



COURTS SERVICE
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The Cualann Centre

The new courthouse in Bray forms part of the recently developed Cualann Centre. The Centre also contains new offices for Bray Town Council, new headquarters for the Health Service Executive, restaurants, the Mermaid Arts Centre and the Department of Social and Family Affairs offices for Bray and Wicklow. There is underground car parking for approximately 280 cars.

Further development will involve the construction of residential units consisting of 17 four/five bedroom houses together with a 31 bedroom hotel and the renovation of the existing St. Cronan's House.

The entire site is knitted together by means of courtyards and open spaces in this essentially pedestrian orientated scheme. The courthouse is located in Block D and is orientated around a courtyard.

The Brief

The brief required the design of a two storey courthouse for the Circuit and District Courts together with associated offices. The complex functional requirements of modern court buildings dictated that the design of the building provide for separate circulation routes for various parties e.g. judiciary, staff, members of the public, juries and prisoners.

Design concept

The design team wanted to convey the sense of gravitas required of a courtroom while maintaining the accessibility of a public building. This dichotomy is expressed throughout the building. The austere black granite of the wall bisecting the formal spaces from the congregation areas provides a stark contrast with the light filled double height circulation and gathering spaces. This imposing threshold must be crossed in order to gain entry to the courtrooms.

Similarly, the light filled courtrooms have warm timber panelling while the dark timber furniture was custom made and reinforces the solemnity required of a courtroom.

Accommodation

The new courthouse has three courtrooms with adjoining judge's chambers, a jury room, legal practitioners' room, consultation rooms, offices for the staff of the District Court with a public counter and separate interview room, victim support room, media room and holding cells for prisoners with direct access to both of the main courtrooms. The building provides separate entrances for the judiciary and prisoners. There is a cell block between both main courtrooms with direct access to both. The building is supported by the latest information technology.

The facilities now available will ensure that court demands in Bray and the surrounding area will be met for many years to come.





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Ionad Chualainn

Is cuid d'Ionad Chualainn a forbraíodh le déanaí é an teach cúirte nua i mBré. Tá oifigí nua san Ionad freisin do Chomhairle Baile Bhré, ceanncheathrú nua do Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte, bialanna, Ionad Ealaíon Mermaid agus oifigí na Roinne Gnóthaí agus Teaghlaigh do Bhré agus Chill Mhantáin. Tá páirceáil faoi thalamh ann do thart ar 280 carr.

I measc na forbartha breise a dhéanfar tógfar aonaid chónaitheacha ina mbeidh 17 teach le ceithre/cúig seomra codlata chomh maith le hóstán 31 seomra codlata agus déanfar athchóiriú ar Theach Naomh Cronan atá ann cheana.

Tá an láithreán iomlán nasctha le chéile le clois agus spásanna oscailte sa scéim seo atá dírithe go bunúsach ar choisithe. Tá an teach cúirte lonnaithe i mBloc D agus é suite timpeall ar chlós.

An Cúram

Bhí sé riachtanach de réir an chúraim teach cúirte dhá stór a dhearadh do Chúirteanna Cuarda agus Dúiche chomh maith le hoifigí gaolmhara. D'éiligh na riachtanais casta feidhmiúcháin a bhaineann le foirgnimh cúirte nua-aimseartha go mbeadh soláthar i ndearadh an fhoirgnimh le haghaidh bealaí cúrsaíochta ar leithligh do pháirtithe éagsúla m.sh. na breithiúna, foireann, muintir na háite, giúiréithe agus príosúnaigh.

Coincheap an dearaidh

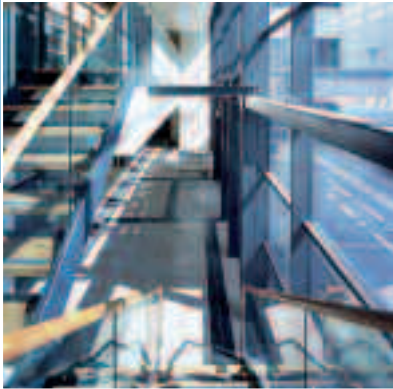
Bhí an fhoireann deartha ag iarraidh an dáiríreacht a theastaíonn ó sheomra cúirte a léiriú ach an inrochtaineacht a bhíonn ar fhoirgneamh poiblí a choinneáil ag an am céanna. Tá an diceatóime sin le feiceáil ar fud an fhoirgnimh. Tugann urlár eibhir dorcha an bhalla a dhéoinneann na spásanna foirmiúla ó na limistéir phobail codarsnacht mhór leis na spásanna cúrsaíochta agus cruinnithe ar airde dúbailte atá lán le solas. Caitheann an tairseach suntasach sin a thrasnú chun dul isteach chuig na seomraí cúirte.

Ar an gcaoi chéanna, tá painéil teolaí adhmaid sna seomraí cúirte atá lán de sholas agus saindearadh an troscán adhmaid dorcha agus atreisiúnn sé an tsollúntacht a theastaíonn ó sheomra cúirte.

Cóiríocht

Tá trí sheomra cúirte ag an teach cúirte nua le seomraí breitheamh ag síneadh leis, seomra giúiré, seomra do chleachtóirí dlí, seomraí comhairliúcháin, oifigí d'fhoireann na Cúirte Dúiche agus cuntas poiblí agus seomra agallaimh ar leithligh, seomra tacaíochta d'íospartaigh, seomra meán agus cillíní coinneála do phríosúnaigh le rochtain dhíreach ar an dá phríomh sheomra cúirte. Tugann an foirgneamh iontrálacha ar leithligh do na breithiúna agus do phríosúnaigh. Tá bloc cillíní idir na príomh sheomraí cúirte agus rochtain dhíreach ar an dá cheann. Faigheann an foirgneamh tacaíocht ón teicneolaíocht faisnéise is déanaí.

Cinnteoídh na saoráidí atá ar fáil anois go ndéanfar freastal ar éilimh chúirte i mBré agus sa limistéar máguaird ar feadh blianta fada amach romhainn.



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