

**Minutes of the Town Rejuvenation Implementation Committee meeting held in the
Downstairs Boardroom, Bray Town Council, Civic Offices, Main Street, Bray
on Tuesday 6th November 2007 at 5.00 p.m.**

Present: Dermod Dwyer, Chairperson
Councillor Bríd Collins
Councillor Anne Egan
Councillor Ciaran O'Brien
Councillor Pat Vance
Des O'Brien, Bray Town Council
Sean O'Neill, Bray Town Council
Christine Flood, Bray Town Council
Jason Cooke, Bray & District Chamber of Commerce
Liam McGarry, Bray Retailers Group
John Mullane, Bray Retailers Group
Mary McDermott Roe, Pizarro Developments Ltd

1. Minutes of the meeting dated 16th October 2007

The minutes of the meeting dated 16th October 2007 were agreed by all of the members.

2. Update on the Shopfront Grant Scheme

Christine Flood circulated the report outlining details of applications, grants allocated, details of acceptance of the grant and further applications.

Mary McDermott Roe stated that she had spoken to Ledwidges and they agreed that the committee would allocate a grant to cover the installation of laminated glass and the removal of the shutters. It was agreed that the committee would allocate a grant of €3,000 to Ledwidges.

Christine Flood stated that she received a telephone call from the Boomerang Bar who were concerned that contractor, Peter Carroll would not have all the planning details ready before the deadline of 9th November. It was agreed to extend this deadline until 2nd December 2007.

3. Update on Paint the Town scheme

Mary McDermott Roe informed the members that weather permitting it is anticipated that the project will be completed by the end of November.

Jason Cooke informed the members that the event highlighting the turning on of the Christmas lights will take place on 17th November 2007. The Cathaoirleach, Brid Collins and members of Bray Lakers will turn on the lights.

It was agreed that the update event with retailers would take place on Monday 26th November 2007 between 6.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. in the Royal Hotel.

It was proposed by Brid Collins and seconded by Pat Vance and agreed by all members to contribute approximately €26,000 towards the hanging baskets.

4. Corporate Taskforce

Jason Cooke informed the members of the following:-

- AIB are expecting to commence works in the first quarter of 2008.
- An Post – plans were sent to the manager today.
- Enable Ireland are considering plans but these will need to go to their Board of Directors.
- Falcon Travel will not be removing the shutters but they have fixed the signage.

5. To consider the Town Rejuvenation Budget Report

Christine Flood informed the members that the report would need to be reviewed due to ongoing changes with the painting scheme and the shopfront grant scheme etc. It is anticipated that €50,000 would be drawn down from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government this year.

6. Monthly Cleanliness Audit Report

Sean O’Neill stated that progress is being made behind the scenes. He informed the members that mechanical sweeping of the Main Street would commence on 14th November on a trial basis. The tree bases have been put down on Quinsboro Road and will be completed along the Main Street by the end of November. He further stated that litter on the Main Street is inevitable and it is impossible to constantly clean the Main Street. It is hoped to tackle chewing gum, the lights on the Heritage Centre are being fixed and the bollards on Quinsboro Road will be replaced.

Des O’Brien stated that it is unfair of the retailers to write to the Chairperson of the Rejuvenation Committee complaining about Bray Town Council. He stated that he agrees progress is slow and he accepts responsibility for this. He informed the members that John Nolan of Greenstar is setting up a litter taskforce in conjunction with Bray Town Council and Bray Chamber.

The members agreed that lantern effect lighting would be most suitable on the Dargle Bridge.

7. Any Other Business

Liam McGarry informed the members that the information meeting conducted by Dr Grail in relation to the BIDS process would take place in the Council’s Assembly Room in Dun Laoghaire on Wednesday 14th November at 5.45 p.m. Brid Collins, Christine Flood and Ciaran O’Brien stated that they would be interested in attending.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Signed: _____
TOWN CLERK

Dated: _____