

Minutes of Special Housing and Planning Meeting of Bray Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday 6th December 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Déirdre De Búrca, Cathaoirleach
Councillor John Brady
Councillor Caroline Burrell
Councillor John Byrne
Councillor Bríd Collins
Councillor Anne Egan
Councillor John McManus
Councillor Ciaran O'Brien
Councillor Pat Vance

Apologies: Councillor David Grant
Councillor Joe Behan
Councillor Anne Ferris

Also present: Mr. Des O'Brien, Director of Services
Ms. Catherine Halligan, Town Clerk
Mr. Pacelli Flood, Acting Town Engineer
Ms. Triona Irving, Administrative Officer

At the commencement of the meeting the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Deirdre De Burca, on her own behalf and that of the members, expressed her deepest sympathy to the Kelly family, who recently lost a family member due to tragic circumstances.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Special Housing and Planning Meeting dated 8th November 2005.

It was proposed by Councillor Brid Collins and seconded by Councillor Caroline Burrell and unanimously agreed to confirm and adopt the minutes of the Special Housing and Planning Meeting dated 8th November 2005.

2. Reports and Recommendations

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that there are no reports and recommendations.

Councillor John Brady requested the officials of Bray Town Council to contact Wicklow County Council to obtain a report on the Fassaroe dump and also if he could be given a report on the breakdown of the Heavy Duty Collection for the next meeting.

3. To consider the Housing Progress Report

The Members raised the following points:

James Everett Park Remedial Works

- The weather has been very good the last few days and still there has been no one on site to do work. When is this work going to be completed?

- When is the letter going to be issued asking people to clear their attics?
- What are the Councils plans for No. 91 James Everett Park – tenant with caretakers agreement for piece of land?

Richmond Hill

- When will the hoarding be painted?

Central Heating Scheme

- Delighted to see this going ahead - is there still another 120 tenants to go and was this out of the 2006 allocation?

Fire Hydrants and Full Time Fire Service

- Can we have a report for the January meeting regarding Fire Hydrants?
- We should invite the Chief Fire Officer to an upcoming Council meeting to discuss the matter of a full time fire service.
- The Town Clerk has been asked to contact other Local Authorities to see how they manage the maintenance of Fire Hydrants and will get back to us with any information gathered.

Fire Safety Audit

- People are living in fear in the Oldcourt estate now because of the recent fires. Neighbours are very concerned and worried about more accidents. A fire safety audit is urgently needed.
- Can Bray Town Council price smoke alarms and carbon dioxide alarms for the people in Oldcourt? Maybe this could be included in the budget.
- This issue needs to be kept on the agenda.
- Even if we only have one applicant for this we should give them the contract as it is a matter of urgency now.
- Bray Town Council should demolish the houses in the Oldcourt Estate and this land be offered to a private developer to invest in proper housing for the residents there and make it a more attractive development.

Fire Depot Site

- The public lighting is right against the boundary walls to tenants houses. This is likely to cause anti – social behaviour. Does this meet all necessary regulations?
- Signs and road markings around this site badly need to be put in.
- Progress is not being made with this site – the builders are taking too long. Can the builders bring in sub-contractors?

Miscellaneous

- Ballymorris Estate – Farmers Market recently set-up up in the school grounds but it is causing car-parking problems in the Ballymorris Estate. Can Bray Town Council write to the organisers and address this issue?

- Giltspur Heights – the steps into some of the houses have been very slippery because of the recent rainfall. Is there a fault in the surface and can Bray Town Council look at this?
- Well done to the Estate Development Officer on a good report.
- E.S.B. – A fault with a street light on one of the estates was reported two weeks ago and still nothing has been done. Can this be addressed?
- Hollybrook Site – Can we have an update on this?
- We need to be proactive on preventing and stopping anti-social behaviour and criminal behaviour on the estates. We should have a report regularly on the tenants that have requested transfers because of unhappy living conditions due mainly to these issues. How many prosecutions have the council initiated? Can we have this on the Housing Progress Report for the next meeting?
- 2 Dargle Villas – Is the Council aware that the attic space is all in one in these houses? This is a major fire hazard. Can we put in fire - breaks to prevent this?
- Southern Cross Road – would like to see pedestrian crossing on this road.
- Oldcourt Drive – Planted a tree for Women’s week – good idea.
- Land Acquisition – we need to be more proactive on this issue.
- Planned maintenance – what will be out next project?

The Administrative Officer replied with the following:

James Everett Park Remedial Works

- Letters will issue this week regarding the clearing out of attics.

Planned Maintenance

- This matter will be discussed in the budget for 2006.

Depot Site

- The N.B.A. will be dealing with this and the development will not be taken until all snags are complete.

Anti Social Behaviour

- To date we have taken three cases to court and have been successful. All complaints are logged by the Estate Development Officer and kept on file. There is difficulty in gathering the relevant information and asking people to stand up in court. The administrative officer outlined the procedure regarding anti social behaviour.

The Town Manager stated that discussions regarding specific cases of anti-social behaviour should be dealt with in committee. The Councillors agreed to this.

The Town Manager stated that accommodation is currently being completed for one family at the Hollybrook Site.

The Acting Town Engineer replied with the following:

Richmond Hill Scheme

- I understood that the painting of the hoarding had begun but will check this.

James Everett Park

- Bray Town Council has contacted the developers to find out why they were not on site.

Dargle Villas

- There is no problem putting in Fire - Breaks into these houses.

Giltspur Heights

- The surface of the steps will be examined.

Fire Depot Site

- The biggest delay with this site was the block layers and there were some I.R. issues. The Developer has given the end of January as a completion date.
- A NBA architect comes out every week to meet with the builders.
- We will look at the road around the Fire Depot Site but will probably have to wait till the development is completed before putting road markings etc down.
- It will not be possible to put down ramps at this location as they would hinder the Fire Brigade exiting out of the station.

The Town Clerk informed the members of the following:

Fire in Oldcourt

- That she had been in contact with the Superintendent and the Chief Fire Officer to obtain a report on the fire in Oldcourt. She stated that so far they have said that the fire was accidental but a forensic report is still awaited.

Fire Safety Audit

- There have been three expressions of interest submitted to date. We are now trying to get the same interview board as before but this is taking time to organise.

The Cathaoirleach then stated that the Chief Fire Officer should be invited to one of the meetings early next year.

4. Report on the proposed development of a single house in the townland of Kilbride, adjacent to No. 37 Kilbride Grove

MANAGER'S REPORT ON PART XI PLANNING

PROPOSED SINGLE 3 BEDROOM HOUSE AT A SITE IN THE TOWNLANDS OF KILBRIDE ADJACENT TO NO. 37 KILBRIDE GROVE, BRAY

Background:

Bray Town Council purchased No. 37 Kilbride Grove – an end of terrace three bedroomed house with a large side garden.

The house was let but possession of the large side garden was retained as the possibility of infill development was recognised.

To this end it is proposed to construct a three bedroomed detached house on the site and a public consultation process in relation to this proposal was initiated.

In accordance with the requirements of Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Part 8, Article 81 of the Planning and Development Requirements 2001, the above scheme was duly advertised from Wednesday the 12th October 2005 to Friday 4th November 2005, which was the closing date for receipt of objections, submissions or observations.

In accordance with Section 179 3(a), the following is the Managers Report to the members which is set out in accordance with Section 179, 3 (b) (i) (ii) (iii) (v).

3 (b) (i) Description of proposed development

The proposed development is for a detached, two story, 3 bedroom house at a site in the townlands of Kilbride which is adjacent to No. 37 Kilbride Grove, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

3 (b) (ii) The proposed development is consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area for the following reasons

The area is zoned A1 Primarily Residential with the objective ‘To protect existing residential amenity; to provide for appropriate infill residential development; to provide for new and improved ancillary services’. The proposed development is considered to be consistent with the zoning objectives of the area.

The proposed development also complies with the relevant criteria, such as plot ratio, site coverage, open space, parking etc.

3 (b) (iii) List of persons who made submissions/observations

No submissions or observations have been received by the Planning Authority in relation to this matter.

3 (b) (v) Recommendation

It is recommended that the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed.

Sean O’Neill
Town Engineer

The Managers report on the Part XI planning of the proposed single 3 bedroom house at a site in the Townlands of Kilbride, adjacent to No. 37 Kilbride Grove, Bray was proposed by Councillor John Byrne and seconded by Councillor Pat Vance.

Councillor John Brady mentioned that the residents had some reservations regarding infill development and residents had previously submitted submissions.

Councillor John McManus asked if Bray Town Council will have the allocation of the house.

5. To consider Planning Matters

05/272 – Demolition of three dormer bungalows and for construction of 86 apartments in two blocks, each two storey with part three storey and part penthouse level and with associated site works, new entrance and underground car parking development at Granite Lodge, Drumcree & Lyndhurst, Herbert Road, Bray.

Councillor Caroline Burrell stated that a lot of residents are concerned at this application and they do not want to see this development taking place and she would urge the planners to consider this application carefully.

Councillor McManus stated that this application is not acceptable and he would be opposed to it. He added that there will probably be some sort of development on this site in the future but it has to be done right.

Councillor Brid Collins stated she had received a lot of phone calls from concerned residents over this application. She asked the officials to look at this application closely. Councillor Collins then asked if this could be refused on traffic grounds?

Councillor John Brady stated that he did not support this application. There would be traffic issues and that while the Development Plan allowed for higher densities it should not be in established communities.

Councillor Anne Egan stated that the Herbert Road cannot cope with the amount of traffic this development would bring.

Councillor Pat Vance stated that Councillors have to be realistic. Residents have been reasonable enough and they realise that there will be development here.

Councillor John McManus stated that he was of the opinion that the high - density developments were going to be of the highest standards. He stated that he will assume this is going to be rejected by the Council. He then raised the issue of what resources the Planning Department has. He stated that the council now has less staff to do these works than when the Development Plan was adopted.

Councillor Ciaran O'Brien stated that the Council will have to prove to the public that they can provide the highest standards with the high density applications received. He stated that sub division of premises was increasingly being referred to as "flat land".

The Cathaoirleach stated that she believes the developer paid up to €3 million for three houses along the Herbert Road. She added that she is very concerned at some of the

developments along here. She also stated that the Herbert Road is a nice area and one of the few country roads left in Bray and it is not acceptable to urbanise it.

Councillor Burrell also added that infill and density must be done sensitively for the following planning applications also –

05/276 – 1. A proposed new 123.6sq.m dormer bungalow together with new vehicular entrance, to the rear of no. 8 Boghall Cottages, Boghall Road, Bray. 2. Connection of proposed dwelling to all existing services. 3. All ancillary site works necessary to complete this development at No. 8 Boghall Cottages, Boghall Road, Bray, Co Wicklow.

05/281 – Conversion of No. 1 Sidmonton Avenue, Bray (currently operating as 2 no. apartments) to 3 no. apartments including attic conversion and the installation of 3 no. velux rooflights front and rear.

05/283 – The demolition of existing single storey bungalow and for the construction of 4 no. 4 bedroom period style dwelling houses with provision of off-street parking (two per house), site entrance gate, landscaping, and ancillary works at Glendale, Old Connaught Avenue, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

Councillor Burrell also asked the officials for an update on the refurbishment of the Town Hall.

05/279 – The part demolition, extension and change of use of the 1st and 2nd floors from a dwelling unit to a café with ancillary rooms and the addition of a terrace on the 2nd floor and skylights to the 1st floor, with associated works including amended layout to existing takeaway, a new shop front, alterations to rear elevation, associated signage, ducting and refurbishment of the adjacent footpath, with the addition of bollards and a signpost at Cassoni's, Strand Road, Bray, Co Wicklow.

Councillor Collins stated that she would like to support this application.

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Councillor John Byrne stated that he was glad that this application was rejected. He stated that he does not think it was an attractive scheme.

Councillor John Brady asked if any pre planning meetings had taken place regarding this application.

The Administrative officer stated that she has made note of the Councillors points. She also added that she does not attend any pre planning meetings so she cannot say if any took place.

The Town Manager stated that if any pre planning meetings take place the minutes are recorded and put on file after a decision is made.

6. To fix a date for the statutory Annual Budget Meeting of Bray Town Council for 2006.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government have issued a circular setting out dates for budget meetings to be held. She stated that Wicklow County Council is holding their meeting on the 19th December 2005 and she suggested that Bray Town Council should hold their meeting on the 10th January 2005.

The members agreed to this date.

Councillor Anne Egan proposed that the meeting begin at 7.30 p.m. and this was seconded by Councillor John Byrne.

7. Disposal of Fee Simple Interest to Bray Wheelers Cycling Club, Ballywaltrim, Bray Commons in accordance with Statutory Notice.

The Disposal of Fee Simple Interest to Bray Wheelers Cycling Club, Ballywaltrim, Bray Commons in accordance with Statutory Notice was proposed by Councillor John Byrne and seconded by Councillor Caroline Burrell.

The Town Clerk stated that she had spoken to the Law Agent and he had informed her that once the members have agreed to dispose of this property, matters can be expedited.

8. Report on the Extinguishment of the Public Right-of-Way and the Abandonment of the public road at Vevay Crescent

Councillor Pat Vance proposed and Councillor Ciaran O'Brien seconded the proposal to extinguish the Public Right-of-Way at Vevay Crescent and Councillor Pat Vance proposed and Councillor John Byrne seconded the proposal to abandon the public road at Vevay Crescent.

9. Report on the provision of Taxi Ranks in Bray

The Town Clerk read the following report to the members:

The Town Engineers Report is to update members on the current situation regarding amendment of Bye – Laws for the Bray Taximeter Area. There are 3 taxi ranks proposed – St. Kevin's Square, Quinsboro Road (9,10 & 11 Loading Bay) and Strand Road at the Bandstand.

The Gardai have expressed reservations regarding personal security for the proposed rank at St. Kevin's Square and feel that this rank should remain on Main Street. However the taxi drivers are not entirely happy with this location as they have to face North and if a customer wants to go south this causes problems.

The four set down areas at Prince of Wales Terrace, Royal Hotel, The Aquarium and on Vevay Road.

There is diagonal parking on the Strand Road and the Gardai have indicated they are not happy with a set down area here. They have indicated that the set down area should be moved further North.

The Town Clerk stated that we cannot proceed further without the formal report of the Gardai. It is suggested that this item be placed on the Agenda when this report is received.

The Cathaoirleach stated that this is brought up again at either the January or February meetings.

10. Manager's Report on Part XI Planning - Proposed Stormwater Storage Tank at Old Bray Golf Course, Ravenswell Road

MANAGER'S REPORT ON PART XI PLANNING

PROPOSED STORMWATER STORAGE TANK AT THE OLD BRAY GOLF COURSE, RAVENSWELL ROAD, BRAY

Background:

The drainage emanating from the Bray catchment is currently transferred to a pumping station located adjacent to the harbour. Following screening and grit removal flows are pumped untreated to the sea via a long sea outfall. During rainfall events additional flows are discharged to the marine environment via two short sea outfalls.

The current system does not meet the requirements of current national and EU legislation and in particular the Urban Wastewater Treatment Regulations and the Bathing Water Regulations.

The plan is to transfer flows from the Bray Pumping Station to Shanganagh where they will be treated at a new wastewater treatment works. Treated effluent at the new works will meet the requirements of the Urban Wastewater Treatment Regulations and spills to the marine environment following rainfall events at Bray and Shanganagh will be controlled so that water quality at the designated bathing beaches in the area will not be compromised.

To protect water quality at Bray the construction of a storm water tank will be required to store the "first flush" following a storm event.

In order to capture the "first flush" after rainfall events and ensure the spills to the marine environment are controlled a storm water storage tank of 5000m³ capacity is required. During rainfall events flows entering the Bray Pumping Station will be pumped to the storm

water storage tank and overflows to the sea will not occur until the tank is full.

This will limit spills to the marine environment via the short sea outfalls to on average three per bathing season and ensure statistical compliance with the Bathing Water Regulations.

Once the storm has abated the contents of the tank will be returned to the Bray Pumping Station from transfer to Shanganagh for treatment.

The EIS for the wastewater treatment plant at Shanganagh was certified by An Bord Pleanala on 24th October 2001. However, the storm water tank proposed to be located adjacent to Bray Pumping Station was not included in this process. Due to the size and nature of this tank this is a prescribed development under Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

For prescribed developments within the functional area of a planning authority that are being carried out by, on behalf of, or in partnership with local authorities public consultation in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 is required.

Bray Town Council is the Planning Authority for the area of the proposed works and are the appropriate sponsors of a consultation process in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001.

In accordance with the requirements of Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Part 8, Article 81 of the Planning and Development Requirements 2001, the above scheme was duly advertised from Wednesday the 12th October 2005 to Friday 11th November 2005, which was the closing date for receipt of objections, submissions or observations.

In accordance with Section 179 3(a), the following is the Managers Report to the members which is set out in accordance with Section 179, 3 (b) (i) (ii) (iii) (v).

3 (b) (i) Description of proposed development

The proposed development is for a Stormwater Storage Tank at the Old Bray Golf Course, Ravenswell Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

The principal features of the proposed development in summary are:

- *The storage tank will be constructed in reinforced concrete and will be located below ground. A minimum of equipment will be visible on the surface, which will be screened by landscaping.*
- *The storage tank will be sealed with an integrated odour control system.*
- *Associated pipework will be buried.*

The provision of a stormwater storage tank will result in a reduction of the environmental impacts due to spill from existing wastewater outfalls.

3 (b) (ii) The proposed development is consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area for the following reasons

The proposed development is consistent with the objectives of Section 10.4.4 of the Bray Development Plan 2005 regarding Waste Water Collection and Disposal.

3 (b) (iii) List of persons who made submissions/observations

No submissions or observations have been received by the Planning Authority in relation to this matter.

3 (b) (v) Recommendation

It is recommended that the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed.

Permission for this part of the Bray Shanganagh Scheme is required to progress contract documents for the whole scheme.

*Sean O'Neill
Town Engineer*

Councillor Pat Vance proposed and Councillor Anne Egan seconded the Manager's report on the Part XI planning of the proposed Stormwater Storage Tank at Old Bray Golf Course, Ravenswell Road, Bray.

11. Report on Traffic Calming Management at Hawthorn Road and Beech Road in the Palermo area and Upper Dargle Road, Little Bray

Town Engineers Report on Traffic Calming Measures in Bray:

Traffic Calming Measures

Consideration is being given to the installation of traffic calming measures at Upper Dargle Road, Beech Road and Hawthorn Road following complaints.

In accordance with the powers under Section 38 of the Roads Act 1993, proposals were advertised in local newspapers on 12th October 2005 inviting submissions to be received no later than 18th November 2005.

No submissions were received.

Palermo

This is a residential area but the long straight roads have encouraged excessive speeds. Traffic calming in the form of raised tables is recommended for the area.

The area is also served by Dublin Bus and this will be taken into account in the design of the individual speed control measures.

I recommend that the measures be put in place.

The cost of the proposed measure is approximately €50,000 and the measures can be installed when the finance is made available.

Dargle Road

This is a regional road and it is one of the main access routes to Bray.

Development of the Bray Golf Club lands and intensification of development in the core area of the town will mean that traffic levels on this route will be high in the future.

At the same time discouragement of excessive speed is also desirable.

Due to the limited number of junctions on the route and lack of major traffic lights, speed reduction can be achieved by the installation of traffic calming measures. It must also be borne in mind that this is a bus route.

The proposals outlined are considered to reflect these conflicting needs and are recommended for adoption.

The cost of these measures is estimated at approximately €45,000 and finance is not currently available.

This is the first stage in the implementation of traffic calming – i.e. public consultation.

Consultations will now be undertaken with the Garda Commissioner and in the case of the Dargle Road also with Wicklow County Council to progress the matter – subject to the agreement of the Members to proceed.

The members raised the following issues:

- Welcome this as there have been ongoing problems. The main road, at the exit of the Palermo estate, is a problem and something needs to be done.
- The traffic lights at Upper Dargle Road – we were told that to fix the lights they need to deal with wires under road. Now they have tarmacdamed the road and the lights have still not been repaired. This is a ludicrous situation as it appears that the road will have to be dug up again
- Upper Dargle Road – Speeding is a major problem here. We should do the same as was done on the Lower Dargle Road, where ramps were installed and are quite successful.
- Hawthorn Road and Beech Road – not convinced having two ramps on each of these roads is necessary and would be quite happy for this to go out to public consultation.
- Is the re-alignment of the entrance to Fassaroe Estate going to happen?
- Would like a report for the next meeting regarding the faulty traffic lights on the Upper Dargle Road.

The acting Town Engineer then informed the members of the following:

- It was previously proposed to narrow the entrance to the Fassaroe Estate but this was rejected. No further proposal was ever made but there may be proposals in the future. The proposed housing development and the entrance to the Fassaroe Estate has to be evaluated.

It was then formally proposed by Councillor Pat Vance and seconded by Councillor Anne Egan to adopt the report on Traffic Calming Management at Hawthorn Road and Beech Road in the Palermo area and Upper Dargle Road, Little Bray.

12. To discuss the Garda Report on Cycle Lanes in the Town

The Cathaoirleach stated that a report had been received from the Inspector. It read as follows:

With reference to the above, and in relation to your correspondence of 12th October 2005, the following observations were found; In general the conditions of the cycle lanes in Bray are good. In most cases the cycle lanes are well marked and differentiated from the roadway using red. There are currently cycle lanes at the following locations: Dublin Road, Fassaroe Estate, Castle Street, Killarney Road, Church Road, Vevay Road & Boghall Road.

The cycle lane on the Boghall Road is in poor condition, especially at the section at the Boghall Shopping Centre. Along Kennedy Park, the cycle lane crosses a number of driveways and as a result the surface is in poor condition

The current cycle lanes can build up with dirt and grit from everyday traffic use and would benefit greatly from cleaning on a regular basis.

The following areas are recommended for a cycle lane: Southern Cross Road, Old Connaught Avenue & Herbert Road (Junction of King Edward Road up to Ardmore Studios to merge with existing Cycle Lane).

Cycle lanes are more effective where they run along a roadway as opposed to a footpath. On the footpath cycle lanes, cyclists have to contend with pedestrians and entrances/exits to premises. On the roadway cycle lanes, cycling is much easier, The bicycle is part of traffic and is required to obey the rules of the road. For this reason it should be kept away from pedestrian routes.

The members raised the following points:

- What is the correct legislation regarding cycle lanes because the Boghall Road cycle lane is very dangerous?
- There are currently eight Gardai patrolling Bray using bicycles. Cars are always parking on cycle lanes in the town and this must stop. Church Road is a good example of this.
- We should do what the Gardai suggested in the report. They recommend that we should abandon the cycle lanes on the green areas along the Boghall Road.
- Cycle Lane at Scott Park – could be more effective on the road.
- Castle Street – Kavanagh's Pub – bus has knocked down canopy of the Flower Shop at this location – this needs to be rectified.
- Cycleway on the Vevay Road goes to nowhere.
- Can we get a report in February on the condition of the cycle lanes in the town?
- Can the officials write to the ESB to ask them to remove the pole on the cycleway on the Killarney Road?
- The surface on the cycle lanes needs to be examined as it is very slippery.

The acting Town Engineer stated the following:

- We will look at the surface on the Killarney Road cycle lanes and also on the Boghall Road and signage at Castle Street.
- Bray has a lot of cycle lanes and Bray Town Council has done a huge amount in this area. Better enforcement is needed by the traffic wardens and the Gardai. We will examine the areas mentioned by the members.

13. To discuss access to St Andrews School

The members raised the following points:

- The signage at this location was put in to accommodate people living on the Newcourt Road and also the traffic coming from Dell, when it was open. These traffic problems still need to be addressed as some of the traffic is turning around in Glendale Drive and causing problems.
- Can Bray Town Council widen the road and take a part off of the green area in Scott Park.
- Can Presentation College be asked to close their gates as people are driving in to the school when children can easily walk.
- Consideration should be given to changing the times on the sign.
- Reluctant to rush into any decision regarding this. A solution would possibly be cutting a part of the green area off. Maybe we can give the residents some package to help reach an agreement. There is a public right-of-way through the green area and a lot of elderly people are living here.
- Can we put up a sign saying ‘Access to school only’?
- The solution to this is an urban school transport system.
- Saint Andrews has a massive amount of land in their possession so can they not use some of this?
- The days of delivering your kids to the door of school are over as this is causing a problem for all concerned.

In conclusion the members requested a report outlining options for traffic at this location.

14. Notices of Motion

138. Notice of motion in the name of Councillors Joe Behan, Pat Vance and David Grant (01/03/05)

“That the Council receives an update on the proposal to improve sight lines at Ellerslie House, Sidmonton Park.”

REPORT:

The junction at this location comprises of a T-junction to which entry from Sidmonton Road only is permitted (one way). It is the Road Engineers opinion that there is no need to improve the sight lines at this location.

Councillor Pat Vance stated that this is an emergency situation now. He stated that we’ve never had these problems before. Double yellow lines are needed to stop cars parking and improve sightlines.

This Notice of Motion was then proposed by Councillor Pat Vance and seconded by Councillor Ciaran O'Brien.

140. Notice of motion in the name of Councillors Joe Behan, Pat Vance and David Grant (01/03/05)

“That Bray Town Council provide a yellow box at the junction at Kilbride Grove - Kilbride Lane.”

REPORT:

There is limited traffic congestion in this area for limited times during the day and it is felt that a yellow box at this location is not warranted. Each and every set of ‘Box Junction’ marking places an additional burden on the annual road maintenance costs and a proliferation of ‘Box Junction’ markings limit the effectiveness of each one.

Councillor Pat Vance stated that the residents are very concerned. He stated that we are only talking about a small yellow box.

Councillor John Brady stated that, as a resident of this estate, it is very hard to get in and out because of the absence of a yellow box.

This Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Pat Vance and seconded by Councillor John Brady.

144. Notice of motion in the name of Councillors John Byrne, John McManus, Anne Egan and Anne Ferris (01/03/05)

“That this Council provide a sign for Upper Dargle Road and that they also provide a speed sign on the Upper Dargle Road at the Sunny Bank end.”

REPORT:

A sign for the Upper Dargle Road has been provided at Sunnybank. A repeater sign in relation to the speed limit has also been provided.

Councillor Anne Egan stated that this sign has been erected on the wrong side of the road and asked if this could be rectified.

The members agreed to skip notices of motion numbers 139, 141, 142 and 143 as the members who had submitted them were not present.

15. Correspondence

The Town Clerk stated that the only correspondence received was a letter from Greenstar and this was circulated to the members.

16. Any other business

Councillor John McManus stated that at the back of some of the houses in Avondale Park and the shop at Killarney Heights there is a derelict site which is marsh land also. He stated that this is quite a dangerous area and asked if Bray Town Council could clean it up and make it less dangerous.

The Town Clerk stated that this will be looked into.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed: _____
TOWN CLERK

Dated: _____