



**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of
Bray held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday
14th June 2022 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present:

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

Also in Attendance:

- Ms. Lorraine Gallagher, District Manager**
- Ms Linda Healy, District Administrator**
- Mr. Liam Bourke, District Engineer**
- Ms. Audrey Bowen, Minute Taker**

Apologies:

- Mr. Garvan Hickey, Administrative Officer
Housing**

Following the Annual Meeting the Cathaoirleach Erika Doyle commenced the meeting. She welcomed all in attendance which included Council Officials, Municipal District Members and members of the media.

Votes of sympathy were passed for recently deceased Peter Jennings, Brian Walsh and Veronica Temple.

The Elected Members thanked Bray People reporter Eimear Dodd for her work, dedication and professionalism over the years in covering the Municipal District meetings and wished her well in her new role.

Item 1. Confirmation of amendment to minutes of April 5th 2022 meeting

At the May 10th meeting of Bray MD, Cllr Grace McManus requested an amendment in relation to item 1, the minutes of the April 5th 2022 meeting.

Item 5. To receive a Report on Roads and Transport

The following amendment was requested to Item 5 and agreed unanimously.

*Cllr. McManus acknowledged the recent lining carried out at Sans Souci Wood and indicated that illegal parking was still occurring, she asked if the District Administrator could liaise with An Garda Síochána.

Item 9 Reports and Recommendations.

The following amendment was requested to Item 9 and agreed unanimously.

Cllr McManus enquired if the Elected Members could be included in the notification and if an automated email system was possible as an extra layer of communication, *subject to the agreement of the Housing Directorate.*

The amendment was proposed by Cllr McManus and seconded by Cllr Flynn Kennedy and agreed unanimously by the members.

Following agreement to the amendment Councillor Corrigan proposed the confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held 5th April 2022, Councillor O'Connor seconded the proposal and they were unanimously agreed by the Members.

Item 2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray dated 10th May 2022.

Councillor Flynn Kennedy proposed the confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held 10th May 2022, Councillor Corrigan seconded the proposal and they were unanimously agreed by the Members.

Item 3. To Adopt the Schedule of Municipal District Works 2022

District Manager, Lorraine Gallagher, informed members that this was the fourth and final step in the budgetary process. The roads budget had been allocated by the Department through the roads section in Wicklow County Council. She advised the Elected Members that €375,754 had been allocated for discretionary spend and also €98,000 from additional parking income.

The District Manager confirmed to the Members that the total budget for the MD was €9.4m. This figure includes services administered centrally and locally.

She stated there was very little wiggle room in relation to the budgetary process. If the Elected Members failed to adopt the Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW) they would be adopted by the plenary Council. If any changes were to be made a report would have to be submitted to the plenary Council.

The Elected Members raised the following concerns and observations

- The process needs to be made more comparable
- How can Elected Members best feed into the process
- Members are just presented with allocations of funds but they have had no part in the decision process of these allocations.
- If they approve the schedule of works it implies that they agree with the allocated figures.
- Creation of a participatory budget process
- Is there an opportunity to change the figures once adopted.
- Provision of previous year's figures to allow a comparison year on year.
- Schedule to be presented in a more user friendly format
- For 2023 a briefing on the SMDW to be given by Wicklow County Council (Finance Staff)
- Query re Administration of Homeless Services – what is this being spent on
- Need to regain powers locally at Municipal District level.
- Major contributor of LPT, we need more say in how funding is allocated

District Administrator, Linda Healy said the members concerns would be referred to the Head of Finance.

District Manager, Lorraine Gallagher, said she accepted the members comments but that we were dealing with the here and now, she again reminded the elected members that if the SMDW were not adopted they would revert to the plenary Council for adoption.

Two proposals were presented:

Proposal 1 - To defer adopting the SMDW until the July meeting in order to receive further information

Proposed by: Cllr. Dermot O'Brien
Seconded by: Cllr. Grace McManus

Proposal 2 - To adopt the SMDW at the June meeting.

Proposed by: Cllr. Aoife Flynn Kennedy
Seconded by: Cllr. Anne Ferris

A vote was taken and the Elected Members voted as follows:

RE: To defer adopting the Schedule of Municipal District Works			
	FOR	AGAINST	
Councillor Joe Behan	√		
Councillor Melanie Corrigan		√	
Councillor Anne Ferris		√	
Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy		√	
Councillor Erika Doyle		√	
Councillor Grace McManus	√		
Councillor Dermot O'Brien	√		
Councillor Rory O'Connor	√		
<i>Total Votes</i>	4	4	

RE: To adopt the Schedule of Municipal District Works			
	FOR	AGAINST	
Councillor Joe Behan		√	
Councillor Melanie Corrigan	√		
Councillor Anne Ferris	√		
Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy	√		
Councillor Erika Doyle	√		
Councillor Grace McManus		√	
Councillor Dermot O'Brien		√	
Councillor Rory O'Connor		√	
<i>Total Votes</i>	4	4	

As both proposals received 4 votes for and 4 votes against, the Cathaoirleach used her casting vote for each vote and proposal 2 was adopted.

Adoption of the Schedule of Municipal District Works:

Proposed by Cllr Flynn Kennedy
 Seconded by Cllr Ferris

Item 4. To discuss and consider membership on San Remo NLC.

Cllr Flynn Kennedy updated members on the most recent San Remo NLC committee meeting.

She advised that the committee was initially established to support better communication following the opening of the San Remo Homeless facility.

The committee has the following representation:

- 4 Councillors - all from the Bray East area.
- 2 Representatives from SARA (Sidmonton Area Residents Association)
- Representative from Sidmonton Area (not a member of SARA)
- Garda Representative - John Fitzpatrick
- WCC Housing Department Representative - Garvan Hickey
- Dublin Simon Representative

At each meeting Dublin Simon runs through a report covering any reports, incidents and progress with residents since the last meeting. There is an opportunity provided for representatives from the area and the Garda to also raise any issues.

At the most recent meeting it was proposed to the committee that membership from the Councillors should be opened up to Councillors from Bray West also as this facility services those in need in the full District. This was discussed and it was agreed that this would be positive. It was proposed that the numbers representing Councillors should remain at 4 to ensure a good balance, as such Councillors would need to swap out for new members to join.

It was also agreed that the Chair of this committee should always be the sitting Cathaoirleach and that meetings would run every two months as opposed to one month going forward with the option to call a meeting outside of this schedule if the need arose.

Cllr Flynn Kennedy advised San Remo NLC that these proposed changes would need to go to the Bray MD for approval

Following a brief discussion it was agreed that:

- Membership would be open to Bray West Councillors as well as Bray East Councillors, with no more than 4 Councillors on the committee at any one time.
- Cathaoirleach to remain as Chair of San Remo NLC.
- Meeting schedule to change from monthly to bi-monthly with the option to call a meeting outside of this schedule if the need arose.

Cllr Grace McManus stepped down from the committee and Cllr Dermot O'Brien replaced her.

The District Manager advised that the committee was established to improve communication with local residents following the opening of the shelter. She said it would be appropriate for the district to advise Wicklow County Council's housing section of any changes to the membership of the committee but these decisions could be made by the district.

The Cathaoirleach stated she would like to see more engagement on this committee from Wicklow County Council officials.

The District Administrator agreed to pass these changes onto the Housing Directorate.

Item 5. To consider the Housing Report

Cedar Court

This development is for a high specification and A2 rated apartment block of 14 No ambulant/accessible units, comprising of 8 No one beds, 3 no three beds, and 3 no two beds, all with 'dual aspect', balcony or winter-garden. Construction is ongoing.

Parnell Road (Central Garage site)

Costs for this scheme are currently being reviewed with the Department of housing.

Sutton Villas

Respond Housing Association are ready to go to tender as soon as site title issues are finalised.

Kilbride Lodge

Respond Housing Association are ready to go to tender as soon as site title issues are finalised.

Rehills Lands

We have engaged with the Housing Agency with regard to design and master-planning of the scheme. A preliminary masterplan has been submitted and is being considered.

We are still looking at a mix of housing on the site, split between social, affordable and supported living units for the elderly. The scheme has been submitted to the Department of Housing for possible inclusion in the next PPP bundle. If the land is included in the next PPP bundle, then the NDFA would complete a masterplan for the site for social and affordable housing. The social housing element would then be progressed as part of the PPP and operated by them for 25 years, at which stage it reverts to the Local Authority. The affordable element would not be included in the PPP and would have to be progressed separately. There are no plans to sell any of the land or to use any of it for purposes other than social and affordable housing.

Fassaroe.

A cost plan is being prepared for the revised scheme for submission to the Department with the stage 2 application.

Southern Cross Road.

A development of 208 houses and apartments, including 20 Part V units, is in the process of being purchased for social housing as a turnkey by Cooperative Housing Ireland. The first units are due to be delivered in Q2 of 2022 and all units should be complete by Q3.

The District Administrator advised that the Housing Officer, Mr. Garvan Hickey, sent his apologies and any queries would be forwarded to him.

The Elected Members raised the following concerns and observations

- Members enquired about the timeframe for allocations in the new development on the Southern Cross Road (Kilruddery Glen)
- Suggested a site visit to meet with the officials of the Approved Housing Body, Cooperative Housing.
- Would like a presentation made on the Rehills development in particular the affordable housing portion.
- Not in favour of handing over site to private developer
- Expressed disappointment with the answer given at the full council meeting on June 13th in relation to affordable housing.
- Concern in relation to affordable housing – cost rental is needed
- Request for a report on estate management in Bray
- Cost of boarding up houses with metal shutters in Bray – do Wicklow County Council own these shutters and reuse them or do they rent them.
- Parnell Road (Central Garage site) why has nothing happened on this site as planning permission is almost out of date.
- Killarney Road site – appears to be a legal issue causing delay. It was also agreed that Glenthorn residents would be consulted but there has been no communication.
- Speed table in Oldcourt estate needs to be repaired.
- Update on the Homeless Outreach Officer – has this service resumed and where will it be located.
- Request for Fassaroe plans to be circulated
- Request for an outline of housing staff in Wicklow County Council and Bray MD
- Request for a list of all staff in Bray MD and Bray housing
- Is there a Clerk of Works and Estate Management Officer currently in place

The District Manager informed the Elected Members that a Health & Safety review had been carried out in Bray Municipal District and that the Homeless Outreach Service would recommence in Bray on a phased basis.

She advised members that there was a panel in place in relation to the Clerk of Works and that further information in relation to staff would be circulated to the members.

Item 6. To receive a Report on Roads and Transport

Roads Programme

Road Location	Length m	Area m²	Proposed Works
Restoration Improvement			
Herbert Road, Bray	796	4800	30% HRA.
Herbert Road, Bray	333	2430	10mm SMA surf inlay. Invitation to tender has been issued
Herbert Road, Bray	333	300	A contract has been awarded for patchwork repairs between King Edward Road and the public car park. Advance drainage repairs have to been completed.
15-26 Boghall Cottages, Bray	149	907	Road reconstruction planned summer break. Invitation to tender using a trial warm mix has been issued
Avondale Park, Bray	281	1405	10mm SMA surf inlay work completed in April
Killarney Lane, Bray	230	1500	10mm SMA surf inlay
Woodbrook Lawn, Bray	597	4180	10mm SMA surf inlay work completed in April
Sidmonton Road (1-8) Bray	80	200	Inlay 100mm binder & surf course. Invitation to tender has been issued.
Greenpark Road, Bray	333	2200	10mm SMA surf inlay. Tenders have been awarded for patchwork repair and are due to

			commence in May. Invitation to tender for surfacing has been issued
James Everett Park	110	700	10mm SMA surf inlay work completed in April
Killegar Lane (stables)	250	1000	road reconstruction contract commenced.
Killegar Lane (Dublin boundary)	100	350	road reconstruction contract commenced
Kilgarron Hill from R117	70	440	local repairs and surface inlay completed in May
Loreto Lane	25	110	road construction
Quinsborough Road	190	980	road reconstruction
Hazelwood, Fassaroe Estate	340	2480	Addition to the programme. Invitation to tender using a trial warm mix has been issued
Restoration Maintenance			
Killegar Road	2500	8500	Surface dressing following local structural works currently underway.
Kilgarron Hill, Enniskerry	487	2750	Surface dressing
Old Long Hill	3200	16000	Surface dressing; Advanced structural repairs completed in April

Outstanding repairs and resurfacing of Convent Avenue between Sidmonton Road and Meath Road from 2021 were completed in May. Surface Dressing in the county was planned to commence the first week of June and will likely reach the Bray district in July.

Footpaths

Following tendering in April, a contractor was pointed to carry out a schedule of concrete footpath repairs. To date, approximately 1000 sqm of repairs have been carried out. Approximately 3000 sqm of medium to high risk section of footpaths were identified as requiring attention earlier this year. It is planned to extend the contract to include additional repairs. Own labour charged to road maintenance will be used to supplement the budget to complete as much of the required repairs as possible this year.

Drainage Works

Essential drainage repairs and improvements are on-going. Substantial drainage works were recently completed at Killough Lower and works planned at Ballybawn last year were also recently completed.

Location	Amount	Works
L-19585-0 Loreto Avenue	€47,000	New 60m storm sewer in concrete road
R-755-273 Calary Upper	€10,000	New drainage crossing
R-761-0 Dublin Road, Bray	€8,000	Install manhole on culvert & repair. Investigation works commenced. More funding is required.
R-760-34 Killough Lower	€10,000	Install new drainage and repair flood damage has been substantially completed
L-5008-0 Killegar Road	€12,000	Drainage repairs completed
L-1011-26 Glencree Road, Cloon	€13,000	Repair and re-slab two culvert crossings

NTA Schemes

No new updates since April are available

Other Works

Funding has been provided for the expansion of the Boghall depot into the old APC site. The site is already in use to store material from the Cedar Court Phase II site and as a temporary depot for the construction of Cedar Court Phase II. Quotes have been sought for the installation of suitable fencing to secure the site.

Works are ongoing at the Enniskerry depot to provide a new chlorination facility for Irish Water and to complete the partitioning of the site for council and Irish water functions.

Electric Vehicle chargers were installed at the Bogmeadow last week. The council is currently waiting on a power supply connection.

Tenders have been invited for public lighting on the Herbert Road from Ashton Wood to the pedestrian bridge.

The Elected Members raised the following concerns and observations

- Update on footpath works
- Junction at Ballywaltrim Lane, not clear who has right of way – is this for WCC or Bray MD
- Chess tables for Ballywaltrim
- Footpath on Herbert Road at Aston Wood
- Speed of trucks in Enniskerry – traffic calming measures not working
- Disabled parking spaces opposite the new Primary Health Centre on the Killarney Road
- Footpath at corner of old courthouse/ Fran O'Toole Bridge not dished
- Around Bray bus service
- Potential closing of level crossing on Quinsboro Road and letter to issue to Irish Rail re the proposed closing of level crossing
- Road reconstruction Quinsboro Road
- Location of bins on Southern Cross Road
- Update on completion of work on gents toilets on the seafront

The District Engineer advised that the issue of road markings at Ballywaltrim Lane was a matter for Bray MD, stating it won't be easy to resolve as there is a problem with people parking at the garage.

Delivery was taken of two chess tables last month. These were funded through a grant provided by the community, cultural and social directorate (CCSD). It is planned to install these in Sidminton Park to the south side of the park entrance. The tables have seats can be pivoted clear in order to provide wheelchair access.

Cllr. O'Brien proposed that other areas of the town such as Ballywaltrim or the People's Park might benefit from the installation of chess tables. Cllr. Behan seconded this proposal

The District Engineer said the district had already committed to installing the chess tables at Sidmonton Park following consultation with the chess club but said he would like to see more outdoor chess tables installed in the district.

Cllr. Doyle suggested that wider public consultation may have been appropriate.

The District Manager said she would follow up with the community, cultural and social directorate to see if any funding is available for more tables.

A topographical survey was carried out to see how far the footpath on the Herbert Road could be extended and drawings are in the process of being finalised.

The District Engineer said he would investigate moving the disabled parking spaces to outside the primary health centre. He noted there is a plan in place for a cycle scheme at this location.

A contractor has been notified in relation to dishing the footpath at the Fran O'Toole bridge.

The District Engineer informed members he had met with Irish Rail's consultants and expressed his objections to the proposed closing of the level crossing. He said the alternative route proposed along Seapoint Road is not feasible and the consultants were asked to consider other options.

The Local Authority is waiting to see what other options are presented by Irish Rail consultants. The Elected Members requested a letter be sent to Irish Rail expressing their objections to the proposed closure of the level crossing.

Mr Bourke advised members that to date no one had contacted him in relation to an around Bray bus service, he said he would check with colleagues in Wicklow County Council. Members expressed their wish that Bray MD be consulted as part of any talks in relation to this matter.

Members were informed that road reconstruction works for the Quinsboro Road were in this year's programme of works. There will be a need to close the road so the issue of managing businesses & traffic must be considered.

The public gents toilets refurbishment at the back of Sealife is substantially complete, except for the installation of steel drainage pipes for the urinals for which the supply is still awaited.

It is intended to tender for the refurbishment of the ladies toilets later this summer with the intention of commencing works by November.

The District Engineer informed members that a Part 8 for a playground in Enniskerry would be ready within the next 2 weeks.

Item 7. To receive an update on strategic infrastructure projects:

Bray Central

An update report on Bray Central was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting.

Cllr. Behan enquired if there was an opening date for the centre yet.

Has an anchor tenant been secured

Public car park has been unavailable for 5 years

The District Manager advised that the District Engineer had carried out a site visit. Legal documents were being put in place. She could not confirm an anchor tenant at this time.

Bray Harbour Improvement Scheme

The requirement for additional environmental assessments was identified in the draft Feasibility Report. During a meeting with RPS in March, RPS undertook to carry out an EIA Scoping Exercise as an add-on to their current engagement. It was also agreed that they should provide ecological services to undertake a Stage 1 Appropriate Assessment Screening. A fee proposal was submitted and included for additional public consultation on the scheme and the production of a 3D model for the improved visualization of the scheme. The fee falls within the value of the original tender for which RPS were appointed in 2019 to carry out the feasibility study. RPS has been instructed to proceed with this work. A follow up meeting is proposed to clarify the extent of the terrestrial elements of the scheme to be included in the EIA scoping report or which shall be deferred to till a design is available and may be instead be subject to a Part 8 planning process.

When scoping reports are completed and agreed, a new tender will be required to procure engineering services for the preparation of detailed designs and EIAR to submit to An Bord Pleanala for planning approval. It is also proposed that the council investigate the feasibility of acquiring a portion of the foreshore by CPO for the marine element of the scheme. This can be decided in parallel by An Bord Pleanala and may avoid the need for a foreshore licence application for the scheme. At a meeting with BHJDC on the 5th May, stakeholders were updated on the status of the scheme.

Cllr. Behan asked if there was there a possibility of including a skate park as part of the harbour design

Given the rate of inflation, how will costs be managed

The District Engineer advised that there was very little space available north of the harbour. Existing users did not want to relocate and are looking for extra space for their own facilities.

He advised that to date costs are coming in within budget, but acknowledged that longer term projects may be at risk.

Outdoor performance space Bray Seafront

The letter of Contract Award for design Consultants issued to the successful tenderer on the 30th March. The successful tenderer is Vincent Hannon Architects. An initial meeting with officials from the Council was held on 21st April.

Meetings have taken place with Strand Road residents, Royal Marine Terrace and Martello Terrace.

A site meeting took place on the 9th May with the Design Team, Council officials and representatives from the Mermaid Theatre where the different canopy options were discussed. Initial drawings are expected from the Architect within the next week.

When the final design is agreed drawings will be prepared and presented to the Members prior to commencing the Part 8 process.

Cllr O'Brien asked for more information about consultations held with residents in relation to the proposed outdoor arts venue.

He stated that the report states that talks have taken place with residents but gives no indication of what the feedback from residents was.

The District Manager said feedback can be provided to councillors about these preliminary meetings. Some residents are supportive of the project, but concerns have been expressed about noise and anti-social behaviour.

Item 8. To review and discuss place of meetings of the Bray MD (Remote/Hybrid/ In person)

The Elected Members thanked Bray MD staff for preparing the Town Hall for their monthly meeting. Members agreed to keep the matter of in person meeting on the agenda and review on a monthly basis.

Item 9. Reports and Recommendations.

No items for noting.

Item 10. Any Other Business

Full Time Fire Service in Bray

Members discussed the matter of a full time fire service for Bray. It was proposed that elected members would meet with local retained firefighters to hear their views about the service. Councillors acknowledged that a full time fire service would not happen overnight, but they want to see the process of planning for this get underway.

Proposed by: Cllr Behan

Seconded by: Cllr Flynn Kennedy

The District Manager informed members that staffing issues are the responsibility of Wicklow County Council's Chief Executive. She advised that it was a matter for the Members to arrange this meeting, however the District Administrator would advise the Emergency Services Directorate of this discussion.

Bray Air Display Sustainability

Cllr. O'Brien called for Bray Air Display organisers to consider how to make the air show more sustainable and offset/mitigate the carbon emissions associated with this type of show. It was suggested that there was a need to speak with organisers about the options to offset carbon emissions for next year's show. Councillors were advised that a licence has been issued for this year's show but their concerns would be relayed to the air display organisers to consider.

Blue Flag

Cllr O'Connor enquired as to why Bray South Beach had lost the Blue Flag status.

The District Engineer advised that water quality results need to be excellent consistently over the past four bathing seasons. Bray South lost its Blue Flag status as its water quality was downgraded from excellent to good. He stated that currently there is no definitive reason as to what caused the change in water quality. This will require further investigation.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed:



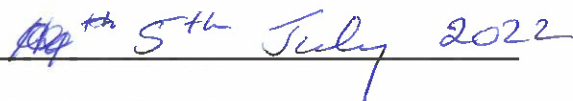
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Signed:



Linda Healy
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated:



5th July 2022