

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

Present: Councillor Joe Behan,
Councillor Christopher Fox
Councillor Steven Matthews
Councillor Dermot O'Brien
Councillor Oliver O'Brien
Councillor John Ryan
Councillor Pat Vance

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

Absent

Apologies: Mr. David Forde, District Administrator, Mr. Liam Bourke, District Engineer
Councillor Brendan Thornhill

The Cathaoirleach Councillor Vance began the meeting by welcoming Councillor Dermot O'Brien who was co-opted at the Plenary Council Meeting in Wicklow County Council yesterday in place of Councillor O'Connor. Councillor Vance stated that he was looking forward to working with him and this sentiment was echoed by the other members present.

The District Manager Mr. Murphy also congratulated and welcomed Councillor Dermot O'Brien on behalf of the staff.

At this point the Cathaoirleach Councillor Vance called for the suspension of Standing Orders to allow a presentation by Keep Enniskerry Connected on the grounds that the last date for submissions for the proposed changes by the NTA to the Dublin Bus Network is the 28th September 2018 and we will not have another meeting until after this date. Councillor Vance also stated 'this is such an important issue' and the decision to allow this group to speak is a one off occurrence.

It was agreed to hear the presentation at 9.45pm.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting dated 3rd July 2018

Councillor Fox proposed confirmation of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray dated 3rd July 2018 and Councillor Behan seconded the proposal.

2. To Receive a Presentation on the Bray Primary Care Centre Works

The members received the following presentation from James Glover, General Manager Primary Care, Community Healthcare East and Loraine Kennedy, Head of Primary Care, Community Healthcare East.

Key Topics

- Community Healthcare East, what we do
- Primary Care developments in the Bray area.
- The new Bray Primary Care Centre: what it means for Bray.

Community Healthcare East covers the following areas.

- **8 Networks**
- **Network 1:** Baggot St, Donnybrook, Ranelagh, Sandymount
- **Network 2:** Balally, Ballinteer, Churchtown, Dundrum/Milltown
- **Network 3:** Blackrock DL, Stillorgan

- **Network 4:** Dalkey, Dun Laoghaire, Sallynoggin, Killiney, Loughlinstown
- **Network 5:** Cabinteely/Foxrock, Shankill
- **Network 6:** Leopardstown, Sandyford
- **Network 7:** Bray, Greystones, Newtownmountkennedy
- **Network 8:** Arklow, Rathdrum, South Wicklow, Wicklow

2018

- 393,239
- 8.3% of total population of Ireland

2021

- 425,000
- Increase of 6.6%
- Highest increase in 65+, 85+ across the whole of Ireland

Primary Care developments in the Bray area

- Access to Primary Care Services in the Bray area
- Oral Health Promotion Project for New Parents
- HSE Excellence Awards Winners: Wicklow Foot Protection Service
- Annual HSE Diabetes Study Day
- National Nutrition Reference Pack (0-12 months) - Dietetics
- Wicklow Adolescent Sleep Programme
- GP Out-of-Hours service
- SPECS programme – Psychology and Speech and Language Therapy

The new Bray Primary Care Centre

- Modern, efficient, purpose-built health centre brings together 4 multi-disciplinary Primary Care Teams, serving 35,000 people, with much-enhanced facilities
- GP services, Public Health Nursing, Dental, Dietetics, Psychology, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech & Language Therapy all on the same site
- Mental Health, Older Person's and Addiction Services also co-located, plus local community organisations such as Bray Old Folks Association (providing meals on wheels and social activities)
- Due to open in Q1, 2020
- Civic Centre will be retained as HSE headquarters and administrative centre, likely to include revamped area for registration of births, deaths and marriages

The members raised the following points:

- Everyone in the District will welcome this facility.
- I welcome that this is a Public Private Partnership, is the building owned by a private developer and are you renting the building? What is your security of tenure?
- The mental services provided by the Lincara Centre on the Boghall Road is this relocating into the centre? How are you going to deal with the people making the transition?
- Are you going to link with sporting bodies and other voluntary organization in the district to promote health?
- What is the service area, will Enniskerry and Kilmacanogue be accommodated in the centre or elsewhere?
- Do you see this as an alternative to hospital ie taking people away from A & E'S?
- The G.P. out of hours service is very welcome, this will be a great facility. How will the 160 parking spaces be divided between staff and the public?
- Will the out of hours G.P. service extend to the District?
- This centre has great potential and will flourish.
- The key element to this is the out of hours G.P. service. Have some of the G.P's agreed to relocate there?
- Will x-ray facilities be on site?
- Is the pharmacy going to be public or private and will it be tendered?

Mr. Glover and Ms Kennedy responded as follows.

The nature of the funding is a Public Private Partnership with the HSE leasing on a long term basis; it was not feasible for us to generate the funding ourselves. We see ourselves as being there forever. The centre will give us a more effective space. This centre has been carefully planned to provide additional services. Our teams are mindful of measures necessary to make the people feel supported during the transition. We will bring back your concerns regarding a smooth transition.

The pharmacy is private and this is being dealt with by the developer of the site.

We will link with sporting bodies and the local gyms regarding preventative work. The new building will allow us to do more.

We are hoping to have a therapeutic gym in the building to help with stroke rehabilitation.

Staff will be empowered to get out and work with communities.

We don't have any plans to extend the coverage of our service but it does extend beyond the town.

We are in discussions regarding diagnostics facilities for example x-ray facilities; a community intervention team which will operate from 7am to 11pm supporting people at home,; winter planning by having a joint plan with colleagues in hospitals from this time of the year to February, we are hoping to have dressing clinics.

Where there is an opportunity we are always looking to develop it.

There is adequate parking for clients and staff, I don't know the percentage.

The GP's on site will be the Charlton Clinic, Bray Old Folks will also be in situ.

The Cathaoirleach stated that this was great news we have been waiting a long time for this and will co-operate with you any way we can.

3. To Discuss the proposed delegation of certain function to the Municipal Districts Section 131 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended

Lorraine Gallagher, Senior Executive Officer, Wicklow County Council presented the draft policy to the members.

Introduction

Part 14, Section 130 of the Local Government Act, 2001 provides that it is a function of the elected Council of a Local Authority to determine by resolution, the policy of the Local Authority subject to and in accordance with this Act, and the other enactments relating to that authority.

- The propose of this policy is to agree a set of circumstances where the reserved functions set out in Part 2 of Schedule 14 A are to be exercised by the Municipal Districts of Wicklow County Council or the Plenary Council
- The policy document relates only to the reserved functions set out in Part 2 of Schedule 14A of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 (set out 1 – 24)

Legislative Background

Section 131A of, and schedule 14A, to the Local Government Act, 2001, as inserted by section 21 (3) and 21 (4) of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 sets out a comprehensive listing of reserved functions which are to be;

1. Performed exclusively by Municipal District Members
2. Performed by Municipal District Members or by the Plenary Council
3. To be performed by the Plenary Council only.

There is a need of consistency of approval and the Circular provides the following guidance

1. The need for consistency with policy, strategy, programmes or plans of the LA
2. Avoidance of unnecessary duplication
3. Requirements on the elected council of the LA to perform a function where it is to be performed in every MD
4. A right of 'call in' by the LA in circumstances where the performance of certain MD functions could have significant implications for the administrative area of a local authority or other municipal district
5. Performance of certain delegated functions in particular instances by the elected council of the Local Authority
6. Resolution of differences and disagreements
7. Resolution of difference and disagreements

8. A prohibition on the exercise by either the elected council of the Local Authority or municipal district members where the function should be properly exercised by the other group of elected members.

Reserved functions to be considered by the Plenary Council in relation to Part 2

1. Where in a particular instance a function is to be performed in respect of every Municipal District in County Wicklow.
2. Where the matter that is to be dealt with could have significant implications for the LA or the County Council as a whole, even if the functions is only being performed in respect of a particular district
3. Where the matter could have significant implications for a Municipal District other than the District in which the particular functions is to be performed in that instance.
4. Where the matter is of strategic importance to the County as a whole (e.g. The provision of sheltered accommodation or accommodation under the Traveller accommodation programme.
5. Where the matter being considered, and if the decision to be taken, would have wider implications for the county as a whole, for example, where a decision to grant planning permission in respect of a local authority own development was considered to have potentially significant implications beyond the district in which it was proposed.
6. Consideration of development under Section 179 of the P&D Act, 2000, to be considered by the MDs only if the proposal relates to a development within that district. If the development impacts on 2 or more districts, or if it is deemed to be of county importance, the proposal shall be referred to the plenary council for consideration (for example a major housing development)
7. Major Housing developments in general consisting of 20 or more housing units
8. Where the nature of the reserved function is such that could not reasonably be performed other than by the Plenary Council
9. Any function (e.g. certain byelaws) which involve a combination of generic matters, should be decided by the Plenary Council for example waste bye-laws to apply uniformly to all districts. Any specific local provisions can be decided by the Municipal District members for example parking bye-laws.

Resolution of differences Regulation 4. (2) S.I. No. 231 of 2014 (inconsistency or unnecessary duplication)

Where the Municipal District members propose to exercise/perform a reserved function and the CE, following consultation with the Cathaoirleach or Leas Cathaoirleach forms the opinion that the exercise and performance of the function in that instance would give rise to inconsistency or unnecessary duplication

Regulation 8 (1) S.I. No. 231 of 2014

Where the Municipal District propose to exercise and perform a reserved function which the Chief Executive, following consultation forms an opinion that in accordance with the provision of the Act of 2001, these regulations and any guidelines the function should be exercised and performed, or should in that instance be exercised and performed by the elected council of the local authority rather than the Municipal District members, then the Chief Executive shall advise the Municipal District members accordingly and the following provisions shall apply:

Resolution of differences

The following shall apply:

1. The Municipal District members may, by resolution decide to refer the matter to the CPG for consideration and
2. The Municipal District shall not proceed with the exercise and performance of the function unless the CPG indicates that in its view the performance of the function would not involve any such inconsistency or unnecessary duplication
3. Or where regulation 8 (1) applies unless the CPG indicates that in its view the function should in that instance be performed by the Municipal District

Exercise and performance of reserved functions generally

- The elected Council and the Municipal District shall execute and perform reserved functions in accordance with the Act of 2001, these regulations and any guidelines
- Any resolution purporting to be adopted for the purpose of the exercise and performance of a reserved function which is not in compliance with the above shall be deemed to be invalid and to have no effect.

Appendix 1: Paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of Schedule 14

5. The making, amending or revoking of a bye-law by a local authority under any other enactment where the provisions governing such making, amendment or revocation do not provide that it is a reserved function

6. The making or revoking of an order or the passing or rescinding of a resolution by virtue of which an enactment is brought into operation in or is made to apply to the functional area or a part of such area of a local authority.

7. The application to be made to any Minister in respect of the making or revoking of any such order as is mentioned in paragraph 6.

The members raised the following points:

- I would like to welcome Lorraine and to thank her for all the work she has done in presenting this document. When we were Bray Town Council we had immense powers but this was butchered by Phil Hogan. People in the town were left with far less services, with every cent for example property tax going to Wicklow County Council. We are being asked to give away some of the powers that we could have held onto locally if we agree to this document. We are the biggest Local Authority in the area why should we cede powers that we could hold onto. Part 8 processes could have been decided here but this was not made clear by the executive. I do not accept or agree with this document we need to retain every legal power we can.
- Part 8's and Local Area Plans where participation of the public is key, it makes no sense if the decision is made by members from other districts. I would like more time to consider this document.
- We need to read through the document and take our time.
- We had the powers but did not act, some of the wording needs clarification. We need to make the right decision.
- Centralization is taking away our powers.
- I would appreciate the time to consider this.

The Cathaoirleach stated that we should take another month, seek clarification and not rush it. He was sure that Lorraine would be available if any member had a question. It is scandalous what happened here in 2014, people only realize when it affects them. The north of the county has been a cash cow for the rest of the county for a long time. We have half the staff and have been pushing people away instead of getting closer.

Lorraine Gallagher stated that it makes sense to have a policy so that everyone has the same approach, there are 4 other districts.

It was agreed to put this item on next month's agenda.

4. To Receive the Housing Report

The following report was presented to the members.

Kilbride Lane

The sub-structure works to the apartment and housing blocks are now underway with foundations poured and blockwork ongoing. All underpinning works to the boundary walls are complete. Drainage works have commenced and 2 new stormwater attenuation areas have been constructed with the attenuation systems installed and backfilled. The Contractor is reporting that they are 2 weeks behind program but expect to recover this lost time and meet the project completion date.

87 O'Byrne Road

The project is on target as per the construction programme. Construction work is due to be complete on Friday 7/9/2018. Wicklow County Council have to comply with the requirements of the Building Control Management System (BCMS), these are estimated to take a further 2 weeks. The property should be ready for occupation by the start of October.

Sa Bhaile

Councillor Behan wish to mention that the Sa Bhaile Project would cease at the end of the month, stating that it was a sad day for the District of Bray. Funding was been withdrawn due to the redirection of council resources. I would like to pay tribute to the coordinator Nicola Jones and the committee which was chaired by former Councillor John Byrne.

Councillor Behan also paid tribute to the new Estate Development Officer, Jackie Whelan, stating that she was very evident in her work and had made a great start.

5. To Receive a Report on Roads and Transport

The members received the following report.

Roads Programme

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

The bitumen macadam overlay and surface sealing work at the Old Long Longhill has been completed. Surface sealing of previous overlay of adjacent section in 2015 was also carried out.

Glencormick surface overlay and patchwork repairs at Rocky Valley Drive has been completed. Surface dressing of repaired road has also been completed

Structural repairs and drainage work on the Glencree Road between Curdlestown and Cloon are completed. A bitumen macadam overlay and surface dressing has also been completed.

Drainage works have been completed at Calary Upper in advance of the planned road reconstruction and surface dressing which are due to take place within the next two weeks.

Surface dressing at Calary Lane and on previously recycled road at Calary Lower has been completed.

Reconstruction of defective sections of Meath Road, Bray are currently being planned.

Patchwork repairs have been carried out at Old Connaught Avenue. A surface overlay has been delayed depending on proposals by Irish Water to carry out upgrades of infrastructure in the road.

Footpaths

Planned areas of grinding of raised joints of concrete paths have largely completed. Other repairs for the removal of trip hazards in Bray has 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		
Ashfild 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		In progress	
Woodbrook Lawn	complete	Complete	
Giltspur Brook	Complete		
Avoca Dr	In progress		
Roselawn Dr		In progress	
Roselawn Park	complete	In progress	
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			
Ripley Hills	complete		
The Nursery's	complete		
Glencourt	complete	complete	
Church Road	complete		
Roslyn	complete		
Ryecroft	complete		
Churchlands	complete		

Estates west of Vevay Road

Road /estate	Trip removal/ grinding	Defects reinstatement.	Notes
Charnwood	complete	In progress	
Sugarloaf Crescent	complete	In progress	
Lauderdale			

O Byrne Road		In progress	
Glendale Drive	complete		
Vevay Crescent		In progress	

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 was 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, and Aecom have been appointed 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 has commenced consultation 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. Due to the substantial variation from the preferred final scheme, planned temporary work has not proceeded for installation of kerbing, surfacing, bollards and marking of the cycle route.

A preliminary design for the Bray Dart Interchange was completed in 2017 and approved by the NTA. However, as BusConnects plans to come to Bray, a review is being considered before proceeding to planning and detailed design.

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.

The Herbert Road car Park Extension is underway. A late start and some minor delays may push the finish date out to about October 5th.

A temporary stoned surface car park on the old golf club lands has been provided with access from Ravenswell Road. Space is available to accommodate up to 130 spaces. Additional security fencing and a height restriction barrier and lighting will be provided before the winter.

The council with NTA support are inviting tenders 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.

The council are in the progress of preparing applications of urban and rural regeneration projects around the county with the aim of facilitating the development. Two urban projects are proposed in Bray; one for developing transport links and the other for the Bray Harbour area.

Other Works

The planned work by Irish Water to replace the 6 inch AC water main between Putland Road junction and the Town Hall which was due to commence on the July 2nd did not proceed.

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

It was agreed to leave this item on the agenda pending a response/report from the Gardai.

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

The Executive Engineer informed the members that a tender for the Columbarium was being prepared and this should be decided on before the end of the year. The project should proceed early next year in accordance with the previously adopted plan. In recent years we have just carried out maintenance works as the graveyards were dealt with centrally in the Environment Section in Wicklow County Council.

The members raised the following points:

- Why are we just dealing with the wall, what about the previous plan for a contemplation area and benches, can this not be taken as a whole?
- Would it be possible to circulate what is planned?
- We need it done and quickly. It is a much needed development.

The Executive Engineer stated that that the work would be carried out on a phased approach. We have the funding which was allocated to this proposal when we were a Town Council.

It was agreed to keep this on the agenda for a monthly report.

8. To receive an Update on the Florentine Centre

The Town Manager stated that he and the District Administrator David Forde attended a steering group meeting with the developer and Oakmount are satisfied with the work to date. The report circulated to the members contains the schedule of works etc.

Progress Update

The "early works" element of the project has progressed well over the past month.

The following works have already progressed:

- Excavation cut to reduced level
- Decommissioning of old site services
- Protection to surrounding structures
- Reinforced Concrete works to car park level -2
- Piling & temporary works
- Finishes to eastern substation

Environmental Monitoring Surveys

A number of vibration and noise monitors have been placed in strategic locations across the site. These are used to accurately monitor and maintain levels.

In addition, dilap survey reports have been conducted to surrounding buildings. These reports are used as a baseline in the event of a referral or should a query arise on the building condition at pre-construction stage.

Health and Safety

Engraved into the company policy of Glenbrier Construction we set out to achieve and sustain the highest standards of Health and Safety. We pride ourselves by track record which is second to none.

We welcome any comments or suggestions you may have.

Monthly Forecast of Works Ahead

Completion of Basement slab B-2

- West Side walls and basement rap formation to B-1
- Piling complete wil Pile caps
- King post walling system complete
- Lift Pit and Elevator bases
- Piling / Temporary works
- Substation Changeover
- Signage to Hoarding
- Delivery & placing of reinforcement steel / rebar

The members raised the following points:

- Previously I requested a copy of the legal advice that the officials received in relation to the confidentiality clause in the agreement, we still have not received it.
- There will no longer be a surface car park and underground car parking will be increased by 18%, who will get the extra income generated by this?
- How many less seats will there be in the cinema and will alcohol be served?
- Is there any more information regarding the 'Leisure Box', will it contain gambling machines?

The District Manager informed the members that the confidentiality clause was raised at successive meetings and as far as he is aware the advice to the Chief Executive was verbal but he would check. The members were advised at a previous meeting that the changes to the parking would cause less disturbance to adjoining

properties. The 'Leisure Box' will be a type of entertainment something similar to the Rainforest attraction in Dundrum Shopping Centre. This will compliment the cinema and dining experience and will add to the vibrancy and night time economy of the town.

There will be five cinema screens something similar to the cinema facility in Rathmines.

The members raised the following points:

- Are you saying that the confidentiality clause is not written advice?
- The Stellar Cinema is a sit down and eat type of cinema.
- Can we get clarification on the cinema?
- If we reduced the number of car parking spaces there would be an outcry.
- The 'Leisure Box' has potential to offer something new to Bray and has the scope of young people to feed into this.

The Cathaoirleach requested that clarification on the cinema and if possible who the new anchor tenant would be. He stated that there was a positive vibe around the town we have been waiting 25 years for this. I have not heard anyone complaining about 50 extra parking spaces. I am thrilled that this development is happening and it is due to the forward thinking of the executive of the Council.

9. Notice of Motion

It was agreed by the members to email the following notices of motion to Councillor Thornhill who was not able to attend the meeting this evening.

Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor Brendan Thornhill (03/07/2018)

That this Council provides a traffic bed at the end of Strand Road (at the Candy Store) which will act as a buffer to prevent a traffic build up.

Response

The Roads Section in County Buildings are dealing with this section of the road as part of the cycle scheme and have engage a consultant working on the proposals. If the members so wish this matter can be referred to this section.

Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor Brendan Thornhill (03/07/2018)

That this Council provides a pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Putland Hill.

Response

The Roads Section in County Buildings are dealing with this section of the road as part of the cycle scheme and have engage a consultant working on the proposals. If the members so wish this matter can be referred to this section.

Notice of Motion In The Name of Councillor Brendan Thornhill (03/07/2018)

That this Council inspects some signposts at the top of Albert Avenue where directional signs should be realigned.

Response

The signposts are inspected on a regular basis.

10. Correspondence

11. Any Other Business

Colaiste Raithin

Councillor Behan wished Colaiste Raithin every success in their new school. The old Colaiste Raithin School locks have been changed and Square One Theatre Group were using the school; can we write to the KWETB asking what are their plans for this premises?

Health and Safety in Ballywaltrim

Councillor Oliver O'Brien requested that health and safety in Ballywaltrim be placed on next month's agenda.

The members agreed

At this point the members received a presentation from Keep Enniskerry Connected as per the Suspension of Standing Orders agreed at the beginning of the meeting.

Keep Enniskerry Connected

The following presentation was made to the members by the committee of Keep Enniskerry Connected.

KEEP ENNISKERRY CONNECTED is a volunteer representative community group set up for the purposes of responding to and preparing a submission (currently in draft) as required, to be considered and implemented by the NTA under the NTA BUS CONNECTS program.

What does our presentation address?

- What is Bus Connects?
- Joint Oireachtas Committee meeting July 18th
- Wicklow Development and Bray Municipal Local Area plans
- Impacts on Enniskerry & Bray people

What is Bus Connects?

- Redesign of Dublin Bus system routes
- New integrated ticketed system
- Cashless payment & simplified fares

- ❖ **The proposed BUS CONNECTS plan to withdraw the 185 service from Kilgarron to Shop River is considered a retrograde proposal.**
- ❖ **The proposed axing of the iconic 44 Bus service is considered retrograde, and proposed routing nonsensical.**
- ❖ **KEC want the current routings of both bus routes retained.**

Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport Tourism and Sport (NBRU & SIPTU)

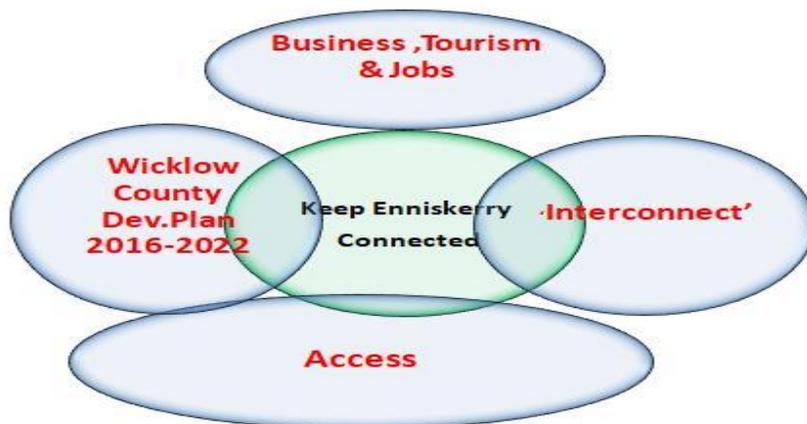
- **Access** impact on elderly, vulnerable,
- No **direct** buses
- **Mobility** challenges for disabled.
- **Isolated** and cut off communities
- **Multiple** buses to reach destinations
- **'Interchanges'** getting on/off, walking, waiting
- Traffic congestion
- **Safety** impact on elderly, vulnerable and social fabric
- An emphasis more on **speed and less on convenience**

Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2022 (Incorporating Bray Municipal District Local Area Plan 2018-2024)

- **Section 6.1 –(Town plan) envisaged lesser car journeys.** KEC believe these are likely to increase.
- **Section 6.4 –(Economic Development & Employment)** – KEC believes there is real adverse risk because of proposed new network routing of the 185 & 44.

Wicklow County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

- **Section 6.7 - (Transportation and movement)** - KEC are of the view that the direct bus from Enniskerry village to DCU via iconic hubs of 'Dundrum and O'Connell Street ' is a retrograde proposal .
- **Section 6.9 - (Action Area plan and Specific Local Objectives Action Plan)** This refers to the 13 hectares of land to be developed 'west of Enniskerry'. KEC highlight that this is the very area now proposed for 185 route cuts.!



The **KEEP ENNISKERRY CONNECTED** group are working diligently to advocate a 'preserve and retain without change' policy to the existing routing of the 185 and 44. Proposed changes are both detrimental to people and run contrary to the vision and ideals as set out in the Wicklow County Development Plan, (in addition to impeding on the Business & Tourism, Social & Environmental fabric of our community) .

We appreciate with thanks the opportunity to present our perspective to the Bray Municipal Council members. We trust that we have adequately articulated our grave concerns in this important matter affecting our communities, and thus ask for your support in the making of our submission. We would welcome your input and advices in this regard.

Concurrently, we would hope the Municipal Council would make its own submission reflective of its concerns. Again, on behalf of KEC, thank you your time in receiving and listening to our presentation.

Appendix1

Extracts from NBRU/SIPTU presentation to Joint Oireachtas Committee July 18th 2018

'No direct buses, isolated communities and a necessity to use multiple buses to reach destinations that are currently served by on direct bus.

To us, the term 'BusConnects' means that there will be a significant amount of interchange, quite an amount of walking from stop to stop etc.

There is not one mention of disabilities between pages 1 and 58

What also appears to be lost thus far in the debate is the fact that the people who use Dublin Bus as their primary means of transport and those who may use it for recreation and leisure may not necessarily enjoy having to hop off one bus and onto another just to get to their destination. We contend again that there is an overemphasis on the speed test and little, if any, emphasis on the convenience test. The people who work or socialise in Dublin may place more importance on being able to get on their bus at their stop and get off either at or adjacent to where they want to go.

'outer suburban areas will be left to the mercy of the private commercial bus operators who will charge a pretty penny and have vehicles that do not cater for our fellow citizens who have mobility difficulties'.

'Curtailling direct bus services to feed an already crowded Dublin Area Rapid Transport (DART) is unsafe. The highly trumpeted ten minute DART service will have no fleet for at least three to four years. The service will be made up by splitting longer trains into more frequent shorter trains'.

'The plan isolates rather than connects. The 140 million passengers carried by Dublin Bus in 2017 will be severely discommoded, possibly resulting in many additional car journeys that will be accompanied by chronic traffic congestion. The wholesale changes could lead to the permanent fragmentation and destruction of an integrated network'.

The members raised the following points:

- Someone had to come up with this proposal; did they drive the route and take into account the topography of the area? I support this campaign to keep the service. The closing date for submissions is the 28th September 2018.

- Thank you for your comprehensive presentation, the proposal by the NTA is an ill thought through plan it is crazy. To keep Bray and Enniskerry connected is crucial, from a tourism point of view if people have to get two buses then they won't bother. We should stand and fight against this.
- I understand your concerns, there is a public consultation day on Friday in Bray and I would urge you to attend. The person who prepared this first draft proposal travelled the entire network. There is a 10% to 15% scope to change the plan.
- We have a duty to reflect your concerns; this is an attack on the older and disabled in our community. It will lead to more isolation for older people relying on the bus for social services. Is there an agenda to cut out the free travel as much as possible? This is a savage attack on people who are vulnerable. I would object to people having to change from one bus to another. We need to decide that we don't have confidence in this proposal.
- I admire that you got together as a committee only 12 days ago; this plan poses a challenge for people to get from A to B. There are winners and losers and I am not comfortable with losers in the plan. We need to make a stance on how we value the services that service the community. We need to consider the needs of the community.
- The 185 and the 44 should be maintained in its current form.

It was agreed by the members that a strong worded submission should issue to the NTA and that the draft submission would be issued to the members for their agreement.

The Cathaoirleach informed the Keep Enniskerry Connected committee that we will keep in contact and send you a copy of our submission.

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This concluded the meeting.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed: _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated: _____