

**Minutes of the Town Rejuvenation Implementation Committee meeting held in the
Downstairs Boardroom, Bray Town Council, Civic Offices, Main Street, Bray
on Tuesday 21st August 2007 at 5.00 p.m.**

Present: Dermod Dwyer, Chairperson
Councillor Anne Egan
Councillor Ciaran O'Brien
Councillor Pat Vance
Christine Flood, Bray Town Council
Jason Cooke, Bray & District Chamber of Commerce
John Mullane, Retailers Forum
Liam McGarry, Bray Retailers Group
Mary McDermott Roe, Pizarro Developments Ltd

Apologies: Councillor Bríd Collins
Des O'Brien, Bray Town Council
Sean O'Neill, Bray Town Council

1. Minutes of the meeting dated 17th July 2007.

The minutes of the meeting dated 17th July 2007 were agreed by all of the member's present.

1. To discuss the Bray Farmers Market

An email from the organiser of the Bray Farmers Market was circulated to all members with the agenda.

The members raised the following points:

- The market is in the wrong location, outside the Civic Offices would be ideal.
- We should not be closing roads to facilitate the market.
- This matter is not for the Rejuvenation Committee.
- The Farmers Market pays a small fee to the Heritage Centre.
- Wicklow Town Council supply matching canvasses to the Farmers Market in Wicklow Town.
- We should be confining the produce to local suppliers.
- An advertising campaign is a completely different matter.
- The Retailers Group welcome the Farmers Market but we need higher quality stalls.
- As part of the Mermaid Arts Centre birthday celebrations, there are plans to have a market on site at the Civic Centre.

It was agreed that this matter is for the Town Council and not the Rejuvenation Committee. Mr Dermod Dwyer will revert back to the organisers.

2. To consider representation from Ballymore Properties

Christine Flood confirmed Bray Town Council have agreed to CPO (Compulsory Purchase Order) properties around the Florentine Centre. Work will commence before the end of this year and it is anticipated that it will be finished in 2009.

The members raised the following points:

- When will the CPO commence?
- We should encourage Ballymore Properties to provide a carpark by September 2008.
- Can we condition Ballymore to do the carpark first?
- Will the redbrick façade be staying up?

Christine Flood confirmed that the façade of the building, facing on to Main Street is to remain and that Bray Town Council had requested that these works be completed as early as possible. She would enquire as to whether it was possible to condition Ballymore to complete and open the carpark, prior to opening the rest of the development, which is due to be completed in 2009. Dermot Dwyer proposed that the committee write to Ballymore and invite a representative to sit on the committee.

It was agreed to leave Item 3 until the end of the meeting.

4. Assessment of Shop front scheme

Christine Flood stated that each application will need to be assessed, the applicants will then be contacted with a view to going to the planning stage.

The members examined all 23 applications and noted the following:

- Health Matters, Main Street – we should treat this as a special case as it is under the same canopy as Golden Discs and Lifestyle. Jason Cooke will ask Noreen from Bray Chamber to approach the owners of all shops.
- Anne Gregory Design, Herbies Alterations and Fabric Gallery Ltd in the Village Gate Arcade – we should encourage these applications.
- John Mullane and Liam McGarry are to meet with the owner of City 2.
- We need to encourage all retailers to move the shutters inside and behind their displays.
- Westbourne Hotel/Clancy's on Quinsboro Road – this application appears to be for maintenance works rather than improvement to the shopfront .

Dermot Dwyer proposed that the works and prices on each application be further examined. He also stated that the committee should host an event to celebrate the completion of the painting scheme and to encourage further shopfront grant applications.

Mary McDermott Roe suggested having a drinks party in September, which could be sponsored by Hibernian Insurance Ltd. Hibernian could have a representative present to talk to retailers about insurance and shutters.

Christine Flood agreed to examine all applications and circulate her report to the Rejuvenation Committee by 4th September 2007, with a view to placing this item on the agenda of the Bray Town Council Meeting of 11th September, 2007.

5. Painting initiative – applications

Dermot Dwyer complimented Mary McDermott Roe for all her hard work on the painting scheme.

Mary McDermott Roe advised the members that Fleetwood was supplying better paint for €42.66 per bucket and we get one free bucket with every 10 purchased. However, she confirmed that Johnsons Paint will supply the same size bucket for €24.50 per bucket.

The members raised the following points:

- Is this imported paint or manufactured in Ireland?
- We gave a public commitment to Fleetwood and we should not be breaking this agreement.
- The local authorities are subject to public procurement rules. However the deal with Fleetwood was agreed before Bray Town Council was required to fund the painting scheme.
- Dermot Dwyer requested that an order of magnitude be sent to all committee members.

Mary McDermott advised the members that painting on one side of Main Street would be finished this week and the opposite side would commence next week.

Christine Flood agreed to get photographs taken of Novara Avenue, Quinsboro Road and Florence Road.

6. Corporate Taskforce

Jason Cooke advised the members of the following updates:

- Dunnes Stores – still negotiating.
- AIB – are currently making plans and they also must address disability access.
- Falcon Travel – are seeking a quote.
- Celtic Bookmakers – said no to shopfront however, they will paint the premises. They are also looking to relocate premises.
- An Post – are very eager but they will be seeking a declaration because the building is a protected structure.
- Ladbrokes – want to put heritage signage in place.
- Enable Ireland – are willing.

Ciaran O'Brien stated that Ladbrokes moved into this premises knowing that it was a protected structure. He advised that the committee should not be facilitating temporary personal tastes. He added that An Bord Pleanala would not allow this.

Christine Flood stated that Brid Collins called to the Manager of Dunnes Stores who has been in touch with head Office with regard to renovating the shop-front.

3. Follow-up Actions

The members received a full list of follow-up actions with the agenda.

Parking proposals:

- Christine Flood stated that the changing of byelaws is a complex issue and it is anticipated that the new proposals will be brought to the elected members in October 2007.
- Christine Flood informed the members that the Courts Service have threatened Bray Town Council with legal action if they proceed to open the Civic Centre carpark on Saturdays.
- Pat Vance stated that he would contact the CEO of the Courts Service, Mr PJ Fitzpatrick to discuss the matter.

Monthly audit report:

- Christine Flood read out a small report from Liam Bourke, Senior Executive Engineer stating that a mechanical sweeper will be ordered, parking signs for the Herbert Road carpark will be erected shortly, 7.00 a.m. start for Main Street sweeping has commenced on Monday mornings, bins on Quinsboro Road have been replaced, bins will be installed at

Duncairn Terrace and a contractor is inspecting the Quinsboro Road this week to price the installation of flexible surfacing flush with pavement, to help combat litter. An additional staff member has been assigned to street sweeping.

- John Mullane proposed that Simon Allen and Mary Bannon follow-up their monthly reports with Liam Bourke . He will request a report for the meeting of 4th September 2007.
- Anne Egan requested more bollards for the Quinsboro Road to stop illegal parking.

Review of Tidy Towns:

- It was agreed that this would be discussed at the meeting of 4th September 2007.

DTO funding:

- Christine Flood informed the members that she contacted the DTO who have requested a copy of the Town Rejuvenation report and a copy of the Public Transport plan with costs included.

Meeting with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council regarding the LUAS:

- Christine Flood informed the members that she is waiting on a date in September for this meeting.

A number of follow-up items that have not been dealt with will remain on the list.

9. Any Other Business

Mary McDermott Roe requested that bollards erected on the Quinsboro Road would hold hanging baskets also. It was agreed that the hanging baskets would be considered at the meeting in September.

Mary informed the members that she and Liam McGarry were in contact with Mr Dermot Brennan regarding energy efficient Christmas lights.

The members raised the following points:

- We should leave this until early next year.
- We could purchase the lights this year and get them put up locally.
- We should discuss this with a few suppliers and decide on the right design for Bray.
- The cost of this should be added onto the commercial rates.
- We should consider lights outlining the Heritage Centre and the Town Hall for this year and lights on trees.

John Mullane confirmed that the Bray Chamber had received a request for information from Clonmel Chamber of Commerce regarding the town rejuvenation project.

It was agreed that it is premature to be giving out information at this stage.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Signed: _____
TOWN CLERK

Dated: _____