

**Minutes of the Town Rejuvenation Implementation Committee meeting held in the
Downstairs Boardroom, Bray Town Council, Civic Offices, Main Street, Bray
on Tuesday 20th 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
LIAM MCGARRY, Bray Retailers Group
JOHN MULLANE, Bray Retailers Group

Apologies: MARY MCDERMOTT ROE, PIZARRO DEVELOPMENTS LTD
JASON COOKE, BRAY & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1. To welcome the Gardai to present the Policing Plan

Detective Inspector Frank Keenaghan and Sergeant Tony O'Donnell presented the Policing Plan for the Town Centre to members.

The members thanked the Gardai for the presentation and raised the following points:

- Can CCTV evidence be used when prosecuting someone?
- Is there any particular reason why crime figures are down?
- Should the Council be introducing byelaws to deter people from fraudulently collecting for charity?
- Has Garda equipment been improved?
- Can anything be done about gypsies sitting under parking meters and intimidating people?
- Cooperation between the Gardai and retailers is essential.
- Gardai on patrol in the town centre areas is very effective.
- Suggest that the Gardai run a crime seminar once or twice a year.
- Gardai need to be more responsive when taking calls.
- Casual trading is permitted in three areas in the town, what can be done when people trade outside the designated areas?
- Sergeant Paul Daly is the community Garda, retailers need to establish protocol with him.
- There needs to be a curiously call to keep people updated on progress.

The Gardai informed the members of the following:

- CCTV can be used in court for prosecuting people.
- There is a pilot scheme in Letterkenny whereby suspicious behaviour is reported via text message to a central location and this is then sent out to all retailers and subscribers to the scheme. This is proving very successful.
- Any persons collecting on behalf of charity need a permit from the Gardai, there is no requirement for byelaws.
- The public need to report suspicious behaviour to the Gardai to raise awareness.
- Crime figures are down due to extra funding and resources.
- Garda equipment has improved.

- Anyone loitering in car parks is trespassing under the Public Order Act.
- If casual traders do not have a permit the Gardai can take possession of their stock and prosecute them.

2. Minutes of the meeting dated 6th November 2007

It was proposed by Brid Collins and seconded by Anne Egan to adopt the minutes of the meeting dated the 6th November 2007.

3. Update on the Shopfront Grant Scheme

Christine Flood informed the members that there were a small number of planning applications received. The deadline of 2nd December 2007 may need to be extended again.

4. Update on Paint the Town scheme

It was noted that progress is being made.

5. Corporate Taskforce

Brid Collins stated that Bank Of Ireland will be spending a large amount of money on their premises.

6. Monthly Cleanliness Audit Report

Sean O'Neill informed the members that he is examining lighting for the top of the bridge but it is not possible to put stands on the footpath. The cost is approx €4,000 per light and there will be two or four lights on each side of the bridge.

He further stated that the suction sweeper was in operation on the Main Street on a trial basis. He confirmed that the bad weather had made things difficult.

Brid Collins congratulated the Town Engineer and proposed that we proceed with the lighting.

Pat Vance stated that he would like to see visual proposals before making a decision.

7. Any Other Business

Anne Egan expressed her disappointment that the Christmas lights did not extend to the bridge.

John Mullane stated that Mick Glynn had done excellent work but unfortunately there were technical difficulties in this area due to the width of the road.

Pat Vance stated that the lights may be scarce in places but this is a huge improvement and that we may look at providing more money in the coming years.

Ciaran O'Brien stated that the BID's meeting held in Dun Laoghaire on 14th November was very informative. He further suggested that a meeting be organised to discuss progressing this.

It was agreed that Ciaran O'Brien and Liam McGarry would make a presentation on the BID's process to the members in January.

John Mullane stated that all invites to the Information Evening on 26th November had been sent out.

Liam McGarry asked the Town Clerk to investigate fixing the public lighting at the Town Hall and the Main Street.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Signed: _____
TOWN CLERK

Dated: _____