

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held
in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday
3rd December 2019 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillor Joe Behan,
Councillor Rory O'Connor
Councillor Grace McManus
Councillor Dermot O'Brien
Councillor Steven Matthews
Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy
Councillor Melanie Corrigan

Apologies: Councillor Anne Ferris

Also present: Mr. Thomas Murphy, Director of Services
Mr. David Forde, District Administrator
Mr. Liam Bourke, District Engineer

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Ordinary Meeting dated 5th November 2019

Councillor Melanie Corrigan proposed the confirmation of the minutes of 5th November 2019, Councillor Joe Behan seconded the proposal and they were unanimously agreed by the Members

2. To consider report in accordance with Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2006 (as amended) In respect of the proposed development of 17 units at Parnell Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow (former Central Garage Site), PRR19/902

The Director of Services for Housing, Mr Joe Lane gave a presentation to the Members on the construction of 17 apartments at Parnell Road Bray (former Central Garage Site). The Members were advised the that the expected start date for the development would be in six to eight months time with an expected completion date due in 2021. The Members thanked the Director and his team for the presentation. They welcomed the development and felt it would provide much needed housing units in the town. A vote took place on the on the proposed part 8 development and the results were as follows.

	For	Against
Councillor Joe Behan	√	
Councillor Anne Ferris	Absent	
Councillor Steven Matthews	√	
Councillor Melanie Corrigan	√	
Councillor Rory O'Connor	√	
Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy	√	
Councillor Grace McManus	√	
Councillor Dermot O'Brien	√	
Total	7	0

A Member also suggested that the land known locally as Rehills land on the Lower Dargle Road would be suitable for the future development of social and affordable housing units. Senior Housing Engineer, Declan Marnane advised the Members that a feasibility study is currently being carried out on this site with a view to the future development of the lands. He advised that he would keep the Members updated on the results of the studies being carried out.

3. To consider the Housing Report

Kilbride Lane

Construction of the 42 No. social housing units at Kilbride Lane in Bray is progressing well. The contractor has provided an updated programme and at present they are hitting all dates to finish at the agreed completion date. The external render has been installed to 5 blocks of houses and the scaffolding is being dropped on all blocks with completed render. The scaffolding is still up on the three storey section to the front of the site due to a delay in procurement of the external render. The two bungalows to Cloverhill are currently being painted and are getting second fixing M&E installed.

First fix M&E, plasterboarding and internal skimming is ongoing on 5 of the blocks of houses. Blocklayers are currently working on the final two ground floor bases, these were left to a later stage of the construction to allow for better access to tight sections of the site. The excavation works for surface water and ESB connections to Kilbride Lane road are completed in Cloverhill estate with the reinstatement works to the green area to be completed.

The boundary timber fencing to Glenthorn Close has started and is due to be finished within the next two weeks; the final section of the boundary wall to Ballynoe Court foundation excavation will be starting within the next two weeks also. The site hoarding to the main road is in the process of being removed and will be replaced with Harris fencing.

Through the ER, Wicklow County Council has been pursuing the contractor to ensure safe egress from the site onto Kilbride Lane along with daily inspection of road conditions to ensure the road remains clear of mud and debris.

Ard na Greine

The proposed housing scheme will comprise of 21 no. 2 bed houses (2 storey) and 10 no. 3 bed houses (2 storey). Following Stage 2 approval from the Department the project is out to tender at present.

Kilmantain Place

The appointed contractor, Lisaderg Construction, commenced works on site on Monday 30th September. Work is progressing with foundations having been excavated and the pouring of blockwork below damp proof course level due to be finished within the next two weeks.

Jameson Heights, Kilmacanoge

Construction of 20 social houses. Piling has finished to 15 out of the 20 houses, rock breaking and strip foundations are still required to 1 house. The contractor is concentrating on external blockwork to help weather tight all the houses. To date 4 of the houses have windows, doors, roofs and stud walls installed. An additional 9 units will have the roofs installed before the end of the year.

4. To receive a Report on Roads and Transport

Roads Programme

R117 Enniskerry Village: Reconstruction of road in the village centre and relining was completed in November.

L-1011 Glenree Road: Works were completed at the end of May for reconstruction of 1.7km of road west of Cone Wood.

L-19597 Glenlucan Court: A new bitumen macadam surface was completed in June.

L-19592 Churchlands: A new bitumen macadam surface was completed in June.

L-5029 Quill Road: A new bitumen macadam surface was completed in June.

R117 Bray Road Enniskerry: Works commenced on the re-profiling of a 400m section of road at the end of September. A new kerb for the footpath and reprofiling, resurfacing and replacement of road markings of roadway has been completed. New drainage has also been completed. Contractors have been appointed for completing the footpath surface overlay and erection of replacement safety barrier.

R761 Vevay Road: Road resurfacing between Charnwood and Putland Road was expected to be carry out works during the School midterm break. The contractor has confirmed works are starting the evening of the 3rd December and continuing until completion on evening of the 4th December. Significant traffic interruptions can be expected.

R115, Military Road; L1011 Glenree Road; L1013 Waterfall Road: Surface Dressing has been completed. All areas have been swept

L-1965 Herbert Road-Ardmore: Reconstruction patchwork and road surfacing between Killarney Lane and Killarney Heights has been completed.

Micro Surfacing: Following completion of works on the Glenree Road, surplus funding was used to carry out over 9000 sqm of regulation and micro surfacing, which was completed in July at

L-5029 Quill Road, Kilmurray South,

R-760 Ballybawn & Killough Lower

L-1010 Kilmolin-Parnasillogue

Footpaths

There is a total allocation of €200,000 for footpath repair and renewal. A programme of footpath works commenced in May. Extensive repairs were carried out in the eastern side of Bray during the summer. Footpath renewal on the R117 Bray Road, Enniskerry is planned in conjunction with the road re-profiling at that location. Footpath renewal resumed in Bray in October. The following is the status of recent works

Location	Works Completed	Works in Progress
Meath Road	Y	
Victoria Aenue	Y	
Convent Avenue	Y	
Sidmonton Avenue	Y	
Albert Avenue	Y	
Strand Road	Y	
Seapoint Road	Y	
Galtrim Park Road	Y	
Wurzburg Road	Y	
Novara Avenue		Y
Seymour Road		Y

Drainage

Cleaning of all road gullies in south Bray between the Vevay Road and Killarney Road has been completed. Some blocked connections have been identified, which have to be revisited. This was part of a new programme that was started last year in East Bray. Extensive work has also been carried out dealing with defective drainage on the Greystones Road. New road drainage is planned at the Waterfall Road at Bahana in the coming month.

Extensive drainage issues have arisen throughout the rural parts of the district over the last month due to the intensive rainfall during this period. This has been a substantial burden on available resources.

Roads Capital Works

Discussions have commenced with the NTA with the view of funding an Intelligent Traffic System (ITS) for Bray. This will build on the existing SCATTS system, which provides coordination of the traffic signals and which is managed by DCC. Essentially it is a CCTV system which will allow DCC to monitor traffic and make adjustments to the signal operation remotely as required. The NTA are also proposing to review alternative traffic management proposals for Bray by the use of computer modelling. Among the objectives are to improve bus transit times and discourage through traffic in the town, particularly on the Main Street. It is planned to carry out an appraisal for various options involving diverting general traffic onto Herbert Road.

A Revised Options Assessment for the Putland Road Cycle Scheme has been submitted by the consultants. This deals with the treatment of the contraflow cycle scheme at the Meath Road junction. A preferred option has been chosen and public consultation was carried out in accordance with Section 38 of the Roads Traffic acts.

Consultants appointed to carry out the detailed design and preparation of the construction tender documents for the new public transport bridge beside Bray Pumping Station have completed the Options Report on the preferred design. It is proposed to commence a Part 8 consultation on the updated bridge design as the

planning permission for the golf club lands development, which included the bridge, is due to lapse next year before substantial work on the bridge will have taken place. The council will shortly prepare the documents for the appointment of consultants for designing and preparing CPO and Planning submission for completion of the transport link to the Dart Station. Detailed design of the bridge is advancing.

An amended Bray Transport Interchange Scheme at the Dart Station received approval in March. The scheme will be 100% funded by the NTA. A strategy for progressing the scheme has yet to be determined with CIE but detailed design and preparation of construction tender documents is progressing. Expected commencement date is next September with up to 12 months construction time. Following the Part 8 approval for The Seafront Pavilion Scheme, a meeting took place with the consultants at which they were briefed on the required amendments. The detailed design and construction tender documents are complete. Issue of tender for appointment of contractor has yet to proceed. Advanced work for the relocation of the electric vehicle charging points is being organised. Commencement of works is expected to be deferred to next September as a construction time of up to 6 months is expected and it is necessary to avoid the busy summer season..

The R755 road realignment tie-ins to the existing roadway at Calary Upper and Glasnamullen were completed in early May and traffic are now using the new road section. There will still be some drainage, fencing and landscape works to be completed by this Autumn.

A draft options report has been produced by the consultants for the **Bray Bridge Improvement Scheme**. The main objective of the scheme is to extend the Castle street bus lane to the Main Street by removing existing footpaths and provided new pedestrian bridges on each side of the Fran O'Toole Bridge. Progress had been suspended temporarily while it was thought the scheme may be included as part of the Bus Connects Core Corridor Scheme.

Members queried the following points with the District Engineer Liam Bourke.

- Delays to the road works at the Vevay Road - Mr Bourke advised that the contract has to be re-tendered in 2020 due to the fact the Contractor who was originally engaged to carry out the works could not honour the commitment.
- Road markings in Enniskerry are very faded particularly the disability parking spot. The District Engineer will check on this matter.
- The roads in Duncairn Mews are in a bad condition – aware that it has not been taken in charge but is there anything can be done to assist the residents.
- Footpath at Florence road in a bad condition – a person recently had a bad fall as result of a trip on the path. The District Engineer will check this matter out.
- Bridge Road Ballybrew – hedge encroaching onto the road. Mr Bourke advised that this is the responsibility of the land owner and a notice has been served.
- Drainage issues at Ballybrew – The District Engineer will check this matter out.

- Kilgarron development ESB works – can officials write to the ESB?
- Continuous speeding problems at Bohilla Lane- The District Engineer advised that the speed limit on this road is 80 mph in accordance with the national guidelines. He will look at putting up increased signage.
- Drainage works at the entrance to Palermo – The District Engineer advised that there was a collapsed pipe and that work will take place to rectify the problem.
- Railway underpass – The District Engineer advised that the cycle track and footpath is now complete. He advised that the public lighting is due to be connected shortly and that discussions are ongoing with Irish Rail regarding full time access to the underpass.

5. To receive an update on the Florentine Centre

A report from Oakmount on the Florentine Centre was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting.

The District Manager advised that Savills estate agents have been given responsibility for securing anchor tenants, he advised that one anchor tenant has been secured to date. He also advised that they are actively looking for tenants for the other available units, there has been a very positive response regarding this matter.

The District Manager informed the meeting that the construction of the centre has been delayed by two months approximately. He advised the practical completion date is now expected to be in February or March with the fitting out of the units to take place shortly after the completion date. The reason for the delay is due to issues with the maintenance of the facade on the Main Street which requires extra steel and steel workers to be employed. Also the recent excessive rainfall has contributed to delays on site.

6. Town Centre Health check update

The Cathaoirleach gave a brief update on the Town Centre Health Check. He asked that the Members submit to the District Engineer their proposals on roads, footpaths and public realm projects that they would like to see progressed for 2020. He suggested that the Members identify large public realm projects rather than submitting numerous small projects.

The Members asked for guidance on the procedures of submitting proposed projects and also asked for a breakdown of the public realm funding spent on projects in Bray Municipal District over the last four to five years. A Member asked if it was possible for the public to have an input into the process.

7. Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Dermot O'Brien (26/09/2019)

That this Council undertakes a review of traffic light systems on the Boghall road at both schools road and the junction at St. Fergals church and that School Traffic Wardens are consulted as part of the review.

Response: *The signal operation at both junctions is governed by vehicle detection at each stop line and pedestrian push buttons. There is no automatic fault reporting system.*

The Boghall Road/Killarney Road junction was separately assessed by consultants for Lidl and roads technical staff during the planning application for the proposed Lidl development. Land acquisition and in excess of €1 million is required to provide junction improvements to address existing and proposed traffic demand.

The Boghall Road/Schools Road junction has been assessed by the roads technical staff. It has been determined that signal pole locations are poorly positioned for efficient operation. In particular, the secondary signal head for east bound traffic needs to be placed closer to the junction and greater separation is required between the east bound stop line and the entrance to the adjacent shopping centre car park.

Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Dermot O'Brien (26/09/2019)

That this council consider the introduction of participatory budgeting after this years budget as a mechanism for supporting positive citizen participation in the allocation of funds.

Response: *This will be forwarded to the Head of Finance in Wicklow County Council for response.*

Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Dermot O'Brien (26/09/2019)

That this council of elected representatives will host two public meetings each year across the district areas as a way of; -Facilitating public engagement - Information sharing -Listening to communities -Improving the connection between people and politics

Response: *If the elected representatives wish to hold public meetings facilitated by the public representatives it is a matter for the Members.*

Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Melanie Corrigan and Councillor Rory O'Connor (30/09/2019)

That this Council commissions a study into the feasibility of 2 hour disc parking in Enniskerry Village, with Permits granted for residents, and an extra disability car parking space.

Response: *Controlled parking will entail considerable costs to manage and is ineffective without parking charges. Apart from school traffic most parking difficulties occur on weekends when there is unlikely to be any enforcement available.*

Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Melanie Corrigan and Councillor Rory O'Connor (30/09/2019)

That this Council oversees that the Car Park in the Bog Meadow is cleared of Rubble and resurfaced and correctly parked out to maximise and encourage

parking out of the village. And that Road signage is erected to direct motorists to the Bog Meadow parking area.

Response: *Road construction material has been removed from the car park but will be required again to facilitate local works. This is the only facility the council has to manage road works in the village that ensures that the public impact and safety risks are minimised. There is no funding available to upgrade the car park. A direction sign will be arranged.*

Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Rory O'Connor (30/09/2019)

That this Council commences a review of the lighting of the Glencormick South Kilmacanogue area.

Response: *The L1019 at Glencormick South has no public lighting. Extent of lighting proposed needs clarification.*

Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Joe Behan (01/10/2019)

That this Council resolves the flooding issue at the footpath to Belmont from the Power City retail park.

Response: *Clarification of location required*

Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Joe Behan (01/10/2019)

That this Council gets an update on the future plans to develop cycle lanes in the town and particularly on the Sth Cross Road and Killarney Rd.

Response: *Proposal for scheme has already been put forward to NTA. An update will be provided when available.*

Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Joe Behan (01/10/2019)

That this Council moves the bus shelter at Belmont further back to avoid the traffic hazard at this location.

Response: *Operator has been requested to move stop.*

Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Joe Behan (01/10/2019)

That this Council resolves the ongoing flooding issue at house No's. 27 to 31 at the rear of Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry.

Response: *The matter will be investigated.*

Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Joe Behan (05/11/2019)

That this Council immediately rebuilds the boundary wall between Herbert Park and Killarney Heights to protect public safety.

Response: *The wall is a boundary to private property and not in the ownership of the council. However, as the wall was constructed during the development of Herbert Park, the property owner at Killarney Park does not accept responsibility*

for repair. In the interest of public safety it is proposed to demolish and make area safe without rebuilding wall.

Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Grace McManus (04/11/2019)

That this council will commit to exploring how best to ensure public right of way is protected long term at the underpass at the Harbour in Bray.

Response: *The underpass is property of Irish Rail, who has advised that no right of way exists. Currently there is a licence with the Department of Education that permits selected school traffic use the underpass for one hour in the morning and evening. Since works were recently completed on the construction of the footpath and cycle track on the eastern side, the schools are free to provide access in accordance with this licence. Irish Rail are amenable to granting a new licence to the council to maintain a pedestrian and cycle route only at the underpass.*

Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor McManus (04/11/2019)

That this council will fix the broken lighting in Failte Park Bray as an urgent matter due to the safety concerns of residents.

Response: *Repairs have been delayed as the lighting was not included on the database of public lighting under the maintenance contract. This matter is being rectified and it is hoped that the problem will be resolved shortly.*

8. Reports and Recommendations

There were no reports.

9. Any Other Business

The Cathaoirleach proposed that the January Municipal meeting take place on the 14th January rather than the 7th January. The reason for the proposed change of date is that staff members from CCSD section will give a presentation on the various streams of funding available for community groups to apply for. It was felt that the later date in January would allow for Members to inform the various groups who may want to attend for the presentation on the night. The 14th January was the agreed date for the next meeting.

Cold weather Initiative was discussed – Members raised concerns that there were people who were not meeting the criteria in order to avail of the initiative. The Members requested that the cold weather initiative be continually reviewed by the Members during the period of cold weather.

The Members were advised that Bray Homeless forum are open to a Member joining the forum. It was agreed that decision would be made on this matter at the January meeting.

A Member requested that the remains of bonfire material at Ledwidge Crescent be removed as soon as possible.

A Member enquired about planning enforcement conditions at the Kilgarron development and asked who in the council is responsible for ensuring that they are being adhered to e.g. time of day construction is due to commence and finish, flooding problems and other issues related to the development. District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that Bray Municipal District have responsibility for road issues connected with the development only and all other issues with the development are the responsibility of the Planning Section of Wicklow County Council.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed:

CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed:

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated:
