

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held  
in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday  
1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillor Rory O'Connor  
Councillor Grace McManus  
Councillor Dermot O'Brien  
Councillor Erika Doyle  
Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy  
Councillor Melanie Corrigan  
Councillor Joe Behan

**Also present:** Ms Lorraine Gallagher, District Manager  
Mr. Triona Irving, Housing Officer  
Mr. Liam Bourke, District Engineer

**Apologies:** Councillor Anne Ferris  
David Forde, District Administrator

Due to the absence of Cathaoirleach Anne Ferris, Leas Cathaoirleach Aoife Flynn Kennedy chaired the meeting.

A vote of sympathy was passed for the recently deceased Mrs. Vera Carroll, Wicklow Town, mother of Ms. Jackie Carroll, Senior Executive Officer Housing Section, Wicklow County Council.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Councillor Melanie Corrigan proposed the confirmation of the minutes of the Municipal Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020, Councillor Dermot O'Brien seconded the proposal and they were unanimously agreed by the Members.

**2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Councillor Melanie Corrigan proposed the confirmation of the minutes of Annual General meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020, Councillor Joe Behan seconded the proposal and they were unanimously agreed by the Members.

**3. To consider and discuss Covid-19 protocol, Bray MD meetings**

Bray Municipal District Manager informed the meeting that adhering to health and safety guidelines is still the major priority during the pandemic and advised that Wicklow County Council are complying with all procedures and regulations to ensure the safety of the public and staff. She advised that standard operating

guidelines are adhered to for meetings and she reiterated the importance of social distancing during all meetings.

Following a query from a Member regarding online meetings, Ms Gallagher advised that Wicklow County Council are still obliged to be in a physical space for statutory matters., She said the Department are looking at changing the law whereby meeting could be held by zoom.

#### **4. To consider the Housing Report**

##### Árd na Gréine

The proposed housing scheme will comprise 21 no. 2 bed houses (2 storey) and 10 No. 3 bed houses (2-storey).

A Letter of Acceptance has been issued to the successful contractor, ABM Design and Build Ltd. Contract documents are currently being collated prior to signing. It is anticipated that the project will commence on site in September with a planned completion date of October 2021.

##### Jameson Heights

The site consists of 20 houses. All houses now have their roofs installed, walls externally rendered and painted. All of the houses are skimmed internally and 15 houses have kitchens installed and Mechanical & Electrical 2nd fix ongoing.

The water main, sewer and foul mains are now installed and are being tested at present. Construction of additional parking bays at Sugarloaf estate entrance is due to start within the fortnight.

Due to the impact of Covid-19 the expected completion date is now end of September 2020.

It is intended to have the pre-tenancy course for the new tenants in September subject to Covid Guidelines.

##### Kilbride Lane

Below ground civils work to the site is being completed. An ESB supply has been brought to the on-site substation. In the coming days, it is anticipated power will be brought to the individual units, along with a fresh water supply. This work will allow the final finishing of the units to commence.

Additional ground workers are present on site to assist in the delivery of footpaths, roads and green spaces.

The contractor has limited the number of trades on site due to social distancing as required by Covid-19 guidelines. Due to supply chain issues, temporary closures, and having to limit the numbers of personnel on-site due to COVID-19, the project completion date is now December 2020.

##### Kilmantain Place

First fix is complete. Internal plastering will be complete in the next week. Windows and doors to be fitted next week. Completion due middle to end of October all things going well.

##### Cedar Court

Part 8 planning application submitted for 14 No. apartments are proposed in a 4-storey development, 8 no. 1-bed, 3 no. 2-bed and 3 no. 3-bed. Drawings on

display to the public in Bray offices until 17<sup>th</sup> September and closing date for submission is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 12 noon.

### **Members queries/observations**

#### **Kilbride Lane development**

The Members raised concerns about the development at Kilbride Lane. They felt that the development is not finished to a satisfactory standard and that this is a result of trying to cut costs. They felt the development should be completed in accordance with the original plans and that the completed development should enhance the area and compliment the surrounding estates.

Administrative Officer, Ms Triona Irving, asked that the Members submit to her in writing any concerns or questions on the development and if they had any specific questions she would forward them on to the Housing Director of Services and request a response to same.

The Members requested that the Council look again at the request from residents for the following finishes to the development:-

- *Wall to be painted*
- *Planting – trailing plants*
- *Galvanized steel railings.*

#### **Ard na Greine**

Administrative Officer, Triona Irving, advised that the rapid build Ard na Greine development is due to commence at the end of the month.

#### **Jameson Heights**

Administrative Officer, Ms Triona Irving, advised the Members that the pre-tenancy course for the new tenants at Jameson Heights is due to take place in the near future, it has been delayed due to Covid19

## **5. To receive a Report on Roads and Transport**

### **Roads Programme – Restoration Improvement**

Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Length of work (m)	Comment
<b>2020</b>	<b>Restoration Improvement</b>		
L-1011-57	Glencree Road	1450	Reconstruction completed
L-5014	Lackandarragh-Hostel Road	3000	Reconstruction completed
R-117-37	Bray Road, Enniskerry (21 bends)	304	Road & path surfacing & safety work completed
R-761-13	Vevay Road Putland-Church Rds	560	Surfacing completed
R-766-155	Meath Road, Bray	110	Reconstruction completed
L-1970-2	Convent Ave, Bray	80	Reconstruction deferred due to Covid-19. New date not set
L-19641-0	Raheen Park	160	Reconstruction completed
L-19562	Richmond Park	323	Surfacing completed 11/06/20
L-19654-0	Charnwood	187	Completed on reduced area

L-19630	Glenthorn	162	Surfacing completed 10/06/20
L-19651-0	Sugarloaf Crescent	110	Surfacing completed
L-1013-57	Waterfall Road Bahana	820	Reconstruction completed
L-1031-0	Red Lane	265	Surfacing completed 10/06/20
L-5035-0	Killough Lower	112	Surfacing completed 09/06/20
L-19639-0	Ryneville Manor	85	To be tendered

### **Roads Programme – Restoration Improvement**

Surface dressing in the Bray District did not commence until the 10<sup>th</sup> August. Roads completed were Monastery Road, R760 Ballybawn, Quill Road, Glencap Road and Old Long Hill. It was necessary to drop surface dressing of the R760 Ballyorney-Tinnahinch from the programme. This is due to the temporary road closure of the L-1019 Little Newtown Road for emergency bridge repairs, which was required as a diversion route for the surface dressing works.

Due to a combination of factors, including a heavy downpour of rain shortly after the work, there was also a failure of the surface dressing carried out at Monastery Road. This resulted in a loss of much of the chippings, which did not adhere to the bitumen. Due to the lateness of the season and the heavy shading on the road, remedial surface dressing repair was not considered to be a viable option. Prices have been sought to carry out an asphaltic surface course overlay. Until the works are organised, the road will remain closed to through traffic in the interest of traffic safety.

Tenders have been received for the asphalt preservation treatment of roads at Earlscliff, Swanbrook, Hollybrook and Fassaroe Estates. A contract will be awarded shortly. This is a treatment that rejuvenates the binder in bituminous roads and helps to extend the life of the road surface.

### **Other Road Works**

Essential pavement and road drainage repairs have continued. New drainage works planned for the Glenree Road, The Scalp and Loreto Ave have yet to commence.

Safety improvement Works funding was used for vehicle restraint barriers on the 21 Bends early this year. There is further funding for antiskid surfacing at R755 Killough Upper and vehicle speed reaction signs, which have yet to be scheduled. Planned footpath renewal works resumed in June commencing with the Herbert Road and King Edward Road and most recently Richmond Park. Repairs to the access ramp at Rathmore Terrace are planned.

### **Covid 19 Interim Mobility Measures**

Location	Measure	Status
Florence Road, Bray north side	Remove parking with bollards and lining at shops to facilitate queuing at shops	Arising from a petition objecting to measures, works already carried out were removed
Novara Ave, Bray	Remove parking bay with bollards at Lloyds Pharmacy to facilitate pedestrian passing at narrow footpath	Completed
Rail Bridge, Putland Road, Bray	Place bollards and lining to narrow roadway under the bridge to facilitate pedestrians and cyclists where path is narrow	Completed

Mayfield, Vevay Road, Bray	Place bollards to narrow roadway to facilitate pedestrian passing at narrow footpath	Completed
Oldcourt Terrace, Vevay Road, Bray	Place bollards to narrow roadway to facilitate pedestrian passing at narrow footpath	Completed
Convent Hill, Vevay Road, Bray	Place bollards to remove parking to facilitate pedestrian passing at narrow footpath	Completed
Fran O'Toole Bridge, Bray west side	Remove advisory cycle lane with bollards to facilitate pedestrian passing on narrow footpath	Completed
Upper Dargle Road, Bray - opposite Rathmore Terrace	Install double yellow lining and bollards to prevent parking on path	Bollards Completed. Consultation with residents arranged regarding alternative parking options
Herbert Road, Bray near Mount Herbert House	Close 240m of road to traffic to provide safe route for pedestrians and cyclists	Removed from scheme with agreement of members
Aravon Court, Bray Laneway	Remove boundary wall (36m) to open space to facilitate pedestrians passing on narrow path	Amalgamated with Stimulus Scheme for other improvements. Meeting with residents arranged
Enniskerry Square	Remove parking spaces with bollards at Poppies and Kingfishers to facilitate queuing at narrow footpath	Completed
Cookstown Road, Enniskerry	Close to eastbound traffic between Enniskerry Demesne and the R117 and provide lining & signing to facilitate pedestrian and cycle safety on the narrow road	Non statutory local consultation in progress. Response mainly positive. Work expected to commence within week.
Quill Road, Kilmacanogue	Close to northbound traffic between Lawlor's Lane and the Glencormac UFC to facilitate pedestrian and cycle safety on the narrow road	Non statutory local consultation in progress. Response mainly positive. Work expected to commence within week.

### **NTA Interim Mobility Measures**

An application was made for funding an estimated €1,485,000 worth of works on a total of 18 projects and services in the Bray district under this scheme. A section of the Bray Head to Sugarloaf trail in the Greystones district was included with the Bray application. A total fund of €563,000 was approved for five projects in Bray as set out in the table below. Works have to be completed by November. The Strand Road Aquarium work is already completed and has created a safe route for cyclists until the Seafront Plaza Scheme commences.

<b>Location of Proposed Scheme</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Approved Funding</b>
Strand Road, Aquarium Temporary Road Reallocation	Install line of stop kerbs, bollards, barriers and double yellow lining.	€8,000	€8,000
Strand Road North & Marine Terrace	Complete link between the strand Road Cycle scheme and the Bray Harbour Schools Access Scheme & widen path at Marine Terrace.	€210,000	€210,000

Greystones Road, Windagates (partly in Greystones district)	Relocate bus bays, kerbing and new footpath and provide pedestrian crossing, signing and lining and cycle track southbound.	€180,000	€220,000
Lower Windgates Trail (Greystones District)	Set back stone boundary wall as required and construct trail from the Greystones Road to Belmont Wood.	€180,000	Nil
Aravon Court Laneway	Widen, drain, resurface and provide lighting on a pedestrian ROW and clean up adjacent open space.	€90,000	€80,000
Convent Hill, Vevay Road	Construct realigned footpath and roadway on acquired land.	€45,000	€45,000
Sans Souci Wood, Bray	Create new pathway from Sidmonton Gardens to Vevay Crescent & restore existing paths & provide lighting.	€100,000	Nil
Bogmeadow, Enniskerry	Provide a bus turn around and terminus	€80,000	Nil
Enniskerry Square	Phase 2 to accessibility scheme: provide new and widened footpaths and narrow road to facilitate pedestrian crossings.	€60,000	Nil
Forge Road, Church Hill Enniskerry	Horizontal & Vertical Junction Realignment & widening & regrading of paths.	€100,000	Nil
Albert Walk	Carry out undergrounding of cables, new paving drainage, lighting and landscaping	€130,000	Nil
Bray Head, Cliff Walk	Purchase of compact tractor/ATV to transport materials to carry out maintenance improvement to trails	€25,000	Nil
Bray District	Purchase of a multipurpose municipal vehicle for path sweeping, gritting and cleaning	€75,000	Nil
Bray Head, Newcourt	Create accessible amenity trail with landscape and biodiversity enhancements	€50,000	Nil
River Dargle River Lane	Design and install a safe public river access from River Lane	€45,000	Nil
Peoples Park, Bray	Pedestrian lighting along new footpath.	€55,000	Nil
Kilmacanogue Marsh	Create an accessible boardwalk and amenity area at marsh.	€25,000	Nil
Ballywaltrim Park, Bray	Pedestrian lighting along new footpath.	€27,000	Nil

### **Climate Change Adaptation Allocations**

An application was made for funding an estimated €225,000 worth of works on four drainage projects in the Municipal District of Bray under this scheme. An allocation of €378,000 for five projects in County Wicklow to be completed this year has been announced. Bray has not been included.

### **NTA Capital Projects**

- Strand Road Cycle Scheme (This includes the Seafront Plaza and Putland Road schemes)

- Seafront Plaza –We are in the process of appointing a Contractor for the scheme (Phase 4). Phase 5, Construction is planned to start in late September/Early October.
- Putland Road – Phase 4, Detail Design Stage
- Bray Dart Interchange – Phase 4, Detail Design Stage. SI Contractor currently on site.
- Killarney Road Cycle Scheme – Phase 2, a review of the Preliminary Design is being carried out.
- Vevay Road Cycle Scheme – Phase 2, a review of the Preliminary Design is being carried out.
- Dublin Road ITS – Phase 1, Meeting to be held with DCC to agree the scope of the scheme.
- Bray Bridge (Fran O’Toole Bridge) – Phase 1, Options Assessment Report has been drafted for agreement between NTA & WCC (It should be noted that Part 8 approval was granted previously)
- Swan River Park – Phase 1 Draft Constraints Study and Options Report Complete .
- Bus Priority Little Bray – Phase 1, Tender for Consultants to be advertised shortly.
- Public Transport Connection Phase 2 - Phase 1, Tender for Consultants to be advertised shortly.
- Southern Cross Road Improvement Scheme - Phase 1, Tender for Consultants to be advertised shortly.
- Bray Main St. Bus Priority & Decongestion Scheme – Phase 1, Scope to be agreed with NTA
- Church Road/Killarney Road Junction – Phase 1, Scope to be agreed with NTA
- Public Transport Priority & Pedestrian Improvements at Bray Town Hall – Phase 1, Scope to be agreed with NTA
- Convent Avenue- Vevay Crescent Permeability Scheme – Phase 1, Tender documents being drafted for Consultants

### **Other Capital Projects**

**The Bray Public Transport Bridge:** This is a URDF scheme. Ground Investigations surveys have only recently been completed. Design is ongoing with bridge and link roads. Progress has been delayed due to the Covid 19 crisis and the Part 8 application has not yet been made as originally planned.

### **Members Queries/Concerns**

Vevay Road – query regarding the erection of bollards. District Engineer, Liam Bourke, advised that he was in the process of arranging erection of bollards on this road.

Rathmore Terrace – The Members requested an update on the proposed roadworks at Rathmore Terrace. District Engineer, Liam Bourke, advised that under Covid 19 interim mobility measures, double yellow lines and bollards were installed on the path opposite Rathmore Terrace to prevent parking on Upper

Dargle Road. He advised that consultation with residents has been arranged regarding alternative parking options.

Mr Bourke said that he will consult with the NTA about the possibility of seeking funding for additional parking at each end of the Terrace.

Florence Road - District Engineer, Liam Bourke, advised that the works on the Florence Road carried out under interim Covid mobility measures were removed from the area due to a petition opposing the project. Mr Bourke said that the cost of the works and their removal exceeded the allocation provided and that the Council did not intend to go back on it.

Convent Hill – A query was raised about the possibility of the realignment of the footpaths on Convent Hill.

Sans Souci Wood – District Engineer, Liam Bourke, advised that NTA funding under the interim mobility scheme measures was sought to upgrade works to improve paths and public lighting in the estate.

Cookstown Road - District Engineer, Liam Bourke, advised that funding had been allocated to this project under the interim mobility scheme. He said that work was a way of reallocating road space with physical distancing for pedestrian safety. He advised that a decision on implementing the scheme has not yet been made and that he would take on board the comments of the residents of the area before deciding to go ahead with the scheme.

Monastery Road - District Engineer, Liam Bourke, advised that he was currently dealing with contractor and that he expected works to commence in the near future.

Kilbride Grove – Request from a Member to have the yellow box repainted. Mr Bourke advised he would send a reminder to the contractor to arrange for the repainting of this box.

O'Byrne Road - A Member requested for new yellow lines on O'Byrne Road. Mr Bourke advised he would send a reminder to the contractor to arrange for these yellow lines to be done.

Ballywaltrim Lane – A Member requested that Bray Municipal District look at putting in preventative measures at Ballywaltrim Lane in order to deal with ongoing traffic congestion and illegal parking in the area.

Riversdale Apartments – A Member requested that the platform erected close to Riversdale apartments re: river Dargle flood scheme be removed as it was major contributory factor to antisocial behaviour in the area.

Herbert Road- A Member highlighted the poor condition of the surface on the Herbert Road and asked for it to be addressed as soon as possible. District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that he has arranged for this resurfacing work to be carried out.



The Members voiced their dissatisfaction that a number of the road projects being carried out are non-statutory consultation projects. They felt as elected Members that they should be involved in the consultation process and they in turn could inform the public of works being carried out in their areas.

## **6. To receive an update on the Bray Town Centre**

An update report on the Bray Town Centre was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting. District Manager, Ms Lorraine Gallagher, gave update on practical completion date for the centre. She suggested a site visit for the Members so that they could see first-hand the progress being made on site.

The Members queried what tenants are lined up for the letting of the units. Ms Gallagher advised that this information is not available but there is a significant increase of late in the level of interest from potential tenants. Ms Gallagher advised that letting agents Savills are effectively managing to successfully conduct on site viewings while adhering to HSE standards and safety protocols on site.

## **7. To receive an update on the Bray Town Reopening Committee**

The **Bray Reopening Committee** is a joint initiative with local stakeholders across the community, including members of Bray Chamber of Commerce, the Health Service Executive and An Garda Síochána to plan for a considered, responsible return to civic life which is vital to help to restart the local economy in the town. This is in line with the Government's phased roadmap for reopening the country socially and economically.

The Committee focused on understanding best practices, planning for protections and protocols that businesses and the community will need in place in order to feel confident about resuming activities, once the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, while emphasising a message that as a society, we all have a collective responsibility to ensure that reopening proceeds smoothly and safely.

Topics the Reopening Committee considered included:

- Looking at workable solutions so that businesses can reopen safely from queuing in public spaces, delivery times to waste collection times
- Temporary changes in the town centre to make it safer and more spacious for pedestrians to encourage social distancing including looking at the feasibility of widening pavements, pedestrianised zones, putting up new signage, setting down two-metre marker dots to provide a 'visual guide', removal of some on-street parking, the introduction of one-way systems, relocating bus stops and the removal of street furniture
- Business and public consultation
- A comprehensive communication strategy
- 'Shop Local First' marketing campaign
- Robust cleaning and maintenance regime
- Promote positive mental health and wellbeing

It is now clear we are on a slow and careful journey of recovery, but we're determined to get the balance right so that interconnected pillars, namely the economic, social, environmental and cultural dimensions of the town can once again prosper.

In recent weeks several joint initiatives have been implemented across the town to help drive a message of 'Unity in the community' during these uncertain and challenging times. They include:

- We agreed a strong communications strategy using the tagline '**Bray bouncing back...**' which was supported by a PR, Marketing and digital plan - we mirrored bray.ie's seasonal campaign planning and execution model.
- The dedicated **COVID-19 information hubs** help connect local businesses with customers, share some practical hints, tips, supports and links to help our town and community bounce back. The dedicated COVID-19 information hubs can be accessed via:
  - Covid-19 updates: <https://www.bray.ie/covid19updates/>
  - Information hub for businesses: <https://www.bray.ie/covid19businessinfohub/>
- Council engineers have implemented **some temporary changes** throughout the District to ensure a safe space for people to navigate and businesses to operate in.
- The Council's cleaning staff continue to **clean street surfaces** in high footfall areas around the town.
- Free **standardised temporary ground graphics** have been issued to local main street businesses in order to help them implement queuing measures to encourage social distancing.
- '**Shop Local First**' marketing campaign was launched back in March; we're continuing to encourage consumers to spend locally and help businesses bounce back. Read more about the initiative here: <https://www.bray.ie/shoplocalfirst/>.
- Work is currently underway to have the new look fully functioning **community and business directory** for the district completed by the end of August 2020.
- '**Unity in our community**' flags fly high on the seafront to show a symbol of local strength, unity and pride.
- Temporary ground graphics showcased '**Positivity Stones**' which aims to help promote positive mental health and wellbeing. It has brightened up Bray with inspiring words and aims to encourage good positive vibes within the community during this difficult time. The ground graphic installations can be seen throughout some of the main public spaces around the town. The initiative is supported by Connect Bray Neighbourhood Youth Project, Be Well Bray, ComhairlenanÓg, Wicklow County Council and Bray.ie. Read more about the initiative here: <https://www.bray.ie/brays-positivity-stones-helping-spread-good-vibes/>.
- We know that infectious disease pandemics like coronavirus (Covid-19) can be worrying. This can affect your mental health so we shared lots of advice

and tips on how people can look after their **mental wellbeing, stay active and stay connected** via <https://www.bray.ie/covid19updates/>.

- **'Soak up the long summer days in Bray safely'** tourism campaign was launched in July and it focused on promoting the town and includes messages about 'taking a staycation in Bray safely' to 'helping the retailers, hospitality and tourism sectors bounce back'. Read more about the initiative here: <https://www.bray.ie/summer2020/>.
- A strong united message from all the Bray Municipal District Councillors as they collectively echoed the need to **help Bray businesses bounce back**. Read more here: <https://www.bray.ie/strong-united-message-from-bray-councillors-to-help-bray-bounce-back-safely/>.
- A **beacon of hope** shone from the foothills of Bray Head as the town stood in solidarity with all of those across the world affected by Covid-19. Read more about the initiative here: <https://www.independent.ie/regionals/braypeople/a-bright-beacon-of-hope-for-bray-39127960.html>.
- A presentation was made to Paul Reid and HSE representatives on behalf of Bray Air Display and Wicklow County Council to **recognise the dedication of frontline workers** during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Read more here: <https://www.bray.ie/frontline-workers-honoured-with-bray-flypast/>.

### **Collaborative Approach**

The 'Unity in our community', 'Bray bouncing back' and 'Summer in Bray' campaigns are supported by Bray Chamber, Wicklow County Council and Bray.ie.

### **Communications Strategy**

We implemented a comprehensive communications strategy utilising bray.ie's digital platforms extensively to drive our initiatives and increase engagement. The campaigns continue to be supported by public signage, radio advertisements and social media engagement.

### **Measuring Our Success**

The 'Bray bounce back safely' joint initiatives and campaigns so far have had an engagement reach of 1.87m.

Stay up to date by following bray.ie on Twitter: [https://twitter.com/bray\\_ie](https://twitter.com/bray_ie),  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/braytown> or on  
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/braydotie/>

### **Our Overall Message**

As a working group we will continue to work collaboratively in driving a message for the consumers to invest in our town, shop local first and let's have unity in our community.

## **8. To receive an update on Bray Harbour Study**

Consultants were engaged in February 2020 to carry out a study on Bray Harbour. This project requires the consultant to carry out detailed surveys, report on the options available to protect the harbour from storm conditions, look into options to provide additional berthing facilities including the possibility of providing a short term drop on/drop off berth for a small passenger vessel plying between different harbours within an hour or so of Bray.

The consultants carrying out the harbour study, RPS, visited Bray harbour two weeks to fly a drone at low tide to collect information from the surrounding area. This information was required to confirm and validate the presence of rocky outcrops along the Bray to Greystones coastline which can impact upon sediment transport and thus sedimentation within the harbour. They will now be progressing with the development of suitable harbour options. This assessment is based on long term spectral wave and hydraulic modelling of the existing Bray harbour area which they have already completed.

The Council has been assured progress from here-on-in will be swift. In respect to the project programme they are aiming to have completed draft versions of the Stage 2 report by December.

## **9. To consider the filling of the vacancy on the Wicklow County Council Joint Policing Committee arising from the election of former Cllr. Stephen Matthews to Dáil Éireann and submission of same to Wicklow County Council for ratification**

Councillor Joe Behan proposed Councillor Erika Doyle for the vacant role on Wicklow County Council Joint Policing Committee which has arisen from the election of former Cllr. Stephen Matthews to Dáil Éireann and submission of same to Wicklow County Council for ratification. Councillor Rory O'Connor seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed by the Members.

## **10. Notices of Motion**

### **Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy (06/02/2020)**

Wicklow County Council should commission a report to re-examine the requirement for a Full-time Fire service for Bray. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2014 a report was issued on the provision of a Full-time Fire Service for Bray. This report was based on a number of data sources, including population data from the 2011 census. Giving consideration to the population growth in Bray, Enniskerry, Kilmacanogue and surrounding areas, the increased development both in terms of residential and commercial units and the length of time since the last assessment was carried out, a review of the current services and future needs are now required to ensure adequate service provision can be planned.

### **Response:**

If the Members so wish this matter can be referred to Wicklow County Council.

Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy and Councillor O'Brien agreed to combine both Notice of Motions relating to the proposal for a fulltime Fire Service along with Councillor McManus's comments on this matter. It was agreed to resubmit the new Notice of Motion and forward it on to Wicklow

**Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Erika Doyle (21/05/2020)**

That Bray Municipal District adopts a policy to reduce the use of pesticides and herbicides throughout the district. That the District Engineer; prepares a report for councillors on measures that would restrict the use of chemicals in public parks, playground and near watercourses and identifies public open spaces suitable for re-wilding or 'slow to mow' to encourage biodiversity.

**Response:-**

In 2019 the District Engineer had given directions to reduce the use of pesticides and herbicides throughout the district and also organised courses for sustainable gardening for community groups and resident associations to generate interest in re-wilding areas of public open spaces. The first of the usual two sprayings of borders and tree bases was removed from the grass cutting contract this year and it is hoped in time that people from the locality will accept and appropriately manage the resulting wilderness. This year the Bray MD also cleared a bank at Seapoint Road and facilitated the return of wild meadow flowers at this location. Spraying of invasive species will necessarily have to continue. Spraying of selected paved areas is still being carried out this year. However, it is intended that protocols are developed to ensure that pollinating plants are not affected by any spraying carried out. We have started to use a mechanical means to remove weeds in road channels and subject to the availability of resources this may be expanded.

It should be noted that alternative measures for the control of unwanted weeds or to develop attractive wild meadows demands more staff resources. Consequently support from local residents is required. Bray MD will engage with the Climate Officer in Wicklow County Council.

**Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Dermot O'Brien (24/06/2020)**

"That this Council calls for a full and independent review of the Bray Fire Service as a matter of urgency. The rapidly changing landscape of the greater Bray area both in terms of commercial and residential development requires a Fire Service that is functioning at an appropriate and sustainable operational capacity. "

**Response:-**

If the Members so wish this matter can be referred to Wicklow County Council.

**Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Grace McManus (28/07/2020)**

That this council considers implementing speed reduction measures such as speed ramps at Copper Beech Grove in Fassaroe due to consistent issues with speeding in the area.

**Response:-**

Copper Beach Grove is a short cul-de-sac that is not conducive to excessive traffic speeds. The nature and location of the traffic issue of concern needs to be

clarified. Any traffic calming proposal will have to be assessed in accordance with the Wicklow County Council Traffic Calming Policy. If the proposal is for the adjoining local distributor road, there would have to be regard to a possible return of a bus service, in which case speed ramps would be difficult to justify.

**Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Grace McManus (28/07/2020)**

That this council sets out a strategy for public engagement around the 2021 discretionary budget.

**Response:-**

This Notice of Motion can be forwarded to the Head of Finance as there are plans to introduce a consultative budget process in Wicklow County Council

**Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Grace McManus (28/07/2020)**

That this council calls for extended HAP place finder support to be provided by Wicklow County Council to the Bray area due to the ongoing supply issues in the area

**Response:-**

If the members so wish this Notice of Motion can be forwarded to the Director of Services for Housing.

**Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Grace McManus (28/07/2020)**

That this council calls for a Homeless outreach service to be provided in the Bray Municipal District by Wicklow County Council.

**Response:-**

During COVID -19 there have been no meetings held in Bray by the Homeless Outreach Officer. Any contact to be made with a client has been by phone.

**Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Dermot O'Brien (29/07/2020)**

"That Bray MD councillors identify and agree a proposed site for a Dog Park in Bray and pursue funding avenues to support the delivery of this amenity."

**Response:-**

It is recommended for the member's consideration that the former Par 3 Golf Course would be suitable public land in Bray for the provision of a dog park as it has adequate space without encroaching on other park uses. A draft plan is being prepared for this land as a possible future public realm project that includes for upgraded trails, managed wild meadow and a 4,000 sqm dog park secured by 1.2m high galvanised wire mesh fencing on treated round timber posts and surrounded by a beech or other approved hedge.

**Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Rory O'Connor (7/08/2020)**

"This Municipal District provides free parking to all healthcare workers for the duration of the pandemic - as long as they display a hospital ID on the dashboard"

**Response:-**

Bray Municipal District provide a free car park at Ravenswell Road 7 days a week.

The Leas Cathaoirleach asked Cllr. O'Connor to obtain more information on how the free parking to healthcare workers is operational in other counties and how best it could be operated in Bray.

## **11. Reports and Recommendations**

It was agreed to email the report on the columbaria facility to the members.

### Update on Columbaria Facility – Springfield Cemetery

The construction work on the columbaria facility in Springfield cemetery is now complete. This facility will provide 392 niches for a maximum of 784 interments. The Environmental Department of Wicklow County Council are in the process of drafting a policy on the management and operation of the facility. The cemetery enhancement plan of Nov 2013 included for the provision of an 'Angels Plot' and associated 'Memorial Garden' however no funding was put in place for this at the time.

## **12. Any Other Business**

### San Remo Homeless shelter

The Members were advised that a proposed meeting to discuss the opening of a homeless shelter at the site which was formerly the San Remo nursing home, had been postponed due to a bereavement of a family member of a member of staff in the housing section, it is now scheduled to take place on 4.30pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Notice of motions

The Members expressed their concerns that due to time restriction at Municipal District meeting, they may not get the opportunity to discuss the notice of motions submitted.

The Members were advised by the District Manager that the order of business is set out in the standing orders and the Members cannot deviate away from standing order unless a request for the suspension of standing orders is requested and accepted prior to the commencement of the meeting.

### Work at the rear of the Maltings.

A Member requested an update on the report relating relating to the bank the at Herbert Road. District Engineer, Liam Bourke, advised that the tender documents for the report have not yet issued, he agreed to follow up on this matter.

### Application for planning at Golf Club lands

A discussion took place regarding the application for the extension of planning at the lands at old Bray Golf Club. The Members expressed their frustration at the process and how this application was dealt with.

The Members explained how their submissions were initially accepted but they were then later advised they were not permitted to make submissions, their

submissions were rejected as the application is not a new application but an application for the extension of planning.  
District Manager, Lorraine Gallagher, said she would express the Members concerns regarding this matter, to the Wicklow County Council, Chief Executive and to the Planning Director of Services of Wicklow County Council.

**This concluded the meeting.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_