

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday 3rd July 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Joe Behan,
Councillor Steven Matthews
Councillor Oliver O'Brien
Councillor John Ryan
Councillor Brendan Thornhill
Councillor Pat Vance

Also present: Mr. Thomas Murphy, Director of Services
Mr. David Forde, District Administrator
Mr. Liam Bourke, District Engineer

Absent Cllr Michael O'Connor
Councillor Christopher Fox

Apologies: Ms. Triona Irving, Administrative Officer

A Vote of Sympathy was extended to the families of Brendan Walshe and Anna Fleming who recently passed away. A minute's silence was observed, as a mark of respect.

At this point Councillor Thornhill requested a suspension of standing orders to propose the following.

That Bray Municipal District sends the following correspondence to the appropriate authorities. *'We the members of Bray Municipal District note the appointment of Mr Drew Harris as the new Commissioner of An Garda Siochana and we wish him well in his new position. In the interest of the State and its citizens that this Council would request that Mr. Drew Harris would place at the States disposal all relevant information that he may have to resolve the outstanding investigative issues relating to the Dublin/Monaghan bombings 1974 and the Miami Showband massacre 1975'.*

The members voted as follows on Councillor Thornhill's proposal

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
<i>Councillor Joe Behan</i>	√	
<i>Councillor Christopher Fox</i>	Absent	
<i>Councillor Steven Matthews</i>		√
<i>Councillor Oliver O'Brien</i>	Absent	
<i>Councillor Michael O'Connor</i>	Absent	√
<i>Councillor John Ryan</i>		√
<i>Councillor Brendan Thornhill</i>	√	
<i>Councillor Pat Vance</i>		√
Total	2	3

Councillor O'Brien was absent at the time the vote was taken

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting dated 19th June 2018

Councillor Matthews proposed confirmation of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray dated 19th June 2018 and Councillor Ryan seconded the proposal.

2. To Receive the Housing Report

The members received the following housing report.

Kilbride Lane

Site hoarding has now been erected to the road frontage along Kilbride Lane, Clover Hill and Herberton. Site establishment works are completed with the site offices, toilets and other ablutions in place. The site has been stripped of all bulk spoil and cleared ready for building works to commence to the new units. Boundary treatment works have now commenced and are ongoing to Herberton and Ballywaltrim Heights.

Unforeseen ground conditions have led to some additional structural works to parts of these boundaries, but overall the project is on program for completion.

The members raised the following points;

- I am delighted that work is proceeding but I have concerns about the hoarding across the public footpath. Wicklow County Council granted the license; I know health and safety on site has to be applied but this is a primary route used by people going to the schools and church. The process for a hoarding license does not require a site notice, there is no submission period, people are cut out of having an input. Has the District Engineer any comment?
- There is a lot of signage, but the site lines from Ballynoe and Herberton are quite dangerous.
- I understand that the project manager was going to talk to the residents of Ballynoe.

The District Engineer informed the members that he did approve a one year license and had no option due to the site perimeter. There will be services in the footpath which will need to be dug up. There is signage on either side directing the public to use the other footpath. The sightlines at Ballynoe are within the guidelines but some flexibility will be required when working at the Herberton end.

3. To Receive a Report on Roads and Traffic

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

Roads Programme

Drainage, road surfacing, road relining and footpath reconstruction work on the R117 at Monastery, Enniskerry is complete.

The planned surface overlay work at the Old Long Longhill has been completed. Surface dressing is to follow soon.

Glencormick surface overlay and patchwork repairs at Rocky Valley Drive have been completed. Surface dressing is to follow soon.

Road repairs and drainage work on the Glenree Road between Curdlestown and Cloon are completed. The works are more extensive than planned on account of snow damage and poor drainage. A contractor has been appointed to carry out a structural overlay. This will commence week beginning the 2nd July and will take approximately 5 days to complete. There will be a road closure during these works. Surface dressing will take place in August.

Drainage works have commenced at Calary Upper in advance of the planned road reconstruction and surface dressing.

Invitation to tender to issue shortly for road recycling at Calary Lower.

Surface dressing in the district is expected to commence week beginning Monday 16th July

Footpaths

Planned areas of grinding of raised joints of concrete paths have largely completed. Other repairs for the removal of trip hazards in Bray have taken place. Vevay Crescent has been added to listed following previous report. The schedule is set out below.

Estates of Bray Southern Cross.

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

Estates of the Boghall Road

Road /estate	Trip removal/ grinding	Defects reinstatement.	Notes
Deerpark	complete	complete	
Schools Road	complete		
St Killians Crescent	complete		
Heatherwood	complete	complete	
White Oaks	complete		
Ard Na Greine	complete		
Ashfield Court	complete	complete	
Schools Road			To be surveyed
Oldcourt Drive			To be surveyed
Oldcourt Ave			To be surveyed
Wheatfield	complete	In progress	
Glen na Smole			To be surveyed
Woodbrook Lawn	complete	Complete	
Giltspur Brook	Complete		
Avoca Dr	In progress		
Roselawn Dr			To be surveyed
Roselawn Park	complete		
Mountainview	complete		
Bentley Park	complete		
Scott Park			To be surveyed
Pinewood Close			To be surveyed
Beechwood Close			To be surveyed

Estates East of Killarney Road

Road /estate	Trip removal/ grinding	Defects reinstatement.	Notes
Killarney Business Park			Planned July
Ripley Hills	complete		
The Nursery's	complete		
Glencourt	complete		
Church Road	complete		
Rossllyn	complete		
Ryecroft	complete		
Churchlands	complete		

Estates west of Vevay Road

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

Footpath repairs and trip removal in the Town Center.

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

Roads Capital Works

An options report has been carried out by Aecom for the completion of the cycle route on Strand Road at the aquarium. The preferred option presented has been approved by the NTA, who have requested that we proceed to tender for a consultant to carry out the detail design and preparation of documents for tendering for the appointment of a contractor to carry out the works. The council plans to consult with the adjacent premises that are directly affected by the proposal.

The installation of temporary bollards to provide a safe cycle link between the two completed sections of the cycle scheme has largely not been effective. Planned work has not proceeded for installation of kerbing, surfacing, bollards and marking of the cycle route. These temporary works would have to be entirely removed to accommodate the preferred option for the enhanced scheme.

A preliminary design for the Bray Dart Interchange was completed in 2017. The NTA and CIE had agreed that the Bray Dart Interchange scheme shall proceed to detailed design and be submitted for planning approval. However, as BusConnects plans to come to Bray, the NTA have requested a review to include the Irish rail car park as a bus stop over within the scheme.

An application will be 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.

Tenders have been received for the Herbert Road car Park Extension. A contractor is expected to be appointed shortly. Planned completion date is September 14th.

A temporary stoned surface car park on the old golf club lands has been provided with access from Ravenswell Road. Space will shortly be expanded to accommodate up to 120 spaces when additional security fencing and a height restriction barrier has been installed.

Other Works

Works are planned by Irish Water to replace the 6 inch AC water main between Putland Road junction and the Town Hall. A contractor has been appointed and was due to commence on the 2nd July.

The members raised the following points;

- When will the Vevay Road markings be done?
- There are no markings on the middle of the road at the shops.
- The works agreed with the Council i.e. Deepdales, Raheen Park and the ramp to be removed on Meath Road, when will this be done?
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The District Engineer stated that he has been busy with other public realm/road projects, also the Executive Engineer has been on leave and he will have more time upon his return. The road marking will be sorted the Roads Technician is working on them.

We had a meeting with Irish Water today the project was due to start yesterday. We could not sign off on this project until proper management plans were in place. Irish Water has only just notified Dublin Bus and Dublin Bus requires two weeks' notice. It is proposed that northbound traffic will travel on Church Road.

The members raised the following points;

- Can they work in the evenings at this time of the year the evenings are long and this should be possible?
- We can't have these works taken place when the schools return; it is essential that they are completed before the schools are back.
- Who are the contractors?
- Will the bus be able to turn at the junction at the end of Church Road?

The District Engineer informed the members that the contractor is Ward and Burke. They are willing to work in the evenings but there are time and noise restrictions that need to be adhered to. There will be someone to manage the traffic at the junction.

4. To Discuss the 30kph Zones in Bray Municipal District

Councillor Matthews presented the following document to the members for discussion.



1. Dargle Area 2. Town Centre East 3. East Ward 4. Schools Route Area

Dargle Area

- Lower Dargle Road – from Adelaide Road junction to River Lane junction
- Green Park / Fairgreen Road – from Lower Dargle Road junction to Castle Street junction
- Interconnecting roads – Sutton Road, Pearse Road, Ardee Street, Maitland Street, Adelaide Villas and Dargan Street

Town Centre East

- Seapoint Road – from Main Street to Strand Road
- Florence Road - from Main Street to Adelaide Road
- Quinsborough Road - from Main Street to Strand Road
- Novara Avenue - from Main Street to Sidmonton Place
- Seymour Road
- Galtrim Park
- Eglinton Road
- Wyndham Park
- Adelaide Road

East Ward

- Sidmonton Road – from Convent Ave junction to Sidmonton Place

- Meath Road – from Putland Road to Albert Avenue
- Novara Terrace to Galtrim Road to Adelaide Road
- Convent Avenue
- Victoria Avenue
- Albert Avenue
- Sidmonton Avenue

Schools Route Area

- Vevay Road – from Main Street to Church Road junction
- Killarney Road – from Main Street to Church Road junction
- Killarney Lane

The members raised the following points;

- This proposal is quite radical; we need the views of the engineers and Gardai. We also need the views of the people who live in the areas.
- Enforcement of this is another issue.
- We need to look at the roads that would benefit most.
- We could also take into consideration if we thought area would benefit from having speed limits of 40kph.
- Could we have speed limits at a particular time?

The District Engineer stated that we could have electronic signs that could change for example Bray Main Street 40kph which could be extended outside of peak times to enable compliance.

The Cathaoirleach Councillor Vance stated that we would send this document to the Gardai and ask for their opinion. We need to give this a little more thought, taking into consideration the recommendations of the staff and the Gardai. I am not a fan if this can't be controlled or enforced.

It was agreed to place this item on the September agenda for a final decision.

5. To Receive an Update on the Columbarium Wall in Springfield Cemetery.

The District Engineer informed the members that funding was allocated to this proposal when we were a Town Council. The Environment Section in Wicklow County Council took control of the graveyards after the amalgamation in 2014. Now these have been handed back to the Districts. We have funding of €125,000 and the Executive Engineer is working on plans.

The members raised the following point;

- Can we see the plans?

The Cathaoirleach Councillor Vance proposed that we place this item on the agenda for the September meeting.

This was agreed by the members

6. To receive an Update on the Florentine Centre

The Town Manager stated that a report was circulated to the members in relation to the Florentine Centre as request at the previous meeting and that this was the first of the monthly report.

- Glenbrier (appointed main contractor) have mobilised and taken full position of the site.
- All entrances have been secured and hoardings have been installed where required.
- All site investigations have been completed.
- Carpark ticket machines have been removed and carpark lighting has been disconnected.

- Demolition of the two houses on Florence road has been successfully completed. All relevant TWD relating to this work have been designed, installed and inspected.
- Temporary weathering of adjoining property is being completed.
- Excavation works has commenced in certain locations.
- Preparation works associated with the demolition of the property on the west of the site is near completion.
- Removal of the internal site hoarding to the West of the site has been removed.
- Associated areas have been cleaned of all vegetation

The members raised the following points;

- Did we get clarification on the definition of a 'leisure box' and are they for children and adults?
- Can we have a copy of the legal advice which recommended that we were not to see the agreement?
- There is hoarding on the footpath near where the former Lace premises and the public have to use the footpath on the other side of the road, can I have an update on this?

The Town Manager stated that following research the definition of a 'leisure box' was a unit that provided entertainment. An example of this was the Rainforest Adventure Centre in Dundrum. These units would enhance the vitality and vibrancy of this area of the town. They would add to the night time economy.

The District Administrator stated that the 'leisure box' was for both adults and children.

The District Engineer stated that hoarding was in situ as this was the main entrance for the construction site and the licence was for one month.

7. Notice of Motion

Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor Brendan Thornhill (19/06/2018)

That this Council pays attention to 27 and 28 Wolfe Tone Square North regarding the sewage works and ongoing problems

Response

Bray Municipal District provides an emergency response to blocked/overflowing drains on Council properties and blocked/overflowing waste water service connection serving multiple properties that includes a Council property. In the vast majority of cases the problems have been caused by the disposal of unsuitable materials in the drains. In some areas, such as Wolfe Tone Square, defects in the waste water service connections are contributing to the problems. However, investigations have shown that the significant defects are located under extensions that have been constructed over the waste water service connection. The District does not have the resources to address these defects.

The Cathaoirleach Councillor Vance informed the members that Notice of Motion should only relate to items such as road issues, health and safety, general policy issues and local/area issues. Any other issues should be referred to the relevant member of staff.

8. Correspondence

The District Administrator reminded the members that the Part 8 for Silverbridge Halting Site is on display to the public from tomorrow and open for submissions until the 8th August 2018.

Councillor Behan proposed that this Part 8 should be the first that we consider as a Municipal District and the decision should be made in Bray this proposal was seconded by Councillor Vance.

9. Any Other Business

Signage in Bray

Councillor Behan the District Administrator for the effort he is making on promoting a positive image of Bray through the new signage which is very visible.

The Cathaoirleach Councillor Vance stated Bray is being praised on social media.

Primary Health Care Site on the Killarney Road

Councillor Behan requested that a letter issue to the H.S.E. to invite a representative to attend the meeting in September to talk about what facilities will be provided on the new site.

The members agreed.

Wall to the rear of the Garda Station

Councillor Behan requested that the District Engineer carry out an inspection of the wall at the rear of the Garda Station that links the walkway between Meath Road and Sidmonton Road; he stated that this wall was tilting and it could be a health and safety issue.

Seafront Railings

Councillor Behan stated that a portion of the seafront railings just before the car park at the Northern end of the seafront has been removed and was the Council aware of this.

The District Administrator stated that a portion was removed due to health and safety reasons.

The District Engineer informed the members that if possible they would be repaired/refurbished or if not replace with a replica of what was already in situ.

Mulvey Way

Councillor Thornhill requested an update on when the plaque for the Mulvey Way would be installed and the opening of same

The District Administrative replied that the Executive Engineer was on leave and would look after this as soon as possible.

Rubbish on Strand Road

Councillor Thornhill stated that he had received a complaint regarding rubbish behind a wall at the northern end of the seafront.

The members raised the following points;

- It is unprecedented the number of people using the seafront and the amount of rubbish that is being taken off the seafront.
- TV3 did a news item on the beach this week and it looked spotless.
- I agree and was very impressed the rubbish was being removed immediately as people were putting it down last Sunday.

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This concluded the meeting.

Signed:

CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed:

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated:
