

**Minutes of the Town Rejuvenation Implementation Committee meeting held in the
Downstairs Boardroom, Bray Town Council, Civic Offices, Main Street, Bray
on Tuesday 18th September 2007 at 5.00 p.m.**

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

Apologies: Councillor Pat Vance
Christine Flood, Bray Town Council

Dermod Dwyer requested that all members observe the 5.00 p.m. start time for the meetings.

1. Minutes of the meeting dated 4th September 2007

Liam McGarry stated that he raised the issue of carparking with Des O'Brien under Any Other Business at the meeting dated 4th September and this was not recorded in the minutes.

Dermod Dwyer requested that under item No. 5 Monthly Audit the minutes are amended to show that John Mullane had sent the report but Mr Dwyer had not checked his email.

2. Shop Front Grant Scheme Report

The report circulated to the elected members at the Council meeting dated 11th September 2007 was passed to the committee.

Des O'Brien confirmed that the elected members had agreed to implement the recommendations in the report. Applicants will be required to submit a letter confirming they are accepting the allocated amount and that the works will be completed by March 2008.

It was agreed that the 30th October 2007 would be the closing date for receipt of further applications.

Jason Cooke advised the members that he is be meeting with the owner of Health Matters to discuss their application.

3. Update on Paint the Town scheme

Mary McDermott Roe stated that payment for the painter had delayed progress. It was agreed that further payments should be monitored.

Mary also confirmed weather permitting Main Street will be finished by the end of next week and she would anticipate that Novara and Quinsboro Road would be completed by the end of October.

The following issues were raised:

- It was agreed that a letter congratulating Hollands for painting their premises would be sent from the committee.
- Ballymore will be improving the hoarding and drape.
- A photograph of Colum O’Broin, Mary McDermott Roe, Fleetwood, Dermod Dwyer and the Cathaoirleach of Bray Town Council is to mark the completion of Main Street.
- Mary McDermott is to contact Hibernian Insurance to choose a date for an informal wine reception for retailers. Jason Cooke is to look after the PR.

4. Corporate Taskforce update

Jason Cooke informed the members of the following:

- Falcon Travel have replaced and improved their signage.
- AIB are to confirm next week regarding painting and a new access.
- O2, An Post and Enable Ireland – still waiting to hear from them.
- Bank Of Ireland will be doing a big renovation job.

5. Monthly Cleanliness and Security Report

John Mullane stated that some items in the report are nothing to do with Bray Town Council some are maintenance issues which will be raised with the retailers. The next audit will be ready for the meeting dated 2nd October 2007.

The following points were raised:

- There are three options to protect trees from cigarette butts – rubberised macadam, concrete or plastic mats covered with gravel. Sean O’Neill will inform the committee when the most suitable option has been decided.
- Sean O’Neill is to get a quote for lighting and solar lighting at the Dargle Bridge.
- The lights on the Heritage Centre should be turned on at night.
- Could the committee contribute an amount per annum to the Churches to ensure they are floodlit at night? It was agreed that this should be considered for Christmas time.

6. Critical Appraisal & review timetable for Rejuvenation Implementation deliverables

Dermod Dwyer advised the members that this committee should consider having all deliverables such as the shopfront scheme, the painting scheme, cleanliness and security completed by April 2008. He stated that the majority of the capital budget should be spent by this time. He also stated that some form of town centre management should continue.

The members raised the following points:

- It was agreed that “Post-Committee Structure” would be added as an item on future agenda’s.
- Public and private side have worked well together and should continue to the next phase.
- There is great enthusiasm and support for this committee and we don’t want to lose this.

Liam McGarry stated that under the Business Investment District process in Dun Laoghaire, a seminar is being organised in November with Dr Gray from the UK. He proposed that this committee joins forces and contribute €800 - €1200 for participation.

It was agreed that the committee would participate and contribute a maximum of €1,000.

The timetable report for deliverables is to be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Other rolling report items

Christmas Lights

Jason Cooke informed the members that Bray Chamber had received a proposal within their budget.

It was agreed that Mary McDermott Roe and Liam McGarry would be involved in agreeing a specification.

10. Any Other Business

The Policing Plan report from the Gardai was circulated with the agenda. John Mullane proposed that the committee invite Garda representatives to attend a meeting in October to discuss the report.

It was agreed that Garda representatives would be invited to attend the meeting of 16th October for 15 minutes at 5.00 p.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Signed: _____
TOWN CLERK

Dated: _____