



**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of
Bray held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday
13th June 2023 which followed the Annual meeting.**

Present: Cathaoirleach Councillor Melanie Corrigan
Leas Cathaoirleach Councillor Rory O'Connor
Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy
Councillor Joe Behan
Councillor Erika Doyle
Councillor Dermot O'Brien
Councillor Grace McManus

Also in Attendance: Ms. Lorraine Gallagher, District Manager
Ms Linda Healy, District Administrator
Mr. Liam Bourke, District Engineer
Mr. Garvan Hickey, Administrative Officer
Housing
Ms. Rachel Griffin, Minute Taker

Apologies: Councillor Anne Ferris

Votes of sympathy were passed for recently deceased Danny Bohan and former Bray UDC Councillor Brigid Hannon. Members paid their condolences to Danny and Brigid's family.

**Item 1 Confirmation of minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Municipal District
of Bray dated 9th May 2023**

Councillor Flynn Kennedy proposed the confirmation of the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held 9th May 2023. Councillor Doyle seconded the proposal and they were unanimously agreed by the Members.

Suspension of Standing Orders

Cathaoirleach Cllr Melanie Corrigan read out the following motion to the members;

"That County Councillors support the Retained Fire and Rescue Service personnel and their continued struggle for improvement in pay, conditions and a decent work/life balance with agreed time off and call on the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for public expenditure to provide the funding necessary to sustain and enhance the service now and for future generations"

This motion was proposed by Councillor Joe Behan and seconded by Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy.

Cllr Joe Behan praised the firefighters and all the work that they have done and noted how important it was that the firefighters were shown support in this action.

Cllr Flynn Kennedy noted that this issue is at critical stage and noted that she fully supports the retained fire and rescue service. She stated she looks forward to the day that they have adequate services.

Cllr Erika Doyle added to these comments and stated how important it is to support the people who have supported us. She stated that the conditions are not sustainable and it puts us all at risk.

Cllr Dermot O'Brien agreed with his fellow members and stated that it is important to note that the firefighters don't want to be striking but instead have to. He noted that these people have families to not only to provide for but to be able to spend time with.

Cllr Grace McManus agreed with the members and pointed out that the next generation will be facing a crisis if this strike is not taken seriously. She said it is important to take a stance on this and look after the people who look after us.

Cllr Melanie Corrigan agreed with everything that had been expressed by the members and looks forward to a favourable resolution being reached.

Cllr Rory O'Connor agreed with the members and noted the importance of the support from all members on this motion.

Item 2 To Adopt the Schedule of Municipal District Works 2023 in accordance with Section 103A of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended

District Manager, Lorraine Gallagher read out the proposed schedule of Municipal District Works 2023 which was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

The Elected Members raised the following concerns and observations

- Concerns were raised regarding the budget to retain the blue flag for the beach- Was this enough finance to get it back?
- Members were querying what the money for severe weather events was being spent on.
- Queries were raised if the budget for relets works could be increased to meet the level of demand for works.
- There was also queries regarding how much of the Administration Homeless Services Bray M.D. is spent in Bray and if it includes salary costs for the staff in the Homeless Section.

District Manager, Lorraine Gallagher, stated she will contact environmental services to find out more about the budgeting for the Blue flag and confirm with them if it may be under budgeted.

Liam Bourke, District Engineer, confirmed that the purpose for the budget for the severe weather events was to have a figure in place in the case of an unexpected event occurring.

Councillor Flynn Kennedy proposed the schedule and Councillor O'Connor seconded it. It was unanimously agreed by all the members.

Item 3 To receive a presentation on the proposed public consultation process for Fassaroe Park & Ride facility from Barry Dorgan, NTA & Geoff Emerson, Clifton Scannel Emerson & Associates

The members received a presentation from Barry Dorgan with an update on progress for the proposed public consultation process for Fassaroe Park & Ride Facility.

The Elected Members raised the following concerns and observations

The Members thanked them for their presentation.

- Members were happy to hear that the project is finally moving forward.
- Queries were raised regarding if the land is owned privately or by the council.
- Concerns were raised whether this scheme will bring more traffic towards the upper Dargle road.
- Need for N11 and M11 improvement scheme should be prioritised.
- Could solar panels be considered?
- It was queried as to who will be providing this service as there has been issues with service providers regarding delays and no shows.
- Is the 20 percent of electric vehicles ready to go, it was noted the increase in purchase of electric vehicles in recent times and there was queries raised whether there was enough spaces to fill the demand.
- Queries were raised whether there would be secure bike parking and how safe this would be?
- Will the cctv be monitored-it was noted that it is vulnerable in the evening times for people- what type of security is in place to prevent issues arising?
- Queried the cost - Will it promote the use of it? If it is too expensive people will look at other options.
- Members queried as to who will be responsible for the maintenance and also who to report to if there is any damage/theft to cars.

Members were advised that the land ownership was privately owned and there are discussions in progress with the owners at the moment.

Assistant Director, Eoin Gillard stated that solar panels have been considered however this comes with extra costs and extra infrastructure required and unfortunately doesn't look achievable at the moment but could possibly be an opportunity in the future for same.

He assured the members that this project will have no effect on the upper Dargle road.

In relation to who is providing the service, Assistant Director, Eoin Gillard said it was out for tender at the moment and will be decided in the near future.

Item 4 To receive a presentation on the proposed public consultation process to renovate Ballywaltrim Library from Brendan Martin County Librarian & Architect Shane De Blacam

Members received a presentation from Brendan Martin, County Librarian, and Shane De Blacam, Architect, in relation to the proposed consultation process to renovate Ballywaltrim Library. They informed the members of the future developments for the library and the opportunities the community will have once the work is completed.

The Elected Members raised the following concerns and observations

Members thanked Brendan Martin, County Librarian and Shane De Blacam, Architect, for a wonderful presentation.

- Members were very excited about the future development of the Library and noted that it was very positive news.
- It was noted that the removing of the railings was a great idea as it is more inviting to the public.
- Members praised the future facilities this Library will hold for the public and noted the excellent facilities for children and students.
- Mr. Martin and the staff were thanked for always celebrating important topics such as autism and pride in the libraries.
- There were queries regarding the timescale of this project and also the effect it will have on the closure of the original Library.
- Members asked if the community room can be utilised by all groups.
- Members queried if the building would contain solar panels.

Brendan Martin, County Librarian, noted that the estimated timescale for the build of this new project will most likely be 18 months and unfortunately the original Library will be closed for most of this period of time as well. However Brendan Martin, County Librarian, noted that hopefully there will be an alternative solution for this, the use of the mobile Library will also be considered.

He stated that the community room will be used by non-profit groups/charities. It will be available to book semi-regularly in order to avoid disappointment.

Shane De Blacam, Architect, also noted that the building will have solar panels and will be a near zero energy building and that it will be fully compliant with building regulations.

Brendan Martin, County Librarian, noted that there will be toilet facilities available.

He also noted that there will be a sensory garden in the new Library too and that it will also be a My Open Library service.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Melanie Corrigan called for a time extension.
Cllr Rory O'Connor proposed and Cllr Joe Behan seconded this.

Item 5 To receive a presentation on Homeless Services in County Wicklow from Jason Smith, Homeless Outreach Officer
**(see addendum on page 6)*

Members received a presentation from Jason Smith, Homeless Outreach Officer, regarding Homeless services in County Wicklow. Jason Smith, Homeless Outreach Officer explained to the members about what homelessness is and what effects homelessness has on individuals. He explained the function of the homeless team and some agencies they work alongside and also informed the members of some statistics in relation to homelessness from the year 2022 to 2023.

The Elected Members raised the following concerns and observations

Members thanked Jason Smith, Homeless Outreach Officer for the presentation and all the hard work himself and the staff have done for the homeless.

- Queries were raised regarding the homeless outreach and how people have access to it.
- Members asked Mr. Smith how they can contact him directly if there are any queries.
- Members would like to check in with Mr. Smith every 6 months to go over the numbers on notice to quits etc.
- Raised queries on how to navigate people to the right agency for help and advice.
- Do you feedback any statistics to agencies?
- Members queried if the homeless team have any connection or work alongside BARS?

Jason Smith, Homeless Outreach Officer, thanked the members for their time and kind words. He advised the members they can contact him by email or by phone and if he is not available the housing team will be available to answer any queries.

Jason Smith, Homeless Outreach Officer, advised the members that he is in the process of trying to connect with other bodies. E.g. HSE, Peter McVerry etc.

District Administrator, Linda Healy agreed to circulate contact details for Jason Smith, Homeless Outreach Officer, to the members.

*** At the Monthly Meeting of Bray Municipal District held on the 4th July, Cllr Grace McManus requested an amendment to Item 2, the monthly minutes of the 13th June meeting. The following amendment was requested and agreed unanimously.**

Cllr McManus raised the importance of both step down units for people fleeing domestic violence and the importance of HAP support services.

Item 6 To consider the Housing report

Cedar Court

Units are complete and handover is expected in the next week or so.

Parnell Road (Central Garage site)

Preparation for tenders is ongoing.

Kilbride Lodge and Sutton Villas

Preparation for tenders is ongoing.

Rehills Lands

The design stage of the scheme is ongoing. The consultants are looking at options for access and accommodation mix. Following a meeting with the Bray members a decision has been made not to proceed with the supported housing on this site.

Fassaroe

The design team for the scheme have been appointed and will now progress the tender documents.

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 have been delivered. The remaining units should be ready for occupation in the next few weeks.

The Elected Members raised the following concerns and observations

- Concerns were raised regarding Rehills Land and if affordable purchase is still an option. Members were given the impression that this type of accommodation scheme was not going to be considered in this project.
- It was noted by members that it is very important for the council to be involved in this project every step of the way to avoid future problems.
- Members wanted to make it clear that it is essential for affordable purchase to be on this site.
- Members thanked Garvan Hickey, Administrative Officer and the staff for their continued hard work.
- Why is sheltered housing not an option anymore?

Housing Administrative officer, Garvan Hickey reassured members that there has been no change to policy with regard affordable housing and that this will be included in the project. The site is still proposed for a mix of social and affordable housing.

A design team has been appointed and are looking at possible layouts for the site. It is likely given the required density on the site that there will be a high proportion of

apartments. Following consultation with the Bray Members and internal discussions in the Housing Directorate, it has been decided not to proceed with the sheltered type housing on this site, however there will be a high proportion of fully accessible units which would be suitable for elderly people. Managed sheltered housing is not being followed as an option due to the number of units that would be required to make it viable, instead there would be a focus on the development of more fully accessible units. The design stage of the scheme is ongoing and the development of the master plan for the site would seek to maximise the benefit that can be gained from the layout of the site. Members concerns in respect of social, affordable cost rental and affordable purchase were noted. Garvan Hickey, Administrative Officer advised the members if they have specific questions they can email him directly and will send back a written response.

Item 7 To consider District Engineer's report on Road, Transport, Public Realm & Strategic Infrastructure projects within the BMD

Roads & Transport Report

Roads Programme

Funding has been allocated for the 2023 roads programme and works are progressing as described below.

Road No.	Road Location	Length m	Allocation	Status
L-10034	Bray Business Park	533	€80,000	Completed last year
L-1002	Boghall Cottages	125	€85,000	Completed surface inlay
L-5813	Hazelwood	332	€50,000	Road contract 2 sma works in progress
L-1962	Killarney Lane	247	€60,000	Road contract 2 starting w/b 08/05/23
L-55212	Berryfield Lane	645	€75,000	Road contract 2 surfacing in progress
R-760	Church Hill, Enniskerry	318	€91,000	Waiting on drainage works funding
L-5007	Ballyman Road	460	€120,000	Works specification under review
L-1957	Novara Avenue	150	€37,000	Road contract 2 sma surface complete
R-766-135	Putland Road	155	€50,000	Road contract 2 sma surface complete
L-1963	Kilbride Lane	338	€80,000	Road contract 2 starting w/b 08/05/23
R-117-0	Knocksink Road	96	€27,000	Works extent under review
L-1019	Glencormack	326	€110,000	Dependant on drainage works funding
L-1015	Deegan's Lane	724	€66,060	Road recycling & SD contract awarded

The proposed restoration maintenance work in 2023 is set out in table below. The budget allocation for the Bray MD is €49,530. Works proposed for late May/early June under contract.

Road No.	Road Location	Length m	Allocation	Status
L-10034	Balinagee Hill	611	€9,000	Surface dressing
R-755	Roundwood road	125	€10,530	Surface dressing
L-1015	Deegan's Lane	1028	€10,000	Surface dressing
L-1015	Onagh	1403	€20,000	Surface dressing

Drainage Works

Approximately €109,500 drainage grant has been allocated to the Bray district. The proposed works to be completed with grant aid are as set out in the table below. A business case for capital funding for R760 Church Hill, Enniskerry is waiting approval. A business case will also be made for capital funding for drainage works at L-5029 Quill Road and L-1019 Glencormack Phase 2 when fully costed.

Number of Locations	Estimated Cost €	Status
L-1020 Cookstown Road, Enniskerry flood relief	€17,000	Completed
L-1019 Glencormick Road, Kilmacanogue flood relief	€12,500	
L-19581 Loreto Avenue, Bray	€55,000	
L-97551 Calary Lane, Kilmacanogue	€15,000	Completed
L-1013 Waterfall Road, Ballyross, Enniskerry	€10,000	Completed

Safety Improvement Works

€70,000 funding has been approved for extending previous safety improvement works at the R755 Rocky Valley Road at Healy's Pottery. This will entail drainage works and a footpath extension with associated lining and signing. €45,000 funding has also been approved for further safety improvement works on the R117 in the vicinity of the Cookstown Road junction.

Other Grant Funding

A contract has been awarded for the installation of a driver feedback sign and vehicle activated sign in the Bray district. The northbound approach to the Glenwood bend on the Herbert Road has been chosen for the VAS sign and the northbound approach to the Blind Lane junction on the Dargle Road has been chosen for the driver feedback sign.

Footpaths

No funding allocation for footpath repair is proposed for 2023. However, essential repairs at Kilmacanogue estates planned for last year will be carried out by direct labour from road maintenance when staff are available. In the meantime, footpath defects are being assessed and recorded for the time when funding becomes available.

Capital Works

On the Enniskerry Village Renewal Scheme an interim report on the Town Clock monument by the conservation engineer indicates possible movement and further monitoring is required before conclusions on required remedial work. Minor elements will be progressed in May and June with Urban & Village Renewal funding. Capital funding has been approved for the substantial works following withdrawal of NTA funding.

The Convent Avenue to Vevay Crescent Permeability Scheme has been returned to the Bray MD to implement following withdrawal of NTA funding. A business case for the funding to the amount of €450,000 over two years has been approved. Land owner agreement and Part 8 planning approval will be required to progress this scheme.

NTA Schemes

NTA project allocation for the Bray MD in 2023 are set out in table below.

Project Name	2023 Allocation	
Bray DART Interchange – Bus Terminus Improvement	€1,684,000	Tenders due for works in May
Bray Seafront Plaza	€60,000	Minor snagging near completion
Bus Priority in Little Bray	€50,000	At Concept and Options stage. Fee proposal awaited for inclusion of a rapid build option
River Dargle Cycleway	€50,000	Options Assessment report to be finalised
Killarney Road Active Travel Route	€60,000	Rapid Build Options report to be completed for the scheme. WCC are preparing tender documents
Bray Bridge Footbridges and tie ins	€150,000	At Preliminary design stage
Bray Main Street Bus Priority and Decongestion	€10,000	At Concepts and Options stage
Convent Avenue to Vevay Crescent Permeability Scheme	€10,000	Close out of 2022 costs incurred
SRTS Round 2 Kilmacanogue NS, Kilmacanogue	€20,000	Waiting on An Taisce Greenschools delivery plan

The NTA have recently been writing to owners/occupiers of properties that will be impacted by the Bus Connects Bray to City Centre Corridor concerning the likely CPO of relevant lands. Invitations have been sent to council road engineers to a scheme planning briefing meeting at the NTA offices in May.

Part VIII documentation is being prepared for a proposed Park & Ride car park on the Fassaroe lands beside junction 6 on the N11. A presentation to the Bray Municipal District is proposed prior to advertising the scheme.

It has been confirmed that contracts have been awarded for three bus shelters in the Bray District. These are at the Bogmeadow, Enniskerry, N11 northbound Kilmacanogue and the Giltspur-SCR Terminus. Works are scheduled to commence in early

E-Bike Sharing Scheme

About 35 sites around Bray have been selected at this stage for inclusion for the virtual mandatory parking locations (VMPL). This includes some business premises in the public domain where agreement has been provided. Most are at existing bicycle stands or where adequate paved space is available. 3 new cycle bays have been paved and approximately 18 new cycle bays have been created by the installation of Sheffield stands. 5 more bays are planned on both public and private land. Launch of the scheme is planned shortly.

Public Realm Report

ORIS Projects

Trail works at the Kilmacanogue Marsh that were to be completed last year are to resume in the next few weeks under direct labour. A ramped path with an entrance opposite the car park is to be constructed.

Funding has been allocated for trail development and conservation to the main Sugarloaf access at the Red Lane car park. Part 8 drawings have been prepared to provide car park improvements with coach parking and a turn-around facility. Consultation with local farmers with grazing rights on the commonage has been initiated. CCSD will be completing the preparation of the Part 8 documents.

Enniskerry Village Renewal

The interim report from the Conservation Engineer indicates some movement in the plinth structure and one of the tower planters.. It is not certain if this is of structural significance yet as some seasonal movement can occur. If not conclusive after three months monitoring, several more months of monitoring may be required. It is expected that detail design of paving materials and layout will be completed shortly and some of the work not impacting on the monument will be contracted in June.

Raheen Public Park

The Part 8 public consultation for the public park closed on the 27th April. Eight submissions have been made. They are generally positive but there is considerable content containing detailed information that requires time to analyse. A Chief executives report is anticipated for the June meeting of the Bray Municipal district for a decision. A draft Conservation Management Plan has been prepared for Bray Head. A pathfinder visit took place in April, during which there was extensive engagement between the ecology consultant and various stakeholders. Officials had a follow up site meeting today to explore the possibility of acquiring ORIS funding to achieve the objectives of the management plan. Another public site meeting is to be planned to discuss proposals for a Neighbourwood scheme.

Bray Harbour Improvements

A presentation was made to the department responsible for URDF funding for the project, which outlined the outcome of the feasibility study. Feedback was favourable and approval is awaited to progress to tendering for consultants. It is planned to fence off an area identified in the feasibility report that could be used to facilitate the relocation of existing or accommodate additional marine uses in the harbour.

Bogmeadow Playground Enniskerry

Capital funding has been approved from the council's Development Contribution Scheme along with discretionary funding for developing the playground. Detailed design and preparation of specifications for both the site development works that deals with the site preparation, retaining walls and alterations to infrastructure and for the supply and installation of the play equipment is progressing.

Ballywaltrim Recreational Field Masterplan

A topographical survey drawing of the site has been received and a draft layout drawing of an astro turf pitch is under review at present. Options development for the final configuration of pitches, detailed design and costing have yet to be completed.

Seafront Toilets

Refurbishment of the lady's toilets at the aquarium building are complete and are open for use.

Skateboard Park

A tender has been received for the design and build of a skateboard park at Ballywaltrim.

Enniskerry EV Charger

The EV charger is scheduled for metering by the ESB.

Uncontrolled Crossing Albert Ave

A design and tender for works are being prepared

Briar Wood Flood Mitigation

Tenders have been received for the construction of a raised table and the installation of new drainage at the entrance to the estate. A business case for capital funding has been approved and a contract is expected to be awarded shortly. The work is further to previous mitigation works carried out under discretionary funding

Herbert Road Cul-de-Sac Wall

The new wall has been completed

Community Landscaping Grant

A draft scheme outline and application form for scheme approval has been prepared

The Elected Members raised the following concerns and observations

- Concerns were raised regarding the crossing on seafront plaza, members stated they are not effective as cars park on both sides of the crossing. Measures need to be taken to prevent the cars from stopping here.
- Members stated there is a need for soft bollards to be allocated on Bray Main Street. It is not safe for cyclists at present and installing these will encourage more people to cycle to school/work.
- Members were looking for an update on Raheen Park and the current status with Bord Pleanála.
- Raised concerns regarding paving on Main Street. Members stated there is a part of the footpath that has sunken and cracked.
- Issues were raised in relation to the dirty footpaths on Quinsborough Road. The footpath has also sunken and is a trip hazard to pedestrians.
- Members were seeking updates in relation to Herbert Road;
 - Remaining Debris
 - Public Lighting
 - Lighting at zebra crossing
- A concern was raised regarding overgrowth of a council owned land into a private house which is blocking the residents view.
- Update on Ballywaltrim Recreational Field Master plan
- In relation to the Enniskerry EV charger, members were looking for an estimated time as to when the public can charge their cars.

- Update on business case for Quill Road Drainage works.
- It was mentioned that there is a dipped footpath outside parochial hall Enniskerry.
- Update on works for Kilmacanogue Marsh.
- Queries were raised regarding who owned the former AO smith building?- Concerns were raised as hedge is hanging over the path blocking pedestrians walkway.
- Members were looking for an update on design for the Bogmeadow playground Enniskerry.

Liam Bourke, District Engineer, advised that it was being proposed to install posts at the crossings down the plaza to stop people from parking there.

In relation to the E bikes Liam Bourke, District Engineer, stated that the bollards were bought and will be installed on the Main Street in the next few weeks.

Liam Bourke, District Engineer, advised that in relation to Raheen Park there was an appeal made so this will delay the process. The engineers have circulated their response so now they have to wait for An Bord Pleanála's decision.

Liam Bourke, District Engineer, acknowledges the complaints regarding the paving issues but states that there is limited funding, however he noted that he will make an effort to address Quinsborough Road and notes that it is a high priority.

In relation to Herbert Road, Liam Bourke, District Engineer, stated that there has been a contract appointed for the zebra crossing and public lighting in this area and will chase up on this. Liam Bourke, District Engineer, also ensured that he will follow up about the debris.

Liam Bourke, District Engineer, noted he will enquire with the parks engineer about an upgrade for the Dargle Road playground and Bogmeadow playground.

In regards to the overgrowing land into a private house, Liam Bourke, District Engineer, said that he was not aware of this but if he receives the address he will follow up on this.

In relation to works at Kilmacanogue marsh, Liam Bourke, District Engineer, advised the members that it is under construction at the moment.

Liam Bourke, District Engineer, advised that he has not had a chance to look into the drainage work on Quill road yet but will do so in the next few weeks.

Liam Bourke, District Engineer, stated he will follow up with the former AO smith owner to try and resolve the hedge cutting issue.

In relation to the EV charger at Bogmeadow, Liam Bourke, District Engineer, informed the members that he is currently waiting on the Climate Action team to set up the electric account.

Item 8 Notice of Motions

The Cathaoirleach and members agreed to extend the notice of motions until the July meeting.

Item 9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Item 10 Any other Business

Cllr Dermot O'Brien raised an issue under AOB.

Cllr. O'Brien queried in relation to the Health & Safety Act 1890 in relation to music and singing licenses, he noted that Bray Town Council never adopted this act therefore businesses do not need a license. He queried whether we can adopt this in Bray as venues are playing music really loudly causing disruptions to neighbours etc.

District Manager, Lorraine Gallagher acknowledged Cllr O'Brien's issue and asked Cllr O'Brien to send on the information to her directly and she will speak to the Law Agent to find out more about this.

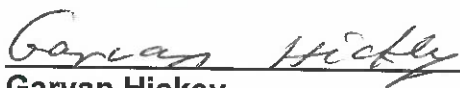
This concluded the meeting.

Signed:



Cllr. Melanie Corrigan
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed:



Garvan Hickey
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated:

05/09/2023