

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held in the Council Chamber,  
Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday 4th December 2018 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Cathaoirleach Pat Vance  
Councillor Joe Behan  
Councillor Christopher Fox  
Councillor Dermot O'Brien  
Councillor John Ryan  
Councillor Brendan Thornhill

**Also present:** Mr. Thomas Murphy, Director of Services  
Mr. Stephen Fox, Executive Engineer  
Mr. David Forde, District Administrator  
Ms. Triona Irving, Administrative Officer

**Apologies:** Councillor Oliver O'Brien, Councillor Steven Matthews

The Members passed a vote of sympathy for Fergal Keyes who recently passed away.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting dated 6<sup>nd</sup> November 2018**

Councillor Behan proposed confirmation of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray dated 6th November 2018, Councillor Ryan seconded the proposal and they were unanimously agreed by the Members.

**2. To Receive the Housing Report**

**Kilbride Lane**

Following a number of consultations with Wicklow County Council and others and a number of separate appearances before the High Court over the past number of weeks, MDY Construction Limited exited the Examinership process with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 when the High Court approved the Scheme of Arrangements proposed by the appointed Examiner. This occurrence has facilitated Wicklow County Council in withdrawing the termination notice previously issued to MDY, which in turn allows MDY to complete the works at the Kilbride Lane 42 Unit Social Housing Development in Bray. Work is due to commence on the boundary wall this week.

**87A O'Byrne Rd**

Work is completed on this house which is in the process of being allocated.

**Kilmantin Place**

Works are ongoing with the 4 units on this site.

**Faite Park**

The Council are carrying out a window and door replacement programme at Faite Park and fabric upgrade works will also be carried out this month.

**Central Garage Site, Parnell Road**

Tuath Housing have confirmed that they have now appointed an Architect led Design Team for this scheme. They are also in the process of procuring a company to carry out site investigations.

The Members welcomed the news that work will recommence at Kilbride Lane and commended everyone involved in getting the project back on track.

The Members welcomed the news that the Council will be carrying out a window and door replacement scheme as well as a fabric upgrade works programme at Failte Park. The works are due to be carried out within the coming weeks.

The Members enquired about the Wicklow County Council cold weather initiative scheme which was recently announced. They were advised by Bray Municipal District, Housing Officer that this scheme is being handled directly by Wicklow County Council.

The Members commended the work being done by Jackie Whelan, The new Estate Development Officer in Bray Municipal District.

### 3. To Receive a Report on Roads and Transport

#### Roads Programme

The status of the Department grant funded work is as follows

R766	<b>Meath Road, Bray</b>	RI	Complete
R117	<b>Knocksink Road, Monastery</b>	RI	Complete
R760	<b>Ballybawn Lower</b>	RM	Omitted
L2047	<b>Old Connaught Avenue</b>	RI	Patch repairs only
L1011	<b>Glencree Road, Cloon</b>	RI	Complete
L1035-0	<b>Old Longhill</b>	RI	Complete
L5033	<b>Glencormick-Rocky Valley Drive</b>	RI	Complete
L5032-0	<b>Calary Lower</b>	RI	Complete
L5032-0	<b>Calary Lower</b>	RM	Complete
L97551	<b>Calary Upper</b>	RM	Complete
L1033	<b>Rocky Valley Drive</b>	RM	Complete

RI: restoration improvement

RM: restoration maintenance

Preparation has commenced for the next three year roads programme for the period of 2019-2021.

#### Footpaths

Planned areas of grinding of raised joints of concrete paths have been largely completed. Other repairs for the removal of trip hazards in Bray have taken place. The updated schedule is set out below.

#### Estates off Bray Southern Cross

<b>Road /estate</b>	<b>Trip removal/ grinding</b>	<b>Defects reinstatement.</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Bray Southern Cross	Complete	Complete	
Giltspur Heights	complete	complete	
Deepdales	Complete	Complete	
Swanbrook	Complete	Complete	
Earlscroft	Complete	Complete	
Hollybrook	Complete	Complete	
Riddlesford	Complete	Complete	
Belmount	Partial	Complete	

**Estates off the Boghall Road**

Road /estate	Trip removal/ grinding	Defects reinstatement.	Notes
Deerpark	complete	complete	
Schools Road	complete	none	
St Killians Crescent	complete	none	
Heatherwood	complete	complete	
White Oaks	complete	complete	
Ard Na Greine	complete	complete	
Ashfield Court	complete	complete	
Oldcourt Drive			To be surveyed
Oldcourt Ave			To be surveyed
Wheatfield	complete	In progress	
Glen na Smole	complete	complete	
Woodbrook Lawn	complete	Complete	
Giltspur Brook	Complete	Complete	
Avoca Dr	In progress		
Roselawn Dr	Complete	Complete	
Roselawn Park	complete	Complete	
Mountainview	complete	In progress	
Bentley Park	complete	In progress	
Scott Park	Complete	Complete	
Pinewood Close			Yellow lining and dishing required
Beechwood Close			Yellow lining and dishing required

**Estates East of Killarney Road**

Road /estate	Trip removal/ grinding	Defects reinstatement.	Notes
Killarney Business Park	Complete	Complete	
Ripley Hills	complete	Complete	
The Nursery's	Complete	Complete	
Glencourt	complete	Complete	
Church Road	complete		
Roslyn	complete	In progress	
Ryecroft	complete	In progress	
Churchlands	complete	In progress	
Ballymorris	complete		Dished kerb

**Estates west of Vevay Road**

Road /estate	Trip removal/ grinding	Defects reinstatement.	Notes
Charnwood	Complete	Complete	
Sugarloaf Crescent			
Lauderdale			
O Byrne Road			
Glendale Drive			
Vevay Crescent		Complete	

**Footpath repairs and trip removal in the Town Centre**

Planned Works are complete on Main Street, Quinsborough Road, Florence Road, Adelaide Road and Strand Road.

Additional works have been added and are planned to commence shortly at Ballywaltrim Hts, Glenthorn, Elgin Heights and Elgin Wood, Ardmore Park, Brookwood, Glenlucan, Rathclaren, Schools Road. Grinding of paths in

Eagle Valley has also taken place. Roads funding has supplemented the €50,000 capital public realm funding provided for the Peoples Park Footpath Replacement and these are now complete.

### **Roads Capital Works**

An amendment of the Strand Road Cycle Scheme at the aquarium went on public display on the 29<sup>th</sup> November. The proposal has more extensive public realm enhancement than the original scheme. An outline of the proposal was presented to the members at the November meeting and it was agreed to submit the proposal for a new Part 8 public consultation in accordance with planning legislation.

A preliminary design for the Bray Dart Interchange was completed in 2017 and approved by the NTA. Consent has been received from C.I.E. and it was agreed by the members to commence a Part 8 public consultation in accordance with planning legislation. It is planned to advertise the Part 8 next week.

An application has been submitted to the NTA for the preliminary design of a Greenway route from Kilmacanogue to the Bray Southern Cross Road and also for the provision of cycle facilities on the Southern Cross Road. A brief is being prepared for the appointment of a consultant for the Kilmacanogue Greenway.

The Herbert Road car extension is substantially complete. Only landscape works and the installation of additional pay and display machines are still outstanding.

Additional security fencing has been erected for the temporary car park at Ravenswell Road.

Consultants have been appointed for the detailed design of the pedestrian bridges beside the Fran O'Toole Bridge and the widening of the adjacent section of Seapoint Road. This scheme was previously designed and tendered for construction but was deferred on account of the River Dargle Flood Defence Scheme.

Four applications for urban regeneration projects in Bray were submitted. Funding of €3,450,000 in 2019 was recently announced for the Bray Public Transport Bridge. It is a category A scheme which means that Planning and other required consents are in place and only requires tendering for detailed design and works before commencement. It is proposed to procure a consultant to carry out a preliminary design and prepare a CPO for a connecting route to the DART station in preparation for next round of funding under the scheme.

The preliminary design of the Killarney Road and Vevay Road Cycle Schemes south of Church Road has been approved by the NTA and consent has been given to proceed to detailed design.

Landowner agreement has been provided to complete the Dublin Road Schools Harbour Access. The completion of these works can proceed rapidly and facilitate opening of rail underpass to school traffic once the agreement has been reviewed by the Law Agent.

The Members raised the following issues with the District Engineer.

The Members pointed out that the Roadworks taking place on the R755 Kilmacanogue to Roundwood road have been ongoing for quite a while now with no sign of the works being completed. There have temporary traffic lights in place at this junction for over six weeks. The Members felt the lack of progress on the works is causing unnecessary delays to motorists travelling the road.

The Members requested an update on the proposed traffic calming measures scheduled for the Deepdales estate in Bray.

The Members highlighted their concerns at the lack of public lighting at the car park at the old Bray Golf Club land. They were advised that temporary public lighting has been ordered and will be installed in the near future.

Executive Engineer, Stephen Fox said that he would discuss the above issues raised by the Members with Mr. Liam Bourke and revert back with a response to the Members before the next meeting.

#### **4. To Receive an Update on the Florentine Centre**

An update report on the Florentine Centre was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting.

Bray District Manager, Thomas Murphy advised the meeting that Wicklow County Council are currently in negotiations with Oakmount, in a final attempt to find a way to bring a pedestrian access from the shopping centre to the Florence Road. Mr. Murphy said that Oakmount are considering two alternative options and have agreed to thoroughly investigate this matter and revert back to the Council as soon as possible. The Members hoped a solution to this matter could be found without significant delays to the project.

Mr. Murphy also addressed the claim made at the last meeting that Wicklow County Council were dealing with the wrong landowner. He advised the Members that Wicklow County Council's Law Agent had checked this matter out and had advised that the property is not registered with the Property Registration Authority, consequently normal legal searches are not possible. All that can be relied on are the original title documents.

#### **5. Notice of Motion**

##### **Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor Brendan Thornhill (06/11/2018)**

That this Council pay attention to the shelters on the seafront re their condition and that they are made available (access) to the public.

***Response:-*** *The Council have engaged consultants to assess the condition of the shelters. They will only be reopened to the public once it has been determined that it is safe to do so.*

##### **Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor Brendan Thornhill 06/11/2018)**

That this Council ensure that a footpath at the entrance to Bray School Project is repaired so as to allow wheelchair access.

***Response:-*** *The path was ramped at the entrance to the Bray School Project National School at Ballymorris during the Halloween School break.*

##### **Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor Brendan Thornhill (06/11/2018)**

That this Council pay attention to Junctions in Bray where yellow grid marks are fading.

***Response:-*** *All road markings are renewed in accordance with need and having regard to available funding. Highest priority is given to road safety and economic return.*

##### **Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor Brendan Thornhill (06/11/2018)**

That this Council provide signs in Bray re dog fouling.

***Response:-*** *The Council provide dog fouling signage in public open space where appropriate including the towns parks & playgrounds. Where additional signage is requested it will be considered on a case by case basis. Should residents associations wish to have dog fouling signage erected within their estates, the Council can supply & erect this signage at cost.*

##### **Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor Brendan Thornhill (06/11/2018)**

That this Council pay attention to the Mulvey Way and that information notice is placed under the sign for information of the public.

***Response:-*** *There are many place names and locations of heritage and historical significance around the town. The council needs to develop a policy and allocate funding for the erection of information signs about these locations.*

## **6. Reports and Recommendations**

N/A

## **7. Any Other Business**

The Members raised the following issues under A.O.B.

The Members asked that the District support the upcoming Sea Swim which is being organised by Bray Lions Club.

The Members enquired about replacing the railings outside the Hibernian Pub. Executive Engineer, Stephen Fox advised the railings had to be taken down as they were in bad repair and a danger to the public. Costings are currently being carried out with regard to replacing the railings. Mr. Fox said he would revert back to the Members with an update as soon as possible.

The Members highlighted a problem with a public light not working at Raheen Park, the pole number is 248. Many members of the public have reported it but the light has still not been fixed.

The Members asked if there was any update regarding the status of Bray Municipal District becoming a Burrough.

The Members felt that Christmas Tree should be on display in front of the Town Hall.

The Members raised the ongoing sewage problem at Wolfe Tone Square.

The Members enquired about the possibility of having a presentation to the Order of Malta to commemorate their seventy fifth anniversary.

This concluded the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**

**Dated:**

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