Bray MD

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Let's Develop our Vision for our Community

Participation Democracy and Good Governance

<mark>Respect</mark>

<mark>More resources – more staff – more efficiencies and coordination</mark>

Need more community Gardai

Local authority to be confident to work with and support communities

More sharing of resources

<mark>More accountability and transparency</mark>

Structures need to be transparent. We need to know the roles and responsibilities – who to contact

Good Governance must have a relationship with accountability

Information – Promoting Understanding

More advice in relation to funding applications

We need to know what /who are/is the local government structure

Community Clinic: council official, garda, HSE etc . Drop in service

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Local Decision Making

Return to local town council with focus on the local area

Local decision making needs to stay at local government.

Elected members should have more decision making powers/responsibilities

Good Governance

Council must reply to letters

Good Governance must have a relationship with accountability

Need softer more inclusive structures – less rigid bureaucracy.

Deliberative Democracy

More engagement with the local authority

More consultation and communication in local planning with local communities

More opportunities for dialogue

Partnership with the people and local authority

Stop lecturing and presenting to the people – more genuine engagement joint decision making

Deliberative Democracy Model

Participatory Budgeting

Smaller more local consultations

Need more local networks – local PPNs.

Communication

Live stream Council meetings. More online/Hybrid opportunities

More consultation and communication in local planning with local communities

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System to log issues (CRM) – like UK site: fixmystreet.com

We need 2 way communication between communities and local government.

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Policy & Practise

Bray should be considered as a small city

Need our local authority to be more developmental rather than administrative

More consultation and communication in local planning with local communities

Less bureaucracy to stifle community activities

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Local development should not be centralised by national government

Vote at 16

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Placemaking

Support smaller community groups to build the capacity and community spirit of their local area

Need strong sense of community - sense of place

Community Development & Capacity Building

Support smaller community groups to build the capacity and community spirit of their local area

Harness community enthusiasm

More opportunities to network and learn from each other

More communication, genuine engagement, and joint local decision making

More resources, efficiencies, and coordination

Values, Culture & Meaning

Connectivity/sociability

Bray as a tolerant space that celebrates diversity and all ages.

Safety.

Human rights base to feeling safe and have the right to share your values.

We need a culture of safety for all.

women and people feeling safe.

Fostering opportunities for sharing values but to do that you have to feel safe and in control.

Fear instilled in older people of youth around football pitches green spaces and shared spaces.

Inclusion

We have a collective ownership and sense of belonging important here too. Part of the problem is the frenzy and pace of life busy.

shared values important and sharing values.

Opportunities to participate especially in society and community.

Commitment to understanding peoples values.

Mutual Respect

Fostering opportunities for sharing values but to do that you have to feel safe and in control.

Shared stories and experiences.

Integration

shared values important and sharing values.

Protecting Local Heritage/Placemaking

Maritime greenspace growing Wicklow.

Bray maritime identity.

Important to pass on:

- Identity for ever Travellers (and others)
- Language - maintain and improve diversity of culture 'our' should include beyond Irish traditional music
- literature
- dance
- sport

Resourcing

Physical space for sharing ideas - Multi Cultural Center.

Sit and chat more cultural space for all.

COVID-19 & outdoor spaces need more attractive and welcoming outdoor spaces.

Policy & Practice

Part lets.

Private Developments

Private entity and contracts EG greystones harbour loss of fishermen's right to land

Deliberative Democracy

Opportunities to participate especially in society and community.

Old Courthouse Boghall road now owned by?

Resources to ensure that Bray is a tolerant & safe space that celebrates diversity and all ages.

Social & Community Development

<mark>**We should embrace and celebrate the diversity of Bray.**</mark>

Equality & Inclusion

Value all members of community

Equity - Equality

Opportunities for real inclusion.

No segregation between estates and people.

Integrate young people into communities more through activities, change of attitude & language.

Less Labels ; creates divisions rather than integration.

Accept people where they are at, allow them to develop at their own pace.

Support Bray in becoming an autism friendly town and community groups being more inclusive and aware.

Cater for all ages 1 to 100 in playgrounds.

Capacity Building

Support groups to take ownership of open spaces.

We become more confident to talk to each other.

trauma informed communities trauma informed service providers.

Community Supports/Services

Need more opportunities and programs that engage people and create communities - social events.

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More mens / womens sheds.

More opportunities to meet and engage with others.

Spaces and opportunities for intergenerational activities.

Resources & Infrastructure

Need supports and acknowledgements of voluntary and community development.

Core funding for community services.

Parks for older people / for all people.

Provide facilities to the facilitate movement - prevent mobility issues.

Community hub needed for Bray housing the services of an enterprise center and social enterprise and community services and remote working facility.

Old courthouse should be developed to accommodate community groups in Bray especially those dealing with the most vulnerable (and can't afford it). Also can accommodate outreach services like citizen advice and MABS

Transport

Lived experience needs to inform active travel.

micro mobility - E-Mobilise .

Placemaking

People take ownership of their estates and create communities.

Support groups to take ownership of open spaces.

Hold on to the outdoor activities and engagement brought about through COVID.

Natural Environment

Need just transition in response to environmental issues.

No litter no bonfires.

Health & Wellbeing

Use nature more for physical and social activities and to facilitate better mental health.

The bike Hub Dunlaoighre sports partnership EG trikes trishaws for all ages.

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Participation

Survey target groups to find out what would facilitate their engagement.

Policy & Practice

Need to enforce the traffic laws and penalize offenders.

Needs to legislate for scooters, insurance - provide some rules and regulations.

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Sustainable Development

Playgrounds made from wind turbines, recycled blades

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Resource & build capacity for groups and services to support,

embrace, and celebrate the diversity of bray

Environment and Sustainability

Most important for future/generations

Leadership

Political will

Biodiversity officer with guidelines to municipal districts.

Climate Change want the council to take a lead.

Enforce legislation

How do children change adults ideas.

Environmental Protection

Great resource – Bray Head

As a town does not put value in natural environment

Erosion of Bray Head

Preserve Trees – Bray Tree Festival

Bray has fantastic natural environment we need to do a lot more to protect and enhance it.

Develop The Cave.

Don't value environment, not enough

Some groups do help value/maintain

Not sufficient protection of building heritage.

Biodiversity

Plant more trees

Biodiversity

Value Swans

Biodiversity Officer

Resources

Volunteerism ….. insufficient support.

Finance from Government : Priority with resources (public), Channelled through local authorities.

Increase green spaces

State/Government interventions

Allotments

Money into restoration

Public buildings for community activities

Investment – goes back to valuing what is worth investment

Transparency & Accountability

Maintenance in consultation with locals/volunteers/ residents/community – high priority

Communications – lack of

Bray The new Bridge the honesty of why?

Participatory Democracy

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People need to be part of decision making

Models of engagement.

Current methods – listen to community, collective ownership, local decisions made locally, need decision making power.

Sustainable Energy

Energy – one stop shop

Lighting – Yes/No – conflict

Sustainable Transport

Active transport

Feeder bus around Bray

Walking/Bicyle. Car share. Joined up thoughts.

Sustainable Behaviour

We don't value natural and built – abused

Man-made heritage not protected.

Clean rubbish

Close nit community living

In wake of Ukrainian crisis farmers to grow wheat etc potatoes.

Circular economy

Impact on their parents

Shop Local – stay local cut emissions.

Noise pollution, Air pollution, changing behaviour. Schools

Sustainability: Reusing existing buildings. Don't let buildings become dilapidated. Multi-use of buildings.

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Changing Behaviour: cycle paths, Greenways, Active Transport

Environmental Access

Improve walking and cycle routes

Accessible to everyone

Education & Capacity Building

Programme for schools

Awareness of our interaction of environment

Planning & Development

Planning Communication what are the priorities

Close streets

Pedestrianisation of roads (Quinns/Main Street)

Conflict between sustainable and MIMBYSIM

People should be using the buildings within town - nothing happens, incentives

Bray The new Bridge the honesty of why?

Netherlands – Liveable cities

Lighting – Yes/No – conflict

Regeneration – who to use. Process of how it can happen

More residential in town – how it works, community

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Place economic value on sites.

We should not ignore the reality eg. The Floodplains category A, B or C? Building on a Floodplain

Public buildings derelict – station and old courthouse.

Policy & Practise

Speed limit – 30km

SAAO management

How to do the 'common sense deals'

Policies - follow through and not develop outside these.

Placemaking

Use of civic spaces, civic centres

Safety

What makes our town special

Too many cars in town, not enough seats

Preserve Trees – Bray Tree Festival

Don't, Town hall example of not vibrant and should be accessed to all e.g. Parochial Hall

Maintenance

Keeping fabric

Small level facilities

Investment – goes back to valuing what is worth investment

More residential in town – how it works, community

Create carefree spaces

Neighbourhood Centres : Food /quality, Bakery and vegetables.

Local Decision Making

Power as before eg. Town Council

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Heritage

Heritage : History, Bray Head Walk, Rail line and chair lift

Seafront – built heritage – great facilities

Not sufficient protection of building heritage.

Protect our Victorian heritage

Manage Heritage

Social/Economic/Environmental/Mental Health – different values.

Value/Protect natural environment & built heritage

Nurture biodiversity

Partnership in decision making/Resource & Support community action

Sustainable behaviors, - energy, transport

Education & awareness raising

Sustainable Livable Spaces

Economy & Resources

Tourism

People should visit it as a film town

Tourism and Bray

Transport Infrastructure

Transport Bray benefits from good public transport and connectivity. But improvement needed especially re access to Bray.   Traffic/transport infrastructure plan and a better cycle infrastructure eg Dunlaoighre and coastal mobility: public cycling and bike lanes leading this

Affordability is a barrier for upskilling/ travel to courses and training to get into

Survey to establish baseline on attitudes to transport (eg Fingal)

Connecting lifestyle to cycling

Safety for cyclists: bike hubs at train station - fixes bikes and recycles bikes , buy affordable bikes and teaches people to look after bikes.

Planning & Policy

How do young people see economy and role in it.

How does the gig economy affect them

How do we foster opportunities to have work experience that make most have their skills and talents (lots don't have opportunities)

It's a loss to the economy by not investing in trades and youth

Too Much emphasis on academia

Schools are all geared towards 3rd level a hierarchy of value

Economy – all ages – retired people to stay on

Remote Working : Employer co-operation important here. How do we ensure it's a win/win for everyone and done properly?

Experiential learning should be allowed/taken into account.

Need an overview and wider experience than specialism (even in their own field)

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Implement plans don't let them sit on shelf

Need study of derelict vacant buildings in Bray

Audit of industries in Bray - asking what else can we do to be supportive

Victorian look to sea front gone architectural decisions

Relationship between film industry and local authority could be stronger

biotech campus clean high tech jobs in Bray. Bray has to be proactive to attract it. Vision for it should be developed at a local level

Value the different skills and talents more – those that translate into trades

Youth Employment

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Loss of economy but not investing in traders for youth

Local Infrastructure

Remote Working : Pester Council – can we provide the facilities for people to work at their computers in the county ie. remote working hubs and make them attractive. Bray previously a community town and this could address that. Employer co-operation important here. How do we ensure it's a win/win for everyone and done properly?

No enterprise centre in Bray for start -ups – innovation.

Community/& Enterprise Hub badly needed.

Living lab in Bray space where people can start working on their ideas (eg project in balbriggan)

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Survey of users of promenade safety

Education & Apprenticeships

Younger people and older people trading skills and knowledge (foster mutual respect)

Apprenticeships and the Green Economy

Expansion of BIFE – more courses and look at the BIFE site (cut down on young people commuting)

No classes where you can upskill for those in work (night courses in BIFE gone)

Lifelong learning should be developed more

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Need an overview and wider experience than specialism (even in their own field)

Critical thinking, problem solving etc. applying your skills so important

Adult education – more needed

Life sciences

Placemaking

Can people live and work in their town and or must go???

Can people afford to live in county

Is there any availability

pop up shops lively and encourages enterprise and addresses dereliction.

Community Resources

Younger people and older people trading skills and knowledge (foster mutual respect)

Funding to create spaces for youth

Retired people could be hired to pass on their skills and experience and the value of that need to be acknowledged.

Services in local communities

Local Employment Provision/Opportunities

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No opportunities for placement in the county have to go to Dublin

Bray should be a film town

Biotechnology

Lithium find in Wicklow.

Brays assets: good industrial lands and amenities has carrying potential of 40% more. So attractive to investors

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Businesses in Bray losing out on film industry spend more construction with film business. Bray traditionally a film town much more could be done.

Accessible Employment

Keep raising % of public jobs for people with disabilities

Training for companies/organisations to make their employment practices more accessible

Bray seafront and main st – a town of contrasts: 2 former rapid areas.

Young people disengaging since COVID

Older generations seem more resilient than younger generations.

Bray dynamic static comfortable because of Dublin proximity.

Boghall Rd - Courthouse what's happening to it?

Film industry is a strength of Bray

What's the film industry ecosystem locally

Accessible & affordable education & skills development opportunities/youth

More local employment opportunities/youth/film/tourism

Transport/connectivity, Resourcing local infrastructure

Health (Physical & Mental)

Transport & Traffic Management

Bus taken off putland road older people can't get to mass.

Shuttle bus around Bray we are too big now as an area we need local affordable transport around our town.

Cars parked on pavements blocking access.

Traffic management blocked off roads at school times from McDonald's to Church Rd at certain times.

Environment

Food waste (eg France) make it illegal at supermarkets. High quality.

Air quality ban idling of combustion engines in Bray: massive issue, reference Jennifer Whitmore's Bill.

Health Facilities & Resources (Education & Prevention)

Women not getting enough exercise – provide access for women to free exercise in own community. Consider the cost of this on health issues like osteoporosis.

Quality of life for everyone: children and women sector not meeting exercise target - role of education in this.

Access to preventative health services.

Role of education system in relation to our physical and mental health.

Provide access to community based health checkups these could prevent illness and take pressure off doctors.

Health checks and info out in community hold in outdoor community space.

Mobile Health Checks going into local communities

Dementia, living longer, many of us will live to get it - diet and exercise huge factor.

primary care center for most services.

Planning/Placemaking

Foster awareness around what optimal health looks like – physical, mental, social. Supports/ facilities/ incentives positive action. How do we build an understanding of Optimal Health?

Placemaking groups: community spaces placemaking community : social interaction, kids playing in st, understanding of freedom feeling safe and secure in local community feeling socially connected. this all can help our health. the scaffolding needed for help. interaction with all agencies

tree planting festival - London urban tree festival. could have Bray Tree festival : including community orchard planting, celebrate existing trees, good tree protection, education, experience being in nature – forest bathing, Role of Wicklow County Council.

Build local community networks - issue in the community, community address it, people support each other.

Sense of Community.

<mark>Look after Local/estate area and rest will fall into place.</mark>

More healthy communities it's great.

Policy & Resources

GP card does not include blood test or injections.

GP practices want people to use laptop a lot of older people don't have computer skills.

Cost of doctor visitors visits a problem.

Lack of access to GPS in Bray.

Doctors appointments all online digital divide causing access issues.

Delay for appointments and issue of getting a doctor if new to an area.

Primary Health center should offer full range of health services.

Person centered options to access services

Need permission and support with signage. Bray Head residents association preparing own signs, re dog fouling.

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Services and Diagnosis – Waiting list – people need to go to charity to get support for diagnosis.

Communication & Accessibility

Communication of existing supports advertisement in local paper not always just online.

Satellite services for access to support services doctors mental health services etc

communication about free classes and services.

Mental Health Policy & Practice

New mental health hospital for Wicklow and local mental health services.

More for mental health more counsellors

Access to counseling services is very poor too long a wait and very few counselors.

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Dealing with the impact of COVID on children consider the hidden harm of COVID.

Infrastructure

Not everybody into team sports – more other physical activities free outdoors, running tracks.

More seats in Bray to be able to sit and relax in Bray.

primary care center for most services.

Maternity Hospital.

Community Supports

Community information shop similar to tourist Information Center where you can find out about local clubs and groups

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Hold events to connect people.

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Better development of sports grounds places to walk and run.

Community gardening - grow food and housing estates.

Access & Inclusion

Language not 'special needs' talk about 'universal accessibility'

digital divide

online doctor visits can be useful for some target groups.

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Access to health services

Resources for more preventative & community health initiatives including social activities