



Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Bray Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday 10th June 2025 at 6:30p.m.

Present:

- Councillor Joe Behan**
- Councillor Melanie Corrigan**
- Councillor Erika Doyle**
- Councillor Malachai Duddy**
- Councillor Dermot O'Brien**
- Councillor Ian Neary**
- Councillor Ned Whelan**
- Councillor Caroline Winstanley**

Also present:

- Ms. Helen Purcell, District Manager**
- Mr Garvan Hickey, District Administrator**
- Mr Brian Wildes, Administrative Officer, Housing**
- Mr Stephen Fox, District Engineer**
- Mr Simon O'Carroll, Minute Taker.**

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Dermot O'Brien opened the meeting by welcoming Councillor Ned Whelan and A/District Manager, Helen Purcell to Bray Municipal District.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Dermot O'Brien shared his reflections of his year as Cathaoirleach thanking members for placing their faith in him as chair for the previous year. He advised that it was a humbling experience. Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Dermot O'Brien noted that there were two main parts to the role representational and ceremonial. There was also the responsibility of chairing the meetings and making decisions.

He reflected upon his time as Cathaoirleach and the achievements he and his fellow councillors accomplished over the last year such as Aoibheann's Pink Tie Event, hosting Daina Moorehouse and Lara Gillespie in the Town Hall celebrating their achievements as Olympians, bringing young people into the Town Hall.

Cllr. O'Brien noted that he was delighted to host the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Wurzburg Twinning. He had a personal connection as well as the formal role, as his old school St. Killian's was involved.

Cllr. O'Brien relished the honour and responsibility of the role as Cathaoirleach and he noted the multiple deputations that took place engaging various groups such as Bray Community Addiction Team and the Alliance of Bray Residents Associations.

Cllr. O'Brien highlighted some achievements he was particularly proud of including establishing the new committee for Transport and Travel, Music and Singing licenses being regularised, his involvement in the upgrading of the libraries and the Great Sugarloaf Repair Project.

Cllr. O'Brien acknowledged there were frustrations and shortcomings along the way and thanked the other members for their open communication, support and help during the year.

The Elected Members acknowledged the hard work and commitment from Cllr. Dermot O'Brien. They were particularly grateful for the open dialogue and felt the voices of members were being heard. The members complimented his process in relation to the discretionary fund and noted that this was the first time a Cathaoirleach gave a presentation after having done his own work and research on the project, demonstrating his commitment to role of Cathaoirleach and the people of Bray.

Item 1. Election of Cathaoirleach

The election of the new Cathaoirleach was then commenced by Cllr. Dermot O'Brien.

Cllr Joe Behan proposed Cllr. Malachai Duddy for the position as Cathaoirleach of Bray Municipal District for the coming year and Cllr Ian Neary seconded the proposal.

Cllr Dermot O'Brien proposed Cllr Erika Doyle for the position as Cathaoirleach of Bray Municipal District for the coming year and Cllr Melanie Corrigan seconded the proposal.

The District Administrator called a vote as there were two candidates proposed for the position of Cathaoirleach.

The members voted as follows:

	Councillor Malachai Duddy	Councillor Erika Doyle
Councillor Joe Behan	√	
Councillor Melanie Corrigan		√
Councillor Erika Doyle		√
Councillor Caroline Winstanley		√
Councillor Ned Whelan		√
Councillor Malachai Duddy	√	
Councillor Dermot O'Brien		√

Councillor Ian Neary	√	
Total	3	5

Following the vote for the position of Cathaoirleach Councillor Erika Doyle was deemed to be elected as Cathaoirleach of Bray Municipal District for the coming year.

The incoming Cathaoirleach Cllr. Erika Doyle thanked the members for the nomination. She thanked Cllr. Dermot O'Brien for his work during the previous year, noting he set a high standard for the role and was inclusive and open minded in his approach. Cathaoirleach Cllr. Erika Doyle said being elected for a second time to position of Cathaoirleach Bray Municipal District was both a personal and professional honour and looked forward to working with all the members and providing a focal point for ideas and concerns.

Members congratulated Cathaoirleach, Erika Doyle and look forward to working with her.

Item 2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Erika Doyle, then proceeded to call for nominations for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach of Bray Municipal District for the coming year.

Cllr. Joe Behan proposed Cllr. Malachai Duddy for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach and Cllr. Ian Neary seconded the proposal.

Cllr. Caroline Winstanley proposed Cllr. Melanie Corrigan as Leas Cathaoirleach and Cllr. Erika Doyle seconded the proposal.

The District Administrator called a vote as there were two candidates proposed for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach.

The members voted as follows:

	Councillor Malachai Duddy	Councillor Melanie Corrigan
Councillor Joe Behan	√	
Councillor Melanie Corrigan		√
Councillor Erika Doyle		√
Councillor Caroline Winstanley		√
Councillor Ned Whelan		√
Councillor Malachai Duddy	√	
Councillor Dermot O'Brien		√
Councillor Ian Neary	√	
Total	3	5

Following the vote Cllr. Melanie Corrigan was deemed elected as Leas Cathaoirleach of Bray Municipal District for the coming year.

Cllr. Melanie Corrigan thanked the members for their trust in voting her as Leas Cathaoirleach and ensured she will try her very best.

Item 3. To approve Schedule of Meetings for the period July 2025 to June 2026.

District Administrator Mr. Garvan Hickey advised members that the proposed July meeting would take place on the 1st July and would precede the Wicklow County Council meeting.

Cllr. Joe Behan proposed the approved Schedule of Meetings for the period July 2025 to June 2026 and Cllr. Melanie Corrigan seconded the proposal.

Item 4. To consider the vacancy to the Bray Area Partnership arising from the resignation of Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy

Cllr. Ned Whelan expressed his interest in this committee.

Cllr. Dermot O'Brien proposed Cllr. Ned Whelan and Cllr. Duddy seconded the proposal.

Item 5. To consider the vacancy on the Board of Mermaid County Wicklow Arts Centre CLG' arising from the resignation of Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy.

Cllr. Ned Whelan expressed his interest in this committee.

Cllr. Erika Doyle proposed Cllr. Ned Whelan and Cllr. Melanie Corrigan seconded the proposal.

Item 6. Appointment of 2 members to the Greystones/Bray Cliff Walk Management Plan Sub committee

Cllr. Ned Whelan expressed his interest in this committee.

Cllr. Malachai Duddy proposed Cllr. Ned Whelan and Cllr. Ian Neary seconded the proposal

Cllr. Joe Behan reiterated how important it was to have local voices on the task force to get the Cliff Walk back operational. Members asked for a report on the work of the national task force.

Item 7. To consider the vacancy on the Bray Harbour Joint Development Committee arising from the resignation of Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy

The members decided that the filling of this vacancy needs to be considered and asked for it to be added to the agenda for the September meeting.

Item 8. To consider the vacancy to the Special Amenity Area Order Committee for Bray Head arising from the resignation of Cllr. A. Flynn Kennedy

The members were informed that there was no vacancy at present on this committee.

Item 9. Any Other Business

There was nothing raised under this item.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed: 
Cllr. Erika Doyle
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed: 
Garvan Hickey
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated: 1st July 2025