

**Minutes of the Town Rejuvenation Implementation Committee meeting held in the
Downstairs Boardroom, Bray Town Council, Civic Offices, Main Street, Bray
on Tuesday 16th October 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
John Mullane, Bray Retailers Group
Mary McDermott Roe, Pizarro Developments Ltd

Apologies: Jason Cooke, Bray & District Chamber of Commerce
Liam McGarry, Bray Retailers Group

The Chairperson and members extended their sincere sympathies to the families of Mark O'Shaughnessy and Brian Murray. It was noted that the meeting of 2nd of October 2007 was suspended as a mark of sympathy to both firefighters. The Chairperson requested that a letter of sympathy be sent to both families on behalf of the Town Rejuvenation Committee.

1. Minutes of the meeting dated 16th September 2007

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

Christine Flood informed the members that Bray Town Council mislaid the first invoice from the painter. However the two subsequent payments have been made.

It was noted that the Gardai would be attending the meeting dated 6th November 2007 for the Policing Plan presentation.

2. Review of Schedule of Meetings from November 2007 until April 2008

The schedule of meetings was agreed, however this is subject to change.

3. Update on Paint the Town scheme

Mary McDermott Roe informed the members that the project is currently running under budget due to the fact that some shops that had been budgeted for are now being invoiced directly. The project is on schedule with painting on the Quinsboro Road due to start next week. Weather permitting, it is anticipated that the project will be completed for the first week in November.

John Mullane stated that more pressure should be applied to the corporate bodies to commit to painting their premises.

4. Shopfront Grant Scheme

Christine Flood circulated a report outlining recent applications under the scheme, which includes Health Matters, Milan & Co., Liz Anne’s Coffee Shop, Ledwidge Brothers, The Gem and The Wool Shop. A letter confirming grant allocation was issued to all previous applicants requesting them to confirm if they are proceeding. The closing date for all applications is 30th October 2007.

5. Monthly Cleanliness and Security Report

Sean O’Neill stated that it was unfair to suggest that no interest has been shown in the report. He confirmed that the tree bases would be completed soon.

The members raised the following issues:

- More litter enforcement is needed.
- Traders need to tend to their own properties.
- Areas outside of Main Street are not being maintained.
- Suggest we concentrate on one core area.

Christine Flood stated that the Seafront should be used as a model for the Main Street. She also confirmed that the Council are due to get an automated sweeper for the Main Street.

Des O’Brien stated that there are no direct labour staff for roads maintenance and it is difficult to get a contractor to do small jobs. Regional roads are funded by Wicklow County Council and the budget is only €58,000 for the whole town. He also confirmed that litter resources on Main Street are greater than on the Seafront (except during the summer period).

Dermod Dwyer recommended that proposals and suggestions be put forward at the next meeting. He also suggested highlighting the need for cleanliness at the interim event.

6. Review timetable for Rejuvenation Implementation deliverables

Christine Flood outlined parking, traffic management, maintenance and cleanliness issues in the report. She stated that funding for lighting, pavement improvements etc. would be significantly lower due a reduced amount of funding received from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

It was agreed that Retail Hierarchy, Integrated Management and Retail Charter would be deferred.

8. Other rolling report items

Christmas Lights

Mary McDermott Roe circulated a proposal including lights for the Main Street, Quinsboro Road, the Heritage Centre, the Town Hall and the Holy Redeemer Church. She confirmed that the cost is €35,000 per annum. The elected members of Bray Town Council have agreed in principle to contribute €15,000. Bray Chamber are underwriting the cost of the lights, installation and the running of the event for the next five years. A payment of €7,500 was requested from the Town Rejuvenation Committee.

It was proposed by Dermod Dwyer and seconded by Brid Collins to proceed with a payment of €7,500 towards the Christmas lights.

Christine Flood suggested that window stickers be printed for all retailers who contribute to the Christmas lights.

All members congratulated Mary McDermott Roe, Liam McGarry, Jason Cooke and Mick Glynn for their excellent work.

Hanging Baskets

Mary McDermott Roe informed the members that an irrigation system and brackets must be put in place before the hanging baskets are put up. The cost of the irrigation system is €13,500, the brackets cost €12,500 and the baskets are €80 each. Mary requested €26,000 from the Rejuvenation Committee to cover the cost of the irrigation system and the brackets.

It was agreed to defer this decision until the next meeting.

10. Any Other Business

Dermod Dwyer requested a report showing the committee's expenditure, financial commitments and expected future expenditure.

Dermod also requested that the Council follow-up on grant allocations and commitment from retailers for the Shopfront Grant Scheme.

Christine Flood confirmed that retailers were given a deadline to respond to the grant allocation. She advised the members that all local authorities are bound by procurement rules and therefore anyone receiving payments from the Council must be tax compliant. She agreed to investigate this matter further.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Signed: _____
TOWN CLERK

Dated: _____