

~~MINUTES~~ - ~~CONTENTS~~  
~~of the~~ ~~meeting~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Board~~ ~~of~~ ~~Directors~~  
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Route

Starting point industrial estate Dublin Street, down to Square up Clonard Street, down Chapel Street, down to Bath Road then return to Market Green via Dublin Street back down Hampton Street to finishing point on the Square.

Parade Order.

Colour Party, Brass and Reed Band, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Order of Malta, Dillon School of Irish Dancing, Red Cross, Community Games Association, Pioneers, Clubs under own banners, and Industrial Participation.

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Minutes of meeting held in Commissioners Rooms on Tuesday 3rd March, 1981, regarding the proposed St., Patrick's Day Parade.

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Commissioners Present.

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Barlow, Vincent	Lawless, Stephen
O'Cealachain, Eoghan	Gallen, Patrica
Larkin, Jack	Reilly, Hughie

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Clubs and Organisations represented.

Brass & Reed Band	Mr & Mrs Paddy Dunne and Mr Joseph Yeates.
Boy Scouts	Mr Martin Fanning, Mr P. Gilsenan, Mr M. Marry and Mr E. Darcy.
Girl Guides	Miss Linda Hamilton, Mary Hamilton, Martina Kearns and Miss Geraldine Branigan.
Community Games	Miss Siobhan White.
O'Dwyers	Mr Luke O'Toole and Mr Tom Fanning.
Irish Red Cross	Mrs Delahoyde and Miss E. Levins.
Order of Malta	Mr E. O'Cealachain.
Pioneers	Miss E. Levins.
Rugby Club	Mr Tom Kettle.
I.R.P.C.	Mr Cyril Graham.
Fire Service	Mr Oliver Heeney.
Dillon School of Irish Dancing	May Dillon.
Gun Club	Mr T. Hammond.
Youth Club	
Chomhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann	Mr Hennessey.

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The chairman Mr Vincent Barlow welcomed all the organisations and club represented. He then asked for suggestions as to where the parade should commence from. After discussion it was decided to start the parade at 11.30 at the Industrial Estate, Dublin Street. The chairman then suggested that the pigeon club could set of some pigeons before the parade started, this was agreed.

The chairman suggested that Mr Joe Yeates be parade Marshal and this was agreed unanimously. The route was then discussed and agreed upon.  
Route and Parade order attached.

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The meeting concluded at 9.00 P.M.

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*Vincent J. Barlow*  $\frac{10}{3}$   
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Minutes of the April, 1981 Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday 14th April, 1981.

Commissioners Present.

Barlow, Vincent	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Gallen, Patrica	Lawless, Stephen
Hamilton, Anthony	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan
Harper, Freddie	Reilly, Hughie Cllr
Kennedy, Jack	

Officials Present

P. Gibbons Town Clerk.

An apology was received from Mr G. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.

Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the March, 1981 meeting held on 10th March, 1981 were read and confirmed.

Item 2 Matters arising out of the Minutes.

Commissioner Kennedy complimented C.I.E. on their quick action in erecting a light in the station yard and in finishing the fencing on the promenade. It was agreed to convey this to C.I.E. and to ask them to <sup>take</sup> immediate action on the remainder of the work.

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Genealogical office in connection with the proposed Crest for the Town. Following discussion and on the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to let the people of Balbriggan vote in order to ascertain their views. Following the Town vote the Commissioners would then decide on a Crest. Voting day was fixed as the 5th May, 1981 from 10.00A.M. to 10.00 P.M. Voting age restricted to eighteen and over.

Item 3 Approval of Overexpenditure.

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Ceallachain and seconded by Commissioner Lawless and AGREED that the overexpenditure for 1978 and 1979 be approved.

Item 4 Emergency Plan for Balbriggan.

The chairman outlined his proposals in connection with an emergency plan for Balbriggan. Following discussion it was agreed to contact all interested parties with a view to setting up an emergency plan.



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Item 5 Report on deputation to Dublin County Council on 19th March, 1981.

Commissioner Kennedy gave an outline of the discussion which took place and he stated that he was very disappointed at the poor attendance by the members of the Commissioners. It was agreed to arrange for certain members to go to future deputations.

Item 6 Application for Hire of Town Hall.

No new applications were received but the Commissioners were informed by the Town Clerk that an application from the local Vocational School would be brought before the May meeting.

Item 7 Correspondence.

- (1) A letter from the Minister for the Environment re: Local Government reorganisation was read and it was agreed to consider it up at the next meeting.
- (2) A letter from Dublin County Council re: Housing applicant was read and it was agreed to again contact the County Council asking them to reconsider their decision.
- (3) A letter from the Balbriggan Feis Committee was read and noted and the Town Clerk on behalf of the Feis Committee presented Commissioner Lawless with a Bank Draft for £160.00 for the Old Age Pensioners Committee.
- (4) A letter from the Minister for the Environment Re; House Purchase Loan Finance was read and noted.
- (5) A letter from Irish Continental Line Re: Town Twining was read and noted.
- (6) A letter from St., Georges Church, Balbriggan Re: repairs fund appeal was read and noted.

Item 8 Other Business.

- (1) The transfer of the freehold of No 64, Hampton Street, Balbriggan to Mr Frederick Murray was approved.
- (2) Commissioner O'Ceallachain asked if any parking facilities were envisaged for the proposed development in Drogheda Street. The Town Clerk informed him that outline planning permission had been granted but that no detailed planning permission had been granted. It was agreed to obtain details of the outline permission. It was also agreed to obtain parking details in connection with the development at Station Street.
- (3) At the request of Commissioner Callen it was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed that the Commissioners would object to the proposed take - away shop at Drogheda Street, Balbriggan.
- (4) On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to contact the appropriate authorities in connection with the following matters.
  - (a) The building of a wall between the houses at Clonard Street and Clonard Court.
  - (b) The cutting of the grass at Chapel Street Flats.



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- (c) The cleaning of the beach and the dumping of fish pieces on the beach.
  - (d) The repairs of the harbour.
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- (5) Commissioner Reilly stated that it appeared that something had gone wrong with the acquisition of bells land. It was agreed to obtain a statement of the position from the County Council.
  - (6) Commissioner Larkin stated in relation to the recent Milk run that the Commissioners should have been given the recognition their position merited by the chairman being asked to start the race. All the Commissioners present agreed that the Commissioners had been completely ignored.
  - (7) Commissioner Hamilton congratulated Commissioner Gallen on her appointment to the Commissioners.
  - (8) On the proposal of the Chairman it was agreed to contact public lighting section regarding the street lights in Curran Park.
  - (9) On the proposal of Commissioner Gallen a vote of condolence was passed for the chairman and Commissioner Kennedy due their recent bereavement.
  - (10) Commissioner Larkin stated that a group of disabled children stayed in Balbriggan for a week and that no one had been notified with the result that they had no where to go and nothing to do. It was agreed to write to the mentally - handicapped association seeking clarification of the matter.

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The meeting concluded at 9.35 P.M.

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Minutes of the May, 1981 Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on  
Tuesday 12th May, 1981.

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Commissioners Present

Barlow, Vincent	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Hamilton, Anthony	Lawless, Stephen
Harper, Freddie	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan
Kennedy, Jack	Reilly, Hughie Cllr.,

An apology was received from Mr P. Gibbons Town Clerk, also Mr G. Redmond Assistant  
City and County Manager.

An apology was received from Commissioner Gallen.

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Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes.

Confirmation of minutes was deferred to June meeting.

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Item 2 Matters arising out of Minutes.

There was no business under this heading.

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Item 3 Consideration of Town Crest.

Commissioner Reilly apologised for not being available to attend for the voting of the  
Town Crest. Commissioner Kennedy pointed out that a very bad attendance was made at the  
voting. He felt that the result of voting represented only a small portion of the  
people of Balbriggan opinion. The result of the voting was as follows 154 votes were  
made.

Crest 1.	4
Crest 2.	29
Crest 3.	6
Crest 4.	46
Crest 5.	9
Crest 6.	60

Commissioner Lawless proposed that number 6 remain as the crest of Balbriggan and  
it was seconded by Commissioner Reilly and agreed.



Item 4 Discussion on Deputation to Dublin County Council.

The agenda is as follows.

1. Acquisition of Land.
2. Land at front of Fancourt Heights.
3. Mill Pond. (Plan)
4. Beach.
5. Itinerant Site.

Item 5 Consideration of submissions to be made to Department of the Environment.

This was deferred to another meeting date to be arranged.

Item 6. Application for Hire of Town Hall.

An application was received from the Vocational school for September 1981 to June 1982 be used for gym classes from 9A.M. to 4.15 P.M. Following discussion this was approved.

Item 7. Correspondence.

1. Letter from Bord Failte was read and noted.
2. Letter from An Garda Siochana regarding parking and traffic was deferred to meeting in September.
3. Letter from Mayor of WIGNEHIES regarding town twining was read and it was agreed to write requesting further information.
4. Letter from Dublin County Council regarding cleaning of beaches. was read and noted.
5. Letter from Minister for fisheries was read and noted.
6. Letter from Donegal County Council regarding Long Kesh and Armagh Jails was read and it was agreed to write to the Taoiseach requesting him to demand the five demands from the Government of the Crown.
7. Letter from Dublin Corporation regarding new C.I.E. buses was read and it was agreed to write to the Minister for Transport agreeing with the corporation.
8. Letter from Castlebar U.D.C. regarding V.A.T. on newspapers was read and it was agreed to write stating that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners wish to be associated with their recommendation.
9. Letter from Hampton Cove tenants Association regarding Hampton Grove. was read and it was agreed to investigate the matter.
10. Letter from Fingal Association of mentally Handicapped was read and noted



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11. Letter from Dublin County Council regarding purchase of lands in Balbriggan of open space proposes, was read and it was agreed to write to the County Council asking it they are still negotiating about the land and stating that they are not **satisfied** with their answer so far. It was agreed to send a telegram to the Manager asking him for an answer to their questions which were raised before and if the answer from the Manager was not what the Commissioners where looking for the matter would be passed over to the Minister.
12. Letter from C.I.E. regarding Buses, was read and noted and it was agreed to contact C.I.E. about 7.00 ex Drogheda to Dublin bus service stating that the bus does not run on time. Also it agreed to ask about the possibility of using comutor tickets on provincial bus services.

Item 8 Other Business.

No business under this heading.

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Meeting concluded at 9.35 P.M.

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Vincent J. Barlow 2/6/81



Minutes of Special Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday  
26th May, 1981.

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Commissioners Present

Barlow, Vincent	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Gallen, Patricia	Lawless, Stephen
Hamilton, Anthony	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan
Harper, Freddie	Reilly, Hughie Cllr.
Kennedy, Jack.	

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Officials Present G. Redmond Assistant City and County Manager; P. Gibbons Town Clerk.

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Item 1. Sale of House in Hampton Street.

A report setting out the position in relation to the sale of 30, Hampton Street was presented to the Commissioners. In addition a letter from Mr Patrick Smith was read. Following discussion it was agreed that the solicitor acting for the vendor be contacted in order to clarify the instructions he had received from the vendor. The matter was then deferred until a reply was received.

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Item 2. Proposed Emergency Plan for Balbriggan.

A report on the progress to date was presented to the Commissioners and it was agreed to meet with the local Garda Superintendent as the next step towards formulating the plan.

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Item 3. Fixing of date for June Meeting.

Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and Seconded by Commissioner O'Ceallachain and agreed that the June meeting be held on Tuesday 2nd June, 1981 at 7.30 P.M.

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Item 4. Other Business

- (a) Commissioner O'Ceallachain asked if there had been any reply to his enquiry on parking facilities in Station Street. The Town Clerk informed him that none had been received yet. It was agreed to follow up the matter further.



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(b) At the request of the Manager the Commissioners explained their reasons behind the sending of a telegram about Bells Land. The Manager then informed the members that the North County Committee of Dublin County Council had agreed the terms of the purchase and the matter would now go before the full Council for a final decision.

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*Lucretia Baulaw 2/6/81*

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Minutes of the June Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday,  
2nd June, 1981.

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Commissioners Present.

Barlow, Vincent	Kennedy, Jack
Gallen, Patricia	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Hamilton, Anthony	Lawless, Stephen
Harper, Freddie	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan

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Officials Present: G. Redmond Assistant City and County Manager.  
P. Gibbons Town Clerk.

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Item 1. Meeting with Garda Superintendent Regarding Emergency Plan for Balbriggan.

This item was deferred to the end of the meeting to facilitate the Garda Superintendent.

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Item 2. Confirmation of Minutes.

- (a) The minutes of the April 1981 meeting held on 14th April, 1981 were read and confirmed.
  - (b) The minutes of the May, 1981 meeting held on 12th May, 1981 were read and confirmed.
  - (c) The minutes of the Special meeting held on 26th May, 1981 were read and confirmed.
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Item 3. Matters arising out of the Minutes.

- (a) Commissioner Kennedy objected to his being misquoted in the local paper in connection with the Town Crest. The reporter agreed to rectify the matter.
  - (b) It was agreed in relation to the deputation to Dublin County Council to substitute the item on Bells Land for a discussion on the fireplaces at Bath Road.
  - (c) Commissioner Larkin raised the matter of the sand being removed from the mouth of the Harbour. Following discussion on the suggestion of the Manager it was agreed to contact the Dublin Port and Docks Board and Dublin County Council on the matter.
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Item 4. Sale of House in Hampton Street, Balbriggan.

A letter and telegram from the Solicitors for the vendor were read indicating to whom the house should be sold. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner O'Ceallachain and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton that the sale of 30, Hampton Street to Mr Declan Gorman be approved. It was also proposed by Commissioner Larkin and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy that the matter be deferred pending further clarification. Following a vote there was a tie of four votes for each proposal. The chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the first proposal and accordingly the sale of the house to Mr Declan Gorman was approved.



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Item 5. Application for Hire of Town Hall.

No new applications were received.

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Item 6. Correspondence.

- (a) Letter from the Minister for Fisheries and Forestry was read and it was agreed to await further word on the matter.
  - (b) A letter from Irish Continental Lines Re: Town Twining was read and noted.
  - (c) A letter from Ballyshannon Town Commissioners Re: Abolition of ground rents was read and noted.
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Item 7. Other Business.

A. The following points were raised by Commissioner Kennedy.

- (i) Flooding at Drogheda Street and repair to roadway.
  - (ii) Possible resurfacing of private car park. Manager stated that it was unlikely that the County Council would undertake this work.
  - (b) Commissioner Hamilton stated that there were <sup>Public Lighting</sup> malfunctions in the following places.
    - (i) 2 lights out outside St Pauls Crescent.
    - (ii) 3 lights out at Chapel Street.
    - (iii) Light out at Clonard Cross.
    - (iv) Lights on continuously at Fancourt and Tara Court, it was agreed to contact the E.S.B. in this regard.
  - (c) Commissioner Gallen asked if the grass at Chapel Street could be cut. It was agreed contact the County Council in this regard.
  - (d) The chairman informed the meeting of a proposal by Mr Maurice McAuley to transfer some land to the County Council. The manager informed the meeting that the County Council were very interested in the matter and were investigating the possibilities.
  - (e) On the proposal of Commissioner Harper a vote of congratulations to the local Order of Malta unit was passed on their winning the Order of Malta All - Ireland Championship in First Aid.
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Item 1 Meeting with Superintendent Re: Balbriggan Emergency Plan.

The chairman welcomed the Superintendent and thanked him for attending the meeting. The chairman outlined to the Superintendent the Commissioners reasons for requesting the meeting. The Superintendent outlined the present plan and its operation. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that a meeting of all emergency services be called to ensure that in the event of an emergency a proper co-ordinated plan would be put into operation.

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The meeting concluded at 10.00 P.M.

*John Gallen*  
2/7/81.



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on  
Tuesday 21st July, 1981.

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Commissioners Present.

Barlow, Vincent  
Gallen, Patricia  
Hamilton, Anthony  
Harper, Freddie  
Kennedy, Jack.

Larkin, Jack P.C.  
Lawless, Stephen  
O'Ceallachain, Eoghan  
Reilly, Hughie, Cllr

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Officials Present.

George Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.  
Patrick Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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Item 1. Election of Chairman.

The outgoing chairman Commissioner Barlow thanked the Commissioners for their help during his year in office. He said it was an honour and privilege to have been chairman. He then asked for nominations for the office of chairman.

Commissioner Barlow was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy but he declined the proposal. Commissioner Gallen was proposed by Commissioner Harper and seconded by Commissioner O'Ceallachain.

Commissioner Lawless was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy but he declined the proposal. Commissioner Kennedy was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Larkin but he declined the proposal.

As Commissioner Gallen was then the only candidate before the meeting she was deemed to be elected.

The new chairwoman thanked her proposer and seconder and also thanked the outgoing chairman for his work during the previous year. She hoped that the coming year would see more co-operation among the Commissioners both in and out of meetings and that they would use all the political parties for the benefit of the town.

All the Commissioners welcomed the new chairwoman and promised to co operate with each other. The outgoing chairman then thanked the Manager for his assistance during the year and his remarks were endorsed by the other members.

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Item 2. Election of Vice - Chairman.

Commissioner Reilly was proposed by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner Harper.

Commissioner Lawless was proposed by Commissioner Larkin and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy



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A vote was taken with Commissioners O'Ceallachain, Reilly, Hamilton, Harper and Gallen voting for Commissioner Reilly, and Commissioners Kennedy, Lawless, Larkin and Barlow voting for Commissioner Lawless. Commissioner Reilly was accordingly deemed to be elected.

He thanked the Commissioners and promised his continued endeavours both as a Commissioner and a Councillor to provide better facilities for the town.

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Item 3. Election of Estiamtes Committee.

It was agreed that the outgoing committee of Commissioners Reilly, Larkin, and Harper should remain. The chairwoman would also be a member.

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Item 4. Election of Fuel Scheme Committee.

It was agreed that the outgoing committee of Commissioners Kennedy, Hamilton, Lawless and O'Ceallachain should remain. The chairwoman would also be a member.

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The annual general meeting then concluded.

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Patrick H. Gallen  
8/9/81



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Minutes of July Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday 21st July, 1981

Commissioners Present:

Barlow, Vincent	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Gallen, Patricia	Lawless, Stephen
Hamilton, Anthony	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan
Harper, Freddie	Reilly, Hughie Cllr
Kennedy, Jack	

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Officials Present:

George Redmond Assistant City & County Manager.  
Patrick Gibbons Town Clerk.

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At the outset of the meeting Commissioner Reilly apologised for non - attendance at the June Meeting.

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Item 1. Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the June meeting held on 2nd June, 1981 were read and confirmed.

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Item 2. Matters arising out of the Minutes.

- a. Commissioner Kennedy raised the matter of the repair to the roadway at Richardsons in Drogheda Street. It was agreed to further contact the County Council in this matter.
  - b. Commissioner Reilly asked that the pathway at the rear of Bath Road houses be repaired to prevent flooding.
  - c. Commissioner Barlow asked if there had been any further development in relation to the removal of sand from the harbour mouth. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that County Council were in touch with an Foras Forbatha in relation to study by a marine engineer. No word had been received from the Minister or from the Dublin Port & Docks Board. It was agreed to pursue the matter further. It was also agreed to find out how many tonnes of sand were removed from the harbour mouth each month. It was further agreed to investigate the possibility of erecting signposts indicating the location of the beach.
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Item 3. Proposed Landscaping of Mill Street/Quay Street.

Commissioner O'Ceallachain said that he asked for the item to be included on the agenda to ascertain the views of the Commissioners on the matter. All the members agreed that the proposal was a good one and deserved to be actively pursued. The manager stated that the proposal was a matter for the County Council who were very interested in it as it would transform the whole area.



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Item 4. Commissioners consent under section 6 of City & County Management (amendment) Act  
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It was proposed by Commissioners Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Lawless and AGREED the remuneration of the staff of Balbriggan Town Commissioners be increased in accordance with phase 2 of the current national wage agreement.

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Item 5. Report on Deputation to Dublin County Council on 25th June, 1981.

A report on the deputation was given by the members whom attended and it was agreed that the Commissioners had received a good hearing on most subjects and that some immediate results were seen. It was agreed to find out the position on Fancourt Heights and to endeavour to obtain a safer exit from Bath Road Estate.

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Item 6. Applications for Hire of Town Hall.

An application from Mrs Doris Pentony for hire of the Town Hall for Ladies Keep - Fit classes was approved.

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Item 7. Correspondence

- a. Letter from Dublin County Council enclosing allocations list was read and discussed. It was agreed that any points raised by the Commissioners would be notified to Dublin County Council.
  - b. A letter from Dublin County Council enclosing layout of housing scheme in Hampton St., was read and the scheme approved.
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Item 8. Other Business

- a. In reply to Commissioner Reilly the manager stated that the transfer of Bells land had not been finished but that any club seeking admission to the land should write into County Council. The Chairman suggested using part of the land at Bath Road on a temporary basis and also applying to the Church for temporary use of their land.
  - b. On the proposal of Commissioner Barlow it was agreed to write to Miss O'Byrne complimenting her on the renovation of the library. He said it was being well used by children.
  - c. On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to contact C.I.E. concerning the cutting of the grass on the seabanks and in the railway yard, and also to request them to sweep the subway.
  - d. On the proposal of Commissioner O'Ceallachain it was agreed to contact the County Council concerning the drainage of St., Peter & Paul's graveyard. Commissioner Kennedy complimented the Council on the work being carried out in cleaning the graveyard.
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Item 8. Contd.,

e. On the proposal of the chairman it was agreed to ask to County Council to provide extra letter bins on the main street.

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f. Replying to the chairman who stated that the Tidy Towns Committee was not operating the Manager suggested that ~~it~~ stated should enter the Tidy Districts Competition and build up from that.

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g. Commissioner Reilly complimented the Manager on the removal of the itinerants from oppsite Wavin.

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The meeting ended at 9.05 P.M.

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Patricia M. Gallen  
8/9/81.



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Minutes of the September, 1981 meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on 8th September, 1981.

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Commissioners Present.

Gallen, Patricia  
Hamilton, Anthony  
Harper, Freddie  
Larkin, Jack. P.C.

Lawless, Stephen  
O'Ceallachain, Eoghan  
Reilly, Hughie Cllr

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Officials Present. Mr Pat Gibbons Town Clerk.

An apology was received from Mr George Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager

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Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes.

- a. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21st July, 1981 were read and confirmed.
  - b. The minutes of the July, 1981 meeting held on 21st July, 1981 were read and confirmed.
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At the outset, the Commissioners, on the proposal of the chairman offered apologies to Commissioner O'Ceallachain and condemned the recent act of vandalism to his car.

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Item 2. Matters arising out of the Minutes.

- a. Commissioner O'Ceallachain raised the matter of the library opening hours and it was agreed to seek clarification on the matter from the City & County Librarian.
  - b. It was agreed to contact Dublin County Council to arrange to have the lower part of the sea banks cut.
  - c. It was agreed to contact C.I.E. about various maintenance works on their property.
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Item 3. Tidy Towns & Districts Competitions 1982.

It was agreed, as an initial step to contact all the local residents and Tenants Associations with a view to holding a meeting to discuss participation in the Tidy Districts Competition.

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Item 4. Increase in letting charges of Ballroom and Supperroom.

Following discussion it was agreed that the letting charges be increased as recommended by the Town Clerk



Item 5. Applications for Hire of Town Hall.

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No new applications were received.

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Item 6. Correspondence.

- a. Letter dated 5.8.81 from Donegal County Council regarding Long Kesh Hunger Strike. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Larkin and Seconded By Commissioner Reilly that the motion of Donegal County Council be adopted by the Balbriggan Town Commissioners.  
It was further proposed by Commissioner Lawless and Seconded by Commissioner Hamilton that the Commissioners should write to the British Prime Minister asking her to take action to alleviate the situation in the H - Blocks. Following a vote Commissioners Lawless's motion was approved with Commissioners Larkin and Reilly voting against.
  - b. Letter from Cobh U.D.C. regarding situation in Northern Ireland was read and noted.
  - c. Letter from Ennis U.D.C. regarding Hunger strike in Northern Ireland was read and Noted.
  - d. Letter dated 6.8.81 from Dublin County Council regarding Balbriggan Beach was read. The Commissioners were informed that the matter was on the agenda for the next deputation.
  - e. Letter dated 31.8.81 from Dublin County Council regarding Marine Engineer was read and noted.
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Item 7. Other Business.

- a. Commissioner Reilly informed the meeting that the Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band was going to America for a tour and he complimented the reporter for his coverage of the event and also for his fair coverage of the Commissioners meetings. This was endorsed by all the commissioners present. The chairman informed the meeting that it was hoped that the band could exchange gifts with the mayors of the two towns which they would be visiting. It was agreed to contact Burrows, a local firm, in order to obtain suitable gifts. It was also agreed to send a letter to each of the mayors from the chairman of the Commissioners.
- b. Commissioner Larkin said that he had received objections in relation to the market on the square. Following discussion it was agreed to ask Gardai to examine the matter.
- c. It was agreed to ask the Gardai to investigate the parking of articulated lorries at Bremore Court.

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The meeting concluded at 9.00 P.M.

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*Peter J. Larkin*

13/10/81



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Minutes of the October, 1981 meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on  
Tuesday 13th October, 1981.

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Commissioners Present.

Gallen, Patricia. (Chairman)	Kennedy, Jack
Barlow, Vincent.	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Hamilton, Anthony	Lawless, Stephen
Harper, Freddie	O'Ceallachain Eoghan

An apology was received from Commissioner Hugh Reilly.

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Officials Present

Mr Pat Gibbons Town Clerk  
Mr Liam O'Shea Assistant Section Officer.

An apology was received from Mr George Redmond Assistant City and County Manager.

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Item 1. Presentation of Plaque to the Balbriggan Town Commissioners.

- (a) A plaque received by the "Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band" on their recent trip to America from the Mayor of Manchester Connecticut was presented to the Commissioners by the Chairman of the Band Mr Tony O'Neill.
  - (b) Letters from the Mayor of Manchester Connecticut and the City Manager of Worcester Massachusetts were read and noted.
  - (c) The Chairman of the "Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band's offer to show a film of the bands trip to America to the Commissioners at a later date was accepted.
  - (d) In relation to practice facilities the band was advised to make an application for the use of the Town Hall for consideration at the next Commissioners Meeting.
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At the request of Commissioner O'Ceallachain, the agenda was suspended to discuss the long delays being experienced by the Commissioners in having works requested by them carried out by Dublin County Council and other Statutory Bodies. Following a discussion on the matter, it was agreed to invite local Councillors and T.D's to a Special Meeting of the Commissioners on 28th October, 1981 at 8.00p.m. to discuss the matter. It was agreed also to hold a Special Meeting of the Commissioners on 27th October, 1981 at 7.30p.m. to agree the agenda for the meeting on 28th October.

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Item 2. Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the September, 1981 meeting held on 8th September, 1981 were read and confirmed.

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Item 3. Matters Arising out of Minutes.

- (a) Commissioner Kennedy apologised for inability to attend the September meeting of the Commissioners.
- (b) In relation to the cleaning of the sea banks, the chairman informed the meeting that a voluntary clean up of the sea banks would take place on Saturday 17th October, 1981 and that all were welcome to participate.

Item 4. Adoption of Fuel Scheme of Winter Season 1981/1982.

- (a) The implementation of the Free Fuel Scheme for Winter Season 1981/1982 was approved.
- (b) In relation to the non - eligibility of persons living outside the area administered by the Commissioners it was agreed that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Commissioners on the matter of the extension of the town boundaries.

Item 5. Balbriggan Coat of Arms.

- (a) Report on letter and Draft Illustration for Genealogical Office .
- (b) Consideration of suitable motto for Coat of Arms.
- (a) Following a discussion on the Draft Illustration from the Genealogical Office it was agreed to request the Chief Herald to increase the representation of pipes in the Crest.
- (b) It was agreed to defer a decision on a motto to accompany the Crest to the next meeting of the Commissioners.

Item 6. Motion submitted by Commissioner O'Ceallachain.

"That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment to immediately introduce appropriate legislation to control the price of Building Land so that exhorbitant profits cannot be made simply because of rezoning decisions."

- (a) Following a discussion the motion was passed.
- (b) It was agreed to write to the Minister for the Environment informing him of the passing of the Motion.

Item 7. Consideration of Auditors Report.

The auditors report was read and noted.

Item 8. Consideration of Tidy Towns report for 1981.

The Tidy Towns report for 1981 was noted.



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Item 8 contd.,

- (a) The Town Clerk informed the meeting that letters concerning next years Tidy Towns Competition had been sent out to all interested associations in the town.
- (b) The meeting was informed that new litter bins would be installed in the town in the near future.

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Item 9. Applications for hire of Town Hall.

- (a) An application for use of the Town Hall for a Basketball Marathon on 24th and 25th October, 1981 was approved.
- (b) An application from the Blood Transfusion Board for use of the hall on 7th and 8th December, 1981 was approved.
- (c) An application from St Finbars Cub Scouts for use of the hall on 13th December for a Christmas party was approved in principal provided it did not clash with events held annually at that time of the year in the hall.

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Item 10. Correspondence.

- (a) Letter dated 30th September, 1981 from Minister for Fisheries and Forestry regarding Balbriggan Harbour was noted. A reply from Dublin County Council in this regard was read. It was agreed to ask the Council for a copy of the report on the improvement of Balbriggan Harbour mentioned in their reply.
- (b) Letter from An Garda Siochana regarding Parking of Vehicles at Bremore and Lambreecher Estates and regarding Trader on the Square.
  1. It was agreed to write to the Gardai requesting the enforcement of the law in relation to the parking of vehicles on footpaths.
  2. It was agreed to request the Council to provide a parking area for articulated trucks at the next Deputations
  3. Following a discussion on trading on the Square, Balbriggan it was agreed to request the County Council to designate a trading area in Balbriggan under the Casual Trading Act, 1980.
- (c) Letter dated 23th September, 1981 from Dublin County Council regarding Balbriggan Library was read and noted.
- (d) Letter dated 29th September, 1981 from Killarney U.D.C. regarding motor Insurance increases.

The motion contained in the letter from Killarney U.D.C. condemning the recent increases in motor insurance was passed at the meeting. It was agreed to inform Killarney U.D.C. of the result.
- (e) Other Correspondence.

There was no item under this heading.



Item 11. Other business.

- (a) Commissioner Kennedy complained that the pedestrian lights in Drogheda Street had not been repaired. It was agreed to contact the Council again on the matter.
- (b) It was agreed to write to the Council to request the removal of an old car at the top of the graveyard and an old forklift truck at Station Road.
- (c) It was agreed to request the Council to examine the position of the occupier of a caravan at the carpark at the bridge of Bath Road.
- (d) It was agreed to request the Council to repair the pailing at Blackrock and the wall along the park.

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Meeting concluded at 10.15p.m.

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*Patricia M. Fallon*  
10/11/81.



Minutes of the November Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday 10th November, 1981.

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Commissioners Present:

Barlow, Vincent  
Gallen, Patricia (Chairman)  
Harper, Freddie  
Larkin, Jack P.C.

Lawless, Stephen  
O'Ceallachain, Eoghan  
Reilly, Hughie, M.C.C.

An apology for non - attendance was received from Commissioner Kennedy.

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Officials Present.

G. Redmond Assistant City and County Manager.  
P. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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Item 1. Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the October Meeting held on Tuesday 13th October, 1981 were read and noted.

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Item 2. Matters arising out of the Minutes.

- (a) Commissioner Larkin asked that the Pedestrian lights be reported to the County Council being still out of order.
  - (b) Commissioner Barlow stated that four lights were out of order in the main street including one outside the Church.
  - (c) Commissioner O'Ceallachain stated that the lights in Curran Park were still out of order. It was pointed out however, that they were now working.
  - (d) Commissioner Reilly informed the meeting that the E.S.B. would repair the lights at the underpass at Seapoint on receipt of an order from C.I.E. The chairman stated that this order had been issued and that the work would be carried out within the next three weeks.
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Item 3. Deputation to Dublin County Council on 19th November, 1981.

Following discussion it was agreed that as many Commissioners as possible would be present at the Deputation. It was also decided who would speak on the various items. Commissioner Reilly stated that the start of the deputations coincided with the start of work being done which was outstanding in the Town. Commissioners O'Ceallachain stated that he would like to feel that the deputations were worthwhile.

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Item 4. Suggested Mottos for Crest.

The following suggestions were made at the meeting.

Chairman: Semper Fideles (Always Faithful)

Manager: Is treise tuatha na tiarna (people come before leadership).

Following further discussion it was agreed to contact the Secondary Schools in the Town and the local Historical Society for suggestions.

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Item 5. Correspondence.

- (a) A letter from Dublin County Council Re: Beach Examination was read and noted.
- (b) A letter from Kinsale U.D.C. Re: Mortgage subsidies was read and unanimously supported. In addition it was agreed on the proposal of Commissioner Reilly, Seconded by Commissioner Barlow, to write to the Minister for the Environment asking that the £18,000 be made available to first time buyers purchasing a second hand house.
- (c) A letter from Dublin County Council re: removal of vehicles was read and it was agreed to follow the matter up with the Gardai and the Litter Warden.
- (d) A letter from the Minister for the Environment noting the Commissioners motion concerning the Control of building land prices was read and noted.
- (e) A letter from the Department of the Environment dated 16.10.81 setting up new rates of remuneration for the Town Clerk was read and the Commissioners agreed to the new rates.

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Item 6. Other business.

- (a) It was agreed to contact the Roads Engineer to see if it was feasible to incorporate ramps in some footpaths around the Town.
- (b) It was agreed to write to Mr G. Palmer thanking him for all his work in the Town as Roads Engineer.
- (c) A vote of sympathy to Mrs Fox on the recent death of her husband was passed.
- (d) A vote of sympathy to Mr Tony O'Neill and his family, on the recent death of their young son was passed.
- (e) It was agreed to write to Micheal Lynch Parks Superintendent wishing him a speedy recovery.
- (f) It was agreed to again contact the County Council in connection with the drainage in the graveyard.
- (g) It was agreed to contact the Roads Department in connection with the grass verges at Drogheda Road.
- (h) In reply to Commissioner Lawless concerning the seabanks the Manager stated that it might be possible to enter into an agreement with C.I.E. to maintain the area.
- (i) The chairman informed the Meeting that another beach clean - up had been arranged

for the near future following the success of the previous one.  
The meeting ended at 8.35p.m.

8/11/81. Peter + Gillian



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Minutes of the December meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on  
Tuesday 8th December, 1981.

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Commissioners Present:

Barlow, Vincent	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Gallen, Patricia (Chairman)	Lawless, Stephen
Harper, Freddie	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan
Kennedy, Jack,	Reilly, Hughie M.C.C.

Apologies for non - attendance were received from Commissioner A. Hamilton.

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Officials Present:

Patrick Gibbons, Town Clerk.

Apologies for Non - attendance were received from George Redmond Assistant City & County  
Manager.

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Item 1. Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the November meeting held on 10th November, 1981 were read and confirmed.

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Item 2. Matters arising out of the minutes.

- (a) Commissioner O'Ceallachain stated that there was still one light out in Curran Park.
  - (b) Commissioner Kennedy stated that there were four lights out in the main street and that one of the lights in the tunnel at Convent Lane were out. In addition two of lights on the south pier were out.
  - (c) It was agreed to contact C.I.E. in regard to a broken rain water pipe at the Convent Lane, Tunnel.
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Item 3. Commissioners Consent under section ii of the City & County Management  
(amendment) Act 1955.

It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by the chairman and agreed that the expenditure on the Fuel Scheme be increased to £28,000 for 1981. It was also agreed to contact the Minister for Social Welfare and the E.S.B. in connection with the use of the fuel vouchers to pay for electricity. In addition it was agreed to ask the E.S.B. about the position concerning the siting of a new office in Balbriggan.

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Item 4. Commissioners consent under Section 90 of the Housing Act 1966 and Section 26  
of the Landlord & Tenant (Ground Rents) (No 2) Act 1978.

It was proposed by Commissioner Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and agreed that the fee simple on 19, Lawless Terrace, 24, Lawless Terrace and 56, Hampton Street be transferred to the occupiers of the premises in each case.

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Item 5. Suggested Mottos for Crest.

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

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Item 6. Deputation to Dublin County Council on 19th November, 1981.

Commissioners Kennedy, Lawless and Reilly apologised for their non - attendance at the Deputation and Commissioner Kennedy objected to an article in the Drogheda Independent concerning the attendance. A report on the proceeding was given by the members present at the deputation. It was agreed to write to the County Council outlining the Commissioners proposals in relation to the roadways at Derham Park/Craoibhin Park.

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Item 7. Correspondence.

- (a) A letter from Dublin County Council Re: Casual Trading Areas was read and noted.
  - (b) A letter from the Department of the Environment Re: Mortgage subsidies, was read and noted.
  - (c) A letter from Hampton Cove Residents Association Re; a meeting with C.I.E. and it was agreed that some members of the Commissioners would attend the meeting.
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Item 8. Other business.

- (a) A report on the siting of the Christmas Tree was given to the meeting.
  - (b) It was agreed to hold a meeting concerning the Tidy Districts and Tidy Towns Competition in January.
  - (c) It was agreed to find out the position regarding the fireplaces at Lambreecher Housing Estate.
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The meeting concluded at 9.15p.m.

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Patrick H. Gallen  
12/1/82.



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Minutes of January, 1982 Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday 12th January, 1982.

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Commissioners Present:

Barlow, Vincent	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Gallen, Patricia	Lawless, Stephen.
Harper, Freddie	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan
Kennedy, Jack	Reilly, Hughie M.C.C.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Commissioner A. Hamilton.

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Officials Present:

P. Gibbons Town Clerk.

An apology was received from Mr G. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.

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Item 1. Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the December, 1981 meeting held on 8th December, 1981 were read and confirmed.

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Item 2. Matters arising out of the Minutes.

- (a) The position in relation to the installation of fireplaces at Lambreecher Estate, was outlined to the Commissioners.
- (b) Commissioner Kennedy stated that there was no improvement in the public lighting situation. It was agreed to write to the E.S.B. and Dublin Corporation in an attempt to rectify the situation.
- (c) A letter from the Secretary of the E.S.B. in answer to points raised by the Commissioners. It was agreed to again contact the E.S.B. and appropriate Ministers in order to clarify the situation.
- (d) Commissioner Barlow gave an account of a meeting between C.I.E. and a number of Resident Associations. The resident associations had issued a request that the Commissioners convene a meeting of all interested parties to discuss the situation. It was agreed to hold the meeting on Tuesday 23rd February, 1982 at 7.30p.m.

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Item 3. Fixing of Date for meeting to discuss participation in Tidy Towns and Tidy Districts Competitions.

It was agreed to hold the meeting at 8.30 on the night of the Commissioners February Meeting (9th February, 1982).

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Item 4. St Patricks Day Parade 1982.

It was agreed to contact all clubs and organisations in the area and to present a report on progress to the February meeting.

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Item 5. Mottos for Crest.

Discussion on this item was deferred to a later date.



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Item 6. Commissioners consent to sale of Fee Simple.

The Commissioners consent was granted to the sale of the fee simple in respect of Numbers 13 and 50 Hampton Street.

Item 7. Other business.

- (a) Commissioner O'Ceallachain informed the meeting that the invalided tenant of Number 10 St. Peter & Paul's Crescent had been left without heat while her fireplace was being replaced. It was agreed to contact the Council in this regard.
- (b) Commissioner O'Ceallachain asked that a report <sup>be presented</sup> on the mobilization of men and machinery in the Balbriggan area during the recent blizzard.
- (c) Commissioner Lawless asked that the basketball nets in the Town Hall be removed due to damage to the floor. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that these nets were being replaced.
- (d) On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to Contact C.I.E. about the possible erection of Bus Shelters at Drogheda Street.

The meeting concluded at 8.50P.M.

Patrick H. Fallon  
23/2/82



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Minutes of February, 1982 meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on  
9th February, 1982.

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Commissioners Present.

Barlow, Vincent	Kennedy, Jack
Gallen, Patricia (chairman)	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Hamilton, Anthony	Lawless, Stephen
Harper, Freddie	O'Ceallachain Eoghan

An apology for non attendance was received from Commissioner Hughie Reilly.

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Officials Present: P. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology for non - attendance was received from Mr G. Redmond Assistant City and County  
Manager.

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At the beginning of the meeting Commissioner O'Ceallachain questioned the change of agenda  
and was informed by the chairman that due to the importance of the items on the agenda and  
the time restraints involved she had decided to amend the normal agenda. Following discussion  
it was agreed that Commissioner O'Ceallachain could raise an item at the end of the meeting  
which he said was of importance to the Town.

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Item 1. Meeting with representatives of the E.S.B.

The chairman welcomed Messrs Nolan, Butler and Hourican from the E.S.B. She then explained  
that the Commissioners and people of Balbriggan were disappointed at Balbriggan being  
overlooked and ignored by the E.S.B. in relation to the siting of an local office in the  
Town. The E.S.B. delagation explained their position on the matter and informed the meeting  
that it was not proposed to establish a local office in Balbriggan. They said however that  
they would look at the possibility of providing a cash office on a part - time basis. The  
Commissioners then informed the E.S.B. representatives about the unsatisfactory street lighting  
position in the town and gave them a list of lights which were not working. Mr Hourican  
promised to investigate the complaints and inform the Commissioners of the outcome. The  
delagation then left the meeting.

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Item 2. St., Patricks Day Parade, 1982

Reports from both the Town Clerk and Mr Joe Yeates were given to the meeting. Following  
discussion the following matters were agreed.

1. Assembly to be in the car park for marching groups.
2. Route to be the same as last year.
3. Parade to start at 1.15p.m. after 12.30p.m. Mass.
4. If possible to have traditional music and dancing on the square.
5. Invitations to review stand to be sent to (a) Commissioners (b) Parish Priest (c) Rev Mills  
(d) Garda Superintendent (e) Local T.D's (f) Local Co Co Members (g) Manager (h) Mr Brady  
(i) Area Officers of Uniformed groups taking part.



Item 2. Contd.,

6. open invitations to all who wished to partake in the parade.

It was agreed to hold another meeting nearer to St., Patrick's Day.

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Item 3. Tidy Towns & Districts Competitions.

The meeting was attended by two representative from Bath Road Tenants Association and One Representative from Tara Court Residents Association.

The associations were informed that it would be up to them to take a greater interest in keeping their estates clean and tidy as the County Council had not the resources to do it. The associations agreed to take part in the Tidy Districts Competition and the Commissioners decided that an award would be made by them to the best area. It was agreed to discuss the matter again at the April meeting.

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Item 4. Commissioners consent to sale of house.

Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner O'Ceallachain and seconded by Commissioner Barlow and AGREED that 14, Gibbons Terrace should be sold to Stephen Brayden.

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Item 5.

Commissioner O'Ceallachain then raised the matter of the offer by Mr McAuley to the County Council he said that the County Council were not sufficiently interested in the proposal to push the matter hard enough and that they had not contacted Mr McAuley. The Town Clerk refuted these allegations and informed the meeting that the County Council and its officials were as interested in obtaining the Western Marine Land as the people of Balbriggan. Negotiations were continuing and Western Marine could not be forced to hand over their property. The Town Clerk also informed the meeting that Mr O'Sullivan from the County Council had contacted Mr McAuley and read a letter to the meeting from Mr McAuley confirming this. The chairman informed the meeting that it was a County Council matter and that as negotiations were continuing it would be unwise of the Commissioners to interfere in the matter.

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The meeting ended at 10.35p.m.  
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Patricia H. Galley  
9/3/82



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Minutes of Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday 23rd February, 1982  
to consider the Balbriggan Bus Service.

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Commissioners Present:

Gallen, Patricia (Chairman)	Lawless, Stephen
Harper, Freddie	O'Ceallachain Eoghan
Kennedy, Jack	Reilly, Hughie M.C.C.
Larkin, Jack P.C.	

Apologies for non - attendance were received from Commissioners Barlow and Hamilton.

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Officials present. Patrick Gibbons Town Clerk.

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Also present: Representatives from C.I.E., National Bus Workers Union, Irish Transport & General Workers Union Federated Workers Union of Ireland, Garda Siochana and a number of Residents Associations.

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The Commissioners and members of the Residents Associations outlined to the meeting their concern at the curtailment of the night bus service to Balbriggan and from Balbriggan. They also expressed concern at the lack of a proper reasonably priced service for people on the outskirts of Balbriggan and asked for the extension of the use of the commuter ticket to Provincial Services. Following intense discussion on the situation it was agreed that provided adequate security could be given to bus crews that the Union representatives would ask their members to reintroduce the late night bus service on a trial basis. In this regard the Garda representative, Sgt O'Donoghue said he would discuss the matter with his senior officers. In relation to the Commuter Ticket C.I.E. said that they would not be extending its use to Provincial Service but that the Commissioners should contact the Dublin City Services Schedules Manager to investigate the possibility of rerouting the No 33 route. It was agreed to do this.

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The Meeting concluded at 9.15 p.m.

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Patricia H. Gallen  
9/3/82



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Minutes of Special Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday 23rd February,

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Commissioners Present:

Gallen, Patricia (Chairman)

Larkin, Jack P.C.

Harper, Freddie

Lawless, Stephen

Kennedy, Jack

Apologies were received from Commissioners Barlow, Hamilton, O'Ceallachain and Reilly.

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Officials Present: Patrick Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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At the outset of the meeting the Commissioners passed a resolution wishing Mr George Redmond Assistant City & County Manager, a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

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Item 1. Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the January, 1982 meeting held on 12th January, 1982 were read and confirmed.

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Item 2. Matters arising out of minutes.

It was stated that one of the people in the flats at Bath Road wanted a fireplace. It was agreed that Commissioners Kennedy & Larkin would survey the flat tenants to find out if fireplaces were required.

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Item 3. Applications for hire of Hall.

An application from Balbriggan Community Games for Gymnastics practise was approved.  
An application from Balbriggan Branch of the Irish Red Cross for a disco was approved.

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Item 4. Correspondence.

- (a) A letter from C.I.E. re: Bus shelters in Drogheda Street, was read and noted.
  - (b) A letter from Department of Social Welfare Re: Fuel Scheme was read and noted.
  - (c) A letter from Dublin County Council re: Western Marina was read and the Council were complimented on their quick action in this matter.
  - (d) A letter to Commissioner Reilly from the Dublin County Council Planning Department re: extension of Town Boundaries, was read and it was agreed to discuss the matter at the March meeting.
  - (e) A letter from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance re: Appointment of Nominee to General Meetings was read and the chairman Miss Gallen was appointed.
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The meeting concluded at 9.50p.m.

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*Patricia H. Gallen*  
2/23/82



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Minutes of the March, 1982 meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday 9th March, 1982.

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Commissioners Present:

Gallen, Patricia (Chairman)	Lawless, Stephen
Harper, Freddie	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan
Kennedy, Jack.	

Apologies for non - attendance were received from Commissioners Hamilton and Reilly.

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Officials Present:

P. Gibbons Town Clerk.

An apology for non - attendance was received from Mr J.D. Taylor Assistant City and County Manager.

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Item 1. Confirmation of Minutes.

- (a) The minutes of the February, 1982 meeting held on 9.2.82 were read and confirmed.
  - (b) The minutes of the Balbriggan Bus Service meeting held on 23.2.82 were read and confirmed.
  - (c) The minutes of the Special meeting held on 23.2.82 were read and confirmed.
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Item 2. Matters arising out of the minutes.

- (a) Commissioner O'Ceallachain stated that having checked with Maurice McAuley he felt he did not owe an apology to Mr D. O'Sullivan from the County Council concerning his handling of the Quay Street, matter. Commissioner Kennedy said that Mr McAuley should have contacted the Commissioners concerning the inaccuracy of his letter.
  - (b) Commissioner O'Ceallachain stated that in future he felt the Commissioners should meet prior to deputations. He felt the meeting on the Balbriggan Bus Service was a disgraceful exhibition. He also said that if there was no satisfactory outcome to the problem of the Bus Service that the Commissioners should press for a late night train service.
  - (c) Commissioner Kennedy stated that having investigated whether or not, fireplaces were required by the tenants of the flats at Bath Road he had to report to the meeting that the tenants were not really interested.
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Item 3. Agenda for Deputations to Dublin County Council on 18.3.82

The agenda for the Deputations to Dublin County Council on 18th March, 1982 was discussed and the various speakers were agreed.

The agenda consisted of:

- Item 1. Cleaning and maintenance of Balbriggan Beaches and Seabanks for 1982.
- Item 2. Present position on:
  - (i) Takeover of open space at Fancourt Heights.
  - (ii) Building of wall at rear of Clonard Court.
- Item 3. Discussion on the issuing of points to housing applicants prior to allocations of houses and the present position on the construction of Council houses in Balbriggan



Agenda for Deputation to County Council contd.,

- Item 4. Present position on Mill Pond area with a special reference to provision of a temporary bridge and the proposals for landscaping.
- Item 5. Present position on Croaibhin Park/Derham Park junction.

Item 4. Discussion on possible abuse of drugs in the area.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk should contact Inspector Mullen of the drugs squad and arrange a suitable date with him for a meeting.

Item 5. Discussion on possible extension of Town Boundary.

This matter was deferred to the April meeting<sup>as</sup> on the proposal of the Chairman it was agreed to again consider the possibility of petitioning for Urban District Council status.

Item 6. Submission to Department of Social Welfare on Fuel Scheme for Winter 1982/1983.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk should write to the Minister for Social Welfare to strongly urge them to change the Scheme back to its original format.

Item 7. Correspondence.

A letter from Dublin County Council re: Clonard Court, Balbriggan was read and it was agreed to leave the matter to the Deputation with the County Council.

Item 8. Other Business.

- (a) An application for hire of the hall by the Balbriggan Feis Committee was agreed.
- (b) A vote of congratulations to Superintendent Moore on his promotion was passed.
- (c) On the proposal of the Chairman it was agreed that the "Any other business" item on the Commissioners agendas be deleted from future agendas and that all matters for discussion<sup>s</sup> be submitted to the Town Clerk in time for replies to be available at the meetings.

(d) *Comm Harper stated that parking in Quay St. was chaotic. It was agreed to contact Dublin Co. Co. to investigate the position.*

Meeting concluded at 9.00p.m.

*Patricia H. Allen*  
13/4/82







Item 4 contd/.

(c) Tidy Districts Competition.

The Town Clerk informed the members that it was proposed to run the Dublin County Council Tidy Districts Competition and the Balbriggan Town Commissioners competition simultaneously. Dublin County Council would supply the marks for the Balbriggan enteries Two firms Wavin Pipes Ltd., and Murphy Concrete Products have agreed to present a prize of £30.00 each in respect of the competition. It was agreed to have two prize categories viz (i) Best private estate (Murphy Concrete Prize) (ii) Best Local Authority Estate (Wavin Pipes Prize).

(d) E.S.B. Proposals on payment of bills.

A report on the matter was presented to the Commissioners. The Commissioners welcomed the proposals as put forward by the E.S.B. but agreed that they still fell short of providing an office in the town.

Item 5. Correspondence.

- (a) A letter dated 29.12.81 from the Association of Municipal Authorities Re: Annual subscription (was read and noted.)
- (b) A letter dated 12.3.82 from the Association of Municipal Authorities Re: Irish Council of European Authorities was read and it was agreed that the Commissioners should become members.
- (c) Letter dated January 1982 from Glebe North A.F.C. was read and noted, and it was agreed to support the club.
- (d) Letter dated 23.3.82 from Dublin County Council Re: Derham/Craoibhin Park junction was read and contents agreed.
- (e) Letter dated 8.3.82 from Nora Owen T.D. Re: **Road Markings** at Balrothery was read and Noted.
- (f) Letter dated from Nora Owen T.D. re: Schoold warden at Drogheda Street was read and noted.
- (g) Letter dated 30.3.82 from C.I.E. Re: **Bus Shelter** at Drogheda Street was read and noted. It agreed to contact C.I.E. again and to also request a bus shelter beside the Cinema.
- (h) Letter dated 29.3.82 from an Garda Siochanan Re: Protection for Buses was read and noted
- (i) Letters from High Street Residents were read and it was agreed to support the residents demands.

Item 6. Transfer of Property.

- (a) It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and AGREED that 7, Hampton Street should be transfered into the joint name of Husband and Wife.
- (b) It was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by the Chairman and AGREED that 65, Hampton Street be transfered to Dublin County Council.

Item 7. Increase in Remuneration.

It was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by the Chairman and AGREED that the remuneration of the staff of Balbriggan Town Commissioners be increased in accordance with the current Public Service Wage agreement



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Item 8 Housing Allocations.

Commissioner O'Ceallachain said that he felt the number given by the County Council as being on the housing list for Balbriggan did not represent the true picture. Following discussion it was agreed to contact the County Council for clarification. Commissioner Reilly said that he was pressing the Council to proceed with the next stage of 44 houses.

Item 9. Balbriggan Trade Centre.

Commissioners O'Ceallachain stated that he could not reconcile the business in the Trade Centre with the application made. He was informed that all business in the Trade Centre had planning permission but that the County Council planning department were investigating a development in the Station Yard in premises leased by the Trade Centre.

Item 10. Provision of signposts at Seabanks.

The Town Clerk informend the members that the County Council were investigating the siting of these signposts and that a report was to be put before the North County Committee of the County Council.

Item 11. Provision of Extra Litter Bins in Town.

The Town Clerk informed the members that 34 new litter bins would be placed in the town during the month of May. Of these 13 would be replacements for existing bins and 21 would be for new sites. At the request of the Chairman it was agreed to ask the County Council to site one or two litter bins in Mill Street.

Item 12. Position on Bells Land.

The Manager informed the members that the legal formalities were being completed and an action plan would then be formulated.

The meeting then concluded.

*Patricia H. Gallen*

*11/5/82*



Minutes of the Annual Estimates Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday 13th April, 1982.

Commissioners Present:

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| Barlow, Vincent             | Kennedy, Jack         |
| Gallen, Patricia (Chairman) | O'Ceallachain, Eoghan |
| Harper, Freddie             | Reilly, Hughie M.C.C. |
| Hamilton, Anthony           |                       |

Apologies for non - attendance were received from Commissioners Lawless and Commissioner Larkin.

Officials Present:

- G. Redmond, Assistant City & County Manager.
- P. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

- (a) At the begining of the meeting the Commissioners passed a vote of sympathy to Commissioner Lawless and his family on the recent death of his brother.
- (b) The Commissioners joined the Chairman in welcomming the Manager back after his recent illness. In reply the Manager thanked the Commissioners for their good wishes while he was ill.

The Manager explained the position concerning the estimates and the increase of 15% notified by the Minister for the Environment.

Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Barlow and Seconded by Commissioner Hamilton and agreed that the Estimates as presented be adopted.

The Meeting then Concluded.

*Patricia M. Gallen*  
 11/5/82



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Minutes of the May Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday 11th May, 1982

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Commissioners Present:

Barlow, Vincent	Kennedy, Jack
Gallen, Patricia (Chairman)	Larkin Jack P.C.
Harper, Freddie	Lawless, Stephen

Apologies for non - attendance were received from Commissioners Reilly and O'Ceallachain.

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Officials Present:

G. W. Redmond Assistant City and County Manager  
Patrick A. Gibbons Town Clerk.

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Item 1. Confirmation of Minutes.

- (a) The minutes of the April Meeting held on 13.4.82 were read and confirmed.
  - (b) The minutes of the Estimates Meeting held on 13.4.82 were read and confirmed.
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Item 2. Matters arising out of the Minutes.

- (a) Commissioner Harper asked if any further word had been received from the County Council concerning the Balbriggan Trade Centre. He was informed that no word had been received.
  - (b) Commissioner Kennedy asked if the owner of the Trade Centre could be contacted about the flammable materials stored in a garage adjoining C.I.E. property. It was agreed to do so.
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Item 3. Applications for Hire of Hall.

- (a) An application from O'Dwers G.A.A. Club to hold an dance on 28th May, 1982 was approved.
  - (b) An application from Mr Sean Dunne to hire the supperroom on Tuesdays for Self Defence classes was approved.
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Item 4. Correspondence.

- (a) A letter dated 15.4.82 from Dublin Corporation Re: Nuclear Free Zones was read. The Commissioners were informed that as Dublin County Council had already declared Dublin County as a N.F.Z. that a similar resolution by the Commissioners was not necessary. The Commissioners noted the letter while supporting the action of the County Council.
  - (b) A letter dated 10.5.82 from the Fingal Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament was read, inviting the Commissioners to a public meeting on 26th May, 1982 and to March in Dublin on 5th June, 1982. The contents of the letter were noted.
  - (c) A letter dated 16.4.82 from C.I.E. Re; Balbriggan Bus Service was read and the intention to increase the service on the No 33 route was welcomed.
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- (d) A list dated 21.4.82 from Dublin County Council showing recent Balbriggan allocations was noted. It was agreed to contact Dublin County Council with a view to ensuring that any old person wanting a transfer from outlying dwellings to the scheme beside the Church would get priority in any allocation of casual vacancies.
- (e) A letter from Cllr Hughie Reilly with copies of letters from the Department of Transport Re; Balbriggan Harbour were read. It was agreed to circulate these for the June meeting of the Town Commissioners.
- (f) A map from Dublin County Council re: Proposed landscaping of Quay Street and Mill St., was discussed by the Commissioners. It was agreed to write to Dublin County Council regarding assurances that the only car entrance on Mill Street would be as shown on the map and that no car park would be put on the strand. The Manager outlined his own ideas for the area from Mill pond to the Harbour.
- (g) A plan of the proposed County Council development at Hampton Street was shown to the Commissioners. General approval was given in regard to the project.
- (h) The Manager outlined to the Commissioners the situation regarding the contamination of the water supply in the Town. On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless a vote of congratulations was passed to Dublin County Council, the local Gardai and the Red Cross on their action during the emergency.

Item 5. Deputations to Dublin County Council

- (a) The minutes of the Deputations held 18.3.82 were read and confirmed. Commissioner Harper asked that his name be included as being present at the deputation.
- (b) One item viz Cleaning and maintenance of beaches and sea banks was agreed for the next deputations. It was agreed that the Commissioners should submit items for the agenda which would be agreed by the Town Clerk and Chariman.

Item 6. Consideration of future role and status of Balbriggan Town.

Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Barlow and seconded by the Chairman and AGREED that the initial steps be taken with regard to Urban District Status for Balbriggan.

*Commissioner Kennedy did not agree with the motion.*

Item 7. At the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy a vote of congratulation was passed to the Cultural & Historical society on their recent exhibition.

Meeting concluded at 9.00p.m.

*Patricia M. Callan  
8/6/82*



Minutes of the June Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on  
 Tuesday 8th June, 1982.

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Commissioners Present:

Barlow, Vincent	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Gallen, Patricia (Chairman)	Lawless, Stephen
Hamilton, Anthony	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan
Harper, Freddie	Reilly, Hughie P.C. &
Kennedy, Jack.	M.C.C.

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Officials Present:

Patrick A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

Apologies were received from Mr G.W. Redmond Assistant City and County Manager.

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Item 1. Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the May meeting held on 11th May, 1982 were read, Following a correction requested by Commissioner Kennedy the minutes were confirmed.

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Item 2. Matters arising out of the Minutes.

- (a) Commissioner Kennedy said that the inflammable materials had not been removed from the section of the Trade Centre that they were stored in. It was agreed to again contact the owner and the County Council.
  - (b) Commissioner O'Ceallachain asked that the County Council confirm in writing that all aspects of the planning permission had been complied with in the Balbriggan Trade Centre espically with regard to the discharge of dye.
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Item 3 Applications for Hire of Hall.

- (a) An application from Balbriggan Breakaway Festival for use of the hall at various times, approved by the Town Clerk, was noted.
  - (b) An application from Tara Cove Ladies Basketball Club for use of the hall on Tuesdays from 8.30 - 10,30p.m. was approved.
  - (c) An application from the Horticultural Society for use of the hall on 28th August was approved.
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Item 4. Correspondence.

- (a) A letter with enclosures from Cllr H. Reilly Re: Balbriggan Harbour was read and it was agreed to contact the Commissioner solicitors with a view to taking legal action against Dublin Port & Docks Board.



Item 4. Contd/.

- (b) A letter from Dublin County Council Re: One - Way system was read and noted. It was agreed to Contact the County Council and Mr McAuley about the High Street entrance to the shopping centre and to also contact Mr McAuley concerning a boundary wall which was allegedly promised.
- (c) A letter from Cobh U.D.C. Re: Electricity allowance was read. It was agreed to support the motion.
- (d) A letter from the Association of Municipal Authorities Re: Annual conference was read and it was agreed that any motions for the conference would be submitted to the Town Clerk.
- (e) A letter from Balbriggan Historical & Cultural Society Re: Bremore Castle & Monastery was read and it was agreed to Contact Dublin County Council in this regard.
- (f) A letter from the National Association of Building Co - Operatives was read and following discussion it was agreed that as many Commissioners as possible would attend the public meeting.

Item 5. Report on proposal to petition for Urban District Status

Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Reilly and Seconded by the Chairman and AGREED that the boundaries of the proposed Urban District be drawn to include Balbriggan Urban and parts of Balbriggan Rural. A further report would be presented to the Commissioners as soon as possible.

Item 6. Deputations to the County Council on 17th June, 1982.

The items on the agenda were discussed and it was agreed to contact the County Council prior to the deputations to investigate the position regarding a Marine Engineer. It was agreed to request parking facilities in the car park at the rear of the Council offices.

Item 7. Proposals for a Town Walk.

On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless it was agreed to contact the County Council in connection with a scenic walk from the Harbour to the Furry Glen.



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Item 8. Cleaning of River.

Commissioner Kennedy was informed that the river would be cleaned as part of the proposed landscaping scheme.

Item 9. Fixing of fountain at Blackrock.

It was agreed to again contact the County Council concerning the fixing of the fountain at Blackrock.

Item 10. Library Opening Hours.

The meeting was informed of the position regarding the library. Following discussion it was agreed to invite County Council and Union representatives to a meeting.

Item 11. Housing allocations and constructions.

The recent list of allocations was presented to the Commissioners and noted. It was agreed to write to the County Council asking that the next stage of Hampton would incorporate 160 dwellings.

Item 12. Bells Land Purchase.

The meeting was informed that a report on the situation would be given at the deputation on 17.6.82.

Item 13. Balbriggan Crest.

The meeting was informed that a second illustration should be available for the July meeting of the Commissioners. It was agreed to again circulate the mottos which were suggested.

Item 14. Derham Park/Craoibhin Park Junction.

The meeting was informed that the matter was still with the traffic study group. The Commissioners would be informed of any developments.

The meeting then concluded.

*Patricia M. Galbraith*

13/9/82



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday 13th July, 1982.

Commissioners Present:

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| Barlow, Vincent             | Larkin, Jack               |
| Gallen, Patricia (Chairman) | Lawless, Stephen           |
| Hamilton, Anthony           | O'Ceallachain, Eoghan      |
| Harper, Freddie             | Reilly, Hughie P.C. M.C.C. |
| Kennedy, Jack               |                            |

Officials Present:

- G. W. Redmond Assistant City & County Manager.  
Patrick A. Gibbons Town Clerk.

The outgoing chairman thanked the Commissioners for their co operation and work during the year and she also thanked the Manager, the County Council, the Town Clerk and the Drogheda Independent reporter. The other commissioners and the Manager complimented the Chairman on her own hard work during the year.

Item 1. Election of Chairman.

Commissioner Gallen was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and Seconded by Commissioner Barlow. As there were no other candidates Commissioner Gallen was re elected Chairman.

Item 2. Election of Vice - Chairman.

Commissioner Lawless was proposed by Commissioner Barlow and seconded by Commissioner Larkin. Commissioner Reilly was proposed by Commissioner Harper but declined the proposal. Commissioner Barlow was proposed by Commissioner Gallen but also declined the proposal. As Commissioner Lawless was the only candidate remaining he was elected as Vice - Chairman.

Item 3. Election of Estimates Committee.

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Ceallachain and Seconded by Commissioner Lawless and AGREED that the Chairman and Commissioners Reilly, Larkin and Harper be re elected as the Estimates Committee. Following discussion it was agreed that earlier consultation be held with the Commissioners on the estimates thereby allowing greater ineffect by the members themselves. The Manager then outlined the situation with regard to the preparation of the estimates and government restrictions.

Item 4. Election of Fuel Scheme Committee.

It was proposed by Commissioner Barlow and Seconded by Commissioner Reilly and AGREED that the Chairman and Commissioners Kennedy, Hamilton, Lawless and O'Ceallachain be re elected as the Fuel Scheme Committee.

Item 5.

It was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Lawless that "Other Business" be included on the agenda for Commissioners meetings from September onwards. It was proposed by Commissioner O'Ceallachain and seconded by Commissioner Gallen that "Other Business" should include only those items notified to the Town Clerk on the day prior to the meeting. Following a vote the amendment was defeated by 5 votes to 4. The original motion was then put to the meeting. This was carried by 5 votes to 4



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Item 5 contd.,

The Manager then informed the Commissioners that no comment would be available from the officials in respect of items brought up under "Other Business". However a note would be taken of these items for the following meeting.

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Item 6. Tidy Districts results and presentation of prizes.

The members were inform that Tara Court Residents Association had won the private estate category with 54 points, Tara Cove came second with 53 points and Clonard Court were third with 49 points. Lambeecher Estate Tenants Association were the only entry in the Local Authority category and received 42 points. Mr Seamus Murphy of Murphy Concrete products presented the cheque for £30.00 to Tara Court representative, and Commissioner Barlow presented a cheque for £30.00 on behalf of Wavin Pipes Ltd to the Lambeecher representative.

The chairman thanked the People of the estates for entering and congratulated the winners. The manager outlined the position concerning the Tidy Districts Competition and told the meeting that he felt the competition should be a major event in the life of the town. A vote of thanks was given to the sponsors of the competitions.

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*Patricia M. Allen*  
14/9/82.



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Minutes of July, Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday  
13th July, 1982.

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Commissioners Present:

Barlow, Vincent	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Gallen, Patricia (Chairman)	Lawless, Stephen.
Hamilton, Anthony	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan
Harper, Freddie	Reilly, Hughie P.C. M.C.C.
Kennedy, Jack	

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Officials Present:

G.W. Redmond Assistant City & County Manager.  
P.A. Gibbons Town Clerk.

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On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy votes of condolence were passed by the Commissioners to the Chairman in respect of the loss of her Uncle and to Commissioner Lawless in respect of the loss of his brother ~~Lawless~~.

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Item 1. Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the June Meeting held on 8.6.82 were read and following an amendment requested by Commissioner O'Ceallachain they were confirmed.

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Item 2. Matters arising out of the minutes.

(a) In response to a query from Commissioner O'Ceallachain the Town Clerk read two letters from the Planning Department concerning the Balbriggan Trade Centre. Commissioner O'Ceallachain informed the meeting that he wished to know was anything else being discharged other than dye. It was agreed to follow up this point with the Planning Department.

(b) On the Proposal of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to ask the County Council to instal a water tap beside the bathing shelters at the Blackrock beach.

(c) It was agreed to write to the County Council asking that the next phase of Pinewood Green Housing Estate be increased to 100. In reply to members the Manager stated that if they had any information which would be relevant to the allocation of houses they should forward it to the housing department of the County Council.

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Item 3. Applications for hire of Hall.

An application from the Red Cross for hire of the hall on 14.7.82 was approved.

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Item 4. Correspondence.

- (a) Letter dated 10.6.82 from the Department of the Environment re; register of Electors was read. It was agreed to make a number of recommendations to the working party.
- (b) Letter dated 14.6.82 from Dublin County Council re: Glebe North was read and noted.
- (c) Letter dated 14.6.82 from Dublin County Council re: Mill Street/Quay Street was read and noted.
- (d) Letter from County Council General Council re: Financing and powers of Local Authorities was read. It was agreed that if any member wished to make a submission that it should be forwarded to the Town Clerk.
- (e) A letter dated 13.7.82 from Mr Seamus Murphy re: Balbriggan beach was read and noted.
- (f) A letter dated 5.7.82 from Dublin County Council re: Balbriggan Library was read and noted.
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Item 5. Balbriggan Coat of Arms.

(a) Consideration of Illustration.

Following consideration of the 2nd preliminary illustration it was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Barlow and agreed that the Genealogical office be instructed to complete matters in accordance with the illustration.

(b-) Consideration of suitable motto.

Following consideration of the mottos submitted it was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed that motto no 2 submitted by the Manager Mr Redmond be approved. The motto reads "Is treise tuatha na tiarna (People come before Leaders)".

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Item 6. Review of Hall Letting Charges.

Following consideration of the report submitted to the members it was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and Seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the revised hall letting charges be approved as and from 1st September, 1982.

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Item 7. Report on Deputation with Dublin County Council.

The minutes of the Deputations meeting with Dublin County Council held on 17th June, 1982 were read and noted. The members present at the deputations gave an account of the proceedings. It was agreed to write to the County Council recommending that the maintenance of the graveyard be the responsibility of the caretaker and not the system as operating at present.

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Item 8 Community Hall on Bells Land.

Commissioner Reilly outlined his proposals in this regard and his reasons for them. The Manager stated that Bells Land had been required for recreational open space and he was not aware of any proposal to build a Community Hall. He then outlined the position regarding the building of a Community Hall. Following discussion it was agreed to call a public meeting in October of all interested organisations and individuals to ascertain if there was sufficient interest and commitment for such a project. It was agreed to ~~CONTACT~~ with the Community Affairs Section of the County Council and if possible to arrange visits to various community centres.

Item 9. Reconstruction of Toilets in Band Park.

Commissioner Kennedy stated that the work on the toilets had been going on for a long number of months without any apparent result. The Town Clerk informed the members of the present position. The Manager stated that he would critically examine the performance in relation to the reconstruction.

Meeting concluded at 9.55p.m.

*Richard M. Emlen*  
14/9/82.



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Minutes of the September, 1982 meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday 14th September, 1982.

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Commissioners Present:

Barlow, Vincent	Harper, Freddie
Gallen, Patricia (Chairman)	Lawless, Stephen
Hamilton, Anthony	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan

Apologies for non - attendance were received from Commissioners Reilly, Kennedy and Larkin.

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Officials Present:

Patrick A. Gibbons Town Clerk.

Apologies for non - attendance were received from the Manager.

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Item 1. Confirmation of Minutes.

- (a) The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13.7.82 were read and confirmed.
  - (b) The minutes of the July meeting held on 13.7.82 were read and confirmed.
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Item 2. Matters arising out of the minutes.

(a) Commissioner O'Ceallachain asked if any word had been received in connection with the alleged obstruction of the right-of-way on the Skerries Road. He was informed that no word had been received back. Following discussion it was agreed to again contact the County Council for a reply and also to ask them to restore the right-of-way to enable people to use it to the beach. It was agreed to have copies of correspondence in the matter available for the October meeting of the Commissioners.

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(b) Following an inquiry from Commissioner O'Ceallachain the meeting was informed that no reply had been received back from the County Council in connection with the Dye Works in the Balbriggan Trade Centre. It was agreed to again contact the County Council in this regard and to have copies of correspondence on the matter available for the October meeting of the Commissioners.

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Item 3. Applications for hire of hall.

The following applications were approved by the Commissioners:

(a) Badminton Club	Monday from 7.00p.m.	Ballroom
	Tuesday from 7.00p.m.	Ballroom
	Wednesday from 9.30p.m.	Ballroom
	Friday from 7.00p.m.	Ballroom



Item 3 contd.,

(b) Vocational School	Monday to Friday 9.20a.m. to 4.04p.m.	Ballroom
(c) Scoil Rince Cualann	Saturday 3.00p.m. - 7.00p.m.	Ballroom
	Wednesday 5.30p.m. - 7.30p.m.	Ballroom
	Wednesday 8.30p.m. - 10.30p.m.	Supperroom
(d) Community Games	Thursday 7.00p.m. - 10.30p.m.	Ballroom
(e) Youth Club	Monday 7.30p.m. - 9.30p.m.	Supperroom
(f) Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band	Saturday 10.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.	Ballroom
(g) Irish Red Cross Society	Saturday nights - Ceili	Ballroom
	2.10.82 9.30p.m. - 1.00a.m.	Ballroom
	16.10.82 9.30p.m. - 1.00a.m.	Ballroom
	20.11.82 9.30p.m.- 1.00a.m.	Ballroom

Item 4. Disposal of property.

It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner O'Ceallachain and AGREED that the fee simple of 30, Hampton Street be sold to the occupier.

Item 5. Fuel Scheme 1982/1983.

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen and Seconded by Commissioner Barlow and AGREED that the voucher system be adopted for 1982/1983 Fuel Scheme.

Item 6. Community Hall Project.

Following discussion on the matter it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Barlow and AGREED that a meeting take place of all organisations in the town on Wednesday 6.10.82. The meeting would be held in the Town Hall or the Sovereign Rooms. It was agreed to contact the County Council and the Department of Education and ask them to send a representative to the meeting.

Item 7. Correspondence.

- (a) Letter dated 7.7.82 from Ennis U.D.C. Re: Itinerant problem was read and it was agreed to support the motion. Following further discussion it was agreed to
  - (i) Ask the County Council to make the Wavin Lay-By inaccessible to caravans.
  - (ii) Ask the County Council to ensure the Clonard Hill was kept tidy and to arrange a refuse collection there.
  - (iii) Enquire why a certain person named at the meeting was not on the housing list after applying four years ago.

- (b) Letter dated 15.7.82 from Dublin County Council re: Bremore Castle & Monastery was read. It was agreed to contact the Parish Priest to ascertain if they owned the property and if so what their intentions in this regard were.



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Item 7 contd.,

- (c) Letter dated 11.8.82 from Dublin County Council re: Council housing in Balbriggan was read and noted. Following discussion it was agreed to ask to County Council to
  - (i) arrange for the repairs of (name supplied) flat at Pinewood Estate.
  - (ii) inspect the flats of O:A.P. at least once a year before Winter so that any repairs necessary can be carried out.
  - (iii) give old people in Pinewood a chance of a transfer to flats nearer the town when a vacancy arises.

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(d) Letter dated 16.8.82 from Department of Social Welfare re: free electricity allowance was read and noted.

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(e) Letter dated 18.8.82 from Lambeecher Tenants Association re: Tidy Districts Prize was read. It was agreed to write back to them complimenting them on their idea.

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Item 8. Tidy Towns Results 1982.

Following discussion it was agreed to ask the County Council to provide more litter bins in the Town.

Item 9. Proposed Pedestrianisation of Seapoint Lane.

Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and Seconded by Commissioner Barlow and Passed with the Chairman dissenting, that the County Council be requested to rebuild the wall at Seapoint Lane and re-open the road to vehicular traffic.

Item 10. Proposed Car Park at Seapoint.

Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and Seconded by Commissioner Barlow and Passed with the Chairman dissenting, that full support be given to the proposed car park.

Item 11. Other business

- (a) On the proposal of Commissioner Barlow it was agreed to ask C.I.E. to change the time of the 9.10 bus from Balbriggan To Skerries to 8.45a.m. thus allowing approx 50 children to avail of the service.
- (b) Commissioner O'Ceallachain stated that a application for planning permission had been made for a bridge over the Railway Line at Skerries Road. It was agreed to include the matter on the agenda for the next meeting if the application had not been withdrawn.
- (c) Commissioner Barlow stated that the Residents of Hampton Cove had approached him objecting to plans to build a shop on the estat. It was agreed to obtain details of any planning application which might have been lodged.



Item 11 contd.,

- (d) On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to instal a footpath from the rear entrances of Fancourt Heights to the roadway.
- (e) On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to repair the existing ladder or replace it at the Blackrock Beach.

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The meeting then concluded.

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*Stephen Lawless*  
*12-10/32*



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Minutes of the October, Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on  
Tuesday 12th October, 1982.

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Commissioners Present:

Harper, Freddie

Lawless, Stephen

Kennedy, Jack

O'Ceallachain, Eoghan

Larkin, Jack P.C.

Apologies for non - attendance were received from Commissioners Barlow, Gallen, Hamilton and Reilly.

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Officials Present:

G.W. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.

P.A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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In the absence of the Chairman the Vice - Chairman Commissioner Lawless Presided.

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Item 1. The minutes of the September, meeting held on 14.9.82 were read and confirmed.

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Item 2. Matters arising out of Minutes.

- (a) In reply to Commissioner O'Ceallachain the Town Clerk informed the meeting that as soon as investigations had been completed that a report would be issued on the Right-Of-Way at the Skerries Road.
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- (b) In reply to the Commissioners statements on Itinerant settlement in the North County a letter was read from Mrs T. Arnold, Corduff Hall, Lusk. The contents of the letter was noted.
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- (c) A letter from Dublin County Council was read to the meeting confirming that a refuse collection was now in operation for the itinerants camped on Clonard Hill.
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- (d) A letter from the Parish Priest in connection with Bremore Castle & Monastery was read and its contents noted.
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- (e) A letter from Dublin County Council in connection with the inspection of Old Age Pensioners flats and the transfer of Old Age Pensioners from Pinewood Green Estate was read and noted.
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- (f) The meeting was inform that the ladder at Blackrock Beach would be repaired or replaced before the 1983 season.
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Item 2 contd., Matters arising out of Minutes.

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(g) In reply to a statement at the September 1982 meeting that 25% of Street lights were out in Balbriggan the E.S.B. stated that an inspection of lights was carried out on 15.9.82. Out of a total of 450 lamps 54 (12%) were out. Of these 28 were due to matters outside their control and could not be immediately fixed. This left a total of 26 lights (6%) not functioning.

Item 3. Applications for Hire of Town Hall.

The following applications were approved by the Commissioners.

Date	Hirer	Function	Time
29.10.82 (Friday)	Comhaltas Ceolteori Eireann	Ceili	9.30p.m. - 1.00a.m
6.12.82 (Monday)	Blood Transfusion Board	Clinic	All day
7.12.82 (Tuesday)	Blood Transfusion Bord	Clinic	All Day
25.12.82 (Saturday)	Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band.	Disco	8.00p.m. - 12.00a.m

Item 3(a) Consideration of agenda for deputations to Dublin County Council on 21.10.82

The following agenda was agreed and discussed.

- Item 1. Improvements in beach cleaning and maintenance.
- Item 2. Itinerant problem in Balbriggan.
  - (a) establishment of itinerant settlement.
  - (b) Lay - by at Wavin Pipes.
  - (c) illegal encampments on Clonard Hill.
- Item 3. Proposals for Derham Park/Craoibhin Park junction.
- Item 4. Road improvements in the area.
  - (a) pedestrianisation of Seapoint Lane.
  - (b) roadside hedge at Bath Road.

Following discussion it was agreed to contact all organisations in the town to get their support for a major clean up of the Town with the County Council and to maintain the beaches on a regular weekly basis after that.

Item 4. Consideration of results of public meeting on Community Hall on 6.10.82.

A report of the proceedings was given to the meeting by the Town Clerk. He stated that for the meeting on 27.10.82 the following coverage would be given.

- (a) A letter would be sent to each organisation in the Town.
- (b) A letter would be sent to all members of the business community in the town.
- (c) A letter would be delivered to each house in the town.
- (d) A notice would be displayed in most businesses in the town.



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Item 5. Report on correspondence with Planning Department Re: Balbriggan Trade Centre.

Further to the report that was circulated the Town Clerk read a letter from the Planning Department indicating that no licence had been issued for the discharge of dye or other materials to either sewers or waters. A report would be compiled as soon as possible. In reply to Commissioner O'Ceallachain the Town Clerk stated that all letters contained in the report had been read at previous meetings.

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Item 6. Correspondence.

- (a) Letter dated 10.9.82 with enclosure from Castlebar U.D.C. Re: Control of festivals was read and noted.
  - (b) Letter dated 20.9.82 from Department of the Environment Re: Itinerant problem was read and noted.
  - (c) Letter dated 24.9.82 from C.I.E. Re: 9.10a.m. bus from Balbriggan to Skerries was read and noted.
  - (d) Letter dated 26.9.82 from Brendan Grimes Re: Balbriggan Library Records was read. It was agreed to write to the Scottish Records Office and arrange to have the copy file sent to the Commissioners in the first instance.
  - (e) Letter dated 29.9.82 with enclosures from Irish Anti - Apartheid Movement was read and noted.
  - (f) Letter dated 4.10.82 from T.P. Murphy and letter dated 5.10.82 from Philip & Bairbre Curtis Re: Seapoint were read. The Manager informed the meeting that as a result of a recent court case they would be rebuilding the collapsed wall at Seapoint.
  - (g) Letter dated 17.9.82 from Dublin County Council Re: St Peter & Pauls Burial Ground was read and noted.
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Item 7. Public Lighting at Seabanks.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that all lights at Seabanks had been repaired.

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Item 8. Lighting in New Carpark at Mill Street/Quay Street.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that adequate lighting will be provided when the project was completed.

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Item 9. Other business.

- (a) Commissioner Harper stated that he had received complaints about a bad smell from the Dye Works in the Balbriggan Trade Centre. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Eastern Health Board.
- (b) Commissioner Kennedy stated that he was disturbed at some of the books on the shelves in the library. The Manager told the meeting that this type of occurrence should be reported to the Librarian or Town Clerk for the matter to be investigated.



Item 9. Other business contd.,

- (c) On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to again approach C.I.E. concerning the erection of two bus shelters at Drogheda Street.
- (d) On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to write letters of congratulations to Martin Corcoran and Liam O'Carroll.

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The meeting then concluded.

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*Patricia M. Gallen*  
9/14/82.



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Minutes of November Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday 9.11.82

Commissioners Present:

Barlow, Vincent	Harper, Freddie
Gallen, Patricia (Chairman)	Lawless, Stephen
Hamilton, Anthony	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan

Apologies for non - attendance were received from Commissioners Larkin and Reilly.

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Officials Present:

Patrick A. Gibbons Town Clerk.

Apologies for non - attendance were received from Assistant City and County Manager.

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Item 1. Confirmation of minutes.

The minutes of the October 1982 held on 12.10.82 were read and confirmed.

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Item 2. Matters arising out of the minutes.

There was no business under this heading.

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Item 3. Applications for Hire of Hall.

- (a) An application for hire of the Town Hall on 11th & 12th December, 1982 from the Balbriggan Cage Bird Society was approved.
  - (b) An application from the Balbriggan Old Age Pensioners Committee to hold a wheel of Fortune in the Town Hall Ballroom on 13.12.82 was approved.
  - (c) In reply to Commissioner Barlow the Town Clerk informed the meeting the Dillon School of Dancing had applied for a date already booked and had been offered alternative dates which were not availed of.
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Item 4. Consideration of result of Public meeting on 27.10.82 Re: Community Hall.

Commissioner Lawless who chaired the meeting informed the members that he was disappointed with the turnout and he gave an account of the proceedings. He informed the meeting that a feasibility committee had been set up to examine the situation and would be reporting back at the end of March, 1983.

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Item 5. Report on deputations to Dublin County Council on 21.10.82.

The members who were present at the Deputations gave a report of the proceedings to the meeting.

Following discussion it was agreed to

1. Check the position on the tree plantine at the Wavin Lay - by.
2. Contact the Roads Engineer Re: Derham Park/ Craoibhin Park junction.



Item 6. Correspondence.

- (a) Letter dated 4.10.82 from Balbriggan O.A.P. Committee Re: Senior Citizens home was read and it was agreed to refer the matter to the E.H.B.
- (b) A letter dated 12.10.82 from Dublin County Council Re: Ladder at Blackrock Beach was read and noted.
- (c) Letter dated 12.10.82 from Dublin County Council Re: Youth Awards Scheme was read and noted.
- (d) Letter dated 13.10.82 from Dublin County Council Re: Mill Pond Signs was read and noted.
- (e) Letter dated 14.10.82 from Dublin County Council Re: Open space at Fancourt Heights was read. It was agreed to again contact the Council regarding the rear accesses from the houses.
- (f) Letter dated 22.10.82 from Dungarvan U.D.C. Re: Dumping of Nuclear Waste was read and it was agreed to support the motion.
- (g) Letter dated 27.10.82 from Dungarvan U.D.C. Re: Local Authority Loan Income Limit was read and it was agreed to notify the Minister for the Environment according.
- (h) Letter dated 2.11.82 from Dublin County Council Re: Right of way at Skerries Road was read and noted.
- (i) Letter dated 2.11.82 from the Dowling Family 4 Fancourt, Re: proposed Car park at Seapoint was read and noted.

Item 7. Other business.

- (a) On the proposal of Commissioner O'Ceallachain it was agreed to contact the County Council regarding a thorn hedge at Bath Road.
- (b) In reply to a report from the E.S.B. Commissioner Barlow said he felt that the lighting situation in the town was still totally inadequate.
- (c) Commissioner Harper stated that there was no public lighting from Glebe North to <sup>BALROTHERY.</sup> ~~wavin.~~
- (d) Commissioner Hamilton stated that lighting had been promised at the Naul Road and to date none had been installed.
- (e) On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless it was agreed to contact C.I.E, regarding the railway banks opposite the development in Quay Street.
- (f) On the proposal of Commissioner Harper it was agreed to ask the County Council to remedy the position regarding shores and paths in the parts of the Town which had flooded.
- (g) On the proposal of Commissioner Gallen it was agreed to write to all the Businesses and organisations in the town requesting financial support for Christmas Lighting.

The meeting concluded at 8.45p.m.

*Patricia H. Gallen*  
14/12/82



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Minutes of the monthly meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on 14th December, 1982

Commissioners Present:

Callen, Patricia (Chairman)	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Harper, Freddie	Lawless, Stephen
Kennedy, Jack	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan

Apologies for non - attendance were received from Commissioners Barlow, Hamilton, and Reilly.

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Officials Present:

P. A. Gibbons Town Clerk.

Apologies for non - attendance were received from Mr G.W. Redmond Assistant City and County Manager.

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Item 1. Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the November meeting held on 9.11.82 were read and following a change requested by Commissioner Harper the minutes were confirmed.

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Item 2. Matters arising out of the minutes.

(a) Following a query the Town Clerk informed the meeting that the cutting and repairing of the two sets of hedges at Lambeecher Estate, had been referred to the local Roads Engineer.

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(b) Commissioner Lawless raised the matter of the C.I.E. banks and the Chairman gave details of a letter received from C.I.E.

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Item 3. Applications for hire of Hall.

(a) An application from Balbriggan Badminton Club for hire of ballroom on occasional Sundays was agreed.

(b) An application for hire of the supperroom for Music Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays (6.30 - 9.30p.m.) from Breffni O'Rourke, Reynoldstown, Naul was agreed.

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Item 4. Deputations to Dublin County Council.

(a) The minutes of the Deputations held on 21.10.82 were read and confirmed.

(b) Following discussion the following agenda was agreed for the Deputations to be held Thursday 20.1.83.

Item 1. Public Lighting.

(a) When will the public lighting be provided as promised for the following places  
(i) Main Dublin Belfast Road from Wavin Pipes to Balrothery. (ii) In the Church Carpark. and (iii) On the Naul Road at the Town Boundary.

(b) Can anything be done to alleviate the present deplorable condition of Main Street lighting in the Town.



Item 4 contd.,

2. Can anything be done to make the bends safer at Coney Hill on the North side of the town and at Blackhall on the South side of the town.
3. Housing.
  - (i) When will stage IV of Pinewood Estate be started and how many will be in that stage
  - (ii) Can details be given on to how the price of the housing sites at Flemington was arrived at.
  - (iii) Can the points system be changed to allow housing applicants to be notified of their points.
4. Can anything be done to clean up the Georges Hill/Mill Street area including the C.I.E. banks.

Item 5. Report on site meeting with County Council Engineer Re: Derham/Craoibhin Park.

The members present at the site meeting informed the meeting that the Council proposed to instal a round - a - bout by the end of January, 1983.

Item 6. Town Decoration.

- (a) A report by the Town Clerk on the results of a circular sent by him were noted. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and agreed that a town decoration committee be established as proposed in the report.
- (b) The following were appointed as members of the committee by the Commissioners: P. Gibbons Town Clerk and Commissioners Lawless, Harper and O'Ceallachain.

Item 7. Authorisation of Overexpenditure for 1982.

It was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed that the estimate under the "General" heading be increased to £19,500 for 1982.

Item 8. Report on possible action on the Condition of Balbriggan Harbour.

Having considered the legal report the Commissioners decided to invite a deputation from the Fishermens Organisation to their January meeting. The Town Clerk informed the Commissioners that any action taken by them involving expenditure would have to be one of their legal functions otherwise the members would be liable to surcharge by the Local Government Auditor. The Town Clerks comments were noted by the members.



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Item 9. Correspondence.

- (a) Letter dated 9.10.82 from Eastern Health Board Re: Alleged odour from Balbriggan Trade Centre was read and noted.
- (b) Letter dated 14.11.82 from Balbriggan Housing Action Group Re: Housing in Balbriggan area was read and it was agreed to raise some of the points at the next deputations to Dublin County Council.
- (c) Letter dated 15.11.82 from the Department of Social Welfare Re: Free Electricity Allowance was read and it was agreed to write further on the matter.
- (d) Letter dated 20.11.82 from Seapoint Residents Association Re: proposed Carpark at Seapoint was read and noted.
- (e) Letter dated 7.12.82 from Department of the Taoiseach Re: Dumping of Nuclear waste was read and noted.
- (f) Letter dated 10.12.82 from Minister for the Environment re: increase in Local Authority loan income limit was read and noted.
- (g) Letter dated 17.11.82 from Dublin County Council Re: Dublin County Council Compulsary Purchase (Balbriggan By - Pass) Order 1981 was read and noted.

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Item 10. Polling Station Appointments.

Following discussion on the proposal of Commissioner O'Ceallachain and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to write to the Minister for the Environment asking him to review the method of appointing people to posts on Polling days to take account of the unemployed.

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Item 11. Other business.

- (a) Commissioner Lawless stated that there was part of the path missing at the entrance to the public walkway on the east side of Balbriggan Viaduct. It was agreed to contact C.I.E.
- (b) Commissioner Kennedy stated that the river at Blackrock Beach was blocked. It was agreed to contact the County Council.
- (c) It was agreed to put the matter of the Beach clean - up on the agenda for the January meeting.
- (d) On the proposal of Commissioner Harper it was agreed to ask the owner of the premises at Church Street corner to cut the Ivy growing over the wall as it was a danger to pedestrians.

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The meeting concluded at 9.40p.m.

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*Patricia M. Geller*  
11.1.83.



Minutes of January Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on 11.1.83

Commissioners Present:

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| Barlow, Vincent             | Larkin, Jack P.C.     |
| Gallen, Patricia (Chairman) | Lawless, Stephen      |
| Hamilton, Anthony           | O'Ceallachain, Eoghan |
| Harper, Freddie             |                       |

Apology for non - attendance was received from Commissioner Reilly.

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Officials Present:

Patrick A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

Apology for non - attendance was received from Mr G.W. Redmond Assistant City and County Manager.

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Item 1. Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the December 1982 meeting held on 14.12.82 were read and confirmed.

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Item 2. Matters arising out of the minutes.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the owner of the premises at Church Street corner had cut the ivy on the wall as requested by the Commissioners.

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Item 3. Applications for hire of hall.

An application from Tara Court Residents Association for hire of the Town Hall from 5.30p.m - 6.30p.m. on Thursday evenings was approved.

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Item 4. Commissioners Consent to increase in salaries of employees of Balbriggan Town Commissioners in accordance with the Agreement on Pay in the Public Service

It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and Seconded by the Chairman and AGREED that the remuneration of the employees of Balbriggan Town Commissioners be increased in accordance with the Agreement on Pay in the Public Service.

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Item 5. Discussion on St., Patricks Day Parade 1983.

The Commissioners agreed to again hold the parade in 1983. The Chairman suggested that they decide on a theme for the parade. Following discussion it was agreed to defer this to 1984 but to encourage people to take part presenting their own themes and to encourage the business premises to enter floats in the parade. It was also agreed to ask Mr J. Yeates to act as parade marshal as in previous years.



Item 6. Discussion on proposed Beach Clean - Up.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Beach Clean - Up would take place on the last weekend in May - tides permitting and would possibly extend over two days. It was noted by the Members that Dublin County Council had promised to provide Lorries and equipment for the clean up. It was agreed to write to all organisations in the town asking for their assistance.

Item 7. Correspondence.

(a) Letter dated 14.12.82 from C.I.E., Letter dated 15.12.82 from Dublin County Council and letter dated 7.1.83 from Commissioner Reilly re; the public walkway on the East Side of Balbriggan Viaduct were read and noted.

Item 8. The motion submitted by Commissioner O'Ceallachain

The motion submitted by Commissioner O'Ceallachain concerning the new pedestrian lights in Dublin Street was withdrawn and it was agreed to request clarification on the issue from the Gardai. On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless it was also agreed to write to the Gardai concerning the issue of Parking tickets.

Item 9.

Following discussion on Commissioner O'Ceallachain's motion concerning the carrying out of repairs at Pinewood Green Estate, a letter from Dublin County Council was read stating that all necessary repairs had been carried out in the estate. It was agreed to write to the Council concerning one particular resident in one of the one bedroom dwellings.

Item 10. Other Business.

Commissioner O'Ceallachain inquired as to when the item "Other Business" had been put back on the agenda. He was informed that this had been decided at the Annual General Meeting of the Commissioners and was referred to Item 5 of the Annual General Meeting minutes.

The meeting concluded at 8.20p.m.

*Patricia M. Galley*  
8/2/83.



Minutes of meeting with deputation from Fishermans Organisation held on Tuesday 11.1.83

Commissioners Present:

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| Barlow, Vincent             | Larkin, Jack P.C.     |
| Gallen, Patricia (Chairman) | Lawless, Stephen      |
| Hamilton, Anthony           | O'Ceallachain, Eoghan |
| Harper, Freddie             |                       |

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Officials Present:

Patrick A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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Fishermen Present:

Don Kelly, Harry Griffin, Sean Daly and Mr Baxter.

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The Town Clerk outlined to the deputation the Commissioners action concerning the proposed legal action and asked them if they could state in what areas the harbour was dangerous and deficient. Following discussion the following points were noted for consideration.

1. Letter and map from Dublin Port & Docks Board.
2. Piers undermined.
3. Part of pier collapsed.
4. Back wall of harbour cracked and tunnelled.
5. Top part of harbour unstable due to sludge and cracks.
6. Surface of piers in dangerous condition.
7. Inadequate lighting - encouraging vandalism.
8. No E.S.B. supply points.
9. No water supply.
10. No toilet facilities.
11. Wrecks in harbour.

It was stated by the fishermen that **SEVENTY** men were employed on 20 boats valued at £5 million with indirect employment standing at 100. The annual turnover was £500,000 of which 90% was exported. There was potential for vast improvements in the operation. The deputation stated that they would be prepared to pay more than the present 50p a year if the facilities were made available.

Following further discussion it was agreed to write again to the Minister for Fisheries requesting him to receive an early deputation from the Commissioners and Fishermen.

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The meeting then concluded.

*Patricia H. Gallen*  
8/2/83.



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Minutes of February Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday 8.2.83

Commissioners present:

Barlow, Vincent	Kennedy, Jack,
Gallen, Patricia (Chairman)	Lawless, Stephen
Harper, Freddie	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan

Apologies for non - attendance were received from Commissioners Hamilton, Larkin, and Reilly.

Officials Present:

Patrick A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

Apologies for non - attendance were received from G. W. Redmond Assistant City and County Manager.

At the outset of the meeting votes of sympathy were passed to the Scanlan family on their recent bereavement and to the Larkin Family on their recent bereavement.

Item 1. Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the January meeting held on 11.1.83 were read and confirmed.

Item 2. Matters arising out of the minutes.

(a) In reply to Commissioner O'Ceallachain the Town Clerk stated that it was hoped to have a reply in respect of repairs to a dwelling in Pinewood Green in time for the March meeting.

(b) A letter from the Superintendent of the Garda Siochana, Balbriggan Re: Parking tickets and the Dublin Street Pedestrian Crossing. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he was endeavouring to have the double yellow lines at Drogheda Street Crossing repainted. It was also agreed to write to the Gardai requesting that parking restrictions be lifted after 7.00p.m.

(c) It was agreed to clarify the position regarding whether or not the Quay Street carpark was open to the public.

Item 3. Applications for hire of Hall.

There was no business under this heading.

Item 4. Correspondence.

(a) Letter dated 20.1.83 to Chairman from C.I.E. Re: Railway banks was read and noted. The Town Clerk informed the members that the County Council were negotiating with C.I.E. in connection with maintaining the banks. It was agreed to contact C.I.E. regarding the walkway at the viaduct.



Item 4. Correspondence contd.,

(b) A letter dated 20.1.83 from Dun Laoire Corporation Re: Local Government Finances was read and noted.

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On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Chairman the meeting was adjourned at 7.55p.m. to allow members attend the Parish Mission and was subsequently recommenced at 9.15p.m.

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Item 5. Deputations to Department of Fisheries on 9.2.83.

A discussion was held with representatives of the Fishermen and points to be raised at the Deputation were agreed. The members of the Deputation were to be the Chairman, Commissioners Lawless and O'Ceallachain, the Town Clerk and two members of the Fishermen.

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Item 6. Other business.

(a) Commissioner O'Ceallachain stated that the County Council were in breach of their own planning regulations in respect of one of the new sites in Flemington as the site was too small, and the person should be compensated. The Town Clerk stated that he was awaiting a report from the Housing Department.

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(b) On the proposal of Commissioner O'Ceallachain it was agreed to ask the County Council if it would be possible to subcontract the main street lighting to private entreprize to relieve the present deplorable position.

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The meeting concluded at 9.45p.m.  
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*Patricia H. Callan*  
22/3/83



Minutes of the March Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday 8.3.83

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Commissioners Present:

Barlow, Vincent	Kennedy, Jack
Gallen, Patricia (Chairman)	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Hamilton, Anthony	Lawless, Stephen
Harper, Freddie	

An apology for non - attendance was received from Commissioner O'Ceallachain.

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Officials Present:

Patrick A. Gibbons Town Clerk.

An apology for non - attendance was received from Mr G.W. Redmond Assistant City & County Manager.

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The chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the wife and family of Commissioner Reilly on their recent bereavement and also proposed that the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect to Commissioner Reilly's memory. In doing so she said that Hughie Reilly would be missed in Balbriggan. In seconding the two motions Commissioner Hamilton said he would not make a long speech as he could'nt say enough about Hughie Reilly. Whatever Commissioner Reilly did his heart was in it. In agreeing with what had been already said Commissioner Lawless said that he had worked on many committies with Hughie Reilly and his death would be a great loss to Balbriggan and the North County. Commissioner Larking said that although he did not agree with Commissioner Reilly at times he respected his views. Associating himself with the remarks of the Commissioners Commissioner Kennedy said that he knew Hughie Reilly as a child and he agreed with the adjournment. His heart was in the right place and he would be sorely missed in the Town. Commissioner Harper said that he possibly knew Hughie Reilly better than the other Commissioners having gone to school with him and he could not say half enough good about him. Commissioner Barlow agreeing with the remarks of the other Commissioner said that he had worked with Commissioner Reilly for a long number of years and had nothing but praise for him. The Town Clerk associating himself with the remarks of the Commissioners said that he always found Commissioner Reilly easy to deal with and if you succeeded in doing something for him Hughie would always go out of his way to thank you. Austin Kenny the Fingal Independent reporter said that he wished to associate himself with the remarks of the Commissioners and the Town Clerk and said that he learned a lot thorough Commissioners Reilly and Balbriggan would sorely miss him.

The meeting was then adjourned to 22.3.83.

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Patricia H. Gallen  
12/4/83



Minutes of Special Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Wednesday 9th March, 1983  
to discuss the 1983 St., Patricks Day Parade.

Commissioners Present:

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| Barlow, Vincent             | Harper, Freddie        |
| Gallen, Patricia (Chairman) | Kennedy, Jack          |
| Hamilton, Anthony           | O'Ceallachain, Eoghan. |

Officials Present:

Patrick A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology was received from Mr G. Redmond Assistant City and County Manager.

The Chairman reminded the Commissioners at the outset that the March Meeting the previous evening was adjourned as a mark of respect to Hughie Reilly. Following that meeting she was very saddened by the deplorable scene which took place. She did not want the Commissioners and the office reduced to that level again and for the duration of her chairmanship she would demand a proper level of respect. Commissioner O'Ceallachain outlined the background to his outburst. The Town Clerk outlined the events which led to the change of time. Commissioners O'Ceallachain objected to what he felt was a disregarding of the Commissioners and following further discussion among the members he furnished the meeting with an apology.

Following discussion the following matters were agreed.

1. The parade would start at 11.15a.m. (assembly 11.00a.m.) at Bath Road.
2. The route was changed (subject to Garda approval) to continue up Dublin Street past the Square instead of turning up Hampton Street.
3. The election of a St., Patricks Day Parade Committee would be included on the A.G.M. agenda
4. Consideration to be given for attendance at Mass on St., Patrick's Day 1984 by the Commissioners as a body.

The meeting then concluded.

*Patricia M. Gallen*  
12/4/83.



Minutes of the adjourned March Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday 22.3.83

Commissioners Present:

Barlow, Vincent  
Gallen, Patricia (chairman)  
Hamilton, Anthony  
Harper, Freddie

Kennedy, Jack  
Larkin, Jack P.C.  
Lawless, Stephen  
O'Ceallachain, Eoghan

Officials Present:

G.W. Redmond Assistant City & County Manager  
Patrick A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

Item 1. The minutes of the February meeting held on 8.2.83 were read and confirmed.

Item 2. Matters arising out of the minutes.

(a) In reply to Commissioner O'Ceallachain the Town Clerk stated that a reply had been received concerning repairs to a dwelling in Pinewood Estate stating that the matter had been referred to the Maintenance Engineer.

Item 3. Applications for hire of hall.

An application from Balbriggan Feis Committee for the hire of the Town Hall Ballroom on 16th and 17th April, 1983 was approved.

Item 4. Reports.

(a) Report on Deputations to Dublin County Council.

The members present at the Deputations gave their reports on the proceedings.

(b) Report on deputation of Minister of State for Fisheries.

An outline of the proceedings was given by the deputation members and the Town Clerk informed the meeting that no word had been received from the Minister. Following discussion it was agreed to contact the Members of the North County Committee of the Council and local T.D's to arrange a special meeting on Wednesday 13th April, 1983 to discuss the Harbour. It was agreed that the meeting should be arranged by the Town Clerk and the Chairman and that the date could be changed by them if necessary.

(c) Report on St., Patrick's Day Parade.

The general feeling was that the parade was a success but the poor showing by the business Community was criticised by the Commissioners. It was agreed to set up a St., Patrick's Day Committee at the April Meeting.

Item 5. Commissioners consent to Transfer of the Fee Simple and redemption of annuities.

It was proposed by Commissioner Barlow and Seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and AGREED that approval be given to the redemption of annuities and transfer of fee simple in the following cases.

- (a) 46, Hampton Street, Balbriggan
- (b) 22, Lawless Terrace, Balbriggan.
- (c) 62, Hampton Street, Balbriggan.
- (d) 32, Lawless Terrace, Balbriggan.
- (e) 25, Lawless Terrace, Balbriggan
- (f) 34, Hampton Street, Balbriggan.

(sale of fee simple only)



Item 6. Commissioners consent to Mortgage of house.

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It was agreed by the Commissioners that approval be given to the owner of 64, Hampton Street to mortgage his house for the purposes of building an extension and building bye - law approval having been obtained.

Item 7. Correspondence.

- (a) Letter dated 2.2.83 from Garda Superintendent Re: Pedestrian lights and parking restrictions was read and noted.
- (b) Letter dated 24.3.83 From C.I.E. Re: Footpath at Balbriggan Viaduct was read and the Town Clerk informed the meeting that C.I.E. were still considering estimates for the work.

Item 8. Appointment of Nominee to 57th Annual General Meeting of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.,

It was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and Seconded by Commissioner Lawless and AGREED that the Chairman be appointed as Nominee.

Item 9. Motion Commissioner O'Ceallachain.

"That we the members of Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice to introduce the Birch as a punishment and deterrent for various crimes including vandalism".

Commissioner O'Ceallachain withdrew the motion stating that as he personally would not inflict such punishment he would not ask someone else to do so.

Item 10. Other business.

- (a) The Town Clerk informed the members that the Community Hall meeting would be held on 30th March, 1983 at 8.30p.m.
- (b) Commissioner Larkin asked about the position concerning the proposed wall at the rear of Clonard Street. It was agreed to include the matter on the deputation agenda and in the meantime to contact the Planning Department.
- (c) Commissioners Larkin raised the matter of the non - collection of refuse in Quay Street. The Town Clerk inform him that he had been in contact with the Environment Department and that the situation was being
- (d) At the request of Commissioner Larkin it was agreed to investigate the broken manhole cover in Quay Street.
- (e) On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless it was agreed to contact the Gardai and Quinnswoth concerning the Traffic problem in Quay Street.
- (f) The Town Clerk informed the Commissioners that the Annual Estimates meeting would be held on on Wednesday 30th March, 1983 at 7.30p.m.

The meeting then concluded.

*Patricia M. Epalle*

12/4/83.



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Minutes of the Annual Estimates Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on  
30th March, 1983.

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Commissioners Present:

Gallen, Patricia (chairman)	Harper, Freddie
Hamilton, Anthony	Lawless, Stephen

Apologies for non - attendance were received from Commissioners O'Ceallachain and Larkin.

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Officials Present:

G. W. Redmond Assistant City and County Manager.  
Patrick A. Gibbons Town Clerk.

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Following discussion of the estimates it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and Seconded by Commissioner Harper and AGREED that the estimates of expenses for 1983 be adopted as presented.

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The meeting then concluded.

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*Patricia V. Gallen*  
*12/4/83*



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Minutes of April Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday 12th April, 1983

Commissioners Present:

Barlow, Vincent	Kennedy, Jack
Davis, Joseph	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Gallen, Patricia	Lawless, Stephen
Hamilton, Anthony	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan
Harper, Freddie	

Officials Present:

Patrick A. Gibbons Town Clerk.

The chairman, Commissioner Patricia Gallen presided.

Item 1. Confirmation of Minutes.

- (a) The minutes of the March Meeting held on 8.3.83 were read and confirmed.
- (b) The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 9.3.83 were read and confirmed.
- (c) The minutes of the adjourned March Meeting held on 22.3.83 were read and confirmed.
- (d) The minutes of the Annual Estimates Meeting held on 30.3.83 were read and confirmed.

Item 2. Matters arising out of Minutes.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the maintenance work on the particular dwelling in Pinewood Estate would be carried out shortly.

Item 3. Filling of vacancy on Balbriggan Town Commissioners occasioned by the death of late Commissioner Hughie Reilly.

The Town Clerk explained that anyone who was proposed for the vacancy must have submitted a letter of acceptance prior to being proposed. He stated that he had received only one such acceptance viz from Mr Joseph Davis, 191, Lambeecher Estate, Balbriggan. Commissioner Hamilton then proposed Mr Davis for the vacancy. The proposal was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and AGREED by the Commissioners. The chairman then deemed Mr Davis to be elected. The new member then took his seat and was formally welcomed by the Chairman.

Item 4. Filling of vacancy on Estimates Committee occasioned by the death of the late Commissioner Hughie Reilly.

It was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Gallen and AGREED that this matter be deferred to the A.G.M.



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Item 5. Applications for hire of Hall.

An application from the Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band for hire of the Ballroom on Wednesday 20.4.83 for a ceili was approved.

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Item 6. Correspondence.

- (a) Letter dated 4.4.83 from Hampton Cove Residents Association. Re; open space in the estate was read. It was agreed to include the matter on the agenda for the deputation to the County Council.
  - (b) Letter dated 8.4.83 from Balbriggan Marine Ltd., Re: cleaning of part of harbour area was read and noted.
  - (c) Letter dated 8.4.83 from Help, Aid, and Rescue Personnel (H.A.R.P.) Re: Balbriggan Disaster Plan was read. It was agreed to convene a meeting of all emergency services in the Town to initially set up a mock disaster.
  - (d) Two letters dated 8.4.83 from Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band Re: Use of Town Crest were read. It was agreed to give permission for use of the Crest subject to the band paying any royalties which might become due in the future.
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Item 7. Election of St., Patricks Day, Committee.

It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and Seconded by Commissioner Barlow and AGREED that the St., Patricks Day Committee consist of all the Commissioners. It was also agreed at the request of Commissioner Kennedy that the committee would examine the question of revising the yearly blessing of the boats in the harbour. It was further agreed to contact the fishermen in this regard.

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Item 8. Consideration of agenda for Deputations to Dublin County Council

Following discussion the agenda for the deputations was agreed as follows.

- (a) Development of open space at Hampton Cove.
- (b) Building of Wall at rear of Clonard Court/Clonard Street.
- (c) Safety of bend at Coney Hill.
- (d) Provision of Round - a -bout at Derham Park/Craoibhin Park junction.
- (e) Faulty fireplaces in phase I of Lambeecher Estate.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the deputation would be on Thursday 21st April, 1983. He would notify them concerning the time at a later stage.

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Item 9. Report on Community Hall.

The report of the feasibility Committee examining the need or otherwise for a community hall was considered by the Commissioners who complimented the committee on the work carried out. Commissioner Larkin commented that it was disappointing to see such a small crowd. Commissioner Lawless stated that some of the questionnaires issued by the committee had not been collected.



Item 9 Report on Community Hall contd/.

while Commissioner Davis felt the Balbriggan could not be compared to Rush and Skerries.

Item 10. Tidy Districts Competition, 1983.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that both Wavin Pipes Ltd and Murphy Concrete Products Ltd., were willing to sponsor two categories in the Balbriggan Competition. Following discussion it was agreed that the Commissioners would run the competition again this year and expand it if further sponsors could be obtained. In this event it was agreed to include two new categories (i) Best presented Commercial premises (ii) Best presented shop front.

Item 11. Consideration of offer by Wavin Pipes Ltd.,

The chairman inform the meeting that Wavin Pipes Ltd., had offered to make the sum of approx £5,000 available for a worthwhile project in the Town. Following discussion it was agreed that the Commissioners should forward any suggestions in this regard to the Town Clerk in time for circulating to the members prior to the May Meeting. Commissioner Barlow informed the mebers that Wavin Pipes Ltd., were also willing to erect "Welcome to Balbriggan" signs on the entrances to the Town.

Item 12. Other Business.

- (a) It was agreed to contact the County Council concerning the following matters.
  - (i) Cost of work to date on toilets at Bath Road.
  - (ii) Redecoration of flats in Chapel Street.
  - (iii) Cutting of grass in Chapel Street Flats.
  - (iv) Removal of old gate at entrance to Hampton Housing Site.
- (b) It was agreed to contact the Department of the Environment regarding the possible extention of the Town Boundaries.
- (c) At the request of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to ascertain whether or not there was right of way to be included at the development at Hampton Street.
- (d) At the request of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to write to Mr Maurice McAuley asking him to lower the outside wall of the shopping centre boundary in High Street.

The meeting concluded at 9.00p.m.

PATRICIA M. GALLAGHER.  
10/1/83.



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Minutes of Meeting between Balbriggan Town Commissioners, Members of Dublin County Council and North County T.D's, held on Thursday 14th April, 1983 to discuss Balbriggan Harbour.

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Commissioners Present:

Barlow, Vincent	Kennedy, Jack
Gallen, Patricia	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Hamilton, Anthony	Lawless, Stephen
Harper, Freddie	

Apologies for non - attendance were received from Commissioner Davis.

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Councillors and T.D's Present:

Boland, Cathal M.C.C.	Owen, Nora T.D. M.C.C.
Burke, Ray T.D.	Ryan, Sean M.C.C.
Gallagher, Cyril P.C. M.C.C.	

Apologies for non - attendance were received from Councillors Malone and Reynolds.

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Officials Present:

Patrick A. Gibbons Town Clerk.

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The chairman of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners Commissioner Patricia Gallen presided.

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The chairman thanked the North County Public Representatives for coming to the meeting. She then outlined the background in relation to Balbriggan Harbour. She informed the meeting that at a deputation with the Commissioners the fishermen had stated that there were good prospects for Balbriggan Harbour, provided the necessary work was carried out. Following this meeting a joint deputation of Balbriggan Town Commissioners and local fishermen was received by the Minister of State for Fisheries.

The chairman then appealed to the North County Representatives to help by ensuring that the Harbour was repaired. She stated that if a factory with a similar workforce was in danger of collapsing that a substantial amount of financial aid would be forthcoming.

Deputy Burke thanked Balbriggan Town Commissioners for inviting him. He felt it was a good step to have called such a meeting. He then read a reply he had received to a Dail question outlining the attitude of the Department of Fisheries and Forestry to Balbriggan Harbour. The Deputy then stated that in his opinion the Dublin Port & Docks Board had a statutory duty to maintain Balbriggan Harbour. He proposed that the Commissioners and the other North County Representatives should request a meeting with the members of the Board to impress on them their duty. He would also be putting down more questions in the Dail.

Councillor Gallagher stated that it was not financially possible for the County Council to take over Balbriggan Harbour as had been suggested. The expenditure involved would be out of all proportion to the Councils overall budget. He agreed with Deputy Burke's proposal concerning a joint deputation to the Dublin Port & Docks Board. Sufficient money would have to be made available by the Board to put the harbour in a proper state of repair.



Councillor Boland stated that a balance was made in drawing up the Act which was that the Main Port was meant to assist the small ports. If the Harbour was to be handed over to another agency it should be put in a proper state of repair first. He agreed with the proposal for a joint deputation. He also thought that possibly a new harbour authority could be set up with responsibility for the Harbour at Balbriggan and also Skerries, Rush and Lusk.

Councillor Ryan stated that although he was only a new member of Dublin County Council he was aware of the situation. Large sums of money were involved and Dublin Port and Docks Board had the responsibility to make them available. He agreed with the joint deputations to the Board to ensure the remedial work was carried out. At that stage the long term situation could be examined.

Deputy Owen stated that the Port & Docks Board had the statutory responsibility to look after Balbriggan Harbour. The short term aim should be to ensure that the Board lived up to that responsibility and then get the responsibility for the Harbour, changed.

Commissioner Lawless stated that the matter was now very urgent due to the fact that the Harbour was in a state of collapse.

Deputy Owen stated that the County Council was prepared to match the grant from the Department of Fisheries provided that it was requested by the Port & Docks Board.

It was agreed by the meeting to request a meeting with the members of Dublin Port & Docks Board and if they agreed that a detailed report would be circulated to all deputation members prior to the meeting.

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The meeting then concluded.

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*Patrick H. Galley*  
19/1/83



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Minutes of the May Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on 10th May, 1983

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Commissioners Present:

Barlow, Vincent  
Davis, Joseph  
Gallen, Patricia  
Hamilton, Anthony

Harper, Freddie  
Larkin, Jack P.C.  
Lawless, Stephen

Apologies for non - attendance were received from Commissioners Kennedy and O'Ceallachain.

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Officials Present:

Patrick A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology for non - attendance was received from G.W. Redmond Assistant City & County Manager.

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The Chairman Commissioner Gallen presided.

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Item 1. Confirmation of Minutes.

- (a) The minutes of the April meeting held on 12.4.83 were read and confirmed.
  - (b) The minutes of Balbriggan Harbour meeting held on 14.4.83 were read and confirmed.
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Item 2. Matters arising out of the minutes.

There was no business under this heading.

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Item 3. Applications for hire of hall.

It was agreed to hire the Town Hall Ballroom & Supperroom to the Balbriggan Breakaway Festival on various dates between 10.6.83 and 19.6.83. The actual dates would be confirmed at a later date.

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Item 4. Correspondence.

- (a) Letters dated 8.3.83 and 26.4.83 from United Towns Organisation Re: Town Twinning were read. It was agreed to write to United Town Organisation explaining the position concerning the two towns in the U.S.A.
  - (b) Letter dated 8.3.83 with enclosures from Dublin County Council Re: Balbriggan Trade Centre was read and noted.
  - (c) Letter dated 21.4.83 from Skibbereeb Urban District Council Re: Financing Fire Safety Regulations was read and noted.
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Item 5. Request for Commissioners Consent to Extension of house.

It was agreed to give permission for the unauthorised extension at 14, Gibbons Terrace subject to the Planning Department confirming that the extension was in accordance with the Planning and By - Law regulations in force at the time of building.

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Item 6. Proposed Beach Clean - up.

The Town Clerk reported that six favourable replies and one negative reply were received in answer to the Commissioners call for a beach clean up. Following discussion it was agreed to hold the clean - up on Saturday 28th May, 1983 at 9.30a.m. and it was also agreed to write again to all the organisations in the Town.

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Item 7. Deputations to Dublin County Council.

- (a) The minutes of the deputation on 21st April, 1983 were read and confirmed and the members who attended the deputations gave their reports on the proceedings.
  - (b) Following discussion it was agreed to put the following two items on the agenda and to give consideration to further items.
    - (i) Safety of Hampton Cove open space.
    - (ii) Provision of Wall between Clonard Court and Clonard Street.
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Item 8. Tidy Districts Competition.

Commissioner Lawless inform the meeting that the Combined Clubs had agreed to sponsor a prize in the Tidy Districts Competition. The Chairman informed the members that Dunnes florist had also agreed to provide a prize for one of the housing estates. Following discussion it was agreed that the two extra categories would be for (i) the best presented shop front (Wavin) and (ii) the <sup>best</sup> presented Factory/Filling Station. (Combined Clubs)

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Item 9. Report on proposed Town Boundary Extention.

Following discussion of the report presented by the Town Clerk it was agreed to hold a special meeting on Tuesday 24th May, 1983 at 8.30p.m. to discuss the matter.

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Item 10. Deputation to Dublin Port & Docks Board.

Following discussion it was agreed that the deputation to Dublin Port & Docks Board on Thursday 19th May, 1983 at 3.00p.m. would consist of : The chairman, Vice Chairman and Town Clerk, of Balbriggan Town Commissioners: The three North County T.D's and three Members of the County Council. It was agreed to ask the Council to nominate their own deputation members.

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Item 11. Discussion on recent American Band visit and future implications.

The chairman informed the meeting that following the recent visit by the American Band from Tahanto Regional High School she had been invited to go to Boston to meet the Councils of the towns of Berlin and Boylston. Aer Lingus had agreed to sponsor the trip for herself and the Chairman of the Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band and their area sales representative would be going as well.

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Item 12. Discussion on offer by Wavin Pipes.

Before any decision was taken it was agreed that Commissioner Lawless should contact the Vocational School concerning their idea of an agricultural project.

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Item 13.

It was proposed by Commissioner Davis and seconded by the chairman and AGREED "That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners issue an invitation to the local Garda Superintendent to discuss the situation concerning the availability and use of drugs in Balbriggan".  
It was also proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Davis and AGREED that the Commissioners write to the Minister for Justice requesting him to transfer cases of drug pushing from the Circuit Criminal Court to the Special Criminal Court and that all convicted offenders be made to serve the full fourteen year with no probation.

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Item 14.

It was proposed by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Barlow and AGREED "That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners request the I.D.A. to give favourable consideration to the siting of new industries in the Balbriggan area given that there is industrial land and an adequate workforce available".

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Item 15

It was proposed by the chairman and seconded by Commissioner Lawless and AGREED "That Balbriggan Town Commissioners request Dublin County Council to erect Pedestrian lights and a safety barrier at the crossing point from the new car park in Quay Street to the Beach Entrance".

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Item 16

It was proposed by the chairman and seconded by Commissioner Lawless and AGREED "That Balbriggan Town Commissioners request Dublin County Council to pipe the ditch adjacent to Tara Court due to the danger to Children".

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Item 17. Other business.

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On the proposal of Commissioner Harper it was AGREED.

1. To write to the Department of Posts & Telegraphs requesting the provision of a telephone kiosk in Quay Street.
2. To write to the Garda Superintendent concerning parking at Chapel Street corner.

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The meeting then concluded.

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Stephen Lawless  
14-6-83



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Minutes of Special Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday 24th May, 1983

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Commissioners Present:

Gallen, Patricia

Larkin, Jack P.C.

Harper, Freddie

Lawless, Stephen. ✓

Apologies for non - attendance were received from Commissioners Davis, Kennedy and O'Ceallachain.

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Officials Present:

Patrick A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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The Chairman Commissioner Gallen presided

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1. Proposed extension to Town Boundary.

Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioners Larkin and seconded by Commissioner Lawless and AGREED to open discussions with the Department of the Environment concerning the addition of the following townlands to the town. Bremore, Cloghedar, Clonard, Stephenstown, Gardiners Hill, Glebe North, Castleland, Kilsough North, Kilsough South and Hampton Demesne. Following consultation with the Department it was agreed that a further special meeting be held.

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2. Wavin Pipes Project.

Following discussion it was agreed to further investigate the proposal to set up an agricultural project and report to the Commissioner at the June meeting. A letter from the Balbriggan Community/Leisure Centre Committee asking that the money from Wavin Pipes be donated towards a Community/Leisure Centre was read and it was unanimously agreed to recommend that this proposal be rejected.

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3. Other business.

It was agreed to contact the County Council concerning the supply of grass cutting machines and plastic sacks for the beach clean - up on Saturday 28th May, 1983. It was also agreed to raise the matter of the dangerous cliff at Stephenson's Factory.

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The meeting concluded at 9.40p.m.

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Stephen Lawless  
14-6-83



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Minutes of June Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on 14.6.83

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Commissioners present:

Barlow, Vincent	Kennedy, Jack
Davis, Joseph	Larkin Jack P.C.
Gallen, Patricia	Lawless, Stephen
Harper, Freddie	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan

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Officials Present:

Patrick A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

Apologies for non - attendance were received from Mr G. Redmond Assistant City and County Manager.

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In the absence of the Chairman Commissioner Lawless Vice - Chairman presided until the arrival of the Chairman.

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Item 1. Confirmation of Minutes.

- (a) The minutes of the May Meeting held on 14.5.83 were read and confirmed.
  - (b) The minutes of special meeting held on 24.5.83 were read and confirmed.
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Item 2. Matters arising out of minutes.

There was no business under this heading.

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Item 3. Applications for hire of hall.

- (a) The dates and times of the bookings for the Breakaway Festival were confirmed. On the proposal of Commissioner Davis Seconded by Commissioner Harper it was agreed to recommend to the Manager that the hiring fee for the dance on the final night be waived in view of the fact that it was the Bands Centenary Year. The Town Clerk said that he was not in favour of a reduction as the hiring charges as approved by the Commissioners each year were very low and any such waiver or reduction would create a precedent. However he agreed to make the Commissioners view known to the Manager.
  - (b) An application from Martha Flynn 15 Hampton Cove to hire the Town Hall, Ballroom to hold a cake sale/sale of work in aid of Trocaire on Sunday 26th June, 1983 from 10.00a.m. to 4.00p.m. was approved.
  - (c) An application from Balbriggan Horticultural Society to hire the Town Hall Ballroom on Sunday 10.7.83 from 2.30p.m. - 5.30p.m. to hold a Flower show.
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Item 4. Correspondence.

- (a) Letter dated 16.3.83 from Dublin County Council Re: Balbriggan Harbour and beach was read and it was agreed to write to the Council stating that the Commissioners would not be making the application referred to in the letter.
- (b) Letter dated 5.5.83 from Dublin County Council Re: Allotments was read. It was agreed to again write to Dublin County Council concerning the possible use of land at Stephenstown for allotments.
- (c) Letter dated 28.5.83 from the Association of Municipal Authorities Re: Motions for Annual Conference. It was agreed that if any of the Commissioners had Motions for the agenda that they should be submitted as soon as possible.
- (d) Letter dated 30.5.83 from Garda Superintendent Re: Parking and Drugs was read. Following discussion on the proposal of Commissioner Davis to investigate the possibility of holding an Anti - Drugs week towards the end of September.
- (e) Letter from the Rehabilitation Institute Re: People of the Year Award was read. It was agreed to defer the matter to the September Meeting to allow the Commissioners to submit possible Nominations.
- (f) Letter dated 31.5.83 from Minister for Justice Re: Drug Pushing was read and noted.
- (g) Letter dated 1.6.83 from Dublin County Council Re; Nameing of new housing scheme in Hampton Street, Balbriggan was read. It was agreed not to recommend "Hampton Grove" as suggested by the County Council but to recommend either "Glover Court" or "Reilly Court".
- (g) Letter dated 1.6.83 from I.D.A. re Industry in Balbriggan was read. It was agreed to write to the I.D.A. thanking them for their letter and asking that when building commences on the factory units that the local workforce be employed as much as possible.
- (i) Letter from United Towns Organisation Re: American visit was read. It was agreed to write to them informing them of the present position.
- (j) Letter dated 9.6.83 from C.I.E. Re: Walkway at Balbriggan Viaduct was read. It was agreed to write to the Commissioners Solicitors asking his advice on the matter.
- (k) Letter dated 11.6.83 from Balbriggan Unit Order of Malta Re: Site for Day Care Centre It was agreed to give full backing of the Commissioners to the project and also find out about the vacant site at Craoibhin Park.

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Item 5. Commissioners Consent to Redemption of annuity and sale of Fee Simple.

It was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and Seconded by Commissioner Barlow and AGREED that the Commissioners consent be given to the redemption of Annuity and Sale of the Fee Simple of 42, Hampton Street, Balbriggan.

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Item 6. Deputations to Dublin County Council.

The various items for discussion at the deputation were considered by the Commissioners.



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Item 7. Wavin Pipes Project.

Letter dated 14.6.83 from the Balbriggan Vocational School was read. Commissioners Kennedy outlined the background to the Agricultural project. Commissioner Barlow suggested that if the Agricultural project did not go ahead that the money could be given to the proposed Order of Malta Day Care Centre. Following discussion it was agreed to contact ACOT and an Foras Talintais concerning the Agrilcutural project.

Item 8. Report by Chairman on American Visit.

The Chairman gave the members an outline of the itinerary of her American Visit. She had been formley welcomed and the Town Councils of Berlin and Boylston had agreed to further contact between the two towns. Aer Lingus had agreed to give any assistance they could to future exchanges including advertising and reduced rates for travel. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Barlow and seconded by Commissioner Lawless and AGREED that the Commissioners make formal moves to twin with the two American Towns and to write to the Selectmen of the Towns informing them of the decision and asking them to consider doing likewise. The Chairman informed the meeting that the Chairman of both towns would be visiting Balbriggan in about 6 six weeks.

Item 9. Accident in Town Hall.

The chairman indicated that she had asked for the matter of the accident in August 1979 to be put on the agenda for discussion. The Town Clerk then read a letter from the Commissioners Solicitors that stated the matter was such judice and should not be discussed. The matter was not proceeded with.

Item 10. Report on beach clean - up.

The Commissioners who were present at the Beach Clean - up reported that although the numbers present were disappointingly few that the beach was a lot cleaner. The County Council were thanked for their part in the work. Following discussion it was agreed to hold another beach clean up on Saturday 9th July, 1983. It was agreed to write to the organisations asking for support.

Item 11. Tidy Districts Competition.

A report was presented to the Commissioners on the entries under the various catergories. Disappointment was express with the low number of entries for the best Commercial premises and "Best Shop Front Category". It was agreed to extend the closing date for these categories to 1.7.83. The following Judges were appointed, subject to their agreement. Stephen Lawless, Austin Kenny, Jimmy English and P.J. Cullen.

Item 12. Deputation to Dublin Port & Docks Board.

The Town Clerk informed the members that following the end of the Docks Strike he had contacted the Dublin Port & Docks Board, but as the General Manager was on holidays it was agreed to defer the meeting until he returned.

Item 13. Other business.

(a) Commissioner Barlow informed the meeting a person representing himself as chairman of the Commissioners prevented Wavin workers from erecting a "Welcome to Balbriggan sign" on the north side of the town. It was agreed to write to Wavin Pipes concerning the matter.

(b) At the request of Commissioner Lawless it was agreed to contact the relevant authorities concerning:

- (i) The cutting of the grass margins on the Drogheda Road.
- (ii) the cleaning of the E.S.B. site at Bremore Estate.



(iii) The Cleaning of the C.I.E. banks at Mill Street.

(c) At the request of the chairman it was agreed to write to the Golf Club concerning the dangerous position of their carpark spotlight.

(d) At the request of Commissioner Larkin it was agreed to contact the appropriate authorities concerning

(i) the unfinished footpath in Dublin Street.

(ii) The provision of a telephone kiosk at Dublin Street.

(e) At the request of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to contact Dublin County Council concerning.

(i) Graffiti on the shelter in the public park at Bath Road.

(ii) The broken tap at the fountain on Blackrock Beach.

(f) At the request of Commissioner Harper it was agreed to request the County Council to repair the gaps in the fencing at Drogheda Street/Bath Road.

(g) At the request of Commissioner Davis it was agreed to request the County Council to clean up the part of Clonard Hill which the itinerants had recently vacated.

The meeting concluded at 10.40p.m.

Patricia M. Callan

12/7/83



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners <sup>87</sup>  
held on 12.7.83.

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Commissioners Present:

Barlow, Vincent	Kennedy, Jack.
Davis, Joseph	Larkin, Jack P.C. /
Gallen, Patricia (chairman)	Lawless, Stephen
Hamilton, Anthony	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan
Harper, Freddie.	

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Officials Present:

G.W. Redmond, Assistant City & County Manager.  
Patrick A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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The chairman Commissioner Gallen presided.

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Item 1. Election of Chairman.

Commissioner Gallen proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Harper. As there were no more proposals Commissioner Gallen was re - elected Chairman. The Chairman thanked the Commissioners for their confidence in her and all the Commissioners joined in wishing her well for her third year in the chair.

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Item 2. Election of Vice - Chairman.

Commissioner Kennedy proposed by Commissioner Barlow and seconded by Commissioner Gallen. Commissioner Lawless was proposed by Commissioner Larkin. As there was no seconder for Commissioner Lawless and there were no further proposals Commissioner Kennedy was deemed to be elected.

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Item 3. Election of Estimates Committee.

It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Gallen and AGREED that the Estimates Committee should consist of the Chairman and Commissioners Davis, Larkin, Harper and Barlow.

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Item 4. Election of Fuel Scheme Committee.

It was proposed by Commissioner Barlow and seconded by Commissioner Larkin and AGREED that the Fuel Scheme Committee should consist of the Chairman and Commissioners Kennedy, Hamilton, Lawless and O'Ceallachain.

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Minutes of the July Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on 12.7.83

Commissioners Present:

Davis, Joseph,	Kennedy, Jack
Gallen, Patricia (Chairman)	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Hamilton, Anthony	Lawless, Stephen
Harper, Freddie	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan

Apologies for non - attendance was received from Commissioner Barlow.

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Officials Present:

G.W. Redmond, Assistant City & County Manager.  
Patrick A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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Item 1. Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the June Meeting held on 14.6.83 were read and confirmed.

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Item 2. Matters arising out of the Minutes.

(a) Commissioner Davis asked if a reduction on the fee for the Breakaway Festival had been agreed. The Town Clerk informed him that as the eventual fee was substantially less than the estimated fee that the Festival Committee indicated that no reduction would be applied for.

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(b) Commissioner Lawless asked when the proposed Port & Docks Board meeting would be held. The Town Clerk informed him that he would be in contact with the Port & Docks Board shortly to arrange the meeting.

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(c) The Town Clerk informed the meeting that no reply had been received from the Commissioners Solicitors concerning the Walkway at Balbriggan Viaduct.

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Item 3. Applications for hire of hall.

(a) Applications from the Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band and the Balbriggan Brass & Reed Band to run discos in the Town Hall on Friday nights from 9.00p.m. to 12.00a.m. were approved. It was agreed that the two bands would have alternative Friday nights.

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(b) An application from the Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band to hold an Exhibition of Dolls in the Town Hall on Saturday 16.6.83 and Sunday 17.6.83 was approved.

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(c) An application from the Blood Transfusion Board to hold clinics in the Ballroom on 18th and 19th June, 1983 were approved.

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(d) An application from Balbriggan Horticultural Society to hold Annual Flower show on 27.8.83 was approved.

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(e) An application by the Balbriggan Community Playgroup for use of the supperroom from 10.00a.m. to 12 noon Monday to Thursdays from September, 1983 to June 1984, was approved.

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Item 4. Correspondence.

(a) Letter dated 30.6.83 from Westport U.D.C. Re: Drugs Problem was read and it was agreed to support the motion as set out in the letter.

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(b) Letter dated 4.7.83 from Dublin County Council Re: Travellers on Clonard Hill was read and noted.

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(c) Letter dated 5.7.83 from I.D.A. Ireland Re: Industrial Units was read and noted.

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Item 5. Fuel Scheme 1983/1984.

Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner O'Ceallachain seconded by the Chairman and AGREED that the Fuel Scheme for the coming season would be operated by means of a voucher system as in previous years. It was also agreed to write to the Minister for Social Welfare asking him to allow the Commissioners to again take applications from those on low incomes.

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Item 6. Deputations to Dublin County Council.

(a) Report on deputations held on 23.6.83.

The minutes of the Deputation meeting on 23.6.83 were read and confirmed.

(b) Consideration of agenda for next deputations in September or October.

As the next deputations would not be held until October it was agreed to consider the matter at the September meeting.





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Item 7. Reports.

(a) Proposed Anti - Drug Week.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he hoped to have a report on the matter for the September meeting. 1

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(b) Wavin Pipes Project.

It was agreed that a report be prepared for the September meeting.  
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Item 8. Other Business.

It was agreed to contact the County Council concerning the following matters.

- (a) Littering and provision of extra litter bins at Tower Field.
- (b) Damage to wall at Craoibhin Park.
- (c) Clean up of Banks and Beach—extra people were promised.
- (d) Provision of seats at new parks at Quay Street and Mill Pond area.
- (e) Replacement of seats on Square.
- (f) Supply of machine to graveyard caretaker.
- (g) Cleaning of part of the river.
- (h) Repair to path at Lambreecher Estate.
- (i) Replacement of ladder at Blackrock beach.
- (j) Provision of more houses in Balbriggan.

Patricia H. Gullen  
13/9/83



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS

HELD ON 29th AUGUST, 1983.

Commissioners Present

- Davis, Joseph, Harper, Freddie.
- Gallen, Patricia, Larkin, Jack.
- Hamilton, Anthony, Lawler, Stephen.

Apologies for non-attendance were received

Commissioner O Ceallachain and Jack Kennedy.  
P. Gallen.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk

The Chairperson, Commissioner Gallen Presided.

1. FORTHCOMING VISIT OF AMERICAN SELECTION

(a). REPORT ON VISIT

A report on the details of the visit of the American selection was given to the members by the Chairperson.

(b). HOLDING OF CIVIC RECEPTION

Following discussion, it was proposed by Commissioner Harper, seconded by, Commissioner Davis and agreed that a Civic Reception be held in the Town Hall, on Tuesday, 6th September, 1983.

(c). GUEST LIST FOR RECEPTION

The guest list for the reception as drawn up by the Town Twinning Committee, was approved by the Commissioners.

The meeting then concluded.

Patricia H. Gallen  
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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON,  
TUESDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER, 1983.

Commissioners Present:

Davis, Joseph,	Kennedy, Jack
Gallen, Patricia	Larkin, Jack, P.C.
Hamilton, Anthony	Lawless, Stephen
Harper, Freddie	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan

Apology for non-attendance was received from Commissioner Barlow.

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Officials Present:

G. W. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.

P. Mc Cann, Section Officer.

M. O'Connor, Clerical Officer.

Apology for non-attendance was received from P. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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Item 1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a). The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12th July, 1983 were read and confirmed.
  - (b). The minutes of the July meeting held on, 12th July, 1983 were read and confirmed.
  - (c). The minutes of special meeting held on, 29th August, 1983 were read and, following the inclusion of an apology for non-attendance which had been received from Commissioner Kennedy, they were confirmed.
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Item 2. Matters arising out of the Minutes

- (a). The meeting was informed that no reply has as yet, been received from the Commissioners Solicitors concerning the walkway at Balbriggan Viaduct, but that a report in this regard will be requested for the October meeting.
- (b). Following a query by Commissioner Davis regarding the temporary nature of the repairs to footpath at Lambecher Estate, it was agreed to contact the County Council regarding the permanent re-instatement of the path.
- (c). It was brought to the notice of the meeting that the replacement of ladder at Blackrock beach is still outstanding.
- (d). Commissioner Kennedy requested again that cleaning of the top part of the river take place as soon as possible.
- (e). In reply to Commissioner O'Ceallachain's request for the provision of litter bins similar to the new-style bins in evidence in Swords, it was undertaken to bring a full report on this matter before the October meeting of the Commissioners. Commissioner Davis observed that the provision of extra litter bins at Tower Field, is still outstanding.



- (f). Commissioner Hamilton raised the matter of poor surfacing of the road cutting on the overdrain from, St. Pauls Flats.
- (g). Commissioner Harper complimented the <sup>townspeople</sup> Council for the great job done in maintaining the beaches this year, but indicated his dissatisfaction with the condition of the C.I.E. end of the Harbour. The meeting was informed that proposals for this area are being considered, but at too early a stage for discussion at this point.
- (h). At the request of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to examine further, the possibility of providing additional man-power for the removal of litter in the town during the Summer months.
- (i). The present condition of the Graveyard was complimented and it was agreed to await the results of recently sprayed growth-deterrent prior to any further representations in relation to grass cutting.

Item 3 Applications for hire of Hall

The following applications were approved by the Commissioners.

<u>HIRER</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HALL</u>
St. Patricks Brass and Reed Band.	Adult Disco	Fridays	9.00 pm-12.00	Ballroom
Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band	Juvenile Disco	Fridays	9.00 pm-12.00	Ballroom
Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band	Band Practice	Wednesdays	7.30 pm- 9.30	Supperroom
Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band	Band Practice	Saturdays	10.30 am-12.30	Ballroom & Supper-room
Scoil Rince Cualann	Irish Dancing Classes	Wednesdays	5.30 pm- 7.00	Ball-room
Scoil Rince Cualann	Irish Dancing Classes	Saturdays	2.00 pm- 7.00	Ball-room
Youth Club	Club	Mondays	7.30 pm- 9.30	Supper-room
Doris Pentony	Keep Fit Classes	Tuesdays	10.30 am-11.30	Ball-room
Community Games	Gymnastics	Thursdays	7.00 pm- 9.00	Ball-room
Badminton Club	Badminton	Mondays	7.00 pm-11.00	Ball-room
Badminton Club	Badminton	Tuesdays	6.00 pm-11.00	Ball-room
Badminton Club	Badminton	Thursdays	9.00 pm-12.00	Ball-room
Badminton Club	Badminton (Marathon Match)	24/9/83 to 25/9/83	7.00 pm	Ball-room
Fingal Association Mentally Handicapped	Annual Reception	15/10/83	1.00 pm- 6.30	Ball-room
Karate Union of Ireland	Karate Demonstration	15/9/83	8.30 pm-11.30	Ball-room
Balbriggan Leisure Centre Committee	Juvenile Disco	23/10/83	3.00 pm- 6.00	Ball-room
Cage Bird Society	Annual Show	10/12/83 to 11/12/83	All Day	Ball-room
Balbriggan Leisure Centre Committee	Juvenile Discos	2nd, 9th, 16th October, 1983		Ball-room



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Item 4. Correspondence

- (a). Letter received from Rehabilitation Institute, Re: People of the Year Awards, was read and it was agreed that individual nominations in this regard could be submitted to the Town Clerk, if desired.
- (b). Letter dated, 12th July, 1983, from U.D.T. Bank Ltd., RE: Endeavour Awards for Tourism, 1983, was read and noted.
- (c). Letter dated, 12th July, 1983, from U.D.T., Bank Ltd., RE: Drain clearance charges, was read and, following an assurance by the Manager, that those in difficult circumstances would be dealt with sympathetically, it was agreed to contact the Principal Officer, Finance Department, with a view to arranging payment of these charges through the Town Clerk. The meeting was reminded that the Town Commissioners are in possession of a set of sewer rods for public use.
- (d). Report from Balbriggan Community Leisure Centre Committee, RE: Analysis of Questionnaires on proposed Community Leisure Centre, was read and noted. The Committee were commended for their work in compiling this report.
- (e). Letter dated, 20th July, 1983, from Dublin County Council, RE: Naming of housing scheme at Hampton Street, Balbriggan, was read and noted.
- (f). Letter dated, 22nd July, 1983, from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., Re: Group Personal Accident Scheme for Members of Local Authorities, was read and it was agreed not to avail of the scheme.
- (g). Letter dated, 26th July, 1983, from Dublin County Council, RE: Cutting of grass margins and footpath repairs, was read and the standard of grass cutting this year was complimented by Commissioner Kennedy. Following a complaint by Commissioner Larkin in relation to sub-standard repairs to footpaths in general, it was agreed to contact the County Council in this regard.
- (h). Letter dated, 26th July, 1983, from Dublin County Council, Re: Pedestrian lights and barrier opposite beach entrance was read and following a discussion on the options available in relation to the provision of a one-way system through Balbriggan, it was agreed that a survey should be carried out in this regard. It was undertaken to contact the Council with regard to four non-functioning lights and a twisted light standard on Dublin Street, and the light out of order at the Vocational School.
- (i). Letter dated, 27th July, 1983, from Dublin Port and Docks Board was read and noted.
- (j). Letter dated, August, 1983, from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., Re: Extraordinary General Meeting, was read and noted. The Chairman will attend the meeting on behalf of the Town Commissioners.
- (k). Letter dated, 4th August, 1983, from Dungarvan, U.D.C. Re: V.A.T. on Gamma Camera, was read and it was agreed to support the motion as outlined in the letter.
- (l). Letter dated, 4th August, 1983, from Dublin County Council, Re: Balbriggan By-Pass C.P.O., was read and noted.
- (m). Letter dated, 5th August, 1983, from Dublin County Council, Re: Allotment Scheme, was read and noted.



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- (n). Letters dated, 7th June, 1983, and 12th July, 1983 from Tara Cove Residents Association, requesting a deputations meeting with Balbriggan Town Commissioners, were read. The meeting was informed that the Association is being received in deputation by the County Council on Thursday, 15th September, 1983. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact the Association with a view to arranging a meeting with the Commissioners, although it was generally felt that such a meeting prior to the deputations meeting with the Council, would have been more appropriate.
- (o). Letter dated, 25th August, 1983, from Dublin County Council, Re: Clonard Hill was read, and a brief discussion ensued in which a brief outline was given of the problems facing the Council in relation to the itinerant problem. The Commissioners were informed that the special clean-up squad should reach Balbriggan within a few weeks.

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Item 5. Election of Town Decoration and St. Patrick's Day Committee.

It was agreed, on the suggestion of the Chairman, that the Town Commissioners would look after these matters for this year and take on any suitable volunteers whose services may be offered.

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Item 6. American Visit and Twinning Arrangement.

The Chairman summarised briefly, the Agenda to date, for the American visit and informed the meeting that, in the opinion of the visiting selectment, there should be no obstacle to the official tripling of Balbriggan with the American towns of Berlin and Boylston, early next year. The Selectmen have undertaken to communicate with the United Towns Organisation with a view to commencing the necessary arrangements.

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Item 7. Consideration of Agenda for deputation to Dublin county Council on 20th October, 1983.

Following a discussion on the matter, it was agreed that the agenda would consist of the following two items and any additional items submitted to the Town Clerk, by the Commissioners before the end of the month.

1. Time-scale for building of next phase of Pinewood Green.
2. Repair of faulty fireplaces in phase 1, Lambeecher Estate.

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Item 8. Wavin Pipes Project.

The report on the proposed Horticultural Project was read and the meeting informed that Anco have agreed, in principle, to becoming involved in the project. The structure of the project, as outlined in the report, was approved by the Commissioners. With regard to letter received from the Community Leisure Centre Committee requesting that the £5,000, be donated to their funds, it was agreed that due to prior commitments to the Horticultural Project, it would not be possible to accede to this request and that the Town Clerk would advise the Committee of the Commissioners' decision in this regard.

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Item 9 Report on proposed Anti-Drug week.

The report on the proposed Anti-Drug week was read. It was agreed that the event should be run over a period of, no more than, three days and it was suggested by Commissioner Davis, that the format would be as follows:



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Day 1: Open Day in Town Hall with Exhibition.  
Day 2: Meeting with residents of Northside of Balbriggan.  
Day 3: Meeting with residents of Southside of Balbriggan.  
All interested groups will be contacted with regard to a possible date for the event.

The letters from the Ministers for Justice and Social Welfare were noted.

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Item 10: Tidy Districts Competition Results.

The results of the Tidy Districts Competition were read and it was agreed that the fixing of a date for the presentation of prizes would be carried over to the October meeting. It was proposed by Commissioner Harper and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton, that Maurice Mc Auley be commended for his continuous efforts in keeping Quay Street, clean and litter free.

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Item 11: Report on deputation to Dublin Port and Docks Board.

The report on the deputation to Dublin Port and Docks Board on, 28th July, 1983, regarding the condition of Balbriggan Harbour was read and noted.

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Item 12: Defacing of Public Property.

The Chairman outlined recent incidences of defacing of public signs with posters and stickers and requested that the seriousness of this matter be brought to the attention of locals through the newspapers. It was agreed that the Litter Warden would be requested to examine the matter with a view to mounting a possible prosecution. With regard to the graffiti on the County Bridge, it was undertaken to contact the Engineering Department of the Council to arrange for its removal.

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Item 13: Commissioners consent to sale of house.

There was no business under this item

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Item 14: Other Business.

- (a). Commissioner O'Ceallachain outlined his objections to a system, whereby, the personnel employed in polling stations, as in the recent Referendum, are already in secure employment. In this regard, it was agreed that the Town Clerk would write, on behalf of the Commissioners, to the County Sheriff, requesting that, henceforth, suitable unemployed persons be given preference for work of this nature.
- (b). Following a request by Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to contact the relevant authorities with regard to a review of the present system of allocating voters to various polling stations within the Balbriggan area, with no apparent regard for distances to be travelled.
- (c). It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Tanaiste and Minister for the Environment, requesting that all old age Pensioners be exempted from the newly-introduced water charges.



- (d). It was agreed, on the request of Commissioner Kennedy that the Town Clerk write to two local youths, recently heroes of a near-drowning incident, commending them for their bravery.
- (e). In the light of a recent accident in the town, an appeal, through the newspapers for parents to prevent their children from cycling on the footpaths, was requested by Commissioner Kennedy.
- (f). It was agreed to contact the County Council with regard to:
- (1). The provision of a railing on the grass bank along car-park opposite the Chapel, as requested by Commissioner Hamilton.
  - (2). The provision of a more regular road-sweeping service for the service-road to Lambeecher Housing Estate, as raised by Commissioner Davis.

*Patricia H. Egan*  
11/10/83.



98 MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS, held on, Tuesday, 11th October, 1983.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Barlow, Vincent  
Davis, Joseph  
Gallen, Patricia, (Chairman)  
Hamilton, Anthony

Kennedy, Jack  
Larkin, Jack, P.C.  
Lawless, Stephen  
O' Ceallachain, Eoghan

Free Harper.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Patrick A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.  
Martina O' Connor, Clerical Officer.

Apologies for non-attendance received from, George W. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.

The Chairman, Commissioner Gallen, presided.

ITEM 1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the September Meeting, held on, Tuesday, 13th September, 1983, were read and following a correction requested by Commissioner Harper, they were confirmed.

ITEM 2. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

- (a). With regard to the requested report on the walkway at Balbriggan Viaduct, the Chairman informed the meeting that, although, no official word has come through as yet, it has been indicated that work will commence in January, of next year and that the walk-way will be re-opened. It was agreed to make further representations to C.I.E., on behalf of the Commissioners, with a view to obtaining confirmation of this proposal.
- (b). In reply to a query from Commissioner Davis, it was indicated that the path at Lambeecher Estate, should be completed within a month.
- (c). In relation to the cleaning of the river, Commissioner Kennedy was informed that this work can only be carried out as part of the overall completion of the amenity.
- (d). A report on the new-style Litter Bins recently provided in Swords, was circulated. In this regard, it was agreed to request that the County Council provided additional locations for litter bins within the town, next year.
- (e). Commissioner Hamilton indicated that surfacing of the over-drain at St. Pauls flats is still outstanding.
- (f). In relation to the requested exemption of all Old Age Pensioners from the newly introduced water charges, a reply from The Minister for the Environment, in this regard, was read and noted. On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed that representations in particular hardship cases, be made by individual Commissioners to Dublin County Council, through the Town Clerk.
- (g). It was agreed that at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th October, 1983, a deputation from Tara Cove Residents Association would be received in the Commissioners rooms to discuss a number of matters in relation to Tara Cove Estate.



- (h). The Commissioners indicated that in addition to the light-standards, reported as being out of order at the September meeting, several more are now non-functioning. It was agreed to request as a matter of priority, an immediate survey of the public lighting system in Balbriggan

ITEM 3. APPLICATIONS FOR HIRE OF TOWN HALL.

Although no formal application has as yet been made in this regard, Commissioner Lawless, indicated that the Town Hall would be required by the Fingal Association for Mentally Handicapped for the holding of a dance on the night of 1st January, 1984. This application was approved by the Commissioners, pending receipt of completed application form.

ITEM 4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Letter dated, 1st September, 1983, from Dublin County Council, Re: Replacement of seats outside the Courthouse, was read and it was agreed to request that the Council reconsider its decision in this regard in view of the unsuitability of the seats, structure-wise, for use by elderly people.
- (b). Letter dated, 5th September, 1983, from Minister for Social Welfare. Re: Review of Urban Fuel Scheme, was read and was agreed to write to the Minister, requesting that the Urban Fuel Scheme, in its present form, be kept intact.
- (c). Letter dated, 7th September, 1983, from Dublin County Council, Re:
  - (1). Patrolling of Tower Field by Litter Warden.
  - (2). Cleaning of beaches.
  - (3). Grass cutting machine for graveyard.
  - (4). Replacement of ladder at Blackrock Beach.
 was read and the Commissioners indicated their dissatisfaction with the replies in relation to each of the above matters. It was agreed to write to the Council outlining dissatisfaction with the letter as a whole.
- (d). Letter dated, 11th September, 1983, from Councillor Cathal Boland, Re: Proposal to nominate Balbriggan Town Commissioners for the U. D. T. National Endeavour Award for Tourism, 1983, was read. Commissioner Kennedy objected to the Chairman's approval of the proposed nomination without prior consultation with the Commissioners, as a body. The Chairman indicated that such a step had been necessitated by the limited time involved between the date of receipt of the letter and the date of the North County District Committee meeting before which the proposed nomination was being brought. The other Commissioners endorsed fully the Chairman's actions given the circumstances involved. It was agreed to write to Councillor Boland and to Dublin County Council, thanking them for the nomination and its endorsement.
- (e). Letter dated, 16th September, 1983, from Department of Posts and Telegraphs, Re: Provision of telephone kiosk at Dublin Street/Quay Street, was read. Following a discussion on possible locations for the provision of a telephone kiosk, it was agreed to write to the Department, requesting that not one, but two kiosks be provided and at the following locations:
  - (1). Quay Street - Park Area.
  - (2). Dublin Street - At St. Pauls flats - for Old Age Pensioners.



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- (f). Letter dated, 16th September, 1983, from Dublin County Council, Re: Drainage of ditch at, St. Peter and Paul's Graveyard was read and noted.
- (g). Letter dated, 30th September, 1983, from Eastern Regional Development Organisation, Re: Project report for proposed settlement strategy for the Eastern Region, was read. Copies of the Project report were circulated and it was agreed that any suggestions or comments in this regard could be forwarded directly by the Commissioners to the Eastern Regional Development Organisation.

Misc.

An invitation from the Fingal Association for Mentally Handicapped, requesting the Commissioners' attendance at a special mass in St. Peter and Paul's church at, 3 p.m. on Saturday, 15th October, 1983, and at a function afterwards in the Town Hall, was read by the Chairman. Apologies for inability to attend were received at that stage from Commissioners Kennedy and Barlow.

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ITEM 5. (a). Re: HORTICULTURAL PROJECT - NOMINATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT BOARD  
(b). Re: ANTI-DRUGS COMMITTEE - NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.

- (a). It was agreed that, in relation to the Horticultural, that nominations should be received in the Town Hall not later than, Friday, 14th October, 1983, and that a special meeting of the Commissioners' for consideration of same would be held immediately after the meeting to be held with Tara Cove Residents Association on, Wednesday, 19th October, 1983.
- (b). It was agreed to write to the various interested bodies concerning the Anti-Drugs Committee.

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ITEM 6. EXTENSION OF OPENING HOURS OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Commissioner O Ceallachain indicated his dissatisfaction with the present opening hours of the Town Library, in that those travelling away from Balbriggan for work and school, are unable to avail of its' services at any time. Following a discussion on the various factors contributing to this problem it was agreed to write to the County Librarian, requesting a full report and an immediate solution in this regard.

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ITEM 7. DATE FOR PRESENTATION OF PRIZES - TIDY DISTRICTS COMPETITION.

It was agreed that presentation of prizes for this year's Tidy Districts Competition, would take place at 9.00 p.m. after the November meeting of the Town Commissioners', on Tuesday, 15th November, 1983.

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ITEM 8. COMMISSIONERS' CONSENT TO SALE OF HOUSE.

There was no business under this item.

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ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS.

- (a). On the proposals of Commissioners Kennedy and Davis, it was agreed to communicate with C.I.E., with regard to the provision of bus shelters in the town and replacement of bus-stop at Drogheda Street.
- (b). With regard to vandalism of bathing shelters, it was decided, on the proposal of Commissioner Lawless, to request the provision of pebble



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dash as opposed to smooth concrete surfaces on all bathing shelters within the town, as a deterrent to graffiti. It was agreed by all to request the demolition of the shelter located at the Healthex factory.

- (c). On the request of the Commissioners', it was agreed to write further letters, commending others involved in the recent drowning rescue.
- (d). Following a query by Commissioner Davis with regard to the agenda for deputations meeting with Dublin County Council, on Thursday, 20th October, 1983, the Chairman indicated that, in the absence of any points having been submitted to the Town Clerk, in addition to the two items agreed at the September meeting, she herself had submitted the additional items as follows:
  - Item 3. Present position regarding Balbriggan Harbour following recent discussions with Dublin Port and Docks Board.
  - Item 4. Car-Park opposite church.
    - (a). Provision of public lighting.
    - (b). Provision of Pedestrian crossing.
- (e). With regard to the recent allocation of a house to a Traveller at present encamped at Balrothery, Commissioner Davis recommended that the application lodged for an end-house be refused. It was agreed to ascertain the Council's position.
- (f). The Chairman, in referring to a recent article in the Fingal Independent condemned Consadh na Gaeilge for condoning the actions of those involved in the recent vandalism of signs in Balbriggan, with the use of stickers. The Town Clerk, in associating himself with the views of the Chairman, indicated that no formal approach had been made to the Town Hall with regard to the grievances involved. Commissioner Barlow echoed the sentiments of both the Chairman and Town Clerk.

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The Meeting then concluded.

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*Patricia H. Emlen*

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS, held on,  
Wednesday, 19th October, 1983.

The following people were nominated by the Commissioners,  
(individually), to become members of the Management Committee of the  
Horticultural Project. Each nominee had indicated a willingness to serve  
on the Committee.

1. Mr. Patrick Conway, Patella, Seapoint, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.
2. Mr. Anthony Flavin, "Slievedonard", Naul Road, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.
3. Mr. Desmond Byrne, Wavin Pipes Ltd., Balbriggan Co. Dublin.
4. Mr. John Hourican, Wavin Pipes Ltd., Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.
5. Mr. Thomas Mc Aleer, C/O Harvest Inn, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.
6. Mr. James Hagan, Clonard, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.
7. Mr. William Bennett, Station House, Railway Street, Balbriggan.
8. Mr. Patrick Gibbons, Town Clerk,,Town Hall, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.
9. Mrs Kathleen Chase, Georges Hill, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Commissioner Jack Kennedy,  
seconded by Commissioner Davis and AGREED that the names, as presented,  
be appointed to the Management Committee, subject to the terms and  
conditions, as approved by the Commissioners from time to time.

The Meeting then concluded.



MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS, HELD 103  
ON, 8th November, 1983.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Davis, Joseph  
Gallen, Patricia, (Chairman) Kennedy, Jack.  
Harper, Freddie. Lawless, Stephen.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioners Barlow, Hamilton, Larkin and O'Ceallachain.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

G. W. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.  
Martina O'Connor, Clerical Officer.

ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

- (a). The minutes of the October meeting, held on, Tuesday, 11th October, 1983, were read and following the inclusion of Commissioner Harper in the attendance for that meeting, they were confirmed.
- (b). The minutes of Special Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on, Wednesday, 19th October, 1983, were read and confirmed.

ITEM 2: MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

- (a). It was agreed to write once again to C.I.E., seeking confirmation of their intentions regarding the walkway at Balbriggan Viaduct. At Commissioner Kennedy's request, it was agreed to include, also, a request for the provision of "Warning" Signs for cyclists using the subway.
- (b). Commissioner Davis thanked the Manager for the re-instatement of path at Lambecher Estate, as promised.
- (c). It was indicated that public lighting, though vastly improved, remains out of order at the following locations:
- (i). 20 yards on Drogheda side of the Vocational School.
  - (ii). With one exception, at St. Paul's Terrace.
  - (iii). At corner of Main Street with St. Paul's Terrace.
- (d). With regard to Commissioner Kennedy's query, in relation to an information booklet on the Fuel Scheme, it was undertaken to contact the Department of Social Welfare in this regard.
- (e). Commissioner Lawless expressed satisfaction with the removal of old ladder from Blackrock Beach, but indicated that priority should now be given to its replacement.
- (f). Regarding the requested extension of Library hours, the Manager informed the meeting that the matter is still with the Staff Negotiations Board.
- (g). It was strongly recommended to the Manager that consideration be given to the demolition of bathing shelter at Healthex and the provision of pebble dash on all others. It was indicated that any local effort, in relation to the removal of graffiti



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- (g). in general, as suggested by the Commissioners, could possibly be supported by the Council with regard to provision of the necessary equipment.
- (h). Commissioner Davis recommended once again that an application by the Itinerant at Balrothery, for an end-house, be refused. With regard to an undertaking at the recent deputations meeting for the provision of eight additional houses at Pinewood in the New Year, the Commissioners' requested that a recommendation for an increase in this figure, be submitted to the Housing Department.

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ITEM 3: APPLICATIONS FOR HIRE OF HALL:

- (a). An application by the Dillon School of Dancing for use of the hall, on Saturday, 17th December, 1983, at 10.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of class competitions, was approved by the Commissioners.
- (b). Approval was also granted for an application by the Old Age Pensioners Committee, for holding of a, "Wheel of Fortune", on Sunday, 4th December, 1983, at 8.00 - 10.30 p.m.
- (c). Commissioner Kennedy's query, on behalf of the Cricket Club, for use of the hall for practices, was approved in principle, by the Commissioners, following a discussion on the safety measures that would be implemented.

In relation to recent disturbances at the Friday-night discos, Commissioner Lawless queried the standard of stewarding provided. In this regard, it was agreed to write to all users of the hall, referring to the pitfalls involved in lack of adequate supervision.

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ITEM 4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a). Letter dated, 18th October, 1983, from Dublin County Council, Re: River and Carpark, was read. It was indicated that the section of river, in question, lies between Fagan's Pub and houses at Clonard Street and agreed that the County Council be contacted with regard to the feasibility of serving notices on the land-owners involved.
- (b). Letter dated, 24th October, 1983, from Youghal Urban District Council, Re: Local Elections, was read. It was proposed by  Commissioner ~~Lawless~~ and AGREED to adopt the motion, as outlined, in the letter.
- (c). Letter dated, 21st October, 1983, from, C.I.E., Re: Landscaping of banks and fence, was read. With regard to the banks, it was agreed to write to C.I.E., indicating dissatisfaction with this reply and requesting specific attention for the pathways in particular. A request will also be made to C.I.E., in relation to proper repair of railing along road side of the cement promenade. It was agreed to contact the Housing Department with regard to repair of the link-wire fence along Railway bridge at playground area of Lambeecher Estate.
- (d). Letter and news bulletin, dated, October, 1983, from Irish Council of European Local Authorities, was read and noted.



ITEM 5: PROPOSED EXTENSION OF TOWN BOUNDARIES.

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It was agreed to defer this matter for discussion until the December Meeting of the Commissioners, pending the acquisition of more up-to-date maps outlining scheduled developments for the areas in question.

ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS.

(a). The Chairman read a notice regarding a meeting, in relation to the setting up of Community Radio for North County Dublin, to be held in Swords Community Council's Town Hall at 8.30 p.m. on Monday, 14th November, 1983, and requested that any interested parties be informed accordingly.

(b). It was agreed to contact Dublin County Council, in relation to the following:

- (i). Removal of old wall at Pinewood, between St. Teresa's School and the shops, due to poor visibility for approaching traffic.
- (ii). Removal of Council Machinery from Old Age Pensioner flats. - Commissioner Lawless.
- (iii). An application to be made by Balbriggan Athletics Club for training facilities on perimeter of rugby pitch, at Bell's Land, is to be recommended by the Commissioners. - Commissioner Kennedy.
- (iv). Proposed provision of wall at rear of cottages on Clonard Street - Clonard Court. The Commissioners expressed dissatisfaction with the proposals outlined in a recent letter to Councillors' for the North County Area and recommended that the wall be provided alternatively, immediately, to rear of cottages on Clonard Street, allowing householders in Clonard Court to extend their back gardens, thus eliminating the laneway which will, otherwise, be necessitated at this location.
- (v). Repair of wire fence along laneway, from County bridge into upper Derham Park, and provision of, "No Dumping", sign at this location - Commissioner Davis.
- (vi). Further investigations into burst sewerage pipe at corner of Drogheda Street and Railway Street - Commissioner Harper.
- (vii). Seepage from the disused "<sup>bank</sup>Harvest Inn", - Chairman. *J.*
- (viii). Incidences of dumping at entrance to Industrial Estate, opposite the Church. - Commissioner Kennedy. *to Hill Road*
- (ix). Provision of bollards at entrance to laneway, beside Cinema, as a speed deterrent to cyclists entering out onto the Main Street. *J.*

(c). At the request of Commissioner Lawless, it was agreed to contact Weather Glaze, regarding removal of caravan which has been parked in the Square for several months.



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- (d). Stricter enforcement of double yellow lines on Quay Street, will be raised with the local Garda Superintendent.
  - (e). Following a request by Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to write again to the Minister for Industry and Energy, regarding the provision of five Incubator Units, as promised.
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The Meeting then concluded.

Patricia H. Galley  
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COMM. PRESENT: P. GALLAN, J. DAVIS, F. HARPER, A. HAMILTON.  
APOLOGIES FROM: COMMISSIONERS, BARLOW, KENNEDY, O'CEALACHAIN, LAWLESS.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS, held on

1st December, 1983.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that between the amount the Commissioners could provide and the balance of the town decoration account, there was, £304.03. The expenses would come to approximately, £690.37, leaving a shortfall of, £386.34. Following discussion, it was agreed to purchase:

1. An 11 metre Christmas Tree.
2. Additional bulb holders, cable and bulbs as required.

It was further agreed to pay the electricians and the tree carrier and to hire a hoist to put up the lights. To make up the shortfall, it was agreed:

1. That the Commissioners would call, personally, to all the Traders in the Town.
2. That the Town Clerk would write to all the factories and Community Organizations.

It was also agreed to contact the secondary schools in January to ask them to become involved in making decorations for the Town for 1984. It was decided to ask the Choir, Brass and Reed Band and the Pride of Balbriggan Band to be present at the lighting of the tree, which it is hoped, will be on Friday, 9th December, 1983. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Davis and agreed to continue the Town Decoration Account with the Northern Bank and that the Chairman, the Town Clerk and Commissioner Harper would be signatories for the purpose of signing cheques.

The meeting then concluded.

Patricia M. Gallan  
13/12/83



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MINUTES OF DECEMBER MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS, held on, 13th  
December, 1983.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Barlow, Vincent  
Davis, Joseph  
Gallen Patricia  
Hamilton, Anthony

Kennedy, Jack.  
Larkin, Jack P. C.  
Lawless, Stephen.  
O'Ceallachain, Eoghan.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

G. W. Redmond, Assistant City & County Manager.  
P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Commissioner Gallen, presided.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

- (a). The minutes of the November meeting, held on, 8th November, 1983, were read and following three corrections were confirmed.
- (b). The minutes of the special meeting, held on, 1st December, 1983, were read and confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

- (a). Commissioner O'Ceallachain was informed that matters in relation to the opening hours of the library were proceeding satisfactorily. The Commissioners asked that if the library was extended that thought be given to facilitating those confined to wheelchairs.
- (b). At the request of Commissioner Barlow, it was agreed to contact the County Council concerning cars and cyclists in the Mill Road Lane.
- (c). Commissioner O'Ceallachain asked if anything had been done concerning the public lighting in the town. He was informed that the situation had improved considerably since the previous meeting. It was agreed to investigate the position concerning the lights at St. Pauls Crescent. It was also agreed to contact the public lighting section concerning the replacement of a light at Mill Street corner and the repair of a light outside the Allied Irish Bank in the Main Street.
- (d). The Town Clerk gave a report on the festive lighting and in reply to Commissioner O'Ceallachain, he said that the flagpoles were utilised as the only possible place where the remaining string of lights could be placed for the current year. A more detailed report would be given at the January meeting.

3. DEPUTATION FROM PRIDE OF BALBRIGGAN MARCHING BAND:

Mrs Vivienne Gorman and Mrs Elizabeth Martin of the Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band were received by the Commissioners. The deputation made their case to the Commissioners for a reduction in the rent payable for the use of the hall and having been informed that their case would be considered they left the meeting.

4. DISCUSSION ON APPLICATION TO REDUCE LETTING FEE TO PRIDE OF BALBRIGGAN MARCHING BAND:

Following a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless,



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seconded by Commissioner Barlow and AGREED that the matter be deferred for one month to explore the possibility of an additional grant from Dublin County Council.

5. APPLICATION FOR HIRE OF HALL:

There were no new application this month.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a). Letter dated, 26th October, 1983, from Dublin County Council Re: engineering matters was read and noted.
- (b). Letter dated, November, 1983, from Mullingar Town Commissioners, Re: Promotion of Irish made tennis balls, was read and it was agreed to support the matter.
- (c). Letter dated, 8th November, 1983, from Dublin County Council, Re: Piping of ditch, was read and noted.
- (d). Letter dated, 18th November, 1983, from Bath Road Tenants Association, Re: Water charges, was read and noted.
- (e). Letter dated, 18th November, 1983, from Dungarvan Urban District Council, Re: Rent of local authorities houses, was read and supported.
- (f). Letter dated, 25th November, 1983, from Dublin County Council, Re: Allotment scheme, was read. It was agreed to notify the Resident and Tenants Associations of the matter.
- (g). Letter dated, 25th November, 1983, from Dublin County Council, Re: Railings at carpark was read. It was agreed to ask the County Council to reconsider the request.
- (h). Letter dated, 28th November, 1983, from Minister for the Environment, Re: Local Elections, was read and noted.
- (i). Letter dated, 29th November, 1983, from I.D.A., Re: Incubator units, was read and noted.
- (j). Letter dated, 29th November, 1983, from Dublin County Council, Re: Shelters on Beach, was read and noted.
- (k). Letter dated, 30th November, 1983, from Dublin County Council, Re: Housing in Balbriggan, was read and noted.
- (l). Letter dated, 6th December, 1983, from An Garda Siochana, Re: Lost property Bye-Laws, 1983, was read and noted.
- (m). Letter dated, 5th December, 1983, from Dublin County Council, Re: Running track facilities, was read and noted.
- (n). Letter dated, 8th December, 1983, from C.I.E., Re: Various matters was read. It was agreed to contact C.I.E. and Dublin County Council about these matters and about the possibility of repairing the station path at Georges Hill which is dangerous.
- (o). Text of final resolution of 4th Congress of European Twinning, was read and noted.

7 COMMISSIONERS CONSENT TO OVER-EXPENDITURE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING, 31/12/'83.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Barlow and AGREED that the expenditure under the "general" heading of the estimates be increased to, £29,500, for the financial year ending, 31/12/'83.



8. DISCUSSION ON PROPOSAL TO EXTEND TOWN BOUNDARY:

Following discussion, it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Sub-Committee on the proposed new boundary with an alteration on the north of the town. It was agreed to notify the County Council of the Commissioners intention to apply for the boundary extention. The additional area taken would be part of Bremore, Clogheder, part of Clonard and Folkstown Great, part of Stephenstown, Gardiners Hill, Glebe North, Castleland, Kilsough South, Kilsough North, part of Hampton Demesne.

9. TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION, 1984.

Following discussion, it was agreed to send a circular to all the town residents, asking them to become involved in the Tidy Towns work for 1984.

10. DEPUTATION TO DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL:

- (a). The minutes of the Deputations meeting, held on, 20th October, 1983, were read and confirmed.
- (b). Discussion of Agenda for next Deputations meeting.

Following discussion, the following two items were agreed.

- (a). Building of wall at rear of flats in Lambeecher Estate.
- (b). Present position and future time-scale for development of amenity land at rear of St. Peter & Pauls Church.

It was further agreed that additional items be sent to the Town Clerk.

11. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a). It was agreed to contact Dublin County Council concerning the dangerous cliff face at Seabanks.
- (b). At the request of Commissioner Barlow, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to carry out an immediate temporary road repair to the main street following the work carried out by the Department of Posts & Telegraphs.
- (c). Commissioner Barlow complimented the County Council on the placing of reflectors on the roadside between Balrothery and Ballough.
- (d). The Chairman asked the Fingal Independent to highlight the fact that hitch-hikers from the factory between Balrothery and Ballough cannot be seen and should wear reflectors.

The meeting then concluded.

*Patricia H. Gullen*  
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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS, held on, Monday, 9th January, 1984, with Residents of Clonard Court and Clonard Street.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Gallen, Patricia, (Chairperson). Lawless, Stephen.  
Davis, Joseph, O'Ceallachain Eoghan.  
Larkin, Jack,

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioner J. Kennedy.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.  
Noel Dillon, Roads Engineer, Dublin County Council.

RESIDENTS PRESENT: The following houses were represented:  
CLONARD STREET: 54, 58 - 68 inclusive, 74 - 82 inclusive, 86.  
CLONARD COURT: 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28, 30, 32, 33, 35.

The Chairman, Commissioner Gallen presided.

The Chairman welcomed the Residents and explained the reason for calling the meeting viz: to discuss the proposal by Dublin County Council to build a wall at the rear of Clonard Court and provide a laneway. Following discussion, it was agreed to recommend the following to Dublin County Council:

1. That the laneway be provided as planned.
2. That a wall, with access onto the laneway, be provided at the back of the Clonard Court houses, which at present, have no concrete walls, (numbers 18, 19, and 25 - 35 inclusive).
3. That a wall with access onto the laneway, be provided at the rear of the Clonard Street houses, (numbers 48 - 86 inclusive).
4. That the end of the laneway be sealed off with a wall.

Some of the Residents' also suggested that a gate be provided at the entrance to the laneway and that a key be given to each Resident. Others, however, did not agree with this.

It was also agreed to investigate the position concerning the plot of land at the back of 88 Clonard Street.

The meeting concluded at, 8.40 p.m.

Patricia H. Gallen  
14/2/84.



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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS, held on, 10th January, 1984.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis, Joseph, Larkin, Jack.  
Gallen, Patricia, Lawless, Stephen.  
Hamilton, Anthony, O Ceallachain, Eoghan.  
Harper, Freddie.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from, Commissioners' J. Kennedy V. Barlow.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.  
Apologies for non-attendance were received from, G. W. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.

The Chairman, Commissioner P. Gallen presided.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the December, 1983, meeting, held on, 13th December, 1983, were read and following the inclusion of Commissioner Harper in the list, were confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

Commissioner O Ceallachain, again, raised the matter of public lighting and reported that the following lights were out of order: Main St - 4, Pump Lane - 1, Craoibhin Park - 1, Square - 1. The Town Clerk informed him that the four in the Main Street had already been reported.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR HIRE OF THE HALL:

There were no new applications this month.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Letter dated, 13th December, 1983, from I.D.A., re: Industry in Balbriggan was read and noted.
- (b) Letter dated, 9th January, 1983, from Irish Council of European Local Authorities, re: Meeting of Council, was read and noted.
- (c) Letter dated, 9th January, 1984, from Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band, re: Grant from Dublin County Council was read. It was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to give favourable consideration to the application.
- (d) Letter dated, 6th January, 1984, from Minister for the Environment, re: Local Authority Charges, was read and noted.
- (e) Letter dated, 5th January, 1984, from E.S.B., re: Faulty public lighting at St. Pauls Crescent, was read and noted.

5. Consent of Commissioners to salary and wages increase in accordance with current agreement on pay in the Public Service:

It was proposed by the Chairman, Seconded by Commissioner Lawless, and AGREED that the salary of the Town Clerk and the wages of the caretaker be increased in accordance with the current agreement on pay in the Public Service. It was further agreed to consider the question of appointing a permanent caretaker in conjunction with preparation of the estimates. It



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was also agreed to have a report on the Wavin Hall in time for the February meeting of the Commissioners.

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6. TOWN BOUNDARY EXTENSION.

The boundary alteration to the North of the Town suggested by the Valuation Office was confirmed by the Commissioners. It was agreed to submit the application to the Department of the Environment.

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7. TOWN DECORATION REPORT:

A report on the collection of subscriptions and the lighting of the christmas tree was read and noted. Following discussion, it was agreed to write to the Traders', requesting them to decorate their own premises at Christmas. In addition, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to provide flag-poles on the Courthouse.

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8. REPORT ON HORTICULTURAL PROJECT:

The Town Clerk gave a report on the position, to date, which was noted by the Commissioners.

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9. DISCUSSION ON St. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE, 1984.

Following discussion, the following was agreed by the Commissioners:

1. To hold a 1984 parade.
2. The parade to commence at the Church car-park at, 12.45 p.m., with assembly at 12.15 p.m.
3. The route, subject to Garda approval, would be Dublin Street, Market Green, Hampton Street, the Square (pass the review stand), Bridge Street, Clonard Street, Fullam Terrace, Chapel Street, Drogheda Street, finish at the Square.
4. The review stand would have its' back to the Courthouse.
5. All Organisations and business people would be asked to participate.
6. Mr. Joseph Yeates would be asked to be Parade Marshal.
7. At the end of the parade, both bands' would play a selection of tunes and then the Brass & Reed band would play the National Anthem. All marchers in the parade would be asked to remain in their places until after the National Anthem.

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10. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a). Commissioner O Ceallachain asked that Dublin County Council be approached to resurface the Main Street, as in his opinion, its' present condition was contributing to accidents.
- (b). Commissioner Lawless asked that the County Council be requested not to park lorries in St. Pauls Crescent.
- (c). On the proposal of Commissioner Larkin, it was agreed to write to Board Telecom Eireann, asking them to repair the existing phones and leave new installations alone until the present phones are working satisfactorily.
- (d). On the proposal of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to write to C.I.E., condemning the recent raise in fares due to the fact that nothing is being done for Balbriggan. It was also agreed to request C.I.E. to provide bus shelters themselves and to repair the train station properly.



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- (e). It was agreed that the Chairman and Commissioners Lawless, Hamilton and Larkin and if necessary Commissioner Harper, would go to the deputations meeting with Dublin County Council on, 19th January, 1984.
- (f). It was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to favourably consider the housing application of a particular person, (name and address provided), on the housing list.

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The meeting concluded at 8.45 p.m.

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*Patricia H. Gallen*  
*14/2/84*



MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS, held on, 115  
15th February, 1984.

Commissioners present: Barlow, Vincent, Harper, Freddie  
Davis, Joseph, Larkin, Jack, P.C.  
Gallen, Patricia, O'Ceallachain, Eoghan  
Hamilton, Anthony.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioner Kennedy.

Officials present; G. W. Redmond, Assistant City & County Manager.  
P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Commissioner Gallen presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes.

- (a). The Minutes of the January Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners, held on 10th January, 1984, were read and confirmed.
- (b). The Minutes of the Special Meeting, held on 9th January, 1984, were read and confirmed.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes.

- (a). The Town Clerk informed the Commissioners that An Bord Telecom had informed him that the phone service in the town was now, "better than normal".
- (b). In reply to questions from the Members, the Manager informed them that any work on the proposed walls at Clonard Street/Clonard Court would be dependant on the outcome of the Councils Estimates Meeting.

3. Applications for Hire of Hall.

- (i) An application from Balcadden Blues, F.C., to hold a juvenile disco on 24th February, 1984, from 9.00 p.m. - 12.00 p.m. was approved.
- (ii) An application from the Fingal Association for Handicapped Children, to hold an Adult Dance on Easter Sunday night, 22nd April, 1984 from 10.00 p.m. to 2.00 a.m. was approved.
- (iii) An application by Balbriggan Community Games to extend their use of the Hall on Thursday Nights from 7.00 p.m. - to 9.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m to 9.00 p.m. was approved.

4. Correspondence.

- (a). Letter dated 5th January, 1984 from Tramore Town Commissioners, Re: Acts of violence was read and noted.
- (b). Letter dated 5th January, 1984 from Dublin County Council, Re: Pedestrian crossing at St. Peter & Pauls Church was read and noted. It was agreed to contact Dublin County Council concerning better lighting at this area.
- (c). Letter dated 6th January, 1984 from Dublin County Council, Re: Speed Limit and Warning signs at Glebe North was read and noted.
- (d). Letters dated 11th January, 1984 and 30th January, 1984 from Dublin County Council, Re: Repairs to Main Street, were read and noted. It was agreed to contact Dublin County Council concerning the possible starting date for work.
- (e). Letter dated, 16th January, 1984 from Minister for Health, Re:



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V.A.T. on Gamma Camera was read and noted.

- (f). Letter dated, 17th January, 1984, from Irish Lawn Tennis Association was read and noted.
- (g). Letters dated, 18th January, 1984, from Dublin County Council and 30th January, 1984, from E.S.B. Re: Public lighting, were read. The Town Clerk asked that all complaints regarding lighting be referred to him as soon as they were noticed to enable immediate action to be taken.
- (h). Letter dated, 20th January, 1984, from Superintendent, Garda Station, Balbriggan, Re: Illegal parking in Quay Street and St. Patrick's Day Parade route, was read and noted.
- (i). Letters dated 11th January, 1984 and 1st February, 1984 from C.I.E., Re: Repairs and Bus shelters, were read and noted.
- (j). Letter dated 29th January, 1984, from Bath Road Tenants Association, Re: Water Charges, was read and following discussion, its contents were noted.
- (k). Letter dated, 1st February, 1984, from Dublin County Council, Re: Broken Sewers, was read. It was agreed to contact the owner of the Public House in which there is a broken sewer.
- (l). Letter dated, 7th February, 1984, addressed to Chairman of Commissioners from Cumann Stair agus Cultuir, Bhaile Brigin, Re: Historic Site at Bremore, was read. It was agreed to contact Dublin County Council and the Board of Works concerning the matter.

5. Commissioners consent to increase in remuneration of Staff of Balbriggan Town Commissioners.

It was proposed by Commissioner O'Ceallachain, seconded by Commissioner Barlow and AGREED that the remuneration of the staff of Balbriggan Town Commissioners be increased in accordance with the 2nd phase of the current agreement on pay in the Public Service.

6. Commissioners consent to overexpenditure.

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Harper and AGREED that the following items of overexpenditure be approved:

1980	General Expenditure	£2,193.00
1981	Fuel Scheme Expenditure	£1,066.00
1982	General Expenditure	£---48.00

7. St. Patrick's Day Parade, 1984.

Following a report by the Town Clerk, it was agreed to write, again, to the Commercial Premises, asking them to take part in the parade and also to contact Dublin County Council. The Parade stand invitation list, as presented, to the meeting, was approved.

8. Town Boundary Extension.

The Town Clerk produced a map to the Members, showing the final recommendation of the Valuation Office, in relation to the proposed Town Boundary Extension. Following discussion, the following motion was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Larkin and AGREED by the Commissioners:

"The Balbriggan Town Commissioners, in pursuance of Section 5 of the Towns Improvement Act, 1854, hereby request the Minister for the Environment to alter and extend the boundary of the Town of Balbriggan by the inclusion



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within the said boundary of:-

- (i). Part of the Townland of Bremore.
- (ii). The Townland of Cloghedar.
- (iii). Part of the Townland of Clonard or Folkstown Great.
- (iv). Part of the Townland of Stephenstown.
- (v). The Townland of Gardiners Hill.
- (vi). The Townland of Glebe North.
- (vii). The Townland of Castleland.
- (viii). The Townland of Kilsough South.
- (ix). The Townland of Kilsough North.
- (x). Part of the Townland of Hampton Demesne. More properly delineated by the broken red line on the agreed map.

It was further agreed that the submission should be sent to the Minister for the Environment for consideration.

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9. Town Decoration.

The Town Clerk informed the Members that only seven replies had been received to the Commissioners proposal to erect brackets on the outside of business premises and shops in the town. It was agreed to investigate the cost of providing the brackets.

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10. Tidy Towns and Districts 1984.

Following discussion, it was agreed to keep the same categories as in 1983 and to encourage additional entries in these categories.

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11. Wavin Hall Report.

The Town Clerk informed the Members of the up-to-date position concerning Wavin Hall and he also informed them that Wavin had asked for a meeting and he would inform them of the outcome.

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12. Commissioners consent to Transfer of Home.

It was proposed by Commissioner Barlow, seconded by Commissioner Larkin and AGREED that 42 Hampton Street be transferred from Mrs Mary Hamilton to her daughter, Miss Mary Hamilton subject to a right of residence for Mrs Hamilton in the premises for the remainder of her life.

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13. Deputations to Dublin County Council.

- (i). The minutes of the deputations, held on, 19th January, 1984, were read and noted. The Town Clerk informed the Members that the allotments were going ahead.
- (ii). It was agreed to defer consideration of the Agenda for the next deputation to the March meeting.

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14. Other Business.

- (i). Commissioner Davis asked that Dublin County Council be requested to examine the beauty board in the homes in Lambeecher Estate to ascertain whether or not it is dangerous.
- (ii). Commissioner Larkin was informed that any complaints received regarding fireplaces in Pinewood Estate had been referred to the County Council.



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(iii). At the request of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to take up the problem of the itinerants at Bath Road with the County Council.

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The meeting concluded at 8.40 p.m.

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*Patrick H. Lyall*

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ESTIMATES COMMITTEE OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS,  
held on 13th February, 1984.

Commissioners present:

Barlow, Vincent

Harper, Freddie

Davis, Joseph

Larkin, Jack, P.C.

The Town Clerk presented the Estimate of Expenses to the Committee. Following discussion, it was proposed by Commissioner Barlow, seconded by Commissioner Larkin and AGREED that the estimates be recommended for acceptance to the Members of Balbriggan Town Commissioners.

The Meeting then concluded.

Patricia H. Gilman  
13/3/84.



MINUTES OF STATUARY ESTIMATES MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS, held on  
14th February, 1984.

Commissioners present:

Barlow, Vincent	Harper, Freddie
Davis, Joseph	Larkin, Jack
Gallen, Patricia	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan
Hamilton, Anthony	

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioner Kennedy.

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Officials Present:

G. W. Redmond Assistant City & County Manager.  
P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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The Chairman Commissioner Gallen presided.

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The Town Clerk presented the Estimate of Expenses and Report of Estimates Committee for the Financial year ending 31st December, 1984 to the Commissioners. The Town Clerk informed the Members that extra provision had been provided for Law Expenses due to the fact that the Commissioners had been joined as third parties in a High Court Case. Following further discussion, it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Harper and AGREED that the Estimates of Expenses, as presented, be approved and that the formal demand be made on Dublin County Council.

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The meeting then concluded.

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Patricia H. Gallen  
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Minutes of the March Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners, held on 13th March, 1984.

Commissioners Present:      Davis, Joseph                      Kennedy, Jack  
                                    Gallen, Patricia                    Larkin, Jack, P.C.  
                                    Hamilton, Anthony                Lawless, Stephen  
                                    Harper, Freddie.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioners Barlow and O'Ceallachain.

Officials Present: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.  
Apologies for non-attendance were received from  
G. W. Redmond, Assistant City & County Manager.

1. (a). Minutes of February Meeting, held on, 14th February, 1984, were read and confirmed.
- (b). Minutes of Estimates Committee Meeting, held on, 13th February, 1984 were read and confirmed.
- (c). Minutes of the Statutory Estimates meeting, held on, 14th February, 1984, were read and confirmed.

2.      Matters arising out of the Minutes.

- (a). At the request of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to ask C.I.E., to locate the proposed Dublin Street Bus Shelter at a distance from the nearest house and to relocate the present bus stop.
- (b). The Town Clerk informed the Members that the historic site at Bremore was being listed as a public monument by the Office of Public Works.
- (c). Commissioner Harper stated that a light was malfunctioning in the middle of Station Street. It was agreed to contact the E.S.B.
- (d). Commissioner Kennedy asked that part of the Main Street in Drogheda Street be temporarily repaired pending final repair.
- (e). The Town Clerk informed the Members that no reply had been received concerning the Beauty Board in the Lambreecher Houses.

3.      APPLICATIONS FOR HIRE OF HALL

The following applications for hire of the hall were agreed:

- (a). Balcadden Blues F.C. - 2nd, 16th and 23rd March, 1984, for Juvenile Discos.
- (b). Balbriggan Feis Committee:- 7th and 8th April, 1984 for Annual Feis.
- (c). Balbriggan Breakaway Festival:- Various dates between, 8th June, 1984 and 17th June, 1984.
- (d). Boy Scouts:- 15th April, 1984 for wheel of fortune.

4.      CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a). Letter dated, 5th January, 1984 from Tramore Town Commissioners, Re: Acts of violence, was read. It was agreed to contact Tramore Town Commissioners for clarification pending further discussion.



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- (b). Letter dated February, 1984 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., Re: 58th Annual General Meeting, was read. It was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy, Seconded by Commissioner Davis and AGREED that the Chairman should be nominated to attend.
- (c). Letter dated, 22nd February, 1984 from C.I.E., Re: Pedestrian Walkway at Balbriggan Viaduct, was read and noted.
- (d). Letter dated, 6th March, 1984 from Balbriggan Breakaway Committee, Re: Request for meeting, was read and noted.
- (e). Letter dated, 7th March, 1984 from Dublin County Council, Re: Itinerants at Bath Road, Balbriggan, was read. Following discusslion, the following resolution was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and AGREED and it was further agreed to forward it to Dublin County Council: "We the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Dublin County Council to exercise their statutory obligations and agree on a programme of sites for the settlement of Travelling People in their administrative area, as a matter of urgency".
- (f)(f). Letter dated, 12th March, 1984, from Fancourt Heights Residents Association, Re: County Council lorries passing through their estate, was read. It was agreed to take the matter up with the local Roads Engineer.

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5. COMMISSIONERS CONSENT TO SALE OF HOUSE:

The Town Clerk informed the Members that following investigation of the case, it was proposed to refuse the application to resell the house under Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966.

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6. ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE:

A Report on the 1984 St. Patrick's Day Parade was presented to and approved by the Commissioners. The Town Clerk informed the Members that he had only just been handed a communication from the Parade Marshall with suggestions concerning the order of the Parade. This would be discussed with Mr. Yeates before the parade.

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7. 1 DEPUTATION TO DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL:

It was agreed to put the following items on the Agenda:

1. Cleaning of Balbriggan Beaches.
2. Itinerant problem.
3. Balbriggan By-Pass.

Further items would be handed to the Town Clerk. Following further discussion, it was agreed to:

1. Organise a Beach clean up for the end of May.
2. Write to the E.E.C. Commission concerning Balbriggan Harbour.
3. Contact Dublin County Council concerning the gap in the hedge at the rear of the car-park.
4. Contact Dublin County Council concerning dumping in Mill Pond and the possible provision of Bollards to prevent cars from dumping.

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8. TRAVELLING PEOPLE IN BALBRIGGAN:

This item was dealt with in conjunction with item 4 (e).

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9. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a). On the proposal of Commissioner Larkin, it was agreed to write to Dublin County Council concerning the inside doors on the Courthouse and the bin collection at Seapoint.
- (b). On the proposal of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to contact Dublin County Council concerning the building of a wall at the rear of a house in Drogheda Street and to contact the E.S.B. and ask them to move the transformer at the side of Londis supermarket.
- (c). On the proposal of Commissioner Harper, it was agreed to write to Dublin County Council asking them to clean up the rubble in Pinewood Estate, left by the builder.
- (d). On the proposal of the Chairman, it was agreed to contact the Members of the Swords Electoral area of Dublin County Council to arrange a meeting with them concerning Balbriggan Harbour.
- (e). On the proposal of the Chairman, the Commissioners passed a vote of sympathy to Commissioner Lawless and his family on the death of his sister.

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The meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.

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Patricia Lawless

10/4/84.



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Minutes of the April Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners, held on, 10th April, 1984.

Commissioners Present: Davis, Joseph, Kennedy, Jack,  
Gallen, Patricia, Larkin, Jack, P.C.  
Hamilton, Anthony, Lawless, Stephen,  
Harper, Freddie, O'Ceallachain, Eoghan.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Commissioner Barlow.

Officials Present: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. G. W. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.

1. Meeting with Swords Electoral Area Members of Dublin County Council to discuss Balbriggan Harbour.

At the outset the Chairman welcomed Councillors' Boland, Gallagher and Ryan and thanked them for coming.

Councillor Boland read the following minutes of the meeting which the Councillors' had had with Dublin Port and Docks Board on 7th March, 1984.

Minutes of Special Meeting of North County District Committee, held on 7th March, 1984 with Representatives of Dublin Port and Docks Board:

#### BALBRIGGAN HARBOUR

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the representatives from the Dublin Port and Docks Board.

The Chairman outlined the purpose of the meeting as being the need to prepare a submission through a joint approach, which would be presented to the relevant Government Ministers in order to seek their assistance in securing funds to rehabilitate Balbriggan Harbour.

The representatives of the Board reiterated the Board's stated policy in relation to its out-harbours, including Balbriggan i.e. that no monies over and above that required for the safety of life and limb would be expended. Revenue derived from commercial shipping in the Port of Dublin, which is currently operating at a loss, could not be expended to provide fishing facilities at Balbriggan; major repairs on development works would have to be funded on the same basis as other fisheries harbours i.e. 100% grant.

They outlined the major problems relating to the Harbour as follows:-

- (1) The structure of the shelter walls is very old and sections are liable to be washed away when storms, gales etc., occur.
- (2) Silting in the harbour has been kept at bay in the last few years by larger ships which scour the bottom and draw away the silt. However, the Harbour was never designed for the larger ships which are now using it. These ships are undermining the quay wall and have already been banned from one section of the Harbour.

The costs involved in carrying out improvements has not been estimated but would certainly be in excess of £1 million.

It was agreed to seek a meeting with the relevant Ministers and the representatives from the Dublin Port and Docks Board indicated their willingness to carry out the necessary works, if a 100% grant is made available by Central Government.

The meeting concluded at 10.40 a.m.



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The Commissioners stated that they had been waiting since June, 1983 for a full meeting with all interested parties and they rejected the claims made by Dublin Port & Docks Board concerning the large boats. They stressed the need to persue the jobs dependent on the fishing industry in the Town.

The Members of Dublin County Council stated that they appreciated the potential of the industry for the Town but it was a time for being realistic. The money was not going to come from the Dublin Port & Docks Board or Dublin County Council because of the large amount involved. The approach must be made to Central Government and a proper submission must be prepared.

Following further discussion, it was agreed to:

- (1). Ask Dublin Port & Docks Board to prepare plans and specifications with costings for the repair of Balbriggan Harbour.
- (2). Approach An Taoiseach and the Government Ministers involved asking for the Commissioners to be involved in any meetings.
- (3). Prepare a submission for Central Government concerning, among other matters, the size of the fishermen's investment and the effect the collapse of the fishing industry would have on Balbriggan.

The Chairman, again, thanked the Council Members for attending and they then left the meeting.

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2. The Minutes of the March, 1984 Meeting, held on 13th March, 1984, were read and confirmed.

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3. Matters arising out of the minutes:

- (a). The Town Clerk informed the members that no word had been received concerning the proposed bus stop in Dublin Street.
- (b). The Town Clerk informed the members that the Council were examining the houses in Lambreecher Estate which had Beauty Board.

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At the request of Commissioner O'Ceallachain, it was agreed to take item 7 at this point.

7. Right-of-way on Skerries Road.

Commissioner O'Ceallachain complained that he had submitted a notice of motion which did not appear on the agenda and it should be dealt with prior to any other business. The Town Clerk replied that the Commissioner had only submitted a request to him in connection with the right-of-way on the Skerries Road and he had included it on the agenda. In relation to the taking of motions, in the absence of standing orders, it was the custom to take them after the normal business of the Commissioners at the end of the meeting. The Town Clerk then informed the members that he had asked Dublin County Council to examine the matter of the possible encroachment of the right-of-way and had requested them to clear it. He would continue to follow the matter up. Commissioner Lawless asked that the matter of the blocked lane-way between Hampton Cove & Fancourt Heights be investigated.

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4. Applications for hire of Hall:

- (a). An application from Balscadden Blues, F.C., to hold discos on 27th April and 11th and 25th May, 1984 were approved.
- (b). An application from Dublin County Council to hold a series of events in connection with their Arts Festival from Friday, 18th May, 1984 to Sunday, 27th May, 1984 was approved.



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5. Correspondence:

- (a). Letter dated, 13th March, 1984 from Dublin County Council, Re: lighting on Main Street, was read and noted. It was agreed to write to Dublin County Council asking them to instal temporary lighting in the carpark.
- (b). Letter dated, 13th March, 1984 from Office of Public Works, Re: Historical site at Bremore, was read and noted. It was agreed to write to the Church of Ireland Rector concerning the vandalism of the Church at Balrothery.
- (c). Letter dated, 14th March, 1984 from Dublin County Council concerning the proposed wall at the rear of the Lambeecher Estate Flats, was read and noted.
- (d). Letter dated, 28th March, 1984, from Balbriggan Youth Corps, Re: Summer Project, was read. It was agreed to write to the Youth Corps indicating the Commissioners willingness to help.
- (e). Letter dated, 2nd April, 1984, from Balbriggan Breakaway, Re: Festival, was read. It was agreed to use £56.00 from the Town Decoration Fund and the balance of £38.89 left in the Tidy Towns Account to help with cleaning and decorating the Town. Consultations would be held with the Breakaway Committee concerning the expenditure of the money by the Commissioners. It was agreed that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Town Clerk would be signatories for the purpose of the Tidy Towns Account.

6. Report on St. Patrick's Day Parade, 1984:

The report, as presented by the Town Clerk, was accepted by the Members. It was accordingly agreed to hold a meeting with one representative of each Community Group which took part in the 1984 parade and a representative of the Gardai and Clergy.

8. Deputation to Dublin County Council:

The Town Clerk informed the Members that the following agenda had been submitted to the Council:

- (1). Beach cleaning.
- (2). Itinerants.
- (3). By Pass and Inner Ring Road.
- (4). Harbour.

9. Other Business:

- (a). It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Davis and AGREED that the premises at 22 Lawless Terrace, Balbriggan, be transferred in the joint names of Mr. and Mrs John Reid.
- (b). On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to put a seat in the open space at Chapel Court.
- (c). On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to write to the Minister for Social Welfare concerning the late payment of certain pensions.
- (d). On the proposal of Commissioner Larkin, it was agreed to contact Telecom Eireann concerning the placing of telephone kiosks at Dublin Street, Quay Street and Curran Park.
- (e). On the proposal of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to write to the Department of Agriculture requesting them to take action concerning the quality and presentation of vegetables.

The meeting concluded at 9.45 p.m.

*Patrick Larkin*  
8/3/84.



MINUTES OF MAY MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS, held on, 8th May, 1984. <sup>126</sup>

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Barlow, Vincent Harper, Freddie  
Davis, Joseph Larkin Jack, P.C.  
Gallen, Patricia Lawless, Stephen

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioner Hamilton and Commissioner O'Ceallachain. /

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.  
An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. G. W. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.

The Chairman Commissioner Gallen presided.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting, held on, 10th April, 1984 were read and confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

- (a) The Town Clerk informed the Members that acknowledgments had been received from the Taoiseach and Government Departments concerning the Harbour meeting.
- (b) The Town Clerk informed the Members that he had a meeting with Members of the Breakaway Committee and had told them of the Commissioners proposals to the points which the Committee had raised.
- (c) Commissioner Barlow asked that the Council be requested to take action over the dangerous drop between Fancourt Heights and Hampton Cove.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR HIRE OF HALL:

There were no new applications for consideration.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Newsletter dated, 27th January, 1984 from Council of Irish and European Local Authorities, Re: Conference of Region Final Declaration, was read and noted.
- (b) Letter dated, 5th April, 1984 from Dublin County Council, Re: Parking of Council Vehicles in St. Paul's Crescent, was read and noted. It was agreed to contact the County Council concerning a broken manhole at St. Paul's Crescent and the oil and rubble in the minibus park.
- (c) Letter dated, 5th April, 1984 from Dublin County Council, Re: miscellaneous roads matters, was read and noted.
- (d) Letter dated, 9th April, 1984 from Dungarvan U.D.C., Re: Release of Nicky Kelly, was read. Support for the motion was proposed by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Jack Larkin. The Chairman opposed the motion and she was supported by Commissioner Lawless. Following a vote, it was agreed by 4 votes to 2 to oppose the motion.
- (e) Letter dated, 16th April, 1984, from Dublin County Council, Re: settlement of Travelling People was read. Following discussion, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to immediately commence work on the sites.
- (f) Letter dated, 16th April, 1984 from Tramore Town Commissioners, Re: Acts of violence, was read. Following discussion, the resolution was supported.
- (g) Letter dated, 18th April, 1984 from An Garda Siochana, Re: Dublin Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws, was read. It was agreed to write to An Garda



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Siochana concerning the inclusion of the Mill Street Corners on the schedule of prohibited places. It was also agreed to write to Quinnsworth asking them to widen the delivery gateway and to ensure that their delivery lorries do not double park in Quay Street.

- (h) Letter dated, 19th April, 1984 from C.I.E., Re: Bus shelter at Dublin Street, was read and noted.
- (i) Letter dated, 25th April, 1984 from Dublin Port & Docks Board, Re: Wrecks in Harbour, was read and noted.
- (j) Letter from Swords Community Council, Re: Local radio, was read. It was agreed to attend a meeting with the Community Council.
- (k) Letter dated, 7th May, 1984 from Balbriggan Breakaway, 1984, Re: Use of Town Crest, was read. It was agreed to allow the use of the Crest.

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5. REPORT ON PROCEEDURE IN RELATION TO STANDING ORDERS:

The Town Clerk outlined the procedure for the adoption of Standing Orders of business. Following discussion, it was agreed that no action would be taken in this regard and that the Town Clerk should continue to prepare the Agenda according to his normal practice. It was further agreed that the procedure used to date concerning the bringing forward of items on the Agenda be continued. This would involve the member in question requesting the Commissioners at their meeting to deal with an item at a point earlier than it was on the Agenda.

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6. REPORT ON HORTICULTURAL PROJECT:

The Town Clerk informed the Members that land had been acquired and that AnCO had been requested to participate in the project.

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7. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) On the proposal of Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Barlow, it was agreed to fly the American Flag during the visit to Ireland of President Regan.
- (b) Commissioner Larkin raised the matter of children speeding on paths with their bicycles, an approach to parents to inform them of the dangers involved.
- (c) On the proposal of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council about the development of Bells Land.
- (d) On the proposal of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to contact the I.D.A., concerning the incubator units on the industrial site.
- (e) Following discussion on the allotments, it was agreed to approach Dublin County Council concerning the leasing of the land in question to enable the Commissioners to provide allotments.
- (f) On the proposal of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to contact Dublin County Council concerning the faulty chimneys in Curran Park flats.
- (g) On the proposal of Commissioner Harper, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to provide seats in the Quay Street park and the Mill Pond Park and also to provide litter bins in the carpark and Tower Field and to paint existing bins.
- (h) In reply to Commissioner Lawless, the Town Clerk said that in accordance with the House Transfer Order, it was necessary for the owners of Commissioners houses to insure their houses in the joint names of themselves and the Commissioners.



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- (i) On the proposal of Commissioner Larkin, a vote of sympathy was passed to the family of the late Dr. Caraher.
- (j) The Chairman announced details of a proposal by the Town Clerk to set up a Balbriggan Junior Council. Following discussion, it was agreed to support the venture.
- (k) The Chairman informed the Members that there was a possibility that the Commissioners would be offered sponsorship to present trophies in respect of the Breakaway Festival Parade. She would give the Members more details at a later stage.

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The meeting concluded at 8.55 p.m.

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Patricia Emlen

12/6/84.



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Minutes of Special Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners, held on, 7th May, 1984, with Representatives of Community Groups to discuss the St. Patrick's Day Parade:

Commissioners Present: Davis, Joseph.  
Gallen, Patricia.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioner Harper, Lawless and O'Ceallachain.

Officials Present: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

Members of Community Groups Present: E. D'Arcy, Boy Scouts.  
J. Yeates, Brass and Reed Band.

The Chairman, Commissioner Gallen presided.

The Chairman welcomed the two Community Representatives and expressed disappointment at the poor turnout. She outlined the reason for the meeting and asked for comments.

Mr. Yeates felt that the parade was held too late in the morning. It should be held in the afternoon and the assembly point should be at Craoibhin Park.

Mr. D'Arcy suggested that the parade should start after 10.00 a.m. Mass and that it finish at the Quay Street Carpark.

Following further discussion, the following points were agreed for further discussion at a later date.

1. Starting Time: To be discussed further following discussions with Clergy requesting them to change 10.00 a.m. Mass to 9.30 p.m. and 12.00 noon Mass to 12.30 p.m.
  2. Assembly Point: Market Green or Craoibhin Park.
  3. Review Stand: On Square.
  4. Route:
    - (a). Assembly point to Square.
    - (b). Bridge Street.
    - (c). Drogheda Street to Lambeecher Estate.
    - (d). Return Drogheda Street.
    - (e). Bridge Street.
    - (f). Quay Street.
  5. Finish: Quay Street - Carpark.
  6. One National Flag only on parade.
  7. Each participating Club to be asked to nominate Stewards and Helpers for decoration works.
  8. Review Stand to be decorated.
  9. Gardai to be consulted fully concerning route and traffic control.
  10. Request to be made for F.C.A. participation.
  11. As many Groups as possible from outside the Town to be invited.
  12. H.A.R.P. Organisation to be contacted concerning communications.
  13. All notifications of parade to go out in October.
  14. Final details to be available for January Meeting of Balbriggan Town Comm.
- The Meeting then concluded.

*Patricia Gallen*  
*12/6/84*







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room on 21/6/84 was approved.

- (c). An application from May Dillon McAleer to hire the Ballroom on 9th, 13th, 16th, 20th, 23rd and 27th July, 1984 was approved.

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4. Correspondence:

- (a). Letter dated 3/5/84 from Dublin County Council, re: Litter bins was read and noted.
- (b). Letter dated 15/5/84 from the Association of Municipal Authorities Re: Annual Conference, was read. It was agreed to include the matter again in the July agenda.
- (c). Letter dated, 17/5/84 from Bord Failte, Re: Civic Award, 1984, was read. It was agreed to recommend the Town Centre Park for the award.
- (d). Letter dated 24/5/84 from Minister for Social Welfare, Re: Late payment of pensions, was read and noted.
- (e). Letter dated 24/5/84 from Local Authority Nuclear Free Zones Movement, was read and noted.
- (f). Letter dated 31/5/84 from Dublin County Council, Re: Settlement of Travelling People, was read. It was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to make the Compulsory Purchase Order as a matter of urgency and to ascertain the areas in which Travelling People had been housed to date and also the location of the proposed sites.
- (g). Letter dated, 5/6/84 from Minister for Fisheries and Forestry, Re: Balbriggan Harbour, was read. It was agreed to ask the Department if any application had been made for E.E.C. grants and to press for a meeting concerning the Harbour.
- (h). Letter dated, 11/6/84 from Mrs Bernadette Cawley, Manager Balbriggan Employment Exchange requesting transfer of lease to new Branch Manager Mrs Mary White, was read. It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Barlow and AGREED that the transfer be approved.

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5. Deputations to Dublin County Council:

- (a). The minutes of the Deputations meeting held on, 19/4/84, were read and approved.
- (b). The following matters were agreed for inclusion in the next agenda.
- (i). When will the wall at the rear of Clonard Court and Clonard Street be built.
- (ii). Will action be taken to ensure the building of a wall between Fancourt Heights and Hampton Cove, beside no. 98 Fancourt Heights.
- (iii). What is the position concerning the one-way street system for the centre of Balbriggan as requested some time ago by Balbriggan Town Commissioners.



- (iv). Are there plans for an additional vehicle entrance to the Town Centre park at the top of Mill Street.
- (v). When will a further phase of Pinewood Green Estate be commenced.
- (vi). Can the railway park opposite the new Town Centre Park be landscaped and can the adjacent pathway to the station be repaired.
- (c). It was agreed to send letters of appreciation to C.I.E. concerning the new concrete promenade and to Maurice McAuley for his work in removing the wrecks from the Harbour. It was also agreed to contact the E.S.B. concerning the Bremore site and Dublin County Council concerning dumping on the beach at Barnageara.

6. Report of Health Education Committee:

The Town Clerk told the Members that the Health Education Committee had requested that their report be discussed in private by the Commissioners and then with the Committee. It was agreed to hold a special meeting on 26th June, 1984 to discuss the report and to meet with the Health Education Committee on 3rd July, 1984.

7. Report of Local Government Auditor:

The report of the Local Government Auditor for the three years ended 31st December, 1982 was discussed and noted.

8. Consent of Commissioners to Transfer of House:

Following a report from the Town Clerk, it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Barlow and AGREED that the Commissioners consent be given to the transfer and release of 15 Gibbons Terrace.

9. The following motion was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by the Chairman and agreed. "That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Dublin County Council to pipe the remainder of the river running alongside number 44 Lambreecher Estate, Balbriggan and in passing this resolution, the Commissioners noted that the river is a potential health hazard and is the property of Dublin County Council.

10. Other Business:

- (a). At the request of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to ask the returning officer to have the polling booths usually situated at St. Peter & Paul's National School transferred to the Town Hall.
- (b). At the request of Commissioner Lawless, it was agreed that the Chairman would contact the County Manager concerning the eviction next day of a young couple and their child.
- (c). At the request of Commissioner Davis it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council when it was proposed to commence work on 70 Lambreecher Estate.



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- (d). At the request of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to have the grass cut in the Chapel Street and Lambeecher Flats area and Commissioner Larkin asked that they also be requested to move rubbish at the back of the Lambeecher Flats.
- (e). At the request of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to investigate the bad smell coming from the ditch at the rear of 71 Craoibhin Park where dumping was also taking place.
- (f). At the request of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to investigate the flooding at Hyde Park football pitch which was due to rubble in an adjacent ditch.
- (g). At the request of Commissioner Larkin it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to fix the tap at the Harbour.

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The meeting ended at 10.00p.m.

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Patricia Egan  
10th July 1984.



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON  
10th July, 1984.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:           Barlow, Vincent                   Kennedy, Jack  
  Davis, Joseph                   Larkin, Jack P.C.  
  Gallen, Patricia               Lawless, Stephen  
  Harper, Freddie               O'Ceallachain, Eoghan

An apology for non-attendance was received from Commissioner Hamilton

The Chairman Commissioner Gallen presided

OFFICIALS PRESENT:   P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. G. W. Redmond Assistant City and County Manager.

1. Election of Chairman

Commissioner Gallen was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Barlow. As there were no other Candidates Commissioner Gallen was re-elected Chairman.

2. Election of Vice-Chairman

Commissioner Kennedy was proposed by Commissioner Barlow and seconded by Commissioner Gallen.

Commissioner Lawless was proposed by Commissioner Larkin and seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Following a vote there were four votes recorded for each Candidate. Following discussion it was agreed to decide the matter by drawing lots. As a result Commissioner Kennedy was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

3. Election of Estimates Committee

It was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Lawless and Agreed that the Estimates Committee should be unchanged from last year viz the Chairman and Commissioners' Davis, Larkin, Harper and Barlow.

4. Election of Fuel Scheme Committee

It was proposed by Commissioner Barlow, seconded by Commissioner Davis and Agreed that the Fuel Scheme Committee should be unchanged from last year viz the Chairman and Commissioners' Kennedy, Hamilton, Lawless and O'Ceallachain.

*J Kennedy* Chair  
11/9/84



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MINUTES OF JULY MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS held on 10th July, 1984.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Barlow, Vincent	Kennedy, Jack
Davis, Joseph	Larkin, Jack, P.C.,
Gallen, Patricia	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan
HARPER, FLEDDIE	LAWLESS, STEPHEN

An apology for non-attendance was received from Commissioner Hamilton.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. G. W. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.

The Chairman, Commissioner Gallen presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on, 12th June, 1984 were read and confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

- (a). It was agreed to ask the County Council to ensure that adequate answers were received by the Commissioners at deputations meetings.
- (b). It was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to clean the shelter at Blackrock in conjunction with the other shelters and to ask them to reconsider their decision not to demolish the shelter at Seabanks and to include this on the next deputations to the Council in addition to asking them to reconsider having one man clean the beach every day.
- (c). The Town Clerk informed the Members that no reply had as yet been received from Dublin County Council concerning the motion submitted by Commissioner Davis.
- (d). The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a tender had been accepted by Dublin Council for the repair of the fire damaged house at Lambecher Estate.
- (e). Commissioner O'Ceallachain stated that he had checked with the Balbriggan Festival Committee Members who had met the Town Clerk and they informed him that the Festival Committee were not asked to get involved with the Commissioners. The Chairman reputed this and it was agreed to leave matters as they were.
- (f). Letter dated, 6th July, 1984 from the Minister fro Fisheries and Forestry, was read and it was agreed to meet the Minister concerning Balbriggan Harbour as soon as possible. It was also agreed to follow up the position concerning the removing of wrecks in the Harbour.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR HIRE OF THE HALL:

- (a). Applications from the Horticultural Society to hold flower shows on 15/7/'84 and 1/9/'84 were approved.
- (b). An application from Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann to hold a ceili on 28/7/'84 was approved.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a). Letter, (with enclosures), from Association of Municipal Authorities, Re: Annual Conference, was read. It was proposed by Commissioner



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O'Ceallachain, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and AGREED to submit the following motion to the Conference, "That we, the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment to introduce a system of postal voting for disabled persons in respect of all elections and other polls and that the necessary legislation be enacted without undue delay".

- (b). Letter dated 13/6/'84 from Dublin County Council, Re: Litter bins, was read and noted.
- (c). Letter dated, 14/6/'84 from Co-Ordinator Balbriggan Summer Project, was read. It was agreed to give the Summer Project use of the Town Hall for various activities as agreed with the Town Clerk and to endeavour to obtain sponsorship.
- (d). Letter dated, 18/6/'84 from Quinnsworth, Re: Parking in Quay Street, was read and noted. It was agreed to contact the Gardai concerning complaints over the issue of parking tickets.
- (e). Report dated, 18/6/'84 from Council of Irish and European Local Authorities, was read and noted.
- (f). Letter dated, 19/6/'84 from Minister for Agriculture, Re: Quality of vegetables, was read. It was agreed to ask for details of standards and grading regulations.
- (g). Letter dated, 21/6/'84 from An Taoiseach, Re: Balbriggan Harbour, was read and noted.
- (h). Letter dated, 26/6/'84 (with Town Clerk's reply), from Mrs Claire Sweetman, Re: Halting site at Gardiners Hill, was read and also a petition from residents of Curran Park concerning the allocation of a house to a Travelling Family. It was agreed to forward the petition to Dublin County Council as it was a matter for them. The Town Clerk outlined an example of what a halting site would consist of. It was agreed to forward copies of this outline to each of the Commissioners who would contact the residents of Glebe North.
- (i). Letter dated, 29/6/'84 from Pride of Balbriggan Band, Re: Permission to use the Town Flag, was read. It was agreed to grant permission. It was also agreed that the rugby club could use the Town Crest on presentation items.
- (j). Letter dated, 2/7/'84 from I.D.A., Re: Sites in Balbriggan, was read and noted.
- (k). Circular from Institute of Public Administration, Re: Conference for elected Members, was read and noted.
- (l). Letter from Rehabilitation Institute, Re: People of the year awards, was read and noted.
- (m). Letter dated 5/7/'84 from Dublin County Council, Re: Town Twinning Award was read and noted.

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5. REPORT ON MEETING WITH HEALTH EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

The Chairman outlined the proceeding to the Members. Following discussion, the following matters were agreed.

1. To contact the Department of Justice asking that the sale of alcohol in off licences be restricted to those 18 years of age and over.
2. To find out details of the identity card scheme in use at Balla, Co Mayo.



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3. The Commissioners Offices be declared, no-smoking area.
4. To endeavour to get young people who are not members of organizations to become involved in sports or other interests.
5. To ask the Department of Health to set up proper health programmes for schools and to impose a ban on drink advertising involving sports and recreation.

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6. REPORT OF FIRST MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN JUNIOR COUNCIL:

The Town Clerk gave details of the meeting and the Council's stand on vandalism was endorsed by all the Commissioners present.

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7. Report on housing of Travelling People and location of halting sites:

This item was dealt with on item 4 (h).

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8. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a). Tidy Districts - The Town Clerk gave the results of the housing estates competition. The best Private Housing Estate was won by Clonard Court and the best Local Authority Estate by Lambreecher Estate. The following Judges were agreed to adjudicate the other categories.  
1. Austin Kenny, 2. Stephen Lawless, 3. James English, 4. P. J. Cullen, 5. Joe McFaul.
- (b). At the request of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to contact Dublin County Council concerning the cleaning of the river from the bridge to the Mill Pond and to ask that a ramp be put beside the pedestrian lights in Drogheda Stree.
- (c). At the request of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to contact C.I.E. concerning, 1. the bus stop at Dublin Street, 2. the new promenade.
- (d). At the request of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to contact Dublin County Council concerning playing facilities for Hyde Park and Balcadden Blues F. C. and to investigate the possible danger of the step at the entrance to the Town Hall, Ballroom.
- (e). At the request of Commissioner Harper, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to examine the wheelchair ramps in the town as complaints had been received concerning them.

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The meeting concluded at 10.15 p.m.

*J. Kennedy Chairman. 17/9/84*



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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 11th September, 1984:

Commissioners Present:

Barlow, Vincent	Kennedy, Jack
Davis, Joseph	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Hamilton, Anthony	Lawless, Stephen
Harper, Freddie	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan

Officials Present: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. G. W. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.

The Vice Chairman Commissioner Jack Kennedy presided.

1. Election of Chairman occasioned by the resignation of Commissioner P. Gallen.

Commissioner Lawless was proposed by Commissioner Larkin and seconded by Commissioner Davis. Commissioner Kennedy was proposed by Commissioner Barlow and seconded by Commissioner Harper.

Following a vote there were four votes for each Candidate. Lots were drawn and Commissioner Kennedy was deemed elected Chairman.

2. Confirmation of Minutes:

- (a) The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10th July, 1984 were read and confirmed.
- (b) The minutes of the July Meeting held on 10th July, 1984 were read and confirmed.

3. Matters arising out of the minutes:

- (a) Commissioner Barlow complimented Hyde Park F. C. on their recent beach cleaning efforts. It was agreed to write to them accordingly.
- (b) Commissioner Lawless stated that the loose railway sleepers from the railway path had not been replaced and Commissioner Kennedy stated that there was an overflow of water coming down into the middle of the Convent Lane tunnel. It was agreed to write to C.I.E. concerning both matters.
- (c) At the request of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to follow up the position of the wrecks in the harbour.
- (d) Commissioner Davis congratulated Dublin County Council on getting the playing pitches ready for local teams and asked could a hut be provided. The Chairman explained the position to the Members.
- (e) Commissioner Harper congratulated Dublin County Council on the repairs to the wheelchair ramps in the town.
- (f) Commissioner Lawless gave the results of the Tidy Districts Competition: (a) Best Commercial Premises - Wavin Pipes Ltd. (b) Best presented shop front - Hanly & Co. Ltd.
- (g) Commissioner O Ceallachain raised the matter of the open space at Bremore Estate. It was agreed to write to the County Council.



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4. Filling of vacancy on Balbriggan Town Commissioners occasioned by the resignation of Commissioner P. Gallen:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that only Miss P. Gallen had a letter of acceptance before the meeting. Miss Gallen was proposed for the vacancy by Commissioner Barlow and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. As there were no other Candidates Miss Gallen was deemed elected.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR HIRE OF HALL:

The following applications were approved by the Commissioners.

<u>APPLICANT/FUNCTION</u>	<u>HALL</u>	<u>DAYS/DATE</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
1. Balbriggan Badminton Club Badminton	Ballroom	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	5.30 p.m. - 11.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m. 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.
2. Doris Pentony Keep-Fit Classes	Ballroom	Friday	7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
3. Balbriggan Community Playgroup Playschool	Supperroom	Monday to Friday	10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon
4. Scoil Rince Cualann Irish Dancing	Ballroom Supperroom	Saturday Wednesday Wednesday	2.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m. 5.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. 9.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.
5. Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band Band Practice	Ballroom	Saturday Wednesday	10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.
6. Balbriggan Community Games Basketball and Gymnastics	Ballroom	Thursday	6.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.
7. St. Theresa's Youth Club Club Activities	Supperroom	Monday	7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.
8. DECLAN GORMAN	Supperroom	TUES-FRIDAY	7.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.

The Applicants have been informed that the following events have prior use of the Hall:

1. Elections/Referenda.
2. Blood Transfusion Clinics.
3. Annual Feis.
4. Annual Rose Show.
5. Annual Flower Show.
6. Annual Cage Bird Show.
7. Special Commissioners Meetings/Functions.



6. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Letter dated 5th July, 1984 from Bremore Estates Residents Association Re: Report for meeting with Balbriggan Town Commissioners, was read. It was agreed to meet the Association from 8.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. on the night of the October meeting.
- (b) Letter dated 17th July, 1984 from Dublin County Council, Re: Polling Booths at Elections, was read. It was agreed to write to the County Sheriff asking him to locate polling booths in the Courthouse.
- (c) Letter dated 20th July, 1984 from Mr. Joseph Hoare, Re: Halting Site at Gardiners Hill, was read and noted.
- (d) Letter dated 24th July, 1984 from the Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band, Re: Grant from Dublin County Council, was read and noted.
- (e) Letter dated 9th August, 1984 from Minister for Justice, Re: Review of the intoxicating Liquor Laws, was read and noted.
- (f) Letter dated 14th August, 1984 from Mr. Tom Higgins of Mayo Identity Card Scheme, Re: Identity Card Scheme, was read. It was agreed to write to the Minister for Justice supporting the aims of the scheme and to call a meeting of the local Publicans to discuss the matter.
- (g) Letter dated 21st August, 1984 from C.I.E., Re: Bus Shelter at Dublin Street, was read. It was agreed to write again to C.I.E.
- (h) Letter dated 27th August, 1984 from Town Twinning Committee, Re: Use of Town Crest. It was agreed to defer the matter to the October meeting.
- (i) Letter dated 27th August, 1984 from Dublin County Council, Re: Right-of-way at Skerries road, was read. It was agreed to defer consideration to the October meeting to allow the Commissioners to examine the situation.
- (j) Letter dated 28th August, 1984 from Dublin County Council, Re: Seats at Chapel Court, was read. It was agreed to write to Dublin County Council outlining the position and asking them to reconsider their decision *on the seats and the sign*.
- (k) Letter dated 23rd July, 1984 from United Towns Organization, Re: Town Twinning Conference, was read and deferred to the October meeting.
- (l) Letter dated 8th August, 1984 from Combined Tenants/Residents Associations of Balbriggan, Re: E.S.B. office for Balbriggan, was read. It was agreed to write to the E.S.B.
- (m) Letter dated 2nd August, 1984 from Association of Municipal Authorities, Re: Annual Conference, was read. It was agreed that Commissioners O Ceallachain and Harper would be the official delegates.
- (n) Letter dated 10th September, 1984 from Town Twinning Committee, Re: Annual General Meeting was read, and agreed.
- (o) Letter dated 14th September, 1984 from the Lambeecher Tenants Association, Re: Water Charges, was read. It was agreed to support the Tenants and to inform the County Council accordingly. It was also agreed to find out about the non-payment of water charges by Members of Local Authorities.
- (p) Letter dated, 10th September, 1984 from Pride of Balbriggan Band, Re: Town Flag and Crest, was deferred to the October meeting.
- (q) Letter dated 1st August, 1984 from Dublin Council, Re: Housing Allocation at Curran Park, was read and noted.



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7. ADAPTION OF FUEL SCHEME FOR 1984/'85 SEASON:

It was proposed by Commissioner Barlow, seconded by Commissioner Larkin and agreed that the Fuel Scheme be operated as in previous years by means of the voucher system.

8. CONSIDERATION OF TIDY TOWNS REPORT FOR 1984:

Following consideration of the Tidy Towns Report for 1984, it was decided to convene a meeting to try to form a Tidy Towns Committee.

9. DEPUTATION TO DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL:

The agenda was discussed by the Members and it was agreed that as many Members as possible would go.

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) It was proposed by Commissioner O Ceallachain, seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed to send the following resolution to the Minister for Transport.

"That all Aer Lingus Pilgrims flights to Lourdes will fly out during daylight hours and not in the middle of the night".

Commissioner Kennedy and Commissioner Hamilton thanked Commissioner O Ceallachain for his help during the Pilgrimage.

(b) The Town Clerk informed Commissioner Davis that he had received an acknowledgement to his resolution from Dublin County Council.

(c) At the request of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to write to Dublin County Council concerning the sewerage system and outfall.

(d) On the resolution of Commissioner Hamilton, a vote of sympathy was passed by the Commissioners to Commissioner Kennedy and his family on their recent bereavement.

(e) At the request of Commissioner Lawless, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to:

(i) Erect a barrier to prevent caravans getting to the Blackrock area.

(ii) To repair a path at Glebe North.

(f) At the request of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council when the lights would be provided at the harbour.

(g) At the request of Commissioner Barlow, it was agreed to ask the E.S.B. to check the lights in the town before the Winter.

The meeting then concluded.

*J. Kennedy* 9/10/84



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Minutes of Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on Tuesday, 9th October, 1984.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Barlow, Vincent	Kennedy, Jack
Davis, Joseph	Larkin, Jack, P.C.
Gallen, Patricia	Lawless, Stephen
Hamilton, Anthony	O Ceallachain, Eoghan.
Harper, Freddie	

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. G. W. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.

The Chairman Commissioner J. Kennedy Presided.

The Chairman welcomed Commissioner P. Gallen back as a Commissioner. Commissioner P. Gallen thanked all the Commissioners for their support.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

The Minutes of the September Meeting held on 1st September, 1984 were read and confirmed.

2. Matters arising out of the minutes:

- (a). Commissioner Davis stated that as well as asking for seats at Chapel Court, the Commissioners had asked that the "The Football" sign be removed and that the minutes be amended accordingly. The minutes were amended and the Town Clerk informed the Members that this request had already been made.
- (b). Commissioner Larkin asked if any word had been received concerning the non-payment of water charges by Commissioners. The Town Clerk informed the Members that they would not be disqualified for non-payment of the charges.
- (c). A letter dated 8th October, 1984 from C.I.E. concerning the viaduct walkways and the railway banks was read. It was agreed to write to C.I.E. again concerning the bank.
- (d). The Town Clerk informed the meeting that no reply had been received concerning the sewerage system and outfall. In the meantime more complaints had been received. It was agreed to write again to the County Council and to contact the Engineer for the area.
- (e). The Town Clerk informed the Members that he had asked the E.S.B. to check the lights in Balbriggan prior to the Winter season. It was also agreed to ask about the lights at Dublin Street and Mill Street. Commissioner Kennedy asked that the E.S.B. be informed about a fourth light at Chapel Court. At the request of Commissioner O Ceallachain it was also agreed to ask Dublin County Council to provide some public lighting along the laneway leading to the new temporary entrance to the Convent.
- (f). Letter dated, 5th October, 1984 from Dublin Port & Docks Board was read. It was agreed to follow up the matter.

3. Election of Vice-Chairman occasioned by the electing of Commissioner J. Kennedy as Chairman:

Commissioner Lawless was proposed by Commissioner Larkin and seconded



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by Commissioner Harper. As there were no other nominees Commissioner Lawless was elected Vice-Chairman.

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4. Appointment of Member to Fuel Scheme Sub-Committee occasioned by resignation of Commissioner P. Gallen:

Commissioner Gallen was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Lawless. The proposal was agreed by all the Members.

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5. Deputation from Bremore Estates Residents Association:

Deputation Members: Ferdy McBride, Chairman.  
Collette Guildea, Secretary.  
John Keogh, Treasurer.

The Following matters were raised by the deputation and discussed with the Commissioners.

1. Provision of play area for Estate:

The deputation informed the Commissioners that although there had been three different builders in the estate over a period of ten years no public open space had been developed with the result that children had to play on the road with all its inherent dangers. The Commissioners undertook to contact Dublin County Council requesting them to ensure the McInerney Builders fulfilled their obligations and developed the open space or alternatively that the County Council develop the site at the expense of the McInerneys.

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2. E.S.B. Site:

The deputation outlined the conditions of the open space which they said was an eyesore and was a safety and health hazard due to large holes in the site and the presence of rats. The Commissioners undertook to contact the E.S.B. to ask them to maintain the area in a proper condition until it was disposed of.

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3. Stream and Flooding:

The deputation stated that the stream was polluted and a health hazard. The level of the bank had been raised by the Builder and had increased the danger. They also stated that the stream flooded the estate in Winter and was blocked. They asked that the stream be piped and stated that the adjacent landowner was in agreement with this proposal. The Commissioners informed the deputation that they had already requested the County Council to pipe the part of the stream beside Lambeecher Estate and they would now ask the County Council to include the portion at the side of Bremore Estate.

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4. Taking in charge of Estate:

The deputation stated that there was a conflict of opinion between the various County Council Departments concerning whether or not the estate had been taken in charge. The Commissioners undertook to find out the position and if the estate was not in charge they would press the County Council to do so.



6. Applications for hire of Hall;

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An application from Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann for hire of the Supperroom and Ballroom were approved as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hall</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Function</u>
3/11/84	Supperroom	10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	Set Dancing Classes
3/11/84	Supperroom	2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.	Set Dancing Classes
3/11/84	Ballroom	10.00 p.m. - 1.00 a.m.	Ceili
4/11/84	Supperroom	2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.	Set Dancing Classes

7. Correspondence:

- (a). Letter dated 23rd July, 1984 from United Towns Orgainzation, Re: Town Twinning Conference was read. It was agreed to send Commissioner P. Gallen and the Town Clerk as representatives to the Conference.
- (b). Letter dated 27th August, 1984 from Dublin County Council, Re: Right-of-way at Skerries Road, was read. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner O Ceallachain and seconded by Commissioner Lawless that the Commissioners call on Dublin County Council to retain an accessible right-of-way to the beach and that it be included on the planning maps. An amendment was proposed by Commissioner Barlow and seconded by Commissioner Larkin that the Commissioners call on Dublin County Council to retain and recognise the existing right-of-way but that it be left in its present condition. Following a vote the amendment was carried by four votes to three.
- (c). Letter dated 13th September, 1984 from Dublin County Council, Re: Beaches and shelters, was read. It was agreed to consider this as possible items for inclusion on the agenda for the next deputation to Dublin County Council.
- (d). Letter dated 28th September, 1984 from Dublin County Council, Re: Wheelchair ramps, was read and noted.
- (e). Letter dated 5th July, 1984 from Dublin County Council, Re: Allotment Scheme at Stephenstown, was read. It was agreed to accept the lease from Dublin County Council and draw up a scheme in accordance with their request. However, it was felt that the land should be leased for a set figure and not as suggested by the Council.
- (f). Letter dated 5th October, 1984 from Pinewood Tenants Association, Re: Meeting with Commissioners, was read. It was agreed to meet a deputation from the Association during the November meeting on 13th November, 1984 from 8.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
- (g). Letter dated 9th October, 1984 from O'Dwyers G.A.A. Club, Re: High Court Action, was read. It was agreed to discuss the matter with the Commissioners Solicitors.
- (h). Letter dated 7th October, 1984 from O'Dwyers G.A.A. Club, Re: Speed limit on Drogheda Road, was read. It was agreed to ask for the present position from Dublin County Council.
- (i). Letter dated 20th September, 1984 from Minister for Health & Social Welfare, Re: Health Plan and Education, was read. It was agreed to write again to the Minister concerning the advertising of drink when associating it with sport. It was also agreed to write to the various sports organizations.

8. Reports:

(a). Deputations meeting with Dublin County Council:

The Chairman gave details of the discussions with Dublin County Council on the item on the agenda. It was agreed to include the construction



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of a wall at Fancourt Heights and housing on the next deputation. It was also agreed to write to C.I.E. concerning the landscaping of the railway banks.

(b). Commissioner Harper gave a report on the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities. He informed the meeting that the Commissioners resolution concerning voting for disabled persons was passed with strong support.

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9. Uses of Town Crest:

Following discussion the Commissioners agreed to the following:

- (i) That the Town Twinning Committee and any other Committee of the Commissioners could use the crest on headed paper but would have to wait until the Commissioners own paper was designed.
- (ii) That other applications would be considered as they arose.

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10. Dates for meetings:

The Commissioners agreed dates for future meetings as follows:

- (a). Meeting with Members of Licenced Vintners 16th October, 1984 - 7.30 p.m.
- (b). A.G.M. of Town Twinning Committee, 23rd October, 1984 - 8.00 p.m.
- (c). Tidy Towns Meeting 30th October, 1984 at 8.00 p.m.

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11. Reorganization of Local Government:

It was agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss the matter on 23rd October, 1984 at 7.00 p.m.

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12. Other Business:

- (a). At the request of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to write to Telecom Eireann concerning the state of the footpaths and roads in the Town.
- (b). Following a question by Commissioner Larkin, the Town Clerk outlined the position concerning the vacant County Council flat in the town.
- (c). At the request of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to ask the owners of dangerous trees at Drogheda Street to arrange to have them cut.
- (d). At the request of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to repair the roadway at Fancourt Heights.
- (e). At the request of Commissioner Harper it was agreed to ask the County Council to clean up the river at the Mill Pond.
- (f). At the request of Commissioner Harper it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to clean up the site at the corner of Fullam Street and Chapel Street and ask them to consider putting two single story one bedroom dwellings on the site.

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The meeting concluded at 10.10 p.m.

*J. Kennedy Chairman 13/11/84*



Minutes of special meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on, 23rd October, 1984 to discuss Local Government reorganization:

Commissioners Present:            Davis, Joseph            Kennedy, Jack  
   Gallen, Patricia        Lawless, Stephen  
   Harper, Freddie        O'Ceallachain, Eoghan.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioners A. Hamilton and J. Larkin.

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Officials Present:                    P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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The Chairman Commissioner Kennedy presided.

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Commissioner Gallen said that the time had come to upgrade the Balbriggan Town Commissioners to an Urban District Council with wide ranging powers. She felt that the Commissioners should consult with the North County Members of Dublin County Council. However, other Members felt that the Councillors would not be objective in the matter. Commissioner O Ceallachain said that it was ridiculous to remain as the Commissioners were at present. Following further discussion it was agreed to seek a meeting with Mr. Fergus O'Brien, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of the Environment to discuss the matter with him. The basis for the discussion would be the retention of a local authority in Balbriggan with more powers and a larger area - possibly corresponding to the Parish of Balbriggan, Balrothery, Balscadden.

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The meeting then concluded

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*J Kennedy Chairman. 13/11/84*



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MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING CALLED BY BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS ON TUESDAY,  
30th October, 1984 to establish a Tidy Towns Committee

Commissioners Present: Gallen, Patricia; Harper, Freddie; Lawless, Stephen.

Officials Present: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

Members of Public and Organisations Present:

Bosonnet, Cecil	Balbriggan Leisure Centre.
Crowe, Alice	Fancourt Heights Residents Association.
Dunphy, Mary	Balbriggan Town Twinning Committee.
Guldea, Anthony	Member of Public.
Hamilton, Lynda	Balbriggan Girl Guides.
Kelly, Cora	Balbriggan Old Age Pensioners Committee.
Levins, Elsie	Balbriggan Old Age Pensioners Committee.
McGoldwich, Margaret	Fancourt Heights Residents Association.
Murphy, Cormac	Hampton Cove Residents Association.
Purcell, Sean	Hampton Cove Residents Association.
Richardson, Anne	Pinewood Tenants Association.
Webster, Orla	Balbriggan Girl Guides.
Wright, Marie	Community Centre Committee.

The Vice-Chairman of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners, Commissioner Stephen Lawless presided.

The Chairman welcomed those who were attending the meeting and stated that he was disappointed with the very poor response to the meeting. He then asked those present if they felt there was a need for a Tidy Towns Organization. Following discussion the meeting agreed that there was such need. The meeting then discussed the 1984 Tidy Towns Report and identified the following areas requiring special attention:

- (a). Litter.
- (b). Overgrown railway banks and dumping on railway banks.
- (c). Coastal erosion - worked badly carried out by County Council.
- (d). Trollies stolen from Quinnsworth and subsequently vandalised and dumped around the town. It was suggested that Quinnsworth be approached with a view to using trollies with 50p deposits.

Hyde Park were congratulated on their beach clean-ups and the meeting was informed that Balbriggan Old Age Pensioners Committee would be looking after High Street.

It was then proposed by the Town Clerk, seconded by Anthony Guldea and Agreed that the Balbriggan Tidy Towns Organisation be reformed.

Election of Committee:

1. Election of Chairman:

It was proposed by S Lawless and seconded by E. Levins that Pat Gibbons be elected Chairman. As there were no other Candidates Mr. Gibbons was elected.

2. Election of Vice-Chairman:

It was proposed by E. Levins and seconded by S. Purcell that Alice Crowe be elected Vice-Chairman. As there were no other Candidates Mrs Crowe was elected.



3. Election of Correspondence Secretary:

It was proposed by A. Richardson and seconded by M. Wright that Cecil Bosonnet be elected correspondence Secretary. As there were no other Candidates Mr. Bosonnet was elected.

4. Election of Minutes Secretary:

It was proposed by A. Crowe and seconded by S. Lawless that Margaret Mc Goldwich be elected Minutes Secretary. As there were no other Candidates Mrs McGoldwich was elected.

5. Election of Joint Treasurers:

It was proposed by S. Lawless and seconded by P. Gibbons that Anthony Guildea be elected a Treasurer. It was proposed by P. Gallen and seconded by C. Bosonnet that Cormac Murphy be elected a Treasurer. As there were no other Candidates Mr. Guildea and Mr. Murphy were elected joint Treasurers.

6. Election of Committee:

It was proposed by C. Bosonnet and seconded by S. Lawless that all remaining people at the meeting be elected to the Committee. Following the refusal of some people to do so due to committments to other Organizations, the following agreed to act on the Committee:

- Sean Purcell.
- Elsie Levins,
- Orla Webster.
- Marie Wright.
- Mary Dunphy.
- Stephen Lawless.
- Patricia Gallen.

Following further discussion it was agreed to contact each Organization in the town asking them to nominate a person to act on the Committee.

The first meeting of the Committee was fixed for Monday, 12th November, 1984 at 8.00 p.m.

*J Kennedy* Chairman 13/11/84



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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 13th November, 1984:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Barlow, Vincent, Kennedy, Jack.  
Davis, Joseph, Larkin, Jack, P.C.  
Gallen, Patricia, Lawless, Stephen.  
Harper, Freddie, O Ceallachain, Eoghan.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Commissioner A. Hamilton

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. G. W. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

- (a) The Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 9th October, 1984 were read and confirmed.
- (b) The Minutes of Public meeting, Re; Tidy Towns held on 30th October, 1984 were read and confirmed.
- (c) The Minutes of special meeting, Re: Local Government held on 23rd October, 1984 were read and confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

- (a) The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had received acknowledgment from Dublin County Council regarding the "No Football", sign at Chapel Court and about the Sewerage System and also from Telecom Eireann regarding the condition of footpaths and from the Minister for Communications regarding Aer Lingus Flights to Lourdes.
- (b) The Town Clerk informed the Members that he had received a letter from the Department of Fisheries stating that an on site meeting would be arranged shortly concerning Balbriggan Harbour. It was agreed to write again to the Minister asking him to arrange an early date.
- (c) In answer to Commissioner O Ceallachain, the Town Clerk informed the meeting that no reply had yet been received concerning the Commissioners request for lighting in Cumisky's Laneway. It was agreed to again contact the County Council.
- (d) In answer to Commissioner Gallen, the Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had been advised by the Commissioners Solicitors that all contact between the Commissioners and O'Dwyers should only be through the respective Solicitors.
- (e) In answer to Commissioner Davis, the Town Clerk informed the meeting that it was hoped to have the step at the Ballroom door replaced by a ramp in the near future.

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) A letter dated 22/10/'84 from Dublin County Council, Re: River at Lambreecher and Bremore, was read. It was agreed to write again to Dublin County Council and to put it on the Agenda for the next Deputation to Dublin County Council.
- (b) A letter dated 19/10/'84 from E.S.B., Re: E.S.B. Office was read. It was agreed to write again and to suggest the closing of the Skerries Office on one day per week and opening on that day in Balbriggan.



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- (c) A letter dated, 17/10/'84 from Dublin County Council, Re: Londis Supermarket, was read. It was agreed to ask the E.S.B. to make their junction box inaccessible.
- (d) Letter dated, 17/10/'84 from E.S.B., Re: Public Lighting Faults, was read and noted. It was agreed to again contact the Public Lighting Department concerning lights at Mill Street and St. Paul's Crescent.
- (e) Letter dated, 1984 from National Commemoration Day Association, Re: Day of National Commemoration, was read. It was agreed to support the contents of the letter.
- (f) Letter dated, 8/10/'84 from C.I.E., Re: Bus Shelter, was read. It was agreed to write again to C.I.E. and ask for two shelters at Drogheda Street and the opposite side of Dublin Street as well.
- (g) Letter dated, 11/10/'84 from Minister for Justice, Re: Intoxicating Liquor Laws, was read. Following discussion, it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Barlow that the Commissioners call on the Minister for Justice to introduce a system of identity cards - one up to 18 years of age and a permanent one after that. Following a vote, the resolution was passed by four votes to two with the Chairman abstaining.
- (h) Letter from Council of Irish and European Local Authorities, Re: 1st Annual Conference. It was agreed that if any Members were willing to go that they could.
- (i) Letter from Bracken Boxing Club, Re: Use of the Town Crest, was read. It was agreed to grant permission subject to the Club being affiliated to a National Organization for boxing.
- (j) Letter dated, 2/10/'84 from Lambeecher Tenants Association, Re: Harbour and beach, was read. It was agreed to send a copy of the letter to the Fishermens Organization.
- (k) Letter dated, 7/11/'84 from Dublin County Council, Re: Bremore Housing Estate, was read and noted. It was agreed to include the question of the open space on the next Deputation meeting.
- (l) Letter dated, 30/10/'84 from Dublin County Council, Re: Fullam Street site, was read and noted.
- (m) Letter dated, 6/11/'84 from E.S.B., Re: Bremore Site, was read. It was agreed to write to the Residents Association asking them for their comments on the letter.
- (n) Letter dated, 5/11/'84 from C.I.E., Re: Access to Railway Line, was read and noted.
- (o) Letter dated, 25/10/'84 from Dublin County Council, Re: 14 Gibbons Terrace seeking to purchase the fee simple, was read. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Davis and agreed to sell the fee simple to Dublin County Council.
- (p) Letter dated, 12/10/'84 from Dublin County Council, Re: clean-up of river and Fullam Street Site, was read and noted.



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4. DEPUTATION FROM PINWOOD TENANTS ASSOCIATION:

Pinewood Tenants Association, S. Dunne, Chairman, A. Richardson, Secretary.

(a). FURTHER HOUSING OF TRAVELLERS:

Mr. Dunne stated that there were four Travelling Families living in Pinewood and one had recently left. The Tenants were not in favour of any more Travellers been given houses in Pinewood, he said. Mrs Richardson made the point that because Travellers have large families they would overrun the rest of the Residents. Mr. Dunne said that Dublin County Council had informed them by letter that if Travelling Families received sufficient points they would be housed. The Town Clerk then outlined the situation pertaining to the inclusion of Travellers on the housing list. Not all Families were suitable and would not be included on a list he said. The Chariman Commissioner Kennedy stated that they would refer their views on the matter to Dublin County Council whose responsibility it was.

(b). BOUNDARY WALL BESIDE SCHOOL:

Mr. Dunne stated that the old wall beside the school was causing an obstruction and was a danger. The Chairman Commissioner Kennedy informed the deputation that the Commissioners had raised the matter with Dublin County Council in November, 1983 and that they had promised to demolish the wall. The Commissioners would again contact Dublin County Council concerning the wall and would also raise it at their next meeting with the Council.

(c). SITUATION OF OPEN SPACES:

The Deputation stated that they had no proper open spaces and the children were forced to play on the roads. Mr. Dunne complained that no one in Balbriggan cared about Pinewood Estate because it was outside the Town Boundary. The deputation was informed by the Commissioners that they had already contacted the Council about the open spaces and would be doing so again at their next meeting with the Council in the near future. The Deputation was also informed that attempts were being made to extend the Town Boundary to include Pinewood and other estates in similar situations. In addition, many Commissioners have brought problems from Pinewood Estate to meetings over a long period of time.

(d). Mr. Dunne then brought up an item not on the agenda which the Commissioners agreed to discuss. He complained about the Travellers caravans which had moved onto vacant ground at Pinewood Estate. These people were causing annoyance to the Tenants and were a disruptive influence

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(d). in the area. The Commissioners agreed to continue to bring the matter before Dublin County Council to endeavour to have them removed.

(e). THE SWAMP:

Mr. Dunne stated that there was swampy ground beside the Council land. It was an old quarry belonging to Scanlans. Children play there and it was dangerous. It was agreed to ask the owner to allow dry filling to go in.



5. DEPUTATION TO DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL:

- (a) The Minutes of the Deputations meeting, held on 20th September, 1984 were read and noted.
- (b) A number of items were discussed for inclusion on the Agenda and an Agenda would be presented to the next meeting.
- (c) It was agreed to defer consideration of Members attending until the next meeting.

6. REPORT ON HORTICULTURAL PROJECT:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Committee were still waiting for approval from ACOT for the project. There would be another meeting shortly.

7. OUTER BY PASS:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had been told by Dublin County Council that the compulsory Purchase Order had been confirmed and that they were awaiting finance from the Department of the Environment.

8. TOWN DECORATION:

The Town Clerk informed the Members that they would again have to make a collection for the Christmas Tree. It was agreed to circulate a letter to all Traders and to call on them on Saturday, 1st December, 1984. The Commissioners would meet in the Town Hall at 2 p.m. It was agreed to ask for a contribution of at least £10.00.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) The Town Clerk informed the meeting that an application for a gaming and lotteries licence had been received for the "Pop In". This was noted by the Members.
- (b) A copy of a letter from some Residents of Tara Court, was read, objecting to the erection of a fence alongside the estate. It was agreed to write to the Residents Association seeking their view on the matter.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 p.m.

*Jack Kennedy*  
 11/12/84







MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 11TH DECEMBER 1984

<u>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:</u>	Davis, Joseph.	Kennedy, Jack.
	Gallen, Patricia.	Larkin, Jack P.C.
	Hamilton, Anthony.	Lawless, Stephen.
	Harper, Freddie.	O Ceallachain, Eoghan.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Commissioner Barlow.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. G. W. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.

The Chairman Commissioner Kennedy presided.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

- (a). The minutes of the meeting held on 13th November, 1984 were read and confirmed.
- (b). The minutes of the special meeting held on 20th November, 1984 were read and confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

- (a). Commissioner Lawless stated that there was a light out in Glover Court. It was agreed to refer the matter to the E.S.B.
- (b). In reply to Commissioner Lawless the Town Clerk informed the meeting that no reply had been received from Dublin County Council concerning the "NO Football", sign at Chapel Court.
- (c). At the request of Commissioner Davis it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to investigate, whether or not, a tree on the Fullam Street site was dangerous.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR HIRE OF HALL:

- (a). An application from Balbriggan Athletic Club to hold a disco on 21st December, 1984 was approved.
- (b). An application from Bremore Resident Association to hold a childrens' Christmas Party on 15th December, 1984 was approved.
- (c). An application from Martina Buckley, Skerries, to hold a dance marathon in aid of Muscular Dystraphy on 27/1/85 was approved.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a). Letter dated 15/11/84 from Dublin County Council Re: Sewerage System was read. It was agreed to include it on the deputations agenda for March 1985.
- (b). Letter dated October, 1984 from Nuclear Free Zones Authorities, Re: International Conference was read and noted.
- (c). Letter dated 15/11/84 from Irish Continental Line, Re: Town Twinning Awards was read and noted.
- (d). Letter dated 22/11/84 from Minister for Communication, Re: Aer Lingus Flights, was read and noted.
- (e). Letter dated 29/11/84 from C.I.E., Re: Meeting at beach, was read. It was agreed to attend the meeting.



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- (f). Letter dated 5/12/84 from Dublin County Council, Re: Speed Limits, was read and noted.
- (g). Letter dated 2/12/84 from Bracken Boxing Club was read. It was re-affirmed that as soon as proof of affiliation was received use of the crest would be allowed.
- (h). Letter dated 5/12/84 from Tara Court Resident Association, Re: Fence, was read and noted.
- (i). Letter dated 30/11/84 from Una Scanlan, Re: Lands at Pinewood, was read and noted.

5. COMMISSIONERS CONSENT TO SALE OF HOUSE:

It was proposed by Commissioner Davis, Seconded by Commissioner Gallen and AGREED that approval be given for the sale of 46 Hampton Street former property of Mrs Rosanna Corcoran deceased, to Mr. and Mrs Martin Mann, 1 Church Street, Balbriggan.

6. DEPUTATION TO DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL:

- (a). The agenda as submitted by the Town Clerk was discussed.
- (b). It was agreed that the following members should attend the meeting - Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Gallen and Commissioner Lawless.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a). At the request of Commissioner Davis it was agreed to again contact the Dublin Port and Docks Board concerning the trawler Merdini.
- (b). Commissioner Davis raised the matter of the identity card scheme. It was agreed to discuss the matter at the January meeting.
- (c). The Chairman thanked everyone involved in erecting the Christmas lights.
- (d). Commissioner Harper asked that the Gardai be contacted concerning the enforcement of the parking restrictions in Quay Street.
- (e). At the request of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to contact Dublin County Council concerning two dangerous manholes in Dublin Street.
- (f). At the request of Commissioner Davis it was agreed to contact the Eastern Health Board concerning the operation of their fuel scheme in the Balbriggan area.
- (g). At the request of Commissioner Lawless it was agreed to discuss the 125th Anniversary of the Balbriggan Town Commissioner at the January meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.55 p.m.

*J. Kennedy* 8/1/85



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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 8TH JANUARY, 1985

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Barlow, Vincent.	Harper, Freddie.
Davis, Joseph.	Kennedy, Jack.
Gallen, Patricia.	Larkin, Jack. P.C.
Hamilton, Anthony.	Lawless, Stephen.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Commissioner O Ceallachain.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology for non-attendance was received from G. W. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.

The Chairman Commissioner Kennedy presided.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held on 11th December, 1984 were read and confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

- (a). The Town Clerk informed the members that Dublin County Council had inspected the tree at Fullam Terrace. The inspection did not reveal any danger and therefore no action was contemplated by the Council.
- (b). It was agreed to contact the relevant lighting authorities concerning the following lights which were out of order:
- (i) 2 in Drogheda Street, (ii) 1 on Skerries Road, (iii) one at Craoibhin Park, (iv) one in Station Street, (v) one in Quay Street Park.
- It was further agreed to request that a light be erected outside the Railway Station.
- (c). The Town Clerk informed the members that there was approximately £750 collected for the Town Decoration in 1984. This would probably result in a break even situation. The Commissioners agreed to a suggestion by the Town Clerk that an attempt be made to enlist at least 100 people who would be willing to donate £3.00 a month for ten months for the 1985 Season.
- (d). The Town Clerk informed the Members that the allotment scheme was to go ahead immediately following agreement with Dublin County Council on the leasing of the land.
- (e). The Town Clerk informed the Members that he had been in contact with the Irish Amateur Boxing Association who had informed him that Bracken Boxing Club were affiliated to their organization.
- (f). The Town Clerk informed the Members that the Port and Docks Board had been in contact with him concerning the wrecked trawler Merdini. They had agreed to secure the vessel if their efforts to persuade the owner to remove it failed. They would then remove it themselves when weather conditions allowed, possibly in April 1985.
- (g). The Town Clerk informed the Members that he had been told by the Gardai that they were enforcing the parking regulation in Quay Street on a continuous basis.
- (h). The Town Clerk informed the Members that he had been in touch with the Eastern Health Board concerning the Fuel Scheme complaints and that the matter was been investigated.



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3. APPLICATIONS FOR HIRE OF HALL:

It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Harper and AGREED that the following applications be approved.

- (a). Blood Transfusion Board on Wednesday and Thursday, 6th and 7th February, 1985.
- (b). Balbriggan Feis Committee on Saturday and Sunday, 7th and 8th April, 1985.

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4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a). A letter dated 13/11/84 from Dublin County Council, Re: Road at Fancourt Heights, was read. It was agreed to write back to the Council asking them to reconsider their decision.
- (b). Letter dated 30/11/84 from Cospoir, Re: International Youth Year, was read. It was agreed to contact all the organizations in the area asking them to a meeting to consider what could be done. It was agreed to reserve the Town Hall for National Sports Week for 24th - 30th June, 1985 and to contact the Minister for Sport concerning what grants might be available.
- (c). A letter dated 10/12/84 from Dublin County Council, Re: Gardiners Hill C.P.O., was read and noted.
- (d). A letter dated 10/12/84 from Balbriggan Fianna Fail Cumann, Re: Boundary beside 97 Fancourt Heights, was read. The Commissioners were informed that as the area involved was private property the County Council could take no action. Commissioner Barlow stated that part of the area was on public property. Following further discussion it was agreed to ask for a meeting on site with the planning Engineer to discuss the matter.
- (e). Letter dated 11/12/84 from E.S.B., Re: Junction Box at Lambeecher Estate, was read. It was agreed to ask the E.S.B. not to erect the wire screen and to send a copy of the letter to Lambeecher Tenants Association.
- (f). Letter dated 18/12/84 from Dublin County Council, Re: Railway Banks was read. The Members who had met with C.I.E. Engineers on site gave a report of the meeting. It was agreed to confirm the discussion with C.I.E. and to notify the County Council of the details.
- (g). A letter dated 2/1/85 from Dungarvan U.D.C., Re: Fire service charges, was read. It was proposed by Commissioner Barlow, seconded by Commissioner Harper and AGREED that the motion be supported and that the Minister for the Environment be notified.
- (h). A letter dated 11/12/84 from C.I.E., Re: Bus shelter, was read. It was agreed to write again asking them to reconsider the shelters at Drogheda Street and to reinstate bus stop sign at Drogheda Street and Dublin Street.
- (i). Letter dated 27/12/84 from Minister for Justice, Re: Licencing hours, was read and noted.
- (j). Letter dated 5/1/85 from Association of Municipal Authorities, Re: Working Party on employment of Local Authority Employees, was read. It was agreed not to send a delegate to the special general meeting but to write outlining the Commissioners disagreement with the suggestion that elected Members have a say in the employment of servants of Local Authorities.



5. 125th ANNIVERSARY OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

The Town Clerk informed the Members that the following dates were significant.

- (a). April 23rd/1860 Date of Public meeting to form Commissioners.
- (b). May 28th/1860 Date of meeting to elect first Commissioners.
- (c). June 4th/1860 Date of first Commissioners meeting.

Following discussion it was agreed to look at the possibility of holding ceremonies as follows.

- (a). April 23rd/1985 Interdenominational Service in the Town Hall at 7.30 p.m. followed by light refreshments. Invited attendance to include representatives of the various groups in the town and the Members of the North County Committee of Dublin County Council.
- (b). May 28th 1985 Mass at 7.30 p.m. for past Members of Commissioners. Families of past Members to be notified.
- (c). June 4th 1985 Meet with past Commissioners, Town Clerks, Co. Managers and City Managers with invitations to Minister for the Environment, Minister of State at Department of Environment, Chairman of Dublin County Council, Lord Mayor of Dublin, Cathaoirleach, Dun Laoire Borough. It was hoped to make presentation of the Town Crest to past and present Members of the Commissioners and Town Clerks. It was agreed to look at the possibility of holding an anniversary concert in the Town Hall afterwards.

6. REPORT OF MEETING WITH FERGUS O BRIEN. T.D., MINISTER OF STATE AT DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT:

The Members who were present gave a report on the contents of the meeting. The Minister had indicated that no firm decisions had been taken and that the Commissioners views would be taken into account.

7. DEPUTATIONS TO DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL:

- (a). The Chairman gave a report to the Commissioners on the proceedings of the deputation.
- (b). The Chairman and the Town Clerk expressed disappointment at the poor attendance at recent deputations by Commissioners. To resolve the problem the Commissioners agreed to a suggestion by the Town Clerk that a rota be introduced with three agreed Commissioners at each deputation. If a Commissioner could not attend he or she would be obligated to get a replacement. Following drawing of lots the following rota was agreed.

March 1985	June 1985	September 1985
Commissioner Davis	Commissioner O Ceallachain	Commissioner Hamilton
Commissioner Lawless	Commissioner Barlow	Commissioner Larkin
Commissioner Kennedy	Commissioner Harper	Commissioner Gallen

The Chairman and any other member who wished would also be entitled to attend in addition to the three set members.



8. ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE:

It was agreed to invite all participating groups to a meeting before the end of January. It was agreed that Commissioner Gallen would contact the Parish Clergy concerning a possible change of Mass times.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a). At the request of Commissioner Larkin it was agreed to contact Dublin County Council again concerning the erection of barriers at the lane beside the cinema.
- (b). At the request of Commissioner Davis and Lawless it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to free the shores in Bremore Estate and beside the Courthouse.
- (c). On the proposal of Commissioner Barlow it was agreed to write to the Athletic Club congratulating them on their performance in Dunleer on 6th January, 1985 and wishing them well in the All Ireland Championships at the end of January.
- (d). On the proposal of the Chairman it was agreed to write to Mr. Dan Cotter congratulating him on his re-election as Chairman of the G.A.A. Dublin County Board.
- (e). At the request of Commissioner Lawless it was agreed to write to Telecom Eireann requesting them to resite the phone kiosk at the top of Hampton Street due to the danger of its present location and to ask them to reinstat the kiosk at the Northern Bank.
- (f). At the request of Commissioner Harper it was agreed to contact Dublin County Council concerning the broken footpath in Dublin Street.
- (g). On the proposal of Commissioner Hamilton it was agreed to request Dublin County Council to sweep the Church carpark and to repair the subsidence in the carpark.
- (h). On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to provide lighting in the carpark.
- (i). It was agreed to hold the annual estimates meeting on 29th January, 1985.

The meeting concluded at 9.45 p.m.

*J. Kennedy 12/2/85*



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MINUTES OF ESTIMATES MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON  
29th JANUARY, 1985.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:      Davis, Joseph      Lawless, Stephen  
                                 Harper, Freddie      O Ceallachain, Eoghan  
                                 Larkin, Jack P.C.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:      G. W. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.  
                                 P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

The Vice-Chairman Commissioner Lawless presided due to the absence of the Chairman.

The Town Clerk outlined the estimates and following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Harper and AGREED that the estimates as presented be adopted and that the statutory demand be made on Dublin County Council. It was further proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Harper and AGREED that the new rate of charges for the hall and supperroom be adopted as presented from 1st February, 1985.

The meeting then concluded.

*J. Kennedy*  
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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 29TH JANUARY 1985 TO DISCUSS NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS WEEK.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Davis, Joseph                      Larkin, Jack P.C.  
Harper, Freddie                  Lawless, Stephen.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioner O Ceallachain.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

REPRESENTATIVES OF CLUBS PRESENT:

P. Monaghan, 50 Tara Court, Balbriggan - Community Centre Committee.  
Martina Kiernan, 73 Craoibhin Park, Balbriggan - Briggins.  
Siobhan White, 25 High Street, Balbriggan - Community Games.  
Jenny Graham, 17 Craoibhin Park, Balbriggan - Youth Club.  
May Dillon McAleer, 89 Craoibhin Park - Dillon School of Dancing.  
Breda Mullen, 76 Lambeecher Estate, Balbriggan - Red Cross.  
Lynda Hamilton, 27 Derham Park, Balbriggan - Girl Guides.  
Orla Webster, 25 Craoibhin Park, Balbriggan - Girl Guides.  
Kathleen Walsh, 6 Fancourt Heights, Balbriggan - Red Cross.  
Claire Campbell, 82 Fancourt Heights, - Balbriggan Athletic Club and  
Fancourt Heights Resident  
Association.  
Eddie Darcy, 13 Fancourt, Balbriggan - Boy Scouts.

In the absence of the Chairman Commissioner Lawless, Vice Chairman presided.

Following lengthy discussion the following matters were agreed.

1. To co-operate to run events for National Youth Sports Week.
2. To form a small Adhoc Committee to start drawing up details consisting of P. Gibbons, P. Monaghan, M. McAleer, J. Graham, J. Davis.
3. The first meeting to be held on Friday, 8th February 1985 at 11.30 a.m. in the Commissioners Rooms.
4. To consider including the following events in the week - Table tennis tournaments Saturday 29th June, Badminton, Quiz, Sports Day, Road Races, Basketball, Water Sports, Draughts, Chess, Rings, Darts, Pool, Karate, Boxing, Gymnastics, Novelty Competitions, Marble Competitions.

The meeting then ended.

*J. Kennedy 12/2/85*



MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY 12/2/1985.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Barlow, Vincent	Kennedy, Jack
Davis, Joseph	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Gallen, Patricia	Lawless, Stephen
Hamilton, Anthony	O Ceallachain, Eoghan
Harper, Freddie	

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology for non-attendance was received from G. W. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.

The Chairman Commissioner Kennedy presided.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

- (a) The Minutes of the meeting held on 8/1/85 were read and confirmed.
- (b) The Minutes of the Estimates Meeting held on 29/1/85 were read and confirmed.
- (c) The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 29/1/85 were read and confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

- (a) At the request of Commissioner O Ceallachain it was agreed to contact the County Council concerning:
  - (i) The alarms at Curran Park flats.
  - (ii) The Balbriggan Sewerage System (to be included for March deputation) and the E.S.B. concerning the removal of a pole in the grounds of St. Peter and Paul's school.
- (b) At the request of Commissioner Larkin it was agreed to contact the County Council concerning the proposed barriers at the Dublin Street laneway.
- (c) On the proposal of Commissioner Barlow a vote of congratulations was passed to Balbriggan Athletic Club for their recent Championship win.
- (d) At the request of Commissioner Lawless it was agreed to contact the County Council concerning the subsidence in the Church carpark.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR HIRE OF HALL:

An application from Una Larkin for hire of the hall on Thursdays from 21/2/85 from 4.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. was approved.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Letter dated 19/12/84 from Castlebar U.D.C. Re: Gaming Machines, was read and noted.
- (b) Letter dated 22/1/85 from Minister for Health, Re: Alcohol Advertising, was read. It was agreed to write to C.I.E. concerning their advertising standards.
- (c) Letter dated 23/1/85 from Minister for the Environment, Re: Fire Service Charges, was read and noted.
- (d) Letter dated 15/1/85 from Irish Amateur Boxing Association, Re: Branden Boxing Club, was read and noted.
- (e) Letter dated 25/1/85 from C.I.E., Re: Bus Shelters, was read and noted.



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- (f) Letter dated 4/2/85 from Bardas Loch Garman, Re: Staffing of Garda Forces, was read. It was proposed by Commissioner Barlow, seconded by Commissioner Davis and AGREED that the motion be supported with an amendment which stipulated Gardai only.
- (g) Letter dated 10/1/85 from Dublin County Council, Re: "No football" sign, was read. It was agreed to put the matter on the agenda for the next deputations meeting with Dublin County Council.
- (h) Letter dated 15/1/85 from Minister of State at the Department of Education, Re: Financial assistance for National Youth Sports Week, was read and noted.
- (i) Letter dated 6/2/85 from Athlone U.D.C., Re: Extention of Urban Laundaries and representation on Regional Health Boards, was read. It was agreed to support the motion.
- (j) Letter dated 5/2/85 from Dublin County Council, Re: Public Lighting, was read. It was agreed to contact the E.S.B. concerning some of the lights.
- (k) Letter dated 5/2/85 from Dublin County Council, Re: Fancourt Heights entrance road, was read and noted.

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5. DEPUTATIONS TO DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL:

- (a) The Minutes of the Deputations Meeting held on 20/12/84 were read and confirmed.
- (b) The agenda for the deputation on 21st March 1985 was agreed as follows:-
  - (i) Discussion on Sewerage System and outfall.
  - (ii) Removal of "No Football" sign at Chapel Court.
  - (iii) Piping of river at Bremore and Lambeecher Housing Estates.
  - (iv) Present position and future time-scale for Balbriggan By-Pass.
  - (v) Boundary beside 97/98 Fancourt Heights.

In relation to travelling expenses it was agreed to circulate the Department of Environment Circular to Members at the March meeting.

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6. REPORT ON ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE:

The report on the St. Patricks Day Parade as presented by the Town Clerk was approved.

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7. MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES ENGINEER:

The Town Clerk informed the Members that the meeting had been re-arranged for Tuesday, 5th March 1985 at 3.30 p.m.

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8. REPORT ON 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

The report as submitted by the Town Clerk was approved. It was agreed to seek sponsorship for the events. It was further agreed to approach the Town Twinning Committee for help at the reception on 23rd April.

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9. OTHER BUSINESS:

It was agreed to contact the County Council concerning a hole in the road at Chapel Street corner.

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The meeting concluded at 9.40 p.m.

*J. Kennedy 12/3/85*



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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 12TH MARCH 1985

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Barlow, Vincent.	Kennedy, Jack.
Davis, Joseph.	Larkin, Jack P.C.
Gallen, Patricia.	Lawless, Stephen.
Harper, Freddie.	O Ceallachain, Eoghan.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Commissioner Hamilton.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology for non-attendance was received from G. W. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 12/2/85 were read and confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

- (a). Commissioner Barlow gave a list of lights which were out of order in Hampton Cove. Commissioner Kennedy stated that two lights previously reported in Station Street were still out of order. It was agreed to write to the E.S.B. with these complaints. It was also agreed to indicate the Commissioners concern about the amount of faulty lighting in the town.
- (b). In reply to Commissioner O Ceallachain the Town Clerk informed the meeting that no replies had been received concerning the sewerage system, the E.S.B. pole in St. Peter & Paul's School and the alarm system in Curran Park.
- (c). At the request of various Commissioners it was agreed to contact the Roads Department of the Council concerning the following matters.
- (i) The proposed barriers at the Dublin Street Laneway.
  - (ii) The potholes and subsidence in the Church carpark.
  - (iii) The pothole at Chapel Street corner.
  - (iv) Repair of the footpath outside the Jewellers in Station Street.
  - (v) Repair of the footpath outside Corrs house in Market Green.
  - (vi) Repair of the footpath from Church View Terrace to carpark.
  - (vii) Repair of the footpath on Skerries Road.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR HIRE OF HALL:

There were no new applications to be considered.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a). Letter dated 14/2/85 from Dublin Port & Docks Board, Re: Lighting on Harbour was read. The Chairman gave a report on the meeting with the Department of Fisheries Engineer. They stated that they will not carry out any work on the outer Harbour but they will clear the inner Harbour. They would also put up lights and connect the water supply. It was agreed to write to the Minister for Transport, Fisheries Environment and Labour about the situation.
- (b). Letter with enclosures dated 12/2/85 to Chairman of Commissioners from Councillor C. Boland, Re: Deputations meeting, was read and noted. It was agreed to write to the County Council and the Gardai concerning the Itinerants at Balrothery. It was also agreed to write to the County Council and to S.I.A.C. concerning the lack of lighting on the new Airport Road.



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- (c). Letter dated 10/3/85 from Nicholas Beggs, 160 Hampton Cove, Re: Use of Town Crest for yacht. It was proposed by Commissioner Barlow, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that permission be given for its use.

5. TIDY DISTRICTS COMPETITION 1985:

The following report was considered and noted by the Commissioners:  
TIDY DISTRICTS COMPETITION 1985

It is proposed to hold a Tidy Districts Competition as usual in 1985. It is also proposed that the format be changed as follows.

1. Best presented housing estate (private or Local Authority). This change is thought necessary due to the fact that Lambreecher is the only Local Authority Estate to enter the competition each year. This can be reviewed each year in the light of the previous year's entries.
2. Best presented Commercial Premises. This category will include factory premises and petrol stations. A greater effort should be made to ensure a good level of competition.
3. Best presented shop front.
4. Best presented traditional shop front. This is a proposed new category to replace the Local Authority Estate category. There are a number of traditional shop fronts in Balbriggan and every effort should be made to encourage their retention.

Following discussion it was agreed that for future years all housing estates would be kept in the same category. In relation to category 3 it was agreed to include all shops in the town. It was also agreed to investigate the cost of cleaning up the front of the Town Hall.

6. ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE:

- (a) Report on parade preparations:

The following report presented to the meeting was noted by the Commissioners.

ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE

- (a). Parade Preparations:

The Parade preparations are continuing and all organisations in the town have been notified of the arrangements.

The following have indicated to-date that they will be taking part.

1. St. Patricks Brass & Reed Band.
2. Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band.



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3. Balbriggan Boy Scouts.
4. Balbriggan Girl Guides & Brigins.
5. Balbriggan Red Cross.
6. Balbriggan Order of Malta.
7. Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann.
8. Balbriggan Community Pre-School Playgroup.
9. Scoil Rince Co. ANNA  
Floats etc.
1. Balbriggan Dramatic Society.

Only one group (Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band), has indicated that they are able to supply stewards. There will be no participation by Defence Forces in this year's parade.

(b). Appointment of Parade Marshal:

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Commissioner Gallen that Mr. Joseph Yeates be requested to become parade Marshal. It was also agreed to ask Mr. Leo Manley to assist with stewarding.

7. Consideration of Travelling Expenses Circular from the Department of the Environment:

It was proposed by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that travelling expenses and subsistence allowances would be paid to Members of the Commissioners attending meetings in accordance with circular G 2/83 of 12th December 1983 from the Department of the Environment.

8. Deputations to Dublin County Council on 21st March 1985:

(a). Discussion on Agenda:

Following discussion it was agreed that item 1 would be dealt with by Commissioner O Ceallachain, item 2 by Commissioner Davis, item 3 by Commissioner Kennedy, item 4 by Commissioner Gallen and item 5 by Commissioner Lawless.

(b). Members attending deputation:

As previously agreed Commissioners Davis, Lawless and Kennedy would be attending the deputation. It was further agreed that Commissioners O Ceallachain and Gallen could also attend deputations.

9. Report on meeting with Department of Fisheries Engineer:

Business under this heading was dealt with under Item 4 (a).

10. Report on 125th Anniversary Celebrations:

A report given by the Town Clerk on preparations for 125th Anniversary Celebration was noted by the Members. It was agreed to draw up a list of all present and past Commissioners.

11. Other Business:

- (a). Commissioner Larkin asked about complaint he had made concerning annoyance being caused to Tenants in Pinewood. The Town Clerk informed him that as this was a matter for Dublin County Council he had



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forwarded the complaint to that Authority.

- (b). It was agreed to hold a meeting with Residents of Hampton Cove at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 20th March 1985 to discuss their complaints concerning the sewerage system.
- (c). On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to write to National Manpower offering the use of the premises to open an office for a half day or a day per week.
- (d). It was also agreed to write to the Minister for Agriculture concerning the delay over the sanction of the Horticultural Project by ACOT. It was also agreed to write to ANCO concerning the involvement of An Foras Taluntais.
- (e). At the request of Commissioner Larkin it was agreed to find out the position concerning the one-way system for the Town.
- (f). Following a report by the Town Clerk it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Barlow and agreed that the Commissioners would lease two acres of land from Dublin County Council at a cost of £115.00 for an eleven month period in order to provide an allotment scheme.
- (g). In reply to a question raised by Commissioner Davis the Town Clerk informed the Members that no word had been received back from the Department concerning the proposed boundary extension for the Town.
- (h). On the proposal of Commissioner Davis it was agreed to write to Dublin County Council asking them to provide adequate lighting at the Mill Pond Area.
- (i). On the proposal of Commissioner Harper it was agreed to contact Dublin County Council concerning dumping beside the laneway at Derham Park and ask them to replace the wire fence which had been broken.
- (j). The Chairman read out a letter to the Commissioners from a Skerries Resident complaining about the Gardai in Balbriggan. The Chairman stated that he had raised the matter with the Gardai and he was satisfied with the action they had taken. The Members noted the contents of the letter.

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The meeting concluded at 10.05 p.m.

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*J. Kennedy 9/4/85*



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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 9th APRIL, 1985

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Barlow, Vincent.	Kennedy, Jack.
Davis, Joseph.	Larkin, Jack, P.C.
Gallen, Patricia.	Lawless, Stephen.
Hamilton, Anthony.	O'Ceallachain, Eoghan.
Harper, Freddie.	

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. Mc Cann, Dublin County Council, for Town Clerk.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from G.W. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager, and P.A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Commissioner Kennedy presided.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th March, 1985 were read and confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

- (a) Concern was expressed by the Members at the delay being experienced in receiving replies from some departments of Dublin County Council. It was agreed to request the Manager to ensure a more prompt reply service. It was further agreed that a separate file of correspondence requested at meetings, be kept to facilitate ease of reference where necessary.
- (b) Concern was expressed by the members at the execution of road repairs at Chapel Street corner. It was agreed to request the Manager to have the matter investigated.

3. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF DEPUTATIONS MEETING HELD ON 21/3/85:

Discussion on sewerage system and outfall

It was stated that this had been discussed at length since 1979, and to date had not been satisfactorily resolved, and it was indicated that in the event of a power failure at the harbour, a serious overflow would occur after 20 minutes. It was proposed and seconded that the area T.D.'s and Councillors, together with the Chairman of the North District be invited to a meeting with the Commissioners to be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, 24th April, 1985, at 8.30 p.m. It was further resolved that a letter be issued to Residents Associations indicating positions as at March, 1980, and April, 1985.

Piping of river at Bremore and Lambreecher Housing Estates

The Commissioners indicated that having regard to the condition of the river it was imperative that this river be piped. They expressed surprise at the estimate given by Engineering staff and requested that they receive a breakdown of same. They also requested a site meeting with the responsible Engineer so as further outline their case.

Removal of "No Football" sign at Chapel Court open space

It was noted that the sign was not yet removed and it was agreed that a letter would be sent to the appropriate Department of the County Council in relation to this matter.

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Present position and time scale for Balbriggan By-Pass

It was indicated by the Commissioners that the motorway further west of the town was now taking precedent but the Commissioners stated that the By-Pass was more appropriate to the needs of Balbriggan.

Boundary beside 97/98 Fancourt Heights

The Commissioners indicated that they were informed by Planning Officials that no provision was included in the Planning Permission granted for the provision of a wall. It was agreed to await report which was being presented to North County Committee.

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4. REPORT ON 125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

On 23rd April, 1985 a celebration will be held, at 7.30 p.m. Representatives of commercial, industrial, invited. Refreshments to be provided, St. Patrick's Brass and Reed Band will be in attendance. On 28th May a Mass will be held for former Commissioners, and family members. A further celebration will be held on 4th June, 1985.

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5. CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence was read to the meeting by the Chairman and noted. A request from the Old-Age Pensioners Committee for use of hall on 7th July, was granted. It was proposed that a letter issue to the appropriate authority requesting that the use of the hall be given free or for a modest sum.

- (a) Following discussions by the Commissioners it was considered appropriate that the count of votes for Town Commissioners should be held in the Town Hall, Balbriggan, and that a letter be sent conveying this request.
- (b) It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Garda Authorities requesting that the "Harry Redmonds Memorial Trophy" Road Race be allowed go through Balbriggan, having regard to the fact that he was a native of Balbriggan, and that he brought fame to the town.
- (c) Following discussion regarding lack of use of car park, and the illegal parking in the town it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Garda Authorities, requesting them to be more vigilant with offenders.
- (d) Following discussion about refuse dumped on the railway banks, it was agreed to write to C.I.E. regarding clean-up of same, and to Pinewood, and Derham Park Tenants Association requesting their co-operation in maintaining this area clean.
- (e) As remedial works had been executed it was agreed to write to Mr. Mc Fadden, regarding the completion of footpath at <sup>Georges</sup> Georges Hill.

Stephen Lavelle

14.5.85



MINUTES OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 14th MAY, 1985.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis, Joseph  
Gallen, Patricia  
Hamilton, Anthony  
Larkin, Jack P.C.  
Lawless, Stephen  
O'Ceallachain, Eoghan

Apologies for non attendance were received from  
Commissioners, Barlow, Harper, and Kennedy.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk

An apology for non-attendance was received from G. W. Redmond, Assistant City & County Manager.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Lawless presided.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th April, 1985 were read and confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

- (a) In reply to the members, the Town Clerk stated that he had been informed by Dublin County Council that the road repairs requested for Chapel Street Corner would be carried out during the coming year.
- (b) It was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to carry out road repairs at both ends of High Street and at the T-junction at Hamden Street.
- (c) It was agreed to again contact the County Council concerning the removal of the "No Football" sign at Chapel Court.
- (d) The Town Clerk informed the members that no reply had been received from the Gardai concerning request for the Harry Reynolds Memorial Trophy Road Race to be allowed to go through Balbriggan and also concerning the illegal parking in the town.

3. An application for hire of the hall from Ms. Gabriel Mc Cusker, Blackhill Road, Stamullen, County Meath, to hold Aerobic Classes for children, on Thursdays, from 3.00 - 4.00 p.m. was approved.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated 30th March, 1985, from Bremore Estate Residents Association requesting a meeting of the Town Commissioners was read. It was agreed to meet with the Association from 7.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. on the night of the June meeting, viz a viz the 11th June, 1985.
- (b) Letter dated 9th April, 1985 from Early Supervisor, E.S.B. regarding public lighting was read and noted.
- (c) Letter dated 11th April, 1985 from Dublin County Council regarding alarm system at Curran Park was read. It was agreed to again contact the County Council in this matter.

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- (d) Letters dated 12th April, 1985, and 6th May, 1985, from C.I.E. regarding bus shelters, were read. It was agreed to write to the provincial bus services manager concerning the provision of bus stops in the town.
- (e) Letter dated 15th April, 1985 from R.T.E. regarding Alcohol advertising was read and noted.
- (f) Letter dated 16th April, 1985 from Ballina U.D.C. regarding closing hours of take-aways and fast food shops was read. Following discussion it was agreed not to support the motion.
- (g) Letter dated 16th April, 1985, from National Manpower regarding Local Office, was read and noted. The Town Clerk informed the members that he was having discussions with National Manpower concerning the use of the New Social Employment Scheme in the town and he hoped to have some further information for the June meeting.
- (h) Letter dated 17th April, 1985 from Dublin County Council regarding Fancourt Heights was read and noted
- (i) Letter dated 18th April, 1985 from Dublin County Council regarding New Airport Road was read and noted.
- (j) Letter dated 22nd April, 1985 from Dublin County Council regarding Sewerage System &
- (k) Letters from John Boland, T.D., Minister for the Public Service and Bernie Malone, M.C.C, Chairman, Dublin County Council regarding Sewerage System were read.

Following discussion, it was agreed to write to Dublin County Council requesting sewerage plans for the Balbriggan area and to inform them that there were two or three areas of leakage in the outflow pipe before it reached the mascerater. It was agreed to call a special meeting of the Commissioners when the plans were available, and then to arrange a special meeting with Dublin County Council concerning the matter.

- (l) Letter dated 23rd April, 1985, from Assistant City and County Manager regarding replies to letters was read and noted.
- (m) Letter dated 29th April, 1985, from Balbriggan Community Preschool Playgroup regarding invitation to their A.G.M. was read. It was agreed that Commissioner Lawless would attend the meeting on 29th May, 1985.
- (n) Letter dated 26th April, 1985 from Deputy Returning Officer for Fingal area regarding Local Election 1985 was read and noted.
- (o) Letter dated 8th May, 1985 from Dublin County Council regarding Stream alongside Bremore and Lambeecher housing estates were read. Following discussion it was agreed to include the matter in the special meeting to be requested with Dublin County Council.
- (p) Letter dated 7th May, 1985, from D.O.U.A.I. Boys Choir, France, regarding request to sing in Balbriggan during their coming tour was read. It was agreed to write to the Choir and officially invite them to the town, in 1986.
- (q) Letter dated 8th May, 1985 regarding Balbriggan Traffic Re-organisation from Moira Bannon, Kincora, High Street, Balbriggan, was read. Following discussion the letter was noted and it was agreed to write to the owner of the Balbriggan Shopping Centre requesting that certain works be carried out at the High Street entrance to the car park.



5. DISCUSSION ON 125th ANNIVERSARY FUNCTIONS:

Following discussion it was agreed to continue with the remaining functions as planned, that is, the Mass on 28th May, and the reception cum concert on 4th June, 1985.

6. ANNUAL BEACH CLEAN-UP

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Annual Beach Clean up would be held on Saturday, 25th May, commencing at 9.30 p.m. All Organisations had been notified and the County Council had agreed to provide lorries and equipment as in previous years. It was agreed to write to the County Council concerning the boulders which they had provided at the end of the beach and requesting them to pour cement on top of them.

7. MINUTES OF DEPUTATIONS MEETING HELD ON 21st MARCH, 1985.

The minutes of the deputations meeting held on 21st March, 1985 were read and noted.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) The following authority was proposed by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton and AGREED, as follows:

"The Balbriggan Town Commissioners hereinafter called the Commissioners, hereby authorise Patrick A. Gibbons of Darcystown Balbriggan, in the County of Dublin, Town Clerk to do the following acts, deeds or things, or any of them, namely to determine all tenancies, demand possession, give and sign all requisite notices including notice to quit to the tenants or occupiers of houses, rooms, premises, lands or any of them, the property of the Commissioners."

- (b) It was agreed to write to C.I.E. requesting them to resurface the pathway from the new prom to the Doubled Crest Factory.
- (c) It was also agreed to write to C.I.E. concerning two manholes on the path from the railway to Georges Hill.
- (d) Commissioner Gallen officially presented the town twinning award which Balbriggan had won to the Commissioners. The Chairman, Commissioner Lawless, complimented the town twinning committee on their work in winning the award again in 1985.
- (e) It was agreed to request the County Council to carry out more regular cutting of the grass in the flats at Lambreecher Estate and Chapel Street.
- (f) It was agreed to write to the County Council requesting lighting in the church carpark and the provision of toilet facilities there aswell.

The meeting concluded at 9.20 p.m. Letters to follow

*J. Kennedy* *Chairman*  
11/6/85



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MINUTES OF DEPUTATIONS MEETING HELD WITH BREMORE  
COURT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ON 11th JUNE, 1985

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vincent Barlow, Jack Kennedy,  
Joe Davis, Jack Larkin,  
Patricia Gallen, Stephen Lawless,  
Anthony Hamilton, Eoghan O'Ceallaghain,  
Freddie Harper,

DEPUTATION MEMBERS: Ferdie Mc Bride,  
Willie O'Rourke,  
Collette Gildea  
Robert Kenny,  
Joseph O'Grady,  
Kieran Doyle.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

The deputation were given an update on the position, since the last meeting in October, 1984.

ITEM 1: Drainage, on Bremore Drive:

The deputation stated that the situation regarding drainage had now improved even though Mc Inerney's had installed a temporary drain. The situation had in fact been made worse. The deputation stated that they had written to Mc Inerney on two occasions and they have not received any reply. The deputation was informed that the Commissioners had been in touch with Mc Inerneys and they had promised to investigate the situation. Following discussion it was agreed that the Commissioners would ask Dublin County Council to put pressure on Mc Inerneys to complete the drainage satisfactorily.

ITEM 2: Play area

The deputation stated that they still had no play area to cater for over 100 children. Their housing estate had been there for over 11 years and no facilities had been provided. Following discussion it was agreed that the Commissioners would investigate the situation concerning the open space and the planning permissions attaching to it, and they agreed to a request from the deputation to investigate whether or not part of the open space had been built on.

ITEM 3 E.S.B. Site

The deputation stated that the E.S.B. were not maintaining the site in a satisfactory condition and although they had offered to maintain the site themselves, the E.S.B. informed them that they could not trespass on it. They were also told by Dublin County Council that the site did not come under a derelict sites act. The site was full of pot-holes, it was being used as a toilet, and there was a fear that travellers would settle on the site, as they had tried to do in the past. It was agreed that the Commissioners would again contact the E.S.B. asking them to maintain the site in a satisfactory condition.

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ITEM 4    Stream adjacent to the Estate

The deputation stated that when they had brought the matter up in October last they had hoped that work could have been done by now. In the meantime two children had fallen into the stream and had been in danger of drowning. The deputation were informed that the Commissioners had just received word from the County Council that they could not justify the spending of funds on fencing the river. This would cost in the region of £30,000. The deputation was also informed that the County Council quoted a cost of £183,000 to pipe the full stream. Following discussion it was agreed that the Commissioners would put pressure on the County Council to at least get a fence, in the short term, before a fatality occurred.

ITEM 5    Taking in charge of Estate

The deputation was informed that the estate had in fact been taken in charge by Dublin County Council. The deputation asked if the grass on either side of the entrance to the estate could be cut. They were informed that the Roads Department had agreed to cut the areas requested when the machines were next in the area.

*J. Kennedy*  
9/7/81



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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 11/6/85

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Barlow, Vincent,	Kennedy, Jack
Davis, Joseph	Larkin, Jack
Gallen, Patricia	Lawless, Stephen
Hamilton, Anthony	O'Ceallaghain, Eoghan.
Harper, Freddie	

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology for non-attendance was received from G. W. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.

The Chairman, Commissioner Kennedy presided.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of meeting held on 14th May, 1985 were read and confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

- (a) It was agreed to contact the County Council concerning repairs needed to potholes before the cycle race started.
- (b) The Town Clerk informed the Commissioners that there is still no word concerning the removal of the "No Football" sign at Chapel Court. It was agreed to again contact the County Council in this matter.
- (c) The Town Clerk informed the Commissioners that he now received maps and a report concerning the sewerage in Balbriggan. Following discussion on the report, it was agreed to circulate a copy to each of the members and to await the engineers report, before taking further action.
- (d) The Chairman complimented all those who had taken part in the recent beach clean up and asked that in future years a greater number would take part. He also complimented the J.C.B. driver who had been provided by Murphy Concrete.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR HIRE OF HALL

An application for hire of the hall on various dates received from the Balbriggan Breakaway Festival was approved. Application from May Dillon for use of the hall for Irish Dancing Classes during the month of July was approved.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) letter dated 2nd May, 1985 from Dublin County Council regarding laneway at Derrham Park was read and noted.
- (b) Letter dated 15th May, 1985 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland regarding motions for annual conference was read. It was agreed that the matter would be put on the agenda for the July meeting.
- (c) Letter dated 21st May, 1985 from Dublin County Council regarding road repairs at Chapel Street was read and noted.

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- (d) Letter dated 31st May, 1985 from C.I.E. regarding relocation of bus stop was read. Following discussion it was agreed to write back to C.I.E. stating that the Commissioners were not in favour of having the bus stop moved from its present position and also to write to the Gardai asking them to enforce the regulations concerning parking at bus stops.
- (e) Letter dated 31st May, 1985 from C.I.E. regarding Beach Pathways, was read and noted. It was agreed to write to C.I.E. requesting them to resurface the pathway from the Convent tunnel to the Double Crest Factory.
- (f) Letter dated 5th June, 1985 from C.I.E. regarding bus shelters was read. It was agreed to write to C.I.E. asking them to reconsider their decision regarding the shelters and also to request a site meeting with the Area Manager.
- (g) Letter dated 5th June, 1985 from Dublin County Council regarding cutting of grass at flats was read and noted. The Town Clerk informed the members that the Manager had said he would contact the Housing Department with a view to having the cutting of the grass transferred to the Parks Department.
- (h) Letter dated 5th June, 1985 from Dublin County Council regarding alarm system at Curran Park was read and noted.
- (i) Letter dated 5th June, 1985 from Dublin County Council regarding boulders on the main beach was read and noted.

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5. OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Commissioner Lawless stated that the County Council planned to site a casual trading area on the town side of Barnageera. Following discussion it was agreed to object to the site as it would remove an amenity from the people of Balbriggan and to ask Dublin County Council to relocate the proposed market area.
- (b) At the request of Commissioner Davis it was agreed to contact the County Council asking them to provide a louder alarm bell or siren on the alarm system at St. Paul's Crescent as the present one was inadequate.
- (c) It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Commissioner Lawless that the remuneration of the Town Clerk would be increased in accordance with the first phase of the 24th pay round and also in accordance with the increases applicable under Arbitration Report No. 103 on the 1st October, 1984.

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The meeting concluded at 10.15 p.m.

*J. Kennedy*  
9/7/85



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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 1/7/1985

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Davis, Joseph; Gallon, Patricia; Hamilton, Anthony; Kennedy, Jack; Larkin, Jack, P.C., M.C.C.; Lawless, Steven; Purcell, Brian; Tuite, Brege;

An Apology for non-attendance was received from Commissioner Murray.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

P.A. Gibbons, Town Clerk;  
Apology for non-attendance was received from G.W. Redmond, Assistant City & County Manager.

ITEM 1: Return of Members Elected to Balbriggan Town Commissioners.

The Town Clerk officially notified the Members of the result of the Election and gave copies of the Official Notification and the result of the Election and transfer of votes to each Member.

ITEM 2: Election of Chairman.

Commissioner Lawless was proposed by Commissioner Larkin and seconded by Commissioner Davis. Commissioner Kennedy was proposed by Commissioner Tuite and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. Following a vote Commissioners Larkin, Lawless, Purcell and Davis voted for Commissioner Lawless and Commissioners Tuite, Hamilton, Gallon and Kennedy voted for Commissioner Kennedy. As the result was four votes for each candidate, the matter was decided by lot and Commissioner Kennedy was elected Chairman.

ITEM 3: Election of Vice-Chairman.

Commissioner Lawless was proposed by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Larkin. In the absence of any further nominations Commissioner Lawless was delcared elected as Vice-Chairman of Balbriggan Town Commissionrs.

ITEM 4: Election of Estimates Committee.

It was agreed that the membership of the Committee would consist of three Members and the Chairman. The Town Clerk informed the Members of the new regulations concerning the appointment of Members of the Committee. The Members declined to use the new group system and decided to elect Members by majority vote. Commissioner Davis was proposed by Commissioner Gallon and seconded by Commissioner Lawless. Commissioner Larkin was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Commissioner Purcell was proposed by Commissioner Larkin and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. In the absence of any further nominations, Commissioners Davis, Larkin, and Purcell were elected to the Estimates Committee.

ITEM 5: Election of Fuel Scheme Committee.

It was again agreed that the Committee should consist of three Members plus the Chairman and the Members again declined to use the new group system. Commissioner Lawless was proposed by Commissioner Larkin and

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seconded by Commissioner Gallon. Commissioner Gallon was proposed by Commissioner Purcell and seconded by Commissioner Lawless. Commissioner Davis was proposed by Commissioner Gallon and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. In the absence of any further nominations, Commissioners Lawless, Gallon and Davis were elected to the Fuel Scheme Committee.

ITEM 6: Election of Two Delegates to attend Conferences of the Association of Municipal Authorities.

The Town Clerk informed the Members that the delegates would be appointed for the period ending with the appointing Councils term of Office. Commissioner Larkin was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Commissioner Purcell was proposed by Commissioner Gallon and seconded by Commissioner Davis. In the absence of further nominations it was agreed that Commissioners Larkin and Purcell would be the Commissioners delegates to the Annual Conferences of the Association of Municipal Authorities.

ITEM 7: Vote of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless, seconded by the Chairman, a vote of sympathy was passed to the family of Sergeant Morrissey who was brutally murdered in Ardee a few days previously. All present at the meeting then stood for one minute silence. The meeting concluded at 8.00p.m.

*Stephen Lawless  
24/9/85*



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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON

9TH JULY, 1985

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Davis Joseph; Gallen Patricia;  
Hamilton Anthony; Kennedy Jack;  
Lawless Steven; Purcell Brian;  
Tute Brège;  
An Apology for non-attendance was received  
from Commissioner David Murray.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

P. Gibbons, Town Clerk.  
An Apology for non-attendance was received  
from Mr. G.W. Redmond, Assistant City &  
County Manager.

ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(a) The minutes of meeting held on the 11th of June, 1985 were read and confirmed. The minutes of Deputations Meeting held on the 11th of June, 1985 were read and confirmed.

ITEM 2: MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

(a) On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless it was agreed to again write to Dublin County Council concerning the removal of the 'No Football' sign at Chapel Court.

(b) In reply to Commissioner Lawless, the Town Clerk informed the meeting that no reply had yet been received from Dublin County Council concerning the proposed Casual Trading Market on the Skerries Road.

(c) Commissioner Davis stated that he had raised the matter of the E.S.B. site on Drogheda Road with the Minister for Energy and the Minister had requested the E.S.B. to report directly to him on the matter.

ITEM 3: APPLICATIONS FOR HIRE OF HALL.

It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy that approval be given to the Horticultural Society for holding of their two Shows on the 14th of July, 1985 and the 1st of September 1985.

ITEM 4: CORRESPONDENCE.

(a) Letter dated 15/5/1985 from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland regarding Annual Conference was read. The following motions were discussed by the Commissioners. It was proposed By Commissioner Gallen and seconded by Commissioner Lawless "that merchant seamen and employees of Irish Lights be given automatic entitlement to postal votes in the same way as the Gardai and Army are." It was proposed by Commissioner Purcell and seconded by Commissioner Gallen "that Local Authorities liaise more closely with Local Tourists interests in order that more facilities are made available for tourists." Following discussion on these two items they were agreed and it was further agreed that they be transmitted for discussion at



the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities.

(b) Letter dated the 12/6/1985 from Dublin County Council, regarding Church Carpark was read. It was agreed to consider putting the matter on the next Deputations Agenda with Dublin County Council.

(c) Letter dated 13/6/1985 from Dublin County Council, regarding Road Works. Following discussion it was agreed to consider putting the matters raised in the letter on the next Deputation Agenda with Dublin County Council.

(d) Letter dated 14/6/1985 from Dublin County Council, regarding One Way System was read. It was agreed to issue an Invitation to the Garda Superintendent to a meeting on the 27th of August, 1985 and to then hold a Public Meeting on the matter on the 3rd of September, 1985.

(e) Letter dated 19/6/1985 from Dublin County Council regarding flooding at Bremore Estate was read. It was agreed to give consideration to putting the matter on the Agenda for the next Deputation with Dublin County Council.

(f) Letter dated 19/6/1985 from Dublin County Council regarding River at Bremore Estate was read. It was agreed to give consideration to putting this matter on the Agenda for the next Deputation with Dublin County Council.

(g) Letter dated 20/6/85 from Dublin Co. Co. Re: Cutting of verges and hedges was read. It was agreed to ask the Council to refrain from putting weedkiller around the trees and on the

grass verges at Lambeeher and also to ask that the Parks Department take over the grass cutting of large verges in housing estates. In addition it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council if it would be possible to have Pinewood and Lambeeher Housing Estates swept on a regular basis. It was also agreed to consider this matter for Deputations with the County Council.

(h) Letter dated 3/7/1985 from C.I.E. regarding pathways at Balbriggan was read. It was agreed to gain contact with C.I.E. and point out to them that the pathway from the Convent tunnel to Double Crest Factory was not in a good condition and required re-surfacing.

(i) Letter dated 3/7/1985 from Garda Superintendent regarding illegal parking in Balbriggan was read. The Town Clerk agreed to investigate the possible appointment of a Traffic Warden by either the Town Commissioners or Dublin County Council. It was further agreed to write to the Garda Commissioner asking him that double yellow lines be put outside Dr. Ryan's house in Dublin Street.

(j) Letter dated 3/7/1985 from Garda Superintendent regarding Harry Reynolds Memorial Trophy Roadrace was read and noted.

(k) Letter dated 1/7/1985 from Dublin County Council regarding



road repairs at various locations was read and noted.

(l) Letter dated 1/7/1985 from Dublin County Council regarding site at corner of Fullam Street and ~~Chaple~~ Street was read. It was agreed to write to the Property Management Section asking them to have the site cleaned and maintained on a continuous basis.

(m) Letter addressed to Jack Larkin ~~FROM FANCOURT~~ Heights Residents Association was read and noted.

(n) Letter dated 26/6/1985 from Dublin County Council regarding alarm bells at St. Paul's Crescent was read and noted. It was agreed to forward a copy of this letter to each of the Commissioners.

(o) Letter dated 3/7/1985 from Minister for Fisheries and Forestry regarding Balbriggan Harbour was read. Following discussion it was agreed to send a copy of this letter to Dublin County Council and to ask them for their comments in connection with the Minister's suggestions and also to write to the Minister for the Environment asking that the responsibility for Balbriggan Harbour be transferred to Dublin County Council.

(p) Letter dated 5/7/1985 from Dublin County Council regarding boundary between Fancourt Heights and Hampton Cove was read and noted.

(q) Letter dated 4/7/1985 was received from C.I.E. regarding meeting on the 15/7/1985 to discuss erection of bus shelters in Balbriggan was read. It was agreed to meet Mr. Gilly the Road Passenger Manager for C.I.E. as requested in the letter and as many Commissioners as possible would meet at the Town Hall at 3p.m. on 15/7/1985.

ITEM 5: DEPUTATIONS WITH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL.

The following Agenda was agreed:-

- (a) Sewerage System.
- (b) River and flooding at Bremore Estate.
- (c) Roads Matters.
- (d) Additional Housing at Pinewood Estate.
- (e) Removal of 'No Football' sign at Chapel Court.

ITEM 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(a) The following Judges were appointed to judge the Tidy District Competition for 1985:-  
Austin Kenny; Jimmy English; P.J. Cullen; Steven Lawless;  
and a representative from the Tidy Towns Committee.

(b) It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Vice-Chairman and agreed that the Town Clerk's salary be increased in accordance with Phase II of the 24th Round of the National Pay Agreement.

(c) It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Gallon and agreed that permission be given for the sale of 3 Hampton Street, Balbriggan to Andy & Cora Kelly of 107 Pinewood Green Road, Balbriggan.



(d) On the request of Commissioner Davis it was agreed to again examine the question of sloping the Town Hall steps.

(e) On the request of Commissioner Davis it was agreed to write to the County Sherriff concerning the provision of polling booths for all of Balbriggan area and the Town Hall for the next Elections.

(f) On the request of Commissioner Davis it was agreed to write to the Minister for the Environment concerning the extension to the Town Boundary.

(g) On the request of Commissioner Davis it was agreed to write to the Eastern Health Board concerning the Free Fuel Scheme and the local Community Welfare Officer.

(h) On the request of Commissioner Tute it was agreed to contact the E.S.B. concerning the pylon at the rear of Pineridge Housing Estate.

The Meeting concluded at 10.00p.m.

*Stephen Lavelle*  
*24/9/85*



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Minutes of Special Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on 27th August, 1985.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis, Joseph  
Gallen, Patricia  
Kennedy, Jack  
Larkin, Jack P.C., M.C.C.  
Lawless, Stephen  
Tuite, Breige

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioners Hamilton, Murray and Purcell.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P.A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent S. Faughnan Garda Siochana, Balbriggan, Inspector D. McCann, Garda Siochana Balbriggan.

The Chairman, Commissioner Jack Kennedy presided.

ITEM 1: PROPOSED ONE-WAY SYSTEM FOR BALBRIGGAN.

The Chairman welcomed Superintendent Faughnan and Inspector McCann and a discussion on the proposed one-way system was held. Following an exchange of views it was agreed to recommend the one-way system as set out, with the following exceptions. 1. That High Street be one-way northwards towards Quay Street. 2. That a further part of Quay Street be made one-way in the direction of the Harbour. It was also agreed to ask Dublin County Council to consider the possibility of widening High Street at its junction with Quay Street. Following further discussion the Chairman thanked Superintendent Faughnan and Inspector McCann for attending and they subsequently left the meeting.

ITEM 2: REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF EMPLOYEES OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

It was proposed by Commissioner Davis seconded by Comm. Tuite and agreed that the wages of the Caretaker and Cleaner be increased in line with the increases sanctioned for the 24th Pay-Round, and it was further agreed that the remuneration of the Town Clerk be increased from the 1st September in line with Arbitration Report No. 103.

ITEM 3: DISCUSSION ON BANDROOM.

The Town Clerk outlined to the members the present position concerning the Bandroom and following discussion an inspection of the room was undertaken. The Town Clerk explained to the members the proposed alterations and improvements which he intended carrying out. General satisfaction was expressed for these proposals and it was agreed to defer any further consideration until the September monthly meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9.30 p.m.

*Stephen Lawless  
24/9/85*

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Minutes of Special Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners, held on Tuesday 3rd September, 1985 in the Supperroom of the Town Hall to discuss the proposed one-way system and to hear any objections on same.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis, Joseph  
Gallan, Patricia  
Kennedy, Jack  
Larkin, Jack P.C., M.C.C.,  
Lawless, Stephen  
Purcell, Brian  
Tuite, Breige

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P.A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent S. Faughnan.  
Members of the Public present, as per list.

The Chairman Commissioner Kennedy presided.

Commissioner outlined the position concerning the convening of the meeting and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hear any objections there might be to the proposed one way system. The Town Clerk then gave a brief outline of events leading to the present proposals and then gave a detail of them. The Chairman then opened the meeting to the floor. Paul Coughlan of High Street stated that the problem had been caused by the Shopping Centre, which had initially been supplied with a delivery slope close to the High St. entrance and this was not been used. If High St. was designated as a one-way in an up hill direction this would work against the residents of the area. Mrs. Devane of High St. asked whether the residents had any rights in the matter and having been assured that all comments would be forwarded to the appropriate authorities, she stated that the one-way system was, as it referred to High St was not a solution as there were more problems associated with traffic turning into Quay St. Mrs Bannon then reiterated her complaints as per her letter already forwarded to the Commissioners on the County Council. Mr. P\*McArdle of High St. wanted to know what would happen in the event of a fire and if the one-way system would hinder the emergency services. The Chairman stated that the emergency services have exemption and are intitalled to go to the quickest way to the fire. Mrs. Mary White of High St. stated that the last time High St. residents objected to a particular proposal in the street that they were well beaten from all sources.. John McGowan of the Cardy Marina, Stated that he was neutral at the moment with regard to the proposals but if there were any changes he would have to reassess his position. Mrs. B. McAuley of High St. whether the Council council were aware that telephone cables were been torn down by high trucks in High St. and she



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gave an example of Mr Mc Ardle's telephone line which had been left broken for a fortnight. Mr. E. White asked if a traffic survey had been carried out and if so where were the figures. He also stated that if the town was to be by-passed shortly this would make the one-way system obsolete. John Gallan of Hampton St. who has a business premises in Mill St said that he was strongly in favour of the proposals but they would have to be tied in with strong enforcement of no-parking in the Town. He stated the bye-pass would not have any effect on the traffic problem within Balbriggan, as most was caused by residents of the town. Edmond Madeck of Balscadden wanted to know why the proposals were put forward in respect of Clonard St. and Chapel St, as this would have the effect of causing a back log of traffic in the town when cars were attempting to turn into Clonard St. Tom McCabe of Clonard St. asked that if the traffic were to be diverted up Clonard St. would all the traffic go through Fulham St. which at present is a quiet residential area. Paul Coughlan of High St. Suggested that instead of implementing the system could Quay St. not be kept clear. Ciaran Geraghty of Hampton Cove with premises in Railway St. stated that it was trucks that were holding up traffic in Quay St. and asked why the parking bay in High St. was not been used. He suggested that the if the law was strictly enforced for one week it would make a difference. Jack McGuinness of Quay St. said that there should be an access directly to the carpark across the river from Quay St. He also stated that parking tickets only drove customers away. The traders were neither for or against the present proposals. Des Darragh of High St. again asked what rights the residents had, he stated that Hampton St. and Clonard St. were effected by the proposals and these were not surfaced properly at present. If there were to be a one-way system he would prefer to see High St. one-way in the direction of Quay St. P.J. Mc Donnell, Business premises on the Square asked could there be a show of hands on the present proposals. The Chairman stated that the meeting was there to listen to objections and a show of hands would serve no useful purpose. Mary White stated that she would be against the proposals to go one-way down High St. as it would effect her reaching her business premises. The Chairman stated that there was an alternative proposal, to go down High St. to have parking on one side only. Mrs. Devan stated that they were told that when the Super-market opened that it would improve the traffic problems, it in effect worsened them. Commissioner Davis stated that a major point had been missed. The one-way system had to be taken into context with the whole town and not just a part of it . People of Balbriggan are guilty



parking everywhere and the main point been missed was the right of the pedestrian, who cannot go through the town to shop in peace with illegal parking on footpaths and on corners. The proposal has to be looked at general, the one-way system was needed for the sake of everyone and they could not get caught up in sectional interests. People have the right of opinion and he was also getting pressure from people who had to go out with prams to walk around the town. Something had to be done about the traffic flow and parking. Commissioner Tuite stated that the problem and the blame lay with the Shopping Centre. She asked why Mr McAuley was not present and why the County Council Road Planners were not at the meeting. Mr. McFadden wanted to know why no meeting was called when the supermarket was opened. Oliver Heeney, Chief Fire Officer, Balbriggan, stated that the situation regarding the Fire Brigade in Balbriggan was that on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, it was impossible to bring a fire engine down Quay St. or up the Square. The one-way system in Chapel St./Clonard St. area would delay the turn-out of the fire engine by about four minutes. He was in agreement with the one-way system, However, the strict enforcement of parking regulations. Commissioner Larkin stated that at this stage there was nothing they could do about the supermarket and they were here to discuss the present proposals voting on the issue was not the right way to go about. Mrs. Browne of Pinewood stated that as a pedestrian she cannot cross the road safely due to parking on both sides of the road. She asked that traffic regulations be strictly enforced. Mr. Madeck, Balscadden, stated that the supermarket was the best thing that ever happened to the town. The yellow lines were been completely ignored and traffic wardens were needed in the town. He also stated that the Garda should issue tickets to the truck drivers and that all parking restrictions should be strictly enforced. Karen Geraghty asked could they have a view from the Garda and the Chairman stated that this would be forwarded to them presently. Paul Coughlan of High St. asked had the planners looked to the future when they had given permission to the Shopping Centre, and if they had they would have seen the problems that would have occurred. Commissioner Purcell stated that to go up Clonard St. the road at the Grave yard would have to be widened, to allow traffic to go up it and to prevent heavy traffic going into Fulham St. There is a problem turning down into Quay St. due to the illegal parking and measure should be introduced to force people to use the carpark.



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Bernie White business premises in the Square, stated if all the parking restrictions were enforced and the one-way system was brought into operation, the Main St and Side St. would become a speed area. Mrs. White stated that there should be parking on one side of High St. only and this will allow a free flow of traffic. Commissioner Lawless, stated that motorists were 99% to blame for the traffic problems in the town and his opinion of the needed. P.J. McDonnell, Business premises the Square, stated that prior to the Shopping Centre been opened a meeting of the traders had been held at which they decided to ask for a carpark to be built at the back of John D's on the Main St. This was not proceeded when the application for the Shopping Centre was submitted. Commissioner Davis said that he had a lot of reservations about the Shopping Centre, but that it has got its permission properly and it is a fact of life. He had also stated another family had imported the carpark in supplying land to it and Maurice Mc Auley. John McGowan of the Cardy Marina, stated that he had only been in the town a short while but in his opinion Maurice McAuley was the one man who has done more for the town than anybody else. Mary White stated on behalf of the High St. Residents that there consensus was that they did not want any one-way system. Denis Dye of the Harbour Inn, suggested that double yellow lines be put all along the Main Street and Quay St. and to put a bridge over the river for access to the main carpark from Quay St. and for adequate signs to be erected showing where the carpark is located. Superintendent Faughnan stated that he was there to serve the community at large, in his opinion the double yellow lines had worked quite well as a first attempt. The traffic was now flowing quite well in the town compared to other towns such as Drogheda. In his opinion something had to be done in the High St./Quay St. area, he had already suggested to the Town Commissioners that they employ a Traffic Warden. He wants noted that the fine for parking offences was now £10.00, he stated that there was a legal exemption for loading and unloading of lorries and if they issued a ticket it would be sufficient for the driver to go to court and state that he was loading/unloading and the prosecution would not be proceeded with. The lorry drivers pulled up in the footpaths, in his opinion, in order to leave more room on the road and they felt they were doing a service. He informed Mrs. Bannon that attempted to turn his car into her house and on three occasions and has failed each time. In his opinion High St could not be left in the way it is at present.



Mrs. Mary White asked if it would be possible to make High St. a "Cul-De-Sac" with ballards at the bottem of the Hill. The Chairman then informed everybody that notes had been taken of all their comments and that these would be considered by the Town Commissioners at the next meeting and they would also be forwarded to Dublin County Council and the Garda authorities.

The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.

Stephen Lavelle  
24/9/55



Minutes of Meeting Of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on 10/9/85

<u>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:</u> Davis, Joseph	Larkin, Jack P.C,M.C.C.
Gallan, Patricia	Lawless, Stephen
Hamilton, Anthony	Purcell, Brian.
Kennedy, Jack	Tuite, Breige.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Commissioner Murray. /

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P.A. Gibbons, Town Clerk

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. G. W. Redmond, Asst. City + County Manager.

The Chairman Commissioner Kennedy presided.

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the Burke family on the death of their father Mr. Patrick J. Burke, former T.D., Former Chairman of Dublin County Council and former member of Dublin Corporation. He then paid tribute to Mr. Burke's work as a public representative and proposed that the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect to his memory. The Vice-Chairman seconded the vote of sympathy and paid his own tribute to Mr. Burke. He seconded the adjournment. The other members present each paid tribute to Mr. Burke on their own behalf and in respect of their respective political parties. Following a short silence the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, 24th September, 1985 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.15 p.m,

*J. Kennedy 8/10/85*



Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on the 24th September, 1985.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis, Joseph  
Gallen, Patricia  
Hamilton, Anthony  
Larkin, Jack, P.C., M.C.C.  
Lawless, Stephen  
Purcell, Brian,  
Tuite, Breige.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioners Kennedy and Murray.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P.A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. G.W. Redmond, Asst. City + County Manager.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Kennedy, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Lawless presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes.

- (a) The minutes of the annual meeting held on the 1st July, 1985 were read and confirmed.
- (b) The minutes of the July meeting held on the 9th July 1985, were read and confirmed.
- (c) The minutes of Special meeting held on the 27th August 1985 were read and confirmed.
- (d) Minutes of Special meeting held on 3/9/85 were read and confirmed.

2. Matters arising out of the minutes.

There was no business under this heading.

3. Applications for hire of Hall.

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Commissioner Purcell and agreed that the following applications be approved.

HALL APPLICATIONS:

- Model Car Racing: 8.00p.m.-10.00p.m.: Wednesday : Ballroom
- Scoil Rince Chualann: 5.30p.m.-7.30p.m.: Wednesday : Ballroom
- 7.00p.m.-8.30p.m.: Friday : Supperroom
- 2.00p.m.-6.00p.m.: Saturday : Ballroom
- Pride of Balbriggan: 7.30p.m.-9.30p.m.: Tuesday : Supperroom
- Mafching Band 7.00p.m.-9.00p.m.: Friday : Ballroom
- 10.30a.m.-12.30p.m.: Saturday : Ballroom
- J. O'Loughlin : 12.30p.m.- 2.00p.m.: Saturdays : Ballroom



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Youth Club : 8.00p.m. - 10.00p.m. : Mondays : Supperroom  
7.30p.m. - 9.00p.m. : Thursdays : Supperroom  
Badminton Club : 10.00a.m. - 12.00noon : Tuesday+Wednesday : Ballroom  
5.30p.m. - 11.30p.m. : Mondays : Ballroom  
6.00p.m. - 11.30p.m. : Tuesdays : Ballroom  
7.00p.m. - 11.30p.m. : Thursday : Ballroom

Balbriggan Pre-

School Playgroup: 10.00a.m. - 12.00noon: Monday to Thursday: Supperroom  
9th Sept-8th June

#### 4. Correspondence.

- (a) Report and map received from Dublin County Council.- RE: Proposed layout of recreational land at Dublin Rd, Balbriggan was noted.
- (b) Letter dated 8/7/85 from ESB re: Bremore site was read and noted.
- (c) Letter and enclosure dated 12/7/85 from Garda Siochana, RE: Dublin Area Traffic and Parking Rules was read and noted, by the Commissioners.
- (d) Letter dated 15/7/85 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd., RE: Group Personal Accident Schemes was read and noted. The members did not indicate a willingness to join the scheme.
- (e) Letter dated 18/7/85 from Dublin County Council, RE: Casual Trading area was read. It was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to send a copy of the conditions concerning the granting of licences and to ask if licences have been granted.
- (f) Letters dated 18/7/85 and 30/7/85 from C.I.E. RE: Bus Shelters, were read. It was agreed to pursue the matter at a later date.
- (g) Letter dated 22/7/85 and 2/8/85 from Dublin County Council. RE: Bremore Estate. It was agreed to check with the County Council whether the pipe to prevent the flooding had been provided as stated in their letter.
- (h) Letter dated 19/7/85 from Dublin County Council, RE: Land behind 85/88 Derham Park was read. It was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to investigate the possibility of providing flats at this location.
- (i) Letter dated 1/8/85 from Dublin County Council, RE: Church Carpark was read and noted. It was agreed again write to Dublin County Council requesting that lights be provided in the carpark.
- (j) Letter dated 9/8/85 from Dublin County Council RE: Boulders on the beach was read and noted. It was agreed to write to Dublin County Council concerning pipes which have been exposed on the beach.



- (k) Letters dated 12/8/85 from Minister for the Environment, RE: Proposed Boundary extension was read and noted. It was agreed to again write to the Minister in two months time.
- (l) Letters dated 12/8/85 and 5/9/85 from Hampton Cove Residents Assoc., RE: Proposed Slaughter House at Bremore were read. It was agreed to obtain full information on the planning application and also to find out the reasons for the closure of the Abbatoir in Balbriggan, and why it could not be brought up to the required standards. In addition it was agreed to ask for the County Council's proposals concerning the site.
- (m) Letter dated 15/8/85 from Pineridge Residents Assoc. with enclosure dated 14/5/85 and letter dated 16/8/85 from the ESB: RE. Electricity Pylon. It was agreed to circulate a copy of the letter from the ESB dated 14/2/77 and also to meet with the residents at 7.30 p.m. prior to the October meeting.
- (n) Letter dated 15/8/85 from Minister for the Environment, RE: Traffic Warden, was read. It was agreed to write again to the Minister asking for a reply and also to write to the Gardai Authorities asking for a Ban-Garda to be stationed in the town.
- (o) Letter dated 15/8/85 from County Sheriff, RE: Elections was noted.
- (p) Letter dated 16/8/85 from C.I.E. RE: Beach pathway was read. It was agreed to write back to C.I.E. asking if they would consider carrying the work out during 1986 and if they could also carry out work on the station yard and gates.
- (q) Letter dated 1/8/85 from the Eastern Health Board, RE: Fuel Scheme, was read and noted. It was agreed, any further complaints would be notified to the Town Clerk giving full details.
- (r) Letter dated 27/8/85 from Superintendent Gardai Siochana, RE: Parking in Dublin Street, was read and noted.
- (s) Letter from adjudicating committee, People of the Year Awards, was read, a proposal was made that a certain prominent person in the town, would be nominated for the award. However, due to the very near closing date it was agreed that sufficient information could not be compiled in the time allowed. It was agreed, to reconsider the matter in 1986.
- (t) Letter dated 11/9/85 from Dublin County Council RE: Road Sweeping in Pinewood and Lambeecher Estates, was read and noted. It was agreed to write to the County Council concerning the amount of refuse left on the street after the bin collection.
- (u) Letter dated 12/9/85 from the Federation of Irish Industry concerning



road development programme, was read. It was agreed to defer the the letter to the October meeting.

- (v) Letter dated September 1985 from Cunan na Gaeilge, RE: Irish Language was read. It was agreed that future commissioners meetings would be open and closed in Irish, and that the first item on the agenda, Confirmation of Minutes would be conducted through Irish.
- (w) Letter dated 19/9/85 RE: plot of land adjoining 46 Chapel St., Balbriggan was read and it was agreed to ask the Parks Dept. to provide shrubery at this location.
- (x) Letter dated 30/8/85 from United Towns Organisation concerning the 1985 conference on the Town Twinning, from 5/7 December, 1985 was read, It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Purcell and agreed that Commissioner Gallan and the Town Clerk would attend the conference on behalf of the Town Commissioners.

5. Adoption of Free Fuel Scheme for 1985/1986 season.

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallan and seconded by Commissioner Tuite that the voucher system be again used for the 85/86 fuel scheme season, It was further agreed that a meeting of the fuel scheme committee would be held at 7.00 p.m. on 8th October, 1985. It would then be adjourned until after the monthly meeting.

(a) Results of Tidy Districts Competition:

The following report was read and noted by the Commissioners. It was agreed to hold the presentations at the October meeting if the awards were ready in time. Congratulations were extended to the judges for giving their time, to judge the entries in the competition

- (b) The report of the Tidy Towns judges and results and report of the Town Clerk were presented to the Commissioners, which were noted. The Town Clerk also informed the members that it is proposed to commence projects with volunteer work groups and the first project would be on the 5th October, and would be concerned with tidying up the grass area opposite Wavin Pipes.

6. Proposed disposal of Property.

- (a) It was proposed by Commissioner Gallan and seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the Free-hold of 3 Hampton Street, would be sold to the tenant.
- (b) BANDROOM: The Town Clerk informed the members that plans were been drawn up concerning the renovation of the Bandroom. I hope to have these available shortly. Following Discussion it was agreed that



The St. Patrick's Brass & Reed Band would retain use of the Band room on an occasional letting basis at a fee of £3.00 for any hours they wish to use it during a particular week. It was agreed that a meeting would be held with the band at a later date.

7. Consideration of One-Way Street System.

It was agreed to defer discussion until the October Meeting, to give time to have a reply back from the Minister for the Environment concerning the Commissioners proposal for a Traffic Warden.

8. Motion received from Commissioner B. Tuite.

Following consideration of the motion, it was agreed to defer further consideration until the October meeting, so that, for the clarification on the issues involved could be obtained.

9. Any Other Business.

- (a) On proposal of Commissioner Lawless, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to acquire the area at the rear of McMahons, The Square for use as a Carpark. To serve the Square and Market Green area.
- (b) On proposal of Commissioner Lawless, it was agreed to ask County Council to provide safety barrier from Clonard Street corner for a distance up Drogheda St.
- (c) On request of Commissioner Lawless, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to erect the cycle barriers which were promised on the lane beside the cinema.
- (d) On proposal of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to ask Telecom Eireann to provide a public Telephone Box at Pinewood Estate.
- (e) On proposal of Commissioner Tuite it was agreed to contact the relevant authorities concerning the wreck located on the seabed between Cardy Rock and Gormanstown Beach. Which at high-tide is only three feet from the surface. If it could not be removed it should be suggested that a bouy be placed to mark the wreck.
- (f) On proposal of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to gain contact with the County Council concerning lighting in Cumiskey's Lane and also to ask the County Council to proceed with the new foot-path as requested at the small open space.
- (g) On proposal of Commissioner Tuite it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to investigate the Stray-Dog problem in the Town.

The meeting ended at 11.00 p.m.

*J. Kennedy 8/10/81*



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Minutes of Fuel Scheme Committee held on 8th October, 1985.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis, Joseph  
Gallen, Patricia  
Kennedy, Jack  
Lawless, Stephen

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OFFICIALS PRESENT: P.A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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The Committee considered one hundred and eleven fuel scheme applications and recommended that one hundred and ten of them be approved. In the case, of the remaining application the committee recommended its rejection. The Town Clerk pointed out that the person in question was in receipt of Unemployment Assistance with dependents and under the scheme he was entitled to receive fuel. It was agreed to bring the application to the attention of the Manager.

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The meeting concluded at 7.30p.m.

*J. Kennedy*  
*12/11/85*



Minutes of Deputations meeting held with Pineridge Residents Association on 8th October, 1985.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis Joseph, Lawless, Stephen  
Gallen, Patricia Murray, David  
Hamilton, Anthony Purcell, Brian  
Kennedy, Jack Tuite, Breige.  
Larkin, Jack P.C., M.C.C.,

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. G. W. Redmond, Asst. City + County Manager.

PINERIDGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION: G. McNamara, Brian Scott.  
M. Canavan

ITEM 1:  
38 KV Pylon line running through the Estate.

The deputations stated that in 1977 the ESB had agreed to put the 38 KV cable underground. However, In January 1985 the ESB received planning permission to retain the overhead line on an alternative route through the estate. The Town Clerk informed the deputation that he had received a letter from ESB stating that it was no longer their intention to put cables underground, and they would be proceeding in accordance with the 1985 planning permission. It was agreed that the Commissioners would write to the ESB again pointing out the 1977 commitments and asking them to honour it.

ITEM 2:  
Development of the Estate.

The deputation gave details concerning the background to the present situation on the estate where only twenty-eight houses had been built out of a proposed one hundred and thirty. They stated that the builder had finished on the site on the 4th March, 1985 and that Declan Collins of Stokes, Kennedy, Crowley was the liquidator in charge at present. The deputations asked the Commissioners assistance in having the following matters attended to:

1. Completion of Footpaths.
2. Cleaning of laneway.
3. Moving of a lamp standard.
4. The construction of a new entrance road to the estate.
5. Completion of the open space.
6. The carrying out of landscaping.



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Following further discussion it was agreed that the Commissioners would approach Dublin County Council for details of the present situation and ask them to revoke the bond so that the section of the estate of the present twenty-eight houses could be completed. It was also agreed to write to Stokes, Kennedy, Crowley asking for their intentions with regard to the Estate and to ask them to insure that the new entrance road would be constructed before any further development took place and further ask that house numbers one to ten be built in order that the present building programme could be finished.

ITEM 3:

Entrance to the Estate.

Following discussion it was agreed to ask the ESB to tidy up the area immediately outside the ESB station on Chapel Street and also to remove the high bank which is causing a traffic hazard.

J. Kennedy  
12/11/85



Minutes of Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on 8th October, 1985.

<u>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:</u> Davis, Joseph	Lawless, Stephen
Gallen, Patricia,	Purcell, Brian
Hamilton, Anthony	Murray, David
Kennedy, Jack	Tuite, Breige
Larkin, Jack P.C.,M.C.C.	

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P.A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology was received from Mr. G.W. Redmond, Asst. City + County Manager, for non- attendance.

At the outset, the Chairman and the other Commissioners welcomed Mr. David Murray, who was attending his first Commissioners Meeting.

ITEM 1:

Confirmation of Minutes.

- (a) The minutes of meeting held on 10/9/85 were read and confirmed.
- (b) The minutes of the adjourned September meeting held on the 24/9/85, were read and confirmed.

ITEM 2:

Matters arising out of the Minutes.

There was no business under this heading.

ITEM 3:

Applications for hire of hall.

The Commissioners approved the following applications:

- a. Community Games hire of hall on Thursday nights from 6-7p.m. from 10th October, 1985.
- b. Balrothery Football Club, hire of hall from 9-10.30p.m. on Friday nights from the 11th October, 1985.
- c. Town Twinning Association on Saturday 19th October, 1985 from 6.30-10.30p.m.

ITEM 4:

Correspondence.

- (a) Letter dated 12/9/85 from Confederation of Irish Industry, RE: Road Development was read and noted.
- (b) Letter dated 2/10/85 from Dublin County Council RE: Balbriggan Abattoir was read and it was agreed to write to Dublin County Council suggesting that the abattoir be used to extend the Fire Station, a copy of a planning refusal for proposed Slaughter House Balbriggan was also noted by the Commissioners.



- (c) Letter Dated 3/10/85 from Dublin County Council RE: Designated Casual Trading Area at Barnageeragh, was read. It was agreed to ask the County Council asking who had been granted the permit and also to inform them that the Commissioners still objected to the site. Commissioners Gallen and Larkin stated that they did not object to the siting of the Casual Trading Area at Barnageeragh.
- (d) Letter dated 7/10/85 from C.I.E., RE: Balbriggan Station, was read it was agreed to write to C.I.E. asking if they would carry out works to illeviate the water coming from the Convent Lane and also if they would install lights at the gates of the Station.
- (e) Letter dated 30/9/85 from An Garda Siochana, RE: Appointment of Ban-Garda was read and noted.
- (f) Letter dated 3/10/85 from Telecom Eireann, RE: Application for Telephone Kiosk at Pinewood Estate was read and noted.

ITEM 5:One-Way System.

Following discussion on the matter it was agreed to ask the Garda Commissioners to give consideration to providing one or more traffic-wardens in Balbriggan. It was further agreed to defer consideration of the One-Way system until a reply had been received from the Garda Commissioner and also from the Minister from the Environment concerning the Commissioners application for a traffic-warden.

ITEM 6:Motion from Commissioner Tuite, deferred from September meeting.

Following discussion it was agreed to further defer the motion until such time as a reply had been received from the Department of Foreign Affairs concerning the Departments views on stripe searching.

ITEM 7:Any Other Business;

- (a) In reply to the Chairman the Town Clerk informed the members that an amount of £12,000.00 was on deposit with Northern Bank Finance.
- (b) The Town Clerk presented a report which was noted by the Commissioners on the Tidy Towns First Work Project.
- (c) Letter dated 4/10/85, from C. McGoey, Area Co-ordinator, Maracycle was read and noted.
- (d) On the request of the Chairman it was agreed that local planning applications and decisions would be considered by the Commissioners at each meeting and that a list of these would be circulated prior to the meeting. On the proposal of Commissioner Gallen it was agreed



that the prizes for the Tidy Districts Competition would be presented at a small reception to be held by the Commissioners.

- (e) At the request of Commissioner Gallen it was agreed to request that the fencing around the Marina in the Harbour be removed.
- (f) The Town Clerk informed the members that the Boys Choir of Douai would present their concert in the cinema on the 26th July 1986. It was proposed by the chairman and seconded by the Vice-Chairman and agreed that the Commissioners would give and undertaken that the choir expenses would be paid.
- (g) At the request of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to ask the County Council that the Laneway at Hampton Mills be resurfaced.
- (h) At the request of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to again ask about a traffic-control at the Mill Pond Lane.
- (i) On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to ask the County Council to repair the hill from the bridge over the river at Clonard Court.
- (j) On proposal of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to ask the County Council to undertake works to prevent flooding in the laneway at Craoibhin Park. On proposal of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to ask the County Council to provide toilet facilities at the proposed Cricket Pitch behind the Church.
- (l) On the proposal of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to ask the County Council to cut the ditch at the top of the Glebe North Pitch at Bells Land.
- (n) On the request of Commissioner Larkin, it was agreed to contact the County Council concerning the stop-cock which had been buried in Fullam Tce, by Telecom Eireann.
- (n) On proposal of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to ask the County Council to cut the grass in back and front gardens in the flats in Chapel Street.
- (o) At the proposals of Commissioner Tuite it was agreed to ask the Dept. of Social Welfare to appoint a replacement for Mr. Halpin at the Employment Exchange to sign Social Welfare forms.
- (p) At the request of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to again write to Manpower concerning the provision of a local office in the Town.

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The meeting ended at 10.15 p.m.

*J. Kennedy 12/11/86*



Minutes of Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners, held on 12th November, 1985.

<u>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:</u> Davis, Joseph	Lawless, Stephen
Gallen, Patricia	Murray, David
Hamilton, Anthony,	Purcell, Brian
Kennedy, Jack,	Tuite, Breige
Larkin, Jack P.C.,M.C.C.	

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Patrick A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

The Chairman Commissioner Kennedy presided.

1. Confirmation of Minutes.

- a) The Minutes of the Fuel Scheme Committee held on 8/10/85 were read and confirmed.
- b) The Minutes of Deputations Meeting held on the 8/10/85 were read and confirmed.
- c) The Minutes of the October Meeting held on the 8/10/85 were read and confirmed.

2. Matters arising out of Minutes.

- a) The Town Clerk read a letter dated 7th November, 1985 from the E.S.B. which undertook to replace a section of the overhead 38KV line at Pineridge Estate, by underground cable. It was agreed to write back to the E.S.B. seeking clarification that a proportion of the cable be placed underground and also for their position concerning the pylon.
- b) It was also agreed to write to the Pineridge Liquidator, Mr. Declan Collins requesting that he attend a meeting with the Commissioners.
- c) Following discussion it was agreed that holders of annual events in the Town Hall, would be informed that it would no longer be possible to guarantee the availability of the hall, unless a prior booking had been received. In this regard, it was agreed to suggest that at least six months notice of the event must be given to the Commissioners.
- d) Letter dated 8th November, 1985 from Parks Department, Dublin County Council, concerning Parks matters was read and noted.
- e) The Town Clerk informed the members that no word had been received back from the Dept. of Social Welfare concerning the replacement of a person in the Employment Exchange to sign certificates and other documents. It was agreed to write again to the department.

3. Applications for hire of hall.

There was no new business under this heading.



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4. Correspondence.

- (a) Letter dated 3/10/85 from Eastern Health Board, RE: Health Centre was read and noted.
- (b) Letter dated 10/10/85 from United Towns Organisation, RE: International Conference on the Town and Peace was read and noted.
- (c) Letter dated 15/10/85 from Pineridge Residents Association, RE: ESB was read and noted.
- (d) Letter dated 18/10/85 from Dublin County Council, RE: Balbriggan Abattoir was read and noted.
- (e) Letter dated 21/10/85 from National Manpower, RE: Local Office was read and noted.
- (f) Letter dated 22/10/85 from Dublin County Council, RE: Verge and Hedge cutting was read and following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Purcell and seconded by Commissioner Davis, and agreed to ask the County Council to restructure the Departments, so that Grass cutting could be co-ordinated into one department and Hedge cutting into another.
- (g) Letter dated 22/10/85 from Dublin County Council, RE: Road Matters was read. It was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to have Millers Lane cleaned and to have the hedges cut.
- (h) Letter dated 23/10/85 from Dublin County Council RE: Stray Dog Problem was read. It was agreed to refer the matter to the I.S.P.C.A.
- (i) Letter dated from Dublin County Council RE: No Football Sign, was read and Noted.
- (j) Letter dated 15/10/85 from Save our Shoreline Committee, RE: Meeting was read and following discussion it was agreed to contact the I.A.R.S. concerning the type of tests needed and the costs. It was further agreed to meet the Save our Shoreline Committee as soon as possible and to write to the club seeking help towards the costs of the tests.
- (k) Letter dated 17/10/85 from Garda Siochana, RE: Traffic Warden was read and noted.
- (l) Letter dated 21/10/85 from Dublin Port and Docks Board RE: Fencing at Harbour. Following discussion it was agreed to write back to Dublin Port and Docks Board disagreeing their assessment of the situation and asking to have the fence which was erected in 1971 removed.
- (m) Letter dated 29/10/85 from Department of Foreign Affairs, RE: Strip Searching in Northern prisons was read. Following discussion Commissioner Tuite re-proposed her motion which had first been brought forward at the September, meeting was seconded by Commissioner Davis. Commissioner Gallen proposed that the matter be left with the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Department of Foreign Affairs to be dealt with, this was



seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Commissioners Gallen's motion was put before the members and following a vote it was carried by five votes to four. Commissioners Murray, Hamilton, Purcell, Gallen and Lawless voting in favour, the original motion was accordingly lost.

(n) Letter dated 30/10/85 from Dublin County Council, RE: Grass cutting was read and noted.

(o) Letter dated 30/10/85 from Dublin County Council, RE: Casual Trading Site was read. It was agreed to write back to the Council for clarification of what legal action was available to the Council concerning illegal parking on the site.

(p) Letter dated 30/10/85 from Dublin County Council, RE: Public Lighting was read. A List of defected Public Lights was given by the Commissioners. It was agreed to write in concerning them, it was also agreed to seek clarification where the new lights would be going in Convent Lane stressing the priority of the new entrance into the school.

(q) Letter dated 31/10/85 from Dublin County Council, RE: Covetown Flooding, was read and noted.

(r) Letter dated 8/11/85 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd., RE: Extraordinary General Meeting was read. It was agreed that Commissioner Kennedy would be the Commissioners nominee at the meeting.

5. Estimates 1986.

(a) Circular dated 1st November, 1985 from the Dept. of the Environment concerning local authority estimates 1986 was read. It was agreed to give consideration to making some provision for expenditure under the new programme of Travel and Subsistence outside the state. It was agreed to provisionally fix a date for the Estimates meeting at the 14th January '86 and for the Estimates Committee meeting for the 7th January '86

6. Commissioners consent to sale of premises was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the Commissioners consent be given to the sale of 5 Hampton Street, Balbriggan to Mr. John Donnelly of 23 High Street, Balbriggan.

7. Christmas Lighting 1986.

Following discussion it was agreed that the traders and business organisations in the town would be requested to contribute a minimum of £25.00 for 1986 lighting and that the Community organisations be asked to contribute a minimum of £20.00. A letter to this effect would be sent to all those involved and the Commissioners would call on the traders as a follow up to the letter. It was further agreed to have the matter included in the parish bulletin. It was agreed to consider the question



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of a town collection for 1987.

8. Tidy Districts Awards Presentations.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the 27th November, had originally been scheduled for the date for the awards. However, due to the visit of the Archbishop to the town the awards ceremony would have to be postponed. Following discussion it was agreed that the presentations would be held on Wednesday, 4th December, 1985 at 8.00p.m. in the Supperroom. The invitations list was presented by the Town Clerk, was approved with some additions. The members agreed to the holding of the A.G.M. of the Tidy Towns Committee on Monday 2nd December, 1985 at 8.30p.m. in the Commissioners Rooms.

9. Planning Applications for Balbriggan Area.

The Town Clerk presented a list of recent planning applications and decisions to the members. It was agreed to support the objections of Residents in relation to the proposed Amusement Centre in Station Street. It was further agreed to contact the Commissioners solicitor and ask him for his opinion concerning the implications of the Commissioners rescinding the 1956 Gaming and Lotteries Act as operated in Balbriggan.

10. Any Other Business.

(a) Commissioner Lawless stated that he was disappointed that the Chairman could not attend the reception for the launching of the Town Twinning Calendar. The Chairman stated that he had already apologised to the Secretary of the Town Twinning Assoc. for his non-attendance.

(b) On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite it was agreed to again contact the owner of the trees in the laneway beside Loughrey's house in Drogheda Street.

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The meeting ended at 11.00 p.m.

J. R. Kennedy  
10/12/85



Minutes of Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on the 10th December, 1985.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis, Joseph  
Gallen, Patricia  
Hamilton, Anthony  
Kennedy, Jack  
Lawless, Stephen  
Murray, David  
Purcell, Brian  
Tuite, Breige

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk

An apology was received from Mr. G. W. Redmond, Assistant City+County Manager.

1. Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November, 1985 were read and confirmed.

2. Matters arising out of Minutes.

1. In reply to Commissioner Davis, the Town Clerk informed the members that no word had yet been received from the Department of Social Welfare, concerning the Commissioners request for an official to sign forms in the Employment Exchange. It was agreed to write again to the department.

2. It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Murray and agreed that the Commissioners would object to the recent application lodged by Devesco Developments for a bungalow at Pineridge Estate.

3. Application for Hire of Hall.

The following applications for the Town Hall, Ballroom and/or Supper-room were approved by the Commissioners.

14/12/85 (SAT)	Hampton Cove Res. Assoc.	Dance	8.00pm.-12.00mn.	Ballroom
15/12/85 (SUN)	Bremore Residents Assoc.	Childrens Party	3.00pm.-6.00pm.	Supperroom
4/1/86 (SAT)	May Dillon	Class Feis	10.00am.-6.00pm	Ballroom
12/1/86 (SUN)	Scoil Rince Cualann	Dance Marathon	12.00-6.00p.m.	Ballroom
15/1/86 (WED)	Linda Fox	Tap Dancing	6.00pm. - 8.30pm.	Supperroom
15/1/86 (WED)	Town Twinning Association	Meeting	8.30pm.-10.30pm.	Supperroom
14/2/86 (FRI)	BreaHaway Festival	Dance (with Bar)	10.00pm.-2.00am.	Ballroom



206 22 & 23/2/86 (SAT & SUN)	Balbriggan Feis	Annual Feis	All Day	Ballroom
7/3/86	Breakaway Festival	Dance (with Bar)	10.00pm.-2.00am. (Prov.)	Ballroom

4. Correspondence.

- (a) Letter Dated 14/11/85 from E.S.B., RE: Pineridge Estate was read and noted.
- (b) Letter dated 26/11/85 from Stokes, Kennedy & Crowley & CO., RE: Pineridge Estate was read. It was agreed to write back requesting a meeting in the New Year, once Stokes, Kennedy & Crowley had clarified certain points that had been raised in the letter. It was further agreed to inform them of Planning Permission recently lodged by Devesco Developments.
- (c) Letter dated 8/11/85 from the Repeal Section 31 Committee, RE: Section 31 the Broadcasting Act was read. Following discussion it was agreed to defer the matter for consideration at the January meeting.
- (d) Letter dated 22/11/85 from Monaghan Urban District Council, RE: Old AGE Pensioners Christmas Bonus was read. Following discussion the following motion was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners condemn the reduction of the Old Age Pensioners Christmas Bonus and calls on the Minister of Social Welfare to reinstate the full Christmas bonus as a permanent measure.
- (e) Letter Dated 19/11/85 from Dublin County Council, RE: Public Lighting in the Church Carpark was read. Following discussion it was agreed to write back to the Council, informing that lighting was essential in the carpark and also on the roadway outside the carpark before a fatal accident occurred. It was also agreed to ask them to repair the pot-hole inside the carpark. It was agreed to address the letter to the County Manager on the matter of public safety.
- (f) Letter dated 21/11/85, from Dublin Port and Docks Board, RE: Marina at Harbour. Following discussion it was agreed to write to Mr. Ted Magee, Managing Director of Western Marine Ltd and also to Dublin Port and Docks Board concerning the matter. It was further agreed to request Dublin Port and Docks Board to install a light at the end of the South Pier in the interest of safety.
- (g) Letter dated 18/11/85 from Listowel Urban District Council, RE: Traffic ramps was read. Following discussion it was proposed by



- (g) Commissioner Gallen and seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed that the Commissioners would support the motion as set out in the letter.
- (h) Letter dated 3/12/85, from Dublin County Council, RE: Grass Cutting and Hedge Cutting in the Balbriggan Area was read and noted.
- (i) Letter dated 2/12/85 from Castlebar Urban District Council RE: Oireachtas Pension System was read. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, Seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed that the Commissioners would support the resolution as set out in the letter.
- (j) Letter dated 3/12/85 from Dublin County Council, RE: Casual Trading Area at Barnageeragh was read and noted.
- (k) Letter dated 18/11/85 from An Garda Siochana RE: Allocation of Ban Garda to Balbriggan was read and noted.
- (l) Letter dated 9/12/85 from Dublin Port and Docks Board, concerning Balbriggan Harbour was read and noted.
- (m) Letter dated 17/11/85 from Lambeecher Tenants Association, RE: Commissioners 125th Anniversary Variety Concert was read and noted.
- (n) Letter dated 5/12/85 from E.S.B. concerning Public Lighting was read and noted.
- (o) Letter dated 6/12/85 from Dublin County Council RE: Lighting in Cumisky's Lane it was agreed to contact the lighting engineer requesting to meet the commissioners, on site to discuss the problem.
- (p) Letter dated 6/12/85 from Dublin County Council, RE: Mill Pond Amenity Park was read. It was agreed to write to the parks Superintendent concerning the provision of public lighting in the park.
- (q) Letter dated 5/12/85 from Dublin County Council, RE: Millers Lane, was read and noted.
- (r) Letter from Cafferky, Creavin and Co. RE: Application under the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956 was read. It was agreed to hold a special meeting concerning the matter when the solicitors advises had been received.

5. Christmas Lighting.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Lights would be switched on at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 13th December, 1985. Following discussion it was agreed to obtain public collection license for the second two



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weeks in September to facilitate a town collection in support of 1986 lighting.

6. Any Other Business:

- A) The Town Clerk informed the members that it was envisaged that over-expenditure would occur for the Current Financial Year. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Lawless and AGREED that overexpenditure for the financial year ending 31st December, 1985 be approved as follows.  
(a) Fuel Scheme by £4,400 (b) Allotments by £90 and (c) General Expenses by £750.
- B) On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to write to Dublin Co. Council, concerning the nuisance being caused by one of the tenants of the Chapel Street flats.
- C) On the proposal of Commissioner Gallen, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to remove a tenant of Pinewood Estate to St. Pauls Crescent.
- D) On the proposal of Commissioner Purcell, it was agreed to write to Mr. T. Caffery congratulating him on winning the recent championship in table tennis.
- E) On proposal of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to consider the introduction of a Youth Sports Awards Scheme at the January Meeting
- F) The Chairman stated that he had received a letter from O'Dwyers F.C. concerning a High Court Case. The Town Clerk informed the members that the matter could not be discussed at the meeting because the matter was subjudice. He further informed the members that any discussion in the matter either at the meeting or privately, could leave them open to a charge of contempt of court and could also seriously prejudice the Commissioners case in the High Court.
- G) Commissioner Gallen asked if there was any indication of when the proposed Horticultural Project might be going ahead. The Town Clerk informed the members that ACOT had finally given their approval and that AnCo were now considering funding the project. A final decision would be taken by AnCo when they were considering their estimates in January.
- H) At the request of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to ask the Co. Council to fill in the pot-holes at the two sets of traffic lights in Drogheda Street.
- I) On proposal of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to ask the Co. Council to investigate the broken manhole cover in Drogheda Street.
- J) At the request of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council, to put a name plate at St. Pauls Crescent.

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The Meeting ended at 10.15p.m.

*Stephen Lawless*  
14-1-86



Minutes of Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners, held on 14th January, 1986.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis, Joseph, Lawless, Stephen  
 Gallen, Patricia Tuite, Bredge  
 Hamilton, Anthony <sup>MURRAY DAVID</sup>  
 Larkin, Jack P.C.,M.C.C. <sup>PURCELL BRIAN</sup>

An apology for non-attendance was received from the Chairman, Commissioner Kennedy.

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OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. G. W. Redmond, Asst. City+County Manager.

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The Vice-Chairman Commissioner Lawless presided in the absence of the Chairman.

1. Confirmation of Minutes.

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th December, 1985 were and confirmed.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes.

- (a) The members noted that Davesco had been given planning permission for a house at Tankardstown, Balbriggan, and the Town Clerk informed the members that the Statutory period now expired for appeals from Bord Pleanala. Following further discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioners Gallen and agreed, that the <sup>Town</sup> Clerk would immediately object to any further applications submitted on behalf of Davesco.
- (b) In reply to Commissioner Lawless, the Town Clerk informed the members that no word had yet been received in connection with the request for an official to attend at Balbriggan Labour Exchange to sign forms. It was agreed to write to the Minister of Social Welfare in this regard.
- (c) In reply to members the Town Clerk read a letter from Stokes, Kennedy, Crowley & Co., in connection with Pineridge Estate, Balbriggan. Following discussion it was agreed to ascertain the legal position in relation to the site at Tankardstown.



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- (d) In reply to Commissioner Gallen, the Town Clerk informed the members that he had received legal opinion from the Commissioners Law Agents in relation to the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956. He set out the procedures to be adopted in the event of the Commissioners deciding to rescind the resolution adopting Part Three of the Act. He further informed the members that the Commissioners Law Agents had indicated that no claim for compensation would be successful. Following discussion it was agreed to defer further consideration until the proposed new legislation was passed by the Dail.
- (e) In reply to Commissioner Lawless, The Town Clerk read a letter from Dublin County Council in connection with the Church car-park.
- (f) In reply to Commissioner Gallen, the Town Clerk read the letter from Dublin Port and Docks Board in connection with the Harbour. The letter was noted by the members. Commissioner Tuite stated that there was a new wreck on the Cardy Rock and it was agreed that she would ascertain the ownership of the vessel before any further action was taken.
- (g) In reply to Commissioner Gallen, the Town Clerk stated that AnCo would be finalising their estimates towards the end of January and they would then be in a position to indicate whether or not they could proceed with the proposed Horticultural Project.
- (h) Commissioner Davis Stated that the lights were still out in Curran Park and in response, Commissioner Larkin stated that the cable fault had been fixed and the ESB were now waiting to carry out work on the overhead lights.
- (i) In response to Commissioner Davis, the Town Clerk informed the members that the County Council Architect Department had indicated that they would be putting a temporary sign on St. Paul's Crescent, in the near future.
- (j) Mr. Davis stated that there have been complaints concerning the high footpath at the Courthouse and also concerning the ramps in various parts of the Town. It was agreed to write to Dublin County Council asking them to install a ramp on the footpath of the Courthouse and also to lay out remedial works on the existing ramps



3. Applications for Hire of Hall.

The following applications were approved by the Commissioners.

- (a) Application from May Dillon McAleer, to hold her Irish Dancing Classes on Friday evenings in the Town Hall, from 3.30p.m. to 5.30p.m.
- (b) Application from P. White to hold a Karate Exhibition on the second February, 1986 in the Town Hall at 4.00p.m.

4. Correspondence.

- (a) Letter dated 9th December, 1985 from Dun Laoghaire Corporation, RE: Sellafeld Nuclear Processing Plant was read. Following discussion the motion contained in the letter was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed by the members.
- (b) Letter dated 11th December, 1985 from Dublin County Council, RE: mill Pond Amenity Park was read. It was noted that the matter had been included in the forthcoming deputations to Dublin County Council.
- (c) Letter dated 17th December, 1985 from Killarney Urban District Council, RE: release of prisoners in Northern Irish jails was read. Following discussion it was agreed to write to Killarney Urban District Council for clarification of their letter.
- (d) Letter dated 18th December, 1985 from Chief Executive ESB, RE: 38 KVline at Pineridge Estate, was read. The Commissioners noted that the present overhead line through the Estate would be placed underground and the steel pylon would be moved from its present position to a position which was outside the Estate itself.
- (e) Letter from the Public Institute of Administration. RE: one day seminar for newly elected representatives was read. It was agreed to defer the matter for consideration until the February meeting.
- (f) Letter dated 6th January, 1986 from Minister of the Environment, RE: Traffic ramps in housing Estates was read and noted.
- (g) Acknowledgement letter dated 6th January, 1986 from Tommy Caffery, RE: his Table Tennis Championship win was read and noted.
- (h) Letter received 13th January, 1986 from the Repeal Section 31 Committee, RE: Repeal of Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act was read. Following discussion it was agreed to defer consideration of the letter until the February meeting, when a copy of the Broadcasting Act would have been issued to each member.



- (i) Acknowledgement letter dated 18th January, 1986 from Minister for Social Welfare, RE: Old=Age Pensioners Christmas Bonus.
- (j) Acknowledgement letter dated 18th January, 1986 from the Office of the Taoiseach, RE; resolution concerning Dail pensions was read and noted.

5. Christmas Lighting, 1985

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Town Decoration Committee had a deficit of £864.50 in respect, of the 1985 Christmas Lighting. Following discussion it was agreed to defer the matter to the February meeting for consideration. It was further agreed to Mr. Maurice Pratt of Quinnsworth requesting a subscription from the company.

6. St. Patrick's Day Parade, 1986.

It was proposed by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Murray and agreed that the format of the 1985 parade would be followed and the starting time would be as 1985, that is 3.00p.m. in the afternoon.

7. Fixing of date for Estimates Committee meeting and Annual Estimates Meeting.

Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Davis and agreed that the Estimates Committee meeting would be held on 23rd January, 1986 at 8.00 O'Clock and the Annual Estimates meeting would be held on the 30th January, 1986 at 6.00p.m.

8. Deputation to Dublin County Council.

- (a) The agenda submitted by the Town Clerk was agreed by the members.

AGENDA:

1. Discussion on Balbriggan Sewerage System.
2. Bremore Court,
  - (a) Fencing of river,
  - (b) Flooding of roadways.
3. General road and footpath repairs.
4. Pinewood Estate,
  - (a) provision of open space.
  - (b) provision of additional housing.
5. Public Lighting.
  - (a) provision of lighting at,
    - (i) Church Car-park.
    - (ii) Cumiskey's Lane.
    - (iii) Mill Pond Amenity Park.
  - (b) General maintenance e.g. Main Street.



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(b) It was agreed that the Commissioner Gallen, Lawless, Murray and Davis and any other Commissioner would wish to attend the Deputations meeting in the Council Chamber, in O'Connell St., on Friday, 17th January, 1986 at 12.00 noon. It was further agreed that Item 1 would be commenced by Commissioner Gallen Item 2, by Commissioner Davis, Item 3 by Commissioner Lawless, Item 4, by Commissioner Davis and Item 5, by Commissioner Murray. Other Commissioners could contribute if they so wished. Following further discussion it was agreed to operate a rota basis to ensure that at least three members of the Commissioners attending each deputation. The following groups were proposed by Commissioner Lawless, Seconded by Commissioner Larkin and agreed.

Group A: Commissioners Gallen, Murray & Davis.

Group B: Commissioners Purcell, Hamilton & Lawless.

Group C: Commissioners Kennedy, Tuite & Larkin.

It was further resolved that if any member could not make a particular deputation that he/she would be obliged to find a substitute. It was further agreed that other Commissioners could attend a deputation if they so wished.

9. Youth Sports Awards Scheme.

Following discussion the following general principal of the scheme was provisionally agreed to encourage youth endeavour in amateur sport at all levels and offices and to recognise substantial achievements or outstanding qualities in the individual participant. It was agreed that this basic principal would form the basis for further discussion and it was further agreed to defer the matter to the February meeting for consideration.

10. Other Business.

- (a) At the request of Commissioner Lawless it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to rebuild the wall in the mini-bus car-park at the Church.
- (b) At the request of Commissioner Hamilton, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to arrange to have the car-park cleaned.
- (c) At the request of Commissioner Murray, it was agreed to ask Quinnsnorth to use the roof-top goods entrance and avoid using the one in Quay St.,
- (d) At the request of Commissioner Gallen, it was agreed to meet with the Save our Shores Committee on Tuesday, 4th February, 1986 at 8.00p.m. in the Commissioners Rooms.



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- (e) At the request of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council for a yellow box to be put on the road at the entrance to Lambreecher Housing Estate, in order to alleviate delays.
- (f) At the request of Commissioner Lawless, it was agreed to write to the County Manager concerning the removal of the seats on the Square.
- (g) It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Murray and agreed that the two acres of land leased from Dublin County Council in 1985 for allotments would be leased again in 1986 and the allotments scheme would be similar to that operated in 1985.
- (h) It was proposed by commissioners Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Purcell and agreed, that the annual beach clean-up would be held on Saturday, 24th May 1986 at 9.30p.m. The beach clean-up would be held in conjunction with the Tidy Towns Committee. It was further agreed to request Dublin County Council to give a sum of to the Commissioners, in order to carry out Environmental Works.
- (i) It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the Balbriggan Tidy Districts Competition would be held again in 1986 and that the categories would be similar to those in 1985. It was further agreed to give consideration to the use of perpetual trophies in 1986. On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless, a vote was passed wishing the Chairman a speedy recovery to health.

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The meeting concluded at 10.45p.m.

J. Kennedy  
11/2/86



Minutes of Special Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held in  
the Council Chamber, 46/49 Upper O'Connell St., Dublin 1 on 17th  
January, 1986 at 1.00 p.m.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis, Joseph, Larkin, Jack P.C., M.C.  
Gallen, Patricia, Lawless, Stephen.  
Murray, David,

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OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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In the absence of the Chairman Commissioner Kennedy, the meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Lawless.

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It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Davis and agreed that the Statutory Estimates Meeting would be held on Wednesday, 29th January, 1986 at 6.30 p.m. instead of Thursday, 30th January, 1986 as previously agreed.

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The Meeting concluded at 1.10 p.m.

*J Kennedy*  
*11/2/86*



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Minutes of Meeting of Estimates Committee of the Balbriggan Town  
Commissioners, held on 23rd January, 1986.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:     Davis, Joseph,     /

                                  Larkin, Jack.

                                  Purcell, Brian.

Apologies for non-attendance was received from the Chairman, Commissioner Kennedy.

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OFFICIALS PRESENT:   P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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In the absence of the Chairman, Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Purcell chaired the meeting.

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Following consideration of the estimates, as presented by the Town Clerk, it was proposed by Commissioner Purcell, seconded by Commissioner Larkin and agreed that the Estimates as presented, be recommended to the Commissioners for adoption.

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The meeting concluded at 9.25 p.m.

J. Kennedy 11/2/86



Minutes of Estimates Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on  
29th January, 1986 at 6.30 p.m.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Hamilton, Anthony  
Lawless, Stephen  
Murray, David  
Tuite, Bredge

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioners Davis,  
Gallen, Kennedy and Purcell.

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OFFICIALS PRESENT: G. W. Redmond, Asst. City+County Manager.  
Patrick A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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In the absence of the Chairman Commissioner Kennedy, the Vice-Chairman  
Commissioner Lawless presided.

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At the outset of the meeting the Chairman proposed votes of sympathy  
which were passed unanimously to Commissioner Davis on the death of  
his brother-in-law and to Commissioner Purcell on the death of his  
Aunt. A minutes silence for prayer was observed.

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Estimates of Expenses 1986.

Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded  
by Commissioner Tuite and AGREED that the Estimate of Expenses for the  
financial year ending 31st December, 1986 as recommended by the Estimates  
Committee, be adopted and that a demand in the sum of £16,300 be sent to  
Dublin County Council.

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Meeting with Local Boy Scouts.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 27/1/86 from the Boy Scouts and it  
was agreed to meet with them at 7.00p.m. on 11/2/86 prior to the  
February meeting.

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The meeting concluded at 6.50 p.m.

*J. Kennedy 11/2/86*



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Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners and Save Our Shoreline Committee, held on 4th February, 1986 at 8.00p.m. in the Commissioners Rooms.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Hamilton, Anthony  
Gallen, Patricia  
Murray, David  
Purcell, Brian  
Tuite, Bredge.

SAVE OUR SHORELINE COMMITTEE: Barry Cahill, Olwyn Puirseil, Ann Cullen  
Gerry Byrne and T. Sargent.

FINGAL INDEPENDENT: Austin Kenny

Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Chairman, Commissioner Jack Kennedy and Town Clerk, Patrick A. Gibbons.

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Commissioner Brian Purcell chaired the meeting.

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1. Barry Cahill, Chairman of Save Our Shoreline Committee opened the meeting by outlining the Committees work to date. They are awaiting a comprehensive report from an Engineer and as soon as this is to hand, a Public Meeting would be called.

Commissioner Hamilton asked if any of our public representatives had involved themselves in this issue. Olwyn Purseil stated that both Councillor Owen and Boland had been pressing matters, at Dublin County Council, on the Committees behalf. Letters were read from the above named.

2. Gerry Byrne explained the E.H.B. report of 27/5/85 - 30/9/85 in detail. He advised of 'Guide Lines' required by the EEC and Dept. of Environment and noted that in quite a few cases, these 'Guide Lines' had been breached.

Commissioner Gallen related the Commissioners Deputation to Dublin County Council on Friday, 17th January, 1986 relating to this matter. There were several questions left unanswered by the County Council. She noted that the County Council were to forward details of the following in writing:-

- (1) Weather conditions and tides when tests were taken.
- (2) Report on what the "T" sign appearing throughout E.H.B. report signifies.
- (3) Detailed report on each sample taken throughout the report.



(4) Reasons why 'Guide Lines' were exceeded and ignored.

Mr. Mc Donnell - Dublin County Council- was to forward these reports immediately, to date not to hand.

She also pointed out that the County Council stated that samples were taken from 8 points between Bath Rd and Barnageeragh. Only 3 of the 8 points appear on the E.H.B. Report.

The meeting felt very dissatisfied with the Councils lack of co-operation. Commissioner Gallen felt the whole problem was been handled with disinterest by the County Council and felt that there was a 'Cover Up' by the County Council of the very dangerous situation that exists in Balbriggan, regarding the Sewerage System.

It was noted that the pumps are in operation twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week and that Holding Tanks do not operate.

Commissioner Purcell stated that it is quite evident that a serious problem is at hand and stated that at Seapoint, at his own home, raw sewerage was seen. O. Puirseil added that Hampton Cove Residents Association called on the County Council to remove raw sewerage from the Main Road on the Estate recently. This was attended to very promptly.

It was decided that, through the Commissioners Reports from the Health Board, etc., in this matter, should be forwarded to them as a matter of course. This is to be referred to next Town Commissioners meeting.

Reference was made to Fingal District Committee Report 27/1/86. It was decided that the County Council issue a fully comprehensive report to the Commissioners RE: the tests and samples being taken by Eastern Health Board.

3. The question of prosecuting the County Council by the Town Commissioners was discussed and will be referred to next Town Commissioners meeting.
4. The question of objecting to Planning Applications was discussed, Commissioners informed the Save Our Shoreline Committee that they had agreed to object to applications where sewerage was involved. Save Our Shoreline advised that their Committee were split on this issue.
5. Save Our Shoreline advised that the only finance they required was for post and photo-copying.



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Commissioner Gallen advised that I.I.R.S. would be carrying out tests at a cost of £5000 approximatedly and that Commissioners would have to guarantee this sum and all help on raising such funds would be welcomed.

Town Commissioners to come back to Save Our Shoreline on this matter, following next Town Commissioners meeting.

- 6. It was agreed to contact An Foras Forbartha regarding the extending of Dublin Bay survey to include Balbriggan. Refer to Town Commissioner meeting and perhaps some political assistance would be helpful. Save Our Shoreline Committee will keep Town Commissioners informed of all developments in this matter.
- 7. It was again noted that a Public meeting would be called, as soon as some positive facts, are to hand.
- 8. Future involvement in Environmental Projects were discussed in detail and the involvement of Environmental Groups such as An Taisce, I.C.A., Flower Show Groups, Tidy Towns etc. this, the meeting felt, would be a great boost to the town. Commissioner Tuite advised that 2nd Class in Loreto Convent were looking for a project to enter the Y.S.A. for next year, it was decided that the Convent should be approached in this regard.

Gerry Byrne felt that an awful lot of interest would be forthcoming in the "Projects" area.

Commissioner Hamilton felt that the Town Commissioners should support such projects with trophy's and the like.

Commissioner Tuite congratulated the Save Our Shoreline Committee on their good work to date and hoped that their efforts would not go un-noticed.

Commissioner Murray associated himself with these remarks.

Commissioner Gallen suggested that the Save Our Shoreline Committee, contact the Town Clerk as Chairman of Tidy Towns and work on a suitable project.

O. Puirseil asked that a list of telephone numbers of the relevant departments of the County Council be made available to the Save Our Shoreline Committee.

Commissioner Purcell thanked all concerned for the work done to date and assured the meeting that SOS would get the full support and backing from the Commissioners and that all matters discussed would be brought before the Commissioners meeting on 11/2/86

The meeting concluded at 9.45 p.m.

Jack Kennedy 11/3/86

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Minutes of Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners, held on the 11th February, 1986 at 7.00 p.m.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis, Joseph  
 Gallen, Patricia  
 Hamilton, Anthony  
 Lawless, Stephen  
 Kennedy, Jack  
 Murray, David  
 Purcell, Brian  
 Tuite, Bredge,

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OFFICIALS PRESENT: Patrick A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. G.W. Redmond, Asst. City & County Manager.

7.00 p.m. : Deputation from Balbriggan Boy Scouts.

The Deputation consisted of Edward D'arcy, Philip Gilsenan, Maura Geraghty. Mr. D'Arcy read the following submission to the Commissioners concerning the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

We, as a Unit in C.B.S.I., read in the Drogheda Independent, 2 weeks ago that the S. Patrick's Day Parade is to take place at 3.00 p.m. Last year after a discussion with the Town Clerk, although we were far from happy with the arrangement we decided to take part in the Parade. While our Scout Unit and Girl Guide Company provided 90% of the parade our representatives were not on the platform at the finish of the parade so as to make room for the T.D.s., Colrs. etc.

The Parade in fact turned out to be a political rally.

This year there was no meeting of groups wishing to take part in the parade. For 54 years the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides have held a St. Patricks Day Parade, after Church Parade - Hail, Rain or Snow, and I might add we never missed a year in the history of our organisation.

Our main objection comes from our leaders who claim that 3 0'clock in the afternoon is much too late.

Our Church Parade is at 10.00 a.m. and our Parade always took place immediately afterwards. Most of these Children are young and marching in uniform can be very cold. Our boys assemble at 9 am for 10o'clock Mass if they have to return out for 3 0'clock it makes for 8 or 9 hours, also parents want to go away in the afternoon and most of the leaders are themselves parents who as you know give generously of their time not only on St. Patrick's Day but right through the year.

Last year's parade never got a mention on either radio or T.V. - Why - perhaps because the ones covered by T.V. were Morning Parades.

As I remeber too, last year we stood in the cold for ¾ of an hour



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waiting for the parade to get off to a start.

As you know Balbriggan Boy Scouts and Girl Guides have been co-operative in every venture in Balbriggan, We have helped out on many occasions and are always willing to take part in any parades in the town and do our very best to be agreeable but in this I feel we are justified in making a request for the time of the parade to be changed back to 11 a.m. or 11.30 a.m.

I wonder if the shoe was on the other foot, would the Town Commissioners change our parade of 54 years standing to suit a group who only recently became interested in a St. Pats Parade.

~~Maura Geraghty~~ Piffa .

Maura Geraghty added that the route of the parade should be changed to include Clonard Street and Chapel Street. Following discussion the Chairman thanked the Deputation for attending and assured them that the matter would be fully discussed by the Commissioners when the item had been reached on the agenda. The deputation members left the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

7.30 p.m. : Monthly Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners

At the outset, the Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to Mr. Anthony Hamilton, on the recent death of his niece and the members observed a minutes silence.

1. Confirmation of Minutes:

- (a) Minutes of monthly meeting held on the 14th January, 1986 were read and following an alternation to include Commissioner Murray and Purcell on the attendance list, the minutes were confirmed.
- (b) Minutes of Special Meeting Held on 17/1/86 were read and confirmed.
- (c) Minutes of Estimates Committee Meeting held on the 23/1/86 were read and noted.
- (d) Minutes of Statutory Estimates Meeting held on the 29/1/86 were read and noted.

2. Matters arising out of Minutes:

In reply to Commissioner Lawless the Town Clerk informed the members that an acknowledgement had been received from the Minister of Social Welfare concerning the Commissioners request for the employment of an official in the Employment Exchange to sign forms



- (b) In reply to Commissioner Davis the Town Clerk informed the members that no reply had yet been received concerning <sup>W. L. O'Leary</sup> ~~traffic~~ ramps in the town. It was agreed to write again to the County Council.
- (c) In reply to Commissioner Gallen, the Town Clerk informed the members that he was hoping to hear within the next two weeks from AnCo concerning the proposed Horticultural Project. It was agreed that a special meeting would be called when a reply had been received from AnCo.
- (d) On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to again write to Manpower concerning the proposed local office in Balbriggan.
- (e) In reply to Commissioner Davis, the Town Clerk informed the members that no reply had yet been received concerning the Commissioners request for the yellow box junction at the entrance to Lambeecher Estate.
- (f) In reply to Commissioner Lawless, the Town Clerk informed the members that the seats would be replaced at the Courthouse.
- (g) In reply to Commissioner Lawless, the Town Clerk informed the members that no reply had been received concerning the replacement of the wall in the church car-park.
- (h) In response to Commissioner Purcell and Commissioner Tuite concerning blockages in Drains the Town Clerk read the County Council guidelines concerning the clearing of blocked drains. Following discussion it was agreed to ascertain if a private individual could prosecute Dublin County Council in the event of a sewerage system being faulty. It was also agreed to write to the County Manager asking that arrangements be made for the payment of drain clearance charges at Balbriggan Town Hall.
- (i) Commissioner Murray informed the members that he was at present carrying out a market survey pilot study on the Balbriggan Town Commissioners and he would let them have the results in due course.
- (j) In reply to Commissioner Hamilton, the Town Clerk informed the members that no reply had yet been received concerning the cleaning of the Church Car-Park.

3. Applications for Hire of Hall:

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Vice-Chairman and agreed that the Hall should be made available to the Blood Transfusion Service Board, on the 2/3/4th April, 1986.



4. Correspondence:

- (a) Letter dated 13/1/86 from the Repeal Section 31 Committee, RE: Repeal of section 31 of the Broadcasting Act, was read. Following discussion the following motion was proposed by the Repeal Section 31 Committee was proposed by Commissioner Tuite seconded by Commissioner Davis; that this Councils calls for the Repeal of section 31 of the Broadcasting Act and urges the Minister for Communication not to renew the current order made under this section when it expires in January, 1986 because it prohibits free speech, denies the public the basic civil liberty - the right to know and undermines confidence in the public broadcasting service." It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen seconded by Commissioner Purcell that the Commissioners agree to the retention of Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act. It was agreed to take the second motion first and following a vote it was approved by 5 votes to 3. Commissioners Gallen, Purcell, Hamilton, Lawless and Murray voted for the proposal and Commissioner Tuite, Davis and Kennedy voted against the motion.
- (b) Letter dated 17/12/85 from Kilkenny Urban District Council, RE: Release of prisoners in Northern Ireland Jails was read. It was agreed to note the letter subject to further correspondence from Killarney Urban District Council.
- (c) Letter dated 10/1/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Mill Pond Amenity Park was read and noted.
- (d) Letter dated 13/1/86 from Minister of Social Welfare RE: Old Age Pensioners Christmas Bonus was read. On the proposal of Commissioner Purcell, seconded by Commissioner Lawless it was agreed to again request the Minister to replace the Christmas Bonus in full in 1986.
- (e) Letter dated 13/1/86 from Minister of the Public Service RE: Dail Pensions was read and noted.
- (f) Letter dated 23/1/86 from ESB. RE; Public Lighting, was read and noted.
- (g) Letter received 23/1/86 from Nuclear Free Zones Committee, RE; Conference was read and noted.
- (h) Letter dated 7/1/86 from Quinnswoth RE: Parking and Deliveries was read. It was agreed if no contact had been received from Quinnswoth within a month, a reminder would be sent. It was also agreed to discuss with Quinnswoth representative the possible widening of the gates at Quinnswoth - Quay Street.



Also the possibility of lorries queueing at the far end of Quay Street. It was further agreed to contact the owner of the Shopping Centre concerning the sloping of the entrance at High Street it was also agreed to contact Dublin County Council concerning the possible dangerous wall attached to the Shopping Centre. It was further agreed to ask the County Council to examine the wooden span holding up the ~~Smyco~~ Bridge as it appears to be rotten.

- (i) Letter dated 28/1/86 from Eastern Health Board RE: Health Centre. It was agreed to again write to them pointing out the adverse publicity which the Health Centre had received and asking them to consider the possibility of replacing the wooden boundary fence with a red bricked wall.
- (j) Letter dated 30/1/86 from Minister for Foreign Affairs re: Sellafield was read. On the proposal of Commissioner Murray seconded by Commissioner Purcell it was agreed to write back to the Minister asking that he should press <sup>for</sup> the complete stopping of nuclear discharge from the plant.
- (k) Letter dated 29/1/86 from Dublin County Council. RE: Church Car-Park was read and noted.
- (l) Christmas cards and greetings received from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Plerin were read and noted.
- (m) Letter dated 27/1/86 from Dublin Port and Docks Board, RE: Marina at Balbriggan Harbour, was read and it was agreed to investigate whether the area had been cleaned.
- (n) Letter dated 5/2/86 from Cork County Borough Council containing text ~~of~~ resolution was read. Following discussion the following motion was proposed by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed "That Balbriggan Town Commissioners congratulates workers in Henry St., Dublin who have now been on strike for over 18 months following the suspension of a colleague for refusing to handle South African products, commends their principled action which has greatly increased public awareness of the evils of the South African system of apartheid; calls on the Dunnes Stores Management to respect the conscientious objection of its staff members to handling South African products, and to recognise the courageous stand of the strikers by campaigning within all private and public bodies on which the Commissioners are re presented against the purchase of South African Goods.



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It was further resolved that a copy of the Commissioner proposals be sent to the Dunnes Stores Strikers and Dunnes Stores Management".

- (o) Letter dated 5/2/86 from Castlebar Urban District Council containing text of resolution, was discussed and following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, Seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that the Commissioner would support the resolution as set out. "That this Council calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs to continue through whatever Channels are available to him, calling on the British Government to discontinue the Diplock Courts and supergrass trials in the North of Ireland which are so repugnant to all people.
- (p) Letter dated 5/2/86 from the Minister for the Environment, enclosing copy of the letter from him to the Association of Municipal Authorities concerning revised rates of annual subscriptions to the Association was read. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Lawless, and agreed that the Commissioners would pay the revised sum of £84.00 in 1986.

5. List of Planning Applications for Balbriggan Area:

Following discussion it was agreed to object to an extension at the rear of the Northern Bank Balbriggan IF such an extension incorporates extra sewerage facilities and also to object to the erection of two bungalows at Balrothery, Balbriggan. It was further agreed to endeavour to obtain a copy of the planning permissions for the Shopping Centre Complex and adjacent shopping areas.

6. Auditors Report for years ending 31/12/83 & 31/12/84:

The Report of the Local Government Auditor for the financial years ended 31/12/83 & 31/12/84 which had been circulated were noted, by the Commissioners.

7. Renovation work on Bandroom and Commercial Club:

The Town Clerk informed the members that it was hoped to commence work on the renovation of the Bandroom and Commercial Club within the next few weeks and that AnCo had agreed to undertake the work as a Community Youth Training Project.



8. Report on Deputation to Dublin County Council:

A Report on the proceeding of the Deputations Meeting on the 20/1/86 was given by the members who attended the Deputation. It was agreed that the Agenda for the next Deputation would be considered at the March Meeting.

9. Report on Meeting With Save Our Shoreline Committee:

Commissioner Purcell who chaired the meeting and Commissioner Gallen gave a report to the Commissioners on the proceedings of the meeting. It was agreed that the Minutes and other relevant correspondence would be circulated to the members. Following discussion it was also agreed that the Commissioners would ask Dublin County Council for copies of any further reports on the sewerage system they received. It was also agreed to write to An Foras Forbatha asking them to include Balbriggan in their Dublin Bay survey and it was also stated that should any students in the town be willing to undertake a project in connection with the sewerage system that as much help as possible would be given to them to information. It was also agreed to ask Dublin County Council to clean the beach at the bottom of the Hampton Cove Stairway.

10. Seminar for Newly Elected Representatives:

It was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Purcell and agreed that Commissioners Tuite, Davis and Lawless would attend the seminar on the 22/2/86. It was agreed to defer a circular received on 10/2/86 concerning the local authority members association conference in Clare to the March meeting.

11. St. Patrick's Day Parade, 1986.

Following discussion the following report was noted and agreed .

(a) Parade Preparations:

The parade preparations are continuing and all organisations have been requested to take part. Details concerning the time and route will be sent to all participants during the coming week. To date, the following groups have indicated that they will be participating.

1. Balbriggan Girl Guides.
2. Fancourt Heights Residents Association.
3. Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band.
4. Irish Red Cross Society.
5. Balbriggan Community Pre-School Playgroup
6. Scoil Rince Cualann.



The Girl Guides have offered to decorate the review stand again this year.

(b) Appointment of Parade Marshall:

For discussion at Commissioners Meeting.

(c) Route: ( agreed January Meeting )

(i) Assembly - Craoibhin Park.

(ii) Route: Craoibhin Park - Hampton Street - The Square (past the review stand) - Bridge St - Clonard Street - Fullam Street - Chapel Street - Drogheda Street to Lambeecher estate - return by Main Street - Quay Street - finish in Town Centre Park.

(d) Starting Time: ( agreed January Meeting )

The parade will commence at 3.00 p.m. Participating groups will assemble between 2.30 p.m. and 2.45 p.m.

(e) General Matters:

(i) The Chairman will take salute on the review stand at the Square.

(ii) There will be short selected speeches in the Town Centre Park, by the Chairman, The Minister for the Public Service and the Chairman of Dublin County Council.

(iii) Participating bands will play and the Brass & Reed Band will finish with the National Anthem. Groups will then disperse.

(iv) Floats and Motorised participants will by pass Quay Street and continue up the Main Street to disperse.

(f) Review Stand Invitation List:

Commissioner Jack Kennedy

Commissioner Stephen Lawless

Commissioner David Murray

Commissioner Joseph Davis

Commissioner Jack Larkin, P.C., M.C.C.

Commissioner Anthony Hamilton

Commissioner Brian Purcell

Commissioner Patricia Gallen

Commissioner Bredge Tuite.

Patrick Gibbons, Town Clerk

G.W. Redmond, Asst. City & County Manager

Mr. Ray Burke, T.D., M.C.C., Chairman of Dublin County Council.

Mr. John Boland T.D., Minister for the Public Service

Mr. Cathal Boland M.C.C.

Mr. Jim Geraghty, M.C.C.

Mr. John Gilbride, M.C.C.

Mr. Ken Farrell, M.C.C.



- Mrs. NORA OWEN T.O. M.C.C.
- District Justice
- Mr. Alex McAuley, Manager Northern Bank
- Supt. Stephen Faughan
- O/C No. 2 Support Wing, Cormanston Camp
- Balbriggan Fire Officer
- Representative of Boy Scouts
- Representative of Girl Guides
- Representative of Red Cross
- Representative of Order of Malta
- REV. Fr. James O'Sullivan P.P.
- REV. Cecil Mills
- Michael Brady.

It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless and seconded by Commissioner Purcell and agreed that the Town Clerk would be Chief Steward at the Parade. It was further proposed by Commissioner Murray, seconded by Commissioner Tuite that from 1987 the position of Parade Marshall would be an honorary one, which would recognise the achievements of a particular person in the town.

12. Youth Sports Awards Scheme:

This item was deferred to the March Meeting.

13. Christmas Lighting 1985/1986

This item was deferred to the March 1986 Meeting.

14. Any Other Business:

A) On the proposal of Commissioner Murray it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to examine the possibility of erecting a footbridge over the railway line from Fancourt Heights. It was also agreed to ask them to consider the widening of the footpath on the townside of the County Bridge.

B) It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite seconded by Commissioner Purcell and resolved that the Balbriggan Town Commissioner condemn the closing of Careysfort College, by the Minister for Education, Mrs. Gemma Hussey.

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The Meeting concluded at 11.05 p.m.

JACK KENNEDY 11/3/86



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Minutes of Special Meeting of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on 6th March, 1986.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:      Gallen Patricia                      Tuite Bredge  
    Hamilton Anthony  
    Kennedy Jack  
    Lawless Stephen  
    Purcell Brian

An apology for non attendance was received from Commissioner Davis.

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- A) At the outset of the meeting on the proposal of Commissioner Gallen, a vote of sympathy was passed to the Town Clerk and his family on the recent death of his cousin. A vote of congratulation was passed to John O'Leary on been chosen as captain of the Dublin team and been awarded the February B&I award.
  - B) It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Vice-Chairman and agreed that the necessary finance ( approximately £170.00 ) should have been available to enable the Town Clerk to attend the Annual Town Clerk Seminar in Galway from the 18th to 20th March, 1986.

1. Horticultual Project:

The Town Clerk informed the members that AnCò had agreed to fund the project and they were waiting word from the Commissioners. It was agreed that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Town Clerk meet with the Chairman of Wavin as soon as possible when it had been confirmed that the land was still available.

2. Proposed Disposal of Asbestos and Other Waste in Co. Dublin:

Correspondence was read from a resident of Lusk and from an Taisce concerning the proposed disposal of Asbestos and other toxic waste in the Ballealy tiphead. Following discussion, it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed that the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on Dublin County Council not to dispose of Asbestos and other toxic waste in tipheads such as that located at Ballealy, but in non-populated areas in sealed pits,

3. Balbriggan Sewerage System:

It was agreed to defer this matter to the March meeting on the 11th March, 1986.



4. Commissioners Consent to Sale of Property:

Following the reading of a report by the Town Clerk, it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed that the Commissioners consent would be given to the sale of the lease of Whites Shop, from the present owners Philipa and Bernard White to Mrs. Marcella Candon.

5. Proposed One-Way System:

Letter from the local Gardai was read concerning the proposed One-Way System. Commissioners agreed to two of the proposals contained in it and asked for deferring of one and clarification of another to the March meeting on the 11th March, 1986.

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The meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.

*J. Kennedy*  
*8/4/86*







4. Correspondence:

- (a) Letter dated February, 1986 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd., RE: General Meeting was read and it was agreed (proposed by Commissioner Purcell, seconded by Commissioner Gallen) that the Chairman would be the Commissioners Nominee at this meeting and future meetings and in his absence the Vice-Chairman.
- (b) Letter dated 13/2/86 from Droichead Nua Town Commissioners, RE: Canvassing and Polling Day was read. It was proposed by Commissioner Davis that the Commissioners agree with the suspension of Canvassing on polling days as requested in the letter. Following discussion there was no seconder and the other members were not in agreement.
- (c) Letter dated 13/2/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Church Car-park, was read and noted.
- (d) Letter dated 13/2/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Wheel-Chair ramps in the town was read and noted.
- (e) Letter dated 19/2/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Various road matters, was read and it was agreed to write back to the County Council concerning the flooding in the laneway at Craoibhin Park.
- (f) Letter dated 3/3/86 from Dublin East Tourism requesting the Commissioners to become a member of the body was read. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Lawless that the Commissioners should become members of the Tourism Organisation and pay the sum of sixty pounds in respect of membership fee for 1986.
- (g) Letter dated 4/2/86 from National Manpower Service, Concerning the opening of their new office in Swords was read and noted.
- (h) Letter dated 6/3/86 from Minister for Social Welfare concerning the replacement of the departments local agent for the Balbriggan area was read. It was agreed to write back to the Minister seeking clarification on the powers and duties of the proposed Sickness Visitor.
- (i) Letter dated 6/3/86 from Minister for the Environment, RE: Bye-Laws was read and noted.
- (j) Letter dated 24/2/86 from Minister for Education, RE: Closure of Carlsfort College of Education was read and noted.
- (l) Letter dated 25/2/86 from Minister for Foreign Affairs, RE: Diplock Courts and Supergrass Trials was read and noted.



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- (m) Letter dated 6/3/86 from the Minister for Social Welfare concerning the Old Age Pensioners Christmas bonus was read and noted.
- (n) Letter dated 25/2/86 from Minister for Foreign Affairs RE: Sellafield Nuclear Processing Plant was read and noted.
- (o) Letter from Bremore Court Residents Association, RE: requesting a deputation for various matters was read. It was agreed to write back to the Residents Association stating that the complaints would be brought to the attention of Dublin County Council.

5. Deputation to Dublin County Council:

- (a) The minutes of the Deputations meeting held on the 17/1/86 were read and noted.
- (b) Following discussion the following items were agreed for the next deputation.
  - (i) Sewerage System in Balbriggan.
  - (ii) Widening of footpath at County Bridge.
  - (iii) Piping of River at Bremore Court and Lambeecher Estate.
  - (iv) Replacing of faulty fireplaces in tenant purchase houses in Lambeecher Estate.

It was agreed that one more item would be included at the Town Clerks discretion, prior to the date of the deputation.

6. St. Patricks Day Parade, 1986:

Letter dated 4/3/86 from the local Boy Scouts Unit was read indicating that they were taking part in the 1986 parade. The Town Clerk then gave a report on the arrangements for the parade.

7. Youth Sports Award Scheme:

Following discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Vice-Chairman, that a sub-committee be set up to examine the format of the award scheme. Commissioners Tuite, Murray, Lawless, Purcell would form the sub-committee.

8. Christmas Lighting 1985/1986:

Following discussion it was agreed to ask the Balbriggan Town Decoration Committee to hold a draw in order to fund the deficit for 1985 and to provide funds for 1986.

9. Conference for Elected Members:

- (a) It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and agreed that Commissioners Murray name should be added to the official list of those attending the conference



for newly elected members.

- (b) Members would attend the conference for newly elected members then reported on the proceedings of the conference.
- (c) It was proposed by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and agreed that Commissioner Gallen and one other Commissioner should attend the forthcoming Environmental Conference in Clare.

10. Sewerage System in Balbriggan:

The Town Clerk Distributed copies of recent County Councils report and read letter received from Dublin County Council concerning the Balbriggan Sewerage Scheme. Following discussion it was agreed the matter would be considered in conjunction with the next deputation with Dublin County Council.

11. Proposed Dumping of Asbestos and Other Waste in Co. Dublin:

As this matter had been considered at the Special Meeting from the previous week, no further discussion was held on the matter.

12. Consideration of Urban District Status for Balbriggan:

Following discussion it was agreed that a public meeting would be held during the first week in May, to ascertain the feeling of the townspeople concerning the proposal to seek Urban District Status for the town.

13. Any other business:

- (a) On the proposal of Commissioner Murray, it was agreed to examine the possibility of providing ramp at the concrete steps in the Town Hall.
- (b) The Town Clerk Informed the members that clarification had been received concerning the double yellow lines in High St., and it is proposed to put double yellow lines along the whole west side of High Street. Following discussion it was agreed to accept the proposals as recommended by the Gardai, with the exception of the proposal for the Square area.
- (c) The Town Clerk informed the members of the recent halting site plan adopted by the Dublin County Council, it was agreed to circulate copies of the plan to all members.
- (d) At the request of Commissioner Gallen, it was agreed to investigate whether the open-space in front of the Glebe North was to be turned into a Car-park.



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- (e) At the request of Commissioner Gallen, it was agreed to investigate whether the Commissioners Solicitor could attend a meeting of the Commissioners and explain the position in relation to the High Court Case which the Commissioner were involved.
- (f) On proposal of Commissioner Gallen it was agreed to request copies of the report from Dublin County Council concerning the matter of the fireplaces which was discussed at their meeting on the 10/3/86.
- (g) On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Davis, it was agreed that the Commissioners would support the effort of tenant purchasers in Lambeecher Estate, who are seeking Dublin County Council to repair the defects in their fireplaces. It was further agreed to ask the fire-Officer to examine the fireplaces in Lambeecher Estate.

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The meeting ended at 11.30 p.m.

*J. Kennedy 8/4/86*







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a vote was passed to wish Commissioner Murray a speedy recovery.

- (f) In reply to Commissioner Davis, the Town Clerk informed the members that no reply had as yet been received concerning the Commissioners request for a traffic box at the entrance to Lambeecher Estate.
- (g) In reply to Commissioner Gallen, The Town Clerk informed the members that he hoped to have maps shopping centre planning permission shortly.
- (h) At the request of Commissioner Gallen, it was agreed to again contact Dublin County Council concerning whether or not it is proposed to put a car park in front of Glebe North.
- (i) In reply to Commissioner larkin, concerning the Linda Murray High Court case the Town Clerk read a letter from the Commissioners solicitor stating that it would not be appropriate to discuss the case as the matter was presently subjudice. This situation was accepted by all members.
- (j) In reply to Commissioner Purcell, the Town Clerk explained the present position concerning insurance for the Town Hall.
- (k) In reply to Commissioner Tuite, the Town Clerk informed the members that no reply had yet been received from the Fire Officer concerning the inspection of fireplaces at Lambeecher Estate. It was agreed to contact him again.

3. Application for hire of hall:

There was no new business under this heading.

4. Correspondence:

- (a) Letter dated 10/3/86 from Minister for Foreign Affairs, RE: Sellafeld was read and noted.
- (b) Letter dated 20/3/86 from Dublin County Council RE: Traffic proposals was read and agreed.
- (c) Letter dated 4/4/86 from Dublin & East Tourism requesting the Commissioners to nominate a candidate director and representative was read. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Gallen that Commissioner Purcell would be the Commissioners candidate director and representative at the annual meeting of the Tourism Organisation.
- (d) Letter dated 2/4/86 from Asst. City & County Manager, RE: Dumping of asbestos waste was read and noted.
- (e) Letter dated 19/3/86 from Minister for Foreign Affairs, RE:



Diplock Courts and Supergrass Trials in Northern Ireland was read and noted.

- (f) Letter dated 19/3/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Transfer of of tenant from Pinewood to St. Pauls Crescent was read and noted.
- (g) Letter dated 19/3/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Complaints concerning a flat in Chapel Street was read and noted.
- (h) Letter dated 4/4/86 from Minister for Social Welfare, RE: Proposed Sickness Visitor for the area was read and noted.
- (i) Letter dated 26/3/86 from Con O'Connor & Co. requesting the consent of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners to a charge repayable by the Bank of Ireland on premises 5 Hampton St., Balbriggan was read. It was proposed by Commissioner Purcell, seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed that the commissioners consent to the charge would be given.

5. St. Patrick's Day Parade:

Following discussion it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and agreed that the matter would come under discussion at the September meeting of the Commissioners.

6. Deputation to Dublin County Council:

The following agenda was agreed by the members:

- (a) Discussion on sewerage system in Balbriggan.
- (b) Widening of footpath at County Bridge.
- (c) Piping of river running through Bremore Court and Lambeecher Estate to the sea.
- (d) Replacement of fireplaces in Lambeecher Estate.
- (e) Provision of changing facilities at Bells Land and development of Bells land.

In accordance with the rotation system operated by the Commissioners, Commissioners Purcell, Hamilton & Lawless, would be the Commissioners representatives at the Deputation, any other Commissioners who wish to attend could do so. It was further agreed that a meeting of the members attending the deputation would be held on Tuesday, 22nd April, 1986 at 7.30 p.m. in the Commissioners Rooms.

7. Youth Sports Award Scheme:

This was referred to the main meeting to allow a meeting of the sub-committee to be held on Monday, 14th April, 1986 at 7.45 p.m.

8. Conference for Elected Members in Offaly:

Following discussion on the proposed conference been organised by



Offaly County Council in the Institute of Public Administration, it was agreed not to send a member of the Commissioners. The Town Clerk gave a short report on the Annual Seminar of the Town Clerks, and informed the members that arising out of the seminar he was organising a group in the community to have a look at the unemployment situation. Following discussion it was agreed to write to the I.D.A. concerning the present position on the proposed incubator units in the town, asking that they be commenced immediately and also requesting there present proposals on the land at Bremore.

9. Other Business:

- (a) On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless, it was agreed to write to Dublin County Council asking why trading was still continuing in Skerries following the placing of casual trading site at Barnagerragh.
- (b) At the request of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to again contact Dublin County Council concerning the graffeti on the shelters at the beach.
- (c) On the proposal of Commissioner Purcell, it was agreed to contact C.I.E. concerning the lights at the Sub-Way Tunnel at Seapoint.
- (d) At the request of Commissioner Gallen, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to include a 40 m.p.h zone on the north side of the town at Coney Hill and also to erect warning signs of pedestrian lights in the town.
- (e) At the request of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to contact Dublin County Council concerning the new roadway into the car-park over the river.
- (f) On the proposal of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to allow the Old Age Pensioners Committee to avail of some of the wood which is been cut at Ardgillan.
- (g) At the request of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council, to use the bond to complete the open space at Pineridge.
- (h) At the request of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to contact Dublin County Council, concerning dangerous trees at Drogheda St.
- (i) At the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to contact Dublin County Council concerning the condition of the Abattoir and the inner ring road.
- (j) On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite, a vote of congratulations was passed to Noel O'Neill on winning a recent all-Ireland Championship.

The meeting concluded at 9.50 p.m.

*J. Kennedy 13/5/86*



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Minutes of Special Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners held on /  
22nd April, 1986.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Davis, Joseph  
Gallen, Patricia  
Hamilton, Anthony  
Kennedy, Jack

Lawless, Stephen  
Purcell, Brian  
Tuite, Bredge.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Commissioner D. Murray.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P.A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. G.W. Redmond,  
Asst. City & County Manager.

Deputations to Dublin County Council on 24/4/86:

Commissioners Lawless and Purcell stated that they would be attending as rostered and Commissioner Davis would attend in place of Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioners Kennedy and Gallen stated that they would also be in attendance. The Town Clerk submitted the following agenda which had been listed for discussion with Dublin County Council. The deputation time was 4.00 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. (a) Upgrading of sewerage disposal system in Balbriggan.  
(b) Clearing of house drains at Station St. and clarification of general legal responsibility.
2. Widening of footpath at railway bridge Derham Park.
3. Piping of river at Bremore Court and Lambeecher Estate.
4. Replacement of fire places in purchase houses in Lambeecher Estate.
5. Bells land:
  - (a) Further development of sporting facilities.
  - (b) Provision of dressing room accommodation for sports field presently in use.

The opening speakers were agreed as follows:

ITEM 1: (a) Commissioner Gallen (b) Commissioner Kennedy.

ITEM 2: Commissioner Lawless

ITEM 3: Commissioner Davis

ITEM 4: Commissioner Tuite

ITEM 5: (a) Commissioner Lawless (b) Commissioner Kennedy.  
Other Commissioners would contribute as necessary.

The Meeting ended at 8.30p.m.

*J. Kennedy* 13/5/86



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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 13TH MAY, 1986.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Gallen, Patricia  
Hamilton, Anthony  
Kennedy, Jack  
Larkin, Jack P.C., M.C.C.  
Lawless, Stephen  
Murray, David  
Tuite, Bredge

An Apology for non-attendance was received from Commissioner Joe Davis.

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OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk,

An apology for non-attendance was received from G. W. Redmond, Asst. City & County Manager.

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1. Confirmation of Minutes:

- (a) Minutes of the meeting held on 8/4/86 were read and confirmed.
- (b) Minutes of Special meeting held on 22/4/86 were read and confirmed.

2. Matters arising out of Minutes:

- (a) In reply to Commissioner Gallen, the Town Clerk stated that he was in negotiation with the County Council at the moment concerning the land at Hampton and he hoped to have further word in the near future. It was agreed that if no decision had been received from the Council shortly, the Commissioners would seek to have a meeting with the Council concerning the matter.
- (b) In reply to Commissioner Tuite, the Town Clerk informed the members that no maps concerning the Shopping Centre Planning permissions had been received to date. It was agreed to send a letter to the Manager on the matter.
- (c) In reply to Commissioner Purcell, the Town Clerk informed the members that no reply had yet been received from the Commissioners request for a traffic box at Lambeecher Estate.
- (d) In reply to Commissioner Kennedy, the Town Clerk stated that no word had yet been received concerning the future of the Balbriggan Abattoir or the inner ring road.

3. Applications for hire of hall:

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and agreed that the Town Twinning Committee would have the use of the Town Hall, on Saturday, 17th May, 1986.



4. Correspondence:

- (a) Letter dated 16/4/86 from Minister for Social Welfare, RE: Payment of Old Age Pensioners Christmas Bonus was read and noted. It was agreed to include the matter on the September agenda.
- (b) Letter dated 29/4/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Trees in Ardgillan Park was read and noted.
- (c) Letter dated 29/4/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: New Bridge in Quay Street, was read. It was agreed to write again to the County Council seeking the immediate completion of the bridge. Also, asking them to repair the wall immediately beside Bissetts at the Carpark.
- (d) Letter dated 30/4/86 from Branigan, Berkery & Co., Solicitors, RE: Quay Street, Balbriggan was read and noted.
- (e) Letter dated 30/4/86 from IDA, RE: Industrial Sites in Balbriggan was read. It was agreed to write back to the IDA seeking clarification of points raised in their letter.
- (f) Letter dated 30/4/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Proposed one-way-system was read. It was agreed to write back to the Council concerning the Commissioners suggestion for improving the Square and to list the matter for inclusion at the next deputation.
- (g) Letter dated 5/5/86 from Save Our Shoreline Committee, RE: Meeting on 21/5/86 was read and noted and Letter dated 22/4/86 from Minister for the Environment re: request for deputation was read and noted. It was agreed that the deputation would consist of Commissioners Kennedy, Lawless, Gallen, Murray and Tuite.
- (h) Letter dated 5/5/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Pineridge Estate, Balbriggan was read and noted.
- (i) Letter dated 23/4/86 from Institute of Public Administration concerning Annual Conference of the Association of Health Boards in Ireland was read and noted.
- (j) Letter dated 12/5/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Use of Balbriggan Carpark by Circus/Carnival Owners, was read. It was agreed to write back to the County Council agreeing to the use of the Carpark for circus only and not for carnivals. It was agreed to also write to the roads department asking them to devise a traffic system for the carpark and also to parks department stating that one of the caravans bars had not been replaced in the Mill Street carpark.
- (k) Letter dated 8/5/86 from Dublin County Council concerning the



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(k) construction of a carpark on part of the open space at Market Green was read. Following discussion the following resolution was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Murray and agreed that, "We the Town Commissioners object to the construction of a carpark on part of the open space at Market Green, Balbriggan in front of Glebe North Football Club and to call on Dublin County Council to immediately abandon the idea and to retain the area as an open space." It was also agreed to ascertain if the request had been made for a carpark at that location.

(1) Letter dated 12/5/86 from Balbriggan Town Twinning Association, requesting a deputation to meet the Town Commissioners at an early date. It was agreed to meet the deputation concerned with the Town Twinning Committee on Thursday, 15th May, 1986 at 8.00 p.m.

5. Report on Deputation to Dublin County Council:

The members who attended the deputation to Dublin County Council gave a report on the various aspects of the discussions. It was agreed to include the item concerning the development at Bells Land on the September Deputation.

6. Town Decoration Finance:

A report from the Town Decoration Committee was given to the members by the Town Clerk. It was agreed to help the committee in any way possible.

7. Consideration of Motions of Annual Conference of Association of Municipal Authorities:

Following discussion it was agreed to defer this matter to the June meeting of the Commissioners. And in the meantime, to obtain copies Litter Act and the 1946 Harbours Act from Commissioner Purcell and the 1963 Electoral Act for Commissioner Gallen.

8. Report of SubCommittee on Proposed Youth Sports Award Scheme:

The following report submitted by the committee was read and noted. It was agreed that the sub committee would consider the matter further and report back to the June meeting.

9. Annual General Meeting of Dublin & East Tourism Organisation:

A Full report on the proceedings of the meeting was given by the Commissioners representative Commissioner Purcell.

10. Any Other Business:

(a) At the request of Commissioner Murray, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to provide a footpath at the rear of



Fancourt Height Houses looking onto the Skerries Road.

- (b) At the request of Commissioner Purcell, it was agreed to ask CIE to clean up the railway banks at the rear of Pinewood Est.
- (c) At the request of Commissioner Gallen, it was agreed to ask CIE if the northbound bus stop on Dublin Street could be moved down further pass the cinema.
- (d) At the request of Commissioner Gallen, it was agreed get the permission of the three perpetual trophies back for the Breakaway Parade. It was agreed also to contact Fr. Colreavy concerning the judging of the floats and the presentation to the winners.
- (e) At the request of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to seek clarification from the County Council, RE: use of the Balbriggan abbatoir as a fire station.
- (f) At the request of Commissioner Lawless, it was agreed to contact Dublin County Council concerning the broken footpaths at Gibbons Terrace.
- (g) Ath the request of Commissioner Murray, it was agreed to contact Dublin County Council, concerning the broken footpaths at Fullam Terrace.
- (h) In reply to Commissioner Lawless, the Town Clerk stated that it was hoped to have the seats at the Square replaced in the near future.
- (i) On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Purcell that a vote of congratulation be passed to the Chairman and his wife on their recent fiftieth Wedding Aniversary.  
On the proposal of Commissioner Gallen , seconded by Commissioner Tuite that a vote of congratulations be passed to Commissioner Davis and his wife on the birth of their recent child.

The meeting ended at 10.35 p.m.

*J. Kennedy 18/6/86*



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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS WITH DEPUTATION FROM TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION, HELD ON 15TH MAY, 1986.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:      Hamilton, Anthony                      Murray, David  
   Kennedy, Jack                              Purcell, Brian.  
   Lawless, Stephen                      G ALLEN, Patricia *PA*

An apology for non-attendance was received from Commissioner Davis.

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OFFICIALS PRESENT:              Patrick A, Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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DEPUTATION MEMBERS PRESENT:      Downes, Frances                      Hassett, Rev. Fr. Michael  
   Dunphy, Mary                              Wright, Marie.  
   ~~Gallen, Patricia~~ *PA*

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1. Role of the Town Commissioners within the Town Twinning Association:

The deputation stated that they were under the impression that they were a sub-committee of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners, but they had been informed by the Town Clerk that they were not. The Town Clerk then restated this fact and explained the legal position that the Commissioners had not set up a Town Twinning Sub-Committee but that the association had been set up at a public meeting called by the Commissioners and was in fact a separate body. Following further discussion it was agreed that the matter would be discussed at a Commissioners meeting with a view to setting up a Town Twinning Sub-Committee of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners, to co-ordinate Town Twinning activities for Balbriggan. The recommendations of the sub-committee would be subject to the approval of the Town Commissioners at their monthly meeting. Neither the sub-committee nor the commissioners could become involved in fundraising. If necessary a separate and distinct fundraising committee could be set up consisting of members of the general public who could raise funds for Twinning activities. This committee would have no connection with the Commissioners and the Commissioners would not and could not accept any responsibility for any liabilities incurred by such a committee.

2. The Role of the Town Twinning Association within Balbriggan:

The Town Clerk stated, in the event of the Commissioners setting up a Town Twinning Sub-Committee, the present Town Twinning Association would cease to function except in so far as it might want to recommence as a fundraising committee separate from the Commissioners. It would have to do this in any event if there were



current outstanding liabilities as the Commissioners could not accept any responsibility for these liabilities.

3. The French Visit:

The deputation informed the Commissioners that a group from Plerin-sur-mer would be visiting Balbriggan from 17th - 20 th May 1986 and that the Commissioners were invited to functions on Saturday 17th and Monday 19th May, 1986.

4. Insurance:

The deputation were informed as presently constituted the Town Twinning activities were not covered by the Commissioners insurances. However, if the Commissioners found a subcommittee all the activities of the committee would be covered by the Commissioners insurances. Any events run by a fundraising committee as outlined in item 1. above would not be covered the deputation were told.

5. Finance:

The deputation were informed that the Commissioners as presently constituted could not provide finance for Town Twinning activities. Following discussion it was agreed that should the Commissioners form a Town Twinning Committee that they would approach Dublin County Council concerning the possibility of financial assistance.

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The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

J. Kennedy 10/6/86



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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON  
21ST MAY, 1986 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED DEPUTATION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE  
ENVIRONMENT ON THE BALBRIGGAN SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:      Davis, Joseph                                      Lawless, Stephen  
    Gallen, Patricia                                      Murray, David  
    Hamilton, Anthony                                    Purcell, Brian  
    Kennedy, Jack.                                        Tuite, Bredge.

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OFFICIALS PRESENT:                      P.A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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- (a) The Town Clerk informed the members that he had received a phone call from the office of the Minister for the Environment prior to him (town clerk) contacting the Ministers Office with the names of the deputation members. Having confirmed the names of the members the Town Clerk was informed that "The Minister for the Environment would not meet a deputation from the Balbriggan Town Commissioners which includes a Sinn Fein member, unless that member issues a public statement opposing violence". The Chairman said that he had been informed by the Town Clerk of the position and following this he had contacted Commissioner Tuite advising her to withdraw from the deputation. He was now advising her again to withdraw and if she agreed he would also withdraw. Commissioner Tuite stated that she would not withdraw from the deputation. Following further discussion by the members it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Purcell and agreed "That the deputation as selected be notified to the Minister for the Environment and his reply awaited".
- (b) The Town Clerk informed the members that the Balbriggan Breakaway Committee had agreed to the inclusion of a member of the Commissioners on the judging panel for the Breakaway Parade on the 6/7/86 and they agreed that the Chairman would present the prizes. It was proposed by Chairman, seconded by the vice-chairman and agreed that Commissioner Gallen would be the Commissioners Nominee on the judges panel.

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The meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.

*J. Kennedy 10/6/86*



MINUTES OF MEETING OF YOUTH SPORTS AWARD COMMITTEE:

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Bredge Tuite  
 Stephen Lawless  
 Brian Purcell  
 DAVID MURRAY

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Following discussion it was decided to recommend to the Commissioners that the following letter be circulated to the Secretary of each Sporting Organisation in the Balbriggan Parish.

TO EACH CLUB SECRETARY:

BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS SPORTS AWARDS.

Dear Secretary,

At a recent meeting it was decided that awards be made to those "who by their effort and example did most to promote their particular sport during the past year."

The following sports were chosen.

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| Gaelic Football | Cycling      |
| Soccer          | Badminton    |
| Cricket         | Table Tennis |
| Rugby           | Boxing       |
| Athletics       | Karate       |
| Golf            | Tennis.      |

It was decided that the following rules would apply:

1. Nominees must be members of a recognised club in Balbriggan Parish.
2. Nominees must be amateurs as defined by their governing association.
3. Nominees must be submitted to the Town Clerk on or before 30th September, 1986.
4. The decisions of the judging committee are final.

It is recommended that in considering your nominee that the following qualities are taken into consideration.

- Ability
- Dedication
- Leadership qualities
- Sportsmanship
- Deporment.



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It is suggested that each club form a selection committee and in their submission they outline the reasons why their choice has been made, with due regard to the above qualities.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON  
10TH JUNE, 1986.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Davis, Joseph  
Gallen, Patricia  
Hamilton, Anthony  
Kennedy, Jack  
Larkin, Jack.P.C.,M.C.C.

Lawless, Stephen  
Murray, David  
Purcell, Brian  
Tuite, Bredge

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OFFICIALS PRESENT:

G. W. Redmond, Asst. City + County Manager.  
P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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The Chairman Commissioner Kennedy presided.

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At the outset, on the proposal of Commissioner Purcell a vote of condolence was passed to the Lord Mayor of Dublin on the death of his mother. On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy, the Commissioners passed a resolution wishing Mrs. Lawless a speedy return to health.

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1. Confirmation of Minutes:

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on 13/5/86 were read and confirmed.
- (b) Minutes of Special meeting held on 15/5/86 were read and confirmed
- (c) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 21/5/86 were read and confirmed

2. Matters Arising out of Minutes:

- (a) In response to Commissioner Gallen, the Town Clerk informed the members that the land at Hampton, Balbriggan proposed for the Horticultural Project has identified and an application for its use would be made shortly to Dublin County Council.
- (b) Commissioner Davis thanked the Commissioners for the best wishes on the birth of his son.

3. Applications for Hire of Hall:

An application from the Black Raven Karate Club for use of the hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays during June and July was approved.  
An application from the Youth Corps to hold a Summer Project in the Town Hall, during the first two weeks in August was approved.

4. Correspondence:

- (a) Letter dated 4/5/86 from Garda Síochana, Traffic Section, RE: Dublin Appointed Stands Bye-laws, 1986 was read and noted.



- (b) Letter dated 5/5/86 from Birr Urban District Council, RE: Old Age Pensions was read and noted.
- (c) Letter dated 12/5/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Speed limits and warning signs was read. Item 1 in the letter was noted. In relation to Item 2, concerning warning signs for traffic signals it was agreed to write back to the Co. Council asking that they be introduced. It was also agreed to ask the County Council to repair the traffic lights at Drogheda Street, which are constantly breaking down and to ask if road sign 110 be erected at Lambreecher Estate.
- (d) Letter dated 30/5/86 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland RE: Motions for Annual Congress was read. It was agreed to defer this item to the July Meeting and in the meantime, on proposal of Brian Purcell which was agreed by the members the Town Clerk would formulate a motion concerning the enforcement of the Litter Act. The Manager stated that it might be possible to delegate the powers of the Litter Act from Dublin County Council to the Commissioners and he would look into this possibility.
- (e) Letter dated 13/5/86 from IIRS RE: Sea water survey of Balbriggan was read. The Manager stated that the Co. Council were embarking on a survey to determine whether or not improvements were needed on the system. It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and agreed to defer the pursuance of the IIRS survey until the results of the County Council survey were available. The informed the meeting that Station Street drain was still blocked and asked the Manager if steps could be taken to clear it. The Manager stated that it was a private drain and it is a persons own responsibility to clear it, although the County Council did provide the service at a fee. He would arrange for an Engineer to call down and explain the position to the householders effected.
- (f) Letter dated 14/5/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Old abattoir site, was read and noted. On proposal of the Chairman and seconded by the Vice-Chairman and agreed to ask for a proper clean-up of the site.



- (g) Letter dated 19/5/86 from Listowel Urban District Council, RE: recent resolutions passed by them, was read and noted.
- (h) Letter dated 20/5/86 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd. re: Annual General Meeting was read and noted.
- (i) Letter dated 22/5/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Planning permissions for shopping centre and adjacent areas was read. It was agreed to defer consideration of this matter to a special meeting on 17/6/86 at 7.30 p.m.
- (j) Letter dated 22/5/86 from Dick Branigan, Berkery & Co. RE: Parking at Bridge Street. It was proposed by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Murray that the Commissioners agree to meet the traders. It was further proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Lawless that the letter be noted. Following a vote on the second proposal to note the letter, <sup>3</sup> members voted in favour, <sup>3</sup> members Commissioners Larkin, <sup>3</sup> Murray voting against. It was agreed to write to the Solicitors outlining the situation and to include the voting pattern in the letter. *Handwritten: six, Purcell.*
- (k) Letter dated 23/5/86 from Garda Siochana, Traffic Section, RE: Dublin Area Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws 1986 was read and noted.
- (l) Letter dated 27/5/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Balbriggan By-Pass Roads was read and noted.
- (m) Letter dated 27/5/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Footpaths in Balbriggan was read. It was agreed to write back to the Co. Council stating that the repairs at Fullam Terrace were reinstatement works which should be carried out as soon as possible and also to ask them to repair the footpath outside the VEC College. It was further agreed to ask the County Council to repair the two potholes outside Scanlans Garage.
- (n) Letter dated 30/5/86 from C.I.E. RE: dumping on railway banks was read. It was agreed to write to the Residents Association in Pinewood asking them to circulate their members with a letter asking that no dumping takes place on the railway line.
- (o) Letter dated 29/5/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Yellow Box at entrance to Lambreecher Estate was read and noted.
- (p) Letter dated 26/5/86 from C.I.E. Concerning the position of bus-stops at balbriggan was read and noted.
- (q) Letter dated 5/6/86 from Minister for the Environment concerning the Commissioners request for a deputation was read. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by



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- (q) Commissioner Lawless that the deputation would go ahead with Commissioners Lawless, Murray and Gallen. It was further proposed by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Tuite that the Commissioners do not go on the deputation. Following a vote it was decided by 5 votes to 3 to go on the deputation with the Minister with Commissioners Lawless, Murray and Gallen on the deputation. Commissioners Kennedy, Tuite and Larkin voted against, Commissioner Davis abstained.
  - (r) Letter dated 6/6/86 from I.D.A. RE: Industrial Developments in Balbriggan was read. It was agreed to write to the I.D.A. requesting a meeting as soon as possible. It was further agreed that the Commissioners would meet prior to this meeting.
  - (t) Letter dated 4/6/86 from Pineridge Residents Association, RE: removal of sand from beach was read. It was agreed to write back to the Residents Association outlining that the only sand that has been removed was that from the Harbour mouth.
  - (u) Letter dated 10/6/86 from Balbriggan Save Our Shoreline Group RE: Recent public meeting was read and noted.
5. Report of Sub-Committee on Youth Sports Award Scheme:  
Following discussion the report was adopted by the Commissioners and it was agreed to send the suggested letter to the Secretary of each sporting organisation in the town.
6. Special Meeting of Balbriggan Town Commissioners at Balbriggan Beach on Friday, 20th June, 1986 at 4.00p.m.  
The Commissioners noted the date of the meeting.
7. Discussion on setting up of Town Twinning Sub-Committee:  
Following discussion it was agreed to defer this matter to the July meeting of the Commissioners;
8. Any Other Business:
- (a) In response to Commissioner Hamilton, the Town Clerk outlined the situation concerning the bin collection during the strike action.
  - (b) In response to Commissioner Gallen, The Town Clerk stated that consideration of applications under the Gaming and Lotteries Act was an administrative matter for the manager and that the Commissioners sole function in relation to the act was the adoption or rescinding of the relevant section. However, he stated that it was normal practice for the Commissioners to be made aware of each



application during the year.

- (c) In reply to Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to clarify the discussion on the river at Lambreecher was to be included on the beach meeting on the 20/6/86.
- (d) On proposal of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to remove the stones and gravel from Stephenson's end of the beach and bring them away.
- (e) On proposal of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to again ask National Manpower to open an office, even on a monthly basis in Balbriggan.
- (f) In reply to Commissioner Lawless, The Town Clerk informed the members that it was hoped to commence work on the seats in the Square in the near future.
- (g) In reply to Commissioner Larkin, the Town Clerk said he would take the matter of the holding AnCo interviews locally up with AnCo.
- (h) In reply to Commissioner Murray, the Town Clerk informed the members no reply has as yet been received concerning their request for footpath at the rear of Fancourt Heights.
- (i) On proposal of Commissioner Murray, it was agreed to ask Quinnsworth to have their trollies removed from the carpark and various places around the town on a regular basis.

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The meeting ended at 10.15p.m.

*Stephen Lawless*  
*8/7/86*



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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON  
17TH JUNE, 1986. /

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:      Davis, Joseph,                      Lawless, Stephen  
    Gallen, Patricia                      Murray, David  
    Hamilton, Anthony                    Purcell, Brian  
    Kennedy, Jack                        Tuite, Bredge  
    Larkin, Jack P.C., M.C.C.

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At the outset of the meeting, Commissioner Gallen complained of the late delivery of the plans was unsatisfactory. The Town Clerk replied that he was sorry that the Commissioner found that to be the case, but that the time scale involved in having the plans photocopied and made up such that he required to work outside office hours to have them ready. He also stated that this situation would not continue in the future and that should maps be requested by the Commissioners at any future meeting one copy would be available for approval at the particular meeting. Discussion followed on the various applications for the shopping centre and Commissioner Gallen stated it should not be possible for a developer to build without having first required planning permission. Commissioner Purcell replied that the developer was working within the letter of the law, in that he was entitled to apply for retention of a structure hall though he hadn't originally received planning permission. Commissioner Larkin then informed the meeting that the planning application had been approved by the members of the Fingal Committee of Dublin County Council at their meeting on 13/6/86. Following further discussion, it was agreed that no action would be taken by the Commissioners. Commissioner Davis then raised a question of the road way subsiding between Confrey's and Hagan's in the Main Street and he also asked would it be possible to find out when the Square would be finished. It was agreed to take both these matters up with Dublin Co. Council.

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The meeting ended at 8.30p.m.

*Stephen Lawless*  
*8/7/86*



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 1ST JULY, 1986 TO DISCUSS THE DEPUTATION WITH THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Gallen, Patricia  
Kennedy, Jack  
Lawless, Stephen  
Purcell, Brian  
MURRAY, DAVID

OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Commissioner Kennedy presided.

At the outset, a short discussion was held on matters pertaining to the beach. It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Chairman and agreed that the Town Clerk would request Dublin County Council to erect removable bollards at the entrance to the beach to prevent cars driving onto the beach. It was also proposed by Commissioner Purcell, seconded by the Chairman and agreed, that the Town Clerk would find out whether the person who had dumped a car on the rocks would be prosecuted. The Town Clerk then informed the members that the Minister for the Environment had agreed to meet them at 10.45a.m. on Friday, 4th July, 1986 to discuss the Balbriggan Sewerage System. A discussion then followed on the approach which would be taken during the discussion with the Minister and the meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.

*Stephen Lawless  
8/7/86*



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MINUTES OF DEPUTATION MEETING WITH THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT ON  
4TH JULY, 1986 AT LENISTER HOUSE.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Gallen, Patricia  
Lawless, Stephen  
Murray, David

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OFFICIALS PRESENT: G.W. Redmond, Asst. City + County Manager  
P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk

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The Minister of the Environment, Mr. John Boland, T.D. welcomed the Commissioners and asked them to outline their case concerning the sewerage system in Balbriggan. Commissioner Gallen, then gave details of the background to the present meeting stating that the sewerage system is totally inadequate and despite lengthy correspondence and a number of deputations with Dublin County Council, no satisfaction had been received. Commissioner Gallen outlined the following points as been of particular concern:

1. Storm Water was going into the sewerage system at various places in the Town.
2. There were a number of grey areas in the Town where raw sewage was flowing directly into the harbour and the sea.
3. In the event of breakdowns, raw sewage flowed directly into the sea.
4. The present system for the town was not adequate, as it had been built to cater for a population of 2,000. It was now servicing eight to ten thousand.
5. Raw sewage is regularly seen on the beaches.
6. The system was built to pump on the ebb tide, it was now pumping into the sea 24 hours a day.
7. Dublin County Council have suggested to extend the outflow pipe, this certainly would not help the situation.
8. Various counts from biological sampling by the Eastern Health Board and Dublin County Council were erratic.

The County Manager, stated that he was there in support of the Commissioners and he stated that a lot of representations had been received from the Commissioners, Councillors and other interested bodies. The County Council were continuing on-going monitoring of the beaches and the Dublin Medical Officer said that the beaches particularly the one beside the Bower were safe. It was now necessary to examine the



situation and flow testing and bed testing will be starting week ending 11th July, 1986. He was not in a position to forecast the outcome of the tests at this stage. Commissioner Murray, stated that they were only now getting response from the Council and they were looking for a treatment plant. The Minister informed the deputation that he could only sanction a proposal if it was put in front of him. Personally, he does not agree with the County Council, and he suggested that the Commissioners should talk again with the Manager and the County Council. Commissioner Gallen stated that guidelines were been breached occasionally. The Minister stated that the Commissioners should insist that the County Council back at Gormanstown Camp, Balbriggan, Skerries and waters in between. Again he stated that on a personal basis, he was not satisfied with the situation. The Manager stated that the County Council would have to report to the Minister with facts and figures before a presentation could be brought to the Minister. The Minister then stated that if he got a proposal for a sewage treatment plant which was reasonable, he would sanction it in the shortest possible time. Commissioner Gallen, then asked the Minister if he could get the Dublin Bay Water Quality Survey extended to Balbriggan. The Minister stated that this would probably go on for some length of time and felt something more immediate should be done. The Minister then stated that he was totally unhappy with the attitude of Dublin County Council and was surprised at the Commissioners not being more forceful in the situation.

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The meeting ended at 11.45a.m.

*Stephen Lavelle*

*9/9/86*



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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 8/7/86.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis, Joseph  
Gallen, Patricia  
Hamilton, Anthony  
Kennedy, Jack  
Larkin, Jack P.C., M.C.C.  
Lawless, Stephen  
Murray, David  
Purcell, Brian  
Tuite, Bredge. /

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OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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At the outset, the outgoing Chairman, Commissioner Kennedy presided. Commissioner Kennedy thanked the Vice-Chairman, members of the Commissioners, Town Clerk, the Manager and Town Organisations for all the assistance they had given him during the year.

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1. Election of Chairman:

Commissioner Davis was proposed by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner Gallen. Commissioner Lawless was proposed by Commissioner Larkin and seconded by Commissioner Purcell. A vote was then taken, Commissioners Hamilton, Gallen, Murray and Davis voted for Commissioner Davis.

Commissioners Larkin, Purcell, Kennedy and Lawless voted for Commissioner Lawless.

The result was a tie at four votes each and when after a draw by lot Commissioner Lawless was deemed Chairman.

The new Chairman, thanked the members and said that his main aim for the coming year would be the securing of a commitment from Dublin County Council to installing a sewerage treatment plant for Balbriggan.

2. Election of Vice-Chairman:

Commissioner Murray was proposed by Commissioner Gallen and seconded by Commissioner Davis. Commissioner Purcell was proposed by Commissioner Larkin and seconded by Commissioner Lawless. A vote was then held. Commissioners Hamilton, Gallen, Davis and Murray voted for Commissioner Murray. Commissioners Larkin, Lawless, Kennedy, Tuite and Purcell voted for Commissioner Purcell. A result of 5 votes to 4 and Commissioner Purcell was elected as Vice-Chairman.

3. Election of Estimates Committee;

Commissioner Larkin was proposed by Commissioner Purcell, seconded by Commissioner Lawless. Commissioner Davis was proposed by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Murray. Commissioner



Gallen was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. There being no further nominations, it was agreed that Commissioners Larkin, Davis, Gallen and the Chairman would make up the Estimates Committee.

4. Election of Fuel Scheme Committee:

Commissioner Murray was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Lawless. Commissioner Kennedy was proposed by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Gallen. Commissioner Hamilton was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Lawless. Commissioner Tuite was proposed by Commissioner Purcell, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. There being no further nominations, it was agreed that Commissioners Murray, Kennedy, Hamilton and Tuite and the Chairman would comprise the Fuel Scheme Committee.

*Stephen Lawless*  
*9/9/86*



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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON  
15TH JULY, 1986 WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF THE I.D.A.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis, Joseph  
Gallen, Patricia  
Hamilton, Anthony  
Kennedy, Jack  
Larkin, Jack P.C., M.C.C.  
Lawless, Stephen  
Murray, David  
Purcell, Brian  
Tuite, Bredge

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OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk  
I.D.A. Representative, Brian Garvan.

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The Chairman, Commissioner Lawless presided.

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The Chairman welcomed Mr. Garvan to the meeting and thanked him for coming. The Chairman then outlined the situation regarding unemployment in Balbriggan and the total lack of any industry setting up in the town. He gave examples of two cases of local people who would be willing to set up in Balbriggan, if accommodation was available and he asked Mr. Garvan if the I.D.A. could build some advance factories in the area. Mr. Garvan stated that the role of the I.D.A. was to provide manufacturing industry and to support medium and small industries and also to support existing Irish Industry. They were at present putting large effort into starting up small industries and they had a permanent staff of 35 to co-ordinate this. In 1982, they purchased land at Bremore, Balbriggan and in 1983 they applied for planning permission for five incubator units at Stephenstown. To date, they have been unsuccessful in attracting an industry to the site at Bremore and in accordance with current industrial policy they have been instructed not to build anymore factories, until their current level had been reduced significantly. This had now been reduced by more than half in the previous two years and they hoped to have another significant decrease in the current year. He also stated that the I.D.A. had seen no demand for factory space from Balbriggan and no entrepreneurial spirit appeared to be emanating from Balbriggan and there was alot of competition for industrial development from both Ireland and European Countries. The Commissioners impressed on Mr. Garvan that Balbriggan was an excellent location as the I.D.A. had themselves admitted and what the Commissioners wanted were buildings on the site at Stephenstown which could then be sold or rented to suitable manufacturers. Balbriggan had a record of industrial employment going back over hundreds of years and no jobs were lost in the town due to



industrial action. The Commissioners then asked if the I.D.A. had stopped building factories, why was there one built in Arklow? Mr. Garvan stated that Balbriggan was squeezed between Drogheda and Swords and alot of people were employed in both these areas from Balbriggan. Small industry in the town would help but large foreign industry was also needed. In relation to the Arklow factory, this was the only exception in the past 3 years to the general policy of not building. This was done because out of a population of eight and half thousand they had lost thirteen hundred and fifty manufacturing jobs in the last number of years and the scale was quite dramatic. He then stated that the Commissioners should use all means at their disposal to try and get some advance factories built. In answer to a query from the Commissioners concerning how the town was actually promoted, Mr. Garvan replied that small industry was normally the result of entrepreneurial spirit within the town where individuals or groups came forward with ideas, and the I.D.A. helped them as much as possible. From their own end they advertised their availability, they had a walk-in centre in Dublin and also an enterprise centre in Pearse Street and on request they would come out to meet community groups in the area. In addition feasibility grants of up to 50% of costs were available from the I.D.A. and they also gave research and development grants. The Commissioners then re-iterated the fact that they felt that the buildings must be there in order to attract people to the town and asked Mr. Garvan to investigate the matter. Mr. Garvan promised that he would discuss the matter with his manager and he also stated that where buildings were put up by private individuals for manufacturing industry, in some cases the I.D.A. might be able to guarantee up to 25% of the rent for five years, but there must be community involvement in the project. The Chairman then thanked Mr. Garvan for coming to the meeting and thanked him for the way he presented his views on the matter.

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The meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.

*Stephen Lavelle*  
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MINUTES OF JULY MEETING HELD ON 8TH JULY, 1986

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis Joseph  
 Gallen, Patricia  
 Hamilton, Anthony  
 Kennedy, Jack  
 Larkin, Jack P.C., M.C.C.

Lawless, Stephen  
 Murray, David  
 Purcell, Brian  
 Tuite, Bredge.

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OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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The Chairman, Commissioner Lawless presided.

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1. Confirmation of Minutes:-

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on 10/6/86 were read. Commissioner Purcell asked that an error in item 4 (j) be corrected. The following correction was made: Following a vote on the second proposal to note the letter, six members voted in favour, three members Commissioners Larkin, Purcell, Murray voting against. The minutes were then confirmed.
- (b) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 17/6/86 were read and confirmed.
- (c) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 1/7/86 were read and confirmed.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes:-

- (a) Commissioner Tuite, stated the footpath outside the VEC College had not been properly repaired. It was agreed to write to the County Council regarding this matter.
- (b) Commissioner Lawless, asked that the condition of the footpaths in Lawless and Gibbons Terrace be brought to the attention of the Council again.
- (c) Commissioner Davis, stated that the footpaths at Fullam Tce., should be done as re-instatement work. Mr. Taylor stated that there was a lot of re-instatement work to be carried out around the County. Twenty-four extra men had been employed in the North-County to carry out re-instatement work and he would bring the matter to the attention of the local engineer.
- (d) Commissioner Purcell asked if Dublin County Council could be made aware of the condition of the footpath leading to Wavin



Ireland Ltd. on the Dublin Road.

- (e) The Town Clerk informed the members that he arranged a meeting with the I.D.A. concerning employment in the town. The meeting would be held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 15th July, 1986. It was agreed that the Commissioners would meet at 7.00 p.m. to discuss the matter.
- (f) At the request of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to again write to Quinnsworth (Head Office) concerning the shopping trollies in various parts of the town.
- (g) On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to again contact Manpower concerning the proposed office in Balbriggan. On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless, it was agreed to ask for a meeting with Manpower to discuss this matter.
- (h) It was agreed to write to Dublin County Council, asking that unemployed people in the town be employed on local building schemes.
- (i) In response to Commissioner Murray, the Town Clerk informed him that no reply had yet been received from Dublin County Council concerning the provision of footpaths at the rear of Fancourt Heights. It was agreed to write again.
- (j) In reply to Commissioner Davis, the Town Clerk informed the members that work will be commencing on the planting and seating structure in front of the Town Hall on the Following day.
- (k) In response to Commissioner Tuite, the Town Clerk informed the members that he received a letter from the manager concerning the proposed work scheme at Lambeecher Estate and that he would discuss the matter with Commissioner Tuite at a later date.
- (l) On proposal of Commissioner Murray, a vote of congratulations be passed to the Town Clerk and the Tidy Towns Committee on the new sponsored litter bins in the town. It was agreed to send a letter to the Roads Engineer complementing him on arranging for the quick placement of the bins.
- (m) An acknowledgement from Jim Tunney, T.D. in response to the Commissioners letter on the death of his mother was read and noted.
- (n) On proposal of Commissioner Purcell, it was agreed to follow up the matter on whether the prosecution had been instituted concerning the dumping of a car on the beach.
- (o) In reply to Commissioner Murray, the Town Clerk stated that he would ask the Environment Dept. to examine the matter of the



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sandbanks forming out at sea and ask them to examine whether or not they could be removed.

- (p) The Commissioners were present at the recent on site meeting on 20/6/86 and gave a report of the proceedings.
- (q) Commissioners who were present at the deputation with the Minister for the Environment on 4/7/86 gave a report of the proceedings.
- (r) The Town Clerk gave out a list of the Sports Organisations to whom he was sending details of the Commissioners Sports Awards. This list was ammended as appropriate by the Commissioners

3. Applications for Hire of Hall:-

An application from Helena Halpin of High Street to hire the hall on Wednesdays and Friday evenings from 7.30 -9.30 for a period of four weeks to hold table tennis for spanish students was approved.

4. Correspondence:-

- (a) Letter dated 23/5/86 from Chief Fire Officer Dublin Corporation RE: Fireplaces in Lambeecher Estate was read. It was agreed to write to the Minister for the Environment asking him to outline his departments views on the matter and to have this available for a public meeting held on 23/7/86.
- (b) Letter dated 10/6/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Various road matters was read. It was agreed to write to Dublin Co. Council asking when the bridge over the river in Quay St would be completed and also asking them to raise the kerbing at the junction of Mill St as a matter of urgency.
- (c) Letter received from Nuclear Free Zones Committee on 16/6/86, RE: International Nuclear Free Zones Day was read. Following discussion, it was proposed by Commissioner Purcell, seconded by Commissioner Murray that the following appeal be approved and signed by the Commissioners and forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

Appeal by the NFZ Local Authorities, to the Governments of China, France, U.K., U.S.A., and U.S.S.R., the five major Nations possessing nuclear weapons, on the occasion of the First International NFZ Day.

- 1. As part of our activities to mark the First International Nuclear Free Zone Day, and given that it is the United Nations International Year of Peace, we the Nuclear Free Zone Local Authorities of the world, declare our joint opposition to nuclear weapons and to the arms race, be that on Earth or in Space.



2.As locally elected representatives of ~~BALBRIGGAN~~ (name of town or city), whose citizens are gravely concerned at the increasing possibility of nuclear war, we call up the Governments of the five major Nations possessing nuclear weapons, on behalf of our citizens and on behalf of future generations, to take urgent and meaningful steps, to end the threat of nuclear annihilation.

3.As a practical demonstration of such intention, we urge you, together with all nuclear weapons powers, to conclude a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, as a matter of the utmost urgency and actively encourage and promote the establishment of Nuclear Free Zones, at national and local level, throughout the world.

- (d) Letter dated 25/6/86 from C.I.E. re:Bus Stops in Dublin St., was read. It was agreed to write back to C.I.E. stating that buses clash at two stops at four times a day and they remain there longer than a few minutes as they must stick to schedules. Commissioner Kennedy also raised the matter of bus-stop outside 13 Gibbons Terrace. Following discussion it was agreed to ask the Gardai to investigate the matter in order to try and elliviate the nuisance been caused by users of the buses.
- (e) Letter received 30/6/86 from New Ireland Insurance Company, RE: ~~PEOPLE OF~~<sup>THE</sup> Year Award was read. It was agreed to defer the matter for consideration at the September meeting.
- (f) Letter dated 2/7/86 from Dublin Co. Council, RE: Blocked drain at numbers 4 - 8 Station Street was read. Following discussion it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council if a reduction and/or staged payments could be made and in addition to ask them if the £30 charge which was already been paid would be refunded.

5. Commissioners Consent to Sale of House:-

It was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed that the consent of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners be given to the sale of 3 St. Peter's Tce. Balbriggan to Lawerence and Dolores Brennan of 62 Warrington Close, Cheshire, England who wish to settle in Balbriggan.

6. Consideration of Motion for Annual General Meeting of Assoc. of Municipal Authorities, of Ireland:-

The following motions were included on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and agreed.

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment to introduce the necessary regulations to enable



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persons unable to vote at polling stations, by reason of employment or disability to apply for inclusion on the Postal Voters List for all elections and referenda".

The following motion for inclusion on the Annual General Meeting Agenda of the Association of Municipal Authorities was proposed by Commissioner Purcell, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy.

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for the Environment to insure that all Local Authorities enforce the Litter Act of 1982 to the fullest extent that the Act requires."

7. Consideration of Draft Polling Scheme received from Dublin County Council.

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Purcell and agreed that Dublin Co. Council be asked to insure that all those on the electoral register for Balbriggan rural area would be able to vote in the Town Hall at all future elections and referenda.

8. Town Decoration:

It was agreed that the Commissioners insure that Town Decoration Committee sold as many tickets as possible in time for the draw on 5th September, 1986.

9. Any Other Business:

- (A) Commissioner Gallen informed the members of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners that the Town Twinning Committee would not be applying for the Commissioners to form a separate Town Twinning Sub-Committee. In response to a further query, the Chairman informed Commissioner Gallen, that the Commissioners could not be responsible for any deficit which might arise out of the forthcoming Balbriggan International Festival.
- (B) On proposal of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to ask the Tennis Club Committee that the members did not park in St. Paul's Crescent as so causing nuisance to the senior citizens leaving there and also if they could refrain from using Glebe North field as an entrance.
- (C) On proposal of Commissioner Murray, it was agreed to write to Dublin Port and Docks Board concerning the danger of the collapsed part of the Harbour.
- (D) In reply to Commissioner Murray, the Town Clerk outlined the details of how the voting register was compiled.



- (E) In reply to Commissioner Murray, the Town Clerk stated that no reply had yet been received from Dublin Co. Council concerning the proposal to install a traffic system in the carpark. It was agreed to write again on the matter.
  - (F) On proposal of Commissioner Purcell, it was agreed to include a discussion on the Harbour at the September meeting.
  - (G) On proposal of Commissioner Gallen, it was agreed to write to the owner of the Shopping Centre concerning manhole covers outside the Quinnsworth loading bay.
  - (H) On proposal of Commissioner Gallen, it was agreed to write again to Dublin Co. Council asking them to replace the overhead barrier at the entrance to the Town Centre Park.
  - (I) On proposal of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to write to the ESB concerning the possible siting of an office in Balbriggan.
  - (J) On proposal of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to write to Dublin County Council, asking when changing facilities would be provided at Bells Land.
  - (K) On proposal of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council if they could give a breakdown of the various expenditure they incurred on the repair or building work at Bells Land to date.
10. On proposal of Commissioner Purcell, seconded by the Chairman, it was agreed that the Town Clerk would be given a letter of greeting to the Mayor of Bournemouth for presentation on his forthcoming visit there and that a plaque was presented to the Mayor by the Town Clerk.

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The meeting ended at 10.15 p.m.

*Stephen Lawless*











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3. Applications for Hire of Hall:

The following list of applications for hire of hall from September 1986 were presented to the Commissioners and noted by them.

<u>HIRER</u>	<u>DAY(S)</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>HALL</u>
Badminton Club	Mondays	5.30p.m.-11.00p.m.	Ballroom
	Tuesdays	10.00a.m.-12.00noon	Ballroom
		6.00p.m.-11.00p.m.	Ballroom
	Wednesdays	10.00a.m.-12.00noon	Ballroom
	Thursdays	7.00p.m.-11.00p.m.	Ballroom
St. Theresa's Youth Club	Monday	7.30p.m.-9.00p.m.	Supperroom
	Thursdays	8.00p.m.-10.00p.m.	Supperroom
Scoil Rince Cualann	Wednesdays	5.30p.m.-7.30p.m.	Ballroom
	Fridays	5.30p.m.-7.30p.m.	Ballroom
	Saturdays	2.00p.m.-6.00p.m.	Ballroom
St. Patrick's Brass & Reed Band	Wednesdays	7.00p.m.-10.00p.m.	Supperroom
	Saturday	2.00p.m.-5.00p.m.	Supperroom
	Sundays	11.00a.m.-12.30p.m.	Supperroom
Paul Shelley (Karate).	Fridays	8.00p.m.-9.00p.m.	Supperroom
	Saturdays	5.00p.m.-6.00p.m.	Supperroom
May Dillon McAleer	Tuesdays	3.00p.m.-6.00p.m.	Ballroom
	Fridays	3.00p.m.-6.00p.m.	Supperroom
Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band.	Tuesdays	7.30p.m.-9.30p.m.	Supperroom
	Fridays	7.30p.m.-9.30p.m.	Ballroom
	Saturdays	10.30p.m.-12.30p.m.	Ballroom
Balbriggan Community Games	Wednesdays	7.30p.m.-8.30p.m.	Ballroom
Community Pre-School Playgroup	Monday/Thurs.	10.00a.m.-12.30p.m.	Supperroom
	Friday	10.00a.m.-12.00noon	Supperroom
O.A.P. Committee	17/9/86	8.30p.m.-11.30p.m.	Ballroom.

4. Correspondence:

(a) Letter dated 28/6/86 from Commissioner J. Murnane, Greystones RE: Social Welfare System was read. Following discussion the following resolution was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice Chairman and agreed.

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Social Welfare to immediately take steps to rectify the anomalies which exist between the scale of payments to recipients in urban and rural areas of unemployment assistance."



4. (b) Letter dated 8/7/86 from ERDO, RE: Water Quality Management Plan for Dublin Bay. It was agreed to write back to ERDO stressing the Commissioners view on the matter and also to Dublin County Council, asking them to extend the survey to all of the counties coastline.
- (c) Letter dated 18/7/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Open space at Market Green was read. Following discussion it was agreed to get a map of the area and clarification of the proposal.
- (d) Letter dated 21/7/86 from Pineridge Residents Assoc. RE: Help given by Commissioners was read. It was agreed to acknowledge the letter from the Residents Association.
- (e) Letter dated 21/7/86 from Dublin Corporation, RE: Resolution, re: robberies with violence was read. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and agreed that the resolution as adopted by Dublin City Council be adopted by the Balbriggan Town Commissioners and that the relevant Minister be informed.
- (f) Letters dated 28/7/86 and 4/9/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: work projects in Balbriggan were read and noted.
- (g) Letter dated 30/7/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Voting arrangements, was read and noted.
- (h) Letter dated 30/7/86 from Quinnsworth, RE: Shopping Trollies, was read. The Town Clerk informed the members that he hoped to have a meeting with Mr. Joe Hand of Quinnsworth in the coming weeks and the Commissioners agreed to consider the matter following this.
- (i) Letter dated 30/7/86 from Association of Municipal Authorities, RE: Annual Conference, was read and noted.
- (j) Letters dated 31/7/86 and 2/9/86 re: Balbriggan Beach, were read and noted.
- (k) Letter dated 1/8/86 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance, RE: Group Personal Accident Scheme was read and noted.
- (l) Letter dated 1/8/86 from Balbriggan Tennis Club, RE: Parking, was read and noted. It was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to provide bollards at both entrances into the grounds at the back of the Church.
- (m) Letter dated 5/8/86 from C.I.E. RE: Bus-Stops was read and noted.
- (n) Letter dated 15/8/86 from Garda Inspector RE: Bus Stops was read it was agreed that Commissioners Gallen and Kennedy would have



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meetings with the Garda Inspector concerning the aspects of the letter.

- (o) Letter dated 8/8/86 from Tipperary U.D.C. RE: E.E.C. excess butter stocks. As the contents of the letter were not supported and it was agreed to inform Tipperary U.D.C. of this matter.
  - (p) Letter dated 12/8/86 from Dublin Port & Docks Board, RE: Balbriggan Harbour was read and noted.
  - (q) Letter dated 15/8/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Footpath repairs was read. Following discussion it was agreed to contact Dublin County Council concerning the condition of Chapel Street and the entrance to Chapel Street Crescent and also to ask them to remove trees which had fallen in Chapel Street Flats and to remove the tree stump in the carpark.
  - (r) Letter dated 15/8/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Bridge and raising of kerb at Mill Street. Following discussion it was agreed to write back to the Co. Council asking them to immediately raise the kerb at Mill Street.
  - (s) Letters from Institute of Public Administration RE: Seminars was read. Following discussion it was agreed that the Commissioners would not send anybody on these seminars.
  - (T) Letter dated 2/9/86 from Dublin County Council, RE: Erection of bollards at the access to beach, was read and noted.
  - (u) Letter dated 15/7/86 from Community Leisure Centre Committee, RE: possible use of Town Hall as a Community Centre was read. It was agreed to write to the committee, Minister for the Environment and the Assistant City and County Manager, stating that the Commissioners were not agreeable to the use of the Town Hall as a possible site for a Community Centre. In the circumstances, it was agreed to inform the Community Centre Committee that there was no need to have a meeting on the matter.
  - (v) Letter dated 5/9/86 from Dept. of Social Welfare RE: Urban Fuel Scheme 1986/1987 was read. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Davis and agreed that the Commissioners would operate the voucher scheme as in previous years.
5. The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Davis and agreed.
- "That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Labour to immediately instruct National Manpower Service to open a



part-time Manpower Office in Balbriggan. In making this request, the Commissioners note the high unemployment figures for Balbriggan and the area served by the Balbriggan Employment Exchange and they also note the high cost of transport to those who wish to avail of the service, provide by Manpower." It was agreed that the resolution would be sent to the Minister for Labour.

6. St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Following discussion on the matter, it was agreed that a meeting involving all clubs and interested persons would be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, 4th November, 1986, from which a steering committee made up of Commissioners and other interested persons would be formed.

7. Consideration of submission to the Minister for Social Welfare Concerning the Old Age Pensioners Christmas Bonus.

Following discussion it was agreed to write to the Minister outlining the Commissioners views expressed heretofor and asking that a full 100% Christmas bonus be given to old age pensioners for 1986.

8. Adoption of Agenda for Deputation to Dublin County Council on 25/9/86.

Following discussion the following deputation agenda was agreed:

1. Present position re: Installation of Sewerage Treatment Plant for Balbriggan.
2. Repair of pathways:
  - (a) Replacement of pathway in adjacent to railway line from County Bridge towards Skerries along its entire length.
  - (b) Repair of pathway adjacent to railway line from County Bridge to the underpass at Seapoint, along its entire length.
  - (c) Installation of pathway on Naul Road at distributor road reservation to facilitate those people going to the graveyard.
3. Present position and future plans for the development of Bells Land.
4. Building of boundary wall between Cumisky's Lane and Lambeeher Est.
5. Church Carpark:
  - (a) Repairs to surface of carpark to be carried out as requested on a number of occasions.
  - (b) When will the lights be installed as promised now that the dark evenings are setting in again.
  - (c) The provision of a traffic system into/out from/ and within the carpark as requested by the Commissioners on previous occasions.



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9. Any Other Business:

- (a) On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to have road name plates erected in Irish and English around the town.
- (b) At the Request of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to ask the traders to include some signs <sup>IN IRISH</sup> in front of their buildings.
- (c) On the proposal of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to investigate the position to see if a hand rail could be put on the stairs leading from the Supperroom.
- (d) On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to write to the Balbriggan Breakaway Festival asking them to in future hold the Junior Talent Competition in non-licenced premises.
- (e) On the proposal of Commissioner Gallen, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to have the clock in the library repaired.
- (f) On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to erect lights to serve the laneway between the County Bridge and 95 Derham Park.
- (g) On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to write again to the Minister for Social Welfare concerning the Commissioners request for an official to attend at Balbriggan Employment Exchange to sign forms for Social Welfare recipients.
- (h) The following resolution was proposed by Commissioner Tuite,  
"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Education to introduce a book-hire system in all second level schools"and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all local authorities for their support. Following Discussion it was agreed to defer consideration of this matter until the October meeting.
- (i) On the proposal of Commissioner Purcell, it was agreed to ask C.I.E. to place proper overhead lights on the subway at Seapoint.
- (j) In reply to the Chairman, the Town Clerk informed the members of the position concerning fire insurance on houses which had been bought from the Commissioners.
- (k) The Town Clerk informed the members that the Local Government Auditor was at present, auditing the accounts of the Commissioners for the year ended 31st December, 1985. The audit would be opened officially on the 23rd September, 1986 and official notice of this would be sent to the Commissioners in due course.

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The meeting concluded at 11.00a.m.

*Stephens & Co. Clerk*  
14/10/86







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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 14TH OCTOBER, '86

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Davis, Joseph	Lawless, Stephen
Gallen, Patricia	Murray, David
Hamilton, Anthony	Purcell, Brian
Kennedy, Jack	Tuite, Bredge

An apology for non-attendance was received from Jack Larkin.

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OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.  
G. W. Redmond, Asst. City & County Manager.

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1. Confirmation of Minutes:

- (a) Minutes of meeting held on 9/9/86 were read and confirmed.
- (b) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 15/9/86 were read and confirmed.

2. Matters arising out of Minutes:

- A. In reply to Commissioner Gallen, The Town Clerk stated that no reply had yet been received from the owner of the Shopping Centre, concerning the broken manholes in Quay Street. It was agreed to contact the local Roads Engineer and ask him to investigate the matter.
- B. On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to seek a breakdown on the cost to date of money spent on Bells Land.
- C. In reply to Commissioner Gallen concerning planning permission been sought for plastic signs in the town, the Manager stated that some signs are exempted development and in relation to others unless a specific objection had been made it was not considered expediant for the Planning Department to take any action. However, he said that the County Council would be reviewing the Development Plan within the next eighteen months and the Commissioners should formulate a policy concerning the town and plastic signs and submit it to the County Council for consideration.
- D. In reply to Commissioner Tuite, the Town Clerk informed the members he had not yet met representatives of Quinnsworth concerning shopping trolleys.

3. Applications for Hire of Hall:

The following list of applications were noted by the Commissioners:



APPLICATIONS FOR HIRE OF HALL

<u>HIRER:</u>	<u>DAY(S):</u>	<u>TIMES:</u>	<u>HALL:</u>
Badminton Club	Mondays (Change from Tuesdays) Saturdays	10.00a.m.-12.00 7.00p.m.-12.00m/n	Ballroom Ballroom
Balbriggan Ladies Basketball Club	Wednesdays	8.30p.m.-10.30p.m	Ballroom
Clonard Court - Badminton.	Thursdays	10.00a.m.-12.00noon	Ballroom
Blood Transfusion Service Board	30/10/86 31/10/86	3.00p.m.-7.00p.m. 10.30a.m.+3.00p.m.	Ballroom Ballroom
May Dillon McAleer	9/11/86	10.00a.m.-6.00p.m.	Ballroom
O'Dwyers G.F.C.	17/10/86	9.30a.m.-12.00noon	Ballroom

4. Correspondence:-

(a) Correspondence from Government Departments & Ministers:

1. Letter dated 3/10/86 from Department of Social Welfare, RE: Old Age Pensioners Christmas Bonus was read and noted.
2. Letter dated 3/10/86 from Dept. Social Welfare RE: Unemployment Assistance was read and noted.
3. Letter dated 29/9/86 from Minister for Environment, RE: Balbriggan Community Leisure Centre was read and noted.

(b) Correspondence from Dublin County Council:

1. Letter dated 16/9/86 from Secretariat Department, RE: Balbriggan Community Leisure Centre was read and noted.
2. Letter dated 16/9/86 from Secretariat Department, RE: Water Quality Management Survey of Dublin Bay was read and noted.
3. Letter dated 4/7/86 from Roads Dept., RE: Warning Signs & Pedestrians Lights was read and noted.
4. Letter dated 15/9/86 from Roads Department, RE: Carpark in Dublin Street was read and noted.
5. Letter dated 11/9/86 from Parks Department, RE: Carparking facilities at Market Green was read. On the proposal of Commissioner Gallen, it was agreed to write to County Council asking that the Dublin-Fingal Committee would reconsider the matter at their next meeting and in the meantime it was agreed to ask the Parks Dept. to delay commencing work on the project to allow for this reconsideration.



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(c) Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies:

1. Letter dated 22/9/86 from Tipperary North Riding Co. Council, RE: Taxes on funds from voluntary organisation and specialised equipment was read. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Purcell and agreed that "That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Government to remove D.I.R.T. and V.A.T. from voluntary organisations funds and the cost of specialised equipment."
2. Letter dated 11/9/86 from Balshannon Town Commissioners, RE: Review of certain bomb trials in England was read. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Murray and agreed "That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Taoiseach, Tanaiste and the Minister for Foreign Affairs to press most tenaciously on the British Government for the immediate re-opening of the cases involving the people incarcerated for the Birmingham Public House bombings, the Guildford bombings and also for the urgent review of the case involving Annie Maguire. Members of her family feel that a grave miscarriage of justice took place in this case."
3. Letter dated 3/9/86 from Assoc. of Municipal Authorities, RE: Special General Meeting concerning the proposal to set up a joint body with the general council of County Councils. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Murray and agreed that the Commissioner would oppose the setting up of such a joint body and the Commissioners delegates were instructed accordingly.
4. Letter dated 10/9/86 from E.S.B. , RE: Office in Balbriggan was read. Following discussion it was agreed to write back to the ESB welcoming their initiative with An Post and to ask that if agreement was reached that the pilot scheme would take account of providing facilities for those consumers with coin boxes and that no service charge would be made to the consumer.
5. Letter dated September, 1986 from National Manpower Service, RE: Trial Office in Balbriggan was read. The Town Clerk then informed the members that the National Manpower Office would be open in the Town Hall from 10.00a.m. to 12.45p.m. on the following dates:



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- Friday - 24th October, 1986
- Thursday-30th October, 1986
- Friday - 7th November, 1986
- Thursday-13th November, 1986
- Friday -21st November, 1986
- Thursday-27th November, 1986
- Friday - 5th December, 1986
- Thursday-11th December, 1986

Following completion of the eight clinics the matter would be reviewed concerning further extension of the service to the town.

(d) Other Correspondence:

1. Letter dated 18/9/86 from Shannon Embroidery Co., RE: Installation of embroidery machine by Department of Defence was read and noted. The Town Clerk informed the members that acknowledgements concerning the Commissioners resolution had been received from The Taoiseach Office, the Office of the Minister for Defence and the Office of the Minister for Industry.
2. Letter dated 13/10/86 from Gibbons and Lawless Cumann Fiana Fail, asking if the Town Commissioners approached the Youth Employment Agency to secure funds to assess the skills of the unemployed in the town. It was agreed to investigate this matter.
3. Letter dated 14/10/86 from Pinewood Tenants Assoc., RE: Election of Town Commissioners and Free Fuel Scheme was read. It was agreed to write to the Eastern Health Board seeking clarification of their scheme and also to write to the Minister of the Environment asking him to accede to the commissioners request to extend the boundary.

5. Commissioners Approval to Overexpenditure for Financial Year ending 31st December, 1985.

The Town Clerk informed the members that following the completion of the audit of the accounts of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners for the year ended 31/12/85 it had emerged that an overexpenditure of £829 had occurred during the year under audit. Following discussion, it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, and agreed: "That in accordance with Section 11 of the City & County Management Amendment Act, 1955 the Balbriggan Town Commissioners hereby consent to the overexpenditure of £829 for the year ended 31/12/85".



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6. Reports:

(a) Report on Annual Conference of Association of Municipal Authorities:

The submissions made by the delegates on the two motions submitted by the Commissioners were circulated and read. Delegates gave a report on the outcome. Commissioner Purcell, then read a letter from John DeCourcy Ireland congratulating himself and the Commissioners on getting the resolution adopted by the Municipal Authorities.

(b) Report on Deputation to Dublin County Council:

The Town Clerk read the draft minutes of the deputation as submitted by the Council, appropriate changes were made and the members present at the deputation gave a report on the proceedings. In reply to Commissioners query concerning matters relating to Bálbriggan, the Manager suggested that a copy of the North County Minutes would be given to the Town Clerk and he would circulate the information to the Commissioners. It was also agreed to ask the Roads Engineer, about the milestone marker which had been removed from outside the Milestone Public House.

(c) Report on 1986 Tidy Towns Competition:

The Results and Adjudicators report of the 1986 Tidy Towns Competition was circulated to the members. Members expressed satisfaction with the increase in marks in 1986 and hoped that a further increase would take place in 1987.

(d) Results of the 1986 Tidy Districts Competition:

The following report was presented to the Commissioners:

RESULTS

A. BEST PRESENTED COMMERCIAL PREMISES:

- 1st - Allied Irish Banks
- 2nd - Northern Bank
- 3rd - Wavin Ireland Limited

B. BEST PRESENTED TRADITIONAL SHOPFRONT:

- 1st - Candons, The Square
- 2nd - Hanley & Co., Dublin Street
- 3rd - Charles Corr, Drogheda Street

C. BEST PRESENTED MODERN SHOPFRONT:

- 1st - Tony Murphy, (Jewellers) Drogheda St.
- 2nd - Cronins Pharmacy, Dublin Street
- 3rd - Brian McConville, Drogheda Street

D. BEST PRESENTED HOUSING ESTATE:

- 1st - Clonard Court



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- D. 2nd - St. Pauls Crescent  
3rd - Hampton Cove

Prizes are awarded only to the winners in each section.

#### ADJUDICATORS REPORT

The competition for the Best Shop Front has brought about a marked improvement in the appearance of the town in the last few years with more traders taking an interest in their shops.

In the Best Commercial Premises, the A.I.B. took the honours with the Northern Bank second.

The A.I.B. has a lovely building and is well maintained, but could be further improved by replacing the large sign with a smaller, more tasteful one. A swing sign over the door perhaps.

The Northern Bank on the other hand is again a lovely building, but needs a little brightening by way of gold leaf lettering, Trim and Dark paintwork as an example.

Candons, the winner in the section for Traditional Shop Fronts is an example of how small shops around the town could improve their appearance without major alterations.

Hanley & Co. winners a few years ago and well maintained since, show what could be done when major reconstruction is undertaken. Tasteful design not only enhance the shop concerned, but also the whole street.

C. Corr also has made a vast improvement since last year by having the existing fascia repainted in a traditional manner. However, a better arrangement of hardware on the outside would help things further.

On the modern section, Tony Murphy's Jewellers, (Winner), Cronins Pharmacy and Brian McConville are fine examples of modern design and tasteful window dressing. Unfortunately, in this section not too many came near the standard set by the first three. In general, there are still too many gaudy plastic signs, too many posters and in some cases too little paint.

Lets hope that next year brings a further improvement. In the section for the Best Housing Estate, it must be said that this is not the best time of year for judging this competition. However, that been said, Clonard Court came out in front. Its a tidy and pleasant estate to walk through and should improve further over the years as gardens and trees mature.



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St. Pauls Crescent, is a pleasant little estate with well kept gardens and houses, the only sour note been, the amount of dead leaves allowed to build up in corners.

Hampton Cove Last Years winner, has slipped a little since last year, but still a nice estate. Grass verges were left uncut in places and some gardens has wind damaged shrubs and trees which spoiled the overall look of the place.

HUBERT MURPHY

JAMES ENGLISH

ELSIE LEVINS

STEPHEN LAWLESS.

On proposal of Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Purcell a vote of thanks was passed to the judges on the hard work in judging the competition. It was agreed to hold the prize giving ceremony at a later date and to send a copy of the report to the winners and various housing estates.

7. Motion submitted by Commissioner Tuite:

It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Davis and agreed that "We the Balbriggan Town Commissioners call on the Minister for Education to introduce a book hire system in all second level schools due to the high cost of school books, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all local authorities for their support".

8. Any Other Business:

- (A) On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless, it was agreed to again write to Dublin Port and Docks Board asking that a light be erected on the South Pier of the Harbour, on the wall below the lighthouse.
- (B) On the proposal of Commissioner Gallen, it was agreed to write to the Board of Management of St. Peter and Pauls National School and Balrothery National School seeking clarification as to why the contract for school photographs was given to a firm operating outside of the country.
- (C) On the proposal of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to ask the County Council to consider the introduction of bike lanes along the Main St and to also contact the Rds. Safety Section asking if they would initiate a course of instruction in schools.



- (D) On the proposal of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to ask the County Council to build a wall at the rear of the two new houses in Curran Park, to separate the garden from the adjacent ditch.
- (E) On the proposal of Commissioner Purcell, seconded by Commissioner Lawless, the members passed a vote of congratulation to Commissioner Kennedy on his been made a life member of the Lenister Football Association and a Life member of the Football Association of Ireland.
- (F) On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to again ask Dublin County Council to clear up the bottom end of the river at Lambeecher Estate and to clear up the over growth at the Mill Pond River. Also to ask if the tarmac paths could be completed in the Mill Pond Open Space Area.
- (G) On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to ask the Roads Department to clear all surface water traps in the town, with special relevance to the ones located at the Courthouse.
- (H) On the proposal of Commissioner Gallen, it was agreed to write to the Garda Superintendent asking him to investigate the situation whereby the local traffic warden was alleged to have been seen driving a car which was not displaying a tax or insurance disc.

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The meeting ended at 10.10p.m.

*Stephen Lawless*  
*11/11/86*



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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD WITH CLUBS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS TO DISCUSS THE 1987 ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Gallen, Patricia  
Hamilton, Anthony  
Kennedy, Jack.

Lawless, Stephen  
Purcell, Brian

An apology for non-attendance was received from Commissioner David Murray.

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OFFICIALS PRESENT:

P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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MEMBERS OF CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS PRESENT:

Patricia Rooney - Pre-School Playgroup  
Patrick Dunne - St. Patricks Brass & Reed Band  
Orla Webster/Linda Hamilton - Girl Guides  
Eddie D'Arcy/Bill Jones - Boy Scouts  
K. Kealing/R. Levins - Pioneer T.A.A.  
Gus Downes - Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band  
May Gossan - I. C. A.  
D. Breannoc - C.B.S.I.  
May Dillon McAleer - Dillon School of Dancing  
Brian Purcell - Town Twinning  
Patricia Gallen - Rugby Club  
Patricia Maguire - Dillon School of Dancing

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The Chairman, Commissioner Lawless, presided.

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The Chairman welcomed the organisations representations and outlined the purposed of the meeting which was, he said, to review the 1986 St. Patricks Day Parade, to examine ways of improving the Parade for 1987 and to get names of those people willing to serve on a committee with the Commissioners to organise the parade.

Mr. E. D'Arcy for the C.B.S.I. put the following proposals and criticisms to the meeting:

1. The parade should be in the morning.
2. There was a great need for stewards.
3. The parade should finish at the Square.
4. The review stand should be resited.



Mr. Gussy Downes for the Pride of Balbriggan Marching Band made the following comments:

- 1. The review stand in the carpark was unsatisfactory.
- 2. The participating groups should provide their own stewards.
- 3. If the parade was in the morning the band would march in Balbriggan one year and in Dublin's Parade the next year.

Mr. Paddy Dunne for St. Patricks Brass and Reed Band stated that a morning parade would be satisfactory to him. However, there was the problem of the band playing at 12.00 noon mass.

Mrs. Patricia Rooney representing the Pre-School Playgroup suggested that an Irish Dancing Display be held at the end of the parade.

Following further discussion the following people agreed to serve on a committee to be formed by the Commissioners to organise the St. Patricks Day Parade for 1987.

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| Eddie D'Arcy     | May Dillon     |
| Patricia Rooney  | Richard Levins |
| Patricia Maguire | Paddy Dunne    |
| Linda Hamilton   | Gussy Downes   |

The Chairman then thanked all those in attendance for coming and all the representatives of the organisations then left the meeting.

Following further discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and agreed that all the Commissioners should serve on the St. Patricks Day Parade Committee.

*Stephen Lawler*

*11/11/86*



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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS

HELD ON 11th NOVEMBER, 1986.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Davis, Joseph  
Gallen, Patricia  
Hamilton, Anthony  
Lawless, Stephen

Murray, David  
Purcell, Brian  
Tuite, Bredge

An apology for non attendance was received from Jack Kennedy and Jack Larkin.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Patrick Mc Cann, Senior Staff Officer.

Apology received from G.W. Redmond, Assistant City and County Manager.

CHAIRMAN: Stephen Lawless

1. (A) Minutes of meeting held on 14th October 1986 were read and confirmed.
- (B) Minutes of special meeting held on 11th November, 1986 were read and to give effect to recommendations of this meeting the following motions were adopted by the Commissioners.
  - (i) "That the Balbriggan town Commissioners agree to set up a St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, such committee to consist of all members of Commissioners, and interested individuals co-opted onto the Committee by the Commissioners."
  - (ii) "That the Balbriggan Town Commissioners hereby co-opt Edward Darcy, Patricia Rooney, Patricia Maguire, Linda Hamilton, May Dillon-McAleer, Richard Levins, Paddy Dunne, and Gussy Downes to be members of St. Patricks Day Parade."
2. Matters arising out of Minutes
  - (A) Broken Manholes in Quay Street

In reply to Commissioner Gallen, Mr. Mc Cann informed the meeting that the owner responsible had given an undertaking to the Local Roads Engineer to have the necessary remedial works executed.
  - (B) Breakdown in cost of Bells Land

On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite it was agreed to seek breakdown of costs expended on the repair to dwellings on Bells Land.
  - (C) Plastic signs on Buisness premises in Town

Commissioner Gallen informed the meeting that she had constructive discussions with a number of buisness people and they hoped to effect a big improvement in this matter in the future, with a resultant overall improvement appearance of the Town.
  - (D) Councillor Purcell informed the meeting that the Town Commissioners motion regarding mutual authorities was successful and the status quo remained.



3. (A) Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers

- (i) Letter dated 22nd October, 1986 from Office of the Taoiseach regarding the removal of D.I.R.T. and V.A.T. from Voluntary Organisations in relation to the cost of specialised equipment was read and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 21st October, 1986 from Minister for Foreign Affairs concerning the Birmingham six, the Guildford tour and Annie Maguire was read and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 22nd October, 1986 from the Office of An Taoiseach regarding the Birmingham Six was read and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 22nd October, 1986 from the Office of the Minister for Energy regarding the Birmingham and Guildford cases was read and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 31st October, 1986 from the Office of the Minister for the Environment regarding an application for an extension of the boundary of Balbriggan Town was read and after discussion, it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen and agreed, that having due regard to the setting up of the Independent Boundary Commission a further letter should issue to the Minister detailing the special position of the Borough Boundaries where housing Estates are divided, requesting him to give effect to these changes, so to regularise this matter, having regard to the fact that Dublin County Council have indicated they have no objections to this.

(B) Correspondence from Dublin County Council

- (i) Letter dated 14th October, 1986 from the roads Department was read and noted.
- (ii) Letter dated 15th October, 1986 from the Roads Department was read and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 10th October, 1986 from Sanitary Services Department was read and it was proposed by Commissioner Davis and agreed that a detailed breakdown of costs be sought for the works as outlined in the letter.
- (iv) Letter dated 7th November, 1986 from the Community Environment Department was read and noted.

(C) Correspondence from other local authorities and public bodies

- (i) Letter dated 3rd October, 1986 from Monaghan Urban District Council regarding "That all animal tripe be removed from processing plants be carried in enclosed sealed containers only", was read and it was proposed by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that Balbriggan Town Commissioners support the resolution.
- (ii) Letter dated 31st October, 1986 from Tipperary (N.R.) County Council regarding bank hire system in all second level schools was read and noted.
- (iii) Letter dated 31st October, 1986 from Donegal County Council regarding Bank hire system in all second level schools was read and noted.



- (iv) Letter dated 4th November, 1986 from Ballina Urban District Council was read and noted.
- (v) Letter from An Garda Siochana was read and it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that it would form an item for the next agenda.
- (vi) Letter dated 22nd October, 1986 from the E.S.B. regarding payment office was read and noted.
- (vii) Letter dated 29th October, 1986 regarding the national fuel scheme was read and noted.

4. Other Business:

- (A) On the proposal by the Chairman, Stephen Lawless, it was agreed to have the area road Engineer investigate the wheelchair ramp outside O'Leary's Bakery and examine its safety features.
- (B) On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite it was agreed to write to the owners of overhead carpark, suggesting the closing of same at night as it encourages teenagers to congregate in this area, and it was further proposed by Councillor Davis and agreed that a letter would issue to the Superintendent of the Gardai Siochana requesting an increase in foot patrol in this area.
- (C) Commissioner Davis read a letter to the meeting from the Minister for the Department of Defence regarding the supply of patents for the Army and it was proposed by the Chairman, Stephen Lawless, and agreed that a letter be sent to the Company involved inquiring if they were ever late with supplies to the Army.
- (D) It was proposed by Commissioner Davis and agreed that provision should be made in next years parks estimates to provide a further changing room facility on Bells Land, as the soccer club and athletic club are at present sharing the same one.
- (E) It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen and agreed to have the local Roads Engineer examine footpaths in Chapel Street as they are stated to be in a dangerous condition and require attention.
- (F) It was proposed and agreed by Commissioner Gallen to contact the public lighting section regarding the light at the corner of Market Green, the double light at Comiskey Lane and the provision of three lights on existing poles at Convent Lands for which £20,000 has been provided for in the estimates.
- (G) It was proposed by Commissioner Davis and agreed to contact the County Council and other statutory bodies executing road works to provide, as dublin Corporation are now proposing to provide, inter-locking barriers as distinct from the present Barrels with tape to alleviate dangers to the blind.
- (H) It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite and agreed following discussion on Single European Act that a copy of the white paper be available at the next meeting for the information of the Commissioners.
- (I) It was proposed by Councillor Gallen and agreed that the Commissioners would meet a delegation from Irish Public Bodies Insurance to discuss the Commissioners insurance policy in detail.
- (J) It was proposed by Commissioner Davis and agreed to write to Parks Department requesting them to provide a boundary wall on Council owned



land at Lambeecher Estate.

(K) It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite and agreed, that a letter be sent to the County Council enquiring of the possibility of providing a large boulder, to enable residents associations to erect sign names of estates on approach roads.

5. Commissioners consent to increase in remuneration in respect of Town Commissioners Employees

Consent granted.

6. Future meetings/presentations

Following discussion the following timetable was adopted:

- (i) Formation of St. Patrick's Day Parade Sub-Committee 25/11/86 at 8.30 p.m.
- (ii) Youth Awards. Chairman, Stephen Lawless to liaise with Town Clerk to arrange a mutually suitable date and time.
- (iii) Tidy Districts Competition 4/12/86 at 8.30 p.m.

Meeting ended 10.20 p.m.

Stephen Lawless  
9/12/86



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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 9/12/86.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:      Davis, Joseph,                      Lawless, Stephen  
  Gallen, Patricia                     Murray, David  
  Hamilton, Anthony                 Purcell, Brian  
  Kennedy, Jack                        Tuite, Bredge.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Commissioner Jack Larkin.

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OFFICIALS PRESENT:      P.A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology for non-attendance was received from G. W. Redmond, Asst. City + County Manager.

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At the outset, on the proposal of Commissioner Gallen, the Commissioners passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Patrick McCann of Dublin County Council for his work during the absence on Sick Leave of the Town Clerk and the members welcomed back the Town Clerk.

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1. Minutes of meeting held on 11th November, 1986 were read and confirmed.
  2. Matters arising out of the Minutes:

- (i) On the proposal of Commissioner Gallen, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council to protect the wheelchair ramps outside O'Leary's which were very dangerous if they could not be repaired immediately.
- (ii) On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless, it was agreed to again write to Dublin County Council concerning the Commissioner request to have a light put opposite the station.
- (iii) On the proposal of Commissioner Gallen, it was agreed to investigate the possibility of having a meeting with the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances concerning the Commissioners various insurances.
- (iv) On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless, it was agreed to write to Dublin County Council concerning the proposal for name plate boulders for Housing Estates.

3. Applications for Hire of Hall:

The following applications for hire of the Town Hall were noted by the Commissioners:

1. Irish Countrywomens Association to hold Balbriggan Country Markets



- 3. in the passageway of the Town Hall from the 28/11/86 from 9.30a.m. to 11.30a.m.
- 2. Application from Black Raven Karate Club to hold a Karate Competition in the Town Hall on Sunday, 21st December, 1986 from 3.00p.m. - 6p.m.

4. Correspondence from Government Departments & Ministers:

- (a) Letter dated 6/11/86 from Department of Defence RE: Embroidery machine was read. It was agreed to contact Shannon Embroidery seeking details of the meeting they had with the Minister.
- (b) Letter dated 13/11/86 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs, RE: Review of Bomb Trial Cases in Britain was read and noted.
- (c) Letter dated 18/11/86 from Dept. of Education RE: Second Level School Books, was read. Following discussion it was agreed to contact all local schools to get their views on themselves taking on book lending schemes.

Correspondence from Dublin County Council:

- (a) Letter dated 22/10/86 from Roads Department, RE: Chapel Street crescent and
- (b) Letter dated 17/11/86 from Planning Department, RE: Chapel Street Creseent were read. Following discussion it was agreed to write to Dublin Co. Council asking them to repair the footpath in question and to charge the developer for the work carried out.
- (c) Letter dated 13/11/86 from Roads Department, RE: Surface Water Drains was read. A vote of thanks was proposed by Commissioner Kennedy to the County Council for their work in this area.
- (d) Letter dated 13/11/86 from Roads Department, RE: Manhole Covers, was read and noted.
- (e) Letter dated 17/11/86 from Housing Department, RE: Boundary at Curran Park was read. It was agreed to contact the owner of the land adjoining these houses and request to fill in the ditch and also to ask the Eastern Health Board to investigate the rodent problem.

Correspondence from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies:

- (a) Various Letters supporting the Commissioners resolution calling for a book hire system in all second level schools were read. It was agreed to contact the principal of the Sacred Hearts School, Drogheda asking him for details of how their book hire system works.
- (b) Letter dated 21/11/86 from Loughrea Town Commissioners, RE: Strip searching in McGavory Prison was read. It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy that the



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Commissioner support the resolution contained in their letter.

Following a vote in which Commissioners Tuite, Kennedy, Davis and Purcell voted for the motion and Commissioners Gallen, Lawless, Hamilton and Murray voting against. A tie resulted, the Chairman gave his casting vote against supporting the motion. The motion was declared lost.

(c) Letter from Telecom Eireann RE: Phone kiosk in Pinewood Estate was read and noted. The Town Clerk informed the members that he had sent a copy of the letter to the Pinewood Residents.

5. The Commissioners consent to increase in remuneration of employees of Balbriggan Town Commissioners:

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Murray and agreed that the Commissioners consent be given to the increase in remuneration of the employees of the Balbriggan Town Commissioners in accordance with the first phase of the 25th Pay Round.

6. Report of Local Government Auditor for the Financial Year ended 31/12/85

Following discussion on the report it was noted by the Commissioners.

7. Commissioners consent to overexpenditure for financial year ending 31st December, 1986.

The Town Clerk informed the members that it was envisaged that over-expenditure in the sum of £8,500 would occur for the current financial year due mainly to over runs on both the fuel scheme and the renovations project been carried out by AnCo. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and agreed that over expenditure in the sum of £8,500 for the financial year ended 31st December, 1986 be approved.

8. Christmas Lighting 1986:

The Town Clerk gave a report to the Commissioners from the Town Decoration Committee and the Commissioners urged that traders and organisations in the town to support the lighting.

9. Commissioners Consent to Transfer of House:

It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Purcell and agreed that the Commissioners consent be given to the transfer of 17 Gibbons Tce., from Rose Reid to the joint names of Rose Reid and her daughter Joan Reid who resided with her. Subject to the conditions of the existing transfer order.



10. Discussion on Youth Awards Scheme:

The Town Clerk informed the members that only three applications had been received. These were from Balbriggan Tennis Club, Karate Club, using the Town Hall and the Balbriggan Golf Club. Commissioner Tuite stated that from her information Bracken Boxing Club had lodged a nomination and Commissioner Gallen stated that the Rugby Club had also lodged a nomination. It was agreed to investigate both of these claims, It was further agreed that the closing date for nominations would be extended to 7th January, 1987 and that the Sports Awards Committee would meet at 8.30p.m. on that date to consider nominations and make the final recommendations.

11. Fixing of date for first St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee Meeting:

Following discussion, it was agreed to hold the first St. Patrick's Day Committee meeting on Wednesday, 7th January, 1987 at 7.30p.m.

12. Motion submitted by Commissioner Tuite:

It was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Davis and resolved that:

"We the Balbriggan Town Commissioners condemn the savage cuts in Social Welfare Benefits caused by the implementation of this so called Equality Act."

It was further agreed to write to the Department of Social Welfare seeking full details of the implementation of the new Act including new and old rates. It was also requested that if possible copies of the Act would be available.

13. Motion submitted by Commissioner Brian Purcell:

It was proposed by Commissioner Purcell, seconded by Commissioner Gallen and agreed that:

"We the Balbriggan Town Commissioners congratulate Rev. Cecil Mills on his new appointment and express our gratitude to him for his unselfish dedication to the well being of the community."

14. Any Other Business:

- (i) In reply to Commissioner Gallen, The Town Clerk stated that it was hoped to have seats installed at the Courthouse in the near future.
- (ii) On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to write to C.I.E. concerning the broken down pipe at Convent Lane Tunnel.
- (iii) On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy it was agreed to ascertain when the one-way-system would come into being.



14. (iv) On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to write to the Minister for Transport asking him to repair the Harbour. It was further agreed to investigate the possibility of arranging a meeting between Dublin Port & Docks Board, Minister for Transport, Minister for Fisheries, Dublin County Council, and the Balbriggan Town Commissioners.
- (v) Commissioner Lawless proposed that consideration be given to having double yellow lines on one side of Quay Street only and either disc parking or parking metres on the other side, once the one-way-system was implemented. Following discussion there was no support for this suggestion.
- (vi) On proposal of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to write to Dublin County Council asking them to again repair the footpaths outside the Community College and also to ask them why the footpaths outside certain houses in Dublin Street were repaired before the ones which were in worse condition beside the Main Rd.
- (vii) On the proposal of Commissioner Murray, it was agreed to write to I.D.A. asking them what grants were available for industries in the Balbriggan area.
- (viii) On the proposal of Commissioner Murray, it was agreed to contact the Gardai concerning the alleged dangerous parking outside the Scout Hall on one Sunday each month.
- (ix) On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless, it was agreed to ask Bord Telecom to move the phone kiosk at the top of Hampton St. further up towards the County Bridge due to the problems caused at the moment by parking outside it.
- (x) On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council why the lights which was promised for the Church carpark were not installed in October.
- (xi) On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless, it was agreed to ask Dublin Port and Docks Board why a light had not been installed on the pier. On the proposal of Commissioner Gallen, it was agreed to write to C.I.E. concerning the undermining of the wooden promenade at Seapoint.
- (xii) On the proposal of Commissioner Murray, it was agreed to again write to Dublin County Council, concerning the Commissioners request to have a footpath installed at the rear of Fancourt Hts.
- (xiii) On the proposal of Commissioner Davis, it was agreed to ask Dublin County Council when the boulders would be landscaped on the main beach.



14. (xiv) On the proposal of Commissioner Purcell, it was agreed to write to C.I.E. asking them to repair the entrance of the promenade. Which was causing problems to people in wet weather.
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The meeting concluded at 10.05 p.m.

Stephen Lawlor  
21/1/87



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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY COMMITTEE HELD ON 7/1/87.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS

Davis, Joseph  
Hamilton, Anthony  
Lawless, Stephen  
Murray, David  
Purcell, Brian  
Tuite, Bredge

NOMINATED MEMBERS

D'Arcy, Eddie  
Dillon, May  
Hamilton, Linda  
Levins, Richard  
Maguire, Patricia  
Rooney, Patricia  
Yeates, Joseph

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioners Gallen and Kennedy.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk

The Chairman Commissioner Lawless Presided.

Following a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Purcell, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy and agreed that the parade should start at 11.30a.m. It was proposed by Mr. D'Arcy and seconded by May Dillon and agreed that the parade should start from the entrance road to the Tayto Site.

The following matters were also recommended:

1. Route: Dublin St., Square, Bridge St., Clonard St., Fullam St., Chapel St., Drogheda St. (turn at Lambreecher) Main St., to Square (finish).
2. Review Stand: The review stand to be placed in the Square Carpark facing the A.I.B. Bank.
3. Stewards: Each marching group would be required to have three stewards. Stewards would wear green armbands.
4. Letters: Letters would be issued to local groups.
5. Parade would be open to groups outside of the Town. A list of possible outside participants would be supplied by members at the next meeting.
6. All uniform groups would attend 10.00a.m. mass in uniform (subject to agreement with the clergy).
7. No Commercial distribution of goods would take place during the parade for safety reasons.
8. The Chairman of the Commissioners would review a representative assembly of all marching groups.
9. Steps would be provided for review stand.
10. Brian Whearity would be asked to supply the amplification.
11. The three banks would be asked to supply trophies for three categories as follows:  
(i) Best marching group (ii) Best Community Float (iii) Best Commercial Float.
12. The next meeting was fixed for monday 2nd February, 1987 at 8.00p.m.

The meeting concluded at 8.30p.m.

*Stephen Lawless 21/1/87*



MINUTES OF MEETING OF SPORTS AWARDS COMMITTEE HELD ON 7/1/87.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Lawless Stephen  
Murray, David  
Purcell, Brian  
Tuite Bredge

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OFFICIALS PRESENT: P.A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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The Town Clerk informed the committee that six nominations had been received. These were as follows:

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| 1. Golf:   | Bernie White     | Balbriggan Golf Club.          |
| 2. Karate: | Diarmuid McKeown | Tae Kwon Do (Town Hall).       |
| 3. Tennis: | Colette Brangan  | Balbriggan Tennis Club.        |
| 4. Rugby:  | Mick Quinn       | Balbriggan Rugby Football Club |
| 5. Boxing: | Noel O'Neill     | Bracken Boxing Club.           |
| 6. Soccer: | Eddie Campbell   | Hyde Park A.F.C.               |

Following discussion the Committee recommended that awards be presented to each of the nominees. A form of certificate was discussed and would be investigated. Each certificate should be signed by the Chairman and Town Clerk. It was also recommended that the Commissioners expenses for the January meeting go towards the cost of the certificate (framed) and presentation.

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The meeting concluded at 9.30p.m.

*Stephen Lawless*

*21/1/87*



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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 13/1/1987.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Lawless, Stephen  
Purcell, Brian

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OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk

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As there was no quorum present at the time appointed for the meeting to start, i.e. 7.30p.m. the Chairman Commissioner Lawless postponed the meeting until Tuesday, 20th January, 1987 at 7.30p.m.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 21/1/'87

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:      Davis, Joseph                                      Lawless, Stephen  
   Hamilton, Anthony                                      Murray, David  
   Larkin, Jack P.C.,M.C.C.                                      Tuite, Bredge

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Commissioners Gallen, Kennedy and Purcell.

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OFFICIALS PRESENT:                      P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

An apology for non-attendance was received from G. W. Redmond, Asst. City & County Manager.

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The Chairman, Commissioner Lawless, presided.

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1. Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of meeting held on 9/12/86 were read and confirmed.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes:

- (a) On proposal of Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Larkin a vote of congratulation was passed to Dublin County Council roadworkers on keeping the roads clear during the recent heavy snows.
- (b) On proposal of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to again write to Dublin County Council concerning the position of the use of boulders for name plates in Housing Estates.
- (c) On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to write again to Shannon Embroidery, seeking clarification of their correspondence with the Department of Defence.
- (d) On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless, it was agreed to again write to Dublin County Council, concerning the Commissioners proposal for the installation of footpaths at the rear of Fancourt Heights.
- (e) In reply to Commissioner Larkin, the Town Clerk stated that it had been agreed that all polling booths for Balbriggan would be situated in the Town Hall.

3. Applications for hire of hall:

The following list of new applications were noted by the Commissioners

<u>HIRER:</u>	<u>DAY(S):</u>	<u>TIME:</u>	<u>HALL:</u>
Scoil Rince Cualann	Sunday-18/1/87	12.00-6.00p.m.	Ballroom



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<u>HIRER:</u>	<u>DAY(S):</u>	<u>TIME:</u>	<u>HALL:</u>
O'Dwyers G.F.C.	23/1/87 6/2/87 20/2/87	9.30p.m.-12.00m/n (Disco)	Ballroom
Balbriggan Cricket Club.	Thursdays (From 29/1/87)	9.00p.m.-11.00p.m.	Supperroom
Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann.	Wednesdays (From 7/1/87)	10.00pm.-12.00p.m.	Supperroom
Balbriggan Feis Committee.	Saturday&Sunday 21/2/87+22/2/87	All Day	Ballroom & Supperroom
Helena Halpin	Mondays/Wednesday & Fridays (6/7/87-7/8/87)	2.00pm-5.00pm.	Ballroom

4. Correspondence:

A. Correspondence From Government Department & Ministers:

1. Letter dated 9/12/86 from Minister for the Environment, RE: Boundary Extension, was read. It was agreed to write again to the Minister to seek clarification of the present position.
2. Letters dated 18/12/86 and 12/1/87 from Minister for Finance, RE: Removal of VAT and DIRT on certain deposits was read and noted.
3. Letters dated 6/1/87 and 13/1/87 from Minister for Social Welfare, RE: Social Welfare Equality Act were read and noted.
4. Letters dated 6/1/87 & 13/1/87 from Minister for Communication RE: Balbriggan Harbour was read. Following discussion it was agreed to propose to the interested parties that a meeting relating to Balbriggan Harbour would be held on 18th, 19th or 20th March, 1987.

B. Correspondence from Dublin County Council:

1. Letter dated 21/10/86 (received 18/12/86) from Roads Dept., RE: Carpark Linning Scheme was read. It was noted that the matter was coming up on the forthcoming deputation to Dublin County Council, it was agreed also to write to the Council outlining the Commissioners proposals for improvements in the scheme.
2. Letter dated 5/1/87 from Parks Department, RE: No Golfing Sign was read and noted.
3. Letter dated 6/1/87 from Chairman, Dublin County Council, RE: proposed Balbriggan Harbour meeting and



- 4. B. 4. Letter dated 6/1/87 from Asst. City + County Manager, Dublin County Council, RE: Balbriggan Harbour Meeting were read and having been discussed previously were noted.
- 5. Letter dated 15/1/87 from Roads Dept., Concerning public lighting was read and noted.
- 6. Letter dated 8/1/87 from Planning Dept., RE: Road and Footpath at entrance to development at Chapel Street was read and noted.

C. Letters from Other Local Authorities and Public Bodies:

- 1. Letter dated 2/12/86 from Edenderry Town Commissioners, Letter dated 9/12/86 from Wexford Corporation and letter dated 13/1/87 from Listowel Urban District Council supporting the Commissioners Book Hire Resolution, were read and noted. Following discussion it was agreed to write to the Minister for Education enclosing copies of all the replies received to date.
- 2. Letter dated 9/2/87 from Dublin & East Tourism, RE: Support from Commissioners was read. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless seconded by Commissioner Larkin and agreed that subject to the limitations of the Estimate. The Commissioners contribution to Dublin & East Tourism would be £100. Following further discussion it was agreed to write to the Tourism body asking them for information as to how they were marketing the town of Balbriggan for tourism purposes.
- 3. Letter dated 4/12/86 from Wexford Corporation, RE: Motor Insurance was read. It was proposed by Commissioner Murray, seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the Commissioners would support the resolution.
- 4. Letter dated 4/12/86 from Tipperary North Riding County Council, RE: Review of Birmingham six case. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Larkin and agreed that the Commissioners would support the resolution.
- 5. Letter dated 12/12/86 from Eastern Regional Development Organisation, RE: Water Quality Management Plan for Dublin Bay, was read and noted.
- 6. Letter dated 13/1/87 from Eastern Regional Development Organisation, RE: Radioactive Pollution Seminar was read. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Larkin and agreed that Commissioners Murray, Davis and the Town Clerk would attend the seminar subject to confirmation of the amount of fees and the dates of the seminar.



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- C. 7. Letter dated 23/12/86 from Monaghan U.D.C., in condemning the reduction of the Old Age Pensioners Christmas Bonus was read. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed that the Commissioners would support their resolution.
8. Letter from C.I.E. RE: Repairs was read and noted. Following further discussion it was agreed to write to C.I.E. concerning the implementation of a more frequent service of the 33 buses to Balbriggan, especially at weekends.
9. Letter from Dept. of the Environment, RE: Dates for holding of Estimates Meetings was read and was noted by the Commissioners that the Estimate Meeting must be held between the 1st January, 1987 and 28th February, 1987. Following Discussion it was agreed that the Estimates Committee Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 10th February, 1987 at 6.45p.m. and that the Statutory Estimates Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 24th February, 1987 at 7.30p.m.
10. Letter dated 8/1/87 from Dublin Port & Docks Board, concerning proposed Balbriggan Harbour Meeting was read and noted.
11. Letter dated 8/1/87 from Dublin Port & Docks Board, concerning improved lighting at Balbriggan Harbour was read and noted.
12. Letter dated 5/1/87 from I.D.A. Ireland, enclosing copies of brochures outlining grant assistance for industries was read noted.

**D. General Correspondence:**

1. Litir o Trevor Sargent, Scoil Sheoirse i dtaobh sceim iasachta leabhair leite and Letter dated 7/1/87 from Loreto Secondary School, Letter dated 8/1/87 from Community College and letter dated 11/1/87 from St. Peter and Pauls Senior School, RE: Book-hire system were read and noted.

**5. Reports From Committees:**

1. Report on St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee meeting held on 7/1/87. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Murray and seconded by Commissioner Tuite and agreed that the report be adopted by the Commissioners.
2. Report on Youth Sports Awards Committee meeting held on 7/1/87. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Murray and agreed that the report be adopted, subject to the change that the expenses for the January



5. 2. meeting be amended to read Expenses for one meeting and that the decision to give expenses would be up to each individual Commissioner.

6. Deputation to Dublin County Council:

Discussion was held on the following agenda by the Commissioners. The members rostered to go on the deputation were Commissioners Gallen Murray and Davis. Following the absence of Commissioners Gallen and Davis, it was agreed that Commissioners Murray, Lawless, Hamilton and Larkin would go on the Deputation.

7. Discussion on Tidy Districts Competition 1987:

Following discussion the following matters were agreed:

- 1. Judging would be held in June.
- 2. Judging panel would be the same as in 1986, with a representative from Bord Failte if they were able to provide one.
- 3. It was agreed to request the various sponsors to provide perpetual trophies and a replica each year after that. The Garden Centre voucher would continue to be presented to Housing Estates.

8. Report on Christmas Lighting 1986:

The Town Clerk gave a report from the Town Decoration Committee, concerning the Christmas Lighting. It was agreed to recommend to the Committee that they carry out a door to door collection in September, 1987.

9. Motion submitted by Commissioner Patricia Gallen:

In the absence of Commissioner Gallen, the motion was proposed by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner Murray.

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners being registered electors of the Town of Balbriggan resolve that the Minister for the Environment be petitioned under Section 7 of the Public Health Act, 1878 to constitute Balbriggan as an Urban District. And that the boundary of the Urban District be fixed to coincide with the present boundary of Balbriggan, Balrothery and Balscadden. Following a discussion it was agreed to defer the matter until the February meeting, following the re-issue of a report by the Town Clerk which was circulated in 1980."

10. Any Other Business:

- 1. The Town Clerk informed the members that an application for a Gaming Certificate under the Gaming Lotteries Act had been received from Silvano Borza, The Square, Balbriggan. This was noted by the members.



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10. 2. On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to contact Dublin County Council concerning the non-collection of vested cottage annuities, it was agreed to propose to the Council that they be allowed to pay at the Town Hall.
  3. On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to contact the E.S.B. concerning the light switch out of order at Pinewood Green Close.
  4. On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless, it was agreed to contact E.S.B. concerning the light which was out at Bremore Court for the past eighteen months.
  5. On the proposal of Commissioner Murray, it was agreed to contact E.S.B. concerning two lights which were not working in Hampton Cove.
  6. Commissioner Davis proposed that contact be made with Dublin County Council to have the pedestrian lights outside the Post Office removed to a different location. Following discussion no decision on this matter was taken by the Commissioners.
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The meeting ended at 10.15p.m.

*Stephen Lawless*  
*10/2/87*







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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BALBRIGGAN TOWN COMMISSIONERS HELD ON 10/2/87.

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Davis, Joseph  
Gallen, Patricia  
Hamilton, Anthony  
Kennedy, Jack  
Larkin, Jack P.C., M.C.C.  
Lawless, Stephen  
Purcell, Brian  
Tuite, Bredge /

An apology for non attendance was received from Commissioner David Murray

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OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. G. W. Redmond, Asst. City & County Manager.

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1. Confirmation of Minutes:

- (a) Minutes of the adjourned meeting held on 21/1/87 were read and confirmed.
- (b) Minutes of the St. Patricks Day Parade Committee meeting held on 9/1/87 were read. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Davis and resolved that the report be adopted by the Commissioners.

2. Matters Arising out of Minutes:

- (a) It was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Davis and agreed that a letter be sent to the County Sheriff requesting that for future elections and referenda that he contact the local Employment Exchange concerning vacancies for Poll Clerks and presiding Officers and that such vacancies be publicly advertised.
- (b) It was proposed by Commissioner Davis that a telegram be sent to the Minister of the Environment, asking that he bring forward the date of the new register so that those people who have gone onto the draft register could vote. Following discussion there was no support for this suggestion by the members of the Commissioners.
- (c) In reply to the Chairman, the Town Clerk informed the members that no written reply had been received from the Department of the Environment concerning the boundary extension. However, he had received a phone call prior to the meeting stating that the legal and technical aspects of the extension were been currently examined. It was agreed that a further letter would be issued to the Minister.
- (d) It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed that Construction Industry Federation be contacted concerning the completion of Chapel Street Crescent.



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- (e) It was proposed by Commissioner Gallen, seconded by Commissioner Lawless and agreed that the trophies for the Tidy Districts Competition would be purchased, if possible, in Balbriggan.

3. Application for Hire of Hall:

An Application from Doris Penthony to hold physical exercise classes in the Town Hall on Tuesday nights from 9.30p.m. to 10.30p.m. was noted by the Commissioners.

4. Correspondence:

A. Correspondence from Government Departments and Ministers:

- (i) Letter dated 29/10/86 from Dept. of Environment, RE: Travel and Subsistence Allowances was read. The Town Clerk informed the members that as long as they were going into discuss a matter pertaining to their statutory function that they would be entitled to Travelling Expenses.
- (ii) Letter dated 28/1/87 from Dept. of Tourism, Fisheries and Forestry, RE: Balbriggan Harbour Meeting was read and noted.

B. Correspondence from Dublin County Council:

- (i) Letter dated 8/1/87 from Roads Dept., RE: Various Roads Matters was read. Following discussion it was agreed to write to the local Garda Superintendent concerning the Commissioners proposal for a Traffic Box at Lambeecher Estate and to suggest the provision of a white stop line.
- (ii) Letter dated 8/1/87 from Roads Dept., RE: Balbriggan By-Pass was read, it was agreed to ask the County Council to supply a map of the bye-pass if such was available.
- (iii) Letter dated 27/1/87 from Roads Dept., RE: Cycle Lanes and Cycle safety was read and noted.
- (iv) Letter dated 28/1/87 from Roads Dept., RE: Raising of kerb at Mill St., was read and noted.
- (v) Letter dated 3/2/87 from Roads Dept., RE: Wheel chair ramp outside O'Leary's in Quay St. Following discussion it was agreed to write back to the Council, stating that they had agreed at a recent deputation to remove the wheel chair ramp.
- (vi) Letter dated 3/2/87 from Parks Department, RE: Footpath at rear of houses at Fancourts Heights was read and noted.

C. Correspondence from other Local Authorities and Public Bodies:

There was no correspondence under this heading.

D. General Correspondence:

- (i) Letter dated 21/1/87 from Shannon Embroidery Co., RE: Dept. of Defence embroidery machines was read and noted.



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4. D. (ii) Letter dated 26/1/87 from Balbriggan Country Markets, RE: purchase of Quilt was read. It was agreed to contact the quilters group concerning the cost of storage and hanging.

5. Discussion on Town Decoration:

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Town Decoration Committee were considering the holding of a door-to-door collection from 7th to 20th September, 1987 and a public house collection on 18th/19th & 20th September, 1987. The Commissioners agreed that this was a good idea.

6. Report on Deputation to Dublin County Council:

Report on Deputation to Dublin Co. Council was given by those members who were present. Following discussion it was proposed by Commissioner Lawless, seconded by Commissioner Gallen that a letter be issued to each of the members of the Fingal Committee asking them to publicly back Mr. Ray Burke's, T.D. motion concerning the Balbriggan Sewerage System. It was also agreed to write to Dublin County Council stating that there was no need for the boulders on the beach as the protection was already there. It was further agreed that the annual clean up of the beach will held on the last Saturday in May, as per usual.

7. Motion submitted by Commissioner Gallen (deferred from January Meeting):

The motion which had been moved at the January meeting was amended as suggested by the Town Clerk to read as follows:

"That we the Balbriggan Town Commissioners been registered electors of the Town of Balbriggan resolve that the Minister of the Environment be petitioned under Section 7 of the Public Health Act, 1878 as extended by Sections 42 and 97 Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 and Section 1 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1900, to constitute Balbriggan as an Urban District and that the Boundary of the Urban District be fixed to coincide with the present parish boundary of Balbriggan, Balrothery & Balscadden." Following discussion it was agreed that before further consideration could be given that the Town Clerk would draw up and submit to the Commissioners, a report on the financial aspects on Balbriggan been constituted as an Urban District Council.

8. Report to Dublin-Fingal (Housing & Planning) Meeting on 19/1/87 on request of the Eastern Health Board for dwellings in Balbriggan - submitted by Commissioner Jack Larkin:

Following discussion the proposal was generally welcomed by the Commissioners.

9. Any Other Business:

- (a) The Town Clerk informed the members that due to the late notification of rateable valuations for Balbriggan caused by adjustments made



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9. (a) necessary by the local Government Reorganisation in the Dublin area and the fact that the domestic rate shortfall had not been received that it would be necessary to seek a departure of the provisions of the Public Bodies Order 1946, as amended, which stated that the Estimates meeting should be held between the 1st day of January 1987 and 28th day of February, 1987. It was agreed that the Department be asked to authorise an amended estimate period commencing on the first day of January 1987 and terminating on 31st day of March 1987. It was further agreed that the date for Estimates Committee meeting and Statutory Estimates Meeting would be decided by the Town Clerk and the Chairman in the light of the information available to them.
- (b) On proposal of Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Lawless it was agreed to write again to the Co. Council concerning the erection of nameplates for estates in the Town. In addition, it was also agreed to ask the County Council to replace the name plate on 17 Derham Park.
- (c) On the proposal of Commissioner Kennedy, it was agreed to contact the County Council concerning the switching on the lights at Mill Pond and Chapel St. Crescent.
- (d) It was proposed by Commissioner Davis, that the Commissioners write to Aer Lingus asking them to prevent planes from going out of the country for repairs. Following discussion there was no agreement on this proposal.
- (e) On the proposal of Commissioner Gallen, it was agreed to again write to the County Council, concerning the reinstatement of the library clock.
- (f) Following the raising of the matter of the proposed Horticultural Project by Commissioner Gallen, it was proposed by the Chairman and agreed that the Commissioners would have possible sites available for the next Commissioners meeting.
- (g) In reply to the Chairman, the Town Clerk informed him that the allotment scheme would be going ahead in the current year and he had made arrangements to have the field ploughed in the near future.
- (h) In reply to Commissioner Gallen, the Town Clerk outlined the position concerning the refuse collection.
- (i) In reply to Commissioner Gallen, the Town Clerk stated that he would get in contact with the Housing Department concerning the installing of seats at the Courthouse and the planting of flowerbeds.



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9. (j) A copy of the recent Irish Hotels Federation Tourism Report was distributed to the members by the Town Clerk. Commissioner Purcell stated the Town Clerk was drawing up a register of tourist accommodation in the Balbriggan area.
- (k) On the proposal of Commissioner Hamilton, it was agreed that a special thanks be sent to the Girl Guides, Boy Scouts and F. Carson, for their recent promotion of Balbriggan on R.T.E. - Sunday Night at the Gaiety.
- (l) In reply to Commissioner Tuite, the Town Clerk stated that as soon as he had received a proposal which was costed from the Commissioner, further consideration could be given to the use of a Manpower Scheme to carry out the proposal.
- (m) On the proposal of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to ask the County Council to install lights in the laneway at Derham Park.
- (n) On proposal of Commissioner Tuite, it was agreed to write to the County Council concerning the state of disrepair of the road at the Drogheda St., pedestrian lights.
- (o) On the proposal of Commissioner Lawless it was agreed to write to the County Council concerning the break up of the road outside O'Lorcain's Dublin Street, and to state to the Council that there was a well under the road at this point.
- (p) In reply to Commissioner Tuite, the Town Clerk outlined the situation concerning the status of the tennis courts in the town.

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The meeting ended at 10.40p.m.

*Stephen Lawless*

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MINUTES OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23/2/87. 313

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

D'arcy, Edward	Maguire, Patricia
Davis, Joseph T.C.	Purcell, Brian T.C.
Dillon, May	Rooney, Patricia
Dunne, Patrick	Lawless, Stephen T.C.
Levins, Richard	

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An apology for non attendance was received from Commissioner Anthony Hamilton.

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OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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The Chairman Commissioner Lawless presided.

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1. The Minutes of the meeting held on 9/2/87 were read and confirmed.
  2. Matters arising out of the Minutes:  
Mr. P. Dunne stated that the St. Patricks Brass & Reed Band were committed to playing at 12.00 noon Mass, and would have to be available at that time. Following discussion it was agreed that the Chairman, and Town Clerk would seek to have a meeting the following day (24/2/87) with the Parish Priest in an attempt to come to a solution.
  3. Invitations to Parade:  
It was proposed by Mr. D'Arcy, seconded by the Chairman and agreed that invitations would be sent to the Skerries Sea Scouts and the Skerries unit of the C.B.S.I.
  4. Parade Entries:  
The Town Clerk informed the meeting that two additional entries had been received for the Parade.
    - (i) The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association.
    - (ii) Dillon School of Dancing.
  5. Any Other Business:  
The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday 2/3/87 at 8.00p.m.
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*Stephen Lawless*

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MINUTES OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2/3/87.

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

D'Arcy, Edward,	Hamilton, Linda
Davis, Joseph	Lawless, Stephen T.C.
Dillon, May	Levins, Richard
Dunne, Lawrence	Purcell, Brian T.C.
Hamilton, Anthony T.C.	Tuite, Bredge, T.C.

An apology for non attendance was received from Commissioner P. Gallen.

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OFFICIALS PRESENT: P. A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.

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The Chairman, Commissioner Lawless, presided.

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1. Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 23/2/87 were read and confirmed.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes:

(A) The Chairman informed the Committee that he and the Town Clerk had a meeting with the Parish Priest on 24/2/87. The Parish Priest had stated that it was up to the band to decide if they wished to take part in the Parade or play at 12.00noon Mass. Mr. Larry Dunne informed the Committee that as the band had given an undertaking to play at Mass some time ago, they felt they had to honour that committment. Following further discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Purcell and agreed that the parade would proceed without the Band. It was further agreed that Mr. D'Arcy would contact the Kentstown Band and that the Chairman would contact the Rush and Lusk Bands.

(B) Parade Entries:

The Town Clerk informed the committee that three further entries had been received for the parade:

1. Balbriggan Dramatic Society
2. Balbriggan Ladies Basketball Club
3. Bracken Boxing Club.

4. Chief Steward:

It was proposed by Commissioner Purcell, seconded by Mr. Levins and agreed that Mr. D'arcy be appointed Chief Steward.

5. Meetings:

(A) The meeting of stewards was fixed for Monday, 9/3/87 at 7.30p.m.

(B) The next meeting of the Committee was fixed for Monday, 9/3/87 at 8.00p.m.

*Stephen Lawless*

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The meeting ended at 9.00p.m.

10-3-87



MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE COMMITTEE HELD 9/3/87 <sup>315</sup>

MEMBERS PRESENT:

D'Arcy, Edward,	Kennedy, Jack, T.C.
Dunne, Laurence,	Lawless, Stephen, T.C.
Dillon, May,	Levins, Richard,
Hamilton, Anthony, T.C.	Purcell, Brian, T.C. /
Hamilton, Lynda,	Rooney, Patricia,
	Tuite, Bredge, T.C.

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Officials Present: P.A. Gibbons, Town Clerk.  
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The Chairman, Commissioner Lawless presided.  
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The Chairman informed the members that a meeting of parade stewards had just finished and duties allocated to the stewards. He also informed them that the Rush and Lusk bands would not be available. Mr. D'Arcy also informed the meeting that the Kentstown band was not available.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that trophies were being presented for the parade by the three banks in the town. The members recommended that the trophies be presented to the following categories: a) Best Marching Entry, b) Best Community Entry, c) Best Commercial Entry. It was further recommended that a representative of each of the three banks be invited to judge the entries.

The order of the parade was decided by lot as follows: Colour Party, Skerries Sea Scouts, Bracken Boxing Club, Black Raven Karate Club, Boy Scouts, Pre-School Playgroup, Dillon School of Dancing, Red Cross, Order of Malta, Balbriggan Ladies Basketball Club, Pineers, Scoil Rince Cualann, Girl Guides and Brigins.

FLOATS: Balbriggan Dramatic Society, Balbriggan A.C. BLE., Murphy Waste Disposal (Bottle Bank), Historical Society, Red Cross Ambulance.

The Chairman again appealed to the Brass and Reed Band and The Pride of Balbriggan Band to take part in the parade.

The next meeting of the committee was fixed for Monday 30/3/87 at 8.00p.m.  
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The meeting ended at 8.45p.m.

*Stephen Lawless*  
10-3-87