

**Minutes of the Town Rejuvenation Implementation Committee meeting held in the
Downstairs Boardroom, Bray Town Council, Civic Offices, Main Street, Bray
on Tuesday 17th April 2007 at 5.00 p.m.**

Present: Chairperson, Dermot Dwyer
Councillor Anne Egan
Councillor Ciaran O'Brien
Christine Flood, Bray Town Council
Des O'Brien, Bray Town Council
Sean O'Neill, Bray Town Council
John Mullane, Bray Retailers Forum
Liam McGarry, Bray Independent Retailers

Apologies: Councillor Anne Ferris
Councillor Pat Vance
Jason Cooke, Bray & District Chamber of Commerce

1. Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted and signed.

Mr Liam McGarry stated that he was disappointed that there was no mention of the LUAS at the previous meeting.

The Chairperson confirmed that Mr Jason Cooke had raised this issue but it was not discussed at length.

2. Format of Meetings

(i) How to organise to get most from the time

The Members agreed to hold the meetings on every first and third Tuesday. A schedule of meetings was circulated to each member.

The members raised the following points:

- An action plan should be devised.
- Format – should this be working groups or headings?
- We should make an action plan first.
- Meeting Minister Dick Roche is priority.

The Chairperson suggested that the members take item no. 4 next. This was agreed.

4. Engineers Report on Costings

Mr Sean O'Neill, Town Engineer informed the committee that the report he produced is an estimation of costs and some costs are outside the control of Bray Town Council.

The report headings included Parking, Traffic Management, Maintenance/Cleanliness, Retail Offering/Hierarchy, Retail – Shopfront Policy, Integrated Management and Retail Charter.

The Town Engineer did costings for the following:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost Estimate</u>	<u>Constraints</u>
Multi-storey carpark on the Herbert Road	Design fee two stages of €500k, land costs over €1 million	Other parking must be available before multi-storey can be constructed on the current carpark site.
Orchard/HSE site for parking	€20 million plus	
Parking restrictions at Bray Seafront to reduce all day parking	€30k approx.	
Carparking signage (VMS)	VMS signage, detection and monitoring equipment can cost up to €300k	
BTC to adopt and implement a town centre traffic management plan	Dependant on works recommended. Sources of funds could be development levies, DTO	
Directional road signage for Bray on the M11/N11	Requested from WCC and NRA	
Traffic management	SCATS (traffic light management system) approx €10k per junction (€50,000 total)	
Enforcement of the Litter Policy by BTC	Extra litter warden or empowerment of other staff	
Improve urban landscaping, planting, lighting, signage, bins in the Town Centre	Lighting €300k, Signage €25k, Litter bins €35k, Pavement improvements €1m, Bollards €50k	
Mechanical street and pavement cleaning (before 8am)	€25k for 2007	
Refuse collectors to remove rubbish before 10am or between 6pm and 8pm	Possibly draft bye-laws	
Retail Hierarchy	€150,000 (consultancy costs)	
Appoint Town Centre Manager	Up to €100k per annum	

The members then raised the following points:

- Would anticipate that the multi-storey Herbert Road carpark would be built underground using the top level for a more useful project.
- The Herbert Road carpark is approx 1.4 acres and is owned by Bray Town Council and the Holy Redeemer Church.

- Father O’Connell is retiring soon and we should be watchful of this as he is very active for the community.
- The valuer working on behalf on Bray Town Council is currently negotiating with Fr O’Connell. We have made an offer but there are certain conditions which the Council cannot comply with.
- We will go out to tender or seek a partner for this project. We cannot close the Herbert Road carpark until we have alternative parking in place.
- What should the strategy be? We cannot disconnect the Florentine Centre from our future plans especially at the Herbert Road carpark.
- We need a surface carpark back on the Florentine site. We own 40% (1 acre) of the current site.
- Orchard/HSE site – we are currently awaiting a decision from the HSE. Money is not a priority for the HSE.
- There are possible 400 spaces on the Seafront that needs to be managed. The Carlisle Grounds and the Bowling Alley have parking which is not being utilised by commuters. If there is a charge for parking on the Seafront, it will give Bray Wanderers and the Bowling Alley the incentive to further develop their carparks.
- Need to assess availability of parking in the area.
- Negotiations should take place with CIE and the commuters.
- CIE previously came up with an unsuitable proposal for their carpark and it was refused. It is hoped to have the LUAS line running at the northside of the DART station.
- The Council are currently reviewing and amending our bye-laws in relation to parking control in residential areas.
- A parking proposal is to be put to the Members of Bray Town Council in July.
- Can we explore the possibility of using parking in St Thomas’s school and the VEC, even just for the Summer period?
- Visual Messaging System is a good idea. Directing traffic to available parking is a key initiative.
- The draft Public Transportation Study is due in the coming weeks.
- The Civic Centre carpark will be available on Saturdays to the public and signage will be erected.
- There is a current RPS study to rationalise signs on national roads.
- Litter issue – giving an on-the-spot fine is difficult when we don’t know who the people are – unsure of the solution to this.
- A monthly audit programme (in relation to litter) is done by the Bray Chamber. Enforcement for retailers is important.

Mr John Mullane proposed that 5-10 minutes be allocated at the next meeting to give a progress report on the condition of the town.

The Chairperson stated that we should draw up a work plan and nominate a sub-committee in relation to this.

(i) **Meeting the Minister – agenda / attendees**

The Town Clerk advised the committee that the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government will meet with members of the committee on Tuesday 24th April 2007 in Leinster House. As previously agreed one member for each grouping will attend this meeting.

The members held a discussion regarding projects and funding and it was agreed that the committee would request funding for roads grants, environmental issues, urban renewal projects. All details

and proposals in relation to this would be sent to the Town Clerk before 12 noon on Friday 20th April.

It was agreed that the Chairperson, the Town Clerk, Councillor Anne Egan and Mr John Mullane would attend this meeting with the Minister.

Item no. 3 “Drafting a Workplan” was deferred until the next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Signed: _____
TOWN CLERK

Dated: _____