

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillor Joe Behan,  
Councillor Christopher Fox  
Councillor Steven Matthews  
Councillor Oliver O'Brien  
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** Cllr Michael O'Connor

**Apologies:**

A Vote of Sympathy was extended to the families of Ronan Murray who recently passed away and the family of Theresa Cahill who passed away 17 years ago. A minute's silence was observed, as a mark of respect.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting dated 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

Councillor Behan proposed confirmation of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and Councillor Ryan seconded the proposal.

**2. To Receive the Housing Report**

The following report was circulated to the members.

**Oldcourt Energy Efficiency Works**

Works to the 9 dwellings in Tranche No.4 commenced on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and are on schedule with a target completion date of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Cedar Court**

Repairs of latent defects within the estate have been completed, including the replacement of all defective door release mechanisms to shared access apartments .

**Kilbride Lane**

Tenders in relation to Kilbride Lane/Murphy's lands issued on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2017 with a return date of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Once tenders have been assessed by the Councils appointed Consultants the successful candidate will be awarded the contract for the works.

Tenders in relation to Kilbride Lane/Murphy's lands were assessed during December 2017. The lowest tenderer withdrew from the competition after they stated that they could not stand over their tendered price following a clarification request. The Councils appointed Consultants are now in discussions with the second lowest tenderer seeking clarification of their tendered price. It is anticipated that all clarification issues with this tender will be completed by 9th February and subject to confirmed written Insurances details, appropriate Bond as well as Statutory Health and Safety Requirements Plans the contract should commence early March 2018.

## **87 O'Byrne Road**

Works for the construction of a 3 bed roomed detached dwelling on the lands adjacent to No.87 O'Byrne Road commenced in November 2017. Thus far the appointed contractor, Paddy McHugh (Building Contractor) Limited have completed the required drainage works and poured the foundations. The scheduled completion date of the project is the second half of August 2018 with works being on schedule.

The members raised the following point;

- Disappointed with the current status of the Kilbride Lane Scheme

The Administrative Office, Housing Section informed the members that someone should be appointed by the end of the week.

### **3. To receive a Report on Roads and Traffic.**

The District Engineer circulated the following report to the members,

#### **Roads Programme**

The proposed roads programme for 2018 is set out in table below:

Location	Works	length	Estimate
<b>Glencree Rd-Cloon</b>	SR	2250	190,000
<b>Calary Upper</b>	SD	925	10,700
<b>Calary Lower</b>	SD	1000	11,418
<b>Calary Lower</b>	SR	800	56,000
<b>Glencormick</b>	SR	482	45,700
<b>Rocky Valley</b>	SD	1850	33,300
<b>Old Long Hill</b>	SR	720	49,500
<b>Ballybawn Lower</b>	SD	1500	33,700
<b>Knocksink</b>	SR	300	40,000
<b>Meath Road, Bray</b>	RR	150	157,000
			627,318

The members raised the following points;

- Any update on ramps at Raheen Park and removal of experimental ramps on Meath Road
- The council need to examine parking and traffic on Meath Road and Sidmonton Road especially at the narrow sections.

The District Engineer stated that he was preparing contract documentation and would hope to have someone appointed by months end for the Raheen Park work. A workshop was held a number of years ago to examine a one way system on Meath/Sidmonton Roads. At that time parking was not an issue but now since parking enforcement in the main retail area there is a problem with parking.

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

The District Manager informed the members that we are trying to get the contract finalized. The successful tenderer is getting documentation together and when we receive this hopefully we can sign the contract.

The members raised the following point;

- Queried the valuation on the Florence Road site.
- Houses on Eglinton Road are worth more

The District Manager was disappointed the members have raised issue of valuation. As has been mentioned numerous times the site is worth more as a carpark than a development site. The objective is to give a lift to the

Main Street. The Florentine Centre development has been the number one priority of the Rejuvenation Committee and the Bray Economic Think Tank. You can't look at valuation of individual properties on the site. This was put out to tender and the successful tenderer must guarantee to build out as per the planning consent as quickly as possible. We wanted to take out as much risk as possible in this development. We weren't selling a site we were selling a concept.

The Members responded

- This has been discussed in Wicklow and 29 Councillors voted in favour of disposal.
- The decision has been made make it happen.

## **5. Notices of Motion**

### **1. Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor Joe Behan (09/01/2018)**

That this Council investigates the possibility of constructing additional ramps/speed tables at the intersection of two roads in Richmond Park in the vicinity of No. 161 Richmond Park

#### **Response**

The provision of traffic calming measures would require an assessment of need in accordance with the council's traffic calming policy, public consultation and the allocation of funding to implement agreed measures. However, it is noted that there may be an issue would lack of clarity on junction priority giving rise to reported near misses. As an interim measures it is proposed to erect a stop sign and road marking on approach beside 161 Richmond Park. It is also noted that the junction radii are about 9m and approach roadway widths exceed 6m. Reduction of these may be a more appropriate measure than vertical traffic calming.

It was agreed that the District Engineer would liaise with the residents

### **2. Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor Joe Behan (09/01/2018)**

That this Council erects children at play signs throughout Richmond Park beside open space play areas.

#### **Response**

A caution children sign already exists at the entrance of the estate, which is visible to all residents. A second sign may be provided if the Residents Association wish to propose a location in the estate that would most benefit child safety.

### **3. Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor Joe Behan (09/01/2018)**

That this Council immediately arranges for the public light at 189 Richmond Park to be repaired as it has been broken for some time.

There is no public light outside 189 Richmond Park. There is a facility for the public, who know where the faults are located, to report the fault on line at SSE Airtricity Utility Solutions by identifying the pole on a map or by the pole number.

#### **Response**

There are approximately 200 lights not working, the District Engineer will contact the Roads Section in Wicklow County Council

### **4. Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor Joe Behan (09/01/2018)**

That this Council request Dublin Bus to extend the night time service route 7N into Bray Town as far as Bray Station instead of its existing termination at Woodbrook.

#### **Response**

This is a matter for the members

It was agreed by the members that a letter would issue to Dublin Bus requesting that the service be extended.

**5. Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor Brendan Thornhill (09/01/2018)**

That this Council ensures that the information (tourist) sign outside the Barracuda is accessible to people. Due to commercial bins it is not possible to view this sign (photos available).

**Response**

The issue will be taken up with the person(s) responsible for the bins.

**6. Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor Brendan Thornhill (09/01/2018)**

That this Council ensures that sections of plasterwork at the sea wall at Fontenoy Terrace at the base of Bray Head be repaired.

**Response**

The plasterwork will be assessed to determine what repair work is required.

**6. Reports and Recommendations**

The District Administrator has distributed correspondence to the members of a planned review of the Local Electoral Areas. Submissions have to be made by 19<sup>th</sup> February.

The members raised the following points:

- We have become a sub committee of Wicklow County Council.
- Kilmacanogue and Enniskerry look to Bray, no connectivity with Greystones.
- Bray should have Borough Status.
- This is an appalling decision by Central Government.
- Decision on Bray Local Area Plan means there will be more people living in Bray.

**7. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence at this time

**8. Any Other Business**

**Bray Air Display**

The Council was commended on its role in the Bray Air Display as it won a silver award in the recent LAMA All Ireland Council Awards.

**Bank to the rear of Mount Herbert**

What is current situation with Maltings and the bank at the rear.

The District Engineer responded that a meeting is to be arranged with the Management Company.

**Chinese New Year**

Councillor Thornhill made a request for funding to be given to Southside Chinese Association for Chinese New Year.

The members raised the following points:

- We haven't budgeted for this. There are plenty of festivals and events not funded.
- The matter of discretionary expenditure is a matter for the members.
- Important to go through the correct procedures.
- Can't come before the members with a request for €5,000 a week before an event
- Wicklow County Council are supporting Chinese Event in Powerscourt

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This concluded the meeting.

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**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**

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