

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held
in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday
3rd November 2020 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present:

- Councillor Rory O'Connor**
- Councillor Anne Ferris**
- 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**
- District Administrator, David Forde**

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray dated 6th October 2020

Councillor Rory O'Connor proposed the confirmation of the minutes of the Municipal Meeting held 6th October 2020, Councillor Joe Behan seconded the proposal and they were unanimously agreed by the Members.

2. To consider report in accordance with Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2006 (as amended)In respect of the proposed development of 14 units at Cedar Court, Bray, Co. Wicklow PRR 20/825

Wicklow County Council housing staff, Senior Engineer Declan Marnane and Executive Architect, Benan Clancy addressed the meeting to make a presentation to the Members in order for them to consider a report in accordance with Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2006 (as amended) in respect of the proposed development of 14 units at Cedar Court, Bray, Co. Wicklow PRR 20/825.

The Members were informed that the four storey development will consist of eight one bedroom apartments, three two bedroom apartments and three three bedroom apartments. The Members welcomed the development and also the utilisation of the space within the existing development on schools road. They felt the development would provide much needed extra housing units in the area in which people from Wicklow County Council housing list could avail of.

Concerns were raised by a Member regarding accessibility and dependence on the lifts, it was asked if assurance could be given that the lifts would be of a high standard to meet health and safety requirements. The Members were advised the lifts would be fitted to a high standard and that there would be service contractor appointed for the maintenance of the lifts.

The Members also raised concerns about the extra traffic that the development will bring to the area, highlighting the already busy junction close to the development.

The Members were advised that there will be a full time Wicklow County Council clerk of works overseeing the development to ensure that all works are carried out to a high standard.

The part development of 14 units at Cedar Court, Bray, Co. Wicklow PRR 20/825 was proposed by Councillor Joe Behan, seconded by Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy and it was unanimously agreed by the Members.

3. To consider the Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Bray for the financial year ending 31st December 2021

The District Administrator presented the draft municipal budgetary plan to Members. Mr Forde advised that this was the second part in a four part budgetary process, he explained that the draft municipal budget must be adopted by the Members before going forward to the full Council budget meeting on the 23rd November. Following on from the outcome of the budget meeting a full schedule of works for the District will be adopted.

Mr Forde explained to the Members that no money has been allocated to the district for discretionary spend in 2021 and that the budget figure to be adopted was zero. The Members expressed their frustration at having to approve a zero budget without clarity if there will be funding available at a later stage.

The Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Bray for the financial year ending 31st December 2021 was proposed by Councillor Anne Ferris and seconded by Councillor Rory O'Connor and was unanimously agreed by the Members.

Following on from information given to the Members regarding the cut in the Municipal District budget for 2021, Councillor Anne Ferris proposed that parking on the Strand Road at the seafront be increased by 20 cent, from 30 cent to 50 cent per hour with the provision in the proposal that the extra money raised by this increase be allocated back to Bray Municipal District. Councillor Erika Doyle seconded this proposal. There were reservations raised by some Members who felt any proposed increase to parking charges in Bray should not be adopted until further public consultation was carried out regarding the matter. A vote then took place on the proposal and the results were as follows.

	For proposal	Against proposal
Councillor Joe Behan		√
Councillor Melanie Corrigan	√	
Councillor Erika Doyle	√	
Councillor Dermot O'Brien		√
Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy	√	
Councillor Rory O'Connor	√	
Councillor Grace McManus		√

Councillor Anne Ferris	√	
Total	5	3

4. Ministerial Order – Online Municipal District Meetings

Bray Municipal District Manager Ms Lorraine Gallagher 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.

A discussion took place regarding whether to schedule Municipal District meetings during the Covid crisis. The Members decided to wait for standing orders to come up at Wicklow County Council level before settling on their own procedures for online meetings. Ms Gallagher advised that draft guidelines have already been circulated and that she would prepare a draft set of supplementary standing orders. Members felt that the public and press should have an automatic right to be present for meetings in order to listen to the deliberations.

5. To consider the Housing Report

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

ABM Design and Build Ltd. have commenced work to foundations and the upgrading up services to the site. The project has a planned completion date of October 2021.

Jameson Heights

The site consists of 20 houses. ESB are currently installing the meters to all houses. Final painting is ongoing and snagging is expected to start in the next 2 weeks, this depends on the service connection dates. The storm connection has been installed and is now connected and finished. The contractor has the foul and water main services to the site boundary and they are waiting for Irish waters regional contractor to do the final connections. The macadam basecourse has been installed to the main site road. Hoarding is being taken down at present and landscaping to the site is ongoing.

Due to the impact of Covid-19 and a delay in securing a date from Irish Water for the foul and water main connections, the expected completion date is now December 2020.

Kilbride Lane

An ESB supply has been brought to the on-site substation and power has been brought to a number of individual units, along with a fresh water supply. This work has allowed the final finishing of the units to commence. The commissioning and testing of heating systems and the decoration of the units is ongoing.

Additional ground workers are present on site to assist in the delivery of footpaths, roads and green spaces. Tarmac is currently being rolled to the internal access road.

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

Internal works are almost complete. External works have commenced. Handover expected in middle of November.

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 were on display to the public in Bray offices until 17th September and closing date for submission was Friday 2nd October at 12 noon. There were no objections or observations.

Members Queries/Questions

Following on from a question asked by a Member at the October Municipal meeting, Administrative Officer, Ms Triona Irving informed the Members of the impact on the housing list as a result of the recent housing allocations at Kilbride Lane and Jameson Heights. The figures were as follows.

14 Transfers – 20% of the allocation

- 4 Households downsized
- 2 Households upsized
- 8 Households lateral moves

In total 21 households benefited from the 14 transfers which included two of the units being allocated to people with disabilities.

The Members asked if the delays to the Kilbride Lane and Jameson heights developments will result in houses not being ready until December 2020. They enquired if it was expected that they would be available to tenants before or after Christmas. The Members were advised that it is expected tenants will be in these houses before Christmas.

The Members raised their concerns at the recent reports of anti-social behaviour that took place at an illegal bonfire at the Oldcourt Estate on the Boghall road, at this illegal gathering a car was driven onto the bonfire. The Members were advised that residents of the estate were very upset with the events that took place on the night and particularly upset with regard to the negative publicity attributed to the estate and its residents, they pointed out the individuals that were involved in the illegal behaviour where not actually residents of the estate.

A Member enquired if the Homeless outreach officer would be taking up residence in Bray in the near future as it was felt that a homeless service support system is very much needed in Bray

Members enquired as to what actions are in place to assist with the problem of rough sleepers in the town.

Update on San Remo Committee

The Members were advised that the second meeting of the San Remo neighbourhood liaison committee had taken place and that it was planned to hold monthly meetings the last Tuesday of every month. The committee is made up of representatives of a number of relevant groups including residents of the area, the Gardaí and Members of Simon Community.

6. 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
2020	Restoration Improvement		
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 Road	560	Surfacing completed. Tender awarded for additional works
R-766-155	Meath Road, Bray	110	Reconstruction completed
L-1970-2	Convent Ave, Bray	80	Reconstruction deferred due to Covid-19. Works planned on a reduced area in late October
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	Tender awarded

Roads Programme – Restoration Maintenance

Surface dressing in the Bray District was completed on 12th August and included Monastery Road, R760 Ballybawn, Quill Road, Glencap Road and Old Long Hill. There was also a failure of the surface dressing carried out at Monastery Road resulting in the road been only available for local access. A contractor has been appointed to carry out an asphalt overlay. Asphalt preservation treatment of roads at Earlscroft, Swanbrook, Hollybrook, Belmont and Old Connaught View completed.

Other Road Works

Essential pavement and road drainage repairs have continued. New drainage works planned for the Glencree 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. Contract has been awarded for antiskid surfacing at R755 Killough Upper and the 21 Bends.

Further footpath repairs have been carried out in the Dargle Road area

NTA Active Travel Stimulus Measusres

A total fund of €623,000 was approved for six 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. The Bogmeadow Car Park and Bus Terminus Scheme has been substituted for Aravon Court Laneway.

Location of Proposed Scheme	Project Description	Status
Strand Road, Aquarium Temporary Road Reallocation	Install line of stop kerbs, bollards, barriers and double yellow lining.	Completed
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.	Works awarded for cycle track. Workas at Marine Terrace have commenced
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.	Tender awarded for cycle track
Convent Hill, Vevay Road	Construct realigned footpath and roadway on acquired land.	Tender awarded
Sans Souci Wood, Bray	Create new pathway from Sidmonton Gardens to Vevay Crescent & restore existing paths & provide lighting.	Consulting with Loreto Convent, Preliminary layout drawing done
Bogmeadow, Enniskerry	Provide a bus turn around and terminus	NTA approved substitution for Aravon Court. Works underway.

Outstanding Covid 19 Interim Mobility Measures

The residual funding from the cancelled works will be used to prevent illegal parking by the installation of temporary bollards along the outer edge of the cycle lane on the north side of Church Road between the Marino Community Special School exit and The Friary access.

Other Agency Works

Gas Networks Ireland plan to carry out emergency pipe laying work through Harbour Road and Seapoint Road during the month of November. This is to replace an aging main attached to the River Dargle Railway crossing. DLRCOCO has awarded a contract for the Bray Woodbrook Landfill Reclamation Project, which they plan to commence this month. The project is expected to last approximately 4 months. The proposed haulage route is through Bray during which about 15,000 tonnes of rock will be hauled to the site.

Members Queries/Observations

The District Engineer, Liam Bourke, advised the Members that there has been difficulty in securing contractors for roads projects. He explained that a lot of contractors seem to be tied up with bigger projects around the country. He said that it was difficult to get them to do the work that they had undertaken to do.

The Members requested that the District Engineer give consideration to the following works being carried out.

Herbert Road – resurfacing of the Herbert Road from the Danish Embassy to the N11. The District Engineer advised that this work is scheduled to take place next year as part of the schedule of works for 2021. However Mr. Bourke said he would arrange for potholes on this stretch of road to be repaired immediately.

Vevay Road – Local garage owner parking cars taking up spaces required for motorists who are dropping off and collecting children from school. The District Engineer advised he would investigate this matter.

Dwyer Park – a query arose regarding parking enforcement in Dwyer Park. The District Engineer advised he would investigate this matter.

Church Road – request for bollards to be erected close to Marino clinic. The Members asked that signage be erected to notify motorists that bollards are due to be erected in the area in order to prevent traffic congestion.

Monastery Road – request for road works to be carried out to repair failed resurfacing works. The District Engineer advised this work will take place in the near future.

Lane off Monastery Road - A request was made by a Member to have a stretch of road/lane off Monastery Road resurfaced. The District Engineer said that he would check the part of the road the Member was referring to and revert back with a response to the request.

San Souci Wood – issues raised regarding traffic congestion at school times. The District Engineer advised he would investigate this issue and liaise with Gardai on the matter if necessary.

Bollards in Enniskerry - A Member requested that bollards be erected in Enniskerry Village.

Bike parking – Request for bike parking racks to be installed around the town.

7. To receive an update on the Bray Central

An update report on the Bray Central was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting. The District Administrator advised that the Members had visited the development the previous week and seen first-hand the progress at the development.

8. To receive an update on the Bray Town Reopening Committee

District Administrator, Mr David Forde, gave an update on the Bray Reopening Town Committee. He informed the Members that the committee have taken a collaborative approach and a shared vision with regard to restarting the economy in Bray both during and after Covid 19. Mr. Forde advised that the virtual switching on of the Christmas lights will take place on Saturday 21st November. Mr. Forde

asked Members to circulate on their own social media platform, any information regarding events happening in Bray. Mr Forde gave updates on the following

Visitor monitoring report
Online Ecommerce business in the town

9. Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Grace McManus (17/09/2020)

That the Bray Municipal District Members write to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to outline the severe need for affordable rental and purchase properties in the Bray area, and request that the Department review the current Housing Assistance Payment rate payable for the Bray area.

A discussion took place regarding the motion and the Members unanimously agreed to support the motion.

It was agreed that the remaining Notices of Motion responses be circulated to the members.

10. Reports and Recommendations

There were no reports.

11. Any Other Business

A Member advised that the 3rd December 2020 is the international Day of Persons with Disabilities and asked that Bray Municipal District support the “light up campaign”. The initiative would involve lighting up buildings purple throughout the District. All Members agreed to support the campaign.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed: _____
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Signed: _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated: _____