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HAYWARDS HEATH COUNCIL AND THE WAR SAVINGS MOVEMENT. NOTHING DOING—AT PRESENT.

At last night's meeting of the Haywards Heath Urban Council, Mr. C. H. S. ELLIS asked the Clerk (Mr. E. J. Waugh) if he had received any communication from the National War Savings Committee, and a reply in the negative was given. Mr. ELLIS pointed out that in other localities a War Savings Week had been organised, and the local governing authority had taken a prominent part in trying to collect money. So far the Haywards Heath Council had done nothing. The Chairman (Mr. HILTON) questioned whether it was necessary for the Council to take action, and Mr. ELLIS replied that it was very desirable that money should be raised to meet the Government's needs, and he thought the right person to head a local movement was the Chairman of the Council. The CHAIRMAN said he understood ladies had been canvassing round the town but they were not very successful. Mr. ELLIS thought if the Council officially took the matter up, the result might be different. Mr. FINCH took the view that local people already had more calls upon their pocket than they could meet. Almost every day they were approached to subscribe to something. He was strongly against the Council taking action as suggested by Mr. ELLIS. If that gentleman liked to take the matter up personally he would have no objection, feeling confident Mr. ELLIS would do the job well. Mr. KENT said if Mr. ELLIS knew the position of the working classes in the town as well as some of those present did he would see that, instead of having money to save, they had only just enough to rub along with and pay their way. Some of the members of the Council had already done what they could in supporting the War Loan, and for some people to do more would mean disturbing investments, perhaps with ill results. The CHAIRMAN said Mr. ELLIS was the recognised head of the local War Savings movement, and if he cared to draw up a letter he (Mr. Hilton) would sign it as Chairman of the Council. He thought Mr. ELLIS had more time to devote to the matter than he had. Mr. PLUMMER also mentioned how busy he was, adding that there was a limit to what one could humanly do. Mr. FINCH remarked that no one had requested the Council to do anything but Mr. ELLIS. The CLERK: It's a pity the National War Savings Committee did not write an official letter. Mr. ELLIS said he understood that they were going to do so, and that was why he asked if any communication had been received. Mr. FINCH: The Government knows how to raise money very well indeed. Already it is taking 6s. out of every £. Mr. ELLIS: Money is being spent upon things which are not absolute necessities, and that money might well be saved and lent to the Government. If the money had not been found so far to carry on the war we should have had the same experience as Belgium. Mr. KENT: People like to do their own saving and not through Committees. They like to invest their money in their own way. Mr. ELLIS said there were people who had mortgaged their future to carry on the war. Official help was required to increase the local War Savings Association's sphere of activity. The CHAIRMAN: I will help—. Mr. FINCH (interposing): But not in the name of the Council. Mr. PLUMMER argued that moneyed people ought not to want appealing to, and that those without means ought not to be appealed to. The end of this interesting discussion was that the Council resolved to await an official letter from the National War Savings Committee.