

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray held  
By zoom on Tuesday  
2nd February 2021 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  
District Engineer, Liam Bourke  
District Administrator, David Forde  
Mr. Triona Irving, Administrative Officer**

Cathaoirleach Anne Ferris commenced the meeting at 6.30 pm. She welcomed all in attendance which included council officials, Municipal District Members, members of the public and members of the media. She outlined the procedures that must be adhered to in accordance with the standing orders for Bray Municipal District, they are as follows

- Members of the public and media may be present at a remote meeting of Bray Municipal District.
- Attendees must comply with Bray Municipal District Standing Orders and Supplementary Standing Orders to Regulate Remote Meetings.
- Members of the media and public shall give prior notice of a request to join an online meeting of Bray Municipal District.
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- The link to the meeting is for the recipient only and must not be forwarded on to any other person(s).
- Attendees must maintain silence and observe any directions given by the Cathaoirleach or by an official of the Council. Mics must be kept on mute at all times.
- Members of the public and the media do not have the right to speak, any interruptions or endeavours to interrupt will result in the remote connection being terminated.

- No other recording of the meeting and its proceedings by any person in attendance (elected members, media or members of the public) is permitted.

Cllr. Joe Behan proposed a suspension of standing orders to discuss the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, or CETA, Cllr O'Connor seconded this proposal and it was agreed to suspend standing orders in order to discuss CETA.

Cllr Behan advised that CETA is trade agreement between the EU and Canada. The proposed aim of CETA is to strengthen Economic relations and promote economic opportunities for European economic Business. However the Members raised their concerns at the implications of the trade agreement will have on the citizens of Ireland, particularly the environmental, legal and employment implications the agreement. The main concerns centered around the proposal to establish a parallel legal system to be known as Investor Court System. It was envisaged that this new court system would potentially allow for multinationals to sue for loss of earnings.

The Members were in agreement that a request should be made by Bray Municipal District Members, for an open and transparent debate to be carried out by the Oireachtas to discuss the many implications of CETA.

Cllr O'Connor officially proposed that "Bray Municipal District calls on the government to allow full open and democratic debate by the Oireachtas before any Dáil vote on CETA ratification." Councillor Joe Behan seconded the proposal and the proposal was unanimously agreed by the Members.

### **Votes of sympathy**

Votes of sympathy were passed for a number of recently deceased people.

Mr. Michael Connolly – Long serving sacristan of Holy Redeemer Church, Bray  
Mrs. Ursula Drew – Mother of Bray Municipal District staff member, Ms. Ursula Drew  
Mrs. Gretta Lawlor – Wife of former Bray Town Councillor, Mr. Michael Lawlor  
Mr. Michael Walsh – Father of Bray Municipal District staff member, Ms. Gail Walsh

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray dated 8th December 2020**

Councillor Joe Behan proposed the confirmation of the minutes of the Municipal Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020, Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy seconded the proposal and they were unanimously agreed by the Members.

### **2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Bray dated 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy proposed the confirmation of the minutes of the special Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021, Councillor Joe Behan seconded the proposal and they were unanimously agreed by the Members.

### **3. 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).

In accordance with the current Level 5 restrictions, the construction site has been closed. The site is secured with monitoring in place. Once the restrictions are lifted, the Contractor hopes to continue with the erection of the prefabricated structural frames.

#### **Kilbride Lane**

This site has been deemed 'essential' under the current Level 5 restrictions. Work is continuing with the finishing out of the site. The site is preparing for completion and the snagging of the development is ongoing.

The contractor has limited the number of personnel on site due to social distancing as required by Covid-19 guidelines.

#### **Cedar Court**

Work continues with the tender documents and ground investigations are largely complete. Consultations have taken place regarding IW and Surface Water drainage scope of work. Despite current situation, the Tender package is on schedule to be complete by mid February 2021, with tender following.

### **Members Queries and Observations**

#### **Kilmantain Place**

Administrative Officer Triona Irving advised that the four units at Kilmantain Place have now been completed and the tenants will be moving in the units in the coming weeks.

#### **Jameson Heights**

Administrative Officer Triona Irving advised there is now full occupancy at Jameson Heights. The Members thanked the Housing staff for their work in allocating all the units at Jameson Heights.

#### **Kilbride Lane**

Administrative Officer Triona Irving advised that she expected works on the Kilbride Lane development to be completed within the next four to six weeks. She advised that it is proposed to hold the pre-tenancy courses by zoom, as this has worked well with the most recent pre-tenancy courses.

#### **San Remo Homeless Shelter**

Cllr Aoife Flynn Kennedy advised the Members that the San Remo liaison committee meetings have been very successful and that the feedback from all involved with San Remo shelter has been very positive. She advised that as there aren't as many issues cropping up it is proposed to hold the liaison committee meetings every two months rather than every month.

She asked that Members and officials to highlight and spread the word that the facility is now successfully up and running in the town.

#### 4. To receive a Report on Roads and Transport

##### Roads Programme

No grant allocation has been confirmed yet. The following is a tentative list of work locations proposed for 2021.

Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	
R768	Bray Southern Cross	Surface Restoration
L1965	Herbert Road	Surface Restoration
L1962	Killarney Lane	Surface Restoration
L19587	Sidmonton Court	Surface Restoration
L1031	Red Lane	Surface Restoration
L1013	Waterfall Road Crone	Surface Restoration
L1019	Little Newtown Road	Surface Restoration
L5014	Glaskenny Road	Structural overlay
L1015	Onagh Road	Road Reconstruction
L19639	Rynville Manor	Surface Restoration to complete from 2020
L1970	Convent Avenue	Reconstruction to complete from 2020
R761	Vevay Road	Surface Restoration to complete from 2020

##### Other Road Works

Essential road infrastructure repairs will continue during the lockdown. Repairs to damaged bridge parapet at Calary Lower is near completion. Drainage works planned for the Glenree Road and Loreto Ave have in 2020 have been postponed and will be subject to available funding in the new year. Drainage work at the Scalp and Killegar are progressing. Emergency call outs over the weekend will require follow up drainage works at Ballybawn Cottages, two locations at Calary Upper and the Glenree Road

Contract was awarded last year for antiskid surfacing at R755 Killough Upper and the 21 Bends but has also been delayed due to unavailability of contractor and low temperatures for this type of work. This work is still committed

### **NTA Active Travel Stimulus Measures**

It has been confirmed that all NTA schemes may continue during the current Covid19 lockdown. The substantial works on the new cycle track at Windgates is nearing completion and the same contractor will be resuming work at Strand Road near the Martello Terrace. Resumption of the Bogmeadow works has been delayed to the extent of drainage works on-going and Covid restrictions.

### **NTA Projects**

Work has commenced on the Seafront Plaza Scheme, which started with the installation of drainage infiltration cells on the north side of the aquarium. Meetings are taking place this week with the Bray Municipal District to progress the Transport Interchange and the Swan River Park schemes.

### **Other Agency Works**

Approval has been received for a Town & Village Renewal Scheme in Enniskerry for public realm works, including pedestrian accessibility, development of a community garden and remedial works to the Town Clock. There is match funding available from the council's own resources and the community to facilitate the project.

### **Members Questions and Issues**

Harbour clean up of debris left behind after recent storm.

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that he has arranged for staff to clean up the remaining debris

Pedestrian Crossing at Kilmacanogue – lights not connected

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that he will follow up on this matter

Ramp at entrance to Avoca Drive dangerous, a motorist recently mounted the footpath.

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that he will have a look at ramp to assess the danger.

Gritting Schedule- request for Beach Road and St Peters Road to be included on gritting scheduled as they are both on bus routes.

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that he will be reviewing the gritting schedule and will look at including both roads,

Herbert Road signage

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that he will follow up on this matter with the roads supervisor.

Traffic lights out at Town Hall junction and Boghall Road junction.

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that all traffic light outages are reported straight away but the Council do not have control over when they are repaired as there is contract in place for traffic light repairs due to insufficient budgets.

Blocked shores outside no. 40 Ryecroft

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that he will follow up on this matter.

Parking issues at Rathmore Terrace- parking spaces removed from Rathmore Terrace

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that he had identified two possible locations for residents of Rathmore Terrace to park their cars but that unfortunately neither location is publicly owned so as of yet there is no resolution to this issue.

Public lighting at People's Park- request for an update on when the public lighting will be installed at People's Park and also an enquiry as to what type of lighting have been ordered.

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that low energy lighting have been ordered but he had no update on when the lights will be installed, he advised he will follow up on this matter.

Cycle Lane at Seafront Plaza – plans differ from what was agreed in part 8

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that there will be a shared cycle and footpath in front of the aquarium building as part of the Strand Road Plaza works. The members queried why the plans have changed from what the Members agreed on under the part 8. Mr Bourke advised the changes only relate to the surface dressing and that there is no change to the overall plans.

Parnell Road – Traffic calming measures

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that negotiations have taken place with residents of Parnell Road regarding speed calming measures and it is proposed to carry out a speed survey in the area however this has been delayed due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Failte Park/Adelaide Road – public lighting not working

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that he will follow up on this matter

Removal of benches from Failte Park

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that he will follow up on this matter

Ledwidge Crescent – Footpaths have dipped and are now a trip hazard

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that he will follow up on this matter

Duncairn Terrace – public lighting not working

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that he will follow up on this matter

Fassaroe and Palermo – Graffiti

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that he will follow up on this matter

Peoples Park – Public bins constantly full.

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that the bins are emptied regularly but the issue here is that the bins are being used by people disposing of household waste.

Fire Fighter memorial – Lighting

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that he will follow up on this matter and he expected the job to be completed in the near future.

Derelict House on Herbert Road- people are using the house to gather in and it has recently been set on fire.

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that he was not familiar with the house and asked that details of the location be forwarded on to him and he would follow up on the matter.

Bollards in place re: interim mobility measures A Member asked if the Members could be consulted on any changes to the interim mobility measures, on case by case basis, it was felt it may be worth maintaining some measures and removing others.

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that the only permanent measures were in Enniskerry and he didn't see any reason to remove bollards which will likely be maintained.

Active Travel Scheme – Update requested

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that there is currently an application in place for a project on the Southern Cross.

Local Improvement Scheme

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that there is currently no information on the scheme for 2021

Ballywaltrim Road – Hedge cutting

District Engineer, Liam Bourke advised that he will follow up on this matter.

Public Realm Project Enniskerry – Update requested regarding Part 8 procedure for public realm project in Enniskerry .People in Enniskerry frustrated with lack of progress.

District Engineer, Liam Bourke apologised for the delay and advised that he will prioritise this project.

Clock Tower – Bench removed

District Engineer Liam Bourke advised that he will follow up on this matter

Pole on Main Street Bray - Request for pole to be removed from outside no. 95 Main Street

District Administrator, David Forde advised that he has been in discussion with Eircom regarding the removal of this pole.

Family Resource Centre Fassaroe –request update on work to be carried out on the centre.

District Engineer Liam Bourke advised that he will follow up on this matter

## **5. To receive an update on the Bray Central**

An updated report on the Bray Central was circulated to the Members prior to the meeting. District Administrator, Mr David Forde, advised the Members that the contractors carried out work to make the site safe before the closure which is accordance with Level 5 restrictions; the site is now officially closed. Negotiations are ongoing in securing tenants for the units in the centre.

## **6. To Discuss Public Toilets in Bray Municipal District**

Members raised concerns about the availability of public toilets in the town. The members pointed out that due to Covid restrictions there are large numbers of people out exercising and walking within their 5km and that there is growing frustration from the public at the perceived lack of public toilet facilities in the town. Also it was felt that the current opening times of the facilities need to be extended. District Administrator advised that the provision of an automated public convenience is extremely expensive.

## **7. Notices of Motion**

### **Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Dermot O'Brien (07/12/2020)**

That this Municipal District develop a Migrant Integration working group as a means of supporting the implementation of the Co. Wicklow Migrant Integration Strategy

**Response:** As part of the Migrant Integration Strategy a County Wicklow Integration Steering Group is to be set up. This will guide and monitor the implementation of the Migrant Integration Strategy. The steering group and the implementation of the strategy will be overseen by the CCSD section. It is envisaged that each MD will have representation on the Integration Steering group.

### **Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Dermot O'Brien (07/12/2020)**

"That this Municipal District set up a working group to pursue the transfer of the old Bray Courthouse into community ownership." The technical work, funding applications and community consultations required to realise the ambition of this project will require a concerted commitment from members and officials. A working group will enhance the potential for success of this project.

**Response:** The Courts Service contacted the Council to inform them of the potential availability of usage of the premises by the Council. At that time the Council engaged an Engineer to carry out a structural condition report on the premises. The Council recently received this report and Council staff will now need to analyse and examine the report findings in more detail with a view to put a cost on the works and identify possible avenues of funding. On first inspection the building does require significant upgrades. Once the condition survey report has been thoroughly examined, the Council will engage with the Economic Development Unit of WCC and also CCSD. Once the results and outputs from this analysis are known, consideration will be given to next steps and actions arising.

**Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy & Councillor Melanie Corrigan (09/12/2020)**

'That Bray Municipal District Council install a speed ramp at the entrance of Cill Sarain, Herbert Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow to address the issue of vehicles speeding in and out of the estate, vehicles turning at the entrance at speed and to ensure the safety of all residents'

**Response:** A speed ramp at the entrance to Cill Saran would not be effective at reducing speeds in the estate. This is a small cul de sac with a sharp bend at the entrance and therefore not conducive to speeds in excess of 30kph. Approved ramp types do not reduce speeds below this.

**Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy & Councillor Melanie Corrigan (09/12/2020)**

'That Bray Municipal District Council install a bin on the boardwalk from Fran O'Toole Bridge to Bray Harbour. This amenity has seen increased use over the last year, however the build-up of rubbish is substantial. The local community have been engaged in regular litter picks; however, a more permanent solution is required. There are currently no bins located in this area'

**Response:** The Ravenswell Road was being cleaned by our staff 3 times a week. A particular litter problem was not identified by our staff. I will organise a review of the amount of litter generated to determine if a bin is warranted. The provision of a bin if required will be subject to available budget.

**Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy & Councillor Melanie Corrigan (09/12/2020)**

'That Bray Municipal District examines the ongoing flooding / waterlogged issue at Ballywaltrim pitches which is resulting in the amenity being rendered unusable on a continuous basis. These pitches provide an important amenity in the area and contribute to the health and well being of many in the community. A permanent solution to this ongoing issue is required'

**Response:** The lands are at grade so shed water naturally, the poor drainage is therefore likely to be related to the soil type, compaction or existing groundwater levels. I note that presently these pitches are verti-drained & sanded annually to a program developed by the Ballywaltrim Users Committee. If it is felt that additional drainage works are required then a thorough site investigation and corresponding detailed design will be required in advance of any construction work, however no funding exists to cover the cost of this.

**Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Aoife Flynn Kennedy & Councillor Melanie Corrigan (09/12/2020)**

'That Bray Municipal District examines accessibility issues at Little Bray Family Resource Centre, Ard Chualann, Fassaroe, Bray and supports addressing existing access issues which include the main entrance and toilet facilities, both of which cannot be accessed by any individual who uses a wheelchair or has decreased mobility. As a community centre, all members of the community should be able to access the services. While staff and management of the service are to be

commended for their efforts to ensure equality for all, it is not acceptable for a community building to not physically be able to provide equal access for all'

An inspection has to be carried out by the District Engineer and this Notice of Motion will be included for response at the March meeting.

## **8. Reports and Recommendations**

N/A

## **9. Any Other Business**

A discussion took place regarding the setting up of a Bray Municipal District Protocol committee to operate in a similar manner to previous protocol committees which were in place in the era of Bray Town Council. There was mixed reaction to the setting up of the committee with some Members in favour but some against the idea. No decision was made regarding this matter.

**This concluded the meeting.**

**Signed:**

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**Signed:**

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**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**

**Dated:**

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