

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held in the Council Chamber,  
Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 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 Pat Vance

**Also present:** Mr. Des O'Brien, Director of Services  
Mr. Liam Bourke, District Engineer  
Ms. Triona Irving, Administrative Officer

**Absent**

**Apologies:** Mr. David Forde, District Administrator  
Councillor Brendan Thornhill

At this point Councillor Fox apologised for not being present at the A.G.M. and thanked the members for the opportunity to serve as Vice Cathaoirleach. He offered his congratulations to Councillor Matthews whom he would fully support. He also paid tribute to Councillor Thornhill who took the chair after only a year or two in the job and wished him the best.

Councillor Ryan also extended his congratulations to Councillor Matthews.

Councillor O'Connor congratulated Darren Randolph, goalkeeper for the Irish team and requested that we consider holding a civic reception for him. The Cathaoirleach stated that he played fantastically but we would give him a chance to catch his breath and maybe look at this later in the year.

This civic reception was proposed by Councillor Behan and seconded by Councillor Vance.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting dated 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016.**

Councillor Joe Behan proposed confirmation of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray dated 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016 and Councillor Steven Matthews seconded the proposal.

**2. To Consider the Housing Report**

The Cathaoirleach informed the members that there was no written housing report as it has only been 2 weeks since our last meeting.

Oldcourt Energy Efficiency Works

- Is there any update on Oldcourt or any response from the Department?

Miscellaneous

- Is the rent review been dealt with separately from Wicklow County Council?
- I have received a query from a tenant who has had his rent increased from €426 to €938 following a marginal increase in income. How is this justified?
- Can this be appealed?

The Administrative Officer that we have been in touch with the Department and are awaiting a response. A rent review letter issued to all tenants and she would urge all to return same. There is a penalty of €24 for not sending back the form and this will accrue weekly until the form comes in. No tenant pays €400 in

rent. There is a hardship process through MABS if a tenant feels their rent is too high. The rent is based on the total income of the house.

### **3. To Receive an Update on the Discretionary Fund**

The following report was presented to the members by the District Engineer.

#### **Fergal óg**

Path along northern boundary and cabling for power supply has been installed along eastern boundary. Additional unplanned works to raise the level of a corner of the pitch with excavated material has delayed progress due to weather. Replacing and grading this soil will add considerably to the cost of the scheme.

#### **Briarwood Drainage**

Land owner agreement has been obtained to construct gate to provide direct access to culvert behind Briarwood. Agreement has to be reached from new owner of land at Greystones Roundabout to replace existing pipes from the Golf Club lands and to construct a new channel. It is aimed to commence these works in September

#### **Traffic Calming**

The proposed traffic calming measures at Deepdales, Raheen Park, Avondale Park and Galtrim Road. The final decision on the installation of the measures as proposed or amended will be determined following a peed survey, a technical assessment and a plebiscite of the residents in accordance with Wicklow County Council's traffic calming policy.

#### **Sugarloaf Car Park**

The extension of the car park was completed last year. Quotes for the directional fingerpost signs were recently received and an order has been raised.

#### **Newcourt School**

The flashing beacon signs on both approaches to the school were recently installed

#### **Killarney Road Springfield Zebra Crossing**

No progress has been made on this as the road is subject to a cycle way scheme design which is likely to incorporate alternative measures at this location which would necessitate the removal or possible relocation of the crossing.

#### **Bray Harbour**

Studies on Bray Harbour were carried out as part of the River Dargle Flood Defence Scheme and are dealt with on a separate report

The members raised the following points;

- I am disappointed at the lack of progress regarding the pedestrian/zebra crossing at Springfield. It could take another 5 years and there has already been a fatality at this location.
- Can something be progressed in the meantime for example two flashing beacons and the hedgerows cut back?
- This is a serious hazard and a huge number of students use this.
- The solar powered timed beacons at Newcourt School look well.
- Are there any drawings for Deepdales and Raheen Park for people to judge?
- Residents have been told that one of the ramps will be across from the entrance to the Raheen car park, if that correct, it would be ridiculous.
- My money has not been used up on what we have here for the harbour survey/study, this is a different matter altogether.
- I asked a long time ago when we had the opportunity in place to contact Simon Harris but we sat on it. It is disgraceful how long it has taken to get this report, the Council have screwed up.
- I am worried that there is a standstill on the work on the pitches for the Fergal Og's. If nothing is done by September there will be no place to change in the winter. There are two containers but one is full of equipment. It is a worthwhile project and we will have a pitch of high quality. Can we meet to progress this?
- We also need to address the management plan for the use of these pitches.
- Can we have the issue with pitches in Ballywaltrim on the next agenda?

- The extension of the Sugarloaf car park has been a great success and the gate has stopped the horses coming onto the road.

The District Engineer informed the members that the drawings for the traffic calming would be available tomorrow. I am aware of the serious incident at the crossing at Springfield but a zebra crossing would not make any difference to the risk. But I will bear in mind what you have said.

The harbour is outside of our remit, I will follow up with the environment section to see how we can progress this.

I am happy to meet in relation to the playing pitches a shared effort might help progress this.

#### **4. To Receive an Update on the Esplanade/Seafront Cycle Scheme.**

The following report was received from the District Engineer.

##### **Strand Road Cycle Scheme Phase 2**

The scheme is fully open and the final parking machines have recently been installed. Aecom have reported that the contractor has addressed most of the snags on the scheme. One of these concerned the ramp levels at Sidmonton Avenue. Bray Municipal District has rejected proposals to close Strand Road to reconstruct this ramp. This may have to be addressed later by the Council out of season. There are also design issues, particularly at the Putland Road junction. The Council resurveyed this and has requested Aecom to redesign. As an interim measure new lining and signing will be put in the southern car park in an effort to reduce traffic conflict. The scheme design proposed mandatory cycle lanes on Sidmonton Avenue and Convent Avenue, which would necessitate the removal of all parking. Bray Municipal District has rejected this and final decision to complete works on the avenues has not yet been reached.

##### **Strand Road Cycle Scheme Phase 3**

The NTA have approved funding for the design to complete the scheme at the Aquarium. Bray MD is finalising a preliminary drawing in line with the approved Part 8 drawing which will be submitted to the NTA. A draft design has been produced and funding allocated by the NDFA for the continuation of the scheme from Quinsborough Road northwards, through the Harbour and to the golf club land to serve the new schools being built there. This will be adjusted as required in consultation with local stakeholders, with the objective of commencing works before the end of the year.

##### **Vevay Road-Killarney Road Cycle Scheme**

The preliminary design was prepared by Aecom late last year. Difficulties were encountered in resolving the constraints between the Church Road and the Town Hall. The NTA requested the consultants to model various one-way options but the report produced in February indicated an overall increase in delay for all options. The consultants have been requested to suggest alternative options and we are currently awaiting their response. In meantime the NTA have agreed that we may proceed with engaging with adjacent property owners on the Killarney Road north of Ripley Hills to complete previously unfinished section. The design is being assessed by Bray MD with a view to completing this element before the end of the year.

##### **Boghall Road Cycle Scheme**

Further funding has been allocated by the NTA to address outstanding issues following completion of the initial phase of the scheme. These include alterations at the Woodview Drive Pedestrian Crossing, Boghall Stores and Schools Road junction. These works are being managed by the Bray Municipal District. Provisional agreement has been reached to acquire land to resolve issues at Woodview Drive pedestrian crossing and consultation has commenced to resolve the issues at Boghall stores.

The members raised the following points;

- There is confusion at the moment with the taxi rank and the waiting rank. The taxis have no room to place cars that are waiting.
- The works/scheme has cleaned up and enhanced the area, it looks well. We need to link the two schemes together at the Barracuda since the NTA has approved the funding.
- The signs on the cycle lane are confusing.
- At the Putland Road junction the cycle lane ends and goes onto the street

- There are lessons to be learnt in regard to Wicklow County Council having control of this project. We are one body and we need to act like one body. The lack of communication from Wicklow County Council was diabolical. They should respect the local engineers who have local knowledge. The game has to be upped when doing projects like this.
- Where do we fit in the process? The senior engineer in Wicklow engages with the NTA. It almost comes to us as a fait accompli. There has to be a degree of local input, Wicklow needs to engage more with us.
- Are we ever going to see plans, there was a proposal to remove all parking on Sidmonton Avenue and Convent Avenue which the engineers stopped but there were no plans before us. We were not even aware of it.
- I don't remember seeing any designs for the Ripley Hills area.
- I would be happy to go ahead with the Schools Road junction works.
- What are the plans for the northern end of the seafront? My understanding was that the engineer was to come back with a plan. This area could do with an upgrade.
- If we could build a sense of what would be good there, a master plan.
- I have been calling for this for years that's why I wanted the seatbacks extended to this end of the beach. It is now used more than the southern end and it is the most neglected.
- We don't have the seawater coming over the wall due to the seafront enhancement scheme. We need to do something this is the main entrance to the seafront for many people. The Victorian shelter is in a disgraceful condition there is very little of it left.
- The OPW told us at the time of the scheme that it would require nourishment from time to time. Have the OPW ever visited the site? This was the first scheme of this type to be carried out in the country. Is there funding available from the OPW?
- Part of the budget in Wicklow County Council allocated €80,000 for the painting of the railings on the seafront, has this gone to tender?
- One of the metal doors on one of our shelters/stores on the seafront is covered in stickers, it looks awful. Can these be removed?

The District Engineer informed the members that the taxis are still operating on the Westside of the street. Eight additional spaces have been added on the eastside and they seem to be happy with this.

The details of the plans to remove parking on Sidmonton Avenue and Convent Avenue evolved after the contract was awarded. We did not know that this was a part of the scheme until a few months ago. A report has indicated that 37,000 cubic meters of material is lost from the beach at the northern end of the seafront every year, I myself think this figure is closer to between 25,000 to 30,000 cubic meters.

The Cathaoirleach stated that the last time we were presented with a plan for the northern end of the seafront it was not well received. We will try and progress this project this year. I would be in favour of the engineer coming up with designs, we are not qualified.

The District Manager stated that there was criticism at the meeting when plans for the development of the northern end of the seafront were presented to the members. The prevailing mood at the meeting was that we were trying to privatise public space. A member of staff was using his initiative. It was felt that the northern end was under used. If we have the support of the members we will look at this again. Involving members at an early stage so you can have an input as complete as possible and maybe holding workshops in relation to projects would streamline projects. We can ask Stephen Moore a local architect to look at this again.

The foreshore licence allows us to carry out maintenance and it may be possible to use material from the flood works and deposit it on this area without any cost to the town.

## **5. To Receive an Update on the Old Dump Site at Bray Harbour**

The members were informed that there was no lichen present; it is proposed to have a report for the next meeting. We have been corresponding with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and it is hoped that the two Districts would approach the Department together.

## **6. To Discuss a Report on the Bathymetric Survey of Bray Harbour.**

The members received a report which was circulated prior to the meeting.

The District Manager this report covers a long period of time from 1986-1993 (part of the sewerage scheme) and more levels were taken between 2007-2015. There has been less deposited in recent years which suggest that the Flood Scheme is not contributing to the level in the harbor.

The members raised the following points;

- I have spoken to someone who disputes this. This person has shown me photographs of the harbour and slipway that were taken in 2007.
- These people are trying to get evidence of what the area was like in 2008.
- If there is a north easterly gale then the water runs up the ramp causing flooding.
- The ramp is partially covered in sand.
- The cost of dredging is up from a half million to one million; there are four harbours along the coast, surely this can be carried out on an economic scale. We could do the same every few years.
- We should get this fully costed and go from there. If officials are not going to carry out the work I intended my discretionary fund for I will allocate it elsewhere.
- The harbour is a great facility and needs a huge amount of work and there is a reasonable amount of urgency about this.
- I gave €2,000 of my fund for this, it is hard to believe this report it does not sit right. This needs a solution and fast, a significant number of boats have gone to Greystones harbour.
- We need to engage with the user groups, we need a harbour plan. This could be developed into something special, it has enormous potential.
- What are the next steps; I have been approached by someone from UCD who believes they can deal with the issues in the harbour.
- What is the timeframe that the Council is working to?
- There is only 2-3 useable hours in the harbour at the moment

The District Engineer suggested that the District Engineer meeting with the people referred to and the person from UCD. Dredging took place recently in Arklow harbour they had to get a licence from the EPA and dig a pit at sea. It cost between 2-4 million but this is a commercial harbour. The Flood Scheme lowered the floor of the river at the bridge, dredging can be very expensive because of the cost of disposal of the material.

It was agreed to keep this matter on the agenda.

## **7. To Receive an Update on the Blue Flag for Bray**

The Cathaoirleach informed the members that a meeting took place with An Taisce and representatives of Wicklow County Council to look at the criteria for the Blue Flag and carry out a preliminary survey. It all depends on the water quality. We identified the strengths of the area and areas where we will need to carry out work to meet the guidelines and identified stakeholder groups that could participate in future beach management.

Overall the Seafront has many positives that would enable an application for Blue Flag but there are a number of criteria that will need improvement in order to maximise the chances of a successful application.

Current (and historical) water quality results are substantially compliant but it is necessary to wait for a complete set of qualifying results for this year to ensure compliance

Identify the area of the beach that will become the Blue Flag zone (generally a 500m stretch)

We need to renew some signage and install extra signage (Blue Flag notice board template) in relation to environmental awareness and education, water quality results, directional information, facilities and codes of conduct within the Blue Flag zone

Provide a source of drinking water in one location (probably in public toilet block)

Provide recycling bins (co-sited with existing bins)

Restrict dog access to Blue Flag zone foreshore area (excludes guide dogs)

We have a good chance of success.

I hope to have a further report in September.

## **8. To Discuss Possible Areas for a Skateboard Park**

The following report was circulated to the members prior to the meeting.

Wicklow County Council wishes to develop a skatepark within the Municipal District of Bray. While such facilities exist in Greystones, Wicklow, Blessington and Arklow, one has yet to be developed within the largest urban centre of the County. Bray is considered an ideal location for such a facility as it not only has its own skateboarding community but would likely attract people from south Dublin region through the excellent public transport links the town enjoys. There have been a number of representations made by skate boarders to the council for a facility in Bray. The additional amenity would also increase the attractiveness of the town to tourists.

In selecting a suitable location for the Skatepark a number of factors need to be considered, these include:

- the zoning objective of the lands in question,
- the proximity to existing residential development,
- the amount of passive overlooking the lands enjoy,
- site accessibility & connection to public transport,
- site topography.
- other constraints (ESB, services, etc)

Skateparks by their nature can be noisy; it is therefore desirable that they be sufficiently far removed from residential areas such that they do not constitute a nuisance. Passive overlooking will help reduce the risk of anti-social behaviour. There can also be open access or restricted access.

The following sites are considered potential locations for the skatepark:

- Seafront (north of the Barracuda – open access)
- Peoples Park (east of the Playground & close to the Pavilion building – open access)
- Bray Head (on area of ground adjacent to access to Naylor's Cove – open access)
- Ballywaltrim (to the rear of the Community Centre – restricted access proposed)

While skateparks do not have a fixed size it is anticipated that depending on the chosen site the facility would be in the region of 400-1000sq.m.

Your views are sought on which of the above sites is the preferred option to be referred to design stage.

The members raised the following points;

- This has been ongoing for nearly two years, there is a budget there. Also the desire and demand, we just need to decide on a location.
- This is an important facility for the town and we need to get moving on it.
- The seafront would be a great place but the reality maybe different.
- I don't think that Ballywaltrim would be suitable it is too far out of the town.

- It is vital we get the location right; I would not be in favour of the seafront or Bray Head.
- I would like to see a map with the area marked out for Ballywaltrim and the Peoples Park.
- What size would it be and how would it fit in?
- Is the design similar to Greystones which is a closed design or similar to the Murrough which is open?
- Blessington Skateboard Park is always full; my preference is the Peoples Park.
- Will it go on public display we need the peoples input.
- Is there an overall plan for the Peoples Park it has huge potential, I would like to see a master plan.
- What is the view on the ground regarding the playground in the Peoples Park?
- We received a presentation from the Skateboarders which was well received, but we have to be extremely careful and consider the local residents.
- Can we have a look at the north area of the harbour; we should not exclude this area? There will be a lot of people going to school in this area because of the development on the golf club lands.
- The location is critical.
- We have to treat people with respect, no matter where it goes it will cause controversy.
- If we are going to be serious I would like more information and pick a site in September.
- The users of the sites should be involved to make the site as good as possible.
- We need to consider gate control, hours of usage, we need to get the balance right.
- We need to ensure that it does not interfere with other activities in the area. Would it be feasible to provide some screening?
- Can we eliminate some and maybe pick one?
- Ballywaltrim can go there could be transportation issues.
- Bray Head is not suitable, I would remove the seafront.
- This could form part of the upgrade of the north area of the seafront.
- I would be completely against this; it would be adjacent to nursing homes.
- I don't agree with Naylor's Cove and want it recorded.
- Where are talking about in Ballywaltrim, the playground at the rear of the Community Centre? This is used by toddlers we would be taking an area that is already in use.
- I agree to remove Ballywaltrim.
- If you want to use land at the seafront and want to cause controversy this would be the place. It is not suitable and I would not vote for the seafront.

The District Engineer informed the members that there is a plan for the Peoples Park and a new entrance at the end of the boardwalk was being looked at, I will bring the plan to the next meeting. If we could agree on what your preference would be and then we could go to public consultation. The golf club lands are a bit remote, it would not disturb anyone but it is not our land.

Each proposed area has its difficulties; for example the seafront is a commercial area, the Peoples Park area has an older age group. When we went to Part 8 for the playground we had approximately 80 submissions. Since the installation of the playground the only complaints I can recall are maintenance issues.

A vote was called for the following locations proposed for a Skateboard Park on whether to remove them.

### Seafont Location

The members voted as follows;

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
<i>Councillor John Behan</i>		√
<i>Councillor Christopher Fox</i>	√	
<i>Councillor Steven Matthews</i>	√	
<i>Councillor Oliver O'Brien</i>		√
<i>Councillor Michael O'Connor</i>		√
<i>Councillor John Ryan</i>	√	
<i>Councillor Brendan Thornhill</i>	<i>absent</i>	
<i>Councillor Pat Vance</i>	√	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>

The vote was to eliminate this location for a Skateboard Park.

### Naylor's Cove

The members voted as follows;

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
<i>Councillor John Behan</i>	√	
<i>Councillor Christopher Fox</i>	√	
<i>Councillor Steven Matthews</i>	√	
<i>Councillor Oliver O'Brien</i>		√
<i>Councillor Michael O'Connor</i>		√
<i>Councillor John Ryan</i>	√	
<i>Councillor Brendan Thornhill</i>	<i>absent</i>	
<i>Councillor Pat Vance</i>	√	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>

The vote was to eliminate this location for a Skateboard Park.



## **Ballywaltrim**

The members voted as follows;

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
<i>Councillor John Behan</i>	√	
<i>Councillor Christopher Fox</i>	√	
<i>Councillor Steven Matthews</i>	√	
<i>Councillor Oliver O'Brien</i>	√	
<i>Councillor Michael O'Connor</i>	√	
<i>Councillor John Ryan</i>		<i>abstain</i>
<i>Councillor Brendan Thornhill</i>	<i>absent</i>	
<i>Councillor Pat Vance</i>		√
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>

The vote was to eliminate this location for a Skateboard Park.

The members raised the following points;

- We will not commit to the People's Park until we see the design.
- Not just the design but also the location within the park.
- How high would the skateboard wall be?
- Can we have a look at the harbour area to see if there are any options?
- We have not ruled this out.
- We have eliminated locations but we can still look.

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

The Town Manager informed the members that the E.I.S. was nearly complete and hopefully the application would be lodged the following week. We need to source someone to partnership with us.

The members raised the following point;

- We should take a positive view and keep working on this and have as much work as possible done before the decision, so that we are ready to go.

### **10. Notices of Motion**

#### **1. Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor John Ryan (10/05/2016)**

That the Municipal District complete a report on the parking that is taking place on Bray Harbour North Pier, as cars are now turning on the pier and there is a fear that control will be lost and someone will be injured.

#### **Response**

General access to the north pier by the motoring public presents a high risk. However, vehicle access by harbour users is required. To limit the risk it proposed that bollards be placed across the pier and a barrier erected on the harbour side at about 70m from the pier access. This would limit access to most of the pier and facilitate a safe turning area. At least one of the bollards would have to be demountable to facilitate essential access to the rest of the pier.

The members raised the following point:

- This is due to the success of the area and increased use.

**2. Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor John Ryan (10/05/2016)**

That the Municipal District commit to ongoing maintenance of the Roundabouts in Bray

**Response**

The roundabouts have been included in the landscape maintenance and grass cutting contract for several years. The appointed contractor was reminded that the maintenance of these included both grass cutting and weed control and all have recently been cut, sprayed, and hand weeded. The Council will continue to work with the contractor to ensure that the roundabouts are well maintained. There is strong competition among contractors and all five companies appointed over the last 10 years have had difficulties in meeting contract specifications at the prices tendered. The annual tender has been reviewed in an effort to ensure quality of service is given greater priority in determining the award of contract.

The members raised the following points:

- After months of asking for this to be carried out a job was done really badly. The roundabout at Kilcrone is covered in weeds, this is the first impression you get on entering the town, it is total incompetence.
- The roundabouts are over complicated; I would prefer a grassed area with flowerbeds. Perhaps the Tidy Towns would get involved.
- It is the first thing you see and it creates an immediate impression.
- I know there have been problems with contractors who submitted prices where they can't deliver.
- Can we not just go for someone who is competent?
- It can be unbelievable the difference in prices in tenders.
- We should look at giving a 2/3 year contract if they prove competent.

The District Manager informed the members that we had a problem with the contractor last year and it has happened again today. We awarded the contract to the lowest tender. We could have a structured procurement that if they don't perform then there would be a penalty.

**3. Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor John Ryan (10/05/2016)**

That the Municipal District provides a report with options to address the ongoing rough sleeping situation on Bray Seafont.

**Response**

This matter will be referred to Wicklow County Council

The members raised the following points:

- We have people begging by day and also sleeping rough, it is a real problem.
- I know we have to be sensitive to the issue of homelessness but some people choose not to engage.
- Can we have a review of the seafont bye-laws they have not been updated for a long time?
- We can't have people begging, we need to give the Gardai some bye-laws that they can respond to.
- Maybe we can have a workshop review in September.

**11. Report and Recommendations**

The following report from the District Engineer was previously circulated to the members. Correspondence was received from Marino School and a response issued based on the report circulated.

## **Marino School Signs and Road Markings**

The purpose of yellow box markings (RRM 020) is to aid traffic flow, where blocking back affecting a cross flow is a significant problem. Since the school entrance has been moved closer to the traffic signal controlled junction at Vevay Road, there is an increased risk of westbound vehicles being impeded by right turners conflicted with queues at the entrance. The length of the existing yellow box will be increased to help address this.

A yellow box is not intended to deal with parked vehicles and as parking at Church Road occurs on a cycle lane and footpath rather than the vehicle lane, an extended yellow box is not an appropriate means for removing parking. It is proposed to proceed with School Keep Clear Road Markings (RRM 010) this to restrict parking for a minimum distance of 14.6m at the school exit.

Sign W 141, School Ahead, may be provided to warn of the likelihood of encountering children on the road. It should normally be used where children cross to go to school or a playground. As all children are transported, it is not normal for children to cross the road at the school. Therefore, in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual, I am reluctant to provide this sign for the school. There is however a "caution school" road marking on the approach to the school.

In accordance with section 95 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, as amended, the Council will consult with An Garda Síochána, prior to amending the regulatory road markings as proposed above.

The members raised the following points:

- Will these recommendations be adhered to, is the school happy?
- Can we review the proposals in 3 months?
- The school has been waiting a long time for something to be done would it be a good idea to meet with the principle?

The District Engineer informed the members that there is not enough space to facilitate the school we have received another letter in the meantime. Visibility is an issue. I can meet with the principle to establish the facts.

### Miscellaneous

The members raised the following points:

- A fire engine recently went into a stream near Healy's Pottery in Kilmacanogue the road is steep is there anything we can do?
- Can we repaint and extend the yellow box on the road between St. Peter's Road and AXA Insurance?
- The road markings on the Southern Cross Road are almost invisible can we look at this as well?

The District Engineer stated that the surface at Healy Pottery could be the overflow from the drains, it could be bog slime. The drains were addressed in June. The speed is greater going up the hill.

The Southern Cross Road is in the roads program.

We have started work on the footpaths in Glenwood and also nearly all of Charnwood.

## **12. Any Other Business**

### Refuse Bags

Councillor Behan requested that we write a follow up letter to the Minister Coveney regarding the refuse bags and get a straight answer if they are going to continue the use of same.

Katie Taylor

Are there any plans to set up screens for the Katie Taylor fights like we did in 2012, can this be arranged?

War Memorial

Last week was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Somme over 200 men from Bray are listed on the monument. Over 1,300 from County Wicklow were killed. The monument is dated and in need of repair is it possible to carry out improvements given the historical anniversary? They deserved to be remembered.

This was proposed by Councillor Fox and seconded by Councillor O'Connor and had full agreement of the members.

The members raised the following points:

- We should look and see what we can do and get a budget which should come from Wicklow County Council. They provided funding for the memorial in Woodenbridge.
- We should stick together and fight for the funding for Bray.

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This concluded the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**Signed:**

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**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**

**Dated:**

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