



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 6.30 p.m.

Present:

- Cathaoirleach Councillor Dermot O'Brien**
- Councillor Joe Behan**
- Councillor Melanie Corrigan**
- Councillor Erika Doyle**
- Councillor Ian Neary**
- Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy**
- Councillor Caroline Winstanley**

Also in Attendance:

- Ms. Lorraine Gallagher, District Manager.**
- Mr. Garvan Hickey, District Administrator.**
- Mr. Stephen Fox, A/District Engineer.**

Apologies:

- Councillor Malachai Duddy**
- Mr. Brian Wildes, Administrative Officer, Housing,**

Votes of sympathy were passed for Seamus Duddy, father of Councillor Malachai Duddy. Members noted that he was a well-respected man in the town and paid condolences to their colleague and his family and friends.

Item 1. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray dated 11th February 2025.

Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy proposed the confirmation of the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held on the 11th February 2025. Councillor Caroline Winstanley seconded the proposal and they were unanimously agreed by the members.

Item 2. To discuss and consider Discretionary Projects 2025

Cathaoirleach, Councillor O'Brien gave a presentation to the members outlining the current list of proposals for the 2025 Discretionary Projects and the process which has been undertaken to compile the list. Councillor O'Brien broke the proposals down into three categories and outlined the benefit of each project to the Municipal District. The Cathaoirleach outlined how the projects proposed for funding linked to the sustainable development goals.

The Cathaoirleach advised the members that the other projects which were discussed at the last Municipal District but not on the list are not being put aside and alternative channels of funding will be sought for them.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the members and the management team for their collaborative approach throughout this process and noted the teamwork everyone showed.

The elected members praised the Cathaoirleach for his approach to this process. Members noted that he listened to everyone's comments and observations and noted that it is not an easy part of the job, however he done a fantastic job.

The adoption of the Discretionary projects 2025 was proposed by Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy and seconded by Councillor Erika Doyle and were unanimously agreed by the members.

Item 3. To discuss and consider the Bray Municipal District Traffic and Transport Sub Committee Terms of Reference.

The draft terms of reference for the Bray Municipal District Traffic and Transport Sub Committee was circulated to members in advance of the meeting and were taken as read.

The Elected Members made the following comments and observations:

- The Elected Members noted that the proposed terms of reference were very comprehensive
- It was noted that community groups are not members but have an opportunity to feed into the work of the committee
- Members pointed out that they all had been approached by groups, traders and community groups with views on traffic management and it would be difficult to select one group over another.
- Questions were raised in relation to the membership of the committee and who will be sitting on it.
- Is it open to the public to attend meetings or is it private?
- Members pointed out that similar to the discretionary projects reference should be made to the Sustainable Development Goals. Transport has a significant impact on environment.

Cathaoirleach, Councillor O'Brien outlined that the meetings would not be open to members of the public or press and would operate similar to the Strategic Policy Committees. Elected representatives are on the committee to represent the interests of the public. Committee can make nuanced decisions and submissions from groups can be made public subject to agreement of the group.

District Manager, Lorraine Gallagher advised the members the staff of Bray Municipal District will support the committee and advised the four elected members will be voted on the committee, two from Bray East and two from Bray West at the next meeting. Ms. Gallagher noted that the Bray Municipal District Traffic and Transport Sub Committee does not have a statutory function and it is important for it to be linked to the Transportation, Infrastructure Delivery & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee. Ms. Gallagher also highlighted that we are embarking on the development of a new Local Area Plan and the committee can be a useful forum for the development of traffic and transport plan. While the resources of the Municipal District will support the committee we can't guarantee resources from roads section and other stakeholders.

The Terms of Reference were proposed by Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy and seconded by Councillor Caroline Winstanley. The elected members agreed to set a meeting date and involve all relevant parties

Item 4 To receive an update on public lighting in Bray Municipal District

District Administrator, Garvan Hickey read out an updated report from the public lighting section advising members on the current status of outages in the Municipal District of Bray.

The public lighting section advised members that roads engineering staff of Wicklow County Council have held a number of meetings with KLS and a rolling programme of work has been agreed in order to reduce the backlog of faults which the company have complied with. This is reviewed on a daily basis to account for the dynamic nature of the works i.e. existing faults and the daily submission of new faults.

The Elected Members made the following comments:

- Members welcomed the report from the public lighting section and the update contained.
- Members asked if the spreadsheet of faults agreed at the January Wicklow County Council meeting could be provided to the members.
- Members requested that notes be included highlighting which repairs require input from ESB and would therefore take longer to fix as they are more complex repairs.
- It was noted that lights on Ballywaltrim Lane have been out for a while.
- Members welcomed the breakdown of faults and repairs by Municipal District and asked for a similar report for the September meeting when days are starting to get shorter and there is more of a dependence on public lighting.
- It was noted that the historical lights that are out are more of an ESB issue rather than just the contractor. Can we write to the ESB regarding these faults?

- Members noted that it is hoped that the percentage of the number of lights out will drop again in the next few months.
- Members felt there were still a major number of faults and these should be attended to as soon as possible.
- Members noted that there is an extremely dangerous light outside of 83 Old Court Drive. It was noted that someone crashed into it and it is almost leaning into someone house – can this be looked into urgently?
- It was also noted that there are a number of lights out at 40 Old Court Close and as it is an alleyway it is extremely dangerous.
- It was noted that back in the 1970's and 1980's the ESB were responsible for the maintenance of public lighting and as there is a shortage of companies willing to do this work this should be examined again.
- It was also proposed that local authorities should examine bringing the work in-house especially for minor works.

District Manager, Lorraine Gallagher advised members that this is a serious issue and the Chief Executive took on all the concerns the members raised at the plenary council meeting. Ms Gallagher also informed members that approval had been got to employ an electrical inspector to work on the public lighting project.

Item 5. To consider the Housing Report

Housing Administrator Officer, Mr Brian Wildes gave his apologies for this meeting. The housing report had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting and was taken as read.

The Elected Members made the following comments:

- The Elected Members requested if this item could be put after the minutes on the Agenda as they are aware the housing officer has to travel a long distance.
- Members raised an issue regarding the new development at Lauderdale Estate. It was noted that there was no consultation with any of the residents at this area. Could contact be made with the residents in Lauderdale?
- Is there any timeline on how long the development will take to progress with the legal issues on the Kilbride Lodge and Sutton Villas site?

It was agreed that the housing report would be put on the agenda for Bray Municipal District as early as possible.

Item 6. To consider District Engineer's report on Roads, Transport, Public Realm projects within the Bray Municipal District.

The report was circulated to members in advance of the meeting and was taken as read.

The Elected Members made the following comments:

- The Elected Members thanked A/District Engineer, Stephen Fox for his support and great progress in the role so far.
- Members queried whether the road from Lidl and schools road is council owned? The members will send on a map to Mr Fox for confirmation.
- Members noted that two drains on both sides of the road were covered at Rocky Valley Drive in Kilmacanogue, can this be looked into and cleared if necessary? Members will send on a map to Mr Fox for confirmation.
- Members noted the double yellow lines at Sidmonton Road and Putland Road is great however there is now an issue on Cuala Road due to cars parking on one side of the road. Can double yellow line be looked at for this location?
- Members noted the issue regarding the new bus terminus at Raverty Villas – it is unsafe and residents are worried there will be an accident.
- Members noted the repainted disabled parking bay at Eglinton Road has no blue markings and no pole indicating that it is a disabled bay. It is also smaller than the standard disabled bay. Can this be examined and the signage put in place.
- Anti-social behaviour was reported at Springfield Cemetery and it was requested that something be done about this? People are going up there to drink while others are trying to grieve.
- Is there an update regarding the landslide at the Maltings, Herbert Road?
- Is there any update from Eir on the removal of the pole at Quill Road, this needs to be expedited, as we have been waiting on Eir for a while
- Members complimented the Seafront Staff on their great engagement with the community and working with young people to clean the area.
- It was noted there was an issue with parking at Ballywaltrim Lane and members asked for this to be examined.
- Members noted that there was a survey carried out with Little Bray to get their perspective on the views of the town. Can this report be shared with the members? The community want to be involved with improving the town and had participated in the study.
- Is there any update on the Part 8 for the Ballywaltrim Recreational Field Masterplan?
- Can the yellow box be repainted outside Roseville Court as it is not visible?

A/District Engineer, Stephen Fox advised the members that he will get in contact with EIR regarding the pole on Quill road. The request for double yellow lines at Cuala Road will be reviewed.

Mr Fox advised that he has been in contact with the NTA who have made a commitment to relocate the bus terminus at Raverty Villas. This will take a number of months until the new terminus is completed.

Mr Fox informed members that he had examined the lining for the disabled parking bay on Eglinton Road and was not happy with the work and has contacted the contractor to come back and redo it.

In relation to the Anti-Social Behaviour at Springfield Cemetery, he advised that he hasn't received many reports however he will discuss this with the caretaker and he may need to get in contact with An Garda Síochána. He will look into the issue regarding the litter at Ravenswell and around the Lidl. It was noted that some of this area is in Dun Laoghaire administrative area.

Mr Fox advised that he will circulate an email to the members with an expected date for the Part 8.

District Manager Ms Gallagher advised members that issue of costs and liability is being examined in relation to the Maltings.

Mr. Hickey advised members that he would follow up with the Social Development Section in respect of the Little Bray and Fassaroe Feasibility study.

Item 7. Notice of Motions:

There was no notice of motions.

Item 8. Correspondence.

There was no correspondence.

Item 9. Any other Business

Councillor Melanie Corrigan commended Presentation College Bray on their recent win of their first Bank of Ireland Vinny Murray Cup when they defeated Temple Carrig at Energia Park.

Cathaoirleach Councillor Dermot O'Brien commended St. Kilian's Community School on their win of the Wexford/Wicklow League with victory over Gael Choláiste Na Mara in the final.

Councillor Erika Doyle enquired if the notice regarding Part IV of the Public Health Act 1890 in respect Music and Dancing licences the music and singing license has this been published yet?


District Manager, Lorraine Gallagher advised that this is under the Climate, Environment, Recreation and Amenity Directorate and she will request an update from them on this matter.

Signed:



Cllr. Dermot O'Brien
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed:



Garvan Hickey
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated:

11/04/2025