

**Minutes of the Town Rejuvenation Implementation Committee meeting held in the
Downstairs Boardroom, Bray Town Council, Civic Offices, Main Street, Bray
on Tuesday 7th October 2008 at 5.00 p.m.**

Present: Mary McDermott Roe, Joint Chairperson
Christine Flood, Joint Chairperson
Councillor Brid Collins
Councillor Anne Egan
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
John Nolan, Bray & District Chamber of Commerce

1. Minutes of the meeting dated 16th September 2008

It was proposed by Anne Egan and seconded by Pat Vance to adopt the minutes of the meeting dated the 16th September 2008.

2. To consider the sub-committee's reports

Parking/Traffic Issues – Liam McGarry informed the members that he had discussed parking issues with retailers and the sub-committee would meet soon.

Maintenance/Cleanliness – Pat Vance confirmed that the sub-committee met during the week and are due to meet again on 21st October 2008. They discussed and identified various areas to be addressed. As there is only six months left on the committee they decided to concentrate on core business areas. He also requested that the sub-committee members examine different areas for specific items that need addressing.

Bins are cleaned twice daily however the members are examining the possibility of a new bin for problem areas that compacts litter.

It was agreed that one committee member should bring items and recommendations back to the officials and members of the Rejuvenation Committee.

The members raised the following points:

- Timeframes need to be realistic and not open-ended.
- It was great to see the green machine cleaning areas on the outskirts of the town centre.
- The committee need to take a strong approach on retailers and use the Chamber representatives to carry the message back.
- Road dirt needs to be examined.
- The Litter Taskforce encourage members of the Chamber to clean-up their own premises.
- Suggest we approach large retailers to sponsor a new compactor bin. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

Shopfronts / Café Proposals – Mary McDermott Roe circulated a quotation for changing shopfronts to café's. The estimated quotation totalled €55,955.50 per premises. Mary questioned if this proposal should be postponed due to the current economic climate.

After some discussion it was decided that this policy might be considered for future proposals and refurbishments. It was also agreed that this sub-committee would be integrated with the Retail Offering/Retail Charter sub-committee.

3. To discuss representation at the Chamber Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards on Thursday 6th November 2008

Christine Flood advised the members that she had invited Dermot Dwyer to attend the awards ceremony. John Nolan confirmed that he would be attending the ceremony with the group from the Chamber of Commerce. It was agreed that Pat Vance, Anne Egan, Ciaran O'Brien, Liam McGarry, Mary McDermott Roe, Christine Flood, Georgina Franey, Des O'Brien and Sean O'Neill would attend. Transport will be organised for those attending.

4. Any Other Business

Bridge Lighting – Pat Vance asked if any progress had been made. It was agreed that the bridge lighting would be considered when carrying out the flood defence works.

Shopfronts – Christine Flood confirmed that she had sent a letter of congratulations to Tansey's for winning the Tidy Towns Best Shopfront Award in the Mid-East. Liam McGarry suggested that if there was a fall-out in numbers that Ciaran Flanagan from Tansey's be invited to the Chamber Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards.

Anne Egan stated that the Seafront looked great on Nationwide programme on RTE.

Christmas Lights – John Mullane confirmed that two proposals had been brought forward.

The first proposal is that the 2007 lights would remain in place for €34,000 plus VAT.

The second proposal is to increase lights in areas including Main Street lower, trees at the Heritage Centre, Novara Avenue and extending Quinsboro Road for €44,000 plus VAT.

€48,000 plus VAT was collected last year. John enquired if extra funding was available for the lights? He further added that a sticker would be given to retailers who supported the lights and Ollie Mahony would be overseeing the project on behalf of the Chamber. Mr Mahony is to contact Christine Flood who will appoint a Council engineer to liaise also.

Hanging Baskets – Mary McDermott Roe stated that she has €8,000 left to collect for the hanging baskets and she enquired if there was a contingency. Mary also suggested that the Christmas lights and hanging baskets would be reflected in the Council's budget proposal under the rates.

Des O'Brien confirmed that the whole town pay rates not the town centre area. He further added that this was a political matter and the decision would be made by the elected members of Bray Town Council.

CCTV – Mary McDermott Roe stated that she had investigated the possibility of a new camera for the town centre areas. The cost of hiring one is €500 per week. It was agreed that Brid Collins would examine this proposal as Chairperson of the Crime Prevention/Security sub-committee.

The next meeting will take place on 4th November 2008 and will last for a maximum of one hour.

This concluded the meeting.