

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held
in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday
14th January 2020 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present:

- Councillor Joe Behan**
- Councillor Rory O'Connor**
- Councillor Anne Ferris**
- Councillor Grace McManus**
- Councillor Dermot O'Brien**
- Councillor Steven Matthews**
- Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy**
- Councillor Melanie Corrigan**

Also present:

- Mr. Thomas Murphy, Director of Services**
- Mr. David Forde, District Administrator**
- Mr. Liam Bourke, District Engineer**
- Ms Triona Irving, Administrative Officer**

A vote of sympathy was passed for recently deceased Mr. Oliver Lalor, former Wicklow Town Councillor and father of Bray Municipal District employee Audrey Bowen.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Ordinary Meeting dated 3rd December 2019

Councillor Rory O'Connor proposed the confirmation of the minutes of 3rd December 2019, Councillor Melanie Corrigan seconded the proposal and they were unanimously agreed by the Members.

2. To receive a presentation from CCSD on funding opportunities

The following staff Members from Wicklow County Council CCSD section gave a presentation on the various sources of funding available to groups and organisations, Mr Michael Nicholson, Director of Services; Ms Maire Halvey, Administrative Officer; Ms Caroline Fox, Administrative Officer; Ms Deirdre Whitfield, Administrative Officer. Mr Nicholson informed the meeting that €5 million in funding had been allocated by the Council under the various funding streams below. He pointed out that traditionally there were fewer applications made by groups and organisations in Bray than in other parts of the County.

- Town and Village Renewal
- Outdoor Recreation Scheme
- Urban/Rural Regeneration Scheme
- Community Awards Grants
- Community Enhancement Programme
- Arts Grants
- Other

The CCSD staff advised that they would stay on after their presentation in order to meet with groups and organisations to answer any questions they may have regarding the process of applying for funding applications. The Members thanked the CCSD staff for a very comprehensive presentation and encouraged the representatives from the various groups present in the public gallery to avail of the opportunity to meet with the officials to discuss the various sources of funding that are available to them.

3. To adopt the Public Realm Expenditure for 2020

A discussion took place about how best to evaluate the proposed public realm projects and what the best procedure would be regarding the selection process of the various projects presented to them. The Cathaoirleach decided to discuss each project in the order that they appeared on the attached schedule. He advised that this was in accordance with the way they selected Public Realm projects in previous years. He explained that requests from Members and the benefit to the community had been taken into consideration and a weighting was put on the different items, with factors including demographic, if they were deliverable and cost benefit assessment.

The following Public Realm projects were agreed for 2020:-

➤ Ballywaltrim Play Ground / Facilities Upgrade Upgrade of basketball court to include fencing, surface and backboards. Landscaping works	€15,000
➤ Seafront Toilet Upgrade	€20,000
➤ Bog Meadow Enniskerry Lighting, kerbing and landscaping works	€25,000
➤ Peoples Park Improvements Project	€45,000
➤ Seafront Pavilions Restoration of two currently derelict Victorian era seafront pavilions on Bray's promenade.	€85,000
➤ 5 Year Tree Replacement Programme Planned replacement of the street trees within the town centre area	€25,000
➤ Placemaking	€ 5,000
➤ Public Realm Framework	€15,000
➤ Memorial Lighting Lighting of Firefighters Memorial	€ 5,000

4. Appointment of 1 member of Bray Homeless Forum

Councillor Grace McManus proposed the appointment of Cllr Dermot O'Brien to the Bray Homeless forum, Councillor Joe Behan seconded the proposal. Cllr O'Brien accepted the nomination and the proposal was unanimously agreed by the Members.

5. To consider the Housing Report

Kilbride Lane

Construction of the 42 No. social housing units at Kilbride Lane in Bray. Mainline ESB and Stormwater excavation connections started in December. The services have been installed up to the edge of the site but due to existing water main pipe locations in the Kilbride Lane road and unexpected water main leaks, the installation could not be finished before Christmas. The remaining pipe installations will commence on the road again in January. A new footpath and grass sod was installed to Cloverhill green area where works were ongoing. The hoarding has been removed from the front of the site and has now been stepped back with harris fencing. The hit and miss fencing to Glenthorn Close is now finished. The final boundary wall to Ballynoe Court did not proceed in December but is now expected to start at the end of January.

Only 2 housing blocks are now getting external block walls built. The two houses are now up to the first-floor level. Both house blocks superstructure blockwork is expected to be finished at the end of January.

Second fix plumbing, electrics, and carpentry has started on 7 of the housing blocks. The other housing blocks are being first fixed at present.

Due to the delay associated with the main service connections, the programme completion date has now been pushed out to the 03/04/20.

Ard na Greine

The proposed housing scheme will comprise of 21 no. 2 bed houses (2 storey) and 10 no. 3 bed houses (2 storey). Following Stage 2 approval from the Department the project went out to tender with submissions returned before Christmas. The tenders are currently being assessed.

Kilmantain Place

The appointed contractor, Lisaderg Construction, commenced works on site on Monday 30th September. Work is progressing with foundations having been excavated with the pouring of the ground floor slab due to take place next week. The project has experienced some delays due to inclement weather however at this stage these are not expected to impact the target completion date.

Jameson Heights, Kilmacanogue

The site consists of 20 social houses. All house foundations/piling has now finished and only 2 houses now need precast slabs to be installed. Nine of the houses have the roofs installed and finished. First fixing plumbing, electrical and carpentry are ongoing in these houses. Blockwork is ongoing on the superstructures of 5 houses, with the roofs being installed at the end of January.

Ground floor blockwork is to start on the remaining three houses. These houses have a 10 week programme to get weathertight.

This project is still on programme and is to be finished in June 2020.

6. To receive a Report on Roads and Transport

Roads Programme

A three year roads plan for road restoration improvement (RI) work was submitted to the Department for the period 2019 to 2021 based on a budget of €579,800.

Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Length of work (m)	Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Status end of 2019
2019					
R117	Enniskerry Village	85	1230	€ 55,000.00	Completed
L-1011-0	Glencree Road	3020	15100	€ 320,800.00	1700m completed
L-19597	Glencree		800	€ 17,000.00	Completed
L-19592	Churchlands		620	€ 17,000.00	Completed
L5029	Quill Road	750	2650	€ 50,000.00	Extended completed
R117	Bray Road, Enniskerry	440	2800	€ 120,000.00	Path & barrier to complete
2020					
L1013-27	Waterfall Road, Crone	1650	3600	€ 100,000.00	Surface restoration 400m Surface restoration 1100m
L1011	Glencree Road-Kilmolin	1100	6050	€ 90,000.00	
R760	Ballybawn Road	2100	12500	€ 140,000.00	
L-19654	Charnwood, Bray	190	1235	€ 24,800.00	
L-19587	Sidmonton Court	150	950	€ 16,000.00	
R766	Meath Rd		800	€ 99,200.00	
R761	Vevay Road	440	4180	€ 109,800.00	
2021					
L1007	Monastery Road	1400	6650	€ 100,000.00	Completed
L-1962	Killarney Lane	180	1100	€ 18,200.00	
R768	Bray Southern Cross Rd	1180	13000	€ 310,000.00	
L1031	Red Lane	1500	6750	€ 105,000.00	
L1956-15	Herbert Road-Ardmore	370	2220	€ 46,600.00	

The RI budget was increased to €636,000 last year. Between the extra funding and a cut back in the extent of works on the Glencree Road it was possible to bring forward some of works planned for 2020 and 2021. This included surface restoration work at Glencree Road-Kilmolin, Ballybawn Road and Herbert Road-Ardmore. It had also been intended to bring forward resurfacing works at Vevay Road, Bray after the Irish Water works. However, traffic constraints and unavailability of contractor at a suitable time meant the works had to be deferred.

A proposed new 2020 road programme with an estimated cost of €645,000 is set out below.

Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Length of work (m)	Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost of work (EURO)	Comment
2020					
L-1011-57	Glencree Road	1450	8000	€ 165,000.00	Finish 2019 works
L-5014	Lackandarragh-Hostel Road	3000	12000	€ 120,000.00	New RR work
R-117-37	Bray Road, Enniskerry (21 bends)	304	1600	€ 50,000.00	Finish 2019 work
R-761-13	Vevay Road Putland-Church Rds	560	5050	€ 56,500.00	Road surfacing
R-766-155	Meath Road, Bray	110	700	€ 98,000.00	Concrete removal
L-1970-2	Convent Ave, Bray	80	400	€ 56,000.00	Concrete removal
L-19641-0	Raheen Park	160	800	€100,000.00	Concrete removal

There are proposed additions to the above three year programme. Much of the concrete roads in Bray are reaching the end of their useful life, and it is proposed to bring forward repairs on Convent Avenue and Raheen Park, which have deteriorated significantly over the last few years. Lackandarragh has been included to provide benefits of economy of scale as it will have the same treatment and can be included with the contract for the reconstruction of the Glencree Road. The replacement of concrete roads have very high unit costs. Consequently, proposed works in the three year plan for Waterfall Road-Crone, Charnwood, Bray and Sidmonton Court have been omitted for the proposed 2020 roads programme above. However, as the priority in the Bray District is to carry out restoration improvement rather than restoration maintenance, a request has been made to allocate a greater proportion of the road grant for RI to Bray in 2020. It is therefore hoped that some minor additions can be made to the list of proposed RI works above.

Proposals for restoration maintenance in 2020, include Ballybawn-Killough, Old Long Hill, Ballyorney, Quill Road, Monastery Road and Glencap Road
A programme of footpath works will be prepared when budget allocation is available.

The Members raised the following observations and questions with the District Engineer

- Raheen Park – can works be carried out to deal with speeding issues in Raheen Park. The District Engineer advised that he would deal with this issue when the road restoration work is being carried out in the area.
- Glencree Road – The Members commended the District Engineer for the recent upgrade works carried out on the Glencree Road.
- Richmond Park entrance – enquired if upgrade works can be carried out to the entrance to Richmond Park. The District Engineer advised that any work being carried out would be subject to available funding.

- Oldcourt Estate – enquired if upgrade works can be carried out to repair ramps at the Oldcourt Estate as they are currently in a dangerous state. The District Engineer advised that he would arrange for repair work to be carried out on the ramps.
- Hebert Road – enquired about the stretch of road between Clover Hill and the N11, it's in a bad state of repair.
- Vevay Road – asked for an update on Vevay Road roadworks. The District Engineer advised that it is almost complete.

7. To receive an update on the Bray Town Centre

A report from Oakmount on the Bray Town Centre was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting.

The District Manager advised that Savills estate agents have been given responsibility for securing anchor tenants. He also advised that they are actively looking for tenants for the other available units, there has been a very positive response regarding this matter. The Members stressed the importance of naming an anchor tenant as soon as possible.

The District Manager informed the meeting that the construction of the centre has been delayed. He advised the practical completion date is now expected to be in June 2020 with the fitting out of the units to take place shortly after the completion date. The reason for the delay is due to issues such as the main architect on the project going into liquidation without any warning, the maintenance of the facade on the Main Street required extra steel and steel workers to be employed. Also the recent excessive rainfall has contributed to delays on site.

8. Town Centre Health check update

An update report on the Town Centre Health check was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting. The Cathaoirleach gave a brief update on the Town Centre Health Check. He asked that the Members categorise their priorities and said that he would like to see four working groups set up consisting of two Bray Municipal District Members on each group.

Cllr O'Connor asked that the Members work off a google spreadsheet as it would make it easier to share ideas and minimise duplication. He said he would be willing to help set up the spreadsheet.

Cllr O'Brien advised that the youth report he was compiling is now completed and he would forward on the report to the Members.

9. Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy and Councillor Melanie Corrigan (18/11/2019)

That this Council ensures equal access for all residents and visitors to Bray by ceasing the practice of locking accessible toilet facilities within the town, when other public toilet facilities are open. Furthermore, that this Council cease the practice of making it a requirement to have, and charging for a key in order to facilitate access to these public facilities.

Response:- Globally disabled access toilets are locked to protect the interest of those with disabilities. Toilets are required that can be maintained at a higher than normal standard of hygiene and also ensure that there is no competition with able bodied users for the same facility. A universal key is provided that can be used worldwide.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding this motion. The District Engineer agreed to investigate this matter in order to try and find a solution that would be suitable all. He agreed to revert back on this matter to the Members at the next Municipal District meeting.

Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Joe Behan (05/11/2019)

That this Council erects signage to Kilmacanogue NS as a matter of urgency.

Response:- The council will facilitate an application by the school for the erection of a suitable sign.

Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Joe Behan (05/11/2019)

That this Council immediately addresses the ongoing dangers to pedestrians and residents arising from speeding of cars to and from the Bray Head Scenic Car Park along Raheen Park.

Response:- A speed table has already been installed at this location in consultation with residents. Bollards, that were supposed to be installed in conjunction with the speed table have yet to be installed and will be arranged at the earliest opportunity. These will help delineate the alignment of the junction. The issue with the gradient of the ramp from the car park approach will be examined when road improvement works are next carried out at Raheen Park.

Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Joe Behan (05/11/2019)

That this Council places a fluorescent blue stripe across the entrance to the Herbert Road Car Park to protect public safety.

Response:- This will only undermine recognised traffic signage. A Safety Audit is being organised and this will determine what additional safety measures may be required at the car park.

Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Joe Behan (05/11/2019)

That this Council resurfaces the first 100 metres of the entrance road in Richmond Park and the Herbert Road between Richmond Park and Ashton Wood.

Response:- Subject to allocation of additional Restoration Improvement funding, the entrance to Richmond Park is being considered for the 2020 roads programme of works.

Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Joe Behan (03/12/2019)

That this Council immediately installs pedestrian crossing lights on Killarney Road at Springfield Burial Ground.

Response:- An appraisal has been carried out and it was found that the existing pedestrian facility is the most appropriate for this location.

Notice of Motion in the names of Cllrs. Anne Ferris, Aoife Flynn-Kennedy, Steven Matthews, Grace McManus (16/12/2019)

That the Council undertakes to examine and repair the gullies on Newcourt Road situated adjacent to the last two houses before the entrance to the St. Andrew's School, on the left-hand side of the road going towards Vevay Road.

Response:- These will be examined.

Notice of Motion in the names of Cllrs. Anne Ferris, Aoife Flynn-Kennedy, Steven Matthews, Grace McManus (16/12/2019)

That the Council undertakes to clear the grass growing out of the gully outside 6 Newcourt Avenue which might be causing a blockage.

Response:- This will be examined.

Notice of Motion in the names of Cllrs. Anne Ferris, Aoife Flynn-Kennedy, Steven Matthews, Grace McManus (16/12/2019)

That the Council undertakes to clear the gully at the end of the Bridle Path.

Response:- This road gully has been cleared on several occasions.

Notice of Motion in the names of Cllrs. Anne Ferris, Aoife Flynn-Kennedy, Steven Matthews, Grace McManus (16/12/2019)

That the Council undertakes as a matter of urgency the remediation works needed to the ramp at the Bray Head car park in view of the fact that it is not currently effective in slowing down traffic entering/exiting the car park.

Response:- Refer to reply to NOM 3.

Notice of Motion in the names of Cllrs. Anne Ferris, Aoife Flynn-Kennedy, Steven Matthews, Grace McManus (16/12/2019)

That the Council undertakes to investigate the possibility of installing speed bumps on Cuala Road in order to slow down the traffic, as the local residents assert that this road is very used as a rat-run.

Response:- Traffic calming requirement will be assessed, including a speed survey. Traffic calming proposals will have to have regard to the Council's traffic

calming policy and the requirement for public consultation. Funding is through the Roads Department who determine priorities based on assessments carried out.

Notice of Motion in the names of Cllrs. Anne Ferris, Aoife Flynn-Kennedy, Steven Matthews, Grace McManus (16/12/2019)

That the Council undertakes to investigate the possibility of installing solar powered signs in built-up areas to show motorists the speed at which they are travelling. This would help reduce unintentional speeding and make estates safer for residents.

Response:- *Vehicle activated signs are planned for the Herbert Road and Greystones Road. Solar power operation is being considered.*

10. Reports and Recommendations

A footfall report was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting.

The District Engineer advised the meeting that Wicklow County Council staff are currently preparing a brief regarding the appointment of geotechnical consultants to assess the required works to be carried out at the Maltings.

11. Any Other Business

A discussion took place regarding a collapsed wall in Herbert Park which now has been partly replaced with wire fencing. A Member felt it has now become a major Health and Safety risk and asked if the Council can rebuild the wall. The District Engineer advised that replacing the wall is not the responsibility of the Council as they don't take in charge boundary walls in estates.

A discussion took place regarding the start time for the monthly Bray Municipal District meetings. The start time for the meetings was changed in June 2019 from 7.30pm to 6.30pm on a six month trial basis. With the six month trial now complete the question arose should the meetings continue with a start time of 6.30pm or revert back to 7.30pm start time. It was agreed to continue with the 6.30pm start.

The District Manager advised the Members that the closing date to be included in the supplementary register in order to vote in the upcoming elections is the 22nd January. He wished the two Bray Municipal Members (Cllr. Joe Behan and Cllr. Steven Matthews) running in the election the best of luck with their upcoming campaigns.

The District Manager, Tom Murphy, informed the meeting that he would be retiring from Wicklow County Council in February having completed forty years service. He advised that the February District meeting would be his last Municipal meeting as District Manager. He informed the meeting that Ms Lorraine Gallagher will be acting Bray District Manager until the position is filled permanently.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed:

CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed:

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated:
