

Minutes of Bray Electoral Area Committee meeting held in Civic Offices, Bray, 12th March 2012.

Present: Cllrs. J. Byrne, P. Vance, C. Fox, M. Glynn, J. Ryan, Cllr B. Nevin.

In Attendance:

Eoin Heslin, Senior Executive Engineer, Greystones
Myra Porter, Senior Staff officer, Greystones Area Office
Des O' Brien, Director of Services
Margaret Malone, A/Senior Executive Officer, Housing

Apologies: Deputy Anne Ferris, Cllr John Brady.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr. Byrne and seconded by Cllr. Fox that the minutes as circulated, be confirmed and signed.

2. Consideration of Housing Report.

Margaret Malone answered member's queries on previously circulated report. In answer to member's queries she confirmed that the Council is not entering into any new commitments in relation to the Affordable Housing Scheme. Members were advised that works are underway to address problems with houses in Parknasilloge; the Council is in conciliation with the contractor. Members requested an up to date report for the next meeting, outlining the specific problems with the development.

3. List of Works proposed and carried out in the Area.

E. Heslin circulated his report and advised members that the Greystones office will be carrying out emergency repairs to repair potholes on the N11 at Kilmacanogue in the coming days. Cllr Vance raised concerns regarding the planning implications of a paper which issued recently from the NRA, which will result in the NRA having a veto on all planning applications in the vicinity of national roads; He suggested that Cllr Fox, as chairperson of the Roads SPC, would circulate a copy of the document to all members. D. O' Brien advised that details conveyed to the Council last week, include proposals that future upgrades of the N11 must be funded from development levies. Cllr Fox advised that representatives from the NRA will be attending the next meeting of the Roads SPC, in relation to the upgrade of the N11 between Arklow and Rathnew. It was requested that a letter issue to the Director of Services for Roads and transportation outlining the concerns of the Committee.

In response to queries regarding parking in Enniskerry, members were advised that the matter was raised at the Joint Police Committee and also with the Garda Superintendent, the Garda Traffic Corp have been enforcing parking in Enniskerry village in recent times.

In response to previous concerns raised, D. O' Brien advised members that it is not possible to use Planning enforcement legislation to ensure that the car park at the Powerscourt Arms remains open.

Cllr Fox enquired whether the Council would allow the Bog meadow Committee to extend the car park into Council lands, at their own expense. D. O' Brien advised that details of proposals should be submitted and he would liaise with the Environment Section and E. Heslin.

Members requested that the Council remove weeds on the roundabouts at the Southern Cross and approach roads to Bray. E. Heslin explained the difficulty of maintaining services with diminishing staff and financial resources following previous requests from members the weeds were sprayed. Following a discussion on the matter D. O' Brien agreed to investigate the possibility of improving maintenance on roundabouts and advised members to make provision in the annual budget for parks open spaces, if they want to ensure that these works are prioritised.

E. Heslin advised that he had examined request for drainage on Quill Road and will include the route for surface dressing this year, as it needs a lot of work and drains will be installed also.

D. O' Brien confirmed that Bray Town Council will address the issue of the concrete barriers between the Killarney Road and Southern Cross in the next couple of months.

E. Heslin advised that he had discussed the extension of the Sugarloaf car park with the NTA, following previous requests from members, but they were not willing to fund same.

4. Report on recent Planning Applications.

There were no applications for discussion.

5. Notices of Motion.

There were no notices of motion.

6. Correspondence and items outstanding.

There was no correspondence.

7. Any Other Business.

- Cllr Ryan suggested that the Committee should discuss strategic matters and items should be included on the agenda to facilitate this, e.g. tourism promotion, entrance to villages, cycle lanes, development of walking routes. It was also suggested that a meeting be held with local members of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co Co to discuss matters of mutual interest. D. O' Brien suggested that members make contact with their counterparts on the area committee in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co Co, as a previous written request for a mutual meeting was not responded to. Members were requested to email in their suggestions for strategic issues to be included on future agendas.
- Cllr Fox enquired whether E. Heslin had investigated a flooding problem at Una Cottage, Rocky Valley. He explained that surface water run off from the public road was flooding the septic tank and also adjoining lands. He agreed to forward the contact details for land owners to E. Heslin.
- In response to members concerns regarding an annual fee of €50 for Neighbourhood Watch signs, E. Heslin advised that if the signs are provided Council staff will erect them at no cost.
- Members raised concerns regarding the new signage on the NII, which has incorrect and conflicting spellings of place names.
- D. O' Brien advised that the NTA is dictating how funding is to be spent, with an emphasis on pedestrian and cycling facilities. He suggested that members may want to address this issue which is by passing their involvement. E. Heslin advised

that it is his intention that future major NTA funded works will go to consultation to allow members and the public an opportunity for input. Proposals for cycle ways on the Southern Cross have been included in a five year plan recently submitted to the NTA.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The next meeting will be held at 3.30pm on Monday 21st of May in Greystones.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Signed: _____
Meetings Administrator

Dated this ____ **day of** _____ **2012**