

**Minutes of the Town Rejuvenation Implementation Committee meeting held in the  
Downstairs Boardroom, Bray Town Council, Civic Offices, Main Street, Bray  
on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 5.00 p.m.**

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**Present:** Dermod Dwyer, Chairperson  
Councillor Bríd Collins  
Councillor Pat Vance  
Triona Irving, Bray Town Council  
Sean O’Neill, Bray Town Council  
Jason Cooke, Bray & District Chamber of Commerce  
Liam McGarry, Bray Retailers Group

**Apologies:** Des O’Brien, Bray Town Council  
Christine Flood, Bray Town Council  
John Mullane, Bray Retailers Group  
Mary McDermott Roe, Pizarro Developments Ltd

**Absent:** Councillor Anne Egan  
Councillor Ciaran O’Brien

**1. Minutes of the meeting dated 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008**  
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It was proposed by Brid Collins and seconded by Pat Vance to adopt the minutes of the meeting dated the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

**2. Update on Shopfront Grant Scheme**  
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It was noted that the Bookstation submitted a late application under the scheme. Triona Irving confirmed that the planner is currently compiling a report on the works completed.

Bray Chamber is to follow-up with all other applicants.

It was agreed to publicise before and after pictures of Costello Opticians who have completed their works.

A member raised the issue of temporary signage outside the Emporium. Triona Irving agreed to raise this matter with the Planning section.

**3. Update on Paint the Town Scheme**  
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It was noted that Mary McDermott Roe had left a work schedule with the painter. A report on the hanging baskets was circulated and it was agreed to defer discussions until Mary returned.

Sean O’Neill informed the members that official confirmation from An Bord Pleanála for the Florentine Centre CPO had been received.

**4. Corporate Taskforce Update**  
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Jason Cooke informed the members of the following:

- Enable Ireland have stated that their landlord should be completing the works.
- Celtic Bookmakers have lodged a planning application for the Quinsboro Road. He asked if the rejuvenation committee could make a submission on the planning application?

It was agreed that it is not appropriate for the committee to make a submission on this planning application.

## 5. Monthly Cleanliness Audit Report

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Sean O'Neill informed the members that the report on the bridge lighting is still under consideration.

The members raised the following points:

- Bins are being cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- The level of littering over St Patrick's weekend was disgraceful.
- We should employ additional litter pickers next year.
- Suggest we use temporary recycling bins.
- We should link up with Greenstar for these events.

Triona Irving confirmed that the Community, Cultural, Social & Environmental MPC will be submitting proposals in relation to the litter taskforce to the full Council in the near future.

## 6. Work Programme to April

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The work programme is to be circulated to all members.

## 7. Any Other Business

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**Traffic / Parking** – Dermot Dwyer stated that in his opinion traffic and access to the town is the main problem.

The members raised the following points:

- The traffic lights at Corke Abbey cause huge problems but the Gardai are against putting in a roundabout.
- Pedestrians and side roads are problems.
- Cars travel from one end of the town to the other.
- Better signage is needed.
- Are HGV's allowed in the town?
- A community effort of parking stewards is needed on Saturdays.
- A maximum of 600-800 vehicles per hour cross the Dargle Bridge.

It was agreed that this matter would be included as an item on the agenda for the next meeting. Dermot requested that all members give due consideration to this issue prior to the meeting.

**BID's** – Liam McGarry informed the members that he is hoping to meet the man who started the BID's process. He confirmed that Christine Flood is currently working on financial projections.

**Footfall** – Liam confirmed that he has a quotation from Experia for €27,475 excluding VAT regarding footfall. He stated that business students should be encouraged to take this on as a project.

Dermot Dwyer stated that the methodology must be right.

It was agreed that time would be set aside at the next meeting to discuss the future role of the committee.

This concluded the business of the meeting.