday 26th March, 1974 at 7.30 at 7.30.

Present: Commissioners W. Cumiskey, J. L. Derham, F. E. Guildea, A. Hamilton, O. Heeney, J. Kennedy, L. J. Manley, B. L. Purcell and J. Larkin Chairman presiding.

At the outset the Chairman and Commissioners welcomed Mr. O' Heeney to the Commissioners.

Engineers Report on Commissioners Property.

The following report by the Town Engineers was circulated to the Commissioners.

- (1) Commercial Club and Band Room  
The floors in those rooms is quiet sound and is not in need of any attention.
- (2) Windows and Doors  
The total number of windows is 34 and all are urgently in need of painting. Slight decay was noticed in some of them. Putty is falling away in a few places and needs replacing. There are 6 No panes of glass needing replacement. Clips on the opening sashes on front of building need replacement or adjustment.  
There are 10 No external doors including 3 No Emergency doors and 2 No on to low level roof. The door into coal shed along street needs panels to be replaced. One of the doors on to low level roof has been badly damaged. Emergency exit bolts are all in need of attention and adjustment. All doors are badly in need of painting. Of 22 Internal Doors 8 need locks and some need painting. The total cost of above would be £550 approx.
- (3) Toilets in Town Hall.  
On inspection of Ladies and Gents toilets they were found to be in working order but in need of repair. The doors particularly in the men's toilet have signs of rough handling and all are in need of some attention. Nearly all toilet door bolts will have to be replaced and the lock on main entrance door to mens toilet will have to be replaced. Electric light fittings have been damaged and are also in need of repair. Windows need attention particularly as regards ventilation.  
The total cost of this work would be £44 approx.
- (4) Additional items needing attention at Town Hall
  - (a) Maple floor in need of repair in Ballroom and 2 No panels need to be replaced on pole of stage.
  - (b) Emergency exit light on d. needs replacement.
  - (c) Replace 3 No bowls and bulbs on ceiling at entrances to supper-room
  - (d) Replace defective positions and plaster on ceiling along entrance corridor.
  - (e) Repair roof over entry to Commercial Club
  - (f) Repair ceiling outside entrance to supper-room.
  - (g) Exit light panel over entrance to Ballroom needs attention. This also applies to all lighting fixtures around ballroom.
  - (h) Repair damage to ticket box and re-erect.
  - (i) Eaves gutter along low-level roof needs attention
  - (j) Some toilet seats need to be replaced.Due to the nature of the repairs it is difficult to estimate the cost of this work.
- (5) The eaves-gutter between the cinema roof and the library needs cleaning. Difficulty will be experienced in gaining access to this work, which will cost £10 approx.

The total cost of repairs at 2, 3 and 5 is £604 approx. It is proposed to request an electrical engineer to submit a report on the electrical wiring, switches plugs etc.

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The Town Clerk brought to the Commissioners attention the extent of the liability of the Town Hall on the Commissioners financial resources. This is due to the lack of bookings in the Hall. The following suggestions were put forward to the Commissioners for consideration.

1. Repair the Hall and advertise the leasing of it to a Commercial concern.
2. Make arrangements with present local clubs who use the Hall to maintain it.

Discussion on the report was adjourned to the April meeting.

Claim by Youth Club for improvements to Town Hall.

The following report was read by the Town Clerk.

At present an amount of £340 approximately is due to Balbriggan Town Commissioners by St. Theresas Youth Club Balbriggan in respect of Hall bookings. In March, 1973 the Youth Club applied to the Commissioners to have this account offset against monies spent by the Youth Club on Repairs, Cleaning, and Decorating the Town Hall. This expenditure is broken down as follows:-

Painting	£278.65
Cleaning (2 years)	60.00
Seating	91.72
Curtains	66.46
Repairs	134.45
Linoleum	<u>165.70</u>
	£796.98

A decision on this claim has been deferred pending the result of an application by the Youth Club to the County Council for a grant for equipment.

It has been established from the Youth Club that the cleaning of the Town Hall was done at the request of the previous Town Clerk.

The repairs were carried out when the Youth Club commenced hiring the hall in 1971. The expenditure on repairs to the Town Hall by the Commissioners has been small.

Accordingly I recommend that the following amounts be deducted from the Youth Club Account.

Cleaning	£ 60.00
Repairs	<u>134.45</u>
	£194.45

Commissioner Kennedy re-appraised the Commissioners at a meeting they had with Fr. Collier at which the extent of offset was left entirely with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Derham proposed that in view of the good work done by the Youth Club an amount of £250 be offset against the Youth Club Account. This was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton and unanimously agreed

John Loukin  
9/4/74.

Minutes of Meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin  
held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday April 9th  
at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners W. Cumiskey, J.L. Derham, F.E. Guildee,  
A. Hamilton, O. Heeney, J. Kennedy, L. Manley, B. Purcell and J. Larkin,  
Chairman, presiding.

Mr. P. Donnellan, Town Engineer and E. Cunningham, Town Clerk,  
were in attendance. An apology for inability to attend was conveyed  
from Mr. R. O'Brolchain, Assistant City and County Manager.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of Meeting of March 12th were read and signed.  
The Minutes of Special Meeting of March 26th were read and  
signed.

Arising out of the Minutes.

A letter from the County Council was read stating that they are  
inspecting all drains in Derham Park area in order to alleviate  
flooding.

A letter from the County Council was read stating that the  
results of a count indicated that a pedestrian crossing was unwarranted  
at the Church in Dublin Street. The Council's Lighting Department  
were asked to examine the lighting at this location.

Hall Bookings.

An application from the Parish Priest requesting use of the Town  
Hall as a school was read. Application was granted from April 24th  
with the exception of June 17th, 18th and 19th. An application  
from Mr. P. Reilly for use of the Hall for film shows was also read.  
As the Hall is required for school purposes this application could  
not be granted. Following a discussion the application it was  
proposed by Commissioner Purcell that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman  
meet Mr. Reilly.

Repairs to Commissioners Property.

Mr. Donnellan outlined the problems in dealing with his report  
on repairs. As a result of the Hall Booking by the Parish Priest  
no internal work could be done until July. He suggested that the  
external painting and repairs be proceeded with and that a report  
on the electrical work be got from an electrician. This was agreed to.  
In reply to Commissioner Cumiskey, Mr. Donnellan stated that estimates  
would be got for the work.

Application for Purchase or Leasing of Musical Instruments.

A letter from Mr. P.E. Lawton, Conductor 12th Dublin Co. Brass  
Band, requesting a lease of the musical instruments of the disbanded  
Balbriggan band was read. The Town Clerk informed the meeting of  
the solicitors advice of not getting involved and suggested that the  
Band Committee should be reformed to administer the instruments.  
Following a discussion on the matter it was decided to leave the  
matter in abeyance until it was established who had custody of the  
instruments.

Pedestrian Crossing.

The Chairman informed the meeting of the situation which had arisen in Drogheda Street where the school warden was out sick and nobody had been appointed to replace him. A letter from the Road Safety Officer, Dublin County Council stated that he was unable to provide a substitute when the Traffic Warden became ill. If he was unable to resume work after the Easter Holidays the vacant position would be advertised.

Other Matters.

A letter from Mrs. M. McKeon, "Sheemore" Balbriggan complaining of the state of the beaches was read.

The Town Clerk informed the Commissioners that he had entered Balbriggan in the Tidy Towns Competition.

In reply to a query from Commissioner Purcell, Mr. Donnellan outlined the work to be done in the completion of resurfacing Dublin Street.

Commissioner Heeney outlined the dispute concerning the part-time fire brigade personnel and asked that a resolution be deferred to the May meeting.

At the request of Commissioner Manley, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs asking him to erect new kiosks in the new developments at Bath Road and Fancourt Heights.

Following a proposal from Commissioner Heeney the Clerk was instructed to write to the County Council requesting them to clean the Bath Road at weekends as soil was being carried on to it from the development scheme.

It was proposed by Commissioner Manley seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and resolved that a letter of congratulations be sent to O'Dwyers Gaelic Football Club on one of their playing members being on the victorious Leinster Railway Cup team.

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*John Loukin*  
14/5/74.

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of Meeting of Coimisineire Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday May 14th at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners W. Cumiskey, F.E. Guildea, A. Hamilton, O. Heeney, J. Kennedy, B. Purcell and J. Larkin  
Chairman presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioners L. Derham and L. Manley.

Mr. R. O'Brolchain Assistant City and County Manager and Mr. E. Cunningham Town Clerk were in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of meeting of April 9th were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes:

The Town Clerk was instructed to notify the Parish Priest that the Town Hall would be needed on the 18th June <sup>for the election</sup> and that the supper-room would be required on the 19th June for the count.

The Town Clerk informed the members that Mr. Lamton had withdrawn his application to lease to musical instruments of the band. Commissioner Guildea stated that interest in the band had been aroused by the people of the town and that the band may be reformed sometime.

Commissioner Heeney referred to the flooding at Derham Park and stated that the problem arose because of three drains coming together into one which after a heavy fall of rain is unable to take the resultant flow. The Clerk was instructed to request the County Council to have the area Engineer contact Commissioner Heeney about the matter. The Commissioners also requested that the path from Craoibhin Park to Dub lin Street be covered with tarmacadem.

Itinerants in the Car-Park.

Commissioner Cumiskey stated that the itinerants were not now in the car park. The Chairman stated that the itinerants park their cars on the footpath and are trading on path. Trading was also being carried out in the Square the sign-post being used as a stand. The Clerk was instructed to bring these matters to the attention of the County Council and to ask the guards to have the cars removed from the footpath.

Strands:

In reply to the Chairman on the condition of the strands the Manager stated that the Council would clean them before the summer season and maintain them during the season. Any specific complaint should be related to the County Council or Town Clerk.

Other Matters:

Queries from Commissioners Guildea, Purcell and Heeney regarding the completion of work in the park are to be passed on to the Park's Department, Dublin County Council.

The Council are also requested to erect a barrier at the end of the Bath Road.

Commissioner Guildea outlined the confusion that would arise by the naming of development in the town "Bremore" as there was already a townland of this name. Following discussion on the matter the Manager stated that legally nothing can be done to prevent the developer calling the scheme "Bremore" but when it came to name the roads or streets in the scheme the Council will then ensure that no confusion of addresses will arise.

John Larkin  
11/6/14

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday 11th June, 1974.

PRESENT: Commissioners W. Cumiskey, J. L. Derham, F. E. Guildea, A. Hamilton, O. Heeney, J. Kennedy, B. L. Purcell & J. Larkin  
Chairman presiding.  
An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioner Manley.

At the outset of the meeting Commissioner Derham paid tribute to Commissioner Cumiskey who after 49 years of service was not seeking re-election. He thanked him for his devoted and unbiased service over the years. This tribute was associated with by Commissioner Purcell, Kennedy Hamilton, Guildea, Heeney, Larkin and Commissioner Manley through the Town Clerk. Commissioner Cumiskey thanked the Commissioners for their tribute and their support over the years and also the staff especially the former Town Clerk Mr. Kennedy.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of meeting of May 14th were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes.

The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the County Council asking if the prohibition order for the car-park was made yet as there are itinerants still camping there. Commissioner Guildea informed the meeting that the residents were meeting the Builder of Housing Scheme called "Bremore" and confusion was now arising about two areas with the same name. The Town Clerk undertook to contact the Councils area Engineer Mr. Donnellan re flooding at Derham Park.

A letter from C.I.E. stating that planning permission was being sought to erect a Bus-shelter at Dublin Street at present. The erection of a Bus-shelter in Drogheda Street would be received in the near future.

A letter from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs stated that additional Kiosks were not warranted at Bath Road and Fancourt Heights as the present ones at Drogheda Street and Market Green were not used to their full extent.

Following a discussion on the matter it was decided to bring to the attention of the department the need for one additional Kiosk as the Kiosks in Market Green and Drogheda Street was not always in working order.

Other Matters.

Commissioner Cumiskey informed the Commissioners of the E.S.B. Accounts being received by people living in the Bath Road and which varies in amounts from £5 - £180 and expressed his concern after these bills. Following a discussion on the item the Clerk was instructed to write to the E.S.B. expressing their concern at the large demands being received.

The Clerk was also instructed to write to the County Council about the following matters.

1. New houses being erected at the Bath Road which had no fireplaces.
2. Resume weekend cleaning of the Town.
3. Clean the Beach.

A letter from Fr. Collier drawing his attention to adverse publicity and allegations of vandalism received in recent months was read and noted.

On the proposal of Commissioner Purcell it was resolved that letter be sent to Mr. R. O' Brolochain Assistant City and County Manager, Mr. T. Kennedy former Town Clerk and Mr. P. Donnellan Town Engineer thanking them for their services. The Town Clerk was also thanked for his service.

Jack Kennedy  
16/7/74

5th July, 1974.

Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin.

Minutes of annual meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Friday 28th June, 1974.

Present: Commissioner Mrs. McKeon, O. Heeney, A. Hamilton, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, O. Morgan, B. Purcell, and M. Reilly.

Mr. R. O'Brolchain Assistant City and County Manager and Mr. E. Cunningham, Town Clerk were in attendance.

Mr. J. Larkin was appointed acting chairman in the absence of a chairman.

Election of Chairman:

The following nominations were received.

Commissioner M. Reilly proposed by Commissioner Hamilton.  
seconded by Commissioner Morgan.

Commissioner Kennedy proposed by Commissioner Lawless.  
seconded by Commissioner Heeney.

The following votes was taken.

Commissioner Reilly, Commissioner Hamilton and Morgan 2.

Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Mrs. McKeon, Heeney  
Larkin, Lawless and Purcell 5.

Commissioner Kennedy was declared elected.

Commissioner Kennedy in taking the Chair thanked the members for electing him and welcomed new members.

Election of Vice Chairman.

The following nominations were received.

Commissioner Reilly proposed by Commissioner Hamilton.  
seconded by Commissioner Morgan.

Commissioner Lawless proposed by Commissioner Larkin.  
seconded by Commissioner Purcell.

The following vote was taken.

Commissioner Reilly, Commissioner Mrs. McKeon, A. Hamilton  
Hamilton, O. Heeney, and O. Morgan. 4.

Commissioner Lawless Commissioner J. Larkin, B. Purcell  
and J. Kennedy. 3.

Commissioner Reilly was declared elected.

Election of Estimates Committee.

It was proposed by Commissioner Purcell, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton and resolved that the Commissioners appoint an estimates committee.

The Chairman and Manager outlined the workings of the Estimates Committee to the new members.



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The following Committee were elected.

Commissioner Mrs. McKeon, B. Purcell, and J. Kennedy.

Election of Fuel Scheme Committee.

The following were elected to the Fuel Scheme Committee.

Commissioner A. Hamilton, S. Lawless, O. Heeney, and W. Reilly.

Following the conclusion of the annual meeting the following points were raised by the Commissioners.

Foul Smell and dumping at Bath Road.

The manager undertook to investigate complaints from Commissioners Hamilton and Lawless of dumping and a foul smell emanating therefrom at Bath Road.

Sports Star.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed that a letter of congratulation be sent to the local J.A.A. club on one of their members being elected Sports star of the week by a national paper.

C.P.O. at <sup>St. Molcas</sup> Gibbons and Lawless Tce.

The commissioner recommended to the Manager that gardens be not included in the above C.P.O., but that the open space be developed at its present size.

Service Road at Rere of Drogheda St.

The Manager undertook to pursue with the County Council the question of providing a service road at the rere of Drogheda St. at the request of Commissioner Mrs. McKeon.

Ditch at Railway Embankment.

The Manager also promised to raise with Engineering section Dublin County Council the possibility of piping and filling in this ditch following a request by Commissioner Morgan.

It was unanimously agreed that the July months meeting be postponed to July 16th.

Jack Reilly  
16/7/74

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Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday July, 16 at 7.30 pm.  
Present Commissioners A. Hamilton, O. Heeney, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, D. Morgan, Mrs. McKeon, B. Purcell, M. Reilly and J. Kennedy  
Chairman presiding.

Mr. D.A. Delaney Acting Assistant City and County Manager, Mr. M. Lynch, Parks Superintendent Dublin County Council and Mr. E. Cunningham Town Clerk, were in attendance.

Compulsory Purchase Order at St. Moloqas Terrace.

Mr. Lynch outlined to the members the reason for the C.P.O. and of the desirability for purchasing the rere gardens in order to make maximum benefit of the area for recreational purposes. It was proposed to have 2 pitches of junior size a basketball, and tennis courts. He said that should it not be possible to purchase the gardens the Council would have to re-think its policy on acquiring the open space. Following a discussion on the matter in which Commissioner Reilly produced a letter signed by most of the occupiers of the gardens involved objecting to the C.P. O. it was finally decided to ask the Council to purchase and develop the open space without the gardens.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of meeting of June 11th were read and signed.  
The minutes of Annual meeting of June 28th were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes.

Itinerants in the Car-Park.

Following a discussion on the matter the Manager undertook to pursue this with the Council and to ask them to extent the existing site at Bath Road to enable the itinerants in the car-park to be moved there.

A letter from the E.S.B. was read, in which a payment scheme was being introduced to help consumers pay their arrears. Officials from the E.S.B. were also meeting members of residents Association to explain to them the proper usage of electricity. It was also noted that the County Council were supplying heating appliances.

Flooding at Denham Park.

The Clerk informed the Commissioners that the Councils area engineer was surveying all drains in the area to overcome this problem. A letter from Dublin County Council stating that additional lighting was not required at the Church was read. The Council was asked to re-think this matter. The Council was also requested to provide additional lights at High Street, Market Green-Curran Park and to have a general survey of the existing lights to see that they were working.

A letter from Dublin County Council was read in which the following replies were given.

1. The Council were refencing land at the Junction of Seapoint Road and Quay Street with a view to purchase for road widening.
2. Bath Road is not being cleaned.
3. Dumping at the end of Bath Road is being investigated.

Motions by Commissioner Reilly.

It was resolved at the meeting following a discussion <sup>to request</sup> that the  
1. The County Council allow two member of Balbriggan Town Commissioners to attend Council meetings in an audience capacity.  
2. The Council meet members of Balbriggan Town Commissioners in the same manner as Approved Councils to discuss problems effecting the Town. Further discussion was adjourned to the next meeting.

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Other Matters.

The Council were asked to attend to the following matters.

1. Finish work on sea banks and tarmacadam path.
2. Cut grass and clean Chapel Street and Fulham Terrace.
3. Take over Market Green.
4. Fence in and clean Canal.
5. Ask the Council to erect sign at sea-front where path is being used by cyclists and motor cyclists.
6. Repair pot-holes on north side of harbour.

It was also decided to ask C.I.E. to cut the grass on the banks of the railway.

Association of Municipal Authorities.

Commissioner Mrs. McKeon and the Town Clerk were appointed to attend the above annual meeting in September in Galway.

*J. Kennedy* 3/9/74

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri <sup>h</sup>Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners room on Tuesday 3rd <sup>h</sup>1974 at 7.30.

Present Commissioners A. Hamilton, O. Heeney, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, O. Morgan, Miss McKeon, H. Reilly, and J. Kennedy Chairman presiding.

The Town Clerk conveyed to the meeting an apology from Mr. O'Brolchain for being unable to attend.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of meeting of July 16th were read and signed.

Arising out of minutes.

Acknowledgement letters from Dublin County Council (1) regarding the attendance of Commissioners at Council meetings and (2) requesting County Council members and officials to meet deputations from the Commissioners were read.

A letter from Dublin County <sup>meeting</sup> ~~meeting~~ <sup>meeting out.</sup> and the following points was read (1) The path from Craoibhin Park to Dublin Street has been examined and is in a satisfactory condition (2) Concrete blocks painted white have been laid along the edge of the roadway at the end of Bath Road.

Proposals by Commissioner Reilly.

A further discussion on Commissioner Reillys proposals took place in which the following points emerged.

1. A second meeting of the Commissioners should be held to agree on agenda while the Commissioners could still bring up urgent topics under the heading Other Matters.
2. This meeting would not be attended by the Town Clerk.
3. Item (B) namely meeting Councillors on deputation should be deleted and the following inserted: County Council meetings should be held on odd occasions in the Fingal area.

The Town Clerk suggested that proposal No. 4 would be more constructable as regards the operation of Town Commissioners. This discussion was adjourned to a Special meeting to be held with the Assistant City and County Manager.

New Lights Paths etc.

The County Council were requested to make provision for the following works to be carried out in the coming financial year.

4. Lights. 1. Additional Lights are required at (1) High Street (top of hill).
2. Craoibhin Park. (Mrs. McGarrys house) (3) Craoibhin Park (complete re-survey).
4. Hampton Lane.

Path repairs.

1. Top of Derham Park (tarmacadam grass verge) (2) Hampton Street/ Pump lane (repair)
- (3) Dublin Street (repair) 17 Gibbons Tce.-22 Lawless Tce. (raise and repairs to prevent flooding).
- c. Erect entry and exit signs at car park.
- d. Leave men at weekends throughout the year to sweep the streets.
- e. Re-located speed limit signs on Drogheda and Skerries road to include all new developments.
- f. Erect 6' wall at right of way at rear of 5-12 Curran park to alleviate the annoyance being caused.

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- g. Complete path on sec front
  - h. Erect warning sign of dangerous bend at Market Green and also "children crossing sign"
  - i. Provide rear entrance to houses 89-100 Craoibhin Park from land already owned by Council.
  - j. Examine chimneys on 39-46 Curran park as they are not working properly.

#### Other Matters.

A letter from Balbriggan <sup>Municipal</sup> Society was read requesting the use of the drums of the old Band and suggesting that the other instruments be sold and the proceeds be donated towards a pipe-band now being formed. Following a discussion of the matter it was decided to get the Solicitors advice or if the old instruments could be sold and the money donated.

#### Wall at the embankment.

Following a proposal from Commissioner Larkin it was agreed to request C.I.E. to the wall at the embankment <sup>to</sup> spiked to prevent children using it as a slide. C.I.E. were also requested to alter the position of the bus stop facing Hampton Street because of its proximity to the junction.

#### Commercial Club.

Commissioner Reilly informed the meeting of repairs which were needed in the Commercial Club. The Chairman informed the meeting of a deputation received from the Commercial Club at which all the items were mentioned. The Town Clerk informed the members that the repairs were being looked after.

#### Housing.

The Town Clerk was requested to obtain a report from the County Council in connection with houses being erected in Bathroad without fireplaces.

#### Itinerants.

Commissioner Heeney informed the meeting that the itinerants which were moved out of the Car-park had now encamped in Hampton creating a health hazard there. It was agreed to request the Council to have them removed.

Following a proposal by Commissioner Mrs. McKeon it was agreed to request the Minister for Local Government to open a motor taxation office for residents of the Fingal area in Balbriggan. Delays of nearly 3 weeks were being experienced by motorists at present.

#### Cheap Fuel Scheme.

Following a proposal from Commissioner Reilly it was agreed to request the Minister for Social Welfare to extend the period of the Cheap Fuel Scheme. Votes of thanks etc.

The following votes were recorded.

1. Vote of thanks to the Order of Malta for securing an ambulance for the town.
2. Vote of congratulation to Mr. T. Purcell on his becoming a captain in the Order of Malta.
3. Vote of best wishes to the Dublin team on their forthcoming match with Galway.

Jack Kennedy  
8/10/74

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday October 8th at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners A. Hamilton, O. Heeney, Mrs Mc Keon, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, B. Purcell, H. Reilly and J. Kennedy Chairman presiding. Mr. R. O' Brolchain Assistant City and County Manager and Mr. E. Cunningham Town Clerk were in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of meeting of September 10th were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes.

Commissioner M. Reilly and the Chairman informed the meeting that all lights were now working in the town. The Town Clerk explained to Commissioner Reilly the position regarding repairs to doors and windows in the Town Hall. The meeting was informed that the Itinerants had now left the car park. The Meeting was also informed that it was not proposed to extend the Cheap Fuel Scheme at present.

Proposals by Commissioner Reilly:

The meeting was informed that the County Council had agreed to item No. 1 namely (a) 2 Commissioners could attend Council meetings and (b) The Council would meet deputations from the Commissioners as requested.

The Clerk was instructed to arrange such a meeting.

Following further discussion it was agreed that the Commissioners would meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month to draw up an agenda for the following meeting and also to give out forms etc.

Tidy Towns Report:

The Tidy Towns Report for 1974 was circulated. The Manager undertook to look after the cleaning of open spaces at the school, the repair of the path in the Park at Bath Road, and the position regarding the "Coral Head" and the extension of the domestic refuse service to Tubbertown.

Deputation to Council:

It was decided that a date should be first set prior to an agenda be agreed.

Re-appointment of Town Engineer:

It was proposed by Commissioner Hamilton seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed that someone from the area be appointed as Town Engineer.

Other Matters:

Commissioner Reilly informed the meeting of a meeting he had with Messrs Wavin Ltd. from which the following points emerged.

1. The erection of a factory in Ardee had been envisaged for a number of years.
2. There would be no loss of labour as a result in Balbriggan.
3. The factory were seeking grants to enable their expansion.
4. The concern of the commissioners was appreciated.
5. They were writing to the Minister for Local Government expressing their concern about the slump in the Building Trade.

Bath Road Housing.

A letter from the Bath Road Tenants Association inviting the members

to a meeting on October 23rd was read. The Manager read a report from previous Council meeting in which the instalation of fire places at the 44 houses now being erected was being considered. He also stated that tenants of the existing estate should apply for fires.

It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless seconded by Commissioner Purcell and agreed to extend to O'Dwyers Football Club, a vote of congratulations on ~~two~~ of their members being part of the victorious Dublin Team. Copy of the letter to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Dublin County ~~Council~~. G.A.A Club.

H. Reilly  
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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Estimates meeting of Coimisineire Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Wednesday 29th October, 1974 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners D. Heeney, S. Lawless, J. Larkin, D. Morgan, Mrs. McKeon, B. Purcell, H. Reilly, and J. Kennedy Chairman presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioner Hamilton.

Mr. R. O'Brolchain, Assistant City and County Manager and Mr. E. Cunningham, Town Clerk were in attendance.

The report of the Estimates Committee and the Estimates of Expenses as circulated were as follows.

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Report of Estimates Committee for financial year ending 31st December, 1975.

We enclose Estimate of Expenses for the financial year ending 31st December, 1975, together with detailed particulars of the amounts shown under the various headings.

The Estimates provide for a total Expenditure of £8,238 and Receipts £6,764 which together with a Debit Balance of £958 gives amount required from County Council as £2,432 (1974 - £540) equivalent to a rate of 20p in the pound.

The principal variations in the Estimates as compared with that adopted in the current year are as follows:-

HOUSING: The requirement for Loan Charges is reduced to £15. This completes the repayment of this Loan. Provision for repairs has been increased to £170.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME: Increase in the number of applications together with an increase in the price of turf necessitate an increased provision under this heading. There is a corresponding increase in Receipts from Government Grant.

GENERAL: Increased cost of electricity is reflected in the provisions for Heating and Lighting. An amount of £320 has been included for repairs to the Ballroom and £66 for repairs to the Town Hall.

Mrs. M. McKeon.  
J. Kennedy.  
Brian L. Purcell.

15th October, 1974.



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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

ESTIMATES 1975

Particulars of Estimated Expenditure and Receipts.

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£
<u>Housing</u>			
Loan Charges	15	Rents	1,584
Rates & Insurance	425	Miscellaneous.	70
Rent Collection	175		
Repairs	170		
Engineer's Fees	110		
Law Costs	10		
Water Charges	15		
Miscellaneous	20		
	940		1,654
 <u>Fuel Scheme</u>			
Fuel	4,098	Recipients	287
Administration	40	Eastern Health Board	104
	4,138	State Grant	3,747
			4,138
 <u>General</u>			
<u>Ballroom</u>			
Heating and Lighting	380	Ballroom	600
Loan Charges	195	Cinema	120
Wages	620	Shop and Rooms	170
Rates	485	Fees	2
Other Expenses	450	Other Receipts	80
<u>Office &amp; Other Expenses</u>			
Lighting and Heating	35		
Office Expenses	150		
Salaries	750		
Law Expenses	15		
Insurances	60		
Audit Fee	20		
	3,160		972

SUMMARY

	<u>Expenditure.</u>	<u>Receipts</u>
	£	£
Housing	940	1,654
Fuel Scheme	4,138	4,138
General	3,160	972
	8,238	6,764

Deficit: 1,474

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN  
(Balbriggan Town Commissioners)

Estimate of Expenses and Demand for the local financial year ending on  
 31st day of December, 1975.

TABLE A  
EXPENDITURE

Purpose of Expenditure.  1.	Amount Estimated.	
	Estimated by Estimates Committee. 2.	Adopted by Commissioners. 3.
Housing	£ 940	
Tourist Development	-	
School Meals	-	
Allotment Schemes	-	
Fuel Scheme	4,138	
Other Expenses	3,160	
TOTAL:	8,238	

TABLE B  
RECEIPTS

Nature of Receipts.  1.	Amount Estimated.	
	Estimated by Estimates Committee. 2.	Adopted by Commissioners. 3.
Housing	£ 1,654	
School Meals	-	
Allotment Schemes	-	
Fuel Scheme	4,138	
Other Receipts.	972	
TOTAL:	6,764	

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Estimate of Expenses and Demand for financial year ending  
on 31st December, 1975

TABLE C  
Calculation of the sum to be demanded

Estimated Expenditure (1)	Estimated Receipts (2)	Net Estimated Expenditure (3)	Estimated Debit Balance (if any) (4)	Estimated Credit Balance (if any) (5)	Amount to be Demanded (6)
£ 8,238	£ 6,764	£ 1,474	£ 958	£ -	£ 2,432

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that at (~~an adjournment of~~) the Estimates Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held this <sup>23<sup>rd</sup></sup> day of October 1974 the Commissioners did by resolution adopt the estimate of expenses set forth in Tables A, B and C, and did also by resolution determine in accordance with the said estimate the sum set forth in Column 6 of Table C to be the sum to be demanded for the financial year ending on the 31st day of December, 1975.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1974.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

Countersigned: \_\_\_\_\_

Edward Cunningham  
Town Clerk

DEMAND

To the County Council of the County of Dublin

The Balbriggan Town Commissioners hereby transmit to the above-named Council the annexed estimate of expenses and calculation of the sum to be demanded for the ensuing financial year ending on 31st day of December, 1975. The Commissioners hereby demand that the sum of £ 2,432 shall be supplied to them by the said Council.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1974

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

Countersigned: Edward Cunningham Town Clerk

Town Hall, Balbriggan.

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The Chairman explained to the meeting the repairs to be carried out and the reason for the increase. The meeting recommended that the scale of charges be revised for the hiring of the ballroom.

*Commissioner Lawless.*

It was proposed by the ~~Chairman~~, seconded by Commissioner Reilly and resolved that the Estimates be adopted and that a demand for £2,432 be forwarded to Dublin County Council

A vote of thanks was passed to the Town Clerk and the Town Engineer for their assistance.

H. Reilly.

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Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday, November 12th at 7.30p.m.

Present: Commissioners: A. Hamilton, O. Heeney, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, D. Morgan, Mrs. McKeon, and H. Reilly, Vice Chairman.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from J. Kennedy and B. Purcell.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of meeting of October, 8th were read and signed.

The minutes of <sup>estimates</sup> meeting of October, 23rd were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes:

A letter from the County Council informing the Commissioners that lights requested by them at their September meeting were included in next years Estimates. Twenty eight new lights <sup>are</sup> to be erected in Craoibhin Park.

A letter from the County Council giving details of Husqvarne Oil heaters was read. Further discussions on the heating arrangements at Bath Road was postponed to the December meeting, when it is hoped that results of a scheme being carried out by the E.S.B. in three houses, which they selected will be on hand.

Overexpenditure:

It was proposed by Commissioner Heeney, seconded by Commissioner Lawless, and resolved that the following ~~amounts~~ <sup>sums</sup> of overexpenditure be authorised.

Housing £169.

Fuel Scheme £630.

General Purposes £706.

Itinerants in Car-Park.

Following discussion under this heading, it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Mrs. McKeon, and agreed that the existing facilities for Itinerants at Bath Road be extended to accommodate other Itinerants, which are now in residence in the area. It was also agreed, and proposed by Commissioner Heeney, that Itinerants encampments should be inspected regularly by Health Inspectors.

ContinuedOpen-Space at Bath Road:

Town Clerk explained to the meeting the Council's intentions with regards to the open-space, while the path in the existing open-space will be retarmacadamed in the near future.

Deputation to County Council:

On the suggestion of Commissioner Lawless, it was agreed to postpone the date of the Deputation from the end of December to the last Monday in January, 1975.

Other Matters:

A letter from Mr. David Hayes, expressing his concern about the intentions of the Commissioners, regarding the Town Hall was read and noted. A letter from the Ladys Football Committee of the Youth Club requesting use of the hall was read. This was agreed to provided they did not use a ball to play games within the Hall. A letter from C.I.E. informing the Commissioners of their intention to discontinue Freight Services from the Balbriggan Railway Station was read. Further discussion on this was postponed to the next meeting, when the views of the Local Traders would be known.

Bus Shelters:

Following a proposal by Commissioner Hamilton, it was agreed that C.I.E. be requested to put sides on the Bus Shelter at Dublin Street. It was also proposed by Commissioner Morgan the Council be requested to erect a shelter in Creuibhin Park.

Open Space at Chapel Street:

It was noted that the open space opposite the school at Chapel Street has now been cleaned.

*J. Kennedy 17/12/74*

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday December, 17 1974, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Commissioners: A. Hamilton, O. Heeney, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, D. Morgan, Mrs. McKeon, H. Reilly, and J. Kennedy Chairman presiding.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of meeting of November, 12<sup>th</sup> were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes:

A letter from Dublin County Council stating that it is hoped to extend the domestic refuse service to 6 to 8 houses at Taberton, Balbriggan in the near future when a smaller vehicle is acquired. The present service road is too narrow for the existing collecting vehicles to be used in safety.

Wage increase to Caretaker:

A wage increase of 99p per week from 1st June, 1974, and an additional 75p per week from the 1st December, 1974 as per <sup>Entire</sup> ~~entire~~ Labour Conference National Agreement 1974, was due to the Caretaker. It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Morgan and agreed that this increase be granted.

Itinerants in Car Park:

A letter from Dublin County Council stating their intention to erect goal post type barriers at the Car Park was read. The itinerants have been informed of this intention.

A letter from Bath Road Tenants Association stating <sup>an</sup> ~~your~~ objection to a report that the Council intends to develop the Tower Field as an Itinerant Site was read. Following a further discussion in which the Commissioners again recalled <sup>that</sup> it has taken its share of itinerants, they ask other towns to do their share for the provision of itinerant encampments;

Dumping along "Canal" and Bath Road:

A letter from Dublin County Council informing the Commissioners of their intentions regarding the Mill Pond area of ~~XXXXXXX~~ Balbriggan was read. It states that the Council are proposing to buy land in this area for amenity purposes either by the Compulsory Purchase Order or by Agreement.

A letter from Mr. McKenna of Quay St. Balbriggan was read in which he protests against a dump which is beside his house, He also asks that the sign posts which has been erected in front of his garage door be moved and that a Childrens playing sign and a speed limit sign be also erected. The Commissioners were informed by Commissioner Reilly that this dump that is mentioned was now being removed.

Paths and Road Ways:

The Commissioners request the County Council to continue <sup>sweeping the</sup> streets of the town on Sunday mornings either by a small mechanical unit for sweeping streets or by the workman who performs this duty during the Summer.

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Chimneys in Curran Park:

A letter from Dublin County Council stating that an inspection of houses 36-39 Curran Park was carried out. Arrangements are being made to have cowls fitted to chimneys to prevent down drafts which are causing the chimneys to smoke. Following a discussion the Commissioners request the County Council to have this work done as soon as possible.

Toilets in Band Park Balbriggan:

The Commissioners <sup>reported</sup> on the destruction and vandalism to the toilets at the Band Park, in which doors had been removed and hand basins broken. They asked the Council to report this to the guards.

Other Matters:

A request from Mr. Maguire, 19, Craoibhin Park to book the hall for the purposes of having physical training exercises was granted.

A letter from Fan Court Heights residents Association requesting the Commissioners support in having the builder of their houses carry out repairs and faults which exist was read and noted. It was decided to forward a copy of this letter to the builder and also to Dublin County Council. Resolutions from the following Local Authorities were considered and adopted. Mallow Urban District Council re Tennant Purchas Schemes. Grannard Town Commissioners re Sugar Quota. Castlebar Urban District Council re campaign of murders and executions without trial in Northern Ireland. Bordes Atha Cliath re Finance for Provision of Housing.

It was agreed that a vote of appreciation be forwarded to the Secretary of the Local Artists Association and the success of their recent exhibition in the town. Following a proposal by Commissioner Morgan it was agreed to request the County Council to have the clock and the Library Building repaired, and a proposal by Commissioner Morgan the Commissioners complimented the Old Age Pensioners Committee on the success of their recent party for the Old Age Pensioners. A vote of congratulations was forwarded to Commissioner Purcell on he being honoured by the Rugby Union to accompany the All-Blacks on their recent tour of Ireland. A vote was extended to President O'Dalaigh congratulating him on his inauguration as President and wishing him every success.

J. Kennedy 14/1/75



COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday January the 14th, 1975, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Commissioners: A. Hamilton, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, D. Morgan, Mrs. McKeon, H. Reilly and J. Kennedy Chairman presiding. *B. Powell.*

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of meeting of December the 17th were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes:

The Commissioners expressed their satisfaction to the County Councils letter regarding the domestic refuse service to T<sup>o</sup>berton, Balbriggan. They request the County Council to extend the collection service to this area as soon as possible. The Commissioners were again informed of the existance of a dump at Quay Street, Balbriggan and request the County Council to have this dump removed. The Commissioners were also informed that Messrs. Scallons Construction Company had removed the maintenance man from their housing scheme at Bancourt Heights at Balbriggan.

Salary Revision for Town Clerk, Antrim: Rent Collector:

It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, Seconded by Commissioner Larkin and unanimously that the following increases be awarded:

Town Clerk: With effect from 1st June, 1973 £12.-- per annum:  
From 1st June, 1974, £28 per annum:  
From 1st December, 1974, £44 per annum:

Rent Collector: With effect from the 1st January, 1973, 12p per week.  
With effect from 1st June, 1973, 27p per week.  
With effect from 1st June, 1974, 48p per week.  
With effect from 1st December, 1974 65p per week.

Items No. 4 to 9 on Agenda:

Items No49 on the Agenda were as follows:-

- No. 4. Itinerants:
- No. 5. Beach and Park, Councils proposals.
- No. 6. Lights at Canal.
- No. 7. Plans for provision of Industrial Sites.
- No. 8. Balbriggan By-Pass Road.
- No. 9. Development of Councils property at rere of Craoibin and Curran Park.

As those items were on the Commissioners Agenda for their deputati<sup>n</sup> with the County Council on January the 27th, further discussion on them was adjourned. The Clerk explained to the Commissioners that Deputation could consist of as many Commissioners as wished to go. The Deputation was fixed for 2.15 p.m and three quarters of an hour had been allocated to the Commissioners. It was agreed by the Commissioners that the Deputation should consist of at least one member from each of the Political Parties and one Independent. However, if other members wished to attend, they were welcome to do so.

Other Matters:

The Clerk informed the meeting of the Councils intention to make a Compulsory Purchase Order on an area of land in the Mill Pond area of Balbriggan for amenity purposes. A map outlining the area concerned was presented to the Meeting and the Commissioners were made aware of the details and asked for their opinion. It was unanimously agreed.

that the area when developed is ideal for playing fields and an amenity park and agreed to the County Councils intention of making the Compulsory Purchase Order. A letter from Coras Iompair Eireann informing the Commissioners that they had moved the Bus Stop in Hampton Street, as requested, was noted.

A letter from the Commercial Club informing the Commissioners of repairs ~~to~~ necessary to their premises was read and noted. The Clerk informed the Commissioners that the repairs would be attended to as soon as possible.

Resolutions from the following Local Authority were considered and adopted:-

- A. Midleton Urban District Council re doctors carrying emergency sirens or lights on their cars when on call.
- B. Midleton Urban District Council re Constitution of Shareholders in major developments in Ireland..

The County Council were requested to have repairs carried out to the following footpaths:-

1. Hampton Street, High Street.
2. Station Street.
3. Chapel Street, left hand side from corner toabbatoir.
4. Glebe North, right hand side from Wavens.

On a proposal from Commissioner Reilly the Commissioners request the Chemists in the Town to alternate their days for early closing so as to enable the people to get medicines when required.

Commissioner Morgan informed the Meeting that the public lighting in Curran Park was still out of order. The Clerk undertook to follow the matter up with the County Council.

Commissioner Purcell thanked the Commissioners for their vote of appreciation which was passed at the previous meeting.

On proposal by Commission Larkin, Seconded by Commissioner Purcell it was agreed to forward a vote of sympathy to Mr. Eamonn de Valera on his recent bereavement.

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*J. Kennedy 11/2/75*

COMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of Special Meeting of Coimisinéirí Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday, January the 21st, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Commissioners: A. Hamilton, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, D. Morgan, Mrs. McKeon and H. Reilly Vice Chairman presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioner Kennedy.

Filling of Vacancy on Town Commissioners:

The Clerk outlined to the Meeting the regulations regarding the filling of the vacancy of the Town Commissioners and also a letter from Mr. Oliver Heeney on whose disqualification the vacancy arose. It was proposed by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton and unanimously agreed that Mr. O. Heeney be co-opted to the Town Commissioners to fill the vacancy.

----- J Kennedy 11/2/75

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Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin.  
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Minutes of meeting of Coimisineire Baile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday 11th February, 1975 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Commissioners: A. Hamilton, O. Heeney, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, D. Morgan, Mrs. McKeon, B. Purcell, H. Reilly and J. Kennedy chairman presiding.

(1) Confirmation of minutes: The minutes of ordinary meeting of January, 14th were read and signed, the minutes of special meeting of January, 21st were read amended and signed.

(2) Arising out of the Minutes: The meeting was informed that the itinerants had moved away from ~~Dexham~~ Park and from the serviced site at Bath Road. This site was now completely empty. Commissioner Lawless enquired, if there was any truth in a rumour that a site opposite Wavin Pipes was being developed for itinerants. Commissioner Lawless also stated that the areas from ~~Dexham~~ Park and Hampton which had been inhabited by the itinerants had been left in a deplorable state. Residents would not now park their cars in the car park, and he called on people not to park there but to park on the road.

(3) Deputation to the County Council: The minutes of the meeting <sup>(a)</sup> consisting of a deputation of Balbriggan Town Commissioners with members and officials of the Dublin County Council held on January 27th were read. Commissioner Morgan suggested that the Commissioners should await the outcome of the measures suggested by the County Council at this deputation, <sup>regarding the measures</sup> namely (1) to arrange for a gang from the South side to come to Balbriggan to remove the itinerants from the Park (2) To investigate the uses of the forceable entry act to clear the itinerants (3) To impose a daily charge on vehicles parking longer than 24 hours in the Car park. <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ proposal by Commissioner Purcell it was agreed to write to the County Council asking them to consider imposing a daily charge on vehicles using the car park without delay and that the charge be of such an extent as to be almost prohibitive.

(4) Beech and Parks: The meeting was informed that the County Council had now almost finished work in the Park in Bath Road, the Commissioner request the County Council to take steps to prevent water from lodging in an area adjacent to the tower field and also to re surface the path along the sea front from Bath Road to Stephons factory. They also request C.I.E. to clean up the embankment prior to the summer season, the Council were also requested to provide details of the proposed road way from the Martello Tower along the sea front. The request by Commissioner Morgan that the Council take steps to prevent coastal erosion was deferred so that the matter could be raised <sup>when</sup> the Commissioners were meeting members and officials of the County Council in April.

(5) Lighting on Canal: The meeting was informed that officials of the County Council had been in the area taking measurements for plans for an industrial site. The minutes of a meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners with a member of the I.D.A. was read. Commissioner Reilly informed the meeting that <sup>Wavin Ltd</sup> had agreed to stall the opening of a new factory in Ardee to relieve the unemployment situation in Balbriggan. ~~They~~ <sup>He</sup> also informed the meeting that the product which would be made in the new factory was at present being made in

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Balbriggan . Commissioner Larkin stated that at the time of the announcement of the new factory in Ardee, the company had stated that the product to be made in Ardee was not being produced in Balbriggan ~~the~~ proposal by Commissioner Hamilton, it was agreed that a deputation of the Commissioners should meet the management of Wavins. This was agreed to but was postponed until after the next meeting.

(6) Other Matters: The Clerk informed the meeting, the repairs to the Commercial Club would be carried out within the next fortnight. A letter of thanks was received from President O'Dalaigh thanking the Commissioners on their vote of congratulations on his inauguration as President. A message of thanks was received from Eamonn DeVelara and his family thanking the Commissioners on their kind expression of sympathy in their recent bereavement. The Chairman Commissioner Kennedy informed the meeting of a rumour which was circulating that there would be no trains servicing the Balbriggan area after 8.30p.m. on the week-days, 6.30p.m. on Saturdays and no trains on Sundays except for the summer service which would be provided. It was unanimously agreed by the Commissioners that a letter be forwarded to C.I.E. pointing out their strong objections should there be any truth in the rumours. E.S.B. Commissioner Morgan raised a problem of the E.S.B. not having an office in Balbriggan, it was the second largest town in Co. Dublin. Commissioner Purcell informed Commissioner Morgan of previous efforts which were made by the Commissioners to have an office opened in the town by the E.S.B. Following further discussion it was agreed that the matter should be taken up again with the E.S.B. Commissioner Purcell informed the meeting that insurance cards can be obtained at any local office provided there has not been a lapse of two years since the card was previously used. Should this happen the local office has to check the number with Head Office in Dublin and consequently there may be some delay in the issue of Insurance cards.

(7) Lights at Curran Park: Town Clerk informed ~~XXXX~~ Commissioner Morgan that he had been in touch with members of the Public Lighting Department with regards to this problem. The meeting was informed by Commissioner Reilly that the area the E.S.B. Office were not yet made aware of the breakdown of public lighting service in Curran Park. As soon as word would be obtained from the County Council they would rectify the matter. Commissioner Reilly also asked that the Commissioners pursue the matter of no lights at the flats in Bath Road.

(8) Floods at Dexam Park: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the cause of recent flooding in Dexam Park was as a result of plastic bottles and bags being thrown into the gullies, the Council will now be replacing the existing openings with new ones which would not be opened so easily. On a proposal by Commissioner Heeney the Council were requested to follow up the matter of a large drain flowing into a considerably smaller drain in the Back Road at Curran Park. Following heavy rain the smaller drain was unable to take the heavy flow coming from the larger one. Following a request by Commissioner Mrs. McKeon it was agreed to ask the County Council to have the streets in the Market Green cleaned, the Council were also asked to take over this estate.

(9) Domestic Refuse at Toberbown Town: Commissioner Reilly informed the meeting that the Council had now extended the Domestic Refuse Service to ~~Boo~~ hill from Balrothery and asked the Council to continue this service to six houses at Toberbown Town.

Jacil Kennedy 18/3/75

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday March, 18th 1975 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners: A. Hamilton, O. Heeney, J. Larkin, Dr. Morgan, S. Lawless, B. Purcell, H. Reilly, ~~Miss~~ McKeon, and J. Kennedy Chairman presiding.

Mr. R. O'Brolchain Assistant City & County Manager and Mr. E. Cunningham Town Clerk were also in attendance.

A vote of sympathy was extended by the Chairman, Commissioner Kennedy and the Commissioners to Mr. R. O'Brolchain on the recent bereavement in the family. Mr. O'Brolchain thanked the Commissioners for their kind expressions of sympathy.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of meeting of February 11th were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes:

The Commissioners noted that the paths in the Park, Bath Road had now been tarmacadamed. They raised the point of the unevenness of the tarmacadam in some places and requested the County Council to have the paths rolled. They also noted that the pathway leading from the Boat House to the Beach had been repaired.

Lights at Canal:

The Commissioners noted that work had now been finished on the pathway at the Canal and requested the County Council to proceed with its intentions of putting lights on this pathway.

Wavin Pipes:

Following further discussion on a proposed new factory to be built at Ardee by Wavins, it was proposed by Commissioner Hamilton seconded by Commissioner Larkin and agreed that the Commissioners seek a deputation with the Managing Director of Wavins.

Coras Iompair Eireann:

A letter from C.I.E. informing the Commissioners of the changes in the commuter services of the Balbriggan area was read and noted. The Clerk was instructed to get details from C.I.E. about the fare structure of the Balbriggan Service.

Domestic Refuse at Tobertown:

The Commissioners noted that no reply has yet been received to their latest request that the Domestic Refuse Service be provided to six houses at Tobertown Balbriggan.

Itinerants:

The Manager informed the Commissioners that itinerants were now being removed from the Car Park and that 8 families had been relocated in the itinerant site at Bath Road. It was now proposed to develop this site at Bath Road by the erection of 8 chalets for the families now encamped there. The Site would be adjacent to the Road, would be

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serviced with water and sewerage and would have a domestic refuse service. It was the intention of the Council to rehouse such families after a period being accustomed to living in chalets. Following a further discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Heeney, seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed to accept the Manager's proposals for the development of the Bath Road Site. The County Council were requested also to examine the possibility of providing a caravan site in the town. Such a site could be used by young people when getting married and awaiting for Housing accommodation from the County Council.

Street Sweeping;

A letter from the County Council informing the Commissioners that Sunday morning street sweeping would be resumed during the summer season.

Motor Taxation Office in the Fingal Area:

A letter from the Finance Officer and Treasurer of the Dublin Corporation informed the Commissioners that such an office would not be feasible for the Fingal area alone. However, with a view to improving facilities the present offices at Co. Lane Street, it is hoped to reintroduce a lunch hour opening.

Wage & Salary Increases:

It was proposed by the Chairman Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed that the following increases which became due per the National Wage Agreement 1974 be granted from March, 1st, 1975. Caretaker 98p per week, Rent Collector £18.85 per annum, Town Clerk £34 per annum.

Cleaning of Beaches:

The Commissioners request the County Council to proceed immediately to clean the beaches in the Balbriggan area.

Cleaning of Banks on Sea Front:

The Town Clerk was instructed to again contact C.I.E. to clean their property on the Sea Front to resurface the pathway adjacent to the Beach.

Lights at Balbriggan:

The Commissioners again informed the meeting that the lighting in Curran Park was still out of order notwithstanding a report about this as far back as December 1974. The Manager undertook to take this matter up immediately with the County Council. Additional lights were also requested in the Market Green Hampton Mills Area at Hampton Lane and High Street. Such lights have been provided for under the current years estimated by the County Council. Additional lights were request at Quay Street Corner and at *Conrad* Street. On a proposal by Commissioner Hamilton it was agreed to request the E.S.B. to illuminate in some manner a pole at Quay Street, as it was in a dangerous location.

Hall Bookings:

An application for the hall booking from the Horticultural Health Society on August 29th/30th, 1975 was granted. An application from the Vincent de Paul Society for the hall booking on March 24th was granted.

Provision of Ammenities:

The Manager undertook to secure for the Commissioners a map of Balbriggan

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setting out the areas zoned for purposes of <sup>amenities</sup> Balbriggan and the position regarding the purchase of such areas. On a proposal by Commissioner Morgan it was agreed to request the County Council to have the toilets in the Square painted. On a proposal by Commissioner Lawless it was agreed to request the County Council to remove the railings surrounding the toilets and have them replaced by a small wall.

Phone Kiosks:

The Commissioners request the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to erect phone kiosks at Balrothery and Bath Road.

Other Matters:

A letter from Scallon Construction Co. to the Secretary of Fancourt Heights Residence Association was read and noted. It was noted that repairs were being carried out the the Housing Scheme.

Appointments of nominee to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances General Meeting:

It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless seconded by Commissioner Larkin and agreed that Commissioner Mrs. McKeon be appointed nominee for the above meetings.

Libraries:

The Council were requested to repair the library in Balbriggan. They were also requested to repair the clock on the library building. This request was also forwarded to the County Council 2 month previously. Commissioner Mrs. McKeon informed the meeting that the Bracken River was now being polluted by oil. The Commissioners request that the County Council be informed accordingly. A proposal by Commissioner Morgan, it was agreed to again contact the E.S.B. with a view to providing an office in Balbriggan for a few hours every week to deal with any necessary work. Commissioner Heeney informed the meeting of dangers which were at present in the Market Green Housing Estate where <sup>lynx</sup> were in private gardens and were covered over. The Commissioners request the County Council to rectify this matter immediately. The meeting thus concluded.

J. H. Kennedy 8/4/75

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Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday April 8th, 1975 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Commissioners: O. Heeney, S. Lawless, D. Morgan, Mrs. McKeon, H. Reilly, J. Kennedy Chairman presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioner Larkin.  
Mr. D.A. Delaney, Assistant City & County Manager, and Mr. E. Cunningham Town Clerk were in attendance.

(1) Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of meeting of March 18th were read and signed.

(2) Arising from the Minutes:

Public Lighting:

A letter from Dublin County Council stating that the E.S.B. have been requested to repair the Public Lighting system at Curran Park was read. The location of the fault will depend on special equipment being available to the E.S.B.

(2) Fire Hydrants in Market Green:

The Housing Department of Dublin County Council have been requested to submit a report on the Fire Hydrants in the Market Green area of Balbriggan.

Road Repairs

A letter from Dublin County Council stating that repairs to footpaths would be carried out at Hampton, Height Street Corner, Station Road, Chapel Street, and Glebe North was read. Arrangements are being made to have the Market Green area cleaned regularly.

Construction of a new Road at the Martello Tower along the strands cannot be carried out in the current year as no provisions had been made in the estimates. However, consideration will be given to the inclusion of this in the Road Work Scheme for the coming year.

E.S.B.

A letter from the E.S.B. turning down the Commissioners request for an office at Balbriggan was read. The cost of providing and servicing such an office would prohibit the provision of a special out-let in Balbriggan bearing in mind the existing facilities for payment of accounts.

(3) Deputation from Bath Road Tenants Association

A deputation from Bath Road Tenants consisting of Mr. Brown and Mr. Kavanagh was received. The following is the text of a statement read by the Deputation to the Commissioners.

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Mr. Chairman, County Manager, Town Commissioners.

At an emergency Committee Meeting of the Bath Road Tenants Association 10 days ago which was called following the shattering news that the County Manager proposed building a permanent chalet site for travelling traders at Bath Road and the even more shattering news that the Town Commissioners unanimously supported the County Manager in his proposals, it was decided to send a deputation to see the Town Commissioners with a view to persuade them to withdraw their support for the County Manager's proposal, and at the same time to enlist the commissioners support for the complete removal of the present itinerant site to a more suitable area.

We think it is crazy for anybody to suggest building a permanent site like the one suggested in what surely is a high amenity area, and would point out that the present site was put there before it was a built up area, so that annoyance would not be caused to the town's people, with that in mind it is now time for a new site to be found elsewhere. (Possibly up the lane facing Wavin Pipes).

The Bath Road Tenants are convinced that if these 8 chalets were built anywhere in Balbriggan, that 8 caravans would be serviced with water, electricity etc. from these chalets and in the long run would attract even more travelling traders to the town, and I would say in advance that we have no confidence what so ever in any assurances which may be given to the contrary by anybody in any position, and if you remember the original commitment by the town of Balbriggan was to house 6 families, as far as I am aware 3 families have already been allocated houses at Bath Road and we welcome them, because we feel this is the proper way to integrate them, and in the future when the proposed new housing estate is built at the back of Craoibhin Park, 3 more families could be allocated homes, and so Balbriggan's commitment to these families would be fulfilled, and to ask any more of the people of Balbriggan would be unjust.

Some of the fears expressed by our members:-

- (1) Rat problem increased - keep dumping at present rate.
- (2) Ditch being used for the dumping of raw sewage.
- (3) Tower field area should be developed for the children and old people of Bath Road and Balbriggan.
- (4) Itinerant site lowering the value of the houses for the people who are buying their own homes.
- (5) Itinerant children playing on the railway lines - afraid of their own children copying them.
- (6) Any hope of tourists being attracted to the area or future development would be gone forever.

In conclusion I have to inform you that the Bath Road Tenants Association are determined to achieve both their aims (that is: (1) stopping the proposed chalets being built (2) removal of the present site completely). So I would ask the Town Commissioners to let us know as soon as possible as to the question of their support, and that the County Manager keep us informed directly of any developments.

The deputation also <sup>109</sup> gave instances of nuisances caused by the present inhabitants of the Itinerant Site. Following the departure of the deputation a letter from Mr. P.J. Moloney Director Healthex Ltd., was read also outlining instances of nuisances caused by the present occupants of the Itinerant Encampment. Following further discussion on the matter it was agreed to postpone the item and to raise the matter of the Commissioners Deputation to the County Council.

(4) Lights at Curran Park:

- (4) The Commissioners were informed that the County Council had now requested that the E.S.B. to remedy the fault in the main Cable bringing current to the Lighting System at Curran Park.

Phone Kiosks:

The Commissioners noted that no reply had been received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs regarding their request for additional phone kiosks in the Balbriggan Area. The meeting was informed that the Bath Road Tenants were agreeable to the provision of a kiosk in the gardens of one of the residents who would maintain the kiosk. The Town Clerk was instructed to follow up this matter with the Department of Posts & Telegraphs. The meeting was also informed of results of request with the FanCourt Heights Residents association for the provision of telephone kiosks in their estate. The Department found *that* it was not possible to provide additional kiosks in the area at present.

Beach Cleaning:

The meeting was informed by the Manager that the County Council start cleaning the beaches in the first week of May. The meeting was informed by Commissioner Reilly that the Youth Club would be prepared to clean the beach on the week commencing the 19th to 26th of April being National Youth Week. Commissioner Morgan proposed that the Council should employ a local man to clean the beaches during the summer season. The Town Clerk was instructed to follow up this request with the County Council.

Other Matters:

The Town Clerk was requested to pursue the County Council to question of painting of railings in the Square. The meeting extended to Mr. Lynch, Park Superintendent their congratulations on his tree planting programme in the Balbriggan area. The Town Clerk was requested to write to the Department of Education expressing the need for a Secondary School (Boys) in Balbriggan. Commissioner Heeney informed the meeting that the pollution of the river flowing through the town was coming from Wavin factory. The Town Clerk was instructed to contact Wavin about this.

Deputation to County Council:

The following agenda was agreed for the Commissioners deputation to the County Council on April 28th.

- (1) Itinerants Site Development.
- (2) Lights at Curran Park,
- (3) Provision of wall at rear of Curran Park.
- (4) Unemployment Industry and Housing Scheme.
- (5) Repair and improvements to toilet block in Square.
- (6) Park Pathway Bath Road.

The meeting thus concluded.

*J. Heeney 13/5/75*

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday May, 13 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:Commissioners: O. Heeney, J. Larkin, D. Morgan, Mrs. McKeon, H. Reilly, and J. Kennedy Chairman presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioner S. Lawless.

(1) Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of monthly meeting of April 8th were read and signed.

(2) Arising from the Minutes:

A letter of acknowledgement was received from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs re the Commissioners queries to telephone kiosks at Balrothery and Bath Road. A letter from Dublin County Council informing the Commissioners that the practice of temporary dumping at *Quay* Street has been discontinued and the sign posts has also been moved back to the fence. A letter from Dublin County Council *states* that the repairs to the clock on the library would cost £547.35 plus V.A.T. and that this expenditure would not seem justified at present. The Commissioners were not in agreement with this information and have asked that a new clock be installed. The Commissioners were informed that the lights at Curran Park were now in operation through a temporary arrangement. The meeting was also informed that the lights in *Lambacher* in the vicinity of the flats are out of order. The Town Clerk undertook to inform the Co. Council of this.

(3) Abstract of Accounts:

The Abstract of Accounts for the period 1973/'4 and 1974 were submitted to the meeting and noted. It was proposed by *of over expenditure* Chairman and seconded by Commissioner Heeney that authorisation in the sum of *£23.25* be granted for the Fuel Scheme for the 1974 period.

(4) Planning Applications and Decisions:

The meeting was informed and noted applications for planning permission and decisions re Planning Applications received by Dublin Co. Council for the Balbriggan area.

(5) Deputation to the Co. Council:

The minutes of the deputations meeting held on the 28th April with members and officials of Dublin Co. Council were distributed and read. A letter from Mrs. Kelly Seabanks, Balbriggan to the Commissioners complaining of the intrusion of privacy and instance of nuisances caused to her property at Seabanks was read. Following further discussion on the problem of itinerants, the Town Clerk was instructed to request the guards to move the remaining caravans from the road side and to forward a copy of the letter received from Mrs. Kelly to Dublin County Council asking them to take whatever measures necessary to *alleviate* the situation. A letter from S.A.C. Development Department, Dublin Co. Co. which stated that the Co. Co. was in discussion with the Industrial Development Authority in connection with the provision of Industrial Sites in Balbriggan was read and noted. A letter from S.E.O. Sanitary Services. Department stating that ~~the~~ proposals were

being drawn up for repairs to the toilets at the Square, Balbriggan was read and noted. A letter from the Housing Department stating that the repairs to Balbriggan Library was due to a roof adjoining the library, <sup>backing was</sup> the responsibility of the Commissioners was read and noted. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that repairs to this roof would be carried out in the present year.

(6) Deputation to Wavin Pipes Ltd.,

The minutes of meeting between the Management of Wavin Pipes Ltd., and a delegation from the Balbriggan Town Commissioners was read and circulated. Following a discussion on the minutes in which Commissioner Reilly stated that he had since met the managing director of Wavin Pipes who thanked the Commissioner to him for the manner in which the meeting was conducted. The Commissioners sent their official backing to the claim by Wavin Pipes Ltd., that P.B.C. Pipes were being omitted from tenders in Watermain and Sewerage Schemes, particularly in Dublin County.

(7) Other Matters:

- (a) Oil in Canal: Commissioner Reilly informed the meeting of efforts he made to trace the flow of oil from Wavins factory into a nearby River. <sup>Special</sup> staff had been draughted <sup>in</sup> to be Wavins Pipes to absorb the flow of oil. Commissioner Heeny informed the meeting of dangers involved in having this oil flowing into the river and the fire hazard this caused.
- (b) Ditch at Derham Park: Commissioner Morgan informed the meeting of an instance whereby a child had fallen into this ditch at Derham Park. Commissioner Reilly informed the meeting of promise by Dublin Co. Co. to have this ditch filled in last September. The Town Clerk was instructed to contact the Co. Co. about this matter again.
- (c) Site for Youth Club: Commissioner Reilly was informed that the Canal area when acquired and filled was to facilitate all clubs and the local Youth Club may be provided with this site to erect a hall.
- (d) County Council warning signs: The Co. Council were requested to erect a children crossing sign on the main Road as it approaches <sup>Vaux</sup> Hall Place, since the repairs were carried out to the Bridge at the Canal end, children <sup>from</sup> at the <sup>Canal</sup> area were now using this route when going to school. The Co. Co. were also requested to put bollards on the lane from the Path way up to the football pitch. Cars were using this laneway which is very narrow.
- (e) Allotments: Commissioner Mrs. McKeon asked if the Co. Co. could have the small allotments scheme started in Balbriggan again with the increased prices and the cost of vegetables people have enquired if the Co. Co. still had such a scheme in the area.
- (f) House at Hampton Street: The Co. Co. were requested to finalise the repairs to Traceys Gableend of their house at Hampton Street, Balbriggan. This damage was caused by the demolition in order to erect a new house at 75 Hampton Street.

The meeting thus concluded.

Jack Hanley 10/6/75

Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday June 10th at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners: A. Hamilton, O. Heeney, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, D. Morgan, Mrs. McKeon, B. Purcell, H. Reilly, and J. Kennedy Chairman presiding.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of monthly meeting of May<sup>13</sup> were read and signed.

Arising from the Minutes:

A letter from C.I.E. informing the Commissioners that repairs had been carried out to the surface of the path on the Sea, Front. <sup>on road.</sup> The Commissioners noted that the grass was not yet cut on the banks and requested that this be done immediately.

A letter from Dublin County Council informing the Commissioners that due to the unavailability locally of suitable filling material the ditch south of Derham Park, Balbriggan had not yet been filled in. The meeting was informed that adequate ~~and~~ suitable building material was available at Chapel Street, at Balrothery, <sup>and</sup> at the end of Bath Road, and to relay this information to the County Council.

The meeting was informed that the lights at Bath Road, were still out of order.

The meeting was also informed by the Town Clerk that the County Council would reserve an area with provision for Applotments in Balbriggan next year.

The Chairman drew to the attention of the meeting an article which appeared in a recent addition of a local paper in which it stated that County Councillors would attend the next meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners. The Town Clerk informed the Chairman that having checked with the officials of Dublin County Council this report was incorrect. The Council had proposed that meetings with the North Dublin Committee be held at various locations throughout the North Dublin area and Balbriggan was mentioned as a possible venue.

The meeting was informed that the flow of oil continued to come from the factory at Wavins Ltd. The Town Clerk informed the meeting of a discussion he had with officials of the Engineering Department prior to the meeting in which an Engineer would come down from the Council to survey the area.

The meeting was informed by the Chairman of an article which appeared in a recent issue of the Drogheda Independant casting dispersions on the work of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners and which was reported to emanate from the Balbriggan Community Council. A letter was received at the meeting, from the Secretary of Balbriggan and District Community Council, dissociating itself completely from this article and in no way authorised the opinions expressed in the Article. The Commissioners accepts the statement from the Balbriggan and District Community Council without any question.

(3) Planning Applications:

The meeting noted Planning Applications and decisions arising from Planning application which were submitted to the Council. The Clerk was instructed to obtain a map

of a proposed development of the Clonard Street named in the applications received.

(4) Dumping at Canal Head:

The Chairman informed the meeting of the problems arising from unauthorised dumping at the Canal Head area, this area was now becoming infested with rats. The residents of Balbriggan had plenty of means at their disposal for the disposal of refuse and the meeting requested the local paper to publish a request for the residents to use these means and not to have indiscriminate dumping at any unauthorised area. The County Council were requested to have their property at Chapel Street cleaned.

(5) Rights of Way:

Following a discussion on this topic the Town Clerk was requested to obtain a map of the Balbriggan area so that the Commissioners could pin-point the rights of way known in Balbriggan and request the County Council to have them fully maintained and established.

(6) Life Saving Equipment:

Following a discussion on this topic the Commissioners request the County Council to indicate proceedings to have an inshore raft or dingy located at Balbriggan.

Other Matters:

The meeting noted that no reply has been received as yet to the request to have additional signs erected in the Town. The Commissioners also request to have a pedestrian crossing installed in Drogheda Street, at Bath Rd., as there were a lot of children crossing the road at this area from the Bath Road Housing Scheme. The Chairman undertook to request the Superintendent of the local Garda Siochana to have a traffic count in this area.

Town Boundaries:

The Town Clerk was instructed to establish the procedure necessary for the extension of the Town Boundary.

Council Repairs:

The meeting noted that no reply had yet been received to the Commissioners request to have repairs carried out to foot paths, to have a wall built at the rear of Curran Park and to have bollards erected on the <sup>laneway</sup> railway leading to the soccer pitch from Dublin Street. The Commissioners also requested that the ditch adjacent to the space between 5 & 7 Curran Park be cleared away. The Commissioners request that the grass margin at Bath Road be cut immediately. The Commissioners also request that pressure be brought to bear on the developers of Housing Estates in the Balbriggan area to have them cleaned up in order that the Council may take them in charge.

Telephone Kiosks:

The Commissioners noted that no reply had been received from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs re erection of a public telephone kiosk in a garden at Bath Road.

School Management:

Following a proposal by Commissioner Mrs. McKeon seconded by Commissioner Lawless, and agreed that the parish priest be requested to have a member of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners on the newly created school management Boards.

Sand on Strand:

The Commissioners request that the local firm which was clearing away sand from the mouth of the harbour be requested to store this in a different area than presently used in order to enable parents have more control on their children when playing on the beach.

Car Park:

Following a proposal by Commissioner Heeney it was agreed to request the County Council to obliterate the parking spaces immediately opposite the middle gates at the entrance to the car park. Cars parked there at present hinder the entry of other cars to the park.

Traders in the Square:

The Town Clerk was requested to follow up procedure in the making of by-laws to buy ~~this~~ <sup>a</sup> site for street traders which presently operate in the square.

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May McKeown  
8/7/75.



COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of Annual meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday of 8th July, 1975 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Commissioners: A. Hamilton., O. Heeney, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, J. Kennedy, D. Morgan, Mrs. McKeon, B. Purcell and H. Reilly.

Mr. R. O'Brolchain Assistant City & County Manager, and Mr. E Cunningham Town Clerk were in attendance.

Election of Chairman:

At the outset Commissioner S. Lawless proposed a vote of thanks to the <sup>outgoing</sup> Chairman for their manner in which he officiated during his term of office. This vote was associated with by all the Commissioners present and to which the <sup>outgoing</sup> Chairman replied.

Nominations:

Commissioner O'Reilly was proposed by Commissioner Morgan and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioner Lawless was proposed Commissioner Purcell and seconded by Commissioner Larkin  
Commissioner Mrs. McKeon was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Heeney. Commissioners Reilly & Lawless withdrew their nominations, Commissioner Mrs. McKeon was declared elected Chairman.

Election of Vice Chairman:

Commissioner Heeney was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Lawless. Commissioner Morgan was proposed by Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner Reilly. Commissioner Morgan stated that he did not wish to go forward and withdrew. No other nominations being received Commissioner Heeney was declared elected Vice Chairman.

Election of Estimates Committee:

It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Purcell and resolved that an estimates committee be appointed. The following Commissioners were elected to the estimates Committee. Commissioners Kennedy, Purcell and Mrs. McKeon.

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Election of Fuel Scheme Committee:

It was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Larkin and agreed that the outgoing fuel Scheme Committee consisting of Commissioners O'Heeney, S. Lawless, ~~St~~ Reilly and A. Hamilton be reelected, this was agreed to. The meeting thus concluded.

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May McKeon (Mrs.)  
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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday July 8th, 1975 at 8 p.m.

Present Commissioners: A. Hamilton, O. Heeney, S. Lawless,  
J. Larkin, J. Kennedy, D. Morgan,  
B. Purcell, H. Reilly, Mrs. McKeon  
Chairman presiding.

Mr. R. O'Brolchain Assistant City & County Manager and Mr. E Cunningham Town Clerk were in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of ordinary meeting of June 13th were read amended and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes:

A letter from Dublin Co Council informing the Commissioners that they have been in touch with the technical Manager Messrs Wavin concerning the oil flow was read. It was noted that steps were being taken to absorb the flow of oil into the river and the matter should be cleared up shortly. A letter from Dublin Co Council stating that work had now commenced on the erection of a wall near Curran Park was read and noted. A letter from Dublin Co Council containing a report that stated that PBC Pipes were considered in all Water & Sewerage Schemes was read and noted. A letter from Dublin Co Council stating that they had been in touch with the E.S.B. in regards to defective lighting at Lamb beach was read. A cable fault is the cause of the lighting not being in operation and it is hoped to have repairs carried out as soon as possible. A letter from Dublin Co. Council stating that additional public lighting provided at High St, Quay St and St two new poles will also be erected at the E.S.B. sub station in Hampton Mills. Commissioner Kennedy informed the meeting of an approach he had made to the local Garda Superintendent requesting a pedestrian crossing be erected at Bath Road, He also informed the meeting of an approach he had made to a local contractor Mr. Murphy requesting him to move a heap of sand which he had collected on the Beach. Mr. Murphy agreed to co operate with request. The meeting was also informed that Commissioner Purcell was on the School Management Committee recently formed. The Town Clerk was requested to follow up with the Parks Department the question of obliterating some Parking Signs opposit the exit to the Car Park in Dublin St.

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A discussion on by-laws for Traders was postponed to the September meeting.

Planning Applications:

All planning decisions given and planning applications received for the month of June were read and noted .

Wage & Salary Revisions:

It was proposed by the Chairman Commissioner Mrs. McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed that the following wage and salary revisions be granted. An increase of £18.27 per annum to the Rent Collector, an increase of £31.00 per annum to the Town Clerk and an increase of £1.06 per week to the Town Hall Caretaker.

Toilets in Square:

The Town Clerk produced at the meeting four different drawing on the type of railings suggested to be erected on the toilet in the Square. The Commissioners having examined each of the drawings decided that drawing no 2 would be most appropriate and the Town Clerk was requested to inform the Co Council of their decision.

Rights of Way:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had furnished maps of the Balbriggan area to the technical staff of Dublin Co Council and requested them to mark all existing rights of way on this map.

Other Matters:

Derelict Cars: The meeting was informed of cars which appeared to be abandoned on Bath Road and requested that the Co Council remove these cars immediately. Commissioner Reilly informed the meeting that the streets of Bath Road were now being swept. Commissioner Kennedy informed the meeting that pipes carrying water from a river to the sea at the rear of the Martello Tower were blocked again and requested the Co Council to have them cleaned. Commissioner Kennedy also informed the meeting of the dangers in the vicinity at the end of Bath Road where clay was taken away from a dump causing large holes which would fill up should rain fall, thereby causing a dangerous situation. The Co Council were requested to level off this area. The meeting was also informed of vandalism which was taking place in the strand area of Balbriggan, in which containers containing rubbish were strewn across the sand. The Commissioners

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made a strong appeal to the local people to stop this kind of vandalism.

The Manager informed the meeting that an alternative site for the Itinerants had not yet been got in Balbriggan. The meeting thus Concluded.

May McKean (Mrs).  
9/9/75

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Coimisineiri baile brigin.

Minutes of special meeting of Coimisineiri Baile Brigin, held in the Coimmissioners room on Thursday July 24, at 7.30 p.m.

Present Coimmissioners O'Heeney, J. Kennedy, S. Lawless, H. Reilly and Mrs. McKeown, Chairman presiding. Mr. D. A. Delaney City and County Manager, Mr. Noel Dillon Town Engineer and Mr. E. Cunningham Town Clerk were in attendance.

Repairs to Corporate Property.

The Chairman addressing the meeting stated that it was now time for the Commissioners to agree on the long-term use of the hall which was at present not being used to its full extent. The state of the hall did not lend itself to bookings and they requested the engineer to provide an estimate figure for repairs to the hall. The engineer pointed out that it would take approximately £2,000 to carry out minimum repairs. Commissioner Kennedy stated that the local clubs had first priority on the hall and if they are not going to avail of it the Commissioners should advertise for bookings. Commissioner Reilly proposed that the hall be advertised for bookings to test the market for such adventures. Commissioner Heeney suggested that the hall be leased to the combined clubs as they had a very successful venture after taking over the local cinema. Commissioner Lawless stated that to repair the hall and put it on a par with dance halls which would cost approximately £40,000 to carry out the required necessities. The Manager suggested that the commissioners should do up the hall and that the commissioners inquire locally about the interests of the clubs should repairs be carried out. The town clerk was requested to obtain legal opinion should the commissioners suggest that the hall be leased to the commercial club. The Commissioners also agreed that repairs be carried out to the Commissioners room and the entrance to the Commissioners room.

The meeting thus concluded.

*May McKee  
9/9/75*

Minutes of Special Meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners room on Monday September 1st at 7.30 P.m.

Present Commissioners were A. Hamilton, O'Heeney, S. Lawless, J. Larkin D'Morgan, M. Reilly, B. Purcell and Mrs Mc Keon, Chairmam presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Comissioner Kennedy.

The chairman addressing the meeting proposed a vote of sympathy on the death of Mr. Eamonn De Valera. Tributes were paid to the former president by all the Commissioners and one minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect.

May McKeon (Mrs).  
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Comisineiri Bhaile Briqlin.

Minutes of meeting of the Comisineiri Bhaile Briglin held in the Commissioners room on Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.

Present Commissioners A. Hamilton O'Heeney J. Kennedy S. Lawless D. Morgan H. Reilly and Mrs McKeon Chairman presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioner Larkin.

Confirmation of Minutes

~~The minutes of annual meeting of July 9th were read and signed~~ <sup>stat 8</sup>  
~~The minutes of ordinary meeting of July 9th were read and signed~~ <sup>September</sup>  
~~The minutes of special meeting of July 24th were read and signed~~ <sup>stat</sup>  
~~The minutes of special meeting of September 1st were read and signed.~~ <sup>stat.</sup>

Arising out of the minutes in a letter from Dublin County Council informing the commissioners that the ditch south of 88 Derham Park was now filled in was read and noted. A letter from the Engineering Department, Dublin County Council stating that the Council had no liability in connection with damage caused to fencing at Sea Banks the property of Mrs Kelly was read and noted. A letter from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs informing the commissioners that it was not proposed to erect any additional Kiosks Balbriggan was read. The commissioners were informed by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs that they would provide a Kiosk under guarantee of any loss should the commissioners request. It was agreed that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Secretary of the Bath Road Tenants Organisation. The town clerk was requested to inform the Department of Posts and Telegraphs that the Kiosk in Drogheda Street was constantly out of order. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Town Commissioners were not empowered to adopt the Street Trading Act of 1926. It was proposed by Commissioner Heeney and seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed that the Department of Local Government adopt new legislation enabling Commissioners to enforce the Act. The meeting was also informed that the Gardai were still carrying out a survey at the pedestrian crossing requested



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at Bath Road. Commissioner Reilly informed the meeting that the flow of oil from Wavin factory was now practically nil. It was also noted that maps forwarded to Dublin County Council to designate the rights of way had not yet been returned.

#### TOWN HALL

The town clerk informs the meeting that the Town Engineer had drafted the necessary repairs to the town hall and that quotations were being requested to carry out these repairs. The town clerk also suggested that the letting fees be increased. It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Reilly and agreed that the scale letting fees as proposed by the town clerk be adopted with the following change. Hall fees for dances to be increased by £1 for caretaking fees.

#### NEW LIGHTS, REPAIRS TO FOOT PATH etc.

The County Council were requested to make provision in the estimate of expenses for 1976 to carry out the following:-

- Tarmacadam lane at Hampton Mills
- Construct new road at Martello Tower
- Carry out repairs to the tunnel approach to Stephen's Factory
- Erect signs at Old Fancourt the approach to Vauxhall Place and opposite the entrance to the C.I.E. Station.
- Erect a sign at the Bath House indicating toilets are available at the park
- Repair footpath at Chapel Street corner in the vicinity of the abattoir
- Repair footpaths at Market Green. Re locate fire hydrants at Market Green
- Carry out repairs at Station Street
- Paint double white lines at fire station and at Chapel Lane
- Put new markings on the pedestrian crossing at Drogheda Street

Requests to County Council to provide parking space at the fire station yard for an ambulance the property of the order *of Malta*. It was also agreed following a proposal by Commissioner Kennedy to request the County Council to take steps to abate *nuisance* caused at the abattoir. It was also agreed to write to the Dublin Corporation fire department requesting a new alarm sign

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for the fire tender stationed in Balbriggan.

Agenda - Deputation to County Council on September 29th.

The following Agenda agreed for the Commissioners deputation to the County Council.

1. Dumping at end of Bath Road.
2. Housing. Commencement of new scheme.
3. Clean plot of ground opposite flats in Chapel Street.
4. Exit and Entrance signs at Car Park.
5. Council's proposals to a canal area.
6. Development of Tower field.
7. Report on pollution of Balbriggan area.
8. Harbour.

Planning decisions

All planning applications and decisions received by Dublin County Council for the period July and August were noted

Other Matters

Following a discussion on the parking of cars on footpaths in Balbriggan, it was agreed that the Chairman of the Commissioners approach the local superintendant indicating the Commissioners disapproval. It was also agreed that the Chairman mention to the Superintendant their objections towards trading on the streets. Following a proposal by Commissioner Morgan it was agreed to ask the County Council at the Deputations meeting to carry out repairs to the Harbour and to provide a shed for the storage of equipment belonging to the fishermen. Following a proposal by Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to request the County Council to provide a street sweeping service on Sundays in Balbriggan. A letter received from Mr. Branagan of Fancourt Heights was read requesting information on repairs to be carried out to the town hall. A letter from the Community Council requesting the Commissioners support in their efforts to become an approved local council with Dublin County Council was read. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed to inform the

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Balbriggan and District Community Council that all matters relating to the Urban District of Balbriggan should be transacted to the Dublin County Council through the Commissioners. At the request of the Central Statistics Office the Commissioners examined maps of the Balbriggan Urban District and made any corrections that were necessary.

The meeting thus concluded.

May McKeen (Mrs).  
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Coimisineiri Bhaile Briqin

Minutes of meeting of Comisineiri Bhaile Briqin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday October 14th, 1975 at 7.30.

Present Commissioners O'Heeney, J. Kennedy, S. Lawless, J. Larkin, D. Morgan, H. Reilly, B. Purcell and Mrs. McKeon Chairman presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioner Hamilton. At the outset of the meeting one minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect on the death of Mrs. Larkin mother of Commissioner Larkin.

Confirmation of minutes.

The minutes of meeting of September 9th were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes.

A letter from Dublin County Council stating that arrangements are being made to have the clock of the Library repaired was read and noted. A letter from Dublin County Council informing the Commissioners that repairs are being carried out to the path at Hampton Street was read and noted. A letter from Dublin County Council stating that on inspection no derelict cars were found on Bath Road was read and noted. The meeting was informed that maps acquired to fill in the rights of way would be available for the next meeting. Commissioner Kennedy informed the meeting of abuses he had received following the last meeting, when he raised the matter of nuisances from the abbittoir. He stated that the County Council had inspected the area and took steps to abate the nuisance. It was proposed by Commissioner Morgan following a discussion that the Chairman contact the superintendant of the Gardi with a view to having the pedestrain crossing at Drogheda Street moved and also to request traffic lights at the junction of Chapel Street.

Deputation to County Council.

The minutes of the Commissioners deputation to the County Council on September 29th were circulated. The Chairman informed the meeting that Mr. Jennings, Senior Administrative Officer, Housing Department had been in contact with her and stated that arrangements are being made to have the open space at Chapel Street cleaned up immediately. Commissioner Heeney informed the meeting that he had been in contact with Mr. Healy regarding the drainage problem at Derham Park

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Town Hall.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that quotations were requested for repairs to the Town Hall on a schedule set out by the Town Engineer. Three quotations have been received, the lowest quotations being in the region of £2,500. Taking this into account together with an estimated £800 required to repair the Commissioners Room<sup>s</sup> and the Band Room, he suggested that the Commissioners seek a loan from the Dublin County Council for a sum of £3,300 repayable over a seven year period, the cost which would be £850 per annum. It was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Purcell and resolved that Balbriggan Town Commissioners request a loan of £3,300 from Dublin County Council, repayable over seven years **to finance** <sup>finance</sup> repairs to the Ballroom, the Commissioners Room and Band Room. It was also proposed by Commissioner Kennedy seconded by Commissioner Heeney and resolved that authorisation be granted to any overexpenditure incurred in the current year.

Wage and Salary Increases.

It was proposed by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Purcell and resolved that the following wage and salary increases due under the Employer Trade Union National Agreement 1975 be granted

- Caretaker 59p per week
- Rent Collector £11.28 per annum
- Town Engineer £6.50 per annum and
- Town Clerk £21.00 per annum.

The Commissioners authorisation to any overexpenditure involved in the current year was also granted.

Planning Applications

All Planning Applications received and decisions granted for the month of September were read and noted.

Other Matters

The Tidy Town's Report for 1975 was read and noted. The Town Clerk was requested to send a copy of the report to the Commissioners and the County Council. The meeting was informed that the Saleyard site had now been taken over by the Bank of Ireland and they were requested to take steps to alleviate nuisance caused in this area

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and to have a wall adjoining No. 28 Dublin Street removed. The County Council was requested to render houses at Dublin Street, being their property, useless, by either removing the roofs or blocking up the doors and windows. This area was attracting undesirable elements at weekends. The County Council were also requested to have the lights at High Street and Hampton Lane erected as soon as possible. The County Council was also requested to provide allotments in Balbriggan next year and the Town Clerk was instructed to pursue an earlier request. It was also instructed to place a notice in the window inviting applications for allotments. The meeting was also informed, the following lights were not working.

- Lights at Curran Park.
- Lights at steps to C.I.E.
- Light at the tunnel

The County Council were requested to check all lighting systems in the Balbriggan area. Commissioner Heeney informed the meeting that no steps had yet been taken to improve the markings at the car park. The Commissioners perused and noted the draft action plan for the Balbriggan area.



The meeting thus concluded.

May McKeown (Mrs.)  
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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of Estimates meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile  
Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Wednesday  
October 22nd 1975 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Commissioner O.Heeney, J. Kennedy and Mrs. McKeon, Chairman,  
presiding.

Officials present were Mr. R. O'Brolchain, Assistant City & County  
Manager, E. Cunnincham, Town Clerk and N. Dillon, Town Engineer.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioner  
Purcell.

Consideration of Estimate of Expenses for financial year  
ending 31st December, 1976.

Following consideration of the Estimate of Expenses for 1976 it  
was proposed by Commissioner Heeney seconded by Commissioner Kennedy  
and resolved that the Commissioners adopt the estimate of expenses as  
set out in Tables A, B and C and determine in accordance with the said  
estimate the sum set forth in Column 6 of Table C to be the sum to  
be demanded from the County Council for the financial year ending on  
the 31st day of December, 1976.

May McKeon (Mrs.)

11th November 1975

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COIMISINEIRI BAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of Meeting of Coimisineiri Baile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday November 11th, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners A. Hamilton, O'Heeney, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, D. Morgan, H. Reilly and Mrs. McKeon Chairman Presiding.

Confirmation of Minutes: The Minutes of Meeting of October 14th were read and signed. The Minutes of Estimates Meeting of October 22nd were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes: The following letters from Dublin County Council were read and noted.

1. A letter of acknowledgement stating that items raised in the Commissioners letter of October 24th were being investigated.
2. A letter of acknowledgement regarding the Commissioners request that the street cleaning service be provided on Sunday mornings in the winter season. Commissioner Kennedy stated that this service was essential as the footpaths were in a disgraceful state on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.
3. A letter setting out the position regarding the Mill Pond at Balbriggan. It was noted an agreement was reached for the purchase of this land some time ago and that certain difficulties had now arisen regarding the transfer of title and efforts have been made to have the matter finalised as quickly as possible.
4. A letter from the Bank of Ireland re the former Gavin Low Sales yard at Dublin Road, Balbriggan was also read. The clerk was instructed to confirm the Bank of Ireland that the nuisances are caused by a shed on the ground. The Chairman informed the Meeting that she had met the local Superintendent and had discussed with him the problems of Street Traders, the Pedestrian Crossing, markings on the road and parking in the town. She also informed the Meeting that she had arranged to meet a Mr. Nash of the Traffic Department of the Dublin County Council together with Sargent O'Donoghue to discuss those items. The Chairman was informed that the Street Traders had Hawkers Licences and nothing could be done with them. With regards to the Car Park the signs notating the entrances and exits were to be checked



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A discussion took place in which the Commissioners expressed their concern over street parking in the town whereby cars are parked on footpaths. It was suggested an announcement be made at the Bingo sessions that car parking was available in the side streets.

Authorisation of over expenditure was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy seconded by Commissioner Lawless and resolved. The authorisation of over expenditure be granted on the following headings:

Housing £198.      Fuel Scheme £598      General £458

Planning applications: All planning applications received for the month of October were noted.

Hall Bookings: An application was received from the Horticulturist Society for the Hall booking on August 27th and 28th 1976, this was granted.

Procedure to be adopted towards local clubs.

At the outset of this discussion the Chairman informed the Meeting of a Charity Week which was being organised in Balbriggan and to take place on the 11th to the 20th June 1976. Several members of the Commissioners expressed their dissatisfaction at not being informed of this until now. Various rumors had been heard in the town from outside people. The Chairman informed the members that she had received an official invitation to their meetings as private citizen and not as Chairman of Balbriggan Town Commissioners. However, the Commissioners expressed their favour at such a festival being organised. Commissioner Reilly expressed the fear that the Commissioners were being by-passed by associations and that such associations could get more done if they came to the Commissioners and expressed their views and asked their backing. The Town Clerk informed the Commissioners of a Grant Scheme for assistance to local organisations and suggested that the Commissioners meet the associations of the town with a view to co-ordinating the needs and requirements of these clubs.

Other Matters:

The County Council were requested to clean up the rubbish dump at Clonard. The Clerk was instructed to request the occupants of the local Chip Shop to refrain from placing their garbage in the Commissioners gardens, this has been scattered all over the gardens drawing unfavourable comment before the garbage is collected.

The Meeting thus concluded.

*Josephine O'Keefe*  
*9/12/75.*

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday December 9th at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners J. Larkin, S. Lawless, B. Purcell, H. Reilly and O. Heeney Vice Chairman presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioner Mrs. McKeon. *and Commissioner Kennedy.*

At the outset of the meeting a vote of sympathy was extended to Mrs. Hayes, Fancourt, and Commissioner Reilly on their recent bereavements.

Confirmation of minutes:

The minutes of meeting of November 11th were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes:

A letter from the Department of Justice stating that the Control of road side trading could not be exercised by an amendment of the Street Trading Act, 1926, was noted. Following a discussion, it was proposed by Commissioner Purcell, seconded by Commissioner Larkin and agreed to request Dublin County Council to enact By-laws regulating the control of road side trading.

A letter from Dublin County Council informed the Commissioners that every effort was being made to transfer title to land in Mill Pond area as quickly as possible.

A letter from the Fire Brigade Headquarters informed the Commissioners that the fire appliance stationed in Balbriggan was provided with a suitable audible warning device was noted.

The question of an alternative call-out system is under active investigations. The meeting was informed that the staff structure of the Fire Brigade Service was being re-organised.

Planning Decisions:

All planning applications received and decisions made were noted.

Items from Council Meetings:

Reports as follows which were discussed at Council Committee Meetings were noted.

1. Car parks North County Dublin.
2. Street sweeping on Sundays.
3. Erection of dwellings at Dublin Street.
4. Sales Scheme at Bath Road.
5. Draft Action Plan for Balbriggan.
6. Grants Scheme for assistance to Local Organisations.
7. Coast protection North County.
8. Sanitary Services Works in Fingal area.

Itinerant Site:

The meeting was informed that the Council were continuing their endeavours to acquire an alternative site for itinerants. The Commissioners requested that the Council have the matter completely finalised in 1976.

Information Service:

Following a discussion on the topic it was agreed to request Dublin County Council to open up an information service centre in Balbriggan twice every week for a half-day.

Industry:

The meeting was informed that the I.D.A. were actively promoting the industrial site and a number of clients had visited the area.

Other Matters:

A letter from Dublin County Council requesting the Commissioners views on the numbering of the new flats in Chapel Street/Fulham Terrace.

Following a discussion it was agreed to recommend that the flats be numbered 1 - 8 and that Fulham Terrace be re-numbered 9 - 23.

The meeting thus concluded.

Glenn McKeown  
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COMMISSINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday January, 13th at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners A. Hamilton, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, E. Purcell, H. Reilly and O. Heeney Vice Chairman presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioner Mrs. McKeon.

Mr. R. O'Brolchain, Assistant City and County Manager and Mr. E. Cunningham, Town Clerk, were in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of meeting of December 9th, 1975, were read, amended and signed.

At the outset of the meeting a vote of sympathy was extended to Commissioner Kennedy on the death of his brother. The Manager and Town Clerk associated themselves with the vote.

Arising out of the Minutes:

The meeting noted that dumping was still continuing in the Commissioners garden.

The meeting also noted that the occupants of the Harbour Masters house at Seapoint were not being serviced by the Domestic Refuse Service. This was referred to the Engineering Department of Dublin County Council.

Planning Applications:

All Planning applications received and decisions made for the month of December were noted. Maps for developments at Chapel Street and Clonard Street were noted. The Commissioners expressed reservations about the two-bedroomed houses and these were referred to the Planning Department.

Deputation for meeting with Dublin County Council:

The following agenda was agreed for the Commissioners deputation to the County Council on January, 26th.

Maintenance of Site at Chapel Street.

Dumping at Bath Road.

Refuse dumping at Clonard Hill.

Housing - Hampton Street developments.

Pipes on seafront at Martello Tower.

Public Lighting - Lambreecher - Town Centre and new light at Stevensons.

Flooding at Seapoint.

Wage and Salary Increases:

It was proposed by Commissioner Heeney, seconded by Commissioner Lawless, and agreed the following increases, due under Phase 2 of the National Agreement 1972, be granted.

Caretaker	-	8p per week.
Rent Collector	-	£1.69p per annum.
Town Engineer	-	£1.00 " "
Town Clerk	-	£3.12 " "

Other Matters:

The Commissioners requested maps to mark in the Rights of Way to be made available for the February meeting.

Commissioner Kennedy informed the meeting of a complaint he had received from the occupant of 148, Bath Road, whereby, itinerant children were causing annoyance. It was agreed to request the Gardai to put additional patrols on the area.

Commissioner Reilly informed the meeting of difficulties experienced by rate payers who desired to pay their rates by the non attendance of the Rate Collector at his office in Balbriggan.

It was decided to request the <sup>Rate</sup> Collector to attend at least once per month and to make the Commissioners Room available if required.

The meeting was informed that all queries regarding allotments should be forwarded to Dublin County Council.

May McKeown (Mts.)  
10/2/46.

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday, February 10th at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners O. Heeney, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, H. Reilly and Mrs. McKeon Chairman presiding.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The Minutes of meeting of January 13th were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes:

A letter of acknowledgement in connection with a request for extra patrols in the Bath Road area was read and signed. A letter from the County Council setting out the following points was read and signed:

- (a) Hampton Lane is not in charge therefore the Council cannot spend any money on it.
- (b) Construction of road at Martello Tower has not been included in the 1976 programme of works.
- (c) The approach to Stevenson's factory will be maintained in the normal way.
- (d) Repairs to footpath at Chapel Street corner has been completed. Repairs to footpath in Market Green will be carried out in 1976 as will be the footpath in Station Street. No provision has been made to repair footpaths in Drogheda Street.
- (e) Cumisky Lane is not in charge of the Council.

A letter from Dublin County Council informed the Commissioners that it was not proposed to provide street sweeping on Sunday mornings was read and noted. It was decided to request this service for 1977.

A letter from Dublin County Council stated that it was not proposed to erect a warning sign at the exit from Vauxhall Place. The Council appeared to be in doubt as to the Commissioners request and the Town Clerk was instructed to explain the request to officials of the County Council. The Commissioners were also informed that the blocking off of the lane leading to the soccer pitch was not warranted.

The minutes of the deputation of the Council on January 26th were circulated.

Planning Applications:

All planning applications received and decisions made were noted.

Rights of Way:

Maps of Balbriggan which were forwarded to Dublin County Council to have all known rights-of-way marked in were returned. The Council do not have a record of rights-of-way and requested the Commissioners to mark them in and return the maps. Some rights-of-way were marked in and the item was adjourned to a further meeting.

Corporate Property: Repairs.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the loan which the Commissioners had requested through the County Council was not been sanctioned for the present. This meant that they could not proceed with their proposed schedule of works.

Following discussions it was agreed to carry out repairs to the Commercial Club immediately. It was agreed to have the Commissioners Room re-decorated.

The Town Engineer was to investigate the possibility of instaling a toilet in the bandroom and to get a report on No: 1 St. Peter's Terrace.

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Deputation from Youth Club and Badminton Club:

The Chairman explained the reason for the deputation. The Commissioners were proposing to carry out repairs to the Town Hall and requested more stringent supervision from its users. Following discussion it was agreed to give separate entrances to each Club and to provide its officer members with keys.

The delegations also pointed out that the recent increase in booking fees had put a lot of strain on their financial resources as it came about in mid-term and requested the Commissioners to postpone the increases until next season. The Commissioners noted the request and informed the delegation that it would be considered sympathetically.

The meeting then adjourned.

*May McKee  
16th March 46*

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of adjourned meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday, February 17th at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners A. Hamilton, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, D. Morgan, H. Reilly and Mrs. McKeon Chairman presiding.

Corporate Property:

A discussion took place on the request from the Youth Club and Badminton Club not to implement the revised scale of charges until the end of the present season.

Following the discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Reilly and agreed to recommend that the revised scale of charges be implemented from 1st December, 1975, and that a concession of £40.00 be made to the account of the Badminton Club and £30.00 to the account of the Youth Club.

Other Matters:

Correspondence received from the Glebe North Residents, Association of Municipal Authorities and a report on the effects of Sewage in the Fingal Coastline were adjourned to the following meeting.

May McKeon  
16/3/76



Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday March 16th at 7.30 p.m.

Present Commissioners: O. Heeny, J. Kennedy, S. Lawless, M. Reilly and Mrs. McKeon, Chairman.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Commissioners A. Hamilton and B. Purcell.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of Ordinary meeting of February 10th and adjourned meeting of February 17th were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes:

Reports from County Council meetings in relation to (a) estates in Balbriggan, (b) tree planting in Balbriggan area (c) pathway connecting Dublin Street with Market Green and (d) trespassing and squatting in Derham Park were read, discussed and noted. The Town Clerk was requested to get a report on the Public Lighting at Bath Road which was out of order for some time. The Town Clerk was also directed to request a local contractor to remove material dumped on open space adjacent to the forty-four houses erected at Bath Road. In relation to the Market Green area the Commissioners request the County Council to clean up the estate and to take it in charge.

Planning Applications:

All planning applications received and decisions made in February were noted.

Street Trading:

The Commissioners having been circulated with the report from the Association of Municipal Authorities discussed the matter on Street Trading and decided to make a submission to the Commission on Restrictive Practices which were examining this problem. The major problem in Balbriggan was in the use of the itinerant site by Street Traders as a resting place this creating undue criticism on the itinerant settlement problem.

Complaints regarding Glebe North:

A letter signed by the residents of Glebe North was read. It requested the Commissioners to repair the footpath leading to the area, have public lighting installed and to have the practice of parking lorries on the footpath stopped. Another letter received from the same residents objected to the proposal by the Council to move the itinerant encampment to that area. Following a discussion, it was agreed to request the County Council to have the matters attended to.

Other Matters:

A letter from the Road Safety Officer of Dublin County Council informed the Commissioners that it was proposed to provide a display of Road Safety Literature at the Town Hall. The Chairman, Mrs. McKeon, was nominated to represent the Town Commissioners at the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances annual conference. A letter from the Amenities Sub-Committee of the Balbriggan Community Council was read. It requested the Commissioners to approach the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to have telephones erected at Bath Road, Balrothery Village, Fancourt Heights, Hampton Cove and Delahessey. It also requested information on proposed amenity areas in the town. The Commissioners recalled their endeavours to have phone kiosks erected at the locations mentioned and agreed to renew their campaign. In relation to amenities it was agreed to request all clubs in the town to its next meeting to discuss fully their requirements.

Allotments:

The Town Clerk was requested to have the County Council allocate the allotments and to have the laneway cleared up.

Community Council:

A letter from the Community Council requesting a meeting with the Commissioners was read. It was agreed to meet the Community Council and a date for this meeting was to be fixed at the next meeting.

Caravan Site:

It was decided to request the Council to provide a Caravan site in Balbriggan. It was also decided to request the County Council to erect school-warning signs at Hampton Street/Market Green Junction and corner of 16, Derham Park/83, Craoibhin Park. The Chairman informed the meeting of a talk she had with the Manager of the Bank of Ireland Branch about the site at the old salesyard. Development work would start shortly and it was proposed to sell portion of the site to Dublin County Council for the erection of a library.

May McKeown  
13th April 76

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday, April 13th at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners A. Hamilton, O. Heeney, J. Kennedy, S. Lawless, J. Larkin, D. Morgan, B. Purcell and Mrs. McKeon Chairman presiding.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of meeting of March 16th were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes:

Itinerants: The following <sup>report</sup> which was circulated at the County Council North District Committee Meeting regarding itinerants at Bath Road was read and noted.

"The number of families at the halting site at Bath Road fluctuates and it is difficult to control a site of this nature. There are at present five families on the site. Arrangements have been made to clean the site in the next week or so and regular cleaning will be carried out in future.

The possibility of providing a 'goal-post' type gate to prevent entry of unauthorised vehicles is being considered.

Early last year the Council proposed to erect an eight-chalet development on Bath Road and to eliminate the halting site. This proposal was not proceeded with due to opposition from the Bath Road Tenants' Association and withdrawal of the backing originally given to the scheme by Balbriggan Town Commissioners.

The Council is endeavouring to acquire another site to the South of Balbriggan for this purpose but has so far failed to get agreement from the land owner to sell the property to the Council and consideration is being given to compulsory acquiring the necessary land.

It will be necessary to retain the Bath Road halting site in operation until an alternative permanent site is available, which may take some considerable time. If the Town Commissioners and the Bath Road Tenants' Association were agreeable to allow a permanent chalet site at Bath Road the present halting site could be phased out more rapidly. In the meantime efforts will be made by the Council's Inspector and Housing Welfare Officer to minimise any annoyance caused to the residents of Bath Road.

A Draft prohibition order map is being prepared for the area within approximately a half-mile radius of this itinerant site and will be presented to the Committee as soon as possible."

The meeting was also informed that a flat in Chapel Street which had been allocated to an itinerant was now vacant. The meeting noted that there were up to eleven families using the itinerant site.

Toilets in the Square: The meeting was informed that the new railing would be provided for the toilet block in the near future.

Allotments: The meeting requested the County Council to re-allocate any allotments not taken up after the following fortnight. It was also noted that the allotments were let up to March 31st, 1977.

Planning Applications:

All planning applications received and decision made for the month of March were noted.

Repairs at Bath Road:

The following report which was circulated at the County Councils North District Committee meeting on March 24th 1976 was read and noted.

"With regards the 172 dwellings at Bath Road, Balbriggan, complaints have been received in respect of ten houses and also six complaints in respect of the scheme in general.

There is no pattern in the kind of complaints received as these vary from defects in garden walls and broken windows to cracks in the ceiling and defects in fireplaces."

The meeting was informed that prior to the Council taking over the Estate from the Builder a detail survey would be carried out on all houses to determine repairs.

Industry:

The Commissioners decided that they should arrange another meeting with the I.D.A. to establish if there has been any developments in their efforts to have another industry established in Balbriggan.

Other Matters:

Commissioner Purcell informed the meeting of a visit <sup>his neighbour</sup> he made to the Planning Office of Dublin County Council and on looking at a map of his locality, he found that some developments had not been marked, including his own house.

Commissioner Kennedy informed the meeting of an incident that happened on the C.I.E. transport service in which an Old Age Pensioner was requested to pay the fare although in possession of the Pension Book. On making enquiries from the Inspectors he was informed that the free travel scheme for Old Age Pensioner's did not operate during rush hour periods. The Commissioners fixed April 27th to meet deputations from Bath Road Tenants Association at 7.30 p.m. and Balbriggan Community Council at 8.30 p.m.

Deputation to County Council on April 26th:

The following was the agenda for the Deputation to the County Council on Monday April 26th.

- (1) Refuse dumping at Clonard Hill and at Canal (Mill Pond).
- (2) Position regarding acquisition of Mill Pond area.
- (3) Cleaning of beaches.
- (4) Flooding at Seapoint.
- (5) Cleaning of watercourse at Martello Tower.
- (6) Lights at Lambreecher Flats and public lighting in scheme.
- (7) Use of V.E.C. grounds when not required by school authorities for recreational activities.
- (8) Request for site leased to Allen at Mill Street to be repossessed and allocated to local clubs.
- (9) Acquisition of lands for playing fields.

Invitation to Chairman of County Council to attend meeting of Commissioners:

The Commissioners agreed to extend an invitation to the Chairman of Dublin County Council to attend one of their meetings.

Meeting of Clubs:

A total of twenty-seven Clubs were represented at a meeting conveyed by the Commissioners to survey the need for recreational amenities and open spaces. These Clubs cater for a total membership of approximately 2,500. The lack of playing pitches was a problem with all football and cricket clubs. Thirteen Clubs required a meeting place or an area to play indoor games.

*May McKeown  
11th May '76*

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday May 11th, 1976, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners O. Heeney, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, D. Morgan, B. Purcell, M. Reilly and Mrs. McKeon Chairman presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioner Hamilton.

Mr. R. O'Brolchain, Assistant City and County Manager and Mr. E. Cunningham, Town Clerk were in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of meeting of April 13th were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes:

A letter from Dublin County Council informed the Commissioners that the Rate Collector had resumed his weekly office collection in Balbriggan. It was proposed to extend this service all-year-round in future.

Further correspondence from Dublin County Council informed the Commissioners that repairs had been carried out to the footpath at Chapel Street.

A request from the Commissioners to have the refuse service extended to the Harbour Masters house at Seapoint was replied to. It informed the Commissioners that ~~as~~ the house was situated on a narrow lane with a steep gradient and was unsuitable for the Refuse Freighters. The occupiers of the house were requested to deposit their refuse around the corner for collection.

Itinerants:

The meeting was informed that the Council proposed to provide a refuse container at the itinerant site at Bath Road. A letter from the Chairman of Hyde Park Football Club was read in which information was requested regarding a rumour that the Rugby Club are getting a pitch in a field at the rear of the church. It also requests information on the future of Clubs in the Town as the football season starts in September. The Commissioners while aware of the rumour had not got information on the proposed use of the field and the Town Clerk was requested to investigate the matter. It was also agreed at the meeting that a field at the rear of the sites at Flemington be made available for Clubs.

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Deputations to the County Council:

The minutes of the Deputation meeting of April 26th was circulated. Following a discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and agreed to request the County Council to have all Deputations from the Commissioners received at 4.15 p.m.

The Commissioners noted that Clonard Hill was cleaned up and a no dumping sign had been erected.

In relation to any queries on Public Lighting the Commissioners were informed of the official in Dublin County Council to forward all complaints to.

144 It was agreed that the Rugby Club be advised to approach the Board of Management of the D.E.C. School with regards obtaining use of the grounds for playing purposes.

It was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Morgan and agreed that Dublin County Council be requested to lease land, advertising, for recreational purposes. The Council were requested to approach the owners of land in Chapel Street, Tankerville and Bremore for this purpose.

The Commissioners expressed their objection on knowing that a private individual had bought property in the town which was zoned 'industrial'. This area of land was surrounded by land owned by the Council.

Deputations with Bath Road Tenants:

The minutes of the Deputation meeting with Bath Road Tenants Association was circulated. The meeting noted that repairs were now being carried out in this estate.

Regarding the provision of fireplaces, a report being the result of a meeting between the County Council and the Minister for Local Government was noted. A copy of this report was forwarded to Bath Road Tenants Association.

A letter from the Parks Department of Dublin County Council informed the Commissioners that £2,500. was available this year to provide a children's playlot at Bath Road. It was agreed to request the Bath Road Tenants to nominate the site for this playlot.

Deputation from Balbriggan and District Community Council:

The minutes of Deputation meeting with the Community Council held on April 27th were circulated and noted.

Following a discussion it was agreed to promote a joint venture with the Community Council

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to have an anti-litter week and a clean up for the Tidy Towns. It was agreed to request the County Council clean up their property at Market Green and Chapel Street.

Other Matters:

The meeting was informed that the residents of Craoibhin Park refused to allow a local community event to take place on the adjoining open space.

Following a request from the Festival Committee it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless seconded by Commissioner Heeney and agreed that the Town Hall be made available to them from June 11th for ten days.

A letter from Dublin County Council informed the Commissioners that sanction had been received to the giving of a loan to the Commissioners for renovation and improvements to the Town Hall. The loan of £3,300. is repayable over 7 years by half yearly payments of £235.71 plus interest at Bank Overdraft rates on the outstanding balance. It was proposed by Commissioner Mrs. McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Purcell and agreed to take the loan on this basis.

Following a request by Commissioner Morgan it was agreed to request the County Council to provide seats at the graveyard.

J. H. Kennedy  
8/6/46

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Chairman

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday June 8th at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners A. Hamilton, O. Heeney, J. Kennedy, S. Lawless, J. Larkin, D. Morgan, Mrs. McKeon, B. Purcell and M. Reilly.

At the outset of the meeting in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, Seconded by Commissioner Hamilton and agreed that Commissioner Kennedy take the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of meeting of May 11th were read and signed.

Arising out of the minutes:

The Commissioners stated that while some repairs were carried out to dwellings at Bath Road more repairs were required and requested the Housing Construction Department to have these attended to.

The efforts of the Council in acquiring lands at Balbriggan for recreational purposes were noted.

A letter from the County Council informed the Commissioners that they had requested Messrs. Wavin's to have the vehicles, which are parked in the lay-by opposite their entrance, removed. The meeting was informed that the vehicles were not owned by Wavins who took exception to the accusation. Messrs. Wavins were to give the Commissioners a copy of their reply to the Council.

Planning Application:

All planning applications received and decisions made for the month of May, 1976, were noted.

Wage and Salary increases:

It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Morgan and agreed that the following wage and salary increases be implemented

	<u>From 1st March, 1976</u>	<u>From 1st June, 1976.</u>
Caretaker	35p. per week	8p. per week
Rent Collector	£6.68 p.a.	£1.69 p.a.
Town Engineer	£3.85 p.a.	£1.00 p.a.
Town Clerk	£12.21 p.a.	£3.12 p.a.

Reports from Council meetings:

A report circulated to the County Councils North District Committee meeting of May 20th was noted. It stated that two small fields at the rear of the Church had been obtained and it was proposed to grant a temporary convenience letting of the lands to the Youth Club.

Tidy Towns:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had requested C.I.E., Port and Docks and Dublin County Council to maintain their properties. The meeting requested that the seats at the Square and on the sea-front be repaired. The meeting indicated its displeasure at the Commissioners being ignored by the Festival Committee.  
*Comm Kennedy raised the matter of grass cutting at Bell Rd and Chapel St.*

Other Matters:

Commissioner Reilly requested information on the position regarding new railings for the toilets. A request for a hall booking for a dancing class to be held on July, 11th at the Town Hall by Comhdhail Muinteoiri na Rince Gaelacha was noted.

*Olivie Heeney  
13/7/76  
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COMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of special meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday June 29th.

Present: Commissioners A. Hamilton, O. Heeney, S. Lawless, D. Morgan, B. Purcell, M. Reilly and Mrs. McKeon Chairman presiding.

Councillor J. Connolly, Chairman of Dublin County Council was present.

Officials Present: Mr. R. O'Brolchain, Assistant City and County Manager, Mr. P. Quinlan, Senior Administrative Officer, Development Department and Mr. E. Cunningham, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Mrs. McKeon, welcomed Councillor Connolly and invited him to speak. Councillor Connolly thanked the Commissioners for their invitation. He spoke on the involvement of Commissioners in community affairs, grants available to Youth Clubs, applications for which would be processed by the Commissioners. He also discussed with the Commissioners local representations at Council meetings, efforts by the County Council to purchase land for amenity purposes and other problems discussed at Commissioners meetings and at Deputations meetings.

At the conclusion of the meeting Councillor Connolly was presented with gifts, the compliments of two industries of the Town.

*Oliver Heeney  
13/7/46*

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday July 13th at 7.30 p.m.

Present Commissioners: A. Hamilton, O. Heeney, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, D. Morgan, Mrs. McKeon, B. Purcell and H. Reilly.

Mr. R. O'Brolchain, Assistant City and County Manager, and Mr. E. Cunningham, Town Clerk, were in attendance.

At the outset of the meeting the outgoing Chairman, Commissioner Mrs. McKeon, expressed her thanks to the Commissioners for their co-operation for the past year. Commissioner Kennedy and the other Commissioners expressed their thanks to Commissioner Mrs. McKeon for the manner in which she conducted the meetings and for the effort and success achieved.

Election of Chairman:

Nomination:-

Commissioner O. Heeney -

Proposed by Commissioner Mrs. McKeon  
Seconded by Commissioner J. Larkin.

Commissioner H. Reilly -

Proposed by Commissioner A Hamilton.  
Seconded by Commissioner D. Morgan.

No other nominations being received the following vote was taken:

Commissioner O. Heeney

Commissioner H. Reilly.

Commissioners: Kennedy  
Lawless  
Mrs. McKeon  
Purcell  
Larkin.

Commissioners: Hamilton  
Morgan

Commissioner Heeney was declared elected by five votes to two for Commissioner Reilly.

Election of Vice-Chairman:

Nomination:-

Commissioner Lawless -

Proposed by Commissioner Reilly.  
Seconded by Commissioner Larkin.

withdrawn.

Commissioner Reilly -

Proposed by Commissioner Purcell  
declined

Commissioner Morgan -

Proposed by Commissioner Hamilton.  
declined

Commissioner Mrs. McKeon -

Proposed by Commissioner Kennedy.  
Seconded by Commissioner Heeney.

There being no further proposals Commissioner Mrs. McKeon was declared elected Vice-Chairman.

Election of Estimates Committee:

It was proposed by Commissioner Mrs. McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed to adopt an estimates Committee.

The following estimates committee was agreed: Commissioners Heeney, Purcell, Reilly and Kennedy.

Election of Fuel Scheme Committee:

The following Fuel Scheme Committee was Agreed: Commissioners Morgan, Lawless, Larkin and Heeney.

*O. Heeney*  
14/9/46

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of Ordinary meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday July 13th.

Present: Commissioners A. Hamilton, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, Mrs. McKeon, D. Morgan, B. Purcell, H. Reilly and O. Heeney Chairman presiding.

Mr. R. O'Brolchain, Assistant City and County Manager and Mr. E. Cunningham, Town Clerk, were in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of meeting of June 8th were read, amended and signed.

Arising out of the minutes:

The Town Clerk was requested to take up with the County Council the cutting of the grass at Chapel Street and Bath Road and also repairs to Bath Road.

The meeting was informed that tenders were invited for the railings on the toilet. It was noted that repairs were not yet carried out to the seats. Repairs were also required to footpaths in Craoibhin Park. Commissioner Mrs. McKeon requested that Market Green be taken in charge.

The Commissioners also requested that provision be made in the County Council's estimates for 1977 to provide traffic lights in the main street. It was also agreed to request the County Council to have a bin collection provided for six houses at Tara Courts.

It was agreed to write to the Port and Docks Board again to have the harbour area cleaned up and to have the crane removed.

Planning Decisions:

All Planning Decisions made and applications received for the month of June were noted. The following resolution was passed in respect of an application by Tonbrite Investments Ltd., for a supermarket at Quay Street.

'That Dublin County Council refuse planning permission sought by Tonbrite Investments Ltd., in respect of a proposed supermarket at the Coal Yard, Quay Street, Balbriggan, and that the Council purchase the property by C.P.O. or otherwise for the purpose of providing sites for clubs needing same.'

The above resolution was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton.

Items from Council Meetings:

A report submitted to the County Dublin North District Committee meeting of May 20th stated that a pedestrian crossing at Lambreecher was not recommended.

Other Matters:

The Town Clerk informed the Commissioners of the Council's Booklet, 'A Guide to the Services of Dublin County Council'.

A letter from Mr. L. Dunne of 22, Fancourt was read. It informed the Commissioners that he wished to reform the Brass Band. It was agreed to request Mr. Dunne to attend a meeting of the Commissioners.

A letter from the O'Dwyers football Club was read, outlining to the Commissioners their development projects for the future. It requested the Commissioners support in seeking grants from Dublin County Council.

The Commissioners endorsed the application and sought from the County Council particulars of Grants available.

A letter from the Portmarnock Community Association regarding the Holiday Development at Portmarnock Beach was noted.

Commissioner Mrs. McKeon proposed that the Commissioners start negotiations now for the acquisition of the Library from Dublin County Council.

*O. Heeney*  
5/9/76

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday, September 14th at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, Mrs. McKeon and O. Heeney  
Chairman presiding.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Commissioners A. Hamilton, S. Lawless, B. Purcell and H. Reilly.

At the outset of the meeting a vote of sympathy was extended to Commissioner Lawless on the death of his brother.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of Annual Meeting of July 13th, were read and signed.  
The minutes of monthly meeting of July 13th were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes:

Correspondence from Dublin County Council regarding the planning application by Tonbrite Investments Ltd., were noted. It was noted that planning permission has been refused. The Commissioners also stated that should the proposer of the proposed complex wish to meet them they would do so.

A letter from the Dublin Port & Docks Board together with enclosure (copy letter to Deputy Justin Keating, Minister for Industry and Commerce, dated 17th September, 1974, regarding harbour improvements) was read and noted. It informed the Commissioners of the finances expended and received from the harbour. It also gave the name of an official to contact to discuss repairs. The Commissioners agreed to meet this official. A letter from Dublin County Council of 29th July, 1976, enclosed forms and details of Grants available to local organisations were noted. An application form and details had been forwarded to O'Dwyers Football Club..

The Commissioners were informed that an order for new railings on the toilet had been issued. The Commissioners extended to the caretaker of the graveyard their congratulations on the condition of the cemetery. The Town Clerk was instructed to query the prices of the graves.

A letter from Dublin County Council dated 26th July, 1976, informed the Commissioners of the position regarding cleaning of estates and Sunday sweeping. This was being done regularly. A Council resolution regarding the cleaning of Lambreecher was noted. The Commissioners were informed that it was proposed to repair the public seats at the Square and the Sea-front as soon as possible.

The Tidy Towns report for 1976 was noted.

Planning Applications:

All planning applications received and decisions made in July and August were noted. The Town Clerk was requested to enquire about the application of Mr. Murphy for Industrial Development.

Audit Report:

The Auditors report for the two years and nine months ended 31.12.1974 was noted.

Abstract of Accounts 1975:

The Abstract of Accounts for 1975 was noted.

Agenda for Deputation to Council on 27th September, 1976:

This item was referred to the Chairman and Vice-chairman to draw up.

Request for repairs and improvements to be provided for in 1977 Council Estimates:

In addition to items already mentioned during the year the Commissioners requested that repairs be carried out to footpath at Station Street and at Lay-by opposite Wavin Ltd.

Housing:

The Chairman informed the meeting of a request he had received that Housing applicants from the area wished to meet the Commissioners. The meeting agreed to this request. The meeting also noted that there were flats vacant at Chapel Street.

Itinerants:

Commissioner Mrs. McKeon informed the meeting that she had discussed the position regarding itinerants with Mr. Byrne, Community Affairs Officer, Dublin County Council. The present site was empty and would be cleaned up. Entrance gates were being erected. The future of the site was still being processed. Mr. Byrne was to meet the Bath Road Tenants to discuss the matter.

Other Matters:

The meeting noted that the Cheap Fuel Scheme for 1976/7 was not yet circulated. The Commissioners agreed to request Crossplan Developments Ltd., to provide a boundary fence between their development and that of an adjoining resident, Mrs. Coburn.

A letter from Hampton Mills stated the dangers arising from the flow of surface water from Curran Park through their property. It was agreed to refer this to the Dublin County Council to have the matter examined.

A letter from Mrs. Markey of Hampton Street outlined the hazards arising from the nearby concrete products industry. It also pointed out the condition of the street. It was agreed to write to the owner of the industry concerned.

The problems arising out of the allocations of developed sites at Flemington were noted. E.S.B. was not laid on.

A vote of congratulations was extended to Master A. Egan on his success at the recent Community Games.

*John McKeeney*  
*12/10/76*

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday, October 12th at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners A. Hamilton, J. Kennedy, S. Lawless, D. Morgan, Mrs. McKeon, H. Reilly and P. Heeney, Chairman, presiding.

Confirmation of Minutes: The minutes of meeting of September 14th were read and signed.

Arising Out of Minutes: The meeting was informed of the reasons for refusing planning permission to Tonbrite Investments for development at Quay Street. These included (1) the proposed development was piece-med and did not conform with the planning of the area; (2) the proposed development would create traffic problems in the area; (3) the proposed development would create a traffic hazard at the junction with the National Primary Route.

The planning application by Mr. Murphy for Industrial development at Dublin Street was also refused for the following reasons:-

- (1) the area included in the proposed development was partly zoned Open Space;
- (2) the exit from the proposed development to the national primary route would create a traffic hazard.

The Commissioners agreed to press for the acquisition of the Quay Street site by Dublin County Council for amenity purpose.

The Town Clerk was instructed to obtain the prices for grave spaces at Balbriggan.

Road Safety: The meeting was informed that Mr. Ryan, Road Safety Officer for Dublin County would like to address the next meeting of the Commissioners.

Deputation to County Council: The Commissioners objected to the limiting of the number of commissioners attending deputations. They also requested that the time of the deputation be fixed for 4.30 p.m.

The minutes of the deputation meeting to the Council on September, 27th were read, amended and signed. The amendment concerned the use of Wavin products at the Housing Development site at Hampton. The Council informed the Deputation that where Wavin products are suitable they are used.

The Town Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. McMahon of Chapel Street *informing* him that the Council would consider an application from him to take the area of land adjoining his premises.

Following a discussion on the Public Lighting in Balbriggan it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Reilly and agreed to forward a telegram to the Chairman of the County Council on the matter.

Deputation of Housing Applicants: The minutes of the Deputation meeting with housing applicants in the area were signed. A further meeting with the applicants was arranged for October, 26th.

Planning Applications: Planning Applications received and decisions made in the month of September were noted.

Other Matters

Allotments: Following a proposal by Commissioner Lawless it was agreed to request Dublin County Council to resume additional space for allotment purposes in 1977.

Market Green: The meeting was informed that a residents association had been established in Market Green, and that it was proposed to change the name of the area.

Harbour Improvements: The meeting learned of a deputation meeting with local fishermen at which the condition of the harbour was discussed. Following on the recent increase in the number of boats using the harbour it was agreed to pursue with the parties concerned i.e. Dublin County Council, Port and Docks and Bord Iascaig Mhara the question of harbour improvements.

Association of Municipal Authorities: Commissioner Mrs. McKeon informed the meeting of the proceedings at the annual meeting of the association of Municipal Authorities held in Buncrana.

John Heaney  
a/11/76

COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of Estimates meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Wednesday, October 20th at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners D. Morgan, J. Kennedy and O. Heeney, Chairman, presiding.

Mr. R. O'Brolchain, Assistant City and County Manager and Mr. E. Cunningham, Town Clerk were in attendance.

Consideration of the Estimates of Expenses for 1977

Following consideration of the Estimate of expenses as submitted by the Estimates Committee it was proposed by Commissioner Morgan seconded by Commissioner Heeney and resolved that the Estimate of Expenses as submitted be adopted and that the sum set forth in Table C Column 6 to be the sum to be demanded for the Financial Year ending on 31st December, 1977.

*O. Heeney  
9/11/76*

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Report of Estimates Committee for financial year ending  
31st December, 1977

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We enclose Estimate of Expenses for the financial year ending 31st December, 1977 together with detailed particulars of the amounts shown under the various headings.

The Estimate provides for total expenditure of £14,410 and Receipts of £9,442 which gives amount required from Council as £4,968 which together with a Debit to be raised of £400 gives amount to be required from County Council of £5,368 equivalent to a rate levy of 30p. in the pound.

The principal variations in the Estimates as compared with that adopted in the current year are as follows.

HOUSING Rates and Insurances provision is increased by £121 to £680. Provision for repairs is increased by £50.

GENERAL Provision has been made in the current year for repairs to the Town Hall £2,500; Commissioners Room £500 and Bandroom £600. This is being partly financed by a loan of £3,300 from Dublin County Council. Additional amounts are provided in 1977 as follows:- Town Hall £1,000; Commissioners Room £500 and Bandroom £600. Other provisions are increased as follows:- Wages £140; Office Expenses £235 and Salaries £210.

O. Heeney  
B. Purcell  
J. Kennedy  
H. Reilly



COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

ESTIMATES 1977

Particulars of Estimated Expenditure and Receipts

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
<u>Housing</u>			
Rates & Insurance	680	Rents	1,600
Rent Collection	350	Miscellaneous	300
Repairs	300		
Engineer's Fees	160		
Law Costs	20		
Water Charges	30		
Miscellaneous	40		
	<u>1,580</u>		<u>1,900</u>
 <u>Fuel Scheme</u>			
Fuel	5,500	Recipients	375
Administration	100	Eastern Health Board	-
		State Grant	5,225
	<u>5,600</u>		<u>5,600</u>
 <u>General</u>			
		<u>Ballroom</u>	
Heating and Lighting	400	Ballroom	1,200
Loan Charges	1,050	Cinema	120
Wages	1,040	Shop and Rooms	530
Rates	750	Fees	2
Other Expenses	1,000	Other Receipts	90
 <u>Office &amp; Other Expenses</u>			
Lighting & Heating	150		
Office Expenses	995		
Salaries	1,060		
Law Expenses	15		
Insurance	140		
Audit Fees	30		
Bandroom	600		
	<u>7,230</u>		<u>1,942</u>

SUMMARY

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£
Housing	1,580		1,900
Fuel Scheme	5,600		5,600
General	7,230		1,942
	<u>14,410</u>		<u>9,442</u>

Deficit: 4,968

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of Meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday, November 9th, 1976, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners A. Hamilton, J. Kennedy, S. Lawless, D. Morgan, Mrs. McKeon, H. Reilly and O. Heeney Chairman presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioner Purcell. *and Commissioner Larkin* *S.*

Confirmation of Minutes:

The Minutes of monthly meeting of October 12th, were read and signed.  
The Minutes of Estimates meeting of October 20th, were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes:

The Town Clerk was requested to examine the position regarding expenses of Town Commissioners.

The meeting was informed that the Council place no restrictions on the number of Commissioners attending deputations and a previous notification was incorrect.

The meeting noted that the E.S.B. had detailed a representative to report on Public Lighting in Balbriggan for lights out of action. Lights were not working at Curran Park (1) Bath Road (1) Tunnel (1) and Fancourt (2).  
The meeting requested information on the taking-in-charge of Fancourt Estate and commented on the inadequate information being received in this respect.

The meeting also noted that it had not been informed that the Council had leased sites in the area to clubs.

The meeting was informed that work was in progress on renovation of the toilets.

Planning Applications:

Planning applications received and decisions made in the month of October were noted.

The meeting requested the up-to-date position of the acquisition of Lands at Quay Street for recreational facilities.

Wage and Salary Revisions:

It was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Lawless and resolved that wage and salary revisions due under the Intern National Wage Agreement be paid.

The Wage and Salary increases are as follows:

Town Clerk	£12.12 p.a.
Rent Collector	£7.35 p.a.
Town Engineer	£7.12 p.a.
Caretaker	£1.00 per week

Flooding at Derham Park:

A letter from Mr. Daly of Derham Park acknowledging the Chairman's efforts in relation to the flooding at Derham Park was noted.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting of the Council's proposals for improving the drainage at Derham Park. It was pointed out that the proposed improvements would not remedy the present defect which was marked on the map. These views were to be brought to the attention of the Council.

The meeting was informed that gas was presently escaping from a manhole at High Street/Hampton Street. The Council had already been notified and the meeting requested the present position.

Deputations with Housing Applicants:

The Minutes of a Deputations Meeting of Housing Applicants were read and signed.

Other Matters:

The Meeting was informed that a Band Committee Meeting had been arranged for the following night.

Commissioner Hamilton informed the meeting that children were causing a nuisance by riding horses on the footpaths. The matter was to be brought to the attention of the local Gardai. Commissioner Morgan requested information on the proposals for the Library in Balbriggan.

Commissioner Mrs. McKeon informed the meeting of a proposal that the General Council of County Councils, The County Manager Associations and The Municipal Authorities set up a joint working Committee. It was proposed by Commissioner Mrs. McKeon, seconded by Commissioner Lawless and resolved that the Government do not adopt the proposal to abolish childrens allowance as in its present form and to replace it with Tax Allowances.

Commissioner Kennedy and Commissioner Reilly requested information on footpath repairs in the Town.

Deputations with Bremore Residents:

A Deputation consisting of four residents of Bremore Housing Scheme was received. The Deputation pointed out that there were forty-two houses completed in the Estate. They requested that the Planning Department enforce the terms of the Planning Permission as the Scheme was being constructed. The Commissioners agreed to take the matter up with the Council. Complaints regarding chimney cracks should be taken up with the Developers.

Ring Road:

The deputation requested information on the inner Ring Road. This was pointed out to them on the Action Plan Map. Other items raised by the deputation was

- (a) Shopping centre - rear entrances.
- (b) Church - negotiations are going on for a site.
- (c) Open Space - in excess of 4 acres in complete development.
- (d) Drain infested with rats.
- (e) Phone Box required in this area.

*John J. Heenan*  
14/12/76

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday, December 14th, 1976 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, D. Morgan, Mrs. McKeon, B. Purcell, H. Reilly and O. Heeney, Chairman presiding.

At the outset of the meeting a vote of sympathy was recorded to Mr. O'Brolchain, Assistant County Manager on his recent bereavements.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of meeting of November, 9th were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes

An acknowledgement from the Garda Siochana in respect of a complaint of riding horses on the footpath in the Dublin Street area was noted.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting of the travelling and subsistence allowances payable to Town Commissioners for attendances at meetings and conferences. Following a discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Mrs. McKeon and resolved that the terms of the Circulat letters regarding payment of travelling and subsistence allowances be extended to cover attendances at Deputations. The Town Clerk was requested to submit to a future meeting of the Commissioners the advantages and disadvantages of Urban District Councils. Following a discussion on the office hours in which the Town Clerk was available to the public it was proposed by Commissioner Larkin seconded by Commissioners Lawless and agreed to recommend that the Town Clerk attend at the Town Hall on one additional day per week.

A letter from the Development Section of Dublin County Council informed the Commissioners that the Community Games Committee and Balbriggan Youth Club had applied for the use of land at the rear of the Church. A temporary letting had been approved for lands in the same area to the Balbriggan Cricket Club. The Commissioners expressed their dissatisfaction on the manner in which they received notification and also of the lack of prior consultation. This also applied to the position regarding the itinerant site and was contrary to an Undertaking given at a Deputation meeting.

A letter from the Development Section of Dublin County Council informed the Commissioners that negotiations were taking place with the I.D.A. for the disposal of a six acre site at Stephenstown. The Commissioners expressed their approval and await further announcements.

An acknowledgement from Dublin County Council in respect of drainage at Hampton Mills and at High Street/Hampton Street was noted. The meeting noted that advertising of the allotments and submitted names of interested clients.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he was arranging for the Chairman to meet the area Engineer of the Port and Docks Board to discuss harbour improvements. The Town Clerk was informed that it was proposed to re-surface the area in the current year.

Planning Applications

All applications received and decisions made in November, 1976 were noted.

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Authorisation of over-expenditure

Following a report submitted by the Town Clerk it was proposed by Commissioner Purcell seconded by Commissioner Reilly and resolved that authorisation of the following over-expenditure be granted:  
Housing: £256

Hall Bookings

An application by the Badminton Club for bookings on available nights up to April 30th, 1977 was granted.

A request by the Horticultural Society to reduce the Booking Fee in respect of the annual Flower Show was discussed and a recommendation that a fee of £14 be charged was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed. It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless seconded by Commissioner Heeney and agreed that the scale of charges be reduced by 50% where the proceeds from the function are distributed among local charitable organisations.

A discussion took place on the supervision of the hall and this matter was to be listed on the Agenda for a further meeting.

Extracts from Council Meetings

The meeting noted items discussed at the North County District Committee meetings of the County Council held in October and November. A reply to a Dail question submitted by Deputy Burke in relation to Coast Protection schemes was also noted.

Other Matters

Fuel Scheme: The Town Clerk was requested to examine complaints regarding the non delivery of fuel.

Traffic: The Commissioners voiced their disapproval to the parking of vehicles at Dublin Street and Bridge Street. Traffic build-ups were being caused and parking on the footpath was also a major problem.

Itinerants: The encampment of itinerants at Bath Road was discussed. It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless seconded by Commissioner McKeon and resolved to forward a telegram to the Chairman of Dublin County Council requesting him to investigate the matter.

Paths at Glebe North: A further discussion took place on the condition of the footpaths at Glebe North and also the Public Lighting situation there.

*John Heeney  
21/1/77*

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday January, 11th at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners A. Hamilton, S. Lawless, J. Larkin, D. Morgan, Mrs. McKeon, B. Purcell, H. Reilly, and O. Heeney, Chairman presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioner Kennedy.

Confirmation of Minutes: The minutes of meeting of December were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes: The meeting was informed that the itinerants had moved on from their camping place at Bath Road. The meeting requested information on providing an alternative site.

Meeting with officers of the Garda Siochana to discuss Traffic control:

Inspector McKeon and Sergeant Moroney represented the Gardai. An apology was conveyed from Superintendent Moore.

The meeting was called to discuss the problem of traffic control in Balbriggan. The Commissioners pointed out the problems of traffic build-ups caused by indiscriminate parking. They also objected to parking on the footpaths.

The Garda officers pointed out the dangers arising from no parking in the main streets. This would increase traffic speed. They also commented on the parking of cars on the footpath. They suggested the speeding up of the installation of a controlled pedestrian crossing at Drogheda Street.

A discussion also took place on the entrances to the car park. It was agreed to recommend that suitable devices be placed in the ground to regulate the flow of traffic in and out of the car park.

At the end of the discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Heeney and agreed (1) to recommend that double yellow lines be provided at the entrance of each side street on to the main street for a distance of 20'; (2) to request the installation of a controlled pedestrian crossing; (3) to request a survey be carried out on the parking of vehicles in Balbriggan by Dublin County Council.

Planning Applications: All applications received in December, 1976 were noted.

Housing: A discussion on this item was deferred to a special meeting. The meeting agreed to recommend that one of the new houses being erected at Hampton be adapted for the use of disabled persons.

Agenda for Deputation to County Council: The meeting noted the agenda for the above deputation.

Other Matters: The meeting discussed the granting of the grounds adjacent to the V.E.C. to the use of the Rugby Club. A discussion also took place regarding the allocation of open space at the rear of the Church to the Cricket Club and, to the failure of Dublin Co. Council to meet the Commissioners views on this application. The meeting requested the examination of the lights at the toilets in the Square.

*Oliver Heeney  
8/2/77*

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday January, 25th at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners A. Hamilton, J. Kennedy, D. Morgan, S. Lawless, and H. Reilly.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioners J. Larkin and O. Heeney.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman it was agreed that Commissioner Kennedy be elected Chairman.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had requested Dublin County Council to carry out a preliminary survey of the Commissioners property at Hampton Street/Pump Lane. The Council found it would be possible to construct single or double bedroom flats in this area.

Following a discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Reilly and resolved:

"That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners agree to hand over their housing property at Nos. 57, 59, 61, 63, ~~65~~ and 67 Hampton Street to the Housing Department, Dublin County Council for the purpose of erecting housing flats and that the Council agree to an exchange of suitable alternative property as compensation at a later date".

A further discussion took place on Housing applicants from Balbriggan. The Town Clerk was requested to find out the number of applicants on the Housing List and the number of applicants for flats.

The Commissioners also expressed disapproval at the comments being made by Health Inspectors while carrying out inspections.

*Oliver Heeney*  
*8/2/44*

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday, February 8th at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners A. Hamilton, J. Kennedy, S. Lawless, J. Larkin, D. Morgan, Mrs. McKeon, B. Purcell, H. Reilly and O. Heeney, Chairman presiding.

Confirmation of Minutes: The Minutes of meeting of January, 11th, were read, amended and signed.

The Minutes of special Housing Meeting of January 25th were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes:- The meeting was informed by Dublin County Council that it was not possible to terminate the lease in respect of property at Mill Street to Coastal Marines.

The Town Clerk was requested to find out the position regarding the allotments and the access available to the top field.

Planning Applications:- Applications received in the month of January were noted.

C.I.E. Road Transport:- Following a discussion on a proposal by Coras Iompair Eireann to discontinue the usage of passenger train service for the delivery of goods items it was agreed to seek a deputation meeting with Coras Iompair Eireann to discuss the matter.

Deputation with Dublin County Council:- The Minutes of the Deputation meeting with Dublin County Council held on January 20th were circulated. The meeting noted that repairs were required to the road surface at Hampton Street and Market Green.

The blockage which caused flooding at Derham Park was now cleared.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the local fire service was now being supplied with a breathing apparatus.

A discussion took place on an exchange of comments between the Chairman of the Council and Commissioner Morgan in relation to harbour improvements during which Commissioner Morgan left the meeting. It was agreed to write to Senator Boland on the matter.

It was noted from the deputation that a meeting was to be arranged between Dublin Port and Docks Board, Dublin County Council and Balbriggan Town Commissioners in relation to Harbour Improvements.

Housing: The meeting was informed by the Town Clerk that the Council were considering applications for the flats at Dublin Street. The meeting was informed that repairs were required to two houses at Bath Road.

Other Matters:- The meeting was informed that the Cricket Club intended applying for a grant to Dublin County Council for improvements.

The Commissioners requested the condition of the surface on the laneway at the Canal Bridge to be investigated.

The meeting was requested to put the heading Tidy Towns on the Agenda for the following month.

The meeting noted that road repairs were required at Georges Hill at Vauxhall Place.

May McKeon  
8th March 74



COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday, March 8th, 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, D. Morgan, Mrs. McKeon, B. Purcell, H. Reilly and O. Heeney, Chairman presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioner Hamilton Mr. R. O'Brolchain, Assistant County Manager and Mr. E. Cunningham, Town Clerk were in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes: The minutes of meeting of February 8th were read and signed.

Arising out of Minutes: Allotments: Commissioner Morgan expressed dissatisfaction on the manner of notifications re allotments. Gas escaping at High Street: A letter from the Sanitary Services department Dublin County Council informed the Commissioners the matter of sewer gas escaping was being investigated.

The Chairman of the Council, Senator Boland, acknowledge and replied to the Commissioners correspondence in relation to a discussion at a recent deputation meeting.

Road Works Scheme: The Commissioners were informed of the monies provided in the Road Works Scheme of Dublin County Council to carry out repairs and improvements to the road network in Balbriggan for 1977.

Planning Applications: All planning Application received and decisions made by Dublin County Council in February, 1977 were noted ~~and discussed~~

Deputation re: Harbour: Following a discussion on the meeting with Dublin Port and Docks, Dublin County Council and Balbriggan Town Commissioners it was agreed to await the minutes of the meeting from the Port and Docks officials before considering any further action. The Commissioners noted the minutes of a Dail report regarding the Harbour.

Deputation to Coras Iompair Eireann: The minutes of the deputation meeting to Coras Iompair Eireann as submitted by Commissioner Reilly were noted. ~~and discussed~~

Nominations to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Conference: It was proposed by Commissioner Heeney and seconded by Commissioner Reilly and agreed that Commissioner Mrs. McKeon be nominated to attend the annual meeting of the above.

Other Matters: The meeting was appraised of the plans for the <sup>high</sup> road as designed by Dublin County Council. Dublin County Council were requested to carry out the following repairs: Library Clock; Lights in the Toilets; Bridge leading to diving board at Tower; Additional light required at Bremore Lane; Relieve flooding at new flats Dublin Street. The Commissioners noted an invitation by Messrs. Wavin Ltd., to attend a function at their premises.

A date (March 23rd) was fixed for receiving a deputation from the Commercial Club and Bremore Court Residents.

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The Manager informed the meeting that he proposed to place a Clerk Typist in Balbriggan for specific times to deal with any queries that may arise and to provide forms to the public.

The Town Clerk was requested to examine the position regarding fuel deliveries.

Commissioner Kennedy supported by all Commissioners appealed to the public through the press to assist in the prevention of vandalism.

Chris McKeeney  
26/4/44

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COIMISINEIRE BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held  
in the Commissioners Room on Tuesday, 26th April, at  
7.30

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Present:

Commissioner A. Hamilton, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, S. Lawless  
Mrs. McKeon, B. Purcell Mr. Réilly and Mr. O. Heeney Chairman  
presided.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of meeting of March were read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes

Correspondence from Dublin County Council:

The Commissioners were informed that a Domestic Refuse service  
was now being provided to Bremore Court.

The surface water drain at Hampton Mills was a private matter for  
the firm.

The flooding at Dublin Street was being investigated.

A provisional allocation of a suitably adapted house in Hampton  
was being made for a resident suffering from multiple sclerosis.

The Commissioners noted little response to the appeal to vandal-  
ism made at the last meeting.

Planning Applications

Applications received and decisions made by Dublin County Council  
in March and April were noted.

Salary and Wage Revisions.

It was proposed by Commissioner Heeney seconded by Commissioner  
Lawless and resolved that the following salary and wage increases  
under the National Employer-Trade Union Wage Agreement, 1977, be  
implemented.

Town Clerk	£11.59 p.a.
Rent Collector.	£6.36 p.a.
Caretaker	0.66 p.w.

Inner Ring Road.

A detailed reply was received from Dublin County Council in relation

to points raised by the Commissioners at a meeting held with officials of Dublin County Council on 30th March.

The Commissioners agreed to the road proposals.

Harbour Development

The minutes of the meeting held with Dublin Port & Docks Board, Dublin County Council and Balbriggan Town Commissioners and as received from the Port & Docks Board were already circulated. It was agreed to meet the fishermen next.

Deputation to County Council

The agenda for deputation meeting to Dublin County Council was agreed as follows:-

- 1) Cleaning of sea front.
- 2) Provision of open space area.
- 3) Development of Tower field.
- 4) Surface water drainage Hampton Mills.

Other Matters.

Following a discussion on the allocation of flats in Balbriggan it was agreed to request Dublin County Council to allow the Chairman of the Commissioners to attend any allocations meeting involving premises at Balbriggan.

Commissioner Mrs. McKeon informed the meeting of enquiries made about the provision of a chair of office for the Chairman. The Town Clerk was to follow up the matter.

It was proposed by Commissioner Purcell, seconded by Commissioner Reilly and agreed to request Dublin County Council to re-zone the area at the rear of the Church, Dublin Street, for open-space amenities

*Gloria McKeon*  
14/6/47

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BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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Minutes of monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday May 10th, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners A. Hamilton, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, D. Morgan, B. Purcell, H. Reilly and D. Heeney, Chairman.

At the outset of the meeting Commissioner Kennedy was agreed as Chairman in the absence of Commissioner Heeney. Mr. Heeney took the chair on his arrival.

Deputation from Rugby Club

A deputation consisting of Mr. Kettle and Mr. Poynton was received.

The deputation wished the Commissioners to pursue with Dublin County Council the making available by the Council of lands at the rear of the Church in Dublin Street for sports bodies. Grants were made available to Sports organisations in Dublin City for the provision of youth services while applications for grants to the Council were as yet unprocessed. They wished the Council to adopt a similar scheme. The Deputation was informed that the Commissioners were meeting Dublin County Council and would discuss the matters mentioned.

Deputation from Commercial Club

A deputation consisting of Mr. Downes and Mr. ~~D. Leary~~ <sup>WHITE.</sup> was received.

The deputation requested repairs to the windows and roof of the room used by them. These repairs would be carried out in conjunction with repairs to the stairway and toilet.

Deputation from Fishermen

This deputation consisted of Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Richardson.

The deputation was informed of the Commissioners progress in relation to Harbour Improvements. A copy of the minute of meetings with the Dublin Port and Docks, Dublin County Council and Balbriggan Town Commissioners was given to them. Following further discussion it was agreed to arrange a joint deputation with the Minister for Fisheries.

Deputation from Bremore Residents

The members of the deputation were: Mr. Barry, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Fingleton.

The deputation requested the Commissioners support in putting pressure on the developers to carry out repairs to dwellings constructed. The deputation was informed of the Council's proposals regarding the inner distribution road. A request was received to have the speed limit area extended beyond this development and to have the lay-by fronting the scheme cleaned up.

Gloria Heeney  
14/6/77

Minutes of Special Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners O. Heeney, Chairman, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, S. Lawless, D. Morgan, Mrs. McKeon, B. Purcell and H. Reilly

An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioner Hamilton and Mr. R. O'Brolchain, County Manager.

Tributes were paid by the members and officials to the late Mr. W. Cumiskey a former Commissioner. A vote of sympathy was passed and a minutes silence was observed.

Deputation from Sports Bodies

The deputation requested repairs to the window and roof of the room used by them. These repairs would be carried out in conjunction with repairs to the stairway and toilet.

Deputation from Fishermen

This deputation consisted of Mr. Gallagher and Mr. McDonald. The deputation was informed of the Commissioners' progress in relation to harbor improvements. A copy of the minutes of meetings with the Mayor, Port and Dock, Dublin County Council and Balbriggan Town Commissioners was given to them. Following further discussion it was agreed to arrange a joint deputation with the Minister for Fisheries.

Deputation from Sports Residents

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*Oliver Heeney*  
14/6/77

*Heeney*  
4/6/77

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of Meeting of Coimisineiri Bhaile Brigin held in the Commissioners' Room on Tuesday, 14th June, 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Messrs. J. Kennedy, J.F. Larkin, B.L. Purcell, D. Morgan, Miss McKeon and O. Hee ey, Chairman presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioner H. Reilly.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The Minutes of Deputations meeting of May 9 were read and signed. The Minutes of meeting of May 10 and special meeting of May 25 were also read and signed.

Matters Arising out of the Minutes:

Mr. J. Kennedy corrected the Minutes by stating that the Deputation from the Commercial Club was represented by Mr. Downes and Mr. White and not Mr. O'Leary as stated.

In the general discussion that took place J. Kennedy stated that regarding the cleaning of the beaches an excellent job had been done except for the portion of banks owned by C.I.E. It was stated that the Chairman of Dublin County Council had stated that he would personally contact C.I.E. and the Clerk should find out if he had done so, as C.I.E. had not done any clean up.

Regarding the provision of lands for open space and amenity, it was held that the field at present used by Cricket and Rugby Club should be rezoned to amenity purposes in the Development Plan and the Clerk should inform the Dublin County Council to rezone this area for sports, etc.

Mr. Purcell stated that industry should be put in Industrial Sites and the temporary facilities for sporting clubs continued.

Deputations:

As the Rugby Club had not yet made application for facilities as they required permanent grounds, it was decided to instruct the Clerk to write to the Rugby Club and request them to send a delegation to a Special Meeting of the Commissioners to be held on Wednesday next, 22nd June when the position regarding letting of playing facilities could be explained in detail to them and a decision on their requirements obtained.

Regarding the Commercial Club delegation the Secretary was requested to have up-to-date information for next meeting of na Coimisineiri; after discussion with the Architect, etc.

Regarding the Bremore Residents Delegation the Clerk was requested to supply up-to-date information on progress made towards compelling the Builder to carry out repairs on dwellings.

Planning Applications:

The Clerk read out a list of recent planning applications received, decisions on planning applications, appeals, etc.

A discussion took place on the implications of application received from A. Morelli, The Square, Balbriggan for change from restaurant to amusements, and the consensus was not in favour of this type of development. However, Mr. D. Morgan stated that this was a modern trend and permission should be given.

Mrs. McKeon asked if planning permission was applied for and granted regarding a development close to the Harbour Master's House, as a large quantity of rubble was dumped into the back strand which would do permanent damage to this amenity. After a discussion it was decided to instruct the Clerk to notify the Council Engineers to look into the matter and compel the Developer to remove the rubble.

Other Business:

J. Kennedy remarked that the litter bins to be provided at shop at Bath Road had not yet been provided.

B. Purcell stated that the Firm concerned intended to fill in the drain at Curran Park/Hampton Mills which would probably lead to difficulties later from overflow.

O. Hee ey stated that certain embarrassing remarks were made, at the opening of the Festival when he was wearing the Chain of Office representing the Town Commissioners. Stephen Lawless stated that the Chairman represents the people and not a particular political party and should be respected - a view supported by all present. Mr. B. Purcell said that the remarks made should be treated with the contempt they deserve.

Stephen Lawless  
13/9/77



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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held  
on July 12th at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Commissioners A. Hamilton, O. Heeney, J. Larkin, S. Lawless  
D. Morgan Mrs. McKeon B. Purcell. Mr. J.D. Taylor, Acting Assistant  
County Manager and Mr. E. Cunningham, Town Clerk were in attendance.  
An Apology for inability to attend was received from Commissioners  
J. Kennedy and M. Reilly.

Election of Chairman:

At the outset of the meeting the outgoing Chairman expressed his  
thanks to the other Commissioners, the Town Clerk, the Manager,  
Officials of the County Council, especially the Parks Department for  
the co-operation received during the year. Nominations were requested  
for position of Chairman.

Commissioner S. Lawless	proposed by Comm. J. Larkin seconded by Comm. B. Purcell.
Commissioner D. Morgan	proposed by Comm. A. Hamilton seconded by Comm. D. Morgan

VOTING:

Commissioner Lawless - Comms. Heeney, Larkin, McKeon Purcell (4)  
Commissioner Morgan - Comms. Hamilton Morgan (2)

Commissioner Lawless abstained.

Commissioner Lawless was declared elected. In thanking the Commissioners  
for electing him, Commissioner Lawless hoped for the same co-operation  
as received by his predecessor. His primary aims for the coming year  
were two-fold:

1. Provision of adequate open space land
2. Solving the itinerant problem.

On a proposal by Commissioner Mrs. McKeon, a vote of congratulations  
was extended to the outgoing Chairman for his achievements. The other  
Commissioners present associated themselves with this vote. The Manager  
assured the incoming Chairman of the continued co-operation of the  
Dublin County Council.

Election of Vice Chairman:

Commissioner O. Heeney	proposed by Commissioner McKeon Seconded by Commissioner Larkin
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No other nominations were received and Commissioner Heeney was declared elected.

Estimates Committee:

It was proposed by Commissioner Heeney, seconded by Commissioner McKeon that an estimates committee be elected.

Commissioners Lawless, Purcell, Reilly and Kennedy were elected to the Estimates Committee.

Fuel Scheme Committee:

Commissioners McKeon, Morgan, Lawless, <sup>Larkin</sup> Heeney and Hamilton were elected to the Fuel Scheme Committee. 6

Stephen Lawless

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners  
held in the Commissioners' Room on Tuesday, July 12th at 8.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Commissioners A. Hamilton: O. Heeney: J. Larkin: Mrs. McKeon  
D. Morgan: A. Purcell: M. Reilly and S. Lawless  
Chairman presiding.

An apology for inability to attend was received from  
Commissioner J. Kennedy.

Mr. J.D. Taylor, Acting Assistant County Manager and E.  
Cunningham, Town Clerk were in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The confirmation of minutes of meeting of June 14th was  
deferred to the September meeting.

Matters Arising Out of Minutes:

Commissioner Morgan was informed that the beach was being  
cleaned that week. The Commissioners expressed their dis-satisfaction  
on the attention being given to Balbriggan by Dublin County Council.  
Areas needing attention included the beach, seats on the seafront,  
grass cutting at flats. The Council were requested to attend to  
these matters immediately.

Itinerants:

The presence of travelling traders encamped at Bath Road was  
again discussed. The Council were requested to provide an alternative  
site and further discussion was adjourned to another meeting. Meanwhile  
efforts were to continue to have the traders removed by the Gardai.

Provision of Open Space:

A discussion on this item was adjourned to the September meeting.  
Meanwhile the Commissioners were requested by the Chairman to think  
about possible suitable areas of land in the region of 25 - 30 acres.

Other Matters:

The meeting was informed that the remaining flats at Dublin  
Street were not yet allocated. A proposal that a Member of the  
Commissioners be allowed to attend allocations meeting for the  
Balbriggan area was adjourned to the September meeting.

Stephen Lawless  
13/4/77

Enforcement Action:

It was agreed to request the Planning Department, to further investigate Scallon Construction's development in Balbriggan, with a view to ensuring that the scheme and roads were completed to the proper standards.

Allocation of Tenancies:

A list of the successful applicants who were allocated flats in Dublin Street, was presented to the members. Following a discussion, it was agreed to list this item for discussion at the deputation to the Council on the 20th October 1977.

The meeting then concluded.

Stephen Lawless  
11/10/77

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MINUTES OF THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS' MEETING HELD ON THE 13th SEPTEMBER, 1977.

Present: Commissioners, S. Lawless, Chairman; O. Heeney, Vice Chairman; J. Kennedy;  
Mrs. McKeon; D. Morgan; H. Reilly.  
Mr. E. Cunningham, Town Clerk.

Mr. Cunningham expressed his thanks to the Commissioners for the kindness and consideration they had shown him during his years as Town Clerk. He regretted leaving Balbriggan, where he had made so many friends and would always carry with him, fond memories of his time in Balbriggan.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Cunningham on behalf of the Commissioners for the concern and interest he had shown for the problems of the Town, during his time as Town Clerk.

The minutes of the preceding <sup>meeting</sup> was read and confirmed.

Wavin Factory:

Commissioner Reilly, circulated a minute of his discussion with Mr. O'Farrell, Managing Director of Wavin Pipes Ltd., concerning the proposed new factory at Ardee. Following a general discussion on this report, it was decided to seek a meeting with Mr. O'Farrell to discuss the siting of the new factory and to express, to him, the fears of the Commissioners, regarding unemployment in the town, especially among the school leavers.

Matters arising out of minutes:

A letter was read out from C.I.E., stating that the cleaning works on the railway line were completed. The Commissioners stated that it did not appear as if the work was done.

Development of Tower Field:

A map, produced by the Parks Department, was circulated, showing the proposed works which are to be carried out in this development and it was agreed to place this map in the window of the Town Hall, for the information of the public.

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It was further agreed to raise this item again at the next monthly meeting of the Commissioners on the 11th October 1977.

Cheap Fuel Scheme, season 1977/'78.

The members voiced their disapproval at the manner in which last year's contractor had carried out the scheme. It was unanimously agreed that whoever received the contract for this season's supply of fuel, should be instructed to have adequate supplies of fuel available during the period, to ensure that all participants in the scheme, would receive their quota on the appropriate dates. The members were informed that Mr. Corry, Dublin Street, had been accepted as this year's contractor.

The meeting then terminated.

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COIMISINEIRI BHAILE BRIGIN.

Minutes of Special Meeting held in the Commissioners' Room, Town Hall, Balbriggan,  
on Saturday, 24th September 1977, at 12.00 to discuss:  
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- (a) Deputation to County Council, 20th October 1977.
- (b) Cheap Fuel Scheme, season 1977/'78.
- (c) Proposed new Wavin factory.

Present: Commissioners, S. Lawless, Chairman; J. Kennedy; Mrs. McKeon; D. Morgan;  
H. Reilly and Mr. C. Murray, Town Clerk.

An apology for his inability to attend was received from Commissioner O. Heeney.

Commissioner H. Reilly, informed the meeting that Mr. O'Farrell, Managing  
Director of Wavin Pipes, would meet the Commissioners on Tuesday, 27/9/'77 at  
11.00 a.m. in the factory, to discuss the company's proposed new development.

Commissioner Morgan stated that he was concerned that the new development in  
Ardee might jeopardize the jobs of those employed in Balbriggan and that the Company  
might phase out it's operation in Balbriggan over the next few years, if the move  
took place.

Commissioner Mrs. McKeon said that she would prefer to see Balbriggan develop  
as a town with a number of industries rather than have Wavin as the only employer.

It was generally agreed that Wavin had made a tremendous contribution to the  
town and that the meeting with Mr. O'Farrell should take place with that in mind.  
Commissioner Kennedy regretted that, due to pressing personal business, he could  
not go to the meeting on the 24th. This item was then deferred for further  
discussion if necessary, after the meeting with Mr. O'Farrell.

Deputation to County Council, 20th October 1977:

The following agenda was agreed for discussion at the deputation to the County  
Council.

- (1) Land for amenity purposes and recreation in the Balbriggan area.
- (2) Access to Industrial site.
- (3) Provision of bus shelter at Craoibhin Park, Balbriggan,
- (4) Amenity land at Old Pond, behind "John D's", public house.
- (5) Allocation of tenancies.

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MINUTES OF THE BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1977 AT 7.30 P.M.

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Commissioners Present: S. Lawless, Chairman; O. Heeney, Vice-Chairman; A. Hamilton; B. Purcell; Mrs. McKeon and H. Reilly.

Town Clerk: C. Murray.

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Minutes of the meeting of the 13th September, 1977 were read and confirmed.

(A) Deputation to Wavin.

Commissioners S. Lawless, B. Purcell, and H. Reilly outlined the proceedings of their meeting with Mr. O'Farrell on the 24th September, 1977. Commissioner Purcell stated that they had been received very well by Mr. O'Farrell, who stated that he envisaged an increase in the numbers employed at Wavin over the next few years. Commissioner Reilly said that the existing unused land at the factory would be utilised to increase employment and to further develop the industry. The Commissioners were satisfied that the development in Ardee would in no way effect the future expansion of the factory in Balbriggan and that the jobs of these employed there at present were not in jeopardy.

TOWN HALL.

Commissioner Heeney outlined the deplorable condition of the Town Hall and recommended the immediate closure and repair of the building which would, when redecorated and with proper supervision be a real amenity to the town. He expressed the need for proper supervision at functions and recommended the appointment of a caretaker who could ensure that the property was properly used. Mrs. McKeown seconded the proposal to close the hall and suggested that the Badminton Club should be informed of the date the closure would



take place.

The Chairman stated that the Hall was an amenity to the town which when repaired and under proper control would benefit the entire community. He further stated that anyone who vandalised the Hall in future will be made pay for the damage.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN ENGINEER/ARCHITECT.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Francis Larkin should be recommended for appointment to this position. Mr. Larkin, who was present said that he was working on plans for the redecoration and repair of the hall and would present an estimate of the cost and details of his proposals at the next meeting of the Commissioners.

Mrs. McKeown enquired if it would be possible to get a grant towards the cost of improving the hall.

HARBOUR.

Commissioner Heeney suggested seeking a deputation with the Minister for Fisheries to discuss the improvement of the harbour. Commissioner Purcell seconded the proposal. This item was then deferred for discussion at a later date.

Commissioner Purcell outlined the terrific works carried out in the town by the Council's Parks Department and requested that a letter expressing the Commissioners gratitude should be sent to Mr. Lynch, Parks Superintendant. Commissioner Reilly seconded this proposal.

TIDY TOWNS.

Commissioner Reilly suggested contacting the organisers of the Flower Show to see if they could assist in next years preparation for the competition. Commissioner Heeney said that a deputation should meet the organisers of the Flower Show next February to discuss greater co-operation for the competition.

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Commissioner Mrs. McKeown said all the community should be encouraged to co-operate in an effort to improve the appearance of the town. She further enquired why a member of the Balbriggan Tidy Towns committee was not invited to the prize giving ceremony at Multifarnham.

Order of Malta - New Hall, Balbriggan.

It was agreed to write to Mr. Purcell, Captain Knight of Malta to congratulate them on the opening of the new hall. The members also expressed their appreciation of the trojan work Mr. Purcell had done down the years for the town. Commissioner Purcell replied expressing his thanks on behalf of his father for the tributes paid at the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.40 p.m.

Stephen Lawless  
8/11/77

MINUTES OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON THE  
8TH NOVEMBER, 1977.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman S. Lawless; Vice Chairman O'Heeney;  
Commissioners Mrs. Mary McKeown; B. Purcell;  
A. Hamilton; D. Morgan; H. Reilly and J.  
Larkin.

The Manager and Town Clerk were in attendance.

Mr. Francis Larkin, Architect and Mr. P. Gibbons, Dublin County Council  
were also in attendance.

The minutes of the meeting of the 11th October, 1977 were read and  
confirmed.

Matters arising out of minutes. The members were informed that the  
deputation to the Minister for Fisheries had been arranged for Thursday,  
17th November, 1977 at 3.30 p.m. in Leinster House. Mr. O'Brolchain,  
The County Manager suggested that the members select the number and com-  
position of the deputation. The Chairman agreed and invited the members  
to propose nominations. Commissioner A. Hamilton proposed the Chairman  
S. Lawless and the Vice Chairman, O. Heeney. Commissioner Larkin seconded  
the proposal. Commissioner J. Larkin proposed Commissioner Mrs. McKeon  
and Commissioner O. Heeney seconded the proposal. Commissioner B. Purcell  
proposed Commissioner D. Morgan and Commissioner A. Hamilton seconded the  
proposal.

It was agreed that the four members who were selected would form the  
deputation and that Commissioner Purcell would be selected in the event of  
any of those members being unable to attend. Commissioner Morgan requested  
that the Town Clerk also attend, and this was agreed. A special meeting to  
discuss the priorities which the deputation would put to the Minister was  
fixed for Tuesday, 15th November, 1977 at 8.00 p.m.

Allocation of Tenancies:

A list of applicants who had recently been appointed tenancies in  
casual flat vacancies in Balbriggan was read. The members expressed their  
satisfaction with this list.

Deputation to County Council 20/10/77.

Commissioner Larkin stated that it was normal practice for the Town  
Clerk to report on deputations, however, in this case he had not received  
a report of the deputation. The Town Clerk explained that he was awaiting  
the "agreed minute" from Community Affairs Section of the County Council and  
for this reason he had not reported back to the members.

The Chairman regretted that he was unable to attend the deputation but

said he was satisfied that the members who were present could outline in full what discussion had taken place. Commissioners Mrs. McKeon, O. Heeney, D. Morgan and B. Purcell then informed the meeting what had transpired at the deputation.

CAR PARKING.

Commissioner Reilly referred to a recent comment in the Press stating that the land situated at the Old Pond would be used to provide a car park and that as a result he had received local objections to this proposed development. The Manager said developments of this nature could incorporate a carpark. Commissioner Morgan stated that the existing carpark at the Church could be enlarged. Commissioner Heeney said that the acquisition of land at the Old Pond was almost complete. The Chairman stated that the Parks Department would be preparing plans for this development which could be made available to the Commissioners at a later date.

Footpath Opposite Wavin Pipes.

The Manager told the meeting that the County Council would pursue the illegal parking of lorries and trailers with the Gardai.

Decoration of Town Hall.

Mr. Larkin, Architect, presented the plans he had prepared for structural alterations to the entrance and the redecoration of the Town Hall. The estimated cost of these works he anticipated would be between £15,000 to £20,000.

The Manager pointed out that expenditure of that nature was not within the financial scope of the Town Commissioners. He further explained that the loan charges and running costs of such an undertaking could not be met from the present income obtained from functions held in the Hall. Commissioner Mrs. McKeon said that the lack of money should not hinder the Commissioners in providing an amenity which was needed in the Town.

The Chairman requested that this whole topic should be further examined and discussed at a special meeting on Tuesday, 15th November. He also requested the Manager to consider the project further and to examine what finances could be made available from the County Council to assist in the work. Commissioner O. Heeney asked how long would the work take to complete. Mr. Larkin, in reply said that 9 months would be adequate time for the contract. Commissioner Reilly requested that the work should not commence until the 1st March, 1978. It was unanimously agreed to rescind the previous resolution to close the Hall in January, 1978.

POSTAL SYSTEM.

Commissioner Mrs. McKeon said that the 10.30 delivery was taken out of Balbriggan and that as a result the outgoing business post was delayed. She also said that one particular person received his post at 9.00 a.m. special delivery. It was agreed to write to the Department of Post and Telegraphs concerning this item.

Stephen Lawless  
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MINUTES OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY MEETING  
HELD ON THE 13TH DECEMBER, 1977.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman, S. Lawless; Vice Chairman, O. Heeney;  
Mrs. McKeon; A. Hamilton; J. Kennedy; J.  
Larkin; D. Morgan; B. Purcell and H. Reilly.

The Manager, Mr. R. O'Brolchain and the Town  
Clerk were also in attendance.

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The minutes of the Commissioners meeting held on the 8th November,  
1977 were read and confirmed.

AUTHORISATION OF EXCESS EXPENDITURE.

A report was presented to the members outlining the excess expenditure  
for which authorisation was sought. Commissioner B. Purcell proposed the  
authorisation and Commissioner H. Reilly seconded the proposal and it was  
then unanimously agreed.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES.

Commissioner Morgan requested that the County Council should proceed  
to repair the paths in Curran Park as soon as possible. Commissioner Reilly  
suggested that the Council should systematically repair all paths in the  
whole Town, he also stated that there was no kerbing on Hampton Street and  
Dublin Street. The Manager undertook to investigate the points raised.

Commissioner Purcell asked whether a caretaker had been appointed for the  
Graveyard in Balbriggan and also whether the Council intend naming the  
cemetery. He proposed that it should be named St. Peter & Paul Cemetery  
and Commissioner Reilly seconded the proposal which was agreed unanimously.

Commissioner Larkin proposed that the Dublin Street flats scheme should  
be named St. Paul's Crescent and this was agreed unanimously. Commissioner

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Mrs. McKeon enquired whether the Council proposed to provide tennis courts on the open space at Pump Lane. The Manager agreed to report back to the members at a later date on these items.

The meeting terminated at 8.00 p.m.

The authorisation of the Commissioners to over expenditure in the current financial year for the purposes set out in schedule hereunder is sought.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Observations</u>
Fuel Scheme	£2,194	Increased charges on cost of fuel together with an increase in the number of participants.

*Stephen Lawless*  
*10/1/78*

MINUTES OF THE BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY MEETING HELD  
ON THE 10th JANUARY, 1978.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: S. Lawless; H. Reilly; J. Larkin;  
B. Purcell and D. Morgan.

The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

An apology for his inability to attend was received from Commissioner Kennedy.

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The Minutes of the Commissioners meeting held on the 13th December, 1977 were read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES.

Commissioner Morgan stated that in addition to the works mentioned in the minutes concerning foot paths in the town that the path from Scanlan's Garage to Glebe North needed urgent repairs and it was accordingly agreed to refer this additional item to the County Council. Commissioner Purcell expressed his dissatisfaction at the manner in which the County Council were running the cemetery in Balbriggan. He said that the Council should have foreseen the retirement of the previous Caretaker and have made a new appointment. Commissioner Reilly agreed with Commissioner Purcell stating that the position was vacant for over a year now and that recent funerals had to be postponed on this account. The Chairman suggested that the Council should make a temporary appointment in the interim and it was agreed to take this matter up with the County Council.

OPEN SPACE AT MARKET GREEN.

Commissioner Purcell proposed that the open space at Market Green should be zoned as an amenity area and that tennis courts should be provided there.

HARBOUR.

The Chairman requested that the Town Clerk write to the Minister for Fisheries and enquire what progress he had made since the time of the Commissioners deputation. Commissioner Reilly stated that it is appeared that there would be a delay in carrying out the necessary works to the Harbour that the dredging should be proceeded with immediately.

ALLOTMENTS.

A general discussion regarding the allotments took place and the members expressed their satisfaction with the present scheme.

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TOWN HALL.

The Commissioners agreed to proceed immediately with the repairs to the Commercial Club and the Band Room and requested that the Town Clerk instruct Mr. Francis Larkin, Architect in this regard. Commissioner Reilly stated that the Youth Club had been broken into and that a record player and a microphone were stolen and that the Caretaker had reported the theft to the Gardai Siochana.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Commissioner Morgan asked what progress had been made concerning the provision of bus shelters at the top of Skerries Street; Balrothery and Caoibhin Park. He stated that since the Council had been requested to provide shelters at these locations a number of months ago and as no word had been received on this subject from the County Council that the Commissioners should again raise the matter at the forthcoming deputation to the County Council on the 26th January, 1978. Commissioner Larkin said that immediate action should be taken by the County Council to provide lights in the public toilets in the Square; at present people using this facility had to negotiate a number of steps in total darkness which is a danger to the public.

Commissioner Reilly requested that the Principal of the Balbriggan Vocational School should be invited to attend the next meeting of the Commissioners in order to discuss and investigate the problem of school leavers and possible employment in the Town. The Chairman stated that he and the Vice Chairman would meet the Principal and report back to the members at a later date. The Chairman arranged a special meeting to discuss the forthcoming deputation to the County Council.

Commissioner Morgan proposed a vote of sympathy to Commissioner Mrs. McKeon whose Mother had recently died and Commissioner Reilly seconded the proposal.

*Meeting terminated at 8.30 p.m.*

*Stephen Lawless*

*14/2/78*



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MINUTES OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON THE  
14th FEBRUARY, 1978.

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Commissioners Present

Commissioners S. Lawless; J. Larkin;  
B. Purcell; D. Morgan; A. Hamilton;  
H. Reilly and J. Kennedy.

The Town Clerk, Mr. Ciaran Murray, was  
also in attendance.

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The minutes of the meeting of the 10th January, 1978 were read.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES.

The Chairman proposed that a further letter be forwarded to the County Council concerning the appointment of a Caretaker to the cemetery in Balbriggan. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the proposal. A general discussion ensued with all the Commissioners deploring the fact that the position was now a year vacant, without the position being advertised and an appointment made.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN BALBRIGGAN.

Commissioner Reilly circulated figures showing the number of unemployed men and women in the Balbriggan area. These statistics, which were obtained from the Central Statistics Office, clearly indicate the problems of unemployment in the area. Commissioner Reilly said that in addition approximately 130 teenagers were finishing their education in the town each year and that this figure did not appear in the statistics. Commissioner Morgan expressed a view that the Principal of the Vocational School should ensure that the school leavers were registered with National Man Power and Commissioner Reilly suggested that a representative from National Man Power should be invited to attend a meeting of the Commissioners some time in the future.

HARBOUR.

The Chairman requested that a letter be sent to the Minister for Fisheries enquiring what progress had been made since their meeting with him concerning the improvements and repair to the Harbour. Commissioner Morgan enquired how Mr. Dorgan, ~~the~~ Engineer from the Department, had visited the Harbour and had been met by some of the Commissioners while the other members were not even aware of his visit. Commissioner Purcell explained that he had received a telephone call from Mr. Dorgan at a very late hour and that he had notified the Chairman of the intended visit. Commissioner Purcell said he had been contacted as his name was in the phone directory.

FOOTPATHS.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the County Council proposed

to repair the footpaths in Curran Park and Hampton Street in the current years Road Works Scheme. It was also proposed to repair the footpaths at the approach to the town, but that this work was subject to the approval of the Department of the Environment and to the necessary finance being made available. The Chairman requested that the County Council should in the interim carry out the normal maintenance programme for footpaths in the Town. Commissioner Reilly suggested having a word with Mr. White, the Local County Council Roads Overseer in this regard.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Commissioner Reilly expressed concern that chairs were not available in the Town Hall for the Blood Transfusion service, who recently visited the Town. He suggested that the Caretaker should ensure in future that the chairs were made available to them.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Town Clerk read a letter which was received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs concerning postal delivery in the Town and the Members noted the contents.

LIFE GUARDS.

The Chairman explained that the life guards were an individual organisation from the Coast Guard and that the life guards in Skerries were not paid for by the County Council, but that the Sailing Club there arranged for their attendance. Commissioner Morgan enquired whether the County Council would provide a life saving dingy in the Balbriggan area in the summer months and it was agreed to take this up with the County Council.

Commissioner Larkin expressed a wish that the Vice-Chairman would make a speedy recovery from his present illness, a view with which all the members concurred.

BEACHES.

Commissioner Kennedy said that the Council should be requested, at this stage, to carry out a seasonal clean up of the beaches. Commissioner Morgan requested that C.I.E. be ~~invited~~ <sup>Requested</sup> to clean up the path way at the train station.

The Chairman deferred discussion on item No. 3 on the agenda, Corporate Property, as he considered it appropriate to have this matter discussed in committee.

Stephen haulers

14/3/78

Commissioners present: S. Lawless; O. Heeney; J. Larkin; H. Reilly;  
J. Kennedy; D. Morgan; B. Purcell and Mrs. McKeon.

The minutes of the meeting of the 14/2/78 were read and confirmed, proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Larkin and agreed.

Matters arising out of the minutes:

Graveyard.

A general discussion took place regarding the vacant position of Caretaker of the cemetery at Balbriggan, with all the members deploring the fact that it was over a year vacant. Commissioner Kennedy suggested that a local man should be appointed to the position and the chairman confirmed that this would be the case, should an appointment be made. Commissioner Morgan said that he considered that the Commissioners should have some say in the appointment. It was agreed to raise the matter again with the County Council. Commissioner Heeney thanked the members for the sentiments they had expressed for his quick recovery from his recent illness.

The minutes of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners meeting with Mr. McCann of the I.D.A., on Thursday, 23rd February 1978 were read.

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Commissioner Kennedy apologised for his inability to attend ~~for~~ that meeting and complemented ~~him~~ Reilly for the minutes which he had prepared for that meeting. This item was fully discussed by the members and it was agreed to review the situation at a later date, when the County Council had completed the access road to the industrial site. Commissioner Morgan requested that a copy of the minutes of that meeting should be given to the members of the Press who were present and this was agreed. Commissioner Reilly expressed his satisfaction, with the quick action which was taken on the repair of footpaths at Curran Park.

The Strand.

The chairman stated that the frontstrand was in a deplorable state with stones, bottles and other debris, completely covering the strand, which was one of the safest strands on the east coast. He said the whole area needed a general clear up and the paths needed to be re-surfaced. Commissioner Kennedy said that he had never seen the strand so bad. It was unanimously agreed to write to the County Council to have a thorough clean-up carried out of the area. The Chairman also stated that the condition of the bridge at Blackrock was brought to the attention of the County Council 18 months ago and was also the subject matter of recent deputations to the County Council, but that to date, the County Council had taken no action. He also added that the bridge was in imminent danger of disappearing into the sea.

*in speaking* The Chairman then referred to arguments which had arisen between Deputies Boland and Fox, at the last deputation in the Council Chamber. He said that he considered Deputy Boland was a good deputy and that he intended nothing personal, ~~but~~ that the deputy concerned should not indulge in personal disputes and should, instead, deal <sup>on</sup> with the items of the agenda, as the Commissioners were only concerned with getting <sup>on</sup> with the business of the town and had no time for political confrontations. Commissioner Heeney requested that the Town Clerk, write to Mr. Byrne, Senior Administrative Officer, Development Department, Dublin County Council, regarding the repairs to the bridge at Blackrock, since Mr. Byrne had undertaken to examine the matter at the last deputation. Commissioner Morgan then referred to water safety precautions for bathers during the Summer months. He said that the Boy-Scouts would help out in training people in maning a Dingey if the Council would provide one, and it was agreed to write to the County Council on this matter. Commissioner Morgan had earlier, had preliminary discussions with the leader of the

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Boy-Scouts, who were prepared to take time off to give instructions to locals, regarding safety precautions. Commissioner Larkin requested that a letter be sent to Mr. D'Arcy, the scouts secretary, inviting him to attend the next meeting of the Commissioners. Commissioner Kennedy said that the Raft should be first acquired and <sup>then</sup> somebody competent invited to train personnel in the use of the Dingey.

Car Park - Quay Street.

The chairman stated that there was a tarmac space at Quay Street, which if marked out into parking spaces, could take some of the traffic load from the main street and requested that the County Council should be asked to examine this proposal. Commissioner Heeney requested that, traffic in the town, should be included in the agenda at the Commissioners meeting in April.

Other Business.

The chairman raised the subject of Money-lenders in the town, he said he knew of a number of cases where loans were given at exorbitant rates of interest and that "bully boy" tactics were used in collecting the repayments. In some cases, families had to go without the basic necessities of food and clothing, in order to repay the loans. He further added that there were at least, three Money-lenders operating in the town. Commissioner Larkin said that one had an office in The Square, and Commissioner Reilly asked whether it was legal that such high interest could be charged. The chairman said that there was a Credit Union in the town and that people should avail of it's facilities and avoid the Money-lenders. Commissioner Purcell requested that the Town Clerk, find out if there were legal provisions allowing these operations, and whether there was any control on interest charges. Commissioner Mrs. McKeon said that generally speaking, people who went to the Money-lenders were naive and did not examine what commitments they were entering into, in taking up such loans. Commissioner Heeney said that it was a sad day for the town when such practices were being carried on openly.

Wavin Pipes.

Commissioner Reilly said that Wavin Pipes did not get an equal chance to tender for pipe sizes over 6" diameter, when such pipes were required for sewage schemes in the County. He said that all pipes manufactured by Wavin Pipes Ltd., were passed by the Institute Research Standards, and that they were as suitable as, and as competitive in price, as those asbestos pipes manufactured elsewhere. He also stated that the Wavin pipe was easier to handle and could be installed easier and quicker by the workman. He asked that this should be raised with the County Council and let them spell out what was wrong with the Wavin pipe and this was agreed.

Commissioner Kennedy referred to an article in a local paper on the 24/2/78, concerning a motion moved by Councillor Reynolds at a County Council meeting. He said that Councillor Reynolds requested that the pedestrian lights in the town should be moved from their present location to the far side of town. Commissioner Kennedy added that this proposal would be against the wishes of the majority of people of the town and that the location of the lights had been thoroughly examined by the Gardai Siochana, who are satisfied with their present position. All the members agreed that the present position was more favourable and that the pedestrian lights should remain where they are now sited.

Fireplaces at Bath Road.

Commissioner Kennedy said that there were 20 houses awaiting fireplace installation in the Bath Road Scheme. Commissioner Reilly said that the contractor who had been installing the fireplaces had told him that he had been instructed by the County Council not to instal any further fireplaces for the present. The chairman requested that the Town Clerk should establish who is responsible for the present delay in the completion of the fireplaces.

Postal Deliveries.

The Town Clerk read a letter received from the Department of Post and Telegraphs, regarding postal deliveries in the town. Commissioner Mrs. McKeon said that she was satisfied with the reply, but the Town Clerk should again raise the matter of the special delivery of morning post to a particular individual in the town, and this was agreed.

The chairman requested that the County Council repair the entrance to Vauxhall Street and George's Hill, and this was agreed.

Commissioner <sup>Morgan</sup> ~~Larkin~~ requested that the town clock be repaired and this was also agreed.

Commissioner Mrs. McKeon was appointed to represent the Commissioners at the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance meeting, whenever this was arranged.

Stephen Lawless

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MINUTES OF THE BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON THE  
11TH APRIL, 1978.

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Commissioners Present

Chairman S. Lawless; Vice Chairman O Heeney;  
Commissioners J. Kennedy; Mrs. McKeon;  
J. Larkin; H. Reilly; D. Morgan; and  
A. Hamilton.

An apology was received from Commissioner  
B. Purcell for his inability to attend due  
to illness.

The Manager, Mr. O'Brolchain and the Town  
Clerk were also in attendance.

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The minutes of the meeting of the 14th March, 1978 were read and  
confirmed. Matters arising out of minutes.

CEMETERY

The Chairman stated that he considered that the Caretakers duties  
should also include maintaining the toilets in the Square and the shelters  
on the seafront and it was agreed to request the County Council to con-  
sider including these duties in the schedule of duties which ~~were~~ being  
drawn up for the post.

PRESS

Commissioner Morgan referred to an article which appeared in the local  
paper concerning a dispute which had taken place between Deputies Fox and  
Boland at the recent County Council deputation meeting. He stated that the  
comments which had been attributed to him in the Press were not made by him  
and that in fact he had not partaken in the discussion on this subject at  
any stage and he sought an apology from the Reporter who had inserted the  
article. The reporter who was present at the meeting apologised unreserved-  
ly.

WAVIN PIPES.

Commissioner Reilly expressed his appreciation for the prompt reply  
received from the County Council concerning the use of Wavin Pipes in the  
water main and sewerage schemes. However, he stated he could not under-  
stand why the County Council considered that the Wavin Pipe was unsuitable  
for such schemes as the pipes are used extensively for such works in the  
west of Ireland. It was agreed that Commissioner Reilly would be given  
a copy of the letter that had been received from the County Council.

MONEY LENDERS.

The Commissioners expressed their satisfaction with the publicity  
that was afforded this item after their last meeting and the Chairman said  
that in the particular case which he had raised, money was refunded and  
the person concerned was now satisfied.

FIREPLACES AT BATH ROAD.

The Manager said that certain flaws had arisen concerning similar installations in England and that the contractor had carried out tests on the installation at Bath Road and was awaiting the result before proceeding with any further installations.

TRAFFIC.

Commissioner Heeney requested a special meeting with the Garda Siochana to discuss traffic situation in the Town. Commissioner Reilly said that he had been speaking with some members of the force who were anxious to meet with the Commissioners on this point. The Chairman suggested that the Commissioners should first discuss the topic and then invite the Superintendent and the Sergeant to a meeting, and this was agreed. Commissioner McKeon asked whether traffic signs had recently been made, and the Manager replied that the signs were determined nationally and that the Town Clerk could supply pamphlets illustrating the present signs that were being used.

DEPUTATION TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE 20th APRIL.

The members agreed on the same agenda that had been discussed at the Deputation on the 26th January, 1978 with the inclusion of housing and cleaning of the beaches.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Commissioner Kennedy requested that the Town Clerk write to C.I.E. in order to have the bus sign at the Garda Barracks replaced or repaired. Commissioner McKeon also requested that the Chairman should get in touch with the Secretary of Derham Park residence association and arrange for special rubbish collections.

The Chairman arranged for a special meeting of the Commissioners to be held on Tuesday 18th April, 1978 to discuss:

- (a) Corporate property
- (b) Deputation to County Council.

The meeting terminated at 8.45.

A presentation was made to Mr. O'Brolchain on his retirement as Manager and to Mr. E. Cunningham, former Town Clerk at a function later in the Hotel.

*Stephen Lawless*  
9/5/78

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MINUTES OF THE BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD  
ON THE 9/5/78.

Commissioners Present: S. Lawless, D. Heeney. D. Morgan  
J. Larkin, H. Reilly.

An apology for his inability to attend was received from Commissioner Kennedy.

The Manager Mr. Morrissey and the Town Clerk were also in attendance. The minutes of the meeting of the 11/4/78 were read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES.

THE GRAVEYARD.

The Chairman asked whether there was further word from the Council concerning the employment of a caretaker and the Town Clerk informed the meeting that the position would shortly be advertised in a local paper and interviews arranged to select a suitable candidate. The job would be part time and the duties would relate solely to the upkeep of the cemetery. It was intended to have the public toilets in the square cleaned by a mobile van unit. The members said they considered that the position should be filled locally that the duties should include cleaning the toilets in the square and the seats on the sea front.

The Manager said this seemed to be a reasonable request and agreed to investigate the matter.

DEPUTATION TO COUNTY COUNCIL - 20/4/78

Commissioner Larkin referred to the inspection and repair of the bridge at the Blackrock and requested whether the Council had reported back on this item as agreed upon at the deputation. Since no reply had been received it was agreed to take the matter up again with the County Council.

Removal of debris and cutting of the grass banks on sea front was also included for investigation.

The Chairman differed discussion on the harbour until the meeting in June.

TRAFFIC.

The Chairman arranged a special meeting of the Commissioners for 8.00 P.M. on Tuesday 16/5/78 to discuss the traffic problems in the Town.

HOUSE PRICES.

Commissioner Reilly asked whether there were restrictions on the price of new houses and the Town Clerk informed him that to qualify for a state grant the house would have to obtain a Certificate of Reasonable Value from the Department of the Environment which was a control of the prices.

A letter from Killarney Urban District Council was read and noted.

A letter from Carrickmacross Urban District Council was read and noted.



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The Chairman then read a letter which had been sent from the Department of Tourism concerning the removal of sand from the harbour. This letter gave the impression that possibly objections were received by that Department regarding the removal of the sand by Mr. Murphy. The Chairman said he considered the Commissioners should write to the Department indicating their support for Mr. Murphy's operations and this was agreed.

The Chairman then referred to the retirement of Tommy Cafferty from the International Table Tennis team. He said that this player had brought great honour to the Town and that the Commissioners should pay tribute to the players achievements. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact the secretary of the tennis club and ascertain the arrangements that were being made for a testimonial for the player,

The Town Clerk asked the Commissioners for suggestions regarding the naming of the Council's new development at Hampton, Balbriggan and it was agreed that the members would investigate and report back on this item,

The Chairman then welcomed Mr. Morrissey, Assistant City & County Manager and wished him many years of success in his new position. The Vice Chairman also wished Mr. Morrissey long and happy service in the county. Mr. Morrissey thanked the Chairman and the members for their warm welcome and stated that if he could continue to work with the same success as Mr. O'Brolchain he would be more than satisfied.

The meeting terminated at 8.40.

*Stephen Lawless*

*13/6/78*

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MINUTES OF THE BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON 13th JUNE, 1978.

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Commissioners present :- S. Lawless; O. Heeney; M. ~~Heilly~~<sup>Reilly</sup>; J. Larkin;  
J. Kennedy; D. Morgan and Mrs. McKeon.

The Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 9th May, 1978 were read and confirmed.

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy <sup>to</sup> Comm. Kennedy and his family on their recent bereavement and Comm. Kennedy thanked the Chairman and the members for their remarks and also the Press for their expression of sympathy with him on the death of his brother.

Matters arising out of the minutes :-

THE GRAVEYARD :

Comm. ~~Reilly~~<sup>Lawless</sup> stated that the annual open air Mass would be held on the 29th June, 1978 at the cemetery and that it was essential that the outskirts to the cemetery, the surrounding areas to the graves and pathways be tidied up for this occasion. It was agreed to ask the County Council for its immediate attention to this item.

Comm. ~~Kennedy~~<sup>Reilly</sup> raised the necessity for a water supply to the graveyard and it was agreed to request the County Council to investigate this also.

Comm. Morgan said that there seemed to be a lack of concern in the Council with regard to the cemetery since no Caretaker had been appointed to the position which was over a year vacant.

The Chairman said that the Commissioners had now been given an undertaking by the new Manager Mr. Morrissey that the position would shortly be advertised and that the members should wait and see what happens before expressing further criticism of the Council.

OIL POLLUTION :

The Vice-Chairman said that although the pollution of the stream had been reported to the County Council that to-date no detergent had been used to clear the water where in places a few inches of stagnant oil lay on the surface. It was agreed to make further enquiries to the County Council on this item.

Comm. Reilly said that there was oil constantly on the strand and that this together with the stones and other litter was an embarrassment to the town.

Comm. Larkin said that the front strand appeared to have been cleared up.

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The rest of the members said that they did not see any improvement and it was agreed to request the County Council to have the beaches cleared on a weekly basis.

DEPUTATIONS :

The Chairman fixed the following deputations for Tuesday 27th June, 1978 :-

- (a) Wavin Social Club ..... 7.30 p.m.
- (b) Trader's Association ..... 8.15 p.m.
- (c) Table Tennis Club ..... 9.00 p.m.

Comm. Kennedy thanked the Commissioners for having proposed that a presentation be made to Tommy Cafferty.

NAMING OF COUNCIL HOUSING SCHEME AT HAMPTON :

The Chairman proposed that this item should be deferred for further consideration at the July meeting and this was agreed.

THE HARBOUR :

The Chairman said that the question of repairs had again been raised with the Minister and that it would be appropriate to leave further consideration of this topic for the July meeting and this was agreed.

CROSSING AT DERHAM/CRAOIBHIN PARK :

The Chairman suggested that a roundabout should be created at the junction to slow down traffic since with the opening of the new school 700 children were using the crossing.

Comm. Mrs. McKeon said that the summer would be the most opportune time to have the work done as the schools would be closed.

It was agreed to write to the County Council and to request that a roundabout be provided at this junction.

Comm. Reilly then referred to the fact that whilst speed limit and stop signs were provided on the County road that the Gardai were not enforcing the law and prosecuting motorists who exceeded the speed limit. A letter which was given to Comm. Reilly from a resident on this road was read and following discussion it was decided to forward this letter to the County Council and to write to the Garda Superintendent indicating that complaints had been received concerning speeding on this road.

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FLATS AT CURRAN PARK :

Comm. Morgan told the meeting about the continual problem caused to the residents of flats Nos. 39 - 44 due to a defective flue system which had never been remedied by the County Council. Following discussion it was agreed to write to the County Council and request that the problem be urgently examined.

DUMPING AT MILL POND :

Comm. Heeney referred to the lack of control regarding dumping at the pond. He said that the lane leading to the dump was not being swept and that all the dumping was done at the entrance resulting in the entire access being blocked.

Comm. Kennedy suggested that the builder should be required to have the rubble pushed back.

It was agreed to refer this matter again to the County Council for further consideration.

BREMORE DEVELOPMENT :

Comm. Reilly said that the roads in this scheme were a disgrace and had not been completed properly.

Comm. Larkin said that Mr. Scallon the builder had given an undertaking that the roads would be completed within 10 weeks and that this time had now elapsed without results.

It was agreed to ask the County Council to enforce the full regulations of the planning code in this regard.

The Chairman read a letter received from the National Sports Council and it was agreed to reply indicating the Commissioners interest in the Council's activities.

Comm. Heeney requested that a letter would be sent to C.I.E. concerning the bus stops at Market Green and Gibbons/Lawless Terrace. He said that the elderly residents in these areas had to put up with constant disturbances especially late at night from people going home in high spirits. He suggested that the bus stop should be moved to the nearest non-residential area from the present location. It was agreed to write to C.I.E. accordingly.

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Angie Reilly  
Chairman

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON THE 11/7/78.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: S. Lawless, O. Heeney, H. Reilly, D. Morgan, J. Larkin,  
A. Hamilton, J. Kennedy, B. Purcell, Mrs. McKeon.

Mr. J.D. Taylor acting Assistant City & County Manager  
and the Town Clerk were also in attendance.

At the outset Commissioner S. Lawless outgoing Chairman expressed his appreciation to the Commissioners for their co-operation and assistance to him during his term of office. He also thanked the Manager, the County Council and the Town Clerk for their help during the year.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Nominations: Commissioner Hamilton proposed Commissioner Reilly and Commissioner Morgan seconded the proposal. Commissioner Larkin proposed Commissioner Lawless. In the absence of further nominations Commissioner Reilly was elected Chairman.

Commissioner Reilly thanked the members for his election and their support. He referred to the excellent work carried out by Commissioner Lawless during his term of office and looked forward to further success in the coming year. Commissioner McKeon commented on the general low regard in which the status of the Chairman and the Commissioners were held in certain circles in the Town. Commissioners Lawless referred to certain functions which were held during the preceding year where the Commissioners were not invited and expressed the wish that the Commissioners would be afforded the proper respect that was their due as elected representatives of the Town.

Commissioner Purcell congratulated the former Chairman for his contributions to the Town last year and congratulated the new Chairman on his election.

ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Nominations: Commissioner McKeon proposed Commissioner Lawless and Commissioner Heeney seconded the proposal. As no further nominations were received Commissioner Lawless was elected.

Election of Estimates Committee: Commissioner Hamilton proposed the election of the last years committee and Commissioner Larkin seconded this proposal which was unanimously agreed.

Election of Fuel Scheme Committee: Commissioner Kennedy proposed the election of last years committee and Commissioner McKeon seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed.

It was further agreed that this committee should meet on Tuesday 27/7/78 to discuss the cheap fuel scheme for the 78/79 season.

Hughie Reilly  
Chairman

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MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON THE 11/7/78.

The minutes of the meeting of the 13/6/78 were read and confirmed.  
Matters arising out of the minutes.

THE GRAVEYARD.

The Chairman thanked the County Council for cleaning up the graveyard for the annual opening ~~and~~ <sup>at</sup> mass. Commissioner Heeney enquired whether the cartaker's position had been advertised and was informed that it was and that interviews would be held in the near future to select a suitable qualified applicant. ✓

TOWN TRAFFIC.

Commissioner Heeney said that in reference to previous discussions the Gardai had recently prosecuted two locals and three non-locals for speeding on the county road which would indicate their concern. He further stated that the County Council had agreed to provide traffic lights at Chapel Street at a deputation in June, 1976 but that no further action was taken. Commissioner Lawless proposed that the Commissioners should draw up their own traffic proposals after meeting the Gardai and the traders association and present this plan to the County Council and the Garda Commissioner.

INDUSTRIAL SITE:

Commissioner Larkin said that he had heard from the Minister for ~~Industry and Commerce~~ that two factories were soon to be announced for Balbriggan. The Chairman requested that the I.D.A. and the County Council should be approached to ascertain what recent developments there were in this regard. *Com. Hogan proposed this resolution.*

NAMING OF HAMPTON SCHEME.

This item was deferred for further discussion at the September Meeting. ✓

TRAVELLING EXPENSES

It was agreed that the Town Clerk should find out the position regarding travelling expenses and subsistence allowances for Commissioners attending monthly meetings.

POSTAL DELIVERIES.

Commissioners Mrs. McKeon requested that the Commissioner write to the Minister for Post and Telegraphs enquiring why the number of postmen had been reduced from four to three in Balbriggan and why there was no Saturday post and this was agreed. ✓

BEACHES.

Following the Councils decision to clean the beaches at the start and end of the summer season, it was agreed to request in addition that the front strand be cleared on a weekly basis on each Monday during the summer months. Commissioner Heeney suggested that a notice should be erected prohibiting cycling at the tunnel and promenade and this was agreed. x

The meeting terminated at 9.40 p.m.

*Walter Reilly  
19/9/78*

Minutes of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners  
meeting held on 19/9/78.

Commissioners present: H. Reilly, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, S. Lawless,  
D. Morgan, A. Hamilton, Mrs. McKeon.

At the outset Commissioner Kennedy requested that a minutes silence be observed in remembrance of Mr. Lawless and Mr. Gibbons who were killed when Balbriggan was sacked fifty eight years ago.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 11/7/78 were read and confirmed. The minutes of the July meeting held on the same date were read and confirmed. Commissioner Lawless objected to the postponement of the September meeting from the 2nd Tuesday to the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The chairman stated that he had specifically requested the postponement as he was anxious to be in the chair for his first meeting as chairman and would have been absent on holidays the previous week. Following a discussion on whether the chairman had the power to postpone the meeting the Town Clerk informed the meeting that he considered that the chairman was entitled to postpone the meeting as the Commissioners had no standing orders governing these matters.

Matters arising out of the minutes:

The Graveyard. Commissioner Heeney said he had not seen the advertisement in the Press inviting applications for the post of caretaker, however, he said he considered that the job had been filled satisfactorily.

Town Traffic. Commissioner Lawless proposed a special meeting to discuss this topic for Wednesday 27th September at 7.30 and this was unanimously agreed.

Naming of Hampton Scheme. Commissioner Mrs. McKeon proposed that a competition be held to select suitable names for submission to the County Council. Commissioner Heeney seconded the proposal. It was also agreed to request that the County Council postpone naming the scheme for two weeks to allow sufficient time to run the competition.

Postal Deliveries. A reply from the Dept. of Post & Telegraphs, concerning the reduction in the number of postmen delivering mail was read and noted. Commissioner McKeon requested that the Town Clerk should again enquire from the Dept. why special deliveries were made to certain individuals in Old Fancourt and this was agreed.

The Bridge at Blackrock. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a Council engineer had inspected the bridge and estimated that it would cost £3,500 to repair it at this time. There was no provision in this years estimates for this work but that it would be considered for inclusion in next years estimate. Commissioner Lawless said he objected to this waste of the rate payers money when a few hundred pounds would have sufficed when the problem was first brought to the attention of the Council. Commissioner Mrs. McKeon said that there was an element of neglect in certain aspects of the Council's activities. Commissioner Lawless said that all the items raised by the Commissioners at this deputation meeting were genuine but were not always treated as such. Commissioner Larkin said the Council always treated the Commissioners with respect and courtesy at the deputations. Commissioner Heeney referred to the diving board which he had offered to store during the winter months and which had now disappeared from the Council's stores in Swords. The chairman said that things had reached a low ebb if the Commissioners had to undertake these routine maintenance jobs voluntarily due to the Council's neglect.

Youth Employment. The chairman read a report he had prepared for the meeting outlining a pre-employment type course which he considered

*Con. Morgan suggested the  
name of Mr. Reynolds be used -*

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would help students in selecting a course. He further stated that the Vocational School had now adopted a similar course on their curriculum and welcomed this development. Commissioner Mrs. McKeon said that the unemployed school leavers could be involved through Anco in improving and extending the Town Hall. Commissioner Lawless proposed closing the Town Hall until guarantees of proper supervision were provided for the running of dances. Commissioner Mrs. McKeon seconded the proposal. Commissioner Heeney amended the proposal to include at least three adults supervising the function and this was unanimously agreed. Commissioner Lawless proposed sending the plans for the redecoration of the Hall to Anco. Commissioner Mrs. McKeon seconded the proposal. Commissioner Morgan requested that an estimate of recent damage be made and that the organisers be billed for the repair and this was agreed. Commissioner Kennedy proposed inviting Mr. Lavin of the Vocational School to the next meeting on youth employment. Commissioner Heeney seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed.

Deputation to County Council. Commissioner Lawless proposed the same agenda for submission to the County Council as had been discussed at the two previous deputations this year. Commissioner Kennedy enquired regarding right of ways in the town and Commissioner Heeney stated he would bring a map indicating the right of ways to the next meeting of the Commissioners. Commissioner Heeney proposed the inclusion of the Library extension for discussion on the deputations agenda and it was agreed accordingly.

Tidy Towns. The chairman requested that a copy of the report from the Tidy Town Judges be sent to each member. Commissioner Mrs. McKeon said that the report would be a valuable guide to improving in next year's competition and urged greater involvement from the Community to achieve better results.

Other business.

The Old Dispensary.

It was agreed to write to the Eastern Health Board again concerning the old dispensary since a written reply had not been received to the Commissioners' original letter.

Chapel St. Flats.

Commissioner Kennedy commented on the disgraceful state of the grass (open space) at Chapel St. flats. It was agreed to raise this item at the deputation to the County Council.

The Cemetery. The chairman referred to the recent vandalism in the graveyard where 75% of the graves were damaged. He said that the vandalism had occurred between 6.30 - 7.30 and that anybody who had witnessed the incident should report it to the Gardai in order that the culprits might be apprehended.

Letters.

A letter from the Mayor of Chicopee, congratulating Balbriggan for sending a football team to partake in their recent competition and thanking the Commissioners for their present to his city was noted. Commissioner Lawless complimented the chairman for his foresight in sending a banner with the team.

The meeting terminated at 11.10 p.m.

Duaghie Reilly  
Chairman  
10/10/78



Minutes of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners Meeting held on the 10/10/78.

Commissioners present: H. Reilly, S. Lawless, O. Heeney, D. Morgan, J. Larkin,  
B. Purcell, J. Kennedy.

An apology was received from Commissioner Hamilton who was unable to attend.

THE HARBOUR. The Chairman said that a long time had elapsed since the Commissioners had met with the Minister concerning the repairs to the harbour but that to date there had been no positive response from the Minister. Commissioner Lawless referred to the survey which the Board of Works had undertaken and suggested contacting the Minister again to ascertain if there were further developments. Commissioner Morgan said that the County Council had agreed to provide light and water to the pier when this topic was discussed at a deputation meeting over a year ago and he said that he considered those facilities were a priority which should be followed up with the Council. Commissioner Heeney stressed that the Harbour was the responsibility of the Port and Docks Board and that the County Council would have no function in the matter. \* Following further discussion it was agreed to write to the Minister for Fisheries and request an up to date report on his proposals for the future of the Harbour. \*

NAMING OF HAMPTON SCHEME. Chairman said that there had been a tremendous response to the competition to select a suitable name for the scheme. The Commissioners examined all the names received and agreed to meet again on Thursday 12th to finalise their submissions for the County Council. It was also agreed to write to the schools thanking them for their response to the competition.

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAYS. Commissioner Heeney brought a map indicating where some of the public right of ways existed in the town. The Chairman said that it was essential that public right of ways should be clarified and suggested that the Town Clerk obtain the relevant maps from the ordinance survey office. Commissioner Lawless said the problem had been highlighted in <sup>Marble Lane</sup> Glover Est. where there was a dispute as to the rere access to two Council houses. It was agreed to request the County Council to investigate the possibility of providing a laneway at the rere of both houses.

FIRE PLACES IN BATH ROAD. HOUSING SCHEME. It was agreed to ask the County Council what the delay was in the installation of the fireplaces in this scheme. \*

CHIMNEYS AT CURRAN PARK. Commissioner Morgan requested a reply from the Council to the Commissioners previous complaints about defective flue pipes in the flats in Curran Park. Commissioner Morgan also commented on a danger to health in one of the schools. Commissioner Purcell said he would relate the facts to the Management Board who would take the necessary action. \*

BREMORE COURT. Chairman proposed writing formally to the County Council requesting enforcement proceedings under the planning code against Scallon Construction in order that the estate might be completed to a proper standard. Commissioner Heeney seconded the proposal.

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TOWN HALL. It was agreed that the November meeting should be entirely devoted to a discussion on this subject. Commissioner Kennedy proposed a vote of thanks to the Fingal League who were holding their convention in Balbriggan for the first time in their 60 years of existence.

The meeting terminated at 9.30.

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Angie Reilly  
Chairman  
14/11/78

Minutes of Balbriggan Town Commissioners Meeting Held on the 14/11/78

Commissioners Present. H. Reilly, S. Lawless, O. Heeney, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, Mrs. McKeon, B.Purcell, D.Morgan.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and confirmed.

Matters arising out of minutes.

At the outset the Chairman reported to the meeting regarding the visit of County Council officials to the Town; when he (the Chairman) had meet with them and identified to them various problem areas which needed maintenance attention but where responsibility had not been defined. Commissioner Larkin said that all the members should have been given the opportunity to meet the officials. The Chairman undertook to inform all the members if the occasion again arose.

The Harbour.

It was decided to again request the minister for Fisheries to outline his proposals for the repair of the harbour.

Naming of Hampton Schemes

The Town Clerk read a letter received from the County Council requesting the Commissioners to consider the name "Ballymad" as an alternative to those names previously suggested by the Commissioners. Following discussion it was decided that the name "Ballymad" would be unacceptable because of its associated connotations and that the County Council should reconsider the name Bellcamp for the estate.

Right of Ways

The Town Clerk submitted a map to the meeting and the Commissioners marked the existing right of ways which they considered should be preserved for inclusion on the new Development Plan.

Bremore Court.

Commissioner <sup>Reilly</sup> McKeon congratulated the County Council on the prompt enforcement proceedings that were initiated in the Courts against the contractor.

Chimneys at Curran Park.

Commissioner Morgan enquired whether there had been any reply from the County Council concerning the defective chimneys in these flats. The manager undertook to have a reply for the ~~the~~ meeting of the Commission.

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Traffic

A Special meeting with the Garda authorities was provisionally fixed for 27th November. Commissioner Lawless proposed a vote of congratulations to Inspector McKeon on his recent promotion. Commissioner McKeon seconded the proposal.

\* Town Hall \*

The Chairman provisionally fixed a meeting for Thursday 30/11/78 to discuss Anco's possible involvement in the repair project. \*

Dancing Licence.

It was agreed to proceed immediately with essential repairs to the toilets in order that the Sanitary requirements would be satisfied when the application for a licence was again up in Court.

Correspondance

A letter from Skerries Development Assosiation was read and noted. Comr. Mrs McKeon was selected to go on a deputation to C.I.E. concerning the Rail System. Commissioner Kennedy would travel if Mrs McKeon was una-

at Fancourt

It was ~~agreed~~ to write to the County Council and request them to level the site and provide a playground there since the quarry was now closed and was in the middle of a residential area.

Emergency rehousing

The Chairman enquired whether it was intended to permanently house the families from Mourne View in Hampton and was informed that the Co. Council would be reviewing the situation when the fire damage was fully investigated. Commissioner Mrs McKeon proposed a vote of sympathy with the parents of the children who had died in the fire. It was unanimously agreed to write to the Fire Fund Organiser on behalf of the community of Balbriggan expressing sympathy and offering any assistance possible in raising funds for the families

Hughie Reilly  
Chairman  
12/12/78

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Minutes of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners meeting held on the 12/12/78.

Committee present : H. Reilly, S. Lawless, A. Hamilton O. Heeney, J. Kennedy,  
Mrs McKeon, J. Larkin, D. Morgan.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and confirmed. Proposed Commissioner Morgan. Seconded Commissioner Kennedy and agreed.

Matters arising out of minutes.

Naming of Hampton scheme.

A letter received from the Co. Council indicating that it was decided to name the development Hampton Cliffs was read. Following discussion the members agreed to write to the Co. Council indicating the Commissioners dissatisfaction with the selection. Commissioner Lawless made this proposal which was seconded by Commissioner Mrs McKeon and unanimously agreed.

Chimneys at Curran Park.

Commissioner Morgan said he was delighted that the Council had at last undertaken to seriously examine the problem and indicated that he was satisfied with the reply which was received from the Council following the Commissioners representations.

Town Hall

The Chairman told the meeting that a number of youths had broken into the Town Hall and had damaged the property. It was decided to report the matter to the Gardai and to instruct the contractor who was at present doing repairs to block up any entrances. It was also agreed to purchase four fire extinguishers for the hall.

Following discussions on the proposed extension and repairs it was unanimously agreed to engage Messrs Larkin and associates to prepare detailed plans and quantities as soon as possible.

Tidy Towns

Commissioner Lawless proposed that a special meeting be arranged in January to organise the Towns entry in the 1979 competition. Commissioner Mrs McKeon seconded the proposal. It was also agreed to write to Bord Failte and request their assistance in organising the entry. In addition, it was decided to circularise all interested bodies in the Town and request their attendance at the special meeting when the date was fixed.

Other business

Path at King's strand to Fred's Arch.

Commissioner Kennedy requested that a letter be forwarded to the Co. Council requesting that this pathway be cleared and this was accordingly agreed.

Allotments.

Commissioner Lawless suggested writing to the Co. Council and requesting that the allotments be made in January and this was agreed.

Old Dispensary.

Commissioner Lawless enquired whether there was any further reply from the E.H.B. on the future use of the premises and proposed writing again which was unanimously agreed.

Christmas tree and lights.

Commissioner Mrs McKeon congratulated the traders for the <sup>erecting</sup>~~reduction~~ of the tree and lights and urged locals to buy their Christmas goods locally.

The Chairman concluded the meeting by wishing the people of the Town a holy and happy Christmas on behalf of all the Commissioners.

Hughie Reilly.  
Chairman 9/1/79

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MINUTES OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON THE 9/1/1979.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: H. Reilly, S. Lawless, J. Larkin, Mrs. McKeon, J. Kennedy,  
O. Heeney, D. Morgan

The Manager Mr. P. Morrissey and Town Clerk were also in attendance

TIDY TOWNS

It was agreed to hold a special open meeting on Tuesday 6th February, 1979 in the Grand Hotel at 8.30 pm. to co-ordinate the Towns entry in this years competition. It was further agreed to circularise all interest groups such as residents associations, clubs and traders and to invite representatives from these groups to the meeting. In addition the members agreed to invite a representative from Board Failte to attend.

ALLOTTMENTS

It was agreed to request the County Council to have the allotments made in January or early February.

THE HARBOUR.

The Chairman informed the meeting of the damage done to the pier resulting from the abnormally high tides over the Christmas period. He had personally reported the damage to the Dublin Port & Docks Board and the office of the Minister for Fisheries. Commissioner Mrs. McKeon complemented the Chairman on the prompt and efficient manner in which he had dealt with the situation. Commissioner McKeon added that she was however, disturbed to find that two Government Ministers had inspected the damage on Friday 5th January with a number of locals but that none of the Commissioners had been invited to join them in the inspection. Commissioner Kennedy said he agreed entirely with Commissioner McKeon's comments. Commissioner Larkin said that he was informed by the Minister for State Mr. Burke that he would endeavor to have the Minister for Fisheries to inspect the Harbour but that he had received no notice of the definite arrangement prior to the visit. Commissioner Morgan said that the Chairman should have been invited and that his omission was an insult to the town.

Commissioner Lawless informed the meeting that the Minister for Fisheries had undertaken to have the pier restored to its previous state of repair by the Port & Docks Board and that his own Department would finance the improvements including resurfacing, provision of water and lights etc. The Chairman requested written confirmation of this undertaking.

DEPUTATION TO COUNTY COUNCIL.

The agenda for the Commissioners deputation to the County Council on the 18th January was fixed and agreed.

SPECIAL MEETING.

A special meeting to discuss corporate property lettings was fixed for Tuesday 30/1/79

TOWN HALL

The Manager Mr. Morrissey undertook to have the County Architect examine the plans for extension and renovation of the hall and to investigate ~~what~~ means whereby the Council could assist in the project.

FROST AND FLOOD DAMAGE

The Chairman complemented the Council's maintenance staff for their efforts in assisting the elderly residents especially in the Dublin St. flats when their homes were flooded due to burst pipes. The Manager thanked the Chairman for his comments and said that the men had done a tremendous job all over the County and had in fact worked over the entire Christmas period.

The meeting terminated at 9.40

Hughie Reilly  
13/2/79 Chairman

Minutes of Board of Health

Minutes of meeting of 13/2/79.

Minutes of meeting of 13/3/79. Page 3+5.

Minutes of meeting on 10/4/79. Page 2.

Minutes of meeting on 25/7/79. Page 2.

Minutes of meeting of 26/6/79. Page 2.

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Minutes of meeting of 21/8/79. Page 1+2.

Minutes of meeting of 9/10/79. Page 3.

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Minutes of meeting of 2/11/80. Page 1.



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Minutes of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners meeting 13/2/79.

Commissioners present : - H. Reilly, S. Lawless, B. Purcell, J. Kennedy, Mrs M. McKeon, A. Hamilton, D. Morgan, J. Larkin.

An apology was received from Commissioner Heeney for his inability to attend. The minutes of the January meeting were read and confirmed.

Matters arising out of minutes.

Tidy Towns :

Commissioner Kennedy was critical of the Chairmans handling of the Tidy Town meeting in the Grand Hotel and said that all the members should have been consulted regarding the Commissioners official policy on the matter prior to the meeting. Commissioner Mrs McKeon agreed with Commissioner Kennedy's comments. The Chairman thanked all the members for allowing him to instruct the meeting in the manner in which he had been advised by Bord Failte and stated that he appreciated that the Commissioners should ~~at~~ present a uniform policy in such matters and undertook to have prior discussion with the other members (where time allowed) in future.

Allotments :

Commissioner Mrs McKeon enquired whether the allotments could be made locally and whether the appropriate maps could be made available in the Town Hall. Commissioner Lawless said that a number of persons had not yet received acknowledgements to their applications and requested that the County Council should be notified accordingly.

Bell's Land.

Commissioner Mrs McKeon proposed writing to the County Council concerning the up-to-date position regarding the acquisition of Bell's Land for recreational and amenity purposes.

Beaches :

Commissioner Kennedy stated that the County Council should be requested to remove all stones and debris from the strands now, since these objects would soon be covered in sand and would not re-appear until June. Commissioner McKeon proposed including the resurfacing of the "slipway" and road by the "Cardi Marina" in the letter for the attention of the Co. Council .

Ballroom Lettings:

Application for the use of this Ballroom were veted and agreed. Commissioner Lawless proposed offering the hall to the three applicants on alternative Friday nights and this was unanimously agreed. A draw was held to determine which group would have the first night.

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Development Plan:

The Chairman informed the meeting that a business man would put up £500 - £1,000 as a prize for the local architect who produced the best development plan for the Town. The Manager stated that this offer should be channelled through the Co. Council who were the planning authority for the area. It was unanimously agreed to write to the Co. Council seeking its advice on the subject and to request a copy of the 1972 Development Plan.

Youth Employment :

The Chairman indicated that certain employers in the Town were not stamping employees Social Welfare cards although they were deducting money. Commissioner McKeon said that the Local Labour Exchange were well competent to deal with those cases and if agrieved employees notified the exchange, the Department would pursue the matter.

Industrial Site :

It was agreed to write to the I.D.A and enquire what progress was made in finding a suitable client for the advance factory.

Other Business :

Commissioner Kennedy requested that a letter be sent to the developers of Chapel Court requesting the completion of the public lighting and paths in the estate and this was agreed. In addition, Commissioner Kennedy requested that the Co. Council should facilitate the families in occupation with a door to door refuge collection and it was agreed to write to the Council accordingly.

Commissioner Lawless referred to the parking of articulated lorries at the "Sail in Garage" and requested that the Co. Council should examine the matter. He also requested that the speed limit be extended out to Flemington Lane and that the Road Traffic group should be informed accordingly. Commissioner Kennedy requested that the hedges and trees should be trimmed at this location.

Planning application High St. :- Change of use.

It was unanimously agreed to invite both the applicants and the objectors to a meeting with the Commissioners to endeavour to resolve the problem to the satisfaction of both parties.

The meeting terminated at 10.00pm.

Hughie Reilly  
Chairman 15/3/79

Minutes of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners Meeting 13th March, 1979.

Commissioners Present: H. Reilly, S. Lawless, B. Purcell, J. Kennedy,  
Mrs. M. McKeon, J. Larkin, D. Morgan, O. Heeney.

Mr. P. Gibbons attended for the Town Clerk.

Apologies were received from Commissioner Hamilton and from the Manager and Town Clerk for their inability to attend.

The Minutes of the February Meeting were read and confirmed.

Matters arising out of the Minutes.

Tidy Towns

At the request of the Chairman, Commissioner Mrs. McKeon gave a report of the progress made to date by the Tidy Towns Committee. She said, first of all, that it was again emphasised, at the last Tidy Towns Meeting, that the Commissioners had disassociated themselves from the work of the Tidy Towns Committee and she felt that this was putting the Commissioners in a bad light, particularly as this was said in front of a Bord Failte Representative.

The Chairman said that he was acting on instructions from the Town Clerk who had been in touch with Miss Nash from Bord Failte. Commissioner Lawless said that the letter setting out these instructions should have been read. Commissioner Mrs. McKeon said it was a constant embarrassment to her due to the fact that she was on the Tidy Towns Committee. The Chairman said that he emphasised before the meeting in the hotel what Miss Nash had said relating to involvement by the Local Authority in the Tidy Towns Competition. She had said that from her experience it has not been successful in other towns. At this stage Commissioner Mrs. McKeon continued her report. She said that so far the committees work was going very well. She said that the Town had been divided into four areas each with its own sub-committee and these had carried out a survey of the town and items requiring attention has been listed. She said that matters for the attention of the County Council were being channeled through the Towns Clerk's Office.

A Mr. Ian Holdship from Bord Failte and Mr. Joe Price, the County Council Litter Warden, had attended their last meeting. Mr. Price had indicated that the 31 new litter bins, which had been promised, would be supplied as soon as possible and that the old ones would be replaced or repainted depending on their condition. The fisherman's and Trader's organisations had also been approached for their co-operation in cleaning up the harbour and the business premises of the Town. At this point Commissioner Mrs. McKeon put before the meeting the crest which the Balbriggan Branch of the Lions Club ~~would consider it an~~ <sup>had suggested</sup> honour if their symbol <sup>could</sup> be adopted by the Commissioners as the official emblem of the Town.

The Chairman said that if the lighthouse symbol was adopted that the name of the Town should be incorporated over the symbol. He went on to say that at a meeting in Skerries last year he had used the ~~Final~~ Symbol of a raven. He himself, had no objection to the lighthouse symbol being adopted. Commissioners Heeney proposed the adoption of the symbol and his proposal was seconded by Commissioner Lawless. It was agreed unanimously to adopt the symbol and to write to the Lions Club thanking them for their proposal and informing them of the decision of the Commissioners.

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Commissioner Purcell said that over 90% of people going through Balbriggan had no idea that it was on the sea and this symbol would help to alter that situation. He also said that the symbol should be registered as the Official Symbol of the town. Commissioner Kennedy said that adopting other symbols such as the stocking associated with the "Smiths" would be showing favour and he agreed completely with the symbol adopted by the Commissioners.

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Harbour

Commissioner ~~Morgan~~<sup>Kennedy</sup> said that the wrecks in the harbour should be removed. Commissioner Mrs. McKeon said that the two boats in question were the Flying Spray and the Avoca. She said that the Avoca was of historical value in that it was the first engine - powered fishing boat in Ireland and that it might possibly be preserved. Commissioner Lawless said that the enormous cost of restoring the Avoca would be prohibitive. Commissioner McKeon said that the harbour office should be contacted with a view to removing the wrecks. Commissioner Kennedy said that previous wrecks had been towed out to sea and sunk. Commissioner Mrs. McKeon referred to the offer by Murphy's to give their bins for clean-ups in the Town and she said that the offer was to be availed of shortly by the fishermen in relation to the harbour.

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At this stage the Chairman said he wished to put on record his appreciation to the Manager for appointing a full-time official to the Town Hall. The other Commissioners endorsed this remark.

Allotments.

A report on the present position in regard to the allotments was read to the meeting by Mr. Gibbons. Commissioner Lawless suggested that a notice be put in the window to the effect that applications could be made at the Town Hall. He also said that he had received complaints that people could not get through to the County Council and when he himself tried he could not get through. The Chairman said that the County Council would like to get more applications from the town itself. Commissioner Lawless said that every year they were late getting their plots and it was brought up every year but to no avail. The Chairman said that the increase from £6 to £10 for the plots was unnecessary and the increase should only have been about £2.

Bells Land.

Commissioner Morgan said that he had asked for clarification as regards the clergy's part in relation to Bells Land. The Chairman said that they were only interested in the 34½ acres for recreational purposes and that this was going ahead.

Beach.

Mr. Gibbons stated that the County Council had informed him that they received an engineers report which stated that following an inspection of the beaches it was decided to wait until after the spring tides to clean the beaches. Commissioner Kennedy said that he would be satisfied once the job was done. Commissioner Lawless agreed and said the stones on the beach should be shifted as the front strand was in a deplorable state and if they were not removed soon they would be covered in sand. The Chairman said that he was talking to the Co. Council litter warden about the front strand and was told that the Council would be recruiting extra staff to do the work - but this would depend on the tides. The local men were unable to do the work as they were working on the paths. Commissioner Morgan said that the same complaints were being made every year but things were no better. There was erosion on Rings Strand and each year part of the gardens were falling into the sea. He said the cost of preventing any more erosion would be small if it was done now. The Chairman stated that the local engineer was carrying out a local survey at the moment. Commissioner Morgan said that it was like the problem of the diving board and it was unfortunate that it had to be brought up time and time again. Commissioner Purcell said that the slipway had to be done before the summer. Commissioner Lawless said it had been an unusual winter with regard to damage. He said a survey had been carried out about thirty years ago but nothing had been done. The immediate jobs to be done were the slipway and the strands. The chairman said that all they could do was to keep putting pressure on and hope that all was done. The County Council should be notified that all they had to do was to put the stones on a lorry and bring them ~~back~~ to the back strand.

Ballroom Lettings

A letter from Dick Burke Secretary of O'Dwyers G.F.C. giving a report of a dance held on 23.2.79 was read and endorsed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Heeney said that the first three disco's had been run well. He himself had attended two of them. The Chairman said that a check should be done for damage after each letting. Commissioner Morgan asked whose responsibility it was to check the hall and Mr. Gibbons informed him that it was the caretakers.

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The Chairman said that people used to lock up themselves after functions. Commissioner Lawless said that this would still be the case only attention had been drawn to it. Commissioner Larkin said that the caretaker never waits. Commissioner Heeney said he was aware of only one occasion when she did not stay. The Chairman thanked Commissioner Morgan for raising the matter of checking the Hall. Commissioner Larkin said that people opened and shut the hall themselves. The Chairman said that he never knew of this. Commissioner Kennedy endorsed Commissioner Larkins remarks. Commissioner Morgan stated that she was only a cleaner. The Chairman stated that for their time the matter of opening and locking the hall was never enforced. There was one occasion - a letting by Glebe North - and they were not aware of any damage until five days after. Commissioner Heeney stated that the caretaker did not open the hall she only locked up. Commissioner Larkin stated that after many functions the hall was not locked up by the caretaker. Commissioner Lawless said that she had been approached on several occasions for not doing her duty. Commissioner Purcell asked whether it was necessary to have a servant present in the hall at all times for insurance purposes. Mr. Gibbons undertook to ascertain the position in relation to this matter.

#### Development Plan.

The Chairman stated that the amount to be given as a prize for a development plan was to be £1,000 but nothing final was decided yet. He suggested that the judges should be the governing body of architects. In relation to the industrial site the chairman stated that Tayto had applied for planning permission in the Glebe North area. He stated that Murphy's were to build the shell of a factory on one half of the site. Commissioner Larkin said that another company was to build on the remainder of the site.

#### Housing Estates and Street Lighting

Commissioner Kennedy stated that there had been no improvement in the position regarding refuse collection and street lighting at Chapel Court. Commissioner Morgan said that the lights in Curran Park had been fixed except for one at the corner. Commissioner Larkin said that the Corporation had been out but had not fixed the light outside the barracks.

#### Mill Pond.

The Chairman stated that dumping had stopped after the deputation to the County Council and that the dry filling had been pushed in another ten or twenty yards. No plastic dumping was being carried on. Commissioner Heeney stated that although it was not coming from Waiven, plastic was being dumped. Commissioner Kennedy said he knew of two lorries which had dumped illegally on the site. Commissioner Morgan said that there should be controlled dumping with a man there at all times. The chairman said that the Council had spotters checking the area. Commissioner Heeney said that they were harmless spotters as the litter warden had gone by and five minutes later a car drew up and rubbish was dumped. Commissioner Larkin said that the signs were very bad. The chairman said that part of the lane was being swept. Commissioner Heened agreed but said that the remainder of the lane was not. He stated that there were nine pot-holes in the lane. Commissioner Morgan said that water was running down the road from the river. Commissioner Heeney said a channel had been cut and that this was no longer the case. Commissioner Larkin enquired how long more the dumping was to continue. Mr Gibbons stated that the Council had been requested to fence in the area in order to control the dumping. Commissioner Kennedy enquired regarding the definite plans for the area.

High Street Development.

The Chairman stated that out of courtesy the Commissioners should meet with the residents of High Street. This was endorsed by the other Commissioners.

Hampton Scheme.

The Chairman stated that he had enquired as to the possibility of building 100 houses in the next batch. He said that this would eliminate the housing list for the time being and it would be necessary to go out of Office having done this. But, he said, he had received no favourable information in this regard. Commissioner Lawless said that it was at the request of the Commissioners that they were being built in batches of 50. Commissioner Morgan said that the first priority was to get the present ones finished. The Chairman said that the time for completion was February and that a tender should be accepted for another fifty. It was decided that this should be on the agenda for the next deputation to the Council. Commissioner Larkin said that the roads should be developed in preparation for the next fifty houses.

Library.

Mr. Gibbons informed the meeting that work should shortly start on the Library and that work would take between six and nine months to complete. While renovation were going on a mobile library would be supplied on one day per week. Commissioner Morgan stated that he was pleased that work was to start. He said a man from the corporation should be asked to come down to look at the clock.

Other Business.

Commissioner Kennedy asked if the Turf Scheme was running smoothly. Commissioner Lawless said that a person on the Seabanks was owed fifteen bags of turf. He was informed that this had been delivered.

Commissioner Morgan complimented the County council on the quick action they had taken in relation to the dumping at Millers Lane. The Chairman endorsed his remarks.

Applications for Town Hall.

It was decided to continue giving the hall for dances to the groups already using it. An application was received from the Horticultural society for the Annual Show. Following a discussion it was agreed to give the Society the Hall for a nominal fee of £5 due to the work they did on the Hall the previous year. Commissioner Morgan however, disagreed as, he said, this would create a precedent. An application was also received from a group who were anxious to start a Volley-Ball Club. It was agreed to defer consideration of the application until a list of the Committee had been given to the Town Clerk.

Eastern Health Board. Taxi Services

The Chairman stated that this service was taken off because it was abused. Commissioner Larkin said the position should be investigated so that taxi services could be provided for those with medical cards.

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Correspondence.

A letter from Middleton U.D.C. concerning R.T.E.'S dropping of "The Riordans" was read and noted.

A letter from Bordas Loch Gorman concerning the cheap fuel scheme was discussed and noted.

A letter from the Skerries Development association was read concerning deputations to C.I.E. Commissioner Kennedy was selected to represent the Commissioners at any further meetings concerning the C.I.E. Services in the area.

Commissioner Heeney said that the residents of Fencourt wanted the support of the commissioners in alleviating a highly dangerous situation on the estate. The Chairman stated that an inspector from the Council had been down looking at the site.

Commissioner Mrs McKeon proposed that a vote of sympathy be passed on at the death of Councillor James Bellew from Dundalk and that a letter to this effect be sent to Dundalk U.D.C. This was unanimously agreed.

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Meeting concluded at 10.05 P.M.

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*10/4/79*





involvement had only been to attempt a solution agreeable to both the residents and the Youth Corp. The Chairman said he also resented the inferences in the letter and supported fully Commissioner McKeon's remarks.

CHAIRMAN

The Chairman left the meeting at 8.30 p.m. and Commissioner Lawless, Vice Chairman, took the chair.

DEPUTATION TO COUNTY COUNCIL 19/4/1979

The agenda for the forthcoming Deputation to the Council was selected and AGREED.

BALLROOM LETTINGS

Commissioner Heeney complained that the supper room had been overcrowded at a recent function. Commissioner Kennedy proposed that Commissioner Heeney in his capacity as fire officer should examine supper room and define the maximum number of people that could use premises at a given time and that persons hiring the hall should be given a copy of these regulations. Commissioner Hamilton seconded the proposal adding that the regulations should be displayed in the hall.

Two applications for the hire of the hall were AGREED and NOTED.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner McKeon requested that a letter be sent to C.I.E. concerning the safety of the wooden promenade and this was unanimously agreed.

Commissioner McKeon also proposed writing to Mrs Dillen<sup>M'AGAR</sup> congratulating her on the success of the recent Feis. Commissioner Lawless seconded the proposal.

PLANNING APPLICATION

Commissioner Mrs. McKeon proposed that the Commissioners should write to an Bord Pleanála supporting Dublin County Council's decision to refuse Planning permission for a 500 house development at Kilsough. Commissioner Heeney seconded the proposal which was agreed with Commissioner Morgan disassociating himself from the proposal.

FLATS AT DUBLIN STREET

Commissioner Morgan referred to certain repairs which were outstanding following flood damage in these flats at Christmas time and requested that immediate attention be afforded them.

PRESENTATION TO T. CAFFREY

Commissioner Lawless asked how much money was lodged in the fund which was set up with a view to making a suitable presentation to T. Caffrey. It was agreed to check with the Northern Bank and submit a report to the May meeting of the Commissioners.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter received from Templemore Urban District Council was READ and it was AGREED unanimously to reply to the letter supporting the motion.

TOWN HALL

The Commissioners unanimously AGREED to the raising of a loan to finance the extension and renovation of the Town Hall. It was further AGREED to write to Anco and inform them of recent developments.

The meeting terminated at 10 p.m.

Hughie Reilly  
Chairman 8/5/79

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Minutes of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners meeting held on the 8/5/'79.

Commissioners present:- H. Reilly, M. McKeon, A. Hamilton, I. Larkin, S. Lawless,  
D. Morgan, J. Kennedy, O. Heeney.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and confirmed. Proposed Commissioner Larkin, seconded Commissioner Lawless and agreed.

At the outset of the meeting the Chairman thanked the members for their co-operation and help during the year and congratulated them on their steadfast work for the community during their five year term. Commissioner Lawless as vice-Chairman endorsed the Chairman's remarks and proposed a vote of thanks to the County Manager and his staff for their assistance during the five years.

Matters arising out of minutes:-

Town Emblem:-

Commissioner Heeney proposed meeting with I.C.A. on Tuesday 15th at 7.00 p.m. to discuss the adoption of an official emblem for the town. Commissioner McKeon seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed.

Beaches:-

Commissioner Kennedy congratulated the County Council for the thorough repair job that was done on the slipway but was critical of the Council's efforts in removing the stones from the beach area.

Tidy Towns:-

Commissioner Lawless congratulated the Tidy Towns committee and the County Council for their efforts in cleaning up the town for this years competition and requested that the Dublin Port and Docks be contacted with a view to having the harbour head and adjoining area tidied up. Commissioner McKeon requested that the political parties would ensure to clear away the posters after the elections.

Murphy's Concrete Products Ltd:-

Commissioner McKeon proposed meeting the residents to discuss their objections to this business and Commissioner Heeney seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. Commissioner Morgan proposed also meeting with Mr. Murphy and this was also agreed. The meeting was arranged for 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 15th with the residents and 8.00 p.m. with Mr. Murphy.

Fuel Scheme:-

The Chairman congratulated Mr. Daly on the efficient manner in which he had operated the scheme during the season. Commissioner Lawless also associated himself with the Chairman's remarks.

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Town Hall:-

The Chairman thanked the County Manager for assigning a full time official to duties in the Town Hall.

Supperroom:-

Commissioner Heeney stated that he had examined the premises in his capacity as a fire officer and had found that in order to comply with the fire regulations the maximum number of persons using the room at any given time should not exceed 150 and that an exit light and crash barrier should be fitted to the exit on the back stairs.

Dumping at Vauxhall Place:-

Commissioner Heeney said that unauthorised and indiscriminate dumping was being carried out despite the many complaints that were made to the County Council. The Manager, Mr. Morrissey said that the litter warden could only maintain a vigilance during normal working hours and the dumping was a citizens problem.

Dumping on open space beside Town Hall:-

Commissioner Heeney complained about the proprietor of the adjoining cafe leaving refuse sacks on the open space over the weekends. Commissioner Lawless proposed writing to the owner and instructing him to discontinue the practice and not to leave refuse out until the Tuesday morning when the collection takes place. It was agreed to notify the owner accordingly. The Town Clerk informed the meeting of the Council's junk collection service on Saturday 12th May.

Ballroom letting:-

Three applications for the use of the ballroom were voted and approved. Proposed Commissioner Kennedy and seconded Commissioner Heeney. It was agreed to defer consideration of an application from the I.C.A. organisation until after the new Commissioners were elected.

Planning application for scheme of houses at Kilsough:-

The Town Clerk informed the meeting of the reasons why the County Council had refused planning permission. Commissioner Morgan said he would welcome any development which would help the unemployed in the area. The Chairman said that he would be in favour of the development provided proper facilities were provided.

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Hughie Reilly  
Chairman  
26/6/79

1979-1980 Attendance at monthly meetings by Dallingdaun Town Commissioners

NAME	Annual Sept 1979	July 1979	Sept 1979	Oct 1979	Nov 1979	Dec 1979	Jan 1980	Feb 1980	Mar 1980	April 1980	May 1980
BARLOW, VINCENT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
HAMILTON, ANTHONY	✓	✓	X	✓	X						
HARPER, FREDDIE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
KENNEDY, JACK	✓	✓	✓	X	✓						
LARKIN, JACK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
LAWLESS, STEPHAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
MURPHY, SEAN	X	✓	X	✓	X						
O'CEALLACHAN, EOGHAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
REILLY, HUGHIE	✓	✓	X	✓	✓						

seconded by Commissioner Barlow.

Commissioner Kennedy was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Larkin.

The result of the vote was Commissioner Reilly 4 Commissioner Kennedy 2. Commissioner Reilly was deemed elected Chairman.

The new chairman thanked the members for voting for him and he hoped that they could all work together for the good of the town.

Commissioner Kennedy congratulated the new chairman and thanked his proposers.

The other Commissioners joined in congratulating the new chairman.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

Commissioner O'Ceallachan was proposed by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner Harper.

Commissioner Kennedy was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Larkin.

The result of the vote was Commissioner O'Ceallachan 4 Commissioner Kennedy 2. Commissioner O'Cealachan was deemed elected Vice-Chairman. The new vice-chairman thanked the member for voting for him.

Election of Estimates Committee.

Commissioner Kennedy was proposed by Commissioner Lawless seconded by Commissioner Reilly. Commissioner Larkin was proposed by Commissioner Barlow and seconded by Commissioner Harper. Commissioner Harper was proposed by Commissioner O'Ceallachan and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton.

As there were no other nominations the above three commissioners were elected. The Chairman would also be a member of the Committee.

Fuel Scheme Committee.

Commissioner Lawless was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Larkin. Commissioner Barlow was proposed by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Lawless. Commissioner Hamilton was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Reilly.

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Commissioner O'Ceallachan was proposed by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Barlow.

As there were no other nominations the above Town Commissioners were elected. The chairman would also be a member of the Committee. The other Commissioners would be entitled to attend meetings of the Committee.

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Minutes of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners Meeting held on 26/6/79.

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Commissioners Present: H. Reilly, J. Kennedy, F. Harper, E.O'Ceallachain  
V. Barlow, A. Hamilton, J. Larkin, J. Lawless.

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Apoligies for non-attendance were received from Commissioner Murphy.

Official Present: Mr. P. Morrissey, Assistant City and County Manager,  
Mr. Ciran Murry Town Clerk and Mr. P Gibbons.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and confirmed.

Matters arising out of the Minutes.

Beaches.

Commissioner Kennedy stated that he was still displeased with the state of the beaches. They were deplorable and the stones were uncovered again. A man should be down to clean the beach every week. He also said that work on the harbour wall had stopped. He said it was the result of the bad winter we had. There were no stones on the beach strand now they were all on front strand. Commissioner Barlow agreed with Commissioner Kennedy's comments. The chairman stated that a good job had been done on the back strand and slipway.

Commissioner Lawless objected to the fact that it was proposed to put bollards at the Blackrock to prevent cars going onto the beach. The chairman stated that the County Council had a duty to inform the Commissioners of the proposal. Commissioner Larkin stated that there was a car park there now and the ballards were to make people users given a key. The manager said that it was safer for cars not to be on beaches as a general rule. Nearby parking should be provided due to the danger to small children. Commissioner Kennedy said the ballards would be a handicap to people and Commissioner O'Ceallachain added that people in wheelchairs would be inconvenienced. Commissioner Barlow said that most of the traffic was in the evening.

It was agreed to report back on the situation to the July meeting. Commissioner Harper said that the banks on the strand were in a bad state. He was informed by the chairman that the banks were the property of C.I.E. and negotiations were going on between C.I.E. and the County Council.

Tidy Towns.

The chairman congratulated the committee on doing a good job. The present committee would expire when the competition ends. There would then be another open meeting to get more people involved.

Fuel Scheme.

Discussion on the new proposals for the fuel scheme was deferred to the July meeting.



Town Hall.

The Town Clerk that word had been received from the Architect that the proposed renovation and extension of the Town Hall would cost £65,000. Commissioner Lawless proposed that an application be made to the County Council for the money. Commissioner O'Ceallachain raised the possibility of selling the property and building a new Town Hall. The Town Clerk said that there should be no delay because A.N.C.O. were doing the work and they could not be delayed indefinitely. Following discussing it was agreed to get loan approval and to include it again on the agenda for the July meeting.

Other Business.

Commissioner Lawless inquired as to why the pathway had been stopped and not brought opposite the Golf Club. The chairman informed him that they had stopped in order to do the other entrance to the town and they would then return to it.

Commissioner Barlow stated that all the green spaces in Derham park had been tarmacadamed except one. There was a hydrant loose outside No. 30 and the pathway from No. 29 - 40 were in a deplorable state. He also said that the roadway in Craublin Park had not been filled in. The chairman informed him that a report to this effect had already gone in. Commissioner Kennedy said that there was a hole in the path outside Mrs. Calurns in Chapel Street and that the pathway in that area needed resurfacing.

The chairman inquired whether a boundary wall was to be built at Clonard Street between the McHane Estate and the existing houses. Commissioners Lawless inquired if the County Council were responsible for paths and roads in bad state of paths. He was informed that they were responsible only when they took over the estate. Commissioner O'Ceallachain asked about the proposed Ring Road. The Chairman said this could be raised at the next deputation. Commissioner Lawless raised the question of parking problems in the town. The chairman stated that this was now with the Dardie. Commissioner Barlow stated that there were some of the roads unfinished in Hampton Cove and that plastic pipes were sticking up out of the road.

The Chairman said that Commissioner Hamilton and Commissioner Kennedy deserved recognition for their long service to the Commissioners.

Applications for Hall.

Application were received for O'Dwyers G.A.A. Club, 2) The North County Dublin Musc. Societies, 3). The I.C.A., 4). Tara court residents Association. They were all agreed to except the application from the I.C.A. A request from O'Dwyers to extend the hours of discos to 12.00 p.m. was agreed for a trial period.

A letter from the Principal Officer, Personnel Department of Dublin County Council was read and noted.

The meeting then concluded.

Minutes of meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on 17/7/'79.

Commissioners present:- H. Reilly, J. Kennedy, F. Harper, E. O'Ceallachain,  
V. Barlow, A. Hamilton, S. Murphy, S. Lawless, J. Larkin.

Mr. P. Gibbons attended for Town Clerk.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Manager and Town Clerk.

The Minutes of the June meeting were read and confirmed.

Matters arising out of meeting:-

Beaches:-

A letter from Mr. Eugene Quinn, Parks and Development was read and noted. The Chairman said that he was also talking to Mr. Quinn who promised to look into the possibility of getting the Council to cut the banks on the strand. He said the Council should be given time to carry out the work. Commissioner Kennedy said he did not agree with this. They should not be waiting. The stones on the strand had just been covered and they were now being uncovered again. The Chairman said that he was more perturbed about the grass at this stage than the beach. He agreed, however, with Commissioner Kennedy that the job could have been done better. Commissioner Kennedy said that a member of the Commissioners should be there to tell them exactly what was needed. He complimented Murphy's on doing a good job, he also said that the wooden promenade was in a bad state and that he had complained to the station master. Commissioner Murphy offered his company's assistance in gathering the stones in preparation for taking away by Council lorries. The stones could then be dumped in the Mill pond. Commissioner Lawless said that Commissioner Murphy's offer should be accepted. The Chairman said he was also in touch with the Council about coast erosion. The Council were aware of it and a survey is at present being carried out. Commissioner Kennedy complained that the tower area and the new car park were being used as a speedway for motorbikes. He was making a public appeal to these youths and their parents to stop this. Commissioner Lawless said that the question of whether any bye-law existed in connection with this problem, should be investigated. He also said that an extra bollard be provided as cars were getting by the barrier. The Chairman said that two signs had been ordered by the Council in respect of bikes and motorbikes and they were awaiting delivery.

Tidy Towns:-

The Chairman said that a complaint had been received from the Tidy Towns Committee that one of the signs at the entrance to the town had been taken off the posts. He again complimented them on doing a good job.

Cheap Fuel Scheme:-

Details of the new scheme were outlined by Mr. Gibbons. He also outlined the difficulties that had arisen in relation to the old scheme. The Chairman proposed a motion calling for the extension of the new scheme to rural areas and that the weekly allowance be increased to £3.00. Following discussion it was agreed to send the motion to the Minister for Health and Social Welfare and to circulate all local authorities with the motion. The Chairman stated that he would raise the matter at a County Council meeting to get their backing. Commissioner Lawless said that the position of two separate families living in one house should be queried with the Department of Social Welfare. The Chairman said that the new scheme was remaining a burden for the Commissioners in relation to delivery, although the delivery in the previous season had gone well. He also agreed with the Minister in that the vouchers were exchangeable for fuel only. Commissioner Kennedy proposed changing the scheme and this was seconded by Commissioner O'Ceallachain. The proposal was passed unanimously.

Town Hall:-

The position in relation to the loan application was explained by Mr. Gibbons. The Chairman said he was disappointed that it had not been brought up at the last County Council meeting. He said that a loan could possibly be raised by the Commissioners until money was received from the Council. Commissioner O'Ceallachain

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said he had raised a point at the last meeting in regard to spending the money. They should sell the property and build a community hall with room for expansion. The new plans would not give additional facilities so why extend the building, £65,000 should not be spent on giving a new frontage. The Chairman said he had word from a valuer that it would cost between £500,000 and £600,000 to build another hall. The present building should be improved. The towns people should have property in the centre of the town, it would be a step backwards now if we did not spend the money. Commissioner O'Ceallachain's view should, however, be left on the record for future reference. Commissioner Murphy agreed with the Chairman's comments. Commissioner Larkin said he was definitely against the sale of the property in the centre of the town as it belonged to the towns people. Commissioner Kennedy agreed with the Chairman and said such a proposal would only cause friction and trouble in the town. Commissioner Lawless said even if the community hall was built there would still be need for a premises in the town. The money would be well spent. Commissioner Lawless said it was with the youth in mind that they had approached the County Council for land. The Chairman said that all remarks made were valid, all the Commissioners were for the youth of the town. They wanted a town hall they could be proud of. Work should go ahead as planned and they should stand over the position of previous Commissioners. Commissioner O'Ceallachain inquired about the right-of-way and the Chairman informed him that it would be maintained.

Correspondence:-

Correspondence from the Association of Municipal authorities was read and noted. It was agreed that Commissioner Kennedy and Commissioner Lawless should be delegates for the annual conference.

Other business:-

A request from the parents committee of St. Peters and Pauls school for an extension of the time of the disco to 12.00 midnight was put before the meeting. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Murphy that all discos to the end of September should be extended to 12.00 midnight. Commissioner Larkin proposed that the situation be left as at present, as there was no seconder for this proposal Commissioner Kennedy's proposal was carried. Commissioner Kennedy said that the Tommy Caffrey presentation should be ~~read~~ <sup>presented</sup> at the next meeting. The exact amount of money should be available for them. He also asked that the present position regarding the deputations from Hampton Street and High Street be investigated. A number of complaints were raised by the Commissioners and these were noted for investigation.

The meeting concluded at 9.20.

Seán O'Ceallachain

9/9  
Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners  
held on 11/9/'79.

Commissioners Present:- E. O' Ceallachain, J. Kennedy, F. Harper,  
V. Barlow, S. Lawless and J. Larkin.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioner Reilly and Murphy.

The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

An apology for non-attendance was received from the Manager.

The Minutes of the July Meeting were read and confirmed.

Matters arising out of the Minutes:

The Beaches:

Commissioner Kennedy stated that the strand was deteriorating all the time. Commissioner Harper stated that the condition of the strand was due to the removal of sand from the beach. Following discussion it was agreed to request the County Council to send down an Engineer to discuss the condition of the beaches with a deputation from the Commissioners. It was further agreed to request C.I.E. to also send an Engineer down to discuss the condition of the promenade, the sea banks and other C.I.E. property. In relation to the use of the Tower area by motor-cyclists, Commissioner Kennedy said that since their appeal the problem had been drastically reduced. He also condemned a recent spate of vandalism in the town in the course of which damage was done to the Convent, the station and the strand.

Tidy Towns:

A report on the Town's involvement in this years Tidy Towns Competition was read and discussed. Disappointment was expressed by the Commissioners over the fact that the points total was lower this year. The Chairman said that the majority of the work could be done by the Towns people themselves. It was agreed to write to the Tidy Towns Committee and to those people whose premises were mentioned in the report.

Cheap Fuel Scheme:

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had been told by the Department of Social Welfare that only one voucher could be issued per household and that only one voucher could be collected in arrears. It was agreed to hold a Meeting of the fuel scheme Committee on 2/10/'79 at 8.00 p.m.

Deputation to County Council:

The Agenda for the deputation to the County Council on 20/9/'79 was agreed and it was also agreed to request that the time of the deputation be 4.30 p.m. It was agreed that the Housing Scheme at Hampton be included on the next deputation to the Council at the end of the year.

Transfer of Property:

It was agreed provided the Commissioners did not have to face a bill for compensation, that the transfer would not be conditional on agreement being reached with the tenant of Number 65, Hampton Street.

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Other Business:

Harbour:

Commissioner Kennedy said that repair work on the Harbour was very slow and that at present no work was being done at all. They had been promised lights and a water supply but nothing had been done.

A letter from Dublin Port & Docks Board was read to the meeting. Commissioner Lawless said that the Minister had promised to repair the rest of the harbour once the wall had been finished.

Parking in Town:

Commissioner Larkin said that after a report in the local paper the traders had approached him in connection with the proposed double yellow lines for certain streets in the Town. A letter from the traders objecting to the proposals was read out at the meeting.

Following discussion it was agreed to write to the Garda Authorities asking them to delay implementation of the proposals until they had met with the traders and the Commissioners.

A number of complaints were made in connection with lights not working in various parts of the Town and also in connection with the postal deliveries. It was agreed to contact the appropriate authorities with a view to rectifying the situation. It was agreed to contact the County Council about the possibility of (i) planting shrubs and trees between the New Estate at Hampton and St. Theresa's School, (ii) the provision of a roundabout at the junction of Derham and Craoibhin Park to slow traffic down and (iii) the provision of a concealed entrance sign at the school. It was also agreed to ascertain when the new pedestrian lights would be turned on.

The Chairman requested that a copy of the Minutes be sent to each Commissioner as soon as possible after each meeting. The Town Clerk undertook to do this. The Chairman also said that two items appeared in the local paper after the last Meeting which appeared to him to be contradictory. One was a welcome for His Holiness the Pope and the other was in connection with moving the itinerants. He felt that a serviced site should be provided incorporating toilet and washing facilities for each family unit and a refuse collection. A fee should be charged for use of the site and it should be strictly controlled. It was agreed to write to the Council requesting that a start be made on providing such a site. Commissioner Lawless said that the Register of Electors should be compiled properly this year as there were numerous complaints during the last Elections.

The Commissioners consent to the selling of the ground rent to Numbers 7, 9 and 64, Hampton Street was requested. The consent was given.

The Meeting concluded at 10.10 p.m.

*Hughie Reilly*  
9/10/79

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MINUTES OF SEPCIAL MEETING HELD on 21/8/'79

Commissioners Present: H. Reilly, V. Kennedy, J. Larkin,  
F. Harper, V. Barlow, S. Murphy and S. Lawless.

Apologies were received from Commissioners A. Hamilton and E. O' Ceallach ain.

Planning Competition:

The Chairman said the matter had been discussed with the Planning Officials of Dublin County Council. It would be necessary for the plan to be put before the next North County District Committee of the County Council and that it be stressed that it had the full backing of the Town Commissioners. The competition would be open to as wide a range of people as possible.

It was unanimously agreed to recommend the competition to the County Council.

Financial Matters:-

- (1) Proposed transfer of No's. 57 - 67, Hampton Street to Dublin County Council.

A letter from the Principal Officer, Housing Construction was read asking that the Commissioners transfer the property free of charge. Commissioner Lawless proposed that the property be transferred in return for the £65,000 for the Town Hall. The Chairman agreed with the idea but said we should look for more. Following discussion it was agreed that the property be transferred to the County Council subject to (1) the County Council making an immediate payment of a grant to cover the cost of the extension and renovation of the Town Hall and that they further agree in the event of increased costs, to fully reimburse the Commissioners for such increases and, (2) that the County Council agree to compensate the owner of Number 65 Hampton Street in accordance with current practice in such matters.

Corporate Property:

Following discussion of the Town Clerk's recommendation and the Valuer's report it was proposed by Commissioner Barlow and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy that the yearly rent of Wavin Hall be fixed at £1,040.00. Commissioner Larkin proposed that the rent be fixed at £1,500 as there was no seconder for this proposal, the first proposal was agreed. It was unanimously agreed that the rent for Whites shop be fixed at £1,500 per annum and that the rent for the Labour Exchange be fixed at £1,250 per annum. It was agreed that the Commercial Club be rented for £5.00 a week. Commissioner Kennedy however dissented as he thought it should be £4.00 a week. It was agreed that the band room should not be let again to the I.T.G.W.U but that both the Union and the band should be given priority in its use.

Occasional Lettings:

It was agreed to accept the proposals of the Town Clerk for the increases in letting charges with a six monthly review of the rates.

Salary Revision for Town Clerk:

It was agreed that the Town Clerk's salary be increased to £538 per annum from 1/3/'79 in accordance with National Pay Agreements.

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Other Business:-

Three applications for the Hall were noted and agreed. Two letters from the Garda Siochana were read and noted. It was agreed to thank the Gardai for their co-operation and to ask them to implement the new parking regulations as soon as possible. It was agreed to write to the County Council complimenting them on the work done at Bremore. Letters from C.I.E., E.H.B. and Department of Social Welfare were read and noted.

On Commissioner Kennedy's proposal it was agreed that should His Holiness The Pope be passing through Balbriggan on his way north, that the Commissioners should offer the Parish Council whatever help they could. Commissioner Kennedy stated that itinerants had moved in opposite Wavin and were destroying the work that had been done. He also stated that street lights were being left on all over the County during the day time and that this was contradicting the E.S.B.'S appeals to conserve electricity.

It was agreed to change the time of the Commissioners meetings from 7.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 10.10 p.m.

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Angie Reilly  
9/10/79.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 9/10/79

Commissioners Present:- H. Reilly, J. Larkin, E. O'Cealachain, F. Harper,  
A. Hamilton, V. Barlow, S. Lawless, S. Murphy.

Apologies were received from Commissioner J. Kennedy.

The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

Apologies were received from The Manager

The Minutes of the September Meeting were read and approved.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

ITEM 1 Planning Competition

The Chairman said that a meeting had been arranged with officials of the County Council Planning Department to discuss the Planning Competition for the Town. The meeting had been scheduled for 9.30 p.m. on 18/10/79. It had been suggested that the deputation from the Commissioners should consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Town Clerk and that Mr. Maurice McAuley should also attend. Following discussion it was agreed that Commissioners Larkin and Murphy should also attend. Commissioner O'Ceallachain stated that a Planning Application was in from Western Marine to build on their land. He said that the views of the Commissioners should be put forward at the meeting. It was agreed that the deputation raise the matter with the Planning Officials and report back to the Commissioners.

ITEM 2 Transfer of Property

The Chairman informed the Commissioners that a meeting had been arranged for 10th October, 1979 with Officials of Dublin County Council to discuss the matter. He said it had been suggested to him that part of the Wavin Hall might be <sup>EXCHANGED</sup> enlarged for the grant. Commissioner Lawless stated that the County Council had never come back to the Commissioners on this matter.

ITEM 3 Parking

Commissioner Larkin stated that all the trouble in relation to the parking arose when the Commissioners agreed to ask the Gardai to implement the proposals. The Chairman said that the Commissioners never suggested that double-yellow lines be put right through the town. They had only suggested that the lines be put at the corners. He said a meeting had been arranged with the Gardai and the traders for 26/10/79 at 7.00 p.m. However following discussion it was agreed to change the meeting to a more suitable date. Commissioner Murphy stated that the lines should be on both sides of the road. Commissioner O'Ceallachain agreed stating that at present there was no room for prams on the footpath. At the same time he said it was necessary to provide some place for the cars. Commissioner Lawless said that lines on one side of the road would not harm the traders at all. A plan for car-parking at the Candy Marina was shown to the meeting. The plan had been proposed by Mr. Maurice McAuley. It was agreed to recommend the plan to the County Council provided it was a viable proposition.



ITEM 4 Beaches

On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless it was agreed to contact the County Council in connection with having the beaches seen to for next year.

In relation to the Cheap Fuel Scheme the Chairman said that he disagreed with the system of only one voucher per house.

A report on the deputation to the County Council on 20/9/79 was given to the meeting by the Chairman.

ITEM 5 Fancourt Heights

The Chairman said that a ~~pool~~ing should be provided along the road for safety reasons. Commissioner Lawless said that the residents should insist that part of the open space be made into a playground.

ITEM 6 Housing Maintenance in Town

The Chairman said that the level of housing maintenance in the town was not satisfactory. Commissioner Murphy said that he had received complaints about the fires in a number of houses in Bath Road. They were constantly filling the sitting room and bedroom with smoke. The boundary walls were also in a bad condition and were dangerous. Commissioner Barlow said that the lighting in Pinewood Green had not been turned on.

ITEM 7 Tommy Caffrey Presentation

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that £125.00 had been lodged in the account. Commissioner Lawless said that the matter should be decided on at the next meeting. This was agreed and it was also agreed to invite Mr. Caswell and one other member from the Table Tennis Club to attend the meeting.

ITEM 8 Other Business

The Chairman complimented the Gardai, Knights of Malta, C.I.E. and other organisations for their work during the Papal visit. The other members endorsed the Chairman's remarks.

Commissioner Harper said that there were people shooting seagulls on the strand. It was agreed to write to the Gardai asking that action be taken.

It was agreed to ask the County Council to provide seats at the open spaces at Derham and Craobhin Parks.

In relation to housing Commissioner O'Ceallachain said that by 1984 the housing situation in the town would be inadequate. It was agreed to have the number of people on the list available for the next meeting. It was agreed to contact the County Council with a view to ensuring that a certain housing applicant living in a caravan would be considered for re-housing.

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A number of complaints were made in connection with vandalism in the town. Commissioner Murphy stated that a large number of trees at the Power Field car park were destroyed or removed.

Commissioner Murphy inquired about the regulations governing insurance requirements for hirers of the Town Hall. The position was explained by the Town Clerk.

Commissioner Larkin said that flagpoles had been sent by the County Council for the Papal visit. These had been put up on the Thursday and Friday. On Saturday evening three of the flags had been taken. He said that the flag poles should be properly fixed on the courthouse or smaller poles should be placed on the building itself. Flagpoles should also be placed on the Library, he said. It was agreed to make an approach to the County Council in this regard.

The meeting concluded at 10.50 p.m.

Hughie Reilly.

13/11/79

Commissioners Present: H. Reilly, J. Kennedy, F. Harper, E. O. Ceallachain,  
V. Barlow, A. Hamilton, S. Lawless, J. Larkin.

The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

Planning Application in Quay Street.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that outline planning permission had been granted to Western Marine subject to three conditions. Commissioner Larkin said he would object if the proposed parking regulations went ahead. Car parking space would then be needed. Commissioner Lawless said that the County Council had been requested to provide a car park there when they originally owned the land. Following discussion it was agreed to defer further consideration until the plans for the shopping centre carpark had been made available and until full planning permission had been applied for by Western Marine.

Financing of Town Hall Improvements.

The Chairman gave a report on the County Council's attitude towards the provision of a grant for the Town Hall. They were interested in acquiring all or part of the Wavin Hall in exchange for the money. The Chairman said that valuations were to be obtained in respect of both Wavin Hall and the houses in Hampton Street. A meeting was to be arranged between the Commissioners, the North County District Committee of the County Council and the librarian. The meeting would be held in Balbriggan. It was agreed to defer further consideration of the matter until after the meeting. It was agreed to suggest Wednesday 14/11/79, at 7.00 p.m. as a possible date and time for the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9.15 p.m.

Hughie Reilly

13/11/79

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Minutes of Deputation with Representatives of An Garda Siochana and the  
Balbriggan Traders Association.

Commissioners Present: H. Reilly, J. Larkin, E. O' Ceallachain, F. Harper,  
V. Barlow, S. Lawless.

The Gardai were represented by Superintendent Moore and Inspector Faughnan.

A representative group from the Traders Association was also in attendance.

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The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the Superintendent to outline the position of the Gardai. The Superintendent said that Balbriggan was the only town between Dublin and Belfast which had no parking regulations. What the Gardai were proposing was he felt the minimum requirements necessary to ensure the free flow of traffic through the town. Inspector Faughnan said that over the years he had become familiar with the town of Balbriggan. He had with the assistance of the Road Safety Department of Dublin County Council, carried out a survey of the traffic conditions in the town. They endeavoured to take all points of view into consideration in drawing up the restrictions but he said the plan he had proposed was the absolute minimum required to alleviate traffic congestion in the town. Spokesman for the traders then put the following points in regard to the proposed regulations.

1. The regulations would only serve to allow traffic, particularly the heavy trucks, to speed through the town.
2. The solution, as proposed by the Gardai, would only cause danger to the people of the town.
3. Alternative parking should be provided prior to the restrictions being imposed.
4. The people of the town, the Gardai and the Town Commissioners should push for the by-pass to be built or alternatively for the old coach road to be widened in order to take the heavy traffic past the town.

All present at the meeting agreed to the last point raised and the Town Commissioners agreed to put pressure on the County Council to get some action taken.

Inspector Faughnan said that he hoped to have the proposed parking regulations in operation by the Summer 1980. The traders were informed by him that they had not convinced him to change his recommendations but that they could lodge their objections with the Road Study Group.

The meeting then concluded.

Hughie Reilly  
11/12/79

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on  
Tuesday 13th November, 1979.

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Commissioners Present: H. Reilly, J. Kennedy, E. O' Ceallachain, F. Harper,  
S. Lawless, J. Larkin, V. Barlow.

Apologies were received from Commissioner Hamilton.

The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

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1. The Minutes of the October meeting were read and confirmed.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes.

A letter was read from the County Council indicating that a certain housing applicant, living in a caravan would now following an investigation be considered for rehousing. Commissioner O' Ceallachain said that the applicant should be given a house immediately. The Chairman stated he could not be put before people who had already been allocated houses.

Commissioner Barlow asked about the position in regard to Fancourt Heights. The Chairman replied that the County Council would take it over but that it would take time. Once it was in the possession of the Council it would then be maintained.

The Chairman said that an appeal to the Western Marine planning permission had to be lodged on behalf of the Commissioners because the time limit for objecting had expired before the Commissioners meeting. The letter of appeal was read and approved by the Commissioners. Following discussion on the proposed parking restrictions, Commissioner Larkin proposed that the Commissioners write to the Garda Commissioner asking that the double yellow lines be deferred for at least twelve months. Commissioner Reilly seconded the motion. An amendment to the motion was proposed by Commissioner Lawless to the effect that the Commissioners should inform the Garda Commissioner that they were in agreement with the proposed restrictions but that they should be deferred for six months and ask him to put pressure on the County Council to provide a carpark. The amendment was seconded by Commissioner Barlow. On a vote the amendment was carried by five votes to two.

3. Discussion on position relating to St. Peter & Pauls School, Chapel Street.

The letter which was sent from the Town Commissioners requesting five acres for parish purposes at Bells Land was read to the meeting. Commissioner O' Ceallachain stated that the reason for the request was that five acres was the minimum amount of land required by the Department of Education. Further discussion on the matter was deferred as Commissioner Murphy who had asked for the item to be included, was not present.

4. Finalisation of Tommy Caffrey Presentation.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a total of £133.67 had been lodged to the account. A further £15.00 was handed in at the meeting. It was decided to present Mr. Caffrey with Waterford Glass and Commissioner Kennedy agreed to obtain the presentation items. The presentation would be held on 11th December, 1979 after the monthly meeting of the Commissioners and for that purpose the meeting would end at nine o' clock. It was agreed to provide £120 for the presentation and the remainder of the money would go to provide refreshments.

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5. Discussion on allotments for 1980.

Commissioner Lawless stated that the main field provided for 1979 was in very bad condition and had not been fully used. More people would avail of the facility if better land was used for the allotments. Following discussion it was agreed to write to the County Council requesting them to provide an alternative site in the coming year and to request also that the scheme be administered from the Town Hall.

6. Housing at Hampton.

A letter from the County Council indicating the number of applicants on the list for Balbriggan was read and noted. Following discussion it was agreed to contact the County Council with a view to seeking more land for housing and also to request that at least 100 houses be built in the next stage of the scheme at Hampton.

7. Other Business.

The Chairman proposed that the Commissioners investigate the possibility of upgrading Balbriggan to an Urban District Council. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk should investigate the position and report back to the Commissioners.

Commissioners Kennedy said that he had received complaints regarding lighting in various parts of the town and also about the grass in the flats at Chapel Street. In relation to the grass the Chairman informed the meeting that it would be regularly cut from next year.

Commissioner O Ceallachain said that the vandalism to the traffic lights should be reported to the Gardai.

A letter from the Garda Siochana was read and it was agreed to include it as an item on the agenda for the next meeting.

Replies in connection with items raised by the Commissioners were read and noted. It was agreed to contact McKane Builders in connection with a boundary wall at Clonard St.

The meeting was informed by the Chairman that the meeting in connection with Wavin Hall between the County Council and the Commissioners had been deferred for the time being.

It was agreed to hold the meeting of the estimates committee at 5.00 p.m. on 20/11/79

An application from the Balbriggan Badminton Club for a reduction in the letting charges was approved as agreed between the Town Clerk and the Chairman of the Badminton Club. The charges for ordinary practise sessions would be £4.00 per night and for match sessions it would be £6.50 per night.

The following applications for the hall were approved;

1. Application from O' Dwyers G.A.A Club, The Boy Scouts and St. Peter & Pauls School parents committee for every third Friday night each.
2. Two applications from the Balbriggan Community Games.
3. Application from Naul I.C.A. to hold a ceille and old time

The meeting concluded at 10.10 p.m.

*Hugh's Reilly*  
11/12/79

Minutes of Revised estimates meeting held on 5/12/79

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Commissioners Present: H. Reilly, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, E. O' Ceallachain,  
F. Harper.

Officials Present: Town Clerk.

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Following discussion of the revised estimates for 1979 it was proposed by  
Commissioner O' Ceallachain. and recorded by Commissioner Larkin that the  
revised estimates be adopted. The proposal was carried unanimously.

The meeting then concluded.

*Hughie Reilly*  
*8/1/80*

93/ Minutes of special meeting held on 5/12/79 to discuss the agenda for the deputation to Dublin County Council on 20/12/79.

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Commissioners Present: H. Reilly, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, E. O' Ceallachain,  
F. Harper.

Officials Present: Town Clerk.

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Following discussion the following agenda was agreed:

1. Present position on Inner By-Pass.
2. Proposals for parking in town.
3. Proposals, if any, for sewerage treatment plant.
4. Second set of traffic lights in Dublin Street.
5. Hampton Housing Scheme.

The meeting then concluded.

*Auguste Reilly*  
8/1/80



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Minutes of meeting between Balbriggan Town Commissioners and Dublin County Council  
Re: Financial assistance for Town Hall.

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Commissioners Present: H. Reilly, E. O' Ceallachain, J. Larkin, J. Kennedy,  
F. Harper. *O. BARLOW A. HAMILTON.*

Dublin County Councillors Present: B. Reynolds, C. Gallagher, N. Owen, B. Malone, J. Lunne.

Officials Present: P. Gibbons, Town Clerk, F. Larkin, Architect, P. Tinney, S.E.C.  
General Purposes, Miss O' Byrne, Chief Librarian.

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The Chairman welcomed the Councillors and officials from Dublin County Council. He explained the current position of the Wavin Hall and stated that the Commissioners were not in favour of doing away with an amenity to the town. Miss O' Byrne, then explained that she had examined property in the town in relation to building a new library and in relation to extending the present library. The former approach having failed she was now pressing for the latter. In this connection she was looking to extend into Wavin Hall. A vast amount of money was being spent on reconstruction of the present library and it would still only be a book lending service. She explained that modern libraries should have study facilities and should issue slides, tapes and have lecture facilities. A modern library should be a focus for life. If she could not get all of the Wavin Hall part of it would be acceptable but it would not enable her to give a full service. Following discussion it was agreed that the Commissioners would consider the matter and when valuations had been received they would make a proposal to the County Council.

The meeting then concluded.

*Hughie Reilly*  
8/1/80

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Minutes of Monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on 11th December, 1979.

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Commissioners Present: H. Reilly, E. O' Ceallachain, J. Larkin, J. Kennedy,  
F. Harper. *V. BARLOW. R. HAMILTON*

Officials Present: Town Clerk.

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The Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. The agenda was suspended to allow for discussion on the Fuel Scheme and Housing.

Fuel Scheme

Commissioner O' Ceallachain complained that people were getting free fuel who were well off financially. Following discussion it was agreed to defer discussion on this point to the January meeting.

Housing

Commissioner O' Ceallachain stated that families were living in very bad conditions while the Commissioners had bricked up three houses that could be used. He was informed by the Town Clerk that the cost of making these houses fit again would be prohibitive and that if they were used in their present condition the Commissioners would be liable to prosecution by the County Council.

The meeting then concluded.

*Dugie Reilly*  
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*8/1/80*

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Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on 8th January, 1980.

Commissioners Present: H. Reilly, (Chairman), E. O Ceallachain, F. Harper, A. Hamilton  
V. Barlow, S. Lawless, S. Murphy, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin.

The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

1. The minutes of the December meeting were read and confirmed.
2. The minutes of the meeting between Dublin County Council and Balbriggan Town Commissioners were read and confirmed.
3. Matters arising out of the Minutes.  
It was agreed to meet a delegation from Wavin Pipes at 7.30 p.m. on the night of the February meeting to discuss the position of the Wavin Hall.
4. Correspondence.
  - (i) The letter from the Garda Commissioners in relation to proposed bye-laws was read and following discussion it was agreed to write to the Commissioners supporting the proposals. It was also agreed to write to Dublin County Council to ask if adequate parking was to be provided for heavy lorries so that drivers could comply with E.E.C. regulations.
  - (ii) The letter from Dublin County Council in relation to housing in Balbriggan was deferred to the March meeting.
5. Applications for Hire of Hall.
  - (i) It was agreed that O' Dwyers G.A.A. Club, Balbriggan Boy Scouts and St. Peter and Pauls School would run dances in the Town Hall on Friday nights.
  - (ii) An application from Balbriggan Boxing Club for use of the supper room on Tuesdays and Thursdays was approved.
6. Deputation to Dublin County Council on 20/12/79.  
Reports on the various points raised with the County Council were given to the meeting. Commissioner O' Ceallachain stated that the Commissioners had gone into the deputation without properly preparing how they would present their case.
7. Preliminary Report on Urban District Status for Balbriggan.  
The report was presented to the commissioners and it was agreed to defer consideration of the report to the March meeting.
8. Fuel Scheme.  
Discussion on this item was deferred to the February meeting.
9. E.S.B. Lighting in Town.  
Concern was expressed at the continuous breakdowns of street lighting in the town and at the length of time it took to repair the lights. It was agreed to ask an official from the E.S.B. to attend the February meeting to explain the situation. It was also agreed to write to the E.S.B. about the inadequate situation.
10. Other Business.
  - (i) A letter from Balbriggan Cycling Club was read and it was agreed to write to the County Council supporting the clubs application to close certain roads in the town for a cycle race.
  - (ii) At the request of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to contact the appropriate authorities in connection with the following matters:-

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- (a) The demolition of the ladies bathing shelter at the Blackrock.
  - (b) The provision of a rail at the head of the harbour. — *Mr Lambson raised this*
  - (c) Repaving and resurfacing the harbour road on the North side.
  - (d) Repairing of pathway from tunnel at Convent Lane to Stephensons factory.
  - (e) The restoration of the plot of ground at the top of the graveyard.
  - (f) Preservation of the right of way at the ~~Box~~<sup>ow</sup>er
  - (g) Removal of the shelter outside Stephensons Factory. — *Mr Reilly raised this*
- (iii) It was agreed to write to the Minister for Fisheries in connection with the harbour.
- (iv) At the request of Commissioner Harper it was agreed to contact the County Council about the plots.
- (v) At the request of Commissioner Barlow it was agreed to again contact the County Council in connection with the provision of a roundabout at Craoibhin/ Derham Parks.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 p.m.

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*Hughie Reilly*  
*12/2/80*

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Minutes of Special Meeting held on Friday 18th January, 1980 to discuss application  
by Antonio Marelli for a licence under the Gaming and Lotteries Act.

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Commissioners Present: S. Lawless, J. Larkin, V. Barlow, F. Harper.

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The Town ~~Commissioner~~ was also in attendance.

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In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman Commissioner Lawless chaired the meeting.

Following discussion it was agreed to obtain a report from the local Fire Chief and that the Town Clerk should decide whether or not to take any action on the basis of the report.

The meeting concluded at 7.45 p.m.

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Maureen Reilly  
12/2/80

Minutes of the February 1980 Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on  
12th February, 1980.

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Commissioners Present: H. Reilly, (Chairman), J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, F. Harper,  
E. O. Ceallachain, V. Barlow, S. Lawless .

An apology was received from Commissioner Hamilton.

Officials Present: Mr. George Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.  
Mr. Patrick Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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1. (i) The minutes of the January 1980 meeting were read and confirmed.
- (ii) The minutes of the special meeting held on 18th January, 1980 were read and confirmed.

At this point the chairman welcomed Mr. Redmond to his new position as Manager. The Manager thanked the chairman for his remarks. He informed the meeting that he had connections with Balbriggan and promised his full support to the Commissioners in their endeavours to improve Balbriggan.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes.

The chairman informed the meeting that the condition of the ladies bathing shelter has necessitated its removal and that it would be replaced. In reply to Commissioner Barlow on the question of a roundabout at Derham Park /Craoibhin Park the Manager suggested that the matter be raised with the traffic study group and that he would ensure that an early reply was received. In relation to the right of way at the Bower, the chairman said he had asked that it be included for preservation in the Development Plan and that a slipway be provided for prams. Commissioner Lawless said that a through road should be provided to service the area. The residents, he said, would welcome such a road.

In reply to a question on the allotments Commissioner Lawless was informed that a survey had been carried out on the fields and that letters would be going out shortly to last years plot holders.

3. Fuel Scheme

On the proposal of Commissioner O Ceallachain it was agreed that the fuel scheme committee should meet, on the question of entitlement under the scheme, and report back to the next commissioners meeting.

4. Public lighting in Town.

Three E.S.B. officials attended the meeting -

Mr. Hourican from the Skerries office and Mr. Doherty and Mr. Rafter from the Ballymun office. After welcoming them the chairman said that the commissioners wanted to help with the lighting position in the town as the present position was very bad.

Mr. Hourican thanked the commissioners for giving them an opportunity to explain the E.S.B's position in the matter. He then outlined the position in regard to responsibility for the different types of street lighting and explained the difficulties in relation to getting orders to carry out the work. The Manager stated that the problem seemed to be caused by the fact that the County Council had no public lighting department. He suggested that it might be possible to amend the E.S.B.'s contract with the County Council so that the E.S.B. could do the job themselves without waiting for an order. The chairman and the E.S.B. officials agreed that the Managers idea was in fact the solution to the problem. The Manager agreed to investigate the possibility and reply as soon as possible. Details of lights which were out were then given to the E.S.B. officials.

## 5. Reports.

(i) Report on Town Hall.

Following discussion it was agreed to defer final consideration of the matter to the March meeting and to request that a further report from the quantity surveyor be available at that meeting.

(ii) Report on Tidy Towns.

Following discussion it was agreed to raise the matter again at the March meeting. In the meantime it was agreed to hold a public meeting on Tuesday, 4th March to arrange details of the competition for 1980.

6. Appointment of Architect for Town Hall Project.

Following discussion it was agreed to appoint Mr. Francis Larkin as Architect for the Town Hall project.

7. Appointment of Quantity Surveyor for Town Hall project.

Following discussion it was agreed to appoint Messrs. M.J. Turley and associates as quantity surveyors for the Town Hall project.

8. Correspondence.

- (i) Letters from the Department of Fisheries and Forestries and Dublin Port and Docks Board in relation to the harbour were read and noted.
- (ii) A letter from Kinsale Urban District Council was read and noted.
- (iii) A letter from Fermoy Urban District Council was read and noted.
- (iv) A letter from Balbriggan Lions Club requesting a meeting with the Commissioners was read. It was agreed to meet with them on Monday 18th February at 7.00 p.m.

9. Applications for hire of hall.

- (i) An application from the Commercial Club to hold a juvenile dance on 15/2/80 was approved.
- (ii) An application from Hyde Park Football Club to hold a juvenile dance on 16/3/80 was approved.

10. Other Business.

The following matters were raised.

- (i) The provision of a boundary wall between Clonard Court and Clonard Street. The Chairman informed the meeting that the contractor had agreed to provide the wall.
- (ii) Complaints had been received in connection with the flow of water into the railway tunnel. It was agreed to contact C.I.E. in this regard.
- (iii) Commissioner Kennedy asked that additional lights be provided on the harbour and at the Church and that the hedge adjoining the town field carpark be looked after.
- (iv) Commissioner Harper asked that a safety fence be provided alongside the river in Quay Street. He also asked that the contractor at Bremore Court be asked to remove the rubbish in front of the houses and that the Commissioners house at No. 63 Hampton Street be repaired.
- (v) It was agreed that the salary of Town Clerk and Rent Collector be increased in accordance with the National Wage Agreements.

At this point Commissioner Larkin left the meeting as he was personally involved with the next item.

- (vi) Following discussion permission was given for the sale of No. 60 Hampton Street, to Patrick McKenna, 26 Craoibhin Park, and Catherine Campbell, 34 Curran Park.

The meeting concluded at 10.45 p.m.

H. Reilly  
10/3/80

Deputation from Balbriggan Lions Club received by Balbriggan Town Commissioners on 18th February, 1980.

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Commissioners Present: H. Reilly (Chairman) J. Larkin, E. O' Ceallachain,  
A. Hamilton, F. Harper, S. Lawless, V. Barlow.

Officials Present: P. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

Lions Clubs Hugh Cumisky, Cyril Graham, Gerry Gallen, David Price.  
Deputation:

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The Chairman welcomed the deputation from the Lions Club.

Mr. Hugh Cumisky thanked the chairman for his welcome and gave an outline of the work of the Lions Club in Balbriggan. In two years they had distributed around £10,000. Although they were new to the area they now wanted to do something on a large scale while not affecting their present work. Having discussed the situation the Lions Club felt that one area was not catered for as well as it should be - this was they youth. The project was more than the club could do on their own so they contacted all the groups and clubs in the town. They had come to the Commissioners initially as they were the elected representatives in the town in order to get their views. They were looking for the approval of the Commissioners because the Lions Club felt that if this was not forthcoming that their would not be much point in going ahead with the project.

The Chairman said that the Commissioners appreciated the Lions Club coming to them in the first instance. Speaking for himself and the other Commissioners he said that the Commissioners would give their support to the project. Mr. Cumisky said that the work to date had not pinpointed any specific project. Their next step would be to write to all organisations in the town to get their views. They had an allotted time to report back to the general committee of the Lions Club. This had to be done by 30th April.

Mr. David Price stated that the Commissioners probably had a better idea of the needs of the present time. The Chairman said that outdoor facilities would probably be provided by the end of the year. The Commissioners and the other organisations would have to get together to provide indoor facilities.

Commissioner O Ceallachain complimented the Lions Club on their work to date. He said that a festival would be run in the town in the coming year to help fund a youth centre.

Mr. Price stated that any project started would have to be self financing as it could not be to the detriment of the Lions Clubs other activities.

Mr. Cumisky said that they would be organising an essay competition in the schools to get the youths ideas of what was wanted.

The Chairman then said that he would like the Lions Club to come back to them at a later stage so that the Commissioners could see the results of the investigation.

The Deputation then concluded.

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H. Reilly  
11/3/80



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Deputation received by Balbriggan Town Commissioners from Wavin Pipes Ltd., on 12th February, 1980.

Commissioners Present: H. Reilly, <sup>Chairman</sup> F. Harper, J. Larkin, E. O' Ceallachain, V. Barlow, S. Lawless, J. Kennedy.

Apologies were received from Commissioner A. Hamilton.

Officials Present: Mr. G. Redmond, Assistant City & County Manager.  
Mr. P. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

Wavin Deputation: Mr. Michael Eustace, Mr. J. Russell, Miss Mary Fanning.

The Chairman welcomed the deputation and informed the meeting that at a previous deputation from Wavin Pipes that the Commissioners would do nothing concerning the Wavin Hall without consulting the people in the firm. He then explained the position concerning the proposed library extension which, he said, would be a boost for the town. The Commissioners, the chairman said, were under considerable pressure from the County Council to sell the Wavin Hall to them. He wondered if Wavin would consider getting alternative accommodation possibly in their own factory.

Mr. Michael Eustace from Wavin put the case for the firm. He stated that they had leased the hall twenty years previously with an option to renew the lease. They had spent a lot of money on the hall and it would be unfair to take the hall from them. I was known, he said, as the Wavin Hall by everyone. It was used by the workers and their wives and other clubs. There were no facilities and no money in Wavin to provide recreational facilities.

Mr. J. Russell from Wavin Pipes stated that there were no facilities in the Town and that the Commissioners were trying to do away with one of the big facilities. Various clubs and organisations in the town, he said, used the facilities of the Wavin Hall. For this they were charged a fee.

The Chairman explained that provision was being made in the town for a large sporting complex.

Commissioner Larkin stated that the hall was originally leased to Tailteann Theatre Ltd. and not to Wavin. Wavin took over the lease to provide a store for their materials.

The Chairman said that he had decided not to vacate the chair as this would be shirking his duty to the people of the town. He asked if Wavin would be prepared to accept half the hall.

Mr. Eustace said that this would be doing away with the sporting facilities of the club and that the people of Wavin Pipes felt strongly about the matter.

The Chairman said that tremendous work was being done by Wavin and that it was much appreciated. He informed the deputation that the Commissioners were building an extension and that they would be very sympathetic to Wavin regarding giving them facilities.

The Manager explained that the idea had been sold to an Comhairle Leabharlanna in order to get the money for the library. The plans for the proposed extension to the library, could be brought down and put on show. He did not want to intervene in the affair but he felt the proposed library would be of great benefit to the town.

Mr. Eustace then repeated that they had an option on the lease and that they had taken legal advice in the matter. He was then informed by the Town Clerk that the Commissioners had also taken legal advice and that Wavin had no option to renew the lease.

The Deputation then concluded.

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H. Reilly  
11/3/80

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Minutes of March Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on 11th March, 1980.

Commissioners Present: H. Reilly, (Chairman), J. Larkin, E. O Ceallachain,  
S. Lawless, F. Harper, V. Barlow, J. Kennedy.

Officials Present: P. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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1. Minutes

- (a) The Minutes of the February, 1980 meeting were read and approved.
- (b) The minutes of the deputation with the Lions Club were read and approved.
- (c) The minutes of the deputation with Wavin Pipes were read and approved.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes.

(a) The allotments;

Commissioner Lawless asked for the present position regarding the allotments. The Town Clerk informed him that a report had been received by the County Council on the condition of the sale and that this report was presently being considered. Commissioner Lawless said that the plots should be let in December. It was too late in March or April.

(b) Round-a-bout at Craoibhin Park/Derham Park.

Commissioner Barlow was informed that the proposal to provide a round-a-bout at Craoibhin Park/Derham Park had been referred to the Traffic Study Group and a reply was awaited.

(c) Public Lighting.

Commissioner Barlow stated that no street lighting had been provided at the top end of the new County Council estate at Hampton. The Chairman said that he would raise the matter with the County Council.

Commissioner Larkin stated that a new replacement lamp standard at Bath Road had again been hit by a lorry and would need replacing. It should be replaced further in on the footpath. The general situation in regard to street lighting in the town was no better.

3. Consideration of transfer of Commissioners property to Dublin County Council.

Following discussion a vote was taken on the proposal to transfer the Wavin Hall and the cottages at 57-67 Hampton Street to Dublin County Council in exchange for a purchase price of £52,000 plus a grant of whatever extra amount was needed to complete the extension and renovation of the Town Hall.

Commissioners Barlow, Lawless, Larkin, Kennedy and Reilly voted in favour of the proposal. Commissioner O Ceallachain and Harper opposed the proposal. The proposal was accordingly passed. A further proposal that the County Council be asked to give some time to Wavin Social Club to find alternative accommodation was also agreed.

4. Urban District status proposal for Balbriggan.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk should submit a more detailed report to the Commissioners as soon as possible.

5. Lands to be recommended to Dublin County Council for Housing.

Three areas were mentioned to be recommended to Dublin County Council for acquiring for housing. In addition it was agreed to ask the County Council for a map showing the zoning for housing in the Balbriggan area.

6. Fuel Scheme: Motion from Fuel Scheme Committee.

Following discussion it was agreed to defer the matter back to the Committee for further consideration. It was agreed that the committee should meet prior to the next monthly meeting.

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7. Agenda for Deputation to Dublin County Council on 20/3/80.

Following discussion the following agenda was agreed.

- (a) The Cleaning and maintenance of beaches.
- (b) The provision of a round-a-bout at Craoibhin Park/Derham Park.
- (c) Proposals for Mill Pond area (including site at Head).
- (d) Itinerants: (i) Removal of travellers opposite Wavin Pipes.  
(ii) Position on provision of itinerant site in Balbriggan.
- (e) Lack of maintenance of roads and pathways in town.

8. Revision of Salaries of Town Clerk and Rent Collector.

It was agreed that the salaries of the Town Clerk and Rent Collector be increased in accordance with phase 2 of the current national wage agreement.

9. Possible uses for vacant site at Derham Park.

Following discussion it was agreed to defer consideration of this item to the April meeting to enable the Commissioners to visit the site.

10. Appointment of delegate.

It was agreed that Commissioner Kennedy should be the delegate to the Annual General Meeting of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

11. Applications for Hire of Hall.

An application to run an adult dance on 28/3/80 was approved.

12. Correspondence.

- (i) A letter from Castlebar U.D.C. re The Kenny Report was read and noted.
- (ii) A letter from Castlebar U.D.C. re House Improvement Grants was read and it was agreed to write to the Minister supporting the Motion.
- (iii) A letter from Mr. R.P. Burke T.D. Minister for State re: Special Bus Service was read and noted.
- (iv) A letter from Deputy John Boland re: Sewage outfall was read and noted.
- (v) A letter from the Association of Municipal Authorities re: Structure of Local Government was read and it was agreed to raise this again at the April meeting.

13. Other Business.

- (i) Commissioner Larkin stated that a person who had been given the key of a flat at Hampton last year had never moved in and that someone else was at present living there.
- (ii) Commissioner Lawless stated that the tenants of the flats in Chapel Street were being terrorized by one of the tenants.
- (iii) Commissioner Larkin suggested that signs be erected in the Main Street to indicate the direction of the new housing estates.
- (iv) Commissioner O Ceallachain asked if ramps were to be provided in the new extension. The Town Clerk informed him that they would be provided.
- (v) Commissioner Barlow stated that a Secondary School would be need in Balbriggan before the end of the year. It was agreed to write to the Minister for Education in this regard.
- (vi) Commissioner Reilly stated that complaints had been received from County Council tenants in regard to the questionnaire on incomes for the annual rent review.

The Meeting concluded at 11.00 p.m.

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Hughie Reilly  
8/4/80

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on 8.4.80.

Commissioners Present.

H, Reilly, E. O'Ceallachain, A. Hamilton, S. Lawless, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, F. Harper.

An apology was received from commissioner Barlow.

Officials Present P. Gibbons Town Clerk.

1. The Minutes of the March Meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Matters arising out of the Minutes.
  - (a) Commissioner Lawless raised the matter of the allotments and was informed that they were being allocated as usual. He again stressed that the allotments were not given out in time.
  - (b) The Chairman informed the meeting that the E.S.B were waiting for an order to turn on the lights at Hampton.
3. Report on Deputation to Dublin County Council on 20.3.80

A report on the Deputation was given to the meeting by the members who attended the deputation.
4. Fuel Scheme.

Following discussion of a motion from the Fuel Scheme Committee it was decided to refer the matter back to the committee for further consideration.
5. Vacant Site at Derham Park.

Following consideration of the matter it was decided to recommend that the site be used for either two flats or a handball alley, in addition it was agreed to ask the County Council if they had any plans for the vacant site at the rear of Craoibhin Park.

Commissioner Harper asked if there was any to be a site for a school at Bells land. The Chairman explained the current position and said that the Parish Priest had been invited to meet with officials from the County Council.

Commissioner Lawless said that the ground behind the Church should be used for sporting facilities. The Chairman said that the Commissioners should ask for that land to be rezoned for amenity purposes. It was agreed to contact the County Council in this regard.

6. Correspondence
  - (a) A letter from the Parks & Environment Department regarding the ladies bathing shelter at Blackrock was read. It was agreed to again write to the County Council and inform them that the bathing shelter should be replaced as soon as possible.
  - (b) A letter from the Roads Department regarding plot of ground at top of Balbriggan Cemetery was read and noted.
  - (c) A letter from An Garda Siochana regarding the implementation of Traffic bye - laws was read and noted.
  - (d) A letter from youth club regarding site for youth centre was read and it was agreed to defer the matter to the County Council.
7. Other Business
  - (a) The chairman raised the matter of the provision of a Secondary School in the

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town. Following discussion it was agreed to contact school and Church authorities in the town and invite them to a meeting on 7th May 1980 to discuss the matter.

- (b) Commissioner O'Ceallachain stated that a family in Croom House had been allocated A County Council house and the County Council were withholding the key. Following the discussion it was agreed to send a telegram to the County Council appealing the decision to withhold the key and to request them to hand over the key without delay.
- (c) A report was given on the visit to the libraries by members of the Commissioners. All the Commissioners who attended were very impressed by the facilities which were provided.
- (d) Commissioner Hamilton inquired whether rails were to be erected at the head of the harbour. It was agreed to contact the County Council in this regard.
- (e) At the request of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to contact the Dublin Port and Docks about two new holes which had appeared in the sea wall.

The meeting then concluded.

Hughie Reilly Chairman  
13/5/80

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Minutes of Meeting with School representatives held on Wednesday 7th May, 1980.

Commissioners Present.

V. Barlow, A. Hamilton, F. Harper, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, S. Lawless and H. Reilly.

Officials Present.

P. Gibbons Town Clerk.

School Representatives Present.

Fr., O'Beirne, Parish Priest, Rev C. Mills Rector, Sr Eileen, Sr, Josephine, Sr., Sebastian Loreto Convent. Mr P. Conway, Mr G. Jeffers Vocational School Mr Mac Iolghoirm, Miss Huston, Mrs Durkin, Mrs O'connor. Principals of local National Schools.

The chairman welcomed the school representatives and said that the Commissioners felt that there was an urgent need for a Secondary School in the Parish to enable boys to pursue an academic career. He said that a site aside by the Planning Authorities for this purpose. Fr O'Beirne agreed that there was a definite need for such a School as the closing of both Skerries and Swords Secondary to Balbriggan pupils had created a major problem.

Sr Eileen informed the meeting that both the Loreto Convent and the Vocational school had plans at an advanced stage to extend the schools to cater for approximately 1,200 pupils. She then gave an outline of the five possible types of second level school which could be established 1) traditional secondary school 2) Vocational school 3) Comprehensive school 4) Community school 5) Community Collage.

On a national level 42 or 43 extra second level schools had been mentioned, including one extra for Balbriggan. The official time scale for this school however was eight to ten years.

Mr P. Conway and M Jeffers stressed that there was no need for a second boys school in the town as the new school when completed would have an eventual capacity of 800 pupils. They could not see the Department of Education spending more money at this stage. Properly utilised the new Community Collage as the Vocational School would then be termed, would be capable of meeting the need for academic education to the highest level. They stressed however, that people would have to accept this fact and sent their children to the Collage instead of sending them out of the town. In addition Mr Jeffers indicated that he was of the opinion that a third level collage and an A.N.C.O. training collage could justifiably be located in the town.

Following discussion it was decided that a meeting of the parents of the parish should take place to outline the present position to them and to ascertain their views on the future education of their children.

The meeting then concluded.

Hughie Reilly  
15/6/80  
Chairman

9/5/80  
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on 13th May 1980.

Commissioners Present.

E. O Ceallachain, F. Harper, V. Barlow, S. Lawless, H. Reilly and J. Larkin.

An apology was received from Commissioner J. Kennedy.

Officials present.

P. Gibbons Town Clerk.

An Apology was received from Mr G. Redmond Assistant C&C Manager.

1. The Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes.

- (a). Commissioner Lawless asked how many of the allotments were taken. He was informed that about 20 people had accepted them. He again stressed that they were given out too late.
- (b). Commissioner Harper asked about the present position relating to Croom House  
A letter from the County Council in response to the Commissioners telegram was read to the meeting. The chairman gave details of similar cases in the past which the Commissioners had objected to.  
Commissioner Lawless said that as a closing order had been put on the house that the two remaining families should be rehoused immediately. It was agreed to write to the County Council requesting this. Commissioner O'Ceallachain stated that the County Council should not be using a family in their fight against the landlord.
- (c). A report on County Council proposals for newly - weds houses was read to the meeting.
- (d). Commissioner Lawless asked if any word had been received in connection with the Commissioners proposals to have the land at the rear of the Church rezoned as amenity land. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that no word had been received back.
- (e). The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the County Council had undertaken to re-examine the position in relation to the ladies bathing shelter at the Blackrock.
- (f). The chairman said that the Youth Club should be invited to a meeting in connection with their application for a site and the Combined Clubs should write to the Minister in order to try to get some recreational grants for the town. Commissioner Lawless said that vandalism was on the increase in the town and in order to fight this people should take part in sporting activities. The work of the clubs in the town was not appreciated.  
The Chairman said that the Commissioners should give a hand in this matter and call a meeting of all the clubs in the town. It was agreed to call a meeting at the end of June and to fix the date at the June Meeting.

3. Fuel Scheme.

It was agreed to defer the report from Fuel Scheme Committee to the June Meeting.

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4. Town Hall.

The chairman stated that he had asked for this item to be included on the agenda as he felt that the work had been going on too long. The Town Clerk stated that although the work had been going on for a considerable length of time it had to be borne in mind that the A.N.C.O. trainees were carrying out the work and this accounted for the time delay.

- 5. (i) A letter from Dublin County Council re: safety rail at the top of the harbour was read and noted.
- (ii) A letter from Dublin Port & Docks Board re: the condition of the harbour was read. It was agreed to write to both the and the Minister that money be made available for remedial work on the harbour.
- (iii) A letter from Dublin County Council re: proposed carpark at the Cardy Marina was read and it was agreed to write back to the County Council asking that some encouragement be given to this project.
- (iv) A letter From Dublin Councy Council re: warning signs for traffic lights was read. It was agreed to investigate the matter futher.
- (v) A letter from Fr Alex Conlon inviting the Commissioners to a talk on drugs was read and it was agreed to reply saying that the commissioners would help out in any way they could.
- (vi) A letter from M R Carroll of Drogheda Street, was read. The chairman informed the meeting that a fence was to be provided at the end of his garden.

6. Applications forTown Hall.

- (i). An Application from Tir na nOg Marching Band for hire of the Town Hall on Tuesdays nights was approved.
- (ii). An application from Tir na nOg Marching Band for hire of the Town Hall on 29.6.80 was approved.
- (iii) Applications from the Balbriggan Breakaway Festival Committee for hire of the hall on six nights in June were approved.
- (vi) An application from the Balbriggan Horticultural Society for hire of the hall on 29th and 30th August was approved.

7. Other Business.

- (i) Commissioner Harper asked if the Commissioners meeting could be put back to 7.30pm. It was agreed to defer a decission on the matter to the June Meeting.
- (ii) On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless seconded by Commissioner Harper it was agreed to sell the fee simple of 60 Hampton Street to Mr George Knight in accordance with the promissions of the Landlord and Tenant (General Rents) acts.
- (iii) The chairman stated that the meeting on the Secondary School was very enlightening and that the people of the town were in favour of all the efforts being made. Following discussion it was agreed that a meeting of the parents of the Parish be called and that a letter be sent to the Board of Management of St Teresa's School asking that the hall be made available for the meeting.
- (iv) Commissioner Larkin stated that as this was the 60th anniversary of the Sacking of Balbriggan that something should be organised this year. It was agreed to raise thismatter at the June Meeting.
- (v) Commissioner Harper asked if pedestrain lights could be erected at Bath Road



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The chairman explained that 2 extra sets of lights had been approved for the town one at Bath Road and the other near the cinema.

- (vi). Commissioner Lawless said that Smith & Co had premises attached to the railway station which could be used as presises for one or more clubs in the town. Action should be taken now for when it comes on the market. The chairman promised to investigate the matter and report to the next Meeting.

The Meeting then concluded at 10.05P.M.

Hughie Reilly  
Chairman  
10/6/80

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday 10.6.80

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Commissioners Present:

H. Reilly, E. O'Ceallachain, V. Barlow, F. Harper and S. Lawless, *J. Larkin*

Apologies recieved from Commissioner J. Kennedy.

Officials Present. Mr P. Gibbons Town Clerk.

Item 1

The minutes of the May meeting were read and confirmed.

Item 2

Matters arising out of the minutes.

(A) Allotments.

Commissioner Lawless stated that the Commissioners should approach the County Council to allocate the allotments in December this year. The Chairman agreed stating that the Commissioners had been endeavouring to achieve this for the past two years.

(B) Croom House.

Commissioner Lawless asked if the County Council had been contacted concerning the people living in Croom House at present. The Town Clerk replied that he had been in touch with the Council in this matter but no word had been received back as yet.

(C) Smith and Co. Premises

The chairman stated that the portion of the premises which would be suitable for use by clubs had been leased by Smith & Co. Due to the forthcoming auction it could not be given over to any of the clubs concerned.

Item 3

Fuel Scheme

Following discussion the report from the Fuel Scheme Committee was adopted by the Commissioners and it was agreed to write to the Minister for Social Welfare accordingly.

Item 4

Discussion on Commemoration of sacing of Balbriggan.

It was agreed to defer this item to a special meeting of the Commissioners to be held on Tuesday 17th June 1980 at 7.30 P.M.

Item 5

Fixing of Date for meeting of clubs.

It was agreed to hold the meeting on Tuesday 1st July 1980. Due to the unavailability of the Town Hall on that date it was agreed to contact the school authorities in St Teresa's so that the meeting could be held in the school hall. It was agreed that the meeting should commence at 8.30P.M.

Item 6

Discussion on times for meeting.

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Item 6

Discussion on times for meetings

Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and Seconded by Commissioner Larkin that the time of the meeting would remain unchanged at 8.00 P.M. It was further proposed by Commissioner Harper and Seconded by Commissioner O'Ceallachain that the time of the meeting would be changed to 7.30 P.M. The proposal to change the time of the meeting to 7.30 P.M. was carried by three votes to two.

Item 7

Application for Hire of Hall.

An Application was received from Scoil Rince Cualann for Hire of the Town Hall on Saturday evening from 4.00 P.M. - 7.00 P.M. for the purpose of holding Dancing Classes. The application was agreed subject to the usual conditions and it was further agreed that the charge for the three laws be fixed at four pounds.

Item 8

Correspondence.

(a) A Letter from Dublin County Council concerning a plot of land between Craoibhin Park and St Teresa's School Hampton was read and noted.

(b) A letter from Dublin County Council Planning Department concerning the a site at the rear of 85 - 88 Derham Park was read and noted.

(c) A Letter from Dublin County Council Planning Department concerning the rezoning of land at the rear of St Peter and Pauls Church was read and it was agreed that when the Draft Development Plan goes on display that the Commissioners would again apply to have the zoning changed to amenity land.

(d) A letter From Deputy John Boland concerning ladies bathing shelter at Blackrock was read and note.

(e) A letter from Dublin Port and Docks Board concerning Balbriggan Harbour was read and it was agreed again to contact the Minister for fisheries in this regard.

(f) A letter from Mr B White concerning a break in at his premises was read out it was agreed that the Town Clerk should investigate the matter further.

(g) A letter from an Garda Siochana regarding bus lanes was read and noted.

(h) A letter from Dublin County Council regarding parking for trucks and heavy vehicles was read and noted.

Item 9

Other business

(a) Commissioner Larkin informed the meeting that the E.S.B had decided to locate an office and showrooms in Balbriggan. This announcement was welcomed by all the Commissioners.

(b) A Dail reply in connection with second level education was read to the meeting and it was agreed to write to the Minister for education setting out the Commissioners views on the matter.

(c) The chairman informed the meeting that the Minister for the Gaeltacht wished all local authorities to use some Irish at their meetings as no official request was received by the Commissioners it was agreed to defer discussion on the matter until such a request arrived

(d) Commissioner Barlow stated that rats were infesting the open space at Fancourt Heights It was agreed to contact the Eastern Health Board in this regard.

(e) The chairman stated that he was against the new differential rent scheme as it gave large rent increases in a lot of cases.

(f) It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and Seconded by Commissioner Barlow and agreed that Mr Ray Bradley be appointed as engineer for the Town Hall project.

(g) It was proposed by Commissioner Harper and Seconded by Commissioner Barlow and agreed that the fee simple of the following premises be sold to the tenants.

- (i) 16 Gibbons Terrace
- (ii) 10 Gibbons Terrace
- (iii) 21 Lawless Terrace
- (iv) 27 Lawless Terrace
- (v) 44 Hampton Street.

It was proposed by Commissioner Harper and Seconded by Commissioner Barlow and agreed that the premises at 46 Hampton Street be transferred to the widow of original purchaser.

(h) Commissioner Harper stated that the timing on traffic lights was too short and represented a danger to those using the crossing. It was agreed to contact the County Council in this regard. He also stated that the attendants at the crossing were not to use their crossing sign and that they were not to go out on the road. Clarification of this matter was to be sought.

(i) Commissioner Larkin raised the matter of slogans which had been written on the walls of various buildings in the Town including the Catholic Church. All the Commissioners agreed that this action was disgraceful.

(j) Commissioner Harper asked if a wall was to be built at the rear of Clonard Street It was agreed to again write to the County Council in this regard.

The meeting then concluded.

*Vincent J. Barlow*  $\frac{8}{7}$   
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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THE 17th JUNE, 1980  
TO DISCUSS THE COMMEMORATION OF THE SACKING BALBRIGGAN

PRESENT: BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS: H. Reilly, E. O'Ceallachain  
J. Kennddy, F. Harper,  
A Hamilton, B. Barlow,  
S. Lawless and J. Larkin.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

Following discussion, the following Agenda for the Commemoration was provisionally agreed:

1. Mass in Irish at 3.00p.m. in St. Peter & Paul's Church.
2. Parade at 4.00 p.m. from the Car Park at St. Peter & Paul's Church, down to the Commemoration plaque at the Bridge, where a wreath would be laid, the parade would then continue on a route yet to be decided, to the Square, where a decade of the Rosary would be said. The National Flag would be lowered and raised by a member of the Lawless family. The Commemoration would then end.

Vincent Barlow 5/7/80

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on 8th July, 1980.

Commissioners Present. H. Reilly, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin, E. O'Ceallachain, F. Harper, V. Barlow and S. Lawless.

Officials Present. G. Redmond, Assistant City & County Manager.  
P. Gibbons Town Clerk.

The outgoing chairman Commissioner Reilly thanked the Commissioners for their work and assistance during the previous year.

Item 1

Election of chairman

Commissioner Barlow was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. As there was no further nominations Commissioner Barlow was elected chairman.

The new chairman thanked the Commissioners for their confidence in him and he would endeavour to do his best for the Town in the coming year.

Item 2

Election of Vice - Chairman.

Commissioner Lawless was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Larkin. As there were no further nominations Commissioner Lawless was deemed to be elected.

Item 3

Election of Estimates Committee

Commissioner Kennedy stated that he would step down from the Committee in favour of Commissioner Reilly. Following discussion the following Committee was agreed. Commissioner Barlow (chairman), Commissioner Reilly, Commissioner Larkin and Commissioner Harper.

Item 4

Election of Fuel Scheme Committee

Following discussion the following Committee was agreed. Commissioner Barlow (chairman), Commissioner Lawless, Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Hamilton and Commissioner O'Ceallachain.

The meeting then concluded.

Vincent Barlow 9/9/80

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MINUTES OF THE JULY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BALBRIGGAN  
TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY, 8th JULY, 1980.

PRESENT: BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS: H. Reilly, J. Kennedy, J. Larkin,  
E. O'Ceallachain, F. Harper,  
V. Barlow, S. Lawless.

Apologies were received from Commissioner Hamilton.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: G. Redmond, Assistant City & County Manager.  
P. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

- (a) Minutes of the June, 1980 Meeting, were read and confirmed.
- (b) The Minutes of the Special Meeting on the Commemoration of the sacking of Balbriggan, were read and confirmed.

ITEM 2: MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

- (a) Commissioner Lawless again raised the matter of the allotments and it was agreed that the County Council should again be contacted, so that an early decision could be made by them, regarding the allocation of allotments for 1981.
- (b) Commissioner Lawless asked if any word had been received from the County Council in regard to the residents in Croom House. He was informed by the Town Clerk that the County Council had informed him, that those residents who were qualified would be considered for rehousing, in accordance with the Council's scheme of letting priorities.
- (c) Beaches and Ladies Bathing Shelter, at Blackrock; Commissioner Kennedy stated, that at the last Commissioners deputation to Dublin County Council, it had been agreed that an Official of the County Council would come down and meet with himself and Commissioner Hamilton, so that the problem of the beaches might be discussed. This meeting had taken place and Commissioner Larkin had accompanied them on the survey. The Commissioners pointed out what needed to be done and the Engineer had promised to clear up the stones, to cut the grass on the lower part of the banks and had told them that the present two shelters would be converted and renovated so that one could be used as a Ladies Bathing Shelter, and the other as a Mens Bathing Shelter. At this stage the Town Clerk read a letter from the Community/Parks/Environment Section dealing with this, and confirming what the Engineer had stated. Commissioner Larkin asked if there was any indication when this work would commence, Commissioner Kennedy stated, that the Engineer had promised that work would begin as soon as possible. The Manager agreed that he would take up the matter with the Department involved.

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Commissioner Harper asked if C.I.E. could be contacted about the top part of the bank and also about the condition of the footpath from the tunnall to Stephen's factory. It was agreed that C.I.E. should be contacted in these regards. The Chairman then asked the Manager if he could find out the position from C.I.E. for the September meeting. The Manager agreed to take the matter up with C.I.E. and report back to the Commissioners.

(d) Commissioner Lawless stated that the timing at the traffic lights still had not been changed and it was not safe for elderly people crossing. It was agreed to again contact the Roads Department in this regard. Commissioner asked that Mr. Ryan of the Road Safety Section be contacted asking why instructions were issued to traffic wardens, not to go on to the roads.

(e) Commemotation Cermony; The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Parish Priest had told him that he could not have a Priest available for the Commemoration Mass, as at least one Priest would be on holidays at that time. Accordingly he had contacted the Chairman Commissioner Reilly, and it had been agreed that he would contact the Father Superior of Gormanstown College, this was done and the Father Superior had agreed to have a Priest available to say Mass in Irish in St. Peter and Paul's Church at 3.00 p.m. on the Sunday in question. It was then agreed that a Special Meeting should be held on the matter, on Tuesday 2nd September, 1980, to decide on final matters for the Commemoration. In the meantime the Town Clerk was to contact Mr. Nugent, who is Secretary of Fingal Old I,R.A. Brigade, for his recommendations.

ITEM 3:

BELLS AMENITY LAND.

Commissioner Reilly, stated that, negotiations were still going on in the matter and he asked if the Manager could bring the Commissioners up to date on the present position. The Manager stated, that the County Council were concerned about the lack of Amenity Land in the Balbriggan area, and they were doing everything in their power to obtain this particular site. He then showed the Commissioners a map of the proposed lay-out of the Amenity Land and stated that the Parks Superintendent intended the Amenity area to have a certain amount of road frontage. But the Parish Priest had indicated that this was the site which he would require for a new Primary School in the area. It was hoped that once the land came into the Council's possession, that an amicable solution could be arrived at, with the Parish Priest. The figure for purchasing the land was approximately in the region of £8,000, however through their own valuer, the Bells had indicated that they wanted a price in the of £16,000 an acre, which eventually came down to £14,000. These types of figures were too high for the land in question, and the valuer had instructions, however, to continue the negotiations and at the present stage there was not too much separating the two sides. In addition to this the Manager stated, the County Council had no money to purchase the land and they would have to see what arrangements could be made to acquire the necessary money.

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The cost of acquiring the land and building a wall, which was required by the landowners, would be in the region of £125,000. The Manager then asked the Commissioners were there any alternative sites in the town, which could be acquired for amenity purposes. The Chairman stated that, at a recent meeting of clubs in Balbriggan, the feeling was that, this was the most suitable site and the meeting had also asked that the County Council be contacted in order to finalise the matter with them in six weeks or else place a Compulsory Purchase Order on the land. The Manager stated that he had instructed the Valuer to finalise the matter within on month. Commissioner Kennedy thanked the Manager for setting out the full position for them and he hoped that matters could be finalised soon.

ITEM 4:     TOWN HALL.

Commissioner O'Ceallachain stated that he was involved with a recent festival in the town which had hired out the Town Hall for a number of dances. He stated that in his opinion, that after the first night, the Hall was not fit to be let out. He then gave a list of complaints and the Town Clerk replied on the position and most of the points raised and agreed that he would investigate the other matters, but did not however, agree with Commissioner O'Ceallachain's assessment of the situation and in his opinion the Hall was in a reasonable state in which to be hired out. Commissioner Larkin also stated that he had an occasion to be in the Hall on a number of occasions each week and that he felt Commissioner O'Ceallachain had overstated the case. It was agreed by the Commissioners that the Architect should inspect the Hall and state whether or not it was fit for hiring out. Commissioner O' Ceallachain also raised the matter of the insurance which was required for hiring of the Hall, he thought that the amount in question was too high and that the insurance was possibly unnecessary. The Town Clerk replied that the Commissioners Policy was a Public Liability Policy and covered the liability of the Commissioners if anything happened in the Hall, but that the Policy did not cover the liability of the hirers of the Hall. Following discussion, on the suggestion of the Manager, it was agreed to contact the Insurance Company and ask if they could issue an Insurance Policy which also cover the liability of the Clubs, and if they could do so the amount of this Policy could be added on to the charge of the Hall.

ITEM 5:     REPORT ON REQUEST BY MR. B. WHITE FOR PROTECTION FENCE.

A report from the Manager was read to the meeting, this report incorporated a letter from the Commissioners' Solicitor advising that the Commissioners would not be within their powers to expend money on protecting somebody else's property. Commissioner Reilly stated that he was very surprised by this and following discussion it was agreed that the matter should be further considered by the Town Clerk and that he would report back to the Commissioners at the next meeting.

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ITEM 6: CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) A letter from Bath Road Tenants Association concerning the lack of maintenance on the Estate and the replacement of fires was read to the meeting. Commissioner Reilly said that the matter had been brought up at a County Council meeting, and it was agreed that 50% of the fires would be replaced in 1980, and the remaining 50% in 1981. It had now become a matter of urgency. The Chairman said that the fires were definitely a hazard and the County Council should repair the more serious ones first. The Manager agreed to take the matter up immediately with the Principal Officer dealing with Housing Maintenance.
- (b) A letter from Dublin County Council concerning the agreement to Commissioners proposal for a transfer of property was read to the meeting. The Town Clerk informed the Commissioners that he had two meetings with the representatives of Wavin Pipes, and he had to have one further meeting where he hoped that they would agree to voluntarily vacate the Wavin Hall. It was agreed that the Chairman and Commissioner Reilly should accompany the Town Clerk at this next meeting and also that the Chief Librarian should be asked to attend.
- (c) A letter from the Minister for Fisheries and Forestry was read to the meeting, concerning Balbriggan Harbour and it was agreed that the Town Clerk should again contact the Department in order to find out what their proposals on the matter were.
- (d) An acknowledgement from the Department of Education, was read to the meeting in reply to the Commissioners' letter concerning second level education facilities in the Balbriggan area. The Chairman said that the Management Board in the town had met with Officials of the Department of Education and the outcome of the meeting was, that the Balbriggan area would not be getting an academic Secondary School, but that the Vocational School would be upgraded so as to cater adequately for academic studies similar to those carried out in other Secondary Schools. Commissioner Reilly said that he was very disappointed at hearing this and that the matter should have been left open, it was very unsatisfactory, he said that he would be pursuing the matter further and would not be letting it drop, and said that the main problem seemed to be that the Secondary Schools have to be under the jurisdiction of the Religious Order or a private body and that with the drop off in vocations to Religious Orders, that this was just not possible. He said however, that the management Board were not letting it drop and that they would be pursuing the matter from September onwards. Commissioner Reilly said that an action committee should be set up to pursue the matter, under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners.
- (e) A letter from the Association of Municipal Authorities was read asking that motions should be submitted for the Annual Conference before the 15th August. Should any of the Commissioners have any motions which they wished forwarded, that they should contact the Town Clerk.
- (f) A letter from Dublin County Council concerning the provision of a roundabout at the junction of Craoibhin Park and Derham Park was read and noted.

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- (g) A letter from Dublin County Council concerning the provision of an Itinerant Site at Gardener's Hill, Balbriggan was read to the meeting. The provision of this site was welcomed by the Commissioners. Commissioners Lawless stated that some action should be taken in regard to the roadside traders opposite Wavin Pipes, that they were causing a nuisance to the residents of the area and were continually harassing them. Commissioner Kennedy said that he had reported that caravans were continuously moving out and at one stage they had been down to two but that the Roads Department would make no move to block the empty spaces so that no other caravans could move back and the position is now as bad as ever. The Manager stated that due to a recent High Court case that the Council could not move these people. He agreed however, that he would contact the area Engineer to see if anything could be done about blocking of empty spaces.
- (h) A letter from An Garda Suiochana in connection with the proposed parking controls in Balbriggan was read, and it was agreed by the meeting that the Town Clerk would contact the Garda Commissioner asking that the proposals be deferred for a further period of 2 months.
- (i) A letter from Nenagh Urban District Council in connection with the Local Authority National Differential Rent Scheme was read and noted.
- (j) A letter from Cobh Urban District Council concerning Cardinal O'Fiach's efforts in relation to H Block was read and noted.
- (k) A letter from Westport Urban District Council in connection with television fees, was read and noted.
- (l) A letter from the Department of the Environment and An Bord Gaelige, in connection with the use of Irish at Local Authority meetings was read and it was agreed that some part of the Commissioners meetings in the future, would be conducted through the medium of Irish.
- (m) A letter from Mr. Nicholas Rooney in connection with an interview made by the Frontline team (R.T.E.) was read, and it was agreed to contact Mr. Rooney in connection with statements which he alleged were made by two of the Commissioners.

ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS.

- (a) The following complaints with path and land repairs were brought up by the Commissioners and it was agreed to contact the County Council to rectify the problems.
- i. Footpaths outside Bissets in Drogheda St., flooding after rain.
  - ii. Footpath needing repair in Dublin St.,
  - iii. Road repair needed opposite Murray's Shop, Drogheda St.,
  - iv. Pathe at Hampton St., from Kyles to Carey's Shop in need of repair.
  - v. Pathways at Clonard St., and Fullam Tce. in need of repair.
  - vi. Drop in roadway from Derham Park to new houses at Hampton.
- (b) Commissioner Reilly stated that the recent increase in pension put a lot of people outside the scope of the medical card scheme. It was agreed to write to the Eastern Health Board asking that the guidelines be revised on a continuous basis in line with pension increases.

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- (c) Commissioner Reilly stated that there was an unsightly site beside St. Teresas school and it was agreed to ask the County Council to rectify this.
- (d) On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to contact the Department of Posts & Telegraphs concerning the installation of a telephone Kiosk to the new estates at the top of Clonard St.,
- (e) Commissioner Larkin asked about the situation concerning the absence of Commissioner Murphy from meetings. The Town Clerk informed him that Commissioner Murphy would automatically disqualify himself when the meeting ended unless the Commissioners accepted some valid reason for his absence. Commissioner Reilly stated that Commissioner Murphy was absent due to his business as a lorry driver. The Chairman replied that he and other Commissioners were aware of the fact that Commissioner Murphy was at home for a least two of the meetings. No further discussion took place and the Town Clerk informed the meeting that the matter would again be raised at the September meeting.

The meeting concluded at 10.00 p.m.

Vincent Barlow 9/9/80

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Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on 9th September '80

Commissioners Present V. Barlow, J. Kennedy, EO'Ceallachtain, F Harper, A. Hamilton and S. Lawless.

Officials Present P. Gibbons Town Clerk

Item 1.

- (a) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8.7.80 were read and confirmed.
- (b) The Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 8.7.80 were read and noted.

Item 2 Matters arising out of the minutes

- (a) Commissioner Kennedy raised the matter of the cleaning of the beaches and the sea-banks. The chairman informed him that this had been put on the agenda for a forthcoming deputation with Dublin County Council. In reply to a further query from Commissioner Kennedy the Town Clerk informed him that no word had been received back from Mr Nicholas Rooney in connection with certain allegations made by him.
- (b) Commissioner Lawless in reply to a letter from Dublin County Council stated that facts concerning the allotments were not as described in the letter. It was agreed to keep in contact with the Council to ensure that the allotments were allocated in time.
- (c) The Chairman raised the matter of the fireplaces in Bath Road and after a letter from Dublin County Council had been read it was agreed to pursue the matter further.
- (d) Commissioner O'Ceallachtain asked if certain repairs had been carried out in the Town Hall. The Town Clerk informed him that this had been done. He also asked about the insurance and was informed that the insurance company and the hirers of the hall had been contacted and replies were awaited.

Item 3 Filling of casual Vacancy on Town Commissioners

Following discussion Mr Oliver Heeney was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. Miss Gallen was proposed by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner Harper. On being asked I informed the members that a letter of acceptance of nomination had been received from Miss Gallen but not from Mr Heeney. On an enquiry by the chairman I informed him and the members that I was not aware of any need for the nominated candidates to have submitted letters of acceptance of nomination. The vote was then taken which resulted in a tie with three votes each for the candidates. The chairman then gave his casting vote in favour of Mr Heeney and accordingly he declared that the vacant office of Town Commissioner was now filled by Mr Heeney.

Item 4 Future Role of Balbriggan Town Commissioners

Commissioner O'Ceallachtain questioned the present role and position of the Town Commissioners and gave examples of areas where no progress was made and where the Town Commissioners were being ignored. Other Commissioners agreed with his assessment of the situation but did not agree with his proposal that the Town Commissioners should be abolished. Following further discussion on the matter it was agreed to pursue the investigation of petitioning for Urban District Status for Balbriggan. It was agreed that the Commissioners should get on for representation on allocations meeting and that they should ask the Council for prior consultation on housing applicants.

Item 5 Tidy Towns Report, 1980

Following consideration of the report it was agreed that a public meeting would be held in October to elect a committee for the coming year.

Item 6 Proposed Traffic controls in Balbriggan.

Following discussion it was agreed to contact the Garda Authorities and ask them to implement the traffic controls as soon as possible.

Item 7 Application for Hire of Town Hall.

- (a) It was agreed to make the hall available for the Blood Transfusion Service on 6th and 7th October, 1980.
- (b) It was agreed to let the hall to St Patrick Brass and Reed Band on Sunday afternoons for £3.50 plus a charge for heat (if used)

Item 8 Correspondence.

- (a) Letters from Dublin Port and Docks Board concerning the Harbour were read and it was agreed to contact the Minister for fisheries deploring the situation and asking him to meet a deputation from the Commissioners.
- (b) A letter from Dublin County Council concerning the Library clock was read and it was agreed to reply stating that the clock was of benefit to the town and that as long as it was timed to strike between 7.A.M. and 12 midnight and received proper attention that the Commissioners had no objections to it.
- (c) Other items of correspondence which had been circulated were read and noted.

Item 9 Other business.

- (a) The Town Clerk informed the members that Dance Hall Licence would come up for renewal at the local court on 23.9.80.
- (b) Commissioner Kennedy asked that the County Council be contacted in connection with various road repairs and also the lights in the Chapel Street Flats.
- (c) The chairman asked that the County Council be contacted in connection with the lights in Hampton Estate.

The meeting then concluded.

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Minutes of the October monthly meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on  
14th October, 1980.

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Commissioners Present.

V. Barlow, E. O'Ceallachain, F. Harper, H. Reilly, A. Hamilton, S. Lawless, and  
J. Larkin.

Officials Present.

G. Redmond Asst City and County Manager.  
P. Gibbons Town Clerk.

Item 1 Confirmation of minutes of September 1980 Meeting.

(a) The Town Clerk asked the Commissioners to note in relation to Item 3 on the September agenda concerning the filling of a casual vacancy, on the Commissioners, that in accordance with the opinion of Mr T. C. Smith S.C. (which had been circularised) that the election had been null and void and would now have to be held again. The manager then explained the position relating to the co-option and the obtaining of Senior Councils option. Commissioner Larkin asked if the election had to be held at the present meeting. The Manager informed him that this was the case as the regulations stipulated that the election should be held as soon as possible. Further discussion was held and it was agreed to defer the election until after consideration of the minutes.

(b) Commissioner O'Ceallachain asked that Item 4 on the minutes be amended to include the fact that the Commissioners had agreed to request prior consultation and representation in relation to allocations meeting. The minutes were amended accordingly.

Item 3 Other matters arising out of the minutes.

(a) Commissioner O'Ceallachain asked that the manhole cover at the rear of the Town Hall be replaced and the drains cleared. The Town Clerk informed him that the matter was in hand at the present.

(b) The Chairman asked if there was any progress in relation to the fireplaces at Bath Road. The Town Clerk informed him that tenders were being examined by the County Council with a view to starting the work as soon as possible. Commissioner Reilly said that the houses had been broken into two lots of 22 and that it was hoped to have most of the first 22 finished before Christmas. He also stated that the County Council were endeavouring to improve maintenance on the estate. The Manager agreed to examine the matter. Commissioner O'Ceallachain asked if the fire place grants could be speeded up. The manager agreed to investigate the matter.

(c) Commissioner Larkin asked if any reply had been received from Mr N. Rooney. The Town Clerk informed him that no reply had been received.

(d) Commissioner O'Ceallachain again stated that the Commissioners should be given representation at allocations meeting and a chance to scrutinise the application forms for housing. He also stated that they should be given points of housing applicants prior to meetings. The manager stated that not even the members of Dublin County Council were given the points prior to the meetings but he was of the opinion that the Commissioners should be given at least the same information as the County Council members. He suggested that the Town Clerk should write to the County Council requesting this. This was agreed. The manager agreed to look into the matter of notifying applicants of their points. Commissioner Larkin raised the matter of people getting housing who were not entitled to them. The manager stated that all information in this matter should be notified to him.

Item 2 Filling of Vancancy on Town Commissioners.

On being asked by the Chairman the Town Clerk informed the members that two letters of acceptance of nomination had been received. These were from (1) Miss Patrica Gallen (2) Mrs May Byrne McKeown. The Chairman stated that these were the only people entitled to be nominated.

Miss Gallen was proposed by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner Harper. Mrs Byrne McKeown was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded By Commissioner Larkin. Commissioners O'Ceallachain, Harper, Reilly, and Hamilton (total 4) voted for Miss Gallen Commissioners Barlow, Larkin and Lawless (total 3) voted for Mrs Byrne McKeown. The chairman accordingly declared Miss Gallen to be elected to the Balbriggan Town Commissioners. All the Commissioners extended their congratulations to Miss Gallen.

Item 4 Fixing date for public meeting to elect a Tidy Town Committee.

Following discussion it was agreed to hold the Meeting on Thursday 6th November, 1980 at 7.30P.M. in the Town Hall. The manager stated that a small grant could be available and that estates should enter for the Tidy District Competition. He agreed to look into the matter of the Sunday sweeping of the Town.

Item 5. Report on Urban District Council proposal.

The Commissioners agreed that the report was too long to go into at one meeting and that a special meeting would have to be held to discuss the matter. The manager then explained the position concerning the local government system and present proposals relating to it. He told the members that he would obtain copies of Dublin County Council's report on local Government in the Greater Dublin area. Commissioner O'Ceallachain stated that he would find it hard to justify petitioning for Urban District Council status on Economic grounds. Following further discussion it was decided to defer the matter to the November meeting.

Item 6. Applications for hire of Town Hall.

- (a) An application from the Balbriggan Cage Bird Society for their annual show was approved.
- (b) An application from Tara Cove Residents Association for a childrens party was approved.

Item 7. Correspondence.

- (a) A letter from Dublin County Council regarding Itinerant Settlement Committies was read. It was agreed to participate in the proposed new committees.
- (b) A letter from C.I.E. regarding repairs to C.I.E. property at Balbriggan was read and noted. It was agreed to investigate the position in connection with the lights over the subway.
- (c) A letter from An Garda Siochana re: parking restrictions in Balbriggan was read and noted.
- (d) A letter from Dublin County Council Re: open spaces on housing estates was read and noted.
- (e) A letter from the preists of the parish and the Town Clerks reply to same was read and noted.
- (f) A letter from the office of the Minister for fisheries was read and noted.
- (g) A letter from United Towns Organisation was read and it was agreed to bring the matter up again at the next meeting.

*(h) A letter from Dublin Co. Council re: regarding at back of church was read and a ref was to be sent to the Co Council stating the laundries.*

Item 8. Other Business.

- (a) Commissioner O'Ceallachain asked if the investigation of the sewerage outfall had been completed and also if there was a danger that the tanks would overflow. The manager agreed to investigate the matter.
- (b) Commissioner O'Ceallachain asked if there were houses being built at the rere of Gibbons and Lawless Terrace. The Town Clerk informed him that planning permission had been refused in this area.
- (c) Commissioner O'Reilly asked that O.A.P. be made aware of their right to free telephone rental.
- (d) Commisioner Hamilton stated that some of the lights at the flats in Dublin Street, were out of order.
- (e) Commissioner Harper asked when the dump of rubble in Quay Street, would be removed. It was agreed to investigate the matter. He also asked about rents of Commissioners properties. The Town Clerk informed the members of the position.
- (f) Commissioners O'Ceallachain raised the matter of the Wavin Hall and asked about a report in the local newspaper. The Town Clerk replied that a report on the matter was being prepared and should be issued to the Commissioners shortly.



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(g) Commissioner Larkin stated that nobody was living in 14, Gibbons Terrace, which had been sold in 1978. The Town Clerk agreed to investigate the matter.

The meeting then concluded.

Vincent Barlow  $\frac{11}{11}$   
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Minutes of the November Monthly Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday 11th November, 1980.

Commissioners Present

Barlow, Vincent, (Chairman)	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Gallen, Patrica,	Lawless, Stephen,
Harper, Freddie	O'Ceallachain Eoghan
Kennedy, Jack,	Reilly Hugh, Councilor.

An apology for non-attendance due to illness was received from Commissioner A. Hamilton.

Officials Present.

P. Gibbons Town Clerk.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr J.D. Taylor Acting Assistant City & County Manager.

The Chairman welcomed the new member, Miss Gallen, and assured her of the assistance of himself and the Commissioners. His remarks were endorsed by the other Commissioners. Commissioner Gallen thanked the other Commissioners for their remarks and assured them of her support in their efforts for the Town.

Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the October, 1980 meeting held on 14th October, 1980 were read. Commissioner Larkin asked that the minutes be amended to include reference to a letter from Dublin County Council concerning the Commissioners request for land rezoning at the rear of St., Peter&Paul's church. The minutes were amended accordingly and confirmed.

Item 2. Matters arising out of the Minutes.

- (a) Commissioner Reilly asked that a member of the Commissioners be nominated to attend meetings of the North County Joint Itinerant Settlement Committee. It was agreed that the chairman should attend and that the County Council be notified accordingly.
- (b) Commissioner O'Ceallachain stated that in his view the Town Hall, Ballroom was not safe to be let for functions due to the condition of the floor which he said contained a number of weak spots. Commissioners Larkin & Lawless stated that they felt that Commissioner O'Ceallachain was overstating the issue and that the hall was suitable for letting. It was agreed to have the Commissioners Engineer inspect the floor and to have his report available for the next meeting.

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- (c) Commissioner Harper stated that the lights in the subway at seapoint had been removed and that the overhead lights were still not functioning. It was agreed to again contact C.I.E. in this matter.
- (d) Commissioner Kennedy raised the matter of the Beach and said that it was in a deplorable state again. Following further discussion it was agreed to ask that a marine engineer be sent down to examine the entire beach area.
- (e) Commissioner Lawless referred to the lights at the flats in Chapel Street and to the Crossroads at Derham/Craoibhin Park. It was agreed to contact the County Council in this regard and also in regard to the road closure at the top of Hampton Street. On the proposal of the chairman it was agreed to contact the County Council in relation to certain footpaths at Craoibhin Park and Hampton Street, which need repairing.
- (f) It was agreed to contact the relevant authorities in connection with the lights at Tara Cove, Tara Court, and Hampton Cove.
- (g) Commissioner Larkin asked if all the Commissioners were still in favour of the rezoning proposal at the back of the Church. He felt that the site should be left as "light industrial" zoning. Commissioner Reilly stated that when the matter was discussed no objections were raised. Commissioner O'Ceallachain stated industries should <sup>NOT</sup> be sited next to houses. Commissioner Gallen stated that the County Council had been approached in relation to this land and they had replied that it would not be given to clubs or for sports users.
- (h) Commissioner Reilly asked that the Commissioners should welcome the appointment of Mr Ray Burke T.D. as Minister for the Environment. He also asked if the Minister could be contacted to release money for County Council loans for people inside the Town's boundary. It was agreed to do this.

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Item 3. Proposal to petition for Urban District Status for Balbriggan.

Commissioner Reilly stated that the cost of becoming an Urban District Council was greater than the Commissioner first realised and that the matter should be left for at least six months. Following further discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Reilly and Seconded by Commissioner Harper and agreed that the proposal to petition for Urban District Status be left for the present.

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Item 4. Request from United Towns Organisation Re: Town Twining.

Following discussion of the request it was agreed to write to the United Towns Organisation asking for further details and giving a description of the Town of Balbriggan.

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Item 5. Tidy Towns Competition 1981.

The chairman gave details of the public meeting held on 6.11.80 to discuss the 1981 Tidy Towns Competition. Commissioner Lawless said it was good to see the newcomers in the Town taking an interest in Balbriggan. Commissioner Reilly stated that a grant could be obtained from Dublin County Council for the competition and that the Committee should hold an inter-estate competition. On the proposal of Commissioner Reilly a vote of congratulation was passed in respect of Mr John Lacy of Bath Road, who was the County Dublin Winner in the Gardens Competition.

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Item 6. Applications for hire of Town Hall.

An application from the Old Age Pensioners Committee for hire of the hall on Monday 22nd December to hold a Wheel - of - Fortune was agreed.

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Item 7. Correspondence.

- (a) A letter from An Garda Siochana was read requesting the Commissioners approval to an extension of the proposed yellow lines in Dublin Street. The Commissioners agreed to the request with the exception of Commissioner Larkin. It was also agreed to request that there be a break in the double yellow lines at the church to allow for setting down and picking up of invalids. It was also agreed to contact the relevant authorities in connection with the timing of the pedestrian lights and parking near the pedestrian lights.
- (b) A letter from Dublin County Council in connection with the proposed BY-PASS was read and noted.
- (c) A letter from the Department of Fisheries was read. It was agreed that a deputation from the Commissioners should meet the Minister on Thursday 27th November, 1980. The deputation would comprise The chairman and Commissioners Larkin, Lawless and Kennedy and the Town Clerk. Commissioner Reilly requested that the Minister be informed of his wish to attend as a member of Dublin County Council. This was agreed.
- (d) A letter from Dublin County Council re weekend sweeping was read and noted. It was agreed to contact the Council to include weekend sweeping for 1981.
- (e) A letter from Hight Street - Residents was read and it was agreed to contact the Residents concerning the contents of the letter.
- (f) A letter from Dublin County Council regarding the Library was read and noted. It was agreed to contact the Union concerned with the Library.

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Item 8 Other business.

- (a) The Town Clerk presented designs of Name plates & signs to the Commissioners for their approval. The Signs & Name plates would be erected on the Town Hall. The designs as presented were approved. It was also agreed to ask the County Council to provide a map

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- (a) of the Town outside the Town Hall.
- (b) Commissioner Lawless asked why one person was singled out for special attention by the County Council in relation to Housing Allocations. It was agreed to write to the County Council giving details. It was also agreed to hold a special meeting on Tuesday 25th November, 1980 to discuss the recent allocations of houses in the Town and to request the Manager to attend.

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The meeting then concluded.

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Lincoln Barlow 9/12/80

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Minutes of Special Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on  
Tuesday 25.11.80 to discuss the allocation of Houses in Balbriggan.

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Commissioners Present:

Barlow, Vincent	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Gallen, Patricia	Lawless, Stephen
Harper, Freddie	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan
Kennedy, Jack	Reilly, Hugh, Cllr.

The Chairman, Commissioner Barlow, presided.

Officials Present:

P. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology was received from Mr. George Redmond, Assistant City and  
County Manager.

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The meeting discussed the list of considered applicants presented  
to the recent allocations meeting. Queries were raised in relation  
to eight people on the lists and it was agreed to refer the points  
raised to Dublin County Council for investigation. It was also agreed  
to ask the County Council to investigate the position in relation to  
two people who were not living in flats allocated to them.

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A further item was raised by the Chairman concerning a request he had  
received that the Commissioners should recommend to Swords Community  
Council that the amusement arcade planned for Swords would be of  
benefit to the Youth of Swords. The request was made by one of the  
owners of the premises. Following discussion it was decided that the  
Commissioners as a body could not make such a recommendation and there-  
fore no letter was to be sent.

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The Meeting concluded at 10.00 P.M.

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Vincent Barlow  $\frac{9}{12}$   
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Minutes of December, 1980 meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on 9th December, 1980.

Commissioners Present

Vincent Barlow,	Jack Larkin, P.C.
Patrica Gallen,	Stephen Lawless
Freddie Harper,	Eoghan O'Ceallachain
Jack Kennedy,	Hughie Reilly, Councilor.

Officials Present.

G. Redmond Assistant City & County Manager.  
P. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes.

- (a) The minutes of the November, 1980 meeting held on 11th November, 1980 were read and confirmed.
- (b) The minutes of the Deputation to Dublin County Council on 18th September, 1980 were read and confirmed.
- (c) The minutes of the special meeting held on 25th November, 1980 were read and confirmed.

Item 2. Matters arising out of the minutes.

- (a) Lights Commissioner Reilly informed the meeting that the lights in and over the subway would be fixed in the near future.
- (b) Ballroom Floor. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the architect had inspected the floor and had reported that it was not in a dangerous condition. Commissioners O'Ceallachain and Harper disagreed with the architects opinion.
- (c) Beach A letter from Dublin County Council concerning the beach was read. It was agreed to write to the County Council asking that the sand be pushed back along the entire beach.
- (d) Harbour A report on the deputation to the minister for Fisheries was given by the members who attended. Commissioner Harper informed the meeting that a private individual had offered to match the 50% grant from the Department in return for certain rights. The Manager informed the members that the offer should be addressed to the Dublin Port & Docks Board as soon as possible.
- (e) Derham Park/Craoibhin Park. A letter from Dublin County Council concerning the junction at Derham Park/Craoibhin Park was read and noted. It was agreed to investigate the position concerning the drainage work being carried out.

- (f) Planning Competition. It was agreed to write to Dublin County Council concerning the proposed Planning competition for the Town.
- (g) Traders at Wavin. It was agreed to contact the roads engineer regarding the obstruction on the footpath.
- (h) Open Spaces. The position on the open spaces mentioned in the Deputation minutes was given to the members. It was agreed to again contact the County Council concerning the site at the rear of 85/88 Derham Park.
- (i) Industry. Following discussion the Manager asked the members to inform the County Council if there were any local people willing to start up industries in the Town.
- (k) Allocation of Houses. The Manager read a report on the various points raised by the Commissioners in relation to the list of considered applicants presented to the recent allocations meeting. It was agreed to furnish further information to the Manager in relation to one of the applicants. The Manager also informed the members that their request for attendance at allocations meeting would be considered by the North County District Committee of the County Council.

Item 3 Agenda for Deputation to Dublin County Council on Thursday 18th December, 1980

Following discussion the following agenda was agreed.

- (1) Discussion on rezoning of land at rear of St Peter and Paul's Church.
- (2) Discussion on dangerous junction at Derham Park/Craoibhin Park.
- (3) Discussion on Commissioners request to attend allocations meeting.
- (4) Discussion on proposals for Beaches and Sea - Banks.
- (5) Discussion on Itinerant Settlement in Balbriggan.

Item 4. Discussion on adoption of Crest for Balbriggan.

Following discussion it was agreed to defer the matter to the January Meeting to allow for time for interested parties to submit ideas for the crest. The closing date for submissions was fixed at Friday 9th January, 1981.

Item 5. Commissioners consent to Increase of Wages/Salaries under National Understanding.

It was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and Seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed that the increases in respect of the National Understanding be approved.

Item 6. Applications for Hire of Town Hall.

There was no business under this heading.



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Item 7 Correspondence

- (a) A letter from an Garda Siochana Regarding parking was read and noted.
  - (b) A further letter from an Garda Siochana regarding parking outside the Church was read and noted.
  - (c) A letter from Dublin County Council regarding seats at Craoibhin Park and Derham Park was read and noted.
  - (e) A letter from Dublin County Council regarding repair of certain roads was read. The Manager agreed to investigate the possibility of carrying out work in Mill Street,
  - (f) A letter from Dublin County Council regarding footpath to Healthex factory was read and noted.
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Item 8 Other Business.

- (1) The following items were raised by the Commissioners and it was agreed that they be brought to the attention of the authorities concerned.
    - (a) Commissioner Kennedy
      - (i) Surface water trap outside S. Richardsons broken.
      - (ii) Railings at County Bridge broken and overgrown with briars.
      - (iii) Paving down at Mill Pond.
    - (b) Commissioner Larkin
      - (i) Position regarding wall at seapoint.
      - (ii) Mill Pond area in need of clean up.
    - (c) Commissioner Harper
      - (i) Pipe burst in Wavin cloakroom.
  - (2) The Manager asked the chairman if he could persuade Wavin pipes to come to another meeting about the Wavin Hall. The chairman agreed to make the request.
  - (3) The Commissioners expressed disappointment at the continued closure of the Library. The Manager replied that it was due to difficulties with the union.
  - (4) (i) A vote of sympathy to the family of the late Terry O'Sullivan was passed.  
(ii) A vote wishing Commissioner Hamilton a speedy recovery was passed.  
The Manager wished the Members and the Town Clerk a Happy Christmas.
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The meeting concluded at 9.30 P.M.

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Minutes of the January, 1981 Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on  
Tuesday 13th January, 1981

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Commissioners Present.

Vincent Barlow,	Jack Larkin, P.C.
Patrica Gallen	Stephen Lawless
Freddie Harper	Eoghan O'Ceallachain
Jack Kennedy	Hughie Reilly ( Councilor)

Officials Present.

Mr George Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.  
Mr Patrick Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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A vote of sympathy to Commissioner Hamilton on the death of his sister was passed.

A Vote wishing Commissioner Hamilton a speedy recovery was also passed.

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At the outset of the meeting it was proposed by Commissioner Reilly and Seconded by Commissioner Lawless and AGREED, that an appeal be made to the Minister for Health and Social Welfare to raise the value of the Fuel Vouchers to at least the price of a bag of coal.

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Item 1 Confirmation of the Minutes.

The minutes of the December, 1980 meeting held on 9th December, 1980 were read and confirmed.

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Item 2 Matters arising out of the Minutes.

- (a) Commissioner Reilly informed the meeting that a plan for the Derham Park/ Craoibhin Park junction was to be presented to the North County Committee of Dublin County Council at their next meeting.
- (b) Commissioner Kennedy informed the meeting that the subway lights were almost complete.
- (c) In reply to Commissioner Larkin, Commissioner Reilly gave an outline of the discussion which took place at the North County meeting of Dublin County Council concerning the Commissioners request for representation at allocations

Item 2 contd

(c) meetings. The Town Clerk informed the members that no official reply had been received from Dublin County Council. The Manager again stressed that any information that the Commissioners had relating to allocations should be forwarded to him through the Town Clerk.

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Item 3 Proposed visit of the Minister for the Environment.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Minister had indicated that he would be present at the February meeting of the Commissioners. Following discussion it was agreed that on the night of the visit that the usual meeting would be adjourned. It was also agreed to ask the Minister for his plans regarding the inner and outer by-pass roads. It was decided to leave the arrangements of the visit to the Town Clerk.

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Item 4 C.I.E. Train Service.

Commissioner O'Ceallachain informed the meeting that he had received a number of complaints concerning the quality of the train service to and from Balbriggan. The complaints concerned the non arrival of trains and the dirt and lack of heat of other trains. He investigated the complaints and found that they were accurate. Following discussion it was agreed to write to C.I.E. concerning this matter and also it was agreed to write to them about the condition of the railway yard and the lack of adequate lighting in it.

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Item 5. Discussion on adoption of Crest for Balbriggan.

It was agreed to defer consideration of the matter to enable further submissions to be made.

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Item 6 Commissioners consent to sale of house.

Following discussion it was agreed to defer the matter pending the receipt of further information and the obtaining of legal advice.

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Item 7 Applications for hire of Town Hall.

There was no business under this heading.

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Item 8 Correspondence.

- (a) Litir on Roinn Comhshaoil faoi leabhairt na Gaeilge. It was agreed to give consideration to ways of using Irish at meetings and otherwise.
- (b) A letter from Dublin County Council regarding allotments was read and noted.
- (c) A letter from Minister for Fisheries and Forestry regarding Balbriggan Harbour was read and noted.
- (d) A letter from the Minister for the Environment regarding House Purchase Loans was read and noted.
- (e) A letter from Dublin County Council regarding fireplaces at Bath Road was read and it was agreed to contact the Council further in this regard.
- (f) A letter from Irish Continental Line regarding Town Twinning was read. It was agreed to enter for the Town Twinning Awards.
- (g) A letter from Balbriggan Community Games regarding playing fields was read and it was agreed to contact Dublin County Council concerning same.

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Item 9 Other Business.

- (a) Commissioner O'Ceallachain raised the matter of the Sewage Outfall and the Manager agreed to investigate the matter further.
- (b) Commissioner O'Ceallachain stated that the flats at present being built in Pinewood Estate would not be suitable for old people and wheelchair cases. It was agreed to contact the County Council with a view to putting a ramp in one of the flats.
- (c) Commissioner Kennedy stated that the County Council had done a good job at the Canal Head but it was not being appreciated and be appealed to people to refrain from dumping there.
- (d) Commissioner Kennedy raised the matter of insurance for hirers of the Town Hall and following discussion it was agreed that the Commissioners obtain the the insurance cover for the hirers of the hall and that the hiring charges be increased, accordingly.
- (e) Commissioner Larkin raised the matter of a caravan parked on the square and the Manager informed him that in the first instance it was a matter for the Gardai.
- (f) A vote was passed wishing the Manager wife a speedy return to good health. A vote was passed congratulating Mr John Cotter on his appointment as Chairman of the Dublin County Board of the G.A.A.

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The meeting concluded at 9.05 P.M.

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Manu Bauld 24/2/81

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Minutes of Adjourned February, 1981 Meeting held on Tuesday 24th February, 1981.

Commissioners Present

Barlow, Vincent  
Gallen, Patrica  
Harper, Freddie

Larkin, Jack P.C.  
Lawless, Stephen  
O'Ceallachain, Eoghan

Apologies were received from Commissioners Hamilton, Kennedy and Reilly.

Officials Present.

G. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager  
P. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the January, 1981 meeting held on 13th January, 1981 were read and confirmed.

Item 2. Matters arising out of the Minutes.

The town clerk informed the meeting that two officials from C.I.E. would attend the March, 1981 meeting.

Item 3 Report on request for Commissioners consent to sale of house.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that in accordance with the contents of a letter received from the Commissioners Solicitors that the Commissioners could not grant premission for the sale. It waa agreed to defer the matter for further consideration.

Item 4 Consideration of submissions for official Crest.

This item was deferred to the March, 1981 meeting.

Item 5 Correspondence.

Item 6 Other Business

(a) Applications for Hire of Hall.

1. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had approved an application for a Video horse racing event to be held by The Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band, on Thursday 26th February, 1981.

Application from M. Coary to hold dances on 13th and 20th August, 1981 was moved.

- (b) The chairman informed the meeting that he had been approached with a view to ~~HAVING~~ a St., Patrick's Day Parade being organised. It was agreed that a parade should take place and that representatives of all local organisations be invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday 3rd March, 1981.
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- (c) It was agreed that the Chairman should be the nominee to the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.
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- (d) At the request of the Commissioners the Manager agreed to investigate the case of a particular housing applicant.
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- (e) On the proposal of Commissioner Gallen it was agreed to contact the Roads Engineer in connection with the stopping of the School bus at the entrance to Lambreecher Estate.
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- (f) It was agreed to write to the Department of Post and Telegraphs in connection with their property at Drogheda Street.
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- (g) At the request of Commissioner Larkin it was agreed to contact the Rodent Control Department in connection with a rat problem at the County Bridge.
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- (h) At the request of the Manager the Commissioners agreed to investigate possible locations for an itinerant site.
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- (i) At the request of Commissioner Harper it was agreed to contact the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in connection with the erection of a telephone kiosk at Lambreecher Estate.
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The meeting concluded at 8.35 P.M.

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