

**Minutes of the Town Rejuvenation Implementation Committee meeting held in the
Downstairs Boardroom, Bray Town Council, Civic Offices, Main Street, Bray
on Tuesday 4th November 2008 at 5.00 p.m.**

Present: Mary McDermott Roe, Joint Chairperson
Christine Flood, Joint Chairperson
Councillor Ciaran O'Brien
Councillor Pat Vance
Des O'Brien, Bray Town Council
Liam Bourke, Bray Town Council
Liam McGarry, Bray Retailers Group
John Mullane, Bray Retailers Group

Apologies: Councillor Anne Egan
Councillor Brid Collins

Not In Attendance: John Nolan, Bray & District Chamber of Commerce

1. Minutes of the meeting dated 7th October 2008

Mary McDermott Roe requested that the minutes be amended to state that she had not yet collected €8,000 for the hanging baskets.

She also stated that it was agreed that the bridge lighting would be considered when carrying out the flood defence works.

After a brief discussion it was agreed that Liam Bourke would examine different lighting options including LED lights and obtain prices. Both Chairpersons will then decide on the style of lighting for the bridge and revert back to the committee.

After making both amendments, it was proposed by Pat Vance and seconded by John Mullane to adopt the minutes of the meeting dated the 7th October 2008.

2. To discuss sponsorship from retailers for new bins

Liam Bourke confirmed that the supplier of the new bins would be giving a demonstration on Friday 7th October 2008. The bins cost approx €3,500 each.

Pat Vance suggested that key areas be supplied.

John Mullane enquired if there was any cost benefit to the Council. Des O'Brien stated that the bins would improve the level of service rather than a cost benefit.

John stated that it is very important to put bins in the right place i.e. highly populated areas, high footfall.

Des O'Brien stated that the Council would examine the law regarding litter from fast food outlets.

Des also confirmed that the bollards, ESB pole and bins on the Quinsboro Road would be completed by the end of December.

It was agreed that at the next meeting, Liam Bourke would provide a report on the new bins, the small aperture of the current bins and the number of bins per street.

3. Report on the bridge lighting

This matter was discussed under Item 1.

4. To discuss the possibility of allocating a Shopfront Grant to Bray Royal Cinema

Christine Flood informed the members that she received a letter from Mr Michael Collins of Bray Royal Cinema Ltd requested a Shopfront Grant. She stated that all four shopfronts look very well and that the other three units received a grant of €8,087.91 each.

It was agreed that the committee would write to Mr Collins seeking a commitment that he would not let the unit to sex shops, bookmakers, tattoo shops or head shops.

John Mullane requested that the issues, which were raised at the recent retailers meeting regarding shutters, would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mary McDermott Roe stated that she would provide the relevant information in relation to the shutters.

5. Any Other Business

Christmas Lights – Christine Flood informed the members that she had received a letter from Bray & District Chamber of Commerce requesting €10,000 funding from the committee for 2008.

The members raised the following points:

- o Can we extend to Castle Street?
- o Does the contractor have a valid C2 (tax clearance certificate)?
- o We agreed to expand the lights over a three year period.
- o It should be noted that this committee ceases at the end of April 2009 and funding will not be sustainable from this committee.
- o Bray Town Council are the main contributor to the lights. The Council's logo should be displayed on all posters and stickers.

Hanging Baskets – Mary McDermott Roe requested more time to collect money from the retailers. It was agreed that the committee would fund the baskets to allow Mary more time to collect all monies.

Mary also stated that she had received orders for 100 winter baskets.

Florentine carpark – Ciaran O'Brien informed the members that 120 spaces are ready, with the remaining spaces to be completed by the 8th December.

Liam Bourke confirmed that there were some concerns regarding vehicle, machinery and pedestrian entrance. It is anticipated that entry to the carpark will be at Florence Road and exit onto Quinsboro Road.

Signage – Des O'Brien stated that designs and quotes have been sought for new posters outlining that Bray is open for business and that carparking is available.

This concluded the meeting.