

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

- Councillor Joe Behan,**
- Councillor Christopher Fox**
- Councillor Steven Matthews**
- Councillor Oliver O'Brien**
- Councillor Michael O'Connor**
- Councillor John Ryan**
- Councillor Brendan Thornhill**
- Councillor Pat Vance**

Also present:

- Mr. Des O'Brien, Director of Services**
- Mr. David Forde, District Administrator**
- Mr. Liam Bourke, District Engineer**
- Ms. Triona Irving, Administrative Officer**

Absent

Apologies:

A Vote of Sympathy was extended to the families of Jane Murphy, Davey Kavanagh and Noel Brien who had recently passed away. A minute's silence was observed, as a mark of respect.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting dated 6th December 2016.

Councillor John Ryan proposed confirmation of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray dated 6th December 2016 and Councillor Christopher Fox seconded the proposal.

At this point Councillor O'Connor requested a suspension of standing orders to discuss the Kiosks and the rental of them to the highest bidder which is being overseen by Bray Tourism.

The Cathaoirleach declined the request stating that Councillor O'Connor should talk to the officials.

2. To Receive a Deputation from Dublin Bus

The members received the following presentation from Dublin Bus who was represented at the meeting by John Saunders, Jennifer O'Brien, John McKenna and Ray Donnellan.

Dublin Bus Largest public transport provider in Ireland

- 128 million customers with 2,500 drivers
- 987 buses in the fleet with 113 Dublin wide routes
- 3,500 bus stops with 7 depots
- Operating safe, customer-focused, sustainable services across Dublin which benefits our economy, communities and our customers.

Dublin Bus Serving Bray

- 8 routes including a Nitelink service that serves Bray and Greystones
- 120 Bus Drivers
- 246 trips to Bray Monday to Friday
- 243 trips from Bray Monday to Friday
- 142 trips to Bray Saturday
- 142 trips from Bray Saturday
- 91 trips to and from Bray every Sunday

Dublin Bus A proud part of Dublin

- Largest public transport service provider in Ireland
- A solution to combat climate change
- Reducing emissions
- 57,000 cars off the road

- Sustainable and reliable fleet
- Key driver of the city's economy
 - Dublin Bus customers account for 39% of retail spend in Dublin City

Dublin Bus Role of public transport

Jobs

- Crucial part of the city's economy
- Creating jobs and generating retail spend

Housing

- Providing links to housing developments across the GDA
- We serve beyond the GDA by providing links to DART, Luas and intercity train stations

Health

- From door to bus stop; we get Dublin moving
- Direct links to hospitals
- We improve the city's air quality

Environment

- We are greener and smarter
- Solution to climate change
- Committed to reducing emissions

Dublin Bus Modal shift

Part of the solution to climate change through modal shift

2015 Results

- 180,000 tonnes of CO² saved in 2015
- 76 million litres of fuel saved
- 50% of fleet utilise euro 4, 5 or 6 engines
- 97% residents in GDA have access to our route network

Dublin Bus Environmentally Friendly

- **33% alternative powered vehicles** needed to meet National Energy Efficiency Action Plan targets
- **Reduce** dependence on fossil fuels
- **20%** fuel savings compared to traditional vehicles
- **15 – 20%** lower CO² emissions
- **15 – 20%** more fuel efficient

Dublin Bus Customer Experience

- 41% improvement in journey times at key junctions (Traffic Light Priority Project)
- 100% Wi-Fi enabled fleet
- Alerts Dublin Bus app route alerts now available
- 1.5 million app downloads
- 96% RTPI accuracy

Dublin Bus Leap Card & fares

- Providing value and efficiency to over 128 million customers
- 70% of customers pay using Leap Card Fares set by the NTA
- At least 20% cheaper than cash fares Simpler fare structure
- Reduced boarding times, greater efficiency and user friendly 52% savings with TaxSaver Scheme

Dublin Bus Serving Dublin's visitors since 1988

2016 Results

- 550k customers carried 1.8 million passengers carried on Airlink last year
- 15.5 million in turnover 300 Airlink trips per day
- 5% growth since 2015 100% forecasted growth for 2020
- 37% tourism in Dublin 90 hotels and 18,000 beds served
- 2 routes to and from Dublin Airport

Dublin Bus Proud of our people

- 3,500 hardworking employees
- 68 countries of origin
- Education support scheme
- 7% of employees are female

- Skilled professional workforce

Dublin Bus Proud to support our city

- 1800 community groups awarded since 2004
- 180 trips made by our CSI buses last year
- 3 dedicated school and Community co-ordinators visited 370 schools last year delivering our Schools Education Programme
- 4 free shuttle bus routes for Culture Night
- Annual food drive run by employees for the Capuchin Day Centre

Dublin Bus Looking to the future

- Subvention as part of total funding package
- Strategic capital and current funding models
- Increasing public transport priority in the city
- Modal Shift
- Smart City / Smart Economy
- Market Opening
- Luas Cross City construction and impact on brand
- Congestion: real cost and opportunity cost
- Integrated Multi-Modal transport system
- Generation Z have appetite for sustainable transport
- Commercial services
- Bus Rapid Transit
- Solution to climate change

The members raised the following points;

- Welcome to the meeting this is one of a number of delegations we have received from Dublin Bus. You have always attended when asked and this shows your openness to listen to public representatives.
- You even attended a meeting in Kilmacanogue.
- My question relates to the 145 service are there any plans to add additional journeys to the route. At a previous meeting I was assured that the 145 service would remain on the Herbert Road, is this still the situation?
- What plans does Dublin Bus have to restore the bus service to Fassaroe?
- This is an issue that needs to be sorted by Dublin Bus and the Council.
- It is needed but I don't know how profitable this route is.
- I would support a bus service for the Palermo and Fassaroe areas.
- Is there any consideration being given to improve the overall bus service for the District?
- A round the District bus service is an excellent idea.
- I am concerned about the lack of service for St. Vincent's Hospital is Dublin Bus keeping in tune with this demand? Can you reconsider this situation again?
- I am extremely wary of privatisation what is the situation?
- I am impressed by the figures in front of us.
- The Old Fassaroe is earmarked for development, have you been approached on how Dublin Bus would serve the area? It involves high density development is there anything in the pipeline?
- Have you tendered for the routes?
- Perhaps Mr. Saunders would update the members on progress of the installation of a shelter and electronic timetable on the northbound side of the N11 in the village as this was a commitment given during the consultation on the reduction in services of the 145 route to Kilmacanogue.
- Just 7% of females are employed by Dublin Bus this figure is very low.
- Are there any plans for a 145X service similar to the 84X?
- The Leap Card is only used upon entry is the public being charged for the full journey?
- Can the services of Dublin Bus and the Dart be coordinated?
- Are there any plans to provide a service for the seafront and the Putland Hill?
- Why was the bus stop moved on the Quinnsboro Road?
- Has your subvention been increased or are you still struggling?

The members received the following responses.

We previously gave a commitment to keep the service on the Herbert Road and this remains the same. We did approach Wicklow County Council in relation to the bus service in the Palermo/Fassaroe area; we require a turnaround area as it is unsafe for a bus to reverse; it is dangerous as this area is adjacent to a play area. Wicklow County Council agreed and the first day a contractor arrived there was a protest by the residents. There are no plans at the present.

We have had a meeting with the developers of the Old Fassaroe Area. The E.I.S which will be submitted with the planning application will include proposals for a bus service.

We are looking at something for St. Vincent's Hospital but this is only at an early stage.

The issue of privatization is still live so I can't talk about it. However, we are actively tendering for the 45, 184 and 185.

The bus shelter for Kilmacanogue is a long running saga, we looked for a letter of consent from Wicklow but due to a change in personnel it got lost in the system. We will follow up on this.

We will consider a local link service.

Our female employee rate is low, we are working on this and have held open days and invited them to driving days.

A 145X service similar to the 84X we will have a look at this. 145 service is quick it is only slow on the Herbert Road.

If the user of a Leap Card goes to the driver then he will deduct the price of the journey taken, if this is not done then the full price of the journey will be deducted.

We coordinate as best we can with Irish Rail but we sometimes change our timetable as do they.

The Cash Fare Change System, all are not cashed in, but what is not claimed is returned to the community not into the pockets of the N.T.A. Charities will also take these as donations we have no plans to change this.

The 145 from Greystones is a good service, we will look into this but our charts show that it is operating ok.

The bus stop on the Quinnsboro Road was moved as this was requested by the District Engineer as it was causing issues on the road; I will liaise with the engineer to see if it can be brought back up.

We will liaise with the N.T.A. regarding the feasibility of a service on the Putland Road; maybe the Council can write to the N.T.A. regarding the feasibility of a round Bray bus service.

A number of older people have had accidents entering and exiting our buses so at the moment we are promoting a safe way to get on and off our buses.

3. To Receive a Presentation from Bray Wanderers

The members received the following deputation from Denis O'Connor, Director and Chairperson of Bray Wanderers.

BRAY WANDERERS – A BRIEF HISTORY

1922 – Bray Wanderers FC formed by members of St Kevin's GAA Club (now part of Bray Emmets)

1924 – Bray Unknowns join the League of Ireland, playing in the Carlisle Grounds. Dropped out of the Lol in 1943

1951 – Bray Wanderers win the FAI Junior Cup, beating Drogheda United in the final in Dalymount Park

1954 – Bray Wanderers win the FAI Junior Cup again, beating Ierne in the final

1964 – Bray Wanderers are founder members of the League of Ireland B Division

1985 – Bray Wanderers elected to the League of Ireland First Division, and win the league at the first attempt

1990 – Bray Wanderers win the FAI Cup, and play in Europe for the first time, v Trabzonspor of Turkey

1999 – Bray Wanderers again win the FAI Cup and qualify for Europe, where they play Grasshoppers Zurich of Switzerland

2004 – Bray Wanderers are promoted from the First Division for the sixth time in their history. For 12 seasons since, they have played in the Premier Division

2004 – Jason Byrne makes his senior Irish debut, a year after ending a 6-year spell at Bray Wanderers

2009 – Bray Wanderers are relegated to the First Division, but later reprieved when Cork City go bankrupt

2010 – Bray Wanderers beat Monaghan in a promotion/relegation play-off on penalties to keep their Premier Division status

2013 – Bray Wanderers again win the promotion/relegation play-off, this time with an 86th minute winner in Longford

2014 – Bray Wanderers finish one point clear of the play-offs, but financial problems beset the club, and it is within seven days of being liquidated

2015 – Financial problems continue to threaten the club's existence, but a new financial backer brings financial stability.

2015 – The new Lol Under-17 league is launched

2016 – After a slow start to the season, the club climbs the league and record a top-half finish for the first time in a decade. In the second half of the season, Bray Wanderers lose fewer games than Dundalk or Cork City.

2017 – The new Lol Under-15 league is launched. Bray Wanderers will now be fielding four teams each week. A Lol Under-13 league is in the pipeline as well.

BRAY WANDERERS – FINANCIALS/REVENUE

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Gate receipts	107,623	93,873
Sponsorship	54,686	34,687
UEFA and FAI income	42,547	55,445
Other ground rental (incl car park)	27,528	12,938
Rugby League Ireland	16,700	11,500
Club shop and programmes	5,941	13,092
UEFA Regions Cup	3,000	-
Supporters' Club	1,500	6,750
Total operating income	<u>259,525</u>	<u>228,285</u>

BRAY WANDERERS – FINANCIALS/OVERHEADS

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Depreciation	34,544	41,736
Ground maintenance	18,673	41,713
Training costs	37,651	33,519
Home matchday expenses	24,803	33,416
Insurance	25,934	31,723
Motor and travel	7,156	24,539
Other	(466)	24,262
Player and staff kits	-	20,907
Medical	15,922	19,780
FAI affiliation fees	17,000	17,000
Referees	12,647	16,816
Travel to away games	12,434	15,496
Light and heat	13,392	13,479
Shop costs (incl stock)	6,602	13,415
Audit and accountancy	13,747	10,516
Interest and bank charges	1,943	8,371
Programme costs	4,698	6,221
Legal and professional	1,164	5,322
Corporation Tax	358	4,458
Rent and rates	4,596	4,431
FAI fines	7,435	3,313
Telephone	2,370	2,706
	<u>262,603</u>	<u>393,139</u>

BRAY WANDERERS – FINANCIALS/BALANCE SHEET

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total creditors	261,801	373,383	361,056	248,939
Of which -				
Revenue	16,487	30,620	65,875	30,699
Bank loans	85,850	95,095	85,931	74,708
Trade creditors	104,778	144,618	125,240	92,222
Profit/(loss) for the year	(83,946)	(195,733)	(23,696)	152,006
Nett current assets/(liabilities)	(202,898)	(308,838)	(236,453)	(105,962)

BRAY WANDERERS – Challenges

New Under-15 league from 2017 means Bray Wanderers will be fielding four teams each weekend – but we have no training facilities of our own, so extra teams = extra facilities = extra cost. The proposed Under-13 league will only increase this strain.

- Without our own facilities, it is very hard to make a local impact. In 2015, the senior team trained in Ballymun, Ashtown and Stepside. We are trying to move this closer to Wicklow, but without facilities, we cannot do so.
- The underage Academy facilities in Stepside are a short-term solution – but this is still money down the drain compared to having our own facilities

Bray Wanderers - Income issues

- Christmas Ice-Skating rink? - No
 - Car Boot sale? - No
 - Bray Air Show events - No
 - Concerts - No
 - Not one cent in funding from Govt in 3 yrs
 - Without opportunities to grow and evolve
- Bray Wanderers cannot reach its potential

BRAY WANDERERS – NEEDS

The club needs either a radical upgrade to its current facilities, or to identify a site for new facilities.

- The club's 5-year plan outlines what it believes are the facilities required for a successful, commercially viable club. At the core of this plan is a sports complex which can benefit the entire community – not just Bray Wanderers, not just football, but the entire County of Wicklow.
- This is not a new concept. In the past 20 years, 31 league clubs in England have built a new ground to reflect the commercial realities of modern football, and more have plans to move. Closer to home we have Cork City FC and Bohemian fc/Shelbourne fc developing sites with their respective County Councils that will transform those football clubs. League Champions Dundalk have also acknowledged that their grounds are not fit for purpose (having played Europa League games in Tallaght as a consequence)
- All have benefited the clubs by boosting their revenue-earning potential, and capacity for growth and community benefit.
- The main aim of the club's 5-year plan is to ascertain what progress can be made towards the club's aim of improved revenue generation, cost reduction, and a larger local connection.

A recent development in Co. Cork highlights the scope of how an ambitious and collaborative project can bear fruit.

As John Delaney CEO of the Football Association of Ireland describes it....

“This is a multi-partnership project which will include the FAI, Cork County Council, Cork City FC and FORAS, local business, a potential naming rights partner, UEFA and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, and I look forward to working with all parties in the months and years ahead. Once complete, this will rival any sporting facility in the country, including the National Training Centre at Abbotstown. I hope to see similar facilities in place in Leinster and in Connaught, putting world-class football facilities on the doorsteps of everyone who plays the game. As well as being a training centre and base for Cork City FC, this will be a community facility which will be open for players of all ages, coaches, referees, volunteers and administrators. This will be there for all levels of the game, from our grassroots to our professionals.”

WHAT CAN WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL & Bray Municipal District Council DO?

- Allow the club to generate revenue by expanding the terms of the lease – this will benefit the community
- Work with us on analysing the merits or otherwise of the 5-year strategic plan and move forward together in a positive and productive manner, benefitting all current and future stakeholders in Bray Wanderers FC.

The members raised the following points;

- Thank you for coming in we do need to engage more and we want to see Bray Wanderers a success.
- The Carlisle Grounds has a lot of sporting history and a lot of people would want to see Bray Wanderers stay.
- With regard to your income issues, do you feel you would have the opportunity to grow if there was a modification of the lease?
- I would need to see something before I agree to support Rugby League coming to the grounds.
- Do you feel your attendance would grow by relocating from the Carlisle Grounds? I would not be in favour of relocating away from the grounds.
- If this is the case would you anticipate it remaining in Wicklow?
- It is vital that we keep Bray Wanderers in the town; I would like to see that the Council does what it can to keep you in the town.
- An Bord Pleanála granted a planning application in 2002-2003 to develop the facility.
- We have a role to play but we have financial constraints but it is a positive step that you have come in tonight.
- For three years there has been talk and rumour, the strongest asset of a club is its supporters. There is a lot of interest in this issue; the club needs a large support base.
- There are still some shareholders in the club are they aware of the plans?
- How much money has been put into the club and by whom?
- What was the community involvement with Ardmore Rovers? What was the disconnect?
- John Deering had contact with developers but was not allowed to go ahead, have other developers been involved in the club?
- Is there an escrow account?
- Schoolboys were told that they were not allowed to hold their finals in the grounds.
- There is a fear that a property play is in motion but a sporting lease is in place. If any changes were to happen it would have to go through the 32 members of Wicklow County Council.
- There is a fear that a variation of the lease would impinge or change the sporting lease.
- The Council would be favourable to better facilities; there is no doubt that there is a lack of facilities in the district.
- I would support the Council working with the F.A.I.
- We have Rehills Land that could be developed.
- I am deeply concerned over what has happened over a number of years

Firstly the ownership of Bray Wanderers; Millway Dawn, Property Developers own 93% of Bray Wanderers. I would like to ask the reason why they are there and can they make it clear that they are not involved in any commercial development for Bray Wanderers. Can they allay these fears here tonight? There has not been any real contact with the Council but on page 24 of the Strategic Plan 2017-2021 it says 'approach Council re initial project feasibility discussions – already in progress'.

The District Manger issued a clarifying statement regarding this.

Secondly, Action items and timelines; October 2016 – agree and sign off on 5 year Rugby League Ireland agreement. Have you reached an agreement with the Council? November 2016 – 'complete the buyback of company shares to clarify company ownership which has been the cause of a number of internal disputes in recent years'. Ownership is a major distraction for a successful club, can you clarify this?

Thirdly, January 2017 – 'Signing of a 3 year lease jointly with St. Joseph's Boys FC for Senior and Academy training facilities in Stepside', is this a done deal with a club outside of the County? There was no prior warning this would make me question your

loyalty. February 2017 – ‘Agree clearing legacy Local Authority debt. Open talks with Local Authorities on a new Greenfield site leisure complex, to include discussions on a new function for the current Carlisle Grounds’. What debt and why has it not already been cleared? The Carlisle Grounds is owned by the people of the town and this will not change. The officials have already clarified that they did not give permission and it is important that we get absolute clarity.

- We talked to developers in the 90’s when they wanted to put a hotel there; this was thrown out by the members.
- The shareholders in Bray Wanderers felt that the support was not there; I don’t have a problem in supporting Bray Wanderers to provide some income.
- We are here to represent the people of the town; Bray Wanderers would be mad to leave the location.
- Every League of Ireland Club has gone out of business over the years and Bray Wanderers was on the brink a few times.
- People put in a huge amount of hours and money; this year’s team is the best I have seen for a long time.
- Bray Wanderers can’t afford to be parochial, a huge amount of boys from Wicklow play for St. Joseph’s.
- Senior Counsel was brought in the first time the sporting lease was drawn up. Nothing can happen without the approval of the members of the Council.
- You need ambition to be successful in sport.
- Your Strategic Plan has an underlying thread that is not suitable; you state that discussions are already in progress, with whom? Was it someone in Wicklow County Council? Bray Wanderers is a private company why would we support a private company to move elsewhere? I won’t support anything other than for sports. I won’t detract from the football club or anything that has potential to impact on the football club. We have a responsibility to the shareholders and the people of the town and I won’t support any development other than for sporting facilities.

Denis O’Connor informed the members that Bray Wanderers have no plans to leave the Carlisle Grounds or to develop it. The income issue of the club is commercially sensitive; despite this the club loses over €250,000 every year. We need help to generate income to reduce the shareholder requirement. We have no notion of relocating. The support figures were dwindling before my time, it has dwindled over the years and I don’t know why. We have a partnership with other clubs; teams buy into support, a team will die on its feet if it is not supported. The fan base needs to grow. We want to stay in the town but we have needs that need to be addressed. I only got involved in the club in January 2015. There are only two paid employees the rest are volunteers. The volunteers work 6 hours a day seven days a week to try and get the club on its feet. I will engage with the Council fairly and squarely, I can’t do anything about innuendo and I don’t want to engage in it. We work closely with the Wicklow League; they had a past history with Bray Wanderers when we first engaged with them. Wicklow schoolboys are playing their final in the grounds next May.

We have been chasing the Department in relation to sports capital grants and have answered all questions. The under 17’s are using a pitch on the Glenamuck Road, this frees up the grounds for the seniors. We need to focus on the future, there is no property play; we can’t sell or develop the grounds, it is a sporting lease.

Our 5 year plan is on public display on our website. We have legacy issues of an administration and financial nature, it was a mess. The old St. Joseph’s Boys Club were owed a major amount of money.

John Deering came with proposals from builders in the north but nothing materialised.

I am not aware of an escrow account.

Can we find a site to develop a centre of excellence? The facilities are not fit for purpose; I want to work with people to get a solution. Our ambition would be would be a state of the art stadium.

Talk and innuendo is killing the club.

The change in the club crest had nothing to do with me; it is a mixture of two crests.

The Supporters Club have asked me to meet them tomorrow night.

Millway Dawn ownership is 92%, my reason for being involved is a deep interest in the sport and it is my background. We have invited the Councillors to come down to the grounds.

Rugby League Ireland are good for the area, they spend money and take up hotel rooms.

To operate a successful club costs money we want to qualify for Europe.

We had a long association with Ardmore Rovers, St Josephs Boys Club and Bray Wanderers; Joes claimed that they were owed a substantial amount of money by Bray Wanderers and we were not going to get our licence if we did not reach an agreement. In this agreement there was a condition that there was space for Ardmore Rovers. We are meant to have junior sections if getting a licence. Ardmore Rovers asked to meet and there was to be a follow on meeting; we have left the hand of friendship open. The Strategic Plan came about because the F.A.I. required/asked this. Of the 11 million in the national coffers we have not received a cent; we need help to set up a proper structure.

4. To Receive the Housing Report

The members raised the following points;

- Why was another consultant appointed for Oldcourt?
- Are they both needed?
- Is there any update on the fuse box that went on fire?
- Can we get a constant update on the 42 units proposed for Murphy's Land?

Triona Irving Administrative Officer informed the members that that we are required to go through the procurement procedure for the scheme and a meeting was scheduled for tomorrow in the Council Offices to prepare the document for the framework of contractors.

The incident in relation to the fuse box will be logged on our repair system and has been dealt with.

A schedule was previously circulated and one will be for the next phase of the Energy Efficiency Works. The development at Kilbride Lane is being dealt with centrally by the County Council and we will look for an update on this and current the Part 8's.

5. To Receive a Report on Roads and Traffic

The members raised the following points;

- I am disappointed that we are pulling back from finishing the job on the Vevay Road.
- Can I have an update on the outstanding works relating to the Discretionary Fund?
- The speed ramps are in bad order; you could easily get a puncture. Can we carry out a survey of the ramps in the town and look at their surface and repaint them?
- There are two bollards outside the Post Office in Kilmacanogue adjacent to two disabled parking spaces. These are making it almost impossible to park there. Can we have a look at these?
- What is the policy for ramps around the town?
- In one area there are 5-6 ramps within a very short distance. We need to look at maintenance, it is not great. They need to be kept in a proper condition.
- The ESB poles in Castle Street, Herbert Road/Main Street are a sight for sore eyes, we should look at replacing these.
- Is there any update on St. Andrews road widening?
- When will the lining of the cycle lane at the northern end take place?
- Is there a list of the footpaths that are being repaired?
- Is there any update on the Briarwood project?

The District Engineer informed the members that the money for the discretionary works has been capitalised. We are waiting on the results of speed survey. We should have these in the next few weeks. Then we will consult with the residents.

Speed ramps, the issue is funding, no provision has been made for them. But some have reduced traffic accidents at locations that had a history.

Bollards in Kilmacanogue were installed because people were parking on the footpath causing damage to them. I will have a look at them again.

We are looking at funding the works at St. Andrew's from development levies. We are looking at long term road improvements.

The cycle lane will be lined when the weather conditions allow.

The ESB pole on the Herbert Road corner would be costly to remove because of the services in the area. I will talk to the ESB.

6. To Receive an Update on the Florentine Centre

The District Manager informed the members that we were still meeting with potential developers

The members raised the following point;

- What is going to happen with parking when this development is taking place?

The District Manager responded that trade has picked up in the town and the car parks are getting full. We are looking at preliminary studies to be prepared before we start construction.

7. To Receive an Update on the Part 8's at County Brook and River Lane

The District Engineer informed the members that these have been advertised the last date for submissions is the 1st March and we will have a report for Council Meeting the following week.

The Cathaoirleach informed the members that at the Protocol Meeting in Wicklow County Council a request was received from Eugene Raeside to address the members. The members agreed to receive a deputation at the next meeting on the 7th February and hoped to have Marc Devereux present.

Councillor Behan requested that an open forum meeting be held in relation to the works in the Peoples Park, chaired by the Cathaoirleach. He stated that Marc said he would attend.

The Cathaoirleach stated that he would be happy to attend if Councillor Behan set it up.

8. To Discuss the Review of the Parking Bye Laws

The District Administrator informed the members that a report issued in relation to the review of the Parking Bye Laws. It is hoped to have this advertised by the end of the month. The changes were circulated and it is hoped to have the bye laws consistent across the county. This will be voted on by the full Council in Wicklow County Council.

The schedule is more or less the same, there are 6 changes.

The members raised the following points;

- This needs to be discussed before it goes on public display.
- The proceeds from parking need to remain in the area, this needs to go on the agenda for discussion next month.

9. To Receive an Update on the Blue Flag

Due to time constraints this matter was not addressed

10. To Receive an Update on the Harbour Area

Due to time constraints this matter was not addressed

11. To Receive an Update on the Cliff Walk Upgrade and Refurbishment

Due to time constraints this matter was not addressed

12. To Receive an Update on the Skateboard Park

Due to time constraints this matter was not addressed

13. To Discuss the Naming of the River Walk

Due to time constraints this matter was not addressed

14. To Discuss the Review of the Seafront Bye Laws

Due to time constraints this matter was not addressed

15. To Receive an Update on the Town Team

Due to time constraints this matter was not addressed

16. To Nominate a Representative to the Mermaid Board

Councillor Ryan proposed Councillor Matthews as the representation to the Mermaid Board and Councillor Vance seconded this proposal

17. Notices of Motion

Due to time constraints this matter was not addressed

18. Correspondence

Due to time constraints this matter was not addressed

19. Any Other Business

Due to time constraints this matter was not addressed

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This concluded the meeting.

Signed:

CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed:

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated:
