

**CIVIL DEFENCE COMMITTEE:****13th February, 1958.**

Present: The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Mrs. Potts, M.B.E.); Councillors Mason (in the Chair), Atherton, Barson, J.P., Buckle, Mrs. Davies, Morley, Rogers and Tackley.

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**PART I.—RECOMMENDATIONS.—NIL.****PART II.—MINUTES.**

**677. Minutes:** RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of 2nd January, 1958, having been circulated, be taken as read and signed as a true record.

**678. Civil Defence Staff College, Sunningdale: Short Course for Members:** Resolution 666 (2nd January, 1958): Councillor Rogers submitted a written report upon his attendance at the 'Two-days' Course for Members of County, Borough and District Councils held at the Civil Defence Staff College, Sunningdale, Berks., on 27th and 28th January, 1958, together with a copy of a Memorandum thereon prepared by the Regional Director of London Civil Defence Region. The report emphasised that the Course underlined the necessity for the continuance of national defence preparations, and that the organisation of the Civil Defence service is indeed a vital part of defence plans.

Despite the possible scale of damage in nuclear warfare, an immense contribution could be made by effective Civil Defence measures towards saving lives and reducing human suffering.

These measures entail the continuous development of plans and the building up of an efficient body of trained volunteers and—most important—the co-operation and confidence of the general public. Lack of knowledge and understanding of what the Civil Defence services could achieve after an attack is the greatest obstacle in this context.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Rogers be thanked for his interesting and informative written report and for his oral elaboration thereof.

**679. Civil Defence Recruitment Publicity:** Resolution 650 (21st November, 1957): The Town Clerk submitted a letter (4th February, 1958) from the County Clerk, stating that the County Civil Defence Committee have reconsidered the Borough Civil Defence Committee's request for the restoration of the item of £45, by which their estimate (£70), in respect of printing, etc., for the current year's Civil Defence Recruitment Publicity Campaign, had been reduced.

The County Civil Defence Committee regret that they are unable to agree to reinstate the above-mentioned sum, as the total expenditure authorised by the Home Office on recruitment publicity for the current financial year was fully allocated among the Boroughs and Districts.

RESOLVED: That, although a short period only now remains of the current financial year, and the Committee have no alternative but to accept the position on this occasion, the Town Clerk be requested to inform the County Civil Defence Committee that the Committee strongly protest at the above-mentioned reduction, and again urge that, in order to gain the maximum return in public interest in Civil Defence in the Borough, a greater share of a larger sum than that now allowed, at national level, for publicity, should be diverted more profitably to suitable local publicity.

**680. Suggested Peace-time Civil Defence Activities:** Resolution 626 (12th September, 1957): The Town Clerk submitted a letter (22nd December, 1957) from the County Clerk, stating that the County draft scheme for the peace-time use of Members of the Civil Defence Corps at national disasters, and major accidents, is now under consideration, and that the County Council propose to arrange for both the County and Borough Councils' schemes to be considered at the forthcoming series of Sub-Group Conferences, mentioned in Middlesex Civil Defence Circular 3/58 (9th January, 1958), referred to in resolution 681 below.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the above-mentioned letter be received and noted.

**681. Circulars:** The Town Clerk submitted the following Home Office and Middlesex Civil Defence Circulars, viz.:—

*Home Office :*

(a) 1/58 (10th January, 1958):

*Civil Defence Handbook on Light Rescue :* Forwarding a copy of Civil Defence Handbook No. 5 (Light Rescue: price 4s. 6d. net). The new publication is a revised edition of, and supersedes, pamphlet No. 4 (Basic Rescue) of Volume II of the Civil Defence Manual of Basic Training. It covers the training in light rescue prescribed in the syllabus of standard training for the Warden Section and includes the more limited training in elementary rescue provided for casualty collecting personnel of the Ambulance and Casualty Collecting Section, and for men who are members of the Headquarters or Welfare Sections. Designed also for use in the training of members of the Armed Forces in light rescue, it has been prepared in collaboration with the War Office. The rescue training needed by members of the Rescue Section of the Civil Defence Corps is outside the scope of this handbook, and will be dealt with in another handbook (now in preparation) being a revised edition of the present Rescue Manual.

The Civil Defence Officer reported that arrangements are being made to provide local Officers and Instructors of the Civil Defence Corps with copies of the new handbook. Additional copies will also be available for lending to members of the Corps, as necessary, for their training.

(b) 2/58 (10th January, 1958):

*Civil Defence Handbook on First Aid :* Forwarding a copy of Civil Defence Handbook No. 6 (First-Aid: price 7s. 6d. net), being a revised edition of the Civil Defence First-Aid Manual. The Civil Defence Officer reported that copies of the Handbook are being supplied for volunteers already qualified in full First-Aid, and to other volunteers who may take the full First-Aid Course (fourteen hours), in the future.

(c) 3/58 (8th January, 1958):

*Coloured Film Strip :* The coloured film strip, "Typical War Injuries," may now be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office, at a cost of £1 10s. per copy, including lecture notes.

(d) 4/58 (3rd February, 1958):

*Films for Civil Defence Training :* A new 16 mm. film, entitled "Rescue from Crashed Aircraft" (running time seventy minutes), is now available for the instruction of members of the Civil Defence Corps to be trained in methods of rescue from crashed aircraft. The film supersedes the Air Ministry film, "The Martin Baker Ejector Seat."

(e) 5/58 (4th February, 1958):

*Sick Pay Scheme for Members of the Civil Defence Corps*: Following a review of the Sick Pay Scheme, it has been decided to increase the maximum weekly rates of sick pay from £5 to £8 10s., for men, and £4 to £6 10s., for women. The Circular forwards a copy of the Civil Defence Corps (Sick Pay) Warrant, 1958, which gives effect to these increases as from 6th February, 1958.

*Middlesex*:

(f) 1/58 (7th January, 1958):

*Training of Signal "B" (Cable Laying and Despatch Riding) Instructors*: Forwarding particulars of courses (held at Finchley and Hounslow) for training Instructors for the Signal Sub-Section of the Headquarters Section of the Civil Defence Corps, and for which nominations will, in due course, be invited.

(g) 2/58 (9th January, 1958):

*Welfare Section Instructors' Courses*: Arrangements have been made to hold a qualifying course in "Evacuation and Care of the Homeless" in functional subjects only, at Bushey, from 28th January to 25th February, 1958. The course is open to new candidates and, in consultation with the Chairman, Mrs. R. I. Watkins, a local volunteer, was nominated and is now attending the course.

(h) 3/58 (9th January, 1958):

*Sub-Group Conference*: A Conference of representatives of the County Council, and of the Local Authorities in Middlesex Sub-Group B (comprising Bushey, Hendon, Harrow, Ruislip-Northwood, Wembley and Uxbridge), will be held at the Town Hall, Hendon, on Tuesday, 18th February, 1958, at 2.30 p.m. Matters which are to receive consideration at the Conference include the draft of the plan for Civil Defence Operational Control in the London Region, in addition to the matter referred to in resolution 680 (Suggested Peace-time Activities).

(i) 4/58 (16th January, 1958):

*Welfare Section Study*: A series of two-days' Studies has been arranged for Members and Officers of Borough and District Councils upon the operation and training of the Welfare Section, when welfare problems, arising following the explosion of a nuclear weapon, will be discussed. The study for representatives of the Local Authorities in Sub-Group B will be held at the Drill Hall, Elmgrove Road, Harrow, on 27th February and 6th March, 1958.

(j) 5/58 (29th January, 1958):

*Radiac Training Equipment*: Additional supplies of radiac equipment have now been received, and arrangements will be decentralised for storing some of that equipment at present held by the County Civil Defence Officer. The radiac equipment will be issued to six storing authorities to be shared with adjoining Boroughs and Districts. For Bushey, Harrow and Uxbridge, the store will be in Ruislip-Northwood.

RESOLVED: That the Circulars and reports be received; that the Town Clerk be instructed to investigate and report to the Committee upon a suggestion that the Council should arrange for the acquisition, for local use, of copies of the film strip, and film referred to in (c) and (d) above; and that the other Circulars be referred to the Officers for attention.

**682. General Report of the Civil Defence Officer:** RESOLVED: That the Committee receive the General Report of the Civil Defence Officer (13th February, 1958).

**683. Membership of Harrow Civil Defence Corps:** The Civil Defence Officer reported that fifteen new members of the Harrow Sub-Division of the Civil Defence Corps had been enrolled, since the last meeting; that a further sixteen volunteers had resigned on health grounds, or for other reasons; and that the present membership is 841 volunteers, of whom 417 are women.

RESOLVED: That the report be received.

**684. Training Classes:** The Civil Defence Officer submitted particulars of the fourteen classes of instruction at present provided for Civil Defence volunteers in the Borough.

RESOLVED: That the report be received.

**685. Training of Members of School Cadet Corps: (a) Harrow School; and (b) Harrow County Grammar School for Boys:**

(a) *Harrow School, Harrow-on-the-Hill*: The Civil Defence Officer reported that, at the request of Major Cooper, Officer Commanding Harrow School Cadet Corps, and with the approval of the Chairman, a short course of general Civil Defence training is being provided for members of Harrow School Cadet Corps. The course (of six sessions) began at the School on Wednesday, 29th January, 1958.

(b) *Harrow County Grammar School for Boys*: Resolution 637 (17th October, 1957): The Civil Defence Officer also reported that a short course (twelve hours) of Civil Defence instruction had also been provided for members of the Combined Cadet Corps of the Harrow County Grammar School for Boys.

RESOLVED: That the above-mentioned reports be received, with satisfaction; and that the Civil Defence Officer be hereby authorised to arrange similar further courses for young people.

**686. Proposed Joint Civil Defence Exercise with the Territorial Army:** By resolution 660 (21st November, 1957) the Committee approved the principle of organising a joint Civil Defence Corps and Territorial Army Exercise, to enable Harrow volunteers to practise with those members of "C" Company, 8th Btn. Middlesex Regt. (D.C.O.), who have undertaken Civil Defence training.

The Civil Defence Officer reported that, after further consultation with the Officer Commanding the above-mentioned Company of the Territorial Army, the Middlesex County Civil Defence Officer, and Officers of the Harrow Sub-Division of the Civil Defence Corps, it had been suggested that the Exercise should be held at the County Rescue Training Ground at "The Wilderness," Blagdens Lane, Southgate, on 16th March, 1958. About forty Civil Defence volunteers will take part, with one mobile Operations van, two Ambulances, and Signals, Reconnaissance, and Rescue vehicles. The Territorial Army Unit would arrange for the attendance of three Rescue teams, and personnel to act as casualties, with load-carrying vehicles.

RESOLVED: That the Committee agree to participate in the above-mentioned Joint Exercise at the Rescue Training Ground at Southgate; and

that the Civil Defence Officer be hereby instructed to make all necessary arrangements, and that the Town Clerk be asked to extend an invitation to all Members of the Council to watch the Exercise.

**687. Ambulance and Casualty Collecting Section: Appointments:** The Civil Defence Officer submitted the resignations from the appointments of Acting Deputy Shift Leader, Ambulance Section, from 17th January, 1958, of Mrs. L. Kensey and Mrs. F. J. Treves-Brown. He recommended, after consultation with the Acting Superintendent of the Ambulance Section (Mr. C. C. Monson), that Mr. A. S. Jones, of Harrow, and Mrs. M. A. Cordery, of Pinner, should be appointed to the vacant posts.

RESOLVED: That the above-mentioned resignations be received; and Mrs. Kensey and Mrs. Treves-Brown thanked for their services; and that the Committee hereby adopt the foregoing recommendation of the Civil Defence Officer, and congratulate Mr. Jones and Mrs. Cordery upon their promotion; and that the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Corps Authority of the making of the above-mentioned appointments.

**688. Claim for Mileage Allowance, etc.:** The Civil Defence Officer submitted an application by Mr. A. J. Routledge, District Warden, of the Roxeth and Roxbourne Warden District (District K) for reimbursement of the cost (*a*) (£1 7s.) of petrol used by him during the past six months in transporting Wardens to Exercises, and in calling upon Wardens in the District in his own motor-car; and (*b*) (7s. 6d.) for engraving the "Percy Cup"; and (*c*) of approximately three gallons of petrol per month for the future use of his motor-car in carrying out his duties as District Warden.

The Civil Defence Officer submitted the relevant Home Office and Middlesex Civil Defence Circulars referring to the payment of motor-car allowances to members of the Civil Defence Corps for training, etc., purposes, and he reported generally in the matter.

RESOLVED: That the above-mentioned application be hereby granted; that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to arrange to pay Mr. Routledge the sums of £1 7s., and 7s. 6d., as referred to in (*a*) and (*b*) above; and also a motor-car mileage allowance to him, as mentioned in (*c*) above, subject to the submission, and approval by the Civil Defence Officer, of detailed claims.

**689. British Red Cross Society Summer Fête:** The Civil Defence Officer reported that the Harrow-Northwood Division of the British Red Cross Society are arranging a Fête to be held at the Hamilton Sports Ground, Wealdstone, on 7th June, 1958; and that the Divisional Director had invited members of the Harrow Sub-Division of the Civil Defence Corps to assist generally at the event.

He also reported that the above-mentioned form of activity for members of the Civil Defence Corps would fall within the terms of the draft scheme of peace-time activities referred to in resolution 680, the details of which scheme are now under consideration.

RESOLVED: That the Committee hereby grant the afore-mentioned application of the Harrow-Northwood Division of the British Red Cross Society, subject (*a*) to sufficient volunteers agreeing to assist; (*b*) suitable acknowledgment of the co-operation of the Harrow Sub-Division of the Civil Defence Corps being made upon any official programme distributed by the

Society; and (c) to no financial, or other liability whatsoever, devolving upon the Corporation, other than the reimbursement of Civil Defence volunteers' fares.

**690. Sessional Meeting of the Royal Society of Health:** The Civil Defence Officer reported that he had received an invitation from the Secretary of the Royal Society of Health to attend a meeting to be held at Caxton Hall, Westminster, London, S.W.1, on 10th March, 1958, commencing at 2.30 p.m., on the presentation of papers on "Nuclear Radiation Hazards—Training of Local Authority and Hospital Personnel," by Sir Ernest Rock Carling, Mr. G. B. Courtier, and Mr. W. H. P. Minto.

RESOLVED: That the Civil Defence Officer be hereby authorised to attend the above-mentioned meeting.

**691. Civil Defence Training Centre, Pinner:** The Civil Defence Officer submitted an application, by the Drama Section of the Harrow Civil Defence Association, for permission to use the Civil Defence Training Centre, Chapel Lane, Pinner, on Saturday, 29th March, 1958, for the presentation of two one-act plays for the entertainment of local Civil Defence volunteers, and their friends, and for permission to make a small admission charge to cover expenses.

The Civil Defence Officer reported that the Training Centre will not be required for training purposes on that evening, and he recommended that the request should be granted.

RESOLVED: That the above-mentioned application be hereby granted, subject to the use of the Training Centre being at all times subject to the control of the Civil Defence Officer.

**692. Conference of Sub-Divisional Civil Defence Officers:** RESOLVED: That the Committee receive the report of the Civil Defence Officer upon his attendance at a Conference of Sub-Divisional Civil Defence Officers of Middlesex County Sub-Group "B," held at the Guildhall, Westminster, London, S.W.1, on 13th January, 1958.

**693. Presentation of Standard Training Certificates:** The Civil Defence Officer reported that His Worship the Mayor had kindly agreed to present Standard Training Certificates to approximately 200 volunteers of all Sections of the Harrow Sub-Division of the Civil Defence Corps, at the Civil Defence Training Centre at the Corporation's Central Depot, Elmgrove Road, on 20th February, 1958, commencing at 8 p.m., and that Members of the Committee would be invited to attend.

RESOLVED: That the report be received with satisfaction.

**694. Convoy Movement Study:** The Civil Defence Officer reported that the Middlesex County Council were arranging for the holding of a Study in Convoy Movement to be held on 9th March, 1958; and that the Study will include indoor training and demonstrations at the Civil Defence Headquarters at Wood Green, and a drive, in convoy, to the Hertfordshire County Civil Defence Training Centre at Harperbury, and return to Wood Green.

He also reported that the Middlesex County Civil Defence Officer had invited Senior Officers of the Harrow Sub-Division of the Civil Defence Corps to attend the Study, and he recommended, after consultation with the Town Clerk, the nomination of the following Officers, viz.:—

Mr. C. C. Monson, Acting Superintendent, Ambulance Section;  
Mr. R. C. Pratt, Acting Chief Rescue Officer; and  
The Civil Defence Officer, as Chief Headquarters Officer.

RESOLVED: That the above-mentioned recommendation be hereby adopted; and that the Middlesex County Council be informed accordingly.

**695. Elmgrove Road Training Centre:** RESOLVED: That the Committee hereby grant, free of charge, an application by the Harrow Branch of the National and Local Government Officers' Association for permission to use the Training Centre, at the Corporation's Central Depôt, Elmgrove Road, on Saturday or Sunday afternoons, for dressing accommodation, when it is not required for Civil Defence purposes; on the understanding that the Branch nominate a person to be personally responsible for the observance of various terms and conditions, to be agreed by the Town Clerk.

(Signed) F. B. MASON,

Chairman.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

**11th February, 1958.**

Present: Aldermen Sheldrake (in the Chair) and Leigh, J.P., C.C.; Councillors Adkins, Clack, Gibbons, Griffin, Mrs. Haslam, Jenkins, Pye, Spurway and Wood, M.B.E.

**PART I.—RECOMMENDATIONS.—NIL.**

**PART II.—MINUTES.**

**910. Minutes:** RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th January, 1958, having been circulated, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

**911. Revenue Estimates, 1958/59:** With reference to resolution 789 (5th February, 1958) of the Finance Committee, the Committee further considered their Revenue Estimates for 1958/59, in conjunction with a report by the Borough Treasurer as to (a) adjustments made in the allocation of salaries as between the Town Planning and Building Inspection Sections of the Borough Engineer's Department; and (b) suggested reductions, amounting to £75, in the estimates submitted to the Committee at their meeting on 15th January, 1958.

RESOLVED: That the Committee approve the revised revenue estimates now submitted, showing an overall reduction of £75 upon the estimates approved on 15th January, 1958, and that such revised estimates be forwarded to the Finance Committee for approval.

**912. Town and Country Planning (Development by Local Planning Authorities) Regulations, 1951:** RESOLVED: (1) That the following observations