



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 6.30 p.m.

Present:

**Cathaoirleach Councillor Erika Doyle
Councillor Melanie Corrigan
Councillor Malacháí Duddy
Councillor Ian Neary
Councillor Caroline Winstanley
Councillor Joe Behan
Councillor Ned Whelan**

Also in Attendance:

**Ms. Jackie Carroll, District Manager.
Mr. Brian Wildes, District Administrator.
Mr. Stephen Fox, A/District Engineer.
Mr. Merlin Ovington, Administrative Officer,
Housing
Mr. Simon O'Carroll, Minute Taker**

Apologies:

Councillor Dermot O'Brien

Votes of sympathy:

Votes of Sympathy were passed for Kathleen Murphy

Members paid condolences to their families, friends and loved ones.

1. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray dated 2nd September 2025 (attached).

Cllr. Malachai Duddy proposed the confirmation of the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held on the 2nd September 2025. Cllr. Caroline Winstanley seconded the proposal and they were unanimously agreed by the members.

2. Proposal of Estate naming and numbering for proposed residential development at Rockbrae House, Vevay Rd, Bray.

Michael Stack gave a short presentation, showing a drawing of the proposed plans and names for the various zones of the development. He stated that there was precedence with other estates carrying the name of the main/manor house in Bray.

He showed that they had made progress with having the ESB install the infrastructure but needed the full list of addresses before that process could be completed. He stated there was scope for a 54th unit to be added but didn't go into details on that. He then invited the members ask questions or comment.

- Members unanimously agreed that the idea of keeping the name of Rockbrae attached to the development was certainly a positive.
- They questioned whether the sub section names were perhaps a little complicated? Rockbrae Lodge and Rockbrae House could suggest one singular dwelling rather than a number of houses.
- Members asked if consideration was given to the Irish version of the name, Charraig Brae?
- Members also questioned if the estate could simply be name 1-53 Rockbrae?

Michael responded with the following points

- Naming it 1-53 Rockbrae would be the most straight forward and is still being considered
- He felt that naming sections of the development Rockbrae Lodge and Rockbrae House gave pride of place for the owners, but took on board the comments from the members.
- He stated that consideration was given to the Irish version of the name, but it had been determined that this may cause confusion given a similarly named building on the Herbert Rd.
- He will go back to his team with the suggestions and revert back in November.

3. To receive presentations from clubs who submitted Expression of Interest in the vacant premises in Bray Harbour.

Cathaoirleach Erika Doyle stated that one group, The Community Rowing Club had withdrawn their interest due to a conflict of interest.

The 3 remaining clubs gave their presentation proceeding in alphabetical order.

Cathaoirleach Erika Doyle instructed that a 5 minute time limit would apply to each presentation.

The criteria for awarding the space to a candidate have been agreed based on the expression of interest.

Cathaoirleach Erika Doyle and Brian Wildes will write to the independent adjudicating panel to initiate the procedure. It is hoped the process won't take too long.

Bray Rowing Club, Enniskerry Boxing Club and Liberty Boxing club gave their presentations.

They all offered compelling arguments and highlighted key areas of contribution to the community and economy of Bray MD which would warrant them winning the allocation of the premises for their respective club

Including;

- Historic prevalence
- Diversity of members
- Instilling values and sense of purpose in young people
- Providing physical and mental wellbeing
- Sense of community and team spirit
- Adding to the vibrancy and economic fabric of the Harbour area
- Adding prestige to the area with very successful clubs and individual members affiliated

Reasons for requiring new premises were also put forward, as all three clubs were in either temporary or unsuitable facilities at the moment;

- Unable to facilitate needs of members fully, leading to drop off in participation
- Unable to store equipment, which can create loss or damage and could lead to the eventual disbandment of the club

After the presentations, Council Members were asked for questions or comments they may have.

- All council members unanimously applauded the continued efforts of all three clubs and commended them on their excellent presentations.
- All members extended their regret that there was only one premise available to allocate.
- All members also pledged to offer more support where possible to each of the clubs present no matter the outcome so that they can continue their vital work in the community.

4. To consider the Housing Report.

Cathaoirleach Erika Doyle welcomed Merlin as she was absent from the previous meeting, and invited members' questions on the report.

- Members questioned why the Department for Housing had rejected plans for both the proposed developments at Rehills Land and Parnell Rd. in Bray.
- Members queried if there was more information available regarding the rejection?
- Cllrs. Asked if plans or drawings for the upcoming development in Lauderdale could be made available to residents?

Mr. Merlin Ovington said that we will make plans for the Lauderdale Estate available. He said he would contact his colleagues in Wicklow County Council and ask that they seek clarification on the rejection of the Parnell Rd. from the Department of Housing.

He also stated the following figures regarding housing in Bray

- 72 allocations year to date.
- 13 vacant properties
- 2 of these have been allocated
- 6 of these have commenced refurbishment
- 3 have gone to tender, but won't commence works until 2026 due to budgetary constraints

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

Members commended Stephen Fox on his comprehensive report.

CLRs had the following questions for him:

- Can traffic calming measures be implemented on the approach roads to Enniskerry Village
- Address the issue of the ESB pole on Quill Rd.
- Road markings in Enniskerry Village are unfinished
- Has there been any changes to the opening times of the public convenience on Bray Seafront?
- Can the hedges on Killegar be cut back?
- Can a road sweeper be deployed in Monastery Grove on a regular basis?
- Is there development plans for the wooded area in San Souci in Bray?
- Can a yellow box be reinstated outside Roseville Nursing Home?
- The issues around pedestrian safety and traffic congestion at the Circle K garage in Killmacanogue on the Northbound side of the N11.
- Has there been any real progress on deciding on the Traffic Plan?
- Member asked if the plan to reroute the Greystones end of the Cliff Walk had been fully explored and were there options to keep it closer to the seaside?
- On the Bray side, was there any progress on commencing the necessary works?

The Members also sought clarity on a recent article in the Bray People, claiming the Government have already refused funding and therefore removed as an option, the widening of the N11, which would negate the need to close the Herbert Rd. CLRs sought comment from the Tánaiste regarding same.

Members agreed that discussion surrounding the Cliff Walk progress would carry on in the coming days as they were preparing to make a decision on the course of action.

Cathaoirleach Erika Doyle, Jackie Carroll and Brian Wildes will draft a letter to the relevant shareholders to convene a meeting and decide on how best to implement the proposed traffic plan.

Stephen Fox had the following responses to the member's questions.

- Irish Water had been carrying out works and once completed the road markings would be reinstated in Enniskerry Village.
- Once that work is done, the traffic calming measures on the approach road could be considered.
- Enforcement procedures have been commenced regarding the removal of the ESB pole on Quill Rd.
- The yellow box at Roseville Nursing home will be taken under consideration and added to the list of road marking works that need to be completed around the town.
- He is aware of the issues surrounding the circle K Garage and the previous failed attempt to address them. He will consult with his colleagues in the Roads Dept. in Wicklow and revert back.
- He said there have been no discussions regarding funding of the Cliff Walk project thus far as the final decision on the course of action has not been finalised.
- The times of the Public Convenience on Bray Seafront have not changed, perhaps they were closed on occasion for maintenance. Open until 7:15pm until the end of October when they will be closed at 4:30 pm for the Winter months.
- Hedge cutting and road sweeping will be taken under consideration.

- He understands that the works being carried out in San Souci were for the re-internment of the nuns that were buried there and not part of any larger development project.

6. Notices of Motion:

Notices of motion in the name of Cllr. Joe Behan (06/09/2025)

Mr Brian Wildes read out the notices of motion and offered the following responses. Cllr. Joe Behan requested copies of the responses in writing.

1. That this Council immediately repairs and renews the footpath at 35 Ardmore Crescent.

This motion was seconded by Cllr. Ian Neary

Brian responded: This request will be included in this season's footpath works.

2. That this Council reinstates the litter bin at the northbound bus stop at Kilmacanogue.

This motion was seconded by Cllr. Melanie Corrigan.

Brian responded: A replacement bin has been ordered.

3. That this Council demands a response from the NTA to the petition by residents of Kilmacanogue requesting them to move the bus terminus to the northbound side of the N11.

This motion was seconded by Cllr. Malachai Duddy.

Brian responded: This question was one of 50 key questions put to John Nott (NTA Head of Transport Service Planning) and Conor O'Donovan (NTA Senior Transport Planner) at the Transportation & Emergency Services SPC on 15th of September 2025. These 50 key questions were selected by Cllr. Stephen Stokes from questions compiled by all the elected members. The NTA officials present agreed to review the matter and to provide a written response to the SPC on all questions raised.

4. That this Council condemns the current spate of dangerous speeding and weaving in and out of traffic and on and off footpaths by masked youths on electric bikes and scooters and writes to the Minister for Justice requesting an explanation as to why this activity is not subject to law enforcement.

This motion was seconded by Cllr. Malachai Duddy

Cllrs agreed that this is a major issue in the town and needs to be addressed urgently. While Gards may have the power to stop, test and confiscate the scooters, members felt there needed to be more done.

The Cllrs questioned if the law was supporting Gardaí in their efforts to combat these criminals Cllr Joe Behan proposed that the Council write a letter to the Department of Justice to seek further support and more rigorous laws in combating this type of crime. Cllr. Ned Whelan seconded the motion and it was unanimously agreed.

5. That this Council places a yellow box at the entrance to Killarney Park as entry to and exit from this estate is now becoming extremely difficult.

This motion was seconded by Malachai Duddy.

Brian responded: This has been taken under consideration by the District Engineer.

7. Correspondence

Brian Wildes read a letter from the Chief Fire Officer in Bray regarding the closure of the Herbert Rd.



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18th September 2025

Mr Brian Wildes
District Administrator
Bray Municipal District

Re: Consultation on Proposed Closure of the Herbert Road, Bray

Dear Brian,

Your letter received 10th September 2025 refers.

In relation to the clarifications sought by the Members of Bray Municipal District as outlined in your correspondence:

1. Was the Fire Service formally consulted in advance of this proposal?

Yes. Correspondence was received and regular updates were provided in relation to the various projects on the N11 / M11.

2. The potential impact from a fire safety, traffic management and public safety perspective:

- Operational Response of Retained Firefighters to Bray Fire Station

There are no firefighters living in areas that require access from the N11/M11 to the Herbert Road so a closure would not directly affect this aspect of the response.

- Operational Response of Fire Crews from Bray Fire Station

As part of recent consultations we have been informed that various design options are being considered.

Fire Crews from Bray would generally not use Herbert Road to access the N11/M11. The approach from the Herbert road only offers access to the south-bound carriageway and is narrow with tight bends. The normal route to the N11/M11 and areas to the west of the motorway would be by Junction 7 which is quicker and gives access to both north and south carriageways.

An exception would be the 1 kilometre section of the N11 southbound between the Herbert Road and Junction 7 on-ramp south. At present an Incident Commander provided with accurate information could consider approaching this section of road from the Herbert Road. Should the Herbert Road be closed crews would respond by driving north from Junction 7 to Junction 5 to join the southbound carriageway. When this was raised during the initial consultation process designers undertook during Phase 3 of the project to consider emergency access from Herbert Road onto the N11/M11 as is provided on other sections of the motorway e.g. between the Beehive and Arklow.

Yours sincerely,


Aidan Dempsey
Chief Fire Officer

There has been no response from the Gardaí.

8. Any Other Business.

An issue of a tree stump posing a potential trip hazard on the Quinsborough Rd was highlighted by members. It was taken under advisement by Stephen Fox.

That concluded the meeting.

That concluded the October Meeting.

Signed:



**Cllr. Erika Doyle
CATHAOIRLEACH**

Signed:



**Brian Wildes
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**

Dated:

02/01/25