

**Minutes of the Town Rejuvenation Implementation Committee meeting held in the
Downstairs Boardroom, Bray Town Council, Civic Offices, Main Street, Bray
on Tuesday 24th June 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 McGarry, Bray Retailers Group
Jason Cooke, Bray & District Chamber of Commerce

Apologies: Sean O'Neill, Bray Town Council
John Mullane, Bray Retailers Group

Ms. Brid Collins questioned if she should continue to be on the Rejuvenation Committee, as she is no longer Cathaoirleach of Bray Town Council. Mary McDermott Roe stated that the committee are happy to have Ms. Collins remain.

1. Minutes of the meeting dated 13th May 2008

It was proposed by Pat Vance and seconded Jason Cooke by to adopt the minutes of the meeting dated the 13th May 2008.

2. To consider the Annual Report 2007/2008

Christine Flood had circulated the Annual Report to the Committee and stated that if they were happy with what it contained, it would be adopted and circulated to the full council. The committee did not request any changes to the Annual Report.

3. To consider the sub-committee's proposal

The committee were circulated with a listing of the proposed members of each sub-committee. Christine Flood stated that Mr. Phil Reilly, who runs Dundrum Town Centre, had been approached by the Committee to visit Bray and advise how best to maximise shopping potential. The Committee will then approach retailers to locate in Bray.

It will be September before Mr. Reilly will be able to make this visit to Bray. After some discussion, it was decided to wait until September for Mr. Reilly, as he is the best in his field.

It was agreed that the sub-committees contain the following members:

Parking/ Traffic Issues	Retail Offering/ Retail Charter	Café Proposal/ Shop Fronts	Maintenance/ Cleanliness	Crime Prevention/ Security
▪ Liam McGarry	▪ Christine Flood	▪ Ciaran O'Brien	▪ Mary McDermott Roe	▪ Brid Collins
▪ Anne Egan	▪ John Mullane	▪ Jason Cooke	▪ Pat Vance	▪ John Mullane
▪ Sean O'Neill / Liam Bourke	▪ Simon Allen	▪ Mary McDermott Roe	▪ Brid Collins	▪ Paddy Kelly
	▪ Ciaran Flanagan	▪ Martin Molloy	▪ Liam Bourke	
		▪ Anne Marie Holland		
		▪ Liz Anne Molloy		

Liam McGarry remarked that he had spoken with Michael Ahern of the DTO with regard to parking. Mr. Ahern is willing to talk to the committee informally in relation to this matter.

A general discussion took place about public transport and it was mentioned that the recommendations of the Faber Maunsell report need to be sent to the QBN office in order to request funding. Christine Flood remarked that from previous experience, it is difficult to get funding for projects that are not at the top of the DTO wish list (e.g. bus corridors). It was noted that should a Bus Corridor be implemented along the Killarney Road, the junction of Killarney and Church Roads will need significant works.

It was decided that the various sub committees should meet before the next Rejuvenation meeting and inform the committee of their progress to date. It was decided that the next meeting of the Rejuvenation Committee will be held on 29th July, 2008.

4. Outdoor Cafés

Mary McDermott Roe stated that anyone she has spoken to in relation to the café proposals are happy but noted that Liz Anne Molloy is not happy with the requirement to open until 8pm. Mary reported that Ms. Molloy would keep an open mind on this.

Pat Vance suggested leaving this item to the sub-committees to progress. This was agreed.

5. Update on Shop-front Grant Scheme

Christine Flood informed the committee that planning applications have been coming in quite slowly. She circulated a letter that will be dispatched to businesses who have applied for a grant but haven't progressed with the works required.

A letter from Mr. Dave Brennan applying for a grant under the scheme had been received in relation the old 'Silver Lining' shop. Mr. Brennan proposes to refurbish the shop and place the shutters inside. His letter stated that as they are a start up company, the estimated outlay of €6,500 to €7,200 for these works is a major outlay.

The committee had a short discussion at the end of which it was decided once the application meets the criteria laid down and there is funding, the application should be approved. It was requested by Mary McDermott Roe that Mr. Brennan be made aware of the hanging baskets for next summer. On this note, it was requested that Bray Town Council write to Blooming Baskets to thank them for a wonderful job on the hanging baskets. Brid Collins remarked that she had attended an event in the Royal Hotel that President McAleese hosted and that President McAleese had commented on the hanging baskets and the overall cleanliness of the town.

Jason Cooke requested that when the competition on the shop fronts is announced, that existing shop fronts be allowed to enter. Mary McDermott Roe stated that there is still funding available and suggested diverting it to the café shop fronts. She stated that at the next meeting she will have diagrams and explain this fully.

6. Cleanliness and Maintenance

Mr. Liam Bourke was not present at the meeting and therefore an update was not provided.

7. IBAL Report

A general discussion was held on the IBAL Report. The committee felt that while the areas identified by IBAL certainly need to be addressed, on the whole, the report is flawed.

Jason Cooke remarked that Bray Chamber had issued a press release stating their belief that the report is flawed.

Christine Flood stated that a letter had been sent to the businesses in Bray reminding them of their duty, under the Litter Act, to maintain the cleanliness of the area outside their premises. She added that a second letter will be dispatched to ask for the cooperation of businesses in this matter.

Another issue that was raised was the fact that apartment dwellers are leaving their domestic waste out for collection days in advance. Des O'Brien remarked that landlords can be held responsible for this. Christine Flood added that Bray Town Council is considering reviewing the Bye Laws in relation to this matter.

Brid Collins remarked that the Litter Warden is, in fact, issuing fines in the town. Christine Flood informed the committee that a meeting between herself and the Station Master of Bray Daly Station is being held on Thursday 26th June to discuss ways to tackle the littering crisis in the area.

It was noted that Bray Town Council will need to contact Wicklow County Council and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council in relation to cleaning and maintaining the approach roads to Bray that are in their jurisdiction.

Pat Vance expressed concern about duplication of duties by the Litter Task Force and the Maintenance/Cleanliness Sub Committee. It was stated that the Maintenance/Cleanliness Sub Committee will concentrate on Bray town centre, whereas the Litter Task Force will concentrate on the complete area of Bray.

Brid Collins informed the members of bins in use by Tramore town. These bins are three times the size of standard wheelie bins, are locked and have holes for waste placement. She suggested utilising these bins for seafront events and long weekends, as they contain more refuse and therefore would have to be emptied less often.

8. Any Other Business

Brid Collins commended Bray Chamber and Notionz for their recent awards, adding that Notionz have long opening hours, which is of great benefit to shoppers. Brid remarked that a business along the Florence Road had relocated due to problems with customer parking. She stated that the problem arose with all day parking by retailers trading on the Florence Road.

Pat Vance stated that it might be wise to change the Traffic Wardens' routes, as they would be familiar with people who park in their current areas. Des O'Brien informed the committee that Bray Town Council staff audit the wardens' routes.

Mary McDermott Roe concluded the meeting by stating that an email with the names of the members of the new sub-committees will be circulated; a copy of the IBAL report will be circulated; the sub-committees will have held meetings in advance of the next meeting of the Rejuvenation Committee on 29th July and report their progress.

This concluded the meeting.