

**Minutes of the Town Rejuvenation Implementation Committee meeting held in the
Downstairs Boardroom, Bray Town Council, Civic Offices, Main Street, Bray
on Tuesday 19th June 2007 at 5.00 p.m.**

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

Apologies: Chairperson, Dermot Dwyer
John Mullane, Retailers Forum

Not in Attendance: Councillor Anne Ferris

It was agreed that Christine Flood would act as Chairperson for the meeting. Ms Flood requested that the meeting finish early due to the Council meeting at 7.00 p.m. This was agreed.

The committee welcomed Councillor Brid Collins, Cathaoirleach on to the implementation committee.

Councillor Anne Egan informed the members that Councillor Anne Ferris had been elected as Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council. Councillor Ferris requested that Councillor Egan would sit on the committee in her place.

1. Minutes of the meeting dated 5th June 2007.

The minutes of the meeting dated 5th June 2007 were proposed by Councillor Pat Vance and seconded by Councillor Anne Egan. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

2. Launch event evaluation.

Mary Mc Dermott Roe stated that the committee must keep in touch with retailers. She is currently compiling a list of all retailers and she will call in person or by telephone by Saturday evening. She confirmed that one concern for retailers is the issue of shutters, so Ms Mc Dermott contacted Hibernian Insurance who confirmed that it is not mandatory to have shutters but the shop must have laminated glass in the window. Hibernian are currently putting together a shop insurance pack.

Leinster Shutters are preparing a price list for relocating shutters indoors on all shops in the Town Centre. As an example, they priced a double fronted shop on Quinsboro Road - €2,850 for relocating the shutters and between €1,700 to €2,00 for laminated glass.

Ms McDermott Roe stated that Fleetwood have confirmed that a ten litre bucket of paint will cost €33.04.

She also confirmed that the cost of painting the facades excluding corporate businesses is €99,430.

Jason Cooke stated that the application form for the painting would be available tomorrow.

With regard to a complaint made by a business person from Albert Walk, at the Information Evening, Councillor Brid Collins stated that the businesses in Albert Walk declined Urban Renewal in 1994.

3. Painting initiative – steps to revive/deliver.

Mary McDermott Roe confirmed that she has requested a colour palette from the contractor.

Des O'Brien expressed his disappointment at the job done by Modelworks for the launch.

Jason Cooke stated that it was his understanding that Mr Colum O'Broin would be advising on colour schemes for each block.

4. Feedback from target audience/stakeholders.

Jason Cooke asked whether there was any update regarding the Village Gate Arcade.

Des O'Brien confirmed that if the owner wants the Council to take this in charge, then we will.

Christine Flood confirmed that a formal request must come from the owner of the Village Gate Arcade. She also confirmed that the Council is writing to Ms Anne Gregory to advise her of this.

5. Shopfront Scheme – interest levels.

Christine Flood confirmed that Bray Town Council had received a considerable amount of interest for the painting scheme and the shopfront scheme. Details of both are available on the website and will also be given out to retailers at the Information Days.

Councillor Pat Vance stated that insurance companies are likely to clamp down on shutters if shop windows are broken a number of times. He further stated that the Gardai need to monitor the CCTV regularly.

Des O'Brien suggested a second camera at the junction.

Mary McDermott Roe stated that issue of having shutters is more attitude than a necessity.

Councillor Vance asked if retailers removed their shutters will they receive a grant for relocating them indoors?

Councillor Ciaran O'Brien enquired about disability access as stated in the Development Plan.

Des O'Brien informed him that the Council cannot condition a disabled access under the shopfront scheme.

Mr O'Brien also informed the members that Bray Town Council are moving closer to agreement with Ballymore Properties but a deal is unlikely within the timeframe for the Painting Scheme.

Councillor Pat Vance stated that the Council should underwrite the money at this stage and seek it back when the deal is concluded.

Des O'Brien agreed to put a recommendation before the members of the Town Council. Councillor Vance stated that he would prefer not to ask corporate businesses for money. We should write to them and state that we expect them to participate in the shopfront and painting schemes.

Councillor Brid Collins confirmed that the Bank Of Ireland have plans for renovating their premises.

Jason Cooke recommended that this letter be sent from the Rejuvenation Committee, signed by the Chairperson and listed with the committee members. He also stated that each corporate business be examined individually.

Mary McDermott Roe confirmed that the committee should start at the top level of each corporate business. She further stated that Mr Dermot Dwyer may have contacts.

6. Actions – responsibilities.

- Painting scheme application will be available tomorrow from Bray Chamber.
- Mary McDermott is to get a coordinated colour scheme.
- Jason Cooke is to speak to Dermot Dwyer to ensure Modelworks finish their job.
- Jason Cooke is to draft a letter to the corporate businesses and draw up a list of who needs to be targeted.
- Aisling McDonnell, Graduate Planner will draft a report on each shopfront needing attention.

7. Any Other Business.

- Mary McDermott Roe raised the issue of the Farmers market signs being nailed to the Heritage Centre. She also expressed concern over the temporary road closure on Saturdays to facilitate the market and she stated that there is no access for coaches to the hotel.
- Some members also stated that clothes should not be sold at this market.
- The Town Clerk stated that she had spoken to Mr Noel Keyes of Bray Tourism who confirmed that clothing is allowable and that they had relocated the fish and meat produce to accommodate the Royal Hotel.
- Jason Cooke stated that we should be opening roads not closing them.
- Councillor Brid Collins confirmed that she will meet the Town Clerk to review the comment sheets and feedback from the launch.

The members agreed to hold another meeting **on 26th June 2007 at 5.00 p.m.** following the Information Days at Bray Town Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Signed: _____
TOWN CLERK

Dated: _____