



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held via Zoom on Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 6.30 p.m.

Present:

- Councillor Anne Ferris**
- Councillor Grace McManus**
- Councillor Erika Doyle**
- Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy**
- Councillor Melanie Corrigan**
- 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**
- Mr. Michael Flynn, Senior Engineer**
- Mr Brian O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer**
- Mr Declan Marnane, Senior Engineer**
- Ms. Audrey Bowen, Minute Taker**

Apologies: **Councillor Joe Behan**

The Cathaoirleach Cllr. Erika Doyle commenced the meeting. She welcomed all in attendance which included Council Officials, Municipal District Members and members of the public.

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.

A vote of sympathy was passed for recently deceased Mrs Monica Behan, mother of Cllr. Joe Behan.

Item 1. Confirmation of Minutes from Annual Meeting held on 14th June 2022

Councillor Ferris proposed the confirmation of the minutes of the annual meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held 14th June 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 14th June 2022.

Councillor Corrigan proposed the confirmation of the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held 14th June 2022, Councillor Flynn Kennedy seconded the proposal and they were unanimously agreed by the Members.

Item 3. To receive an update on the County Speed Limit Review from Michael Flynn Senior Engineer & Brian O'Sullivan Executive Engineer, Transportation, Water & Emergency Services

Executive Engineer, Mr Brian O'Sullivan gave a presentation to the elected members on the upcoming county speed limit review. He advised members that any change to a default speed limit must be via a special speed limit, vested power by Elected Representatives, with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) agreement for National Roads

A review of existing special speed limits to be undertaken every 5 years.

Senior Engineer, Mr Michael Flynn, outlined the process of the public consultation to the elected members.

He informed members that there was now an appeals process in place as outlined below:

The Speed Limits Appeals Procedure has now been introduced (2nd December 2021). This is a procedure whereby any interested party may appeal an existing speed limit to the relevant Local Authority. The Local Authority must then review whether it has been set in accordance with the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland (*The Guidelines*). Should the appellant disagree the decision of the Local Authority Appeals Panel, they may escalate the appeal to a Regional Independent Panel for their decision. There is a fee for this escalation, however, it is fully refundable should the appeal (after Escalation) be successful.

The Elected Members raised the following concerns and observations

- Can places other than those proposed in the review be put forward for consideration.
- How were the schools that are included in the review selected
- Can a case be made for a dangerous road to be included in the review if the density requirement is not met
- Are speed limit increases followed by noise pollution assessment
- Are concerns about a road taken on board even if no accidents have occurred on the particular road.
- How will the public consultation work
- Can the public put in their own road suggestions
- Can a line of rational be input on the presentation
- Impact on traffic – is this considered
- Is the Ravenswell Road at the old golf club lands included in the review
- Are An Garda Síochána consulted in relation to the proposed changes or are they part of the public consultation process
- Would engineering measures reduce the need for speed limit reductions

Members were informed that as part of the public consultation process members of the public could submit their own suggestions for roads to be considered.

The schools included as part of the review were chosen by the National Transportation Authority (NTA) as part of the safe routes to school programme, a partnership between the NTA and green-schools as a response to the need to support schools to increase walking and cycling. Funding was secured for 3 schools across the county to trial the programme, if successful, further funding will be sought to roll out over future years.

Mr O'Sullivan advised that if the area in question with regards to noise pollution was the N11 through Kilmacanogue, then this would be a matter for Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). It was not part of this review. He advised that Wicklow County Council would pass on any concerns to TII.

The public consultation process is a set process, with guidelines that must be followed.

Members were advised that while the amount of reported accidents form part of the assessment it is not the only factor for consideration, they would look at certain areas of concern and it was suggested that engineering solutions may be more appropriate than speed reductions measures.

Reduction of road width, curb build out & cycle routes are some of the engineering solutions which may be preferable to speed reduction measures.

Members were informed that a line of rationale can be included for each proposed change.

Ravenswell Road, at the old golf club lands is not in the charge of Wicklow County Council. This road extends into Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown's area also.

Members were advised that the local authority is in regular contact with An Garda Síochána. It was noted that the Gardaí have been updated on the process at a recent Road Safety Together Committee meeting.

Item 4. To receive a pre-part 8 presentation on the Housing Development at Fassaroe.

Members were given a presentation on proposals for 14 units at Fassaroe by senior engineer Declan Marnane.

He advised members that the original plans had been for 32 units but this had been considered overdevelopment. It was then reduced to 20 units and it has now been decided that 14 units is most suitable for the site in question.

He said the parking details were not yet finalised but there would be no parking on Dargle Road.

He advised members that it was hoped to lodge a Part 8 application in the next month or so.

The Elected Members raised the following concerns and observations

- Can some units be specifically adapted to wheelchair users as opposed to universal design
- Where will the Part 8 be displayed
- Will properties be available to meet the needs of locals in the area
- Will the green spaces, hills and banks be retained
- Do the properties have gardens
- Do doors open out onto Dargle Road or to the back of site
- Investment in the estate
- Engagement with the community, estate forum

Mr Marnane advised members that accessible units were part of the scheme.

The Part 8 will be displayed online and in County/ Bray Municipal District buildings.

Mr Marnane advised that they liaise with Bray MD housing staff in relation to allocations of units.

Members were advised that it is intended to keep the green areas and banks as nature areas.

The properties do have a small area of private open space and the doors are facing towards the road.

Investment in the estate will require further funding but Mr Marnane advised they will continue to work with the Department of Housing in relation to this.

Views of the residents will be sought and to date they have sought to incorporate the feedback of residents and elected members.

Item 5. To receive an update on the proposed Outdoor Performance Space for Bray Seafront from Stephen Fox, Executive Engineer, Bray MD.

Executive engineer, Mr. Stephen Fox gave members an update on the outdoor performance space for Bray Seafront.

He informed members that to date, consultation meetings had taken place with residents of Martelle Terrace, Royal Marine Terrace and Strand Road. He said that through the Mermaid Arts Centre, artists had expressed their needs and priorities and that the consultants for this project had also been in attendance at these meetings.

He advised that currently the design is being worked on by the architect and there is also a sub contractor working on the canopy. There should be drawings by the end of the following week with something more tangible to come back to the members with.

It is hoped to have preliminary Part 8 sketches in the next month or so.

The Elected Members raised the following concerns and observations

What are the locals saying, what are their concerns

Who will manage the space

Will the space be privatised

How will it be used

Mr Fox advised that locals had expressed concerns around anti-social behaviour and noise for residents nearby.

He said that the space will be managed by the Bray Municipal District in conjunction with the Mermaid Arts Centre.

It will not be privatised. There will be a hard landscape that will be open to the public with no fencing or layer of security. It aims to be a more modern bandstand.

Members stated they can appreciate resident's concerns and requested that they be kept up to speed ahead of the Part 8.

Item 6. 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

A CPO process has been completed and registration of the site is in process.

Kilbride Lodge

Discussions are ongoing with Respond in relation to outstanding land title issues.

Rehills Lands

The scheme has now been included in PPP bundle 5 by the Department of Housing and the NDFA. They are in the process of appointing consultants to do a masterplan of the overall scheme. The social housing element will 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 will not be included in the PPP and will have to be progressed separately.

Fassaroe.

Stage 2 approval has been received from the Department and the part 8 is being prepared.

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 Q3 of 2022 and all units should be complete by Q4.

The Elected Members raised the following concerns and observations

Requested update on the Part 5 allocation in relation to the former Ulysses building, now the Strand View apartment complex, have they been allocated yet?

How many one bed apartments

Update on the development on Main Street (Central Garage site) when will this happen

Members thanked the housing administrative officer, Mr Garvan Hickey, for facilitating their viewing of the Kilruddery Glen development.

Mr Hickey advised members that in relation to the Strand View apartments Part 5 allocation, negotiations were ongoing with the developer. It is hoped to conclude negotiations by the 4th quarter of the year with allocations by the end of the year.

He did not know yet how many one bed apartments would be available

In relation to Kilruddery Glen, meetings were taking place this week with regards to the allocation of 18 three bed properties. It is hoped that signing/allocation would take place next week pending all necessary paperwork being in place.

2 bed properties were on stream for completion in August with allocation by the 3rd quarter of the year.

All apartments should be allocated by the 4th quarter of the year.

Mr Hickey acknowledged the demand for 1 bed units, stating that unfortunately applicants can be on the one bed list for a substantial amount of time.

Item 7. To consider Reports on Roads & Transport and Public Realm

Roads Programme

Road Location	Length (m)	Area (m ²)	Proposed Works
<i>Restoration Improvement</i>			
Herbert Road, Bray	796	4800	30% HRA.
Herbert Road, Bray	333	2430	10mm SMA surf inlay. Tender for surfacing works received and under evaluation.
Herbert Road, Bray	333	300	Patchwork Repairs have been completed.
15-26 Boghall Cottages, Bray	149	907	Road reconstruction planned for summer break. Tender for works received and under evaluation.
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. Tender for works received and under evaluation.
Greenpark Road, Bray	333	2200	10mm SMA surf inlay. Patchwork Repairs completed. Tender for surfacing works received and under evaluation.
James Everett Park	110	700	10mm SMA surf inlay work. Completed in April
Killegar Lane (stables)	250	1000	Localised road reconstruction completed in June.
Killegar Lane (Dublin boundary)	100	350	Localised road reconstruction completed in June.
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. Tender for works received and under evaluation.
<i>Restoration Maintenance</i>			
Killegar Road	2500	8500	Localised road reconstruction completed in

			June. Surface dressing likely to take place in July.
Kilgarron Hill, Enniskerry	487	2750	Surface dressing likely to take place in July.
Old Long Hill	3200	16000	Surface dressing; Advanced structural repairs completed in April. Surface dressing likely to take place in July.

Outstanding repairs and resurfacing of Convent Avenue between Sidmonton Road and Meath Road from 2021 were completed in May.

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

Section 38 Traffic Calming Measure to be advertised for the below schemes:

- Sidmonton Square
- Powerscourt National School, Cookstown Road
- Deerpark Cycleway

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. Quotations have been received for the construction of a section of boundary wall and the installation of boundary fencing and gates. The quotations are currently under review.

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 have been installed at the Bogmeadow. 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

Rathmore Terrace – Cllr Flynn Kennedy enquired about the parking at this location and if residents could engage with a specific person in relation to same.

Go Ahead bus services – Cllr O'Brien suggested discussions with the service provider as numerous complaints had been received in relation to their services.

Quinsboro Road resurfacing – Cllr Ferris enquired when this would be starting

Newcourt Road traffic survey – Cllr Ferris requested an update on this

Road condition from Enniskerry to Powerscourt – Cllr Ferris enquired if this section or road could be looked at

Traffic issues southbound N11 Junction 7 – Cllr Ferris enquired if this could be looked at

Monastery Road overgrown – Cllr O'Connor requested this be cut back

Seafront seating – Cllr O'Connor requested an update on this project

Victorian Shelters – Cllr O'Connor requested an update on this project

The District Engineer informed the elected members that Rathmore Terrace on the Dargle Road was part of the Little Bray Bus Priority Scheme. Wicklow County Council is investigating options for parking as part of the scheme. It is on the agenda of the project team. He advised members he would forward contact details for the team to them.

The Cathaoirleach advised members that certain T.D's had had meetings with the operators of Go Ahead bus services.

The District Engineer said that the road reconstruction of Quinsboro Road would commence over the summer, after the Airshow. It would be mostly night time work and would require a road closure. There is a difficulty in trying to reduce the impact of the works on businesses and commuter traffic.

Mr Bourke said he had met with residents of Newcourt Road. He stated that the summertime was not a good time for the survey and that it would more than likely be around September. He advised there had been issues with traffic counters.

Mr Bourke advised that Bray MD are aware of the issues on the road from Enniskerry to Powerscourt but that it was not in the roads programme. There is currently a developer working in the area with a new surface water drainage system to be put in place as part of the development, so it would be premature to resurface at this time.

The District Engineer advised that the N11 is under the remit of TII. He advised he will pass on the issued to them but that is likely to be addressed as part of the upgrade works.

Overgrowth on Monastery Road will be referred to the town overseer for attention.

Executive engineer, Mr Stephen Fox, advise that he was currently speaking to a few contractors in relation to repainting the seafront seating. He is not in a position at the moment to go to tender. It has not been decided whether to paint the seats in situ or offsite. He said it would be better to leave any works until later in the season.

Mr Fox stated that in relation to the refurbishment of the Victorian Shelters he had been in discussion with a consultant who visited the site and drew up a report, subsequently Brexit happened and the process stalled. He informed members that there was a budget of 150k in place for the works. The next step is to finish the tender and see what offers come in.

Item 8. To receive an update on strategic infrastructure projects:

- a) Bray Central**
- b) Bray Harbour Improvement Scheme (included in Public Realm Report)**

Bray Central

A report was circulated to the Elected Members prior to the meeting

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.

The Elected Members raised the following concerns and observations

Cllr McManus enquired about the scoping reports. The District Engineer advised that when the 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.

Item 9. To review and discuss place of meetings of the Bray Municipal District (Remote/Hybrid/In person)

Cllr Flynn Kennedy enquired if decisions taken at Wicklow County Council meetings in relation to options for council meetings would be carried through to the Municipal District

Members agreed it was beneficial to have the option of online meetings. A decision was taken to review Standing Orders for the next meeting in order to allow for hybrid/remote meetings

Item 10. Notice of Motions

No items for discussion

Item 11. Correspondence

District Administrator Ms Linda Healy, informed the elected members that Bray MD had submitted an application to the LGMA for a night time economy advisor. If successful a night time economy advisor will be appointed to Bray.

Item 12. Any Other Business

Cllr O'Brien suggested a civic reception to mark the recent heroic actions of the lifeguards on Bray Beach who rescued 6 people from the water in one day.

The Cathaoirleach acknowledged the incredible efforts of the lifeguards and said the matter would be discussed with the water safety officer in Wicklow County Council. She suggested a letter of commendation from Bray MD

District Manager, Lorraine Gallagher also commended the lifeguards for their actions and said talks would take place with the Environment section in Wicklow County Council on the appropriate way to recognise their efforts. She said An Garda Síochána hold the Youth Awards which recognises such efforts and the Environment section may recommend the lifeguards for these awards.

Ms Gallagher advised members that the speed limit review, the Part 8 for the Bogmeadow Playground and the 3 Traffic Calming Schemes were available to view online on the Wicklow County Council Consultation Hub

Cllr Flynn Kennedy updated the elected members on the Skate Park proposals. She informed the members that she had had a meeting today with the Bray skate boarders. They had discussed options that had been carried out in other counties like Carlow and Kilkenny.

Executive engineer, Stephen Fox will investigate how the tender process was carried out in other local authorities and if there are any other operators available that he is not yet aware of. The next step will be to tender for a design build contract which will produce drawings suitable to proceed to Part 8 public consultation.

Cllr O'Brien said we must ensure that it is designed for girls and beginners and not just for professionals.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed:

Cllr. Erika Doyle
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed:

Linda Healy
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated:
