

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held
on Zoom on Tuesday 5th October 2021 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present:

- Councillor Rory O'Connor**
- Councillor Anne Ferris**
- Councillor Grace McManus**
- Councillor Dermot O'Brien**
- Councillor Erika Doyle**
- Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy**
- Councillor Melanie Corrigan**
- Councillor Joe Behan**

Also present:

- Ms Lorraine Gallagher, District Manager**
- Mr. David Forde, District Administrator**
- Mr. Liam Bourke, District Engineer**
- Ms. Triona Irving, Administrative Officer**

Cathaoirleach Aoife Flynn Kennedy commenced the meeting at 6.30pm. She welcomed all in attendance which included Council Officials, Municipal District Members, members of the public and members of the media. She outlined the procedures that must be adhered to in accordance with the standing orders for Bray Municipal District, they are as follows

- Members of the public and media may be present at a remote meeting of Bray Municipal District.
- Attendees must comply with Bray Municipal District Standing Orders and Supplementary Standing Orders to Regulate Remote Meetings.
- Members of the media and public shall give prior notice of a request to join an online meeting of Bray Municipal District.
- Requests must be emailed to the District Administrator at braymd@wicklowcoco.ie no later than 12 noon on the day of the meeting. A name and email address is required.
- The link to the meeting is for the recipient only and must not be forwarded on to any other person(s).
- Attendees must maintain silence and observe any directions given by the Cathaoirleach or by an official of the Council. Mics must be kept on mute at all times.
- Members of the public and the media do not have the right to speak, any interruptions or endeavours to interrupt will result in the remote connection being terminated.

- No other recording of the meeting and its proceedings by any person in attendance (elected members, media or members of the public) is permitted.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray dated 7th September 2021

Councillor O'Connor proposed the confirmation of the minutes of the Municipal Meeting held 7th September 2021, Councillor Behan seconded the proposal and they were unanimously agreed by the Members.

2. To receive a presentation on the Bray Transport Bridge

Margaret Hartnett, Senior Engineer, Wicklow County Council gave a presentation on the Bray Transport Bridge.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr Aoife Flynn Kennedy advised that the presentation was for information purposes only.

Members queries & observations

- Traffic concerns at Seapoint Road
- Bridge not extending as far as the DART station
- Effects on wildlife, in particular swan wildlife
- Building on a section of floodplain
- Deputations from community groups
- Decision could be taken away from the members

Ms Hartnett advised that the Council were seeking Part 8 approval for a public transport link connecting the recently constructed Central Road with Seapoint Road. This link will allow for a transport link between Dublin Road and Bray DART station, through the former golf club lands.

The Part 8 process is currently suspended while An Bord Pleanála decides if an environmental impact assessment is necessary. She informed members that if the Bord deems an environmental impact assessment necessary, they will take over the planning process.

She advised that the section from Seapoint Road to the DART station will be done under a separate project as land acquisition will be required

She advised that a lot of environmental studies were done in preparing the Part 8, looking at things like flood assessment and biodiversity.

Transport, Water and Emergency Services director, Mr Colm Lavery advised that discussions had taken place with developers Ballymore, who will co-fund an element of the project. The State is providing most of the funding. The previous

developer had agreed to fund the remainder and this was a condition for the new developer also.

Senior Engineer, Wicklow County Council, Mr Michael Flynn, advised that officials had spent 5 years trying to secure Luas to Bray, this was the masterplan. He advised that they had applied for funding for the bridge and received 7.5 million euro.

District Manager, Ms Lorraine Gallagher, advised that as they are in a part 8 process, albeit suspended, it would not be appropriate to invite any group in to make a deputation.

The Cathaoirleach advised that she had spoken to individuals representing wildlife groups but they had not indicated a desire to make a presentation to the members.

3. Update on proposal for Cycle Way Swan River Bray

Conor Page, Senior Executive Engineer, Wicklow County Council, Aimee Dunne, Engineer, DBFL Consulting Engineers Ltd & Naomi Murphy, Connect the Dots, community engagement firm, gave presentations on the Cycle Way Swan River Bray

Members queries & observations

- Will this be a Part 8 process
- Concerns of residents in existing estates
- Environmental screening & biodiversity
- Tree preservation orders
- Protected Structures

Mr Page advised that the NTA has allocated funding for the provision of a greenway which would improve pedestrian and cycle connectivity within and through the Oldcourt area and provide a link to the network of existing and planned cycle routes.

This would be subject to a Part 8 process.

Naomi Murphy, Connect the Dots, informed members that they plan to engage a diverse mix of residents as part of the consultation process. Workshops with residents & community groups will also form part of this process.

Mr Page advised that planners were conscious of the sensitive nature of the area. They would engage consultants to engage re biodiversity and tree surveys.

Members thanked all participants for their presentations. In particular they commended the proposed plan for the public consultation process.

4. Update on proposals for Full Time Fire Service for Bray

Aidan Dempsey, Chief Fire Officer, Wicklow County Council, gave a presentation on proposals for a full time fire service for Bray

Members queries & observations

- Not the independent report members had requested
- Firehouse built with the facility to provide live-in accommodation
- Cost options

Members thanked Mr Dempsey for his efforts and acknowledged that his work is highly professional, but advised that this was not the independent report they had requested.

A member stated that it was always the intention to have a full time fire service for Bray and that the current firehouse was built to accommodate this. Mr Dempsey advised the cost of this being estimated at €500,000.00 per year for a 'day manning' option to €4 million per year for two full time crews.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Aoife Flynn Kennedy stated that she greatly appreciated the efforts made and hoped the material of the presentation would form part of the independent review which was still required.

5. Any Other Business

A member enquired if there had been an update on the use of the courthouse on the Boghall Road.

The District Manager, Lorraine Gallagher advised that currently there was no update on this matter and advised that the courthouse was still in the ownership of the court services. The estimated cost of bringing it up to standard is circa €200,000. Wicklow County Council do not have the funding for this. She stated that it was still open to community groups to come forward but to date no one had done so.

A member raised the issue of a second meeting in October in order to complete the remaining items on the agenda.

The Cathaoirleach advised she would contact members to arrange a suitable time & date.

It was decided that the November meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

6. To receive an update on strategic infrastructure projects:

Bray Central

Due to time restrictions this item was not discussed.

Bray Harbour Improvement Scheme

Due to time restrictions this item was not discussed

7. Notices of Motion

Due to time restrictions this item was not discussed

8. Reports and Recommendations

Due to time restrictions this item was not discussed

9. Any Other Business

Due to time restrictions this item was not discussed

This concluded the meeting.

Signed:

CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed:

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated:
