

**Minutes of the Town Rejuvenation Implementation Committee meeting held in the
Downstairs Boardroom, Bray Town Council, Civic Offices, Main Street, Bray
on Tuesday 29th July 2008 at 5.00 p.m.**

Present: Mary McDermott Roe, Joint Chairperson
Christine Flood, Joint Chairperson
Councillor Brid Collins
Councillor Ciaran O'Brien
Councillor Pat Vance
Sean O'Neill, Bray Town Council
Liam McGarry, Bray Retailers Group
John Nolan, Bray & District Chamber of Commerce

Apologies: Des O'Brien, Bray Town Council
Councillor Anne Egan

Not In Attendance: John Mullane, Bray Retailers Group

Christine Flood formally welcomed Mr John Nolan from Bray & District Chamber of Commerce to the committee.

Mr Nolan stated that Jason Cooke had stepped down due to personal reasons and he hoped that he would have a fraction of the input that Jason had contributed.

The members acknowledged Jason's contribution and requested that letter thanking him be sent.

1. Minutes of the meeting dated 24th June 2008

It was proposed by Pat Vance and seconded by Brid Collins to adopt the minutes of the meeting dated the 24th June 2008.

2. To discuss the updated programme

Ciaran O'Brien confirmed that Ballymore had given the councillors a schedule of works for the Florentine site. He stated that works to reinstate 290 spaces at the carpark at the Florentine Centre would commence on 9th August 2008 and would be finished by 8th November 2008. He further added that the works on the street facades would commence 18th August and be completed by May 2009. Brid Collins stated that the negative publicity has to stop. She added Ballymore had finally given a schedule on paper.

Liam McGarry asked if work would commence on the Herbert Road carpark in 2009. Sean O'Neill stated that this would be a lengthy process due to the Part VIII process, procurement and funding. However it was agreed that preliminary planning works would be examined.

Liam McGarry enquired about the introduction of paid parking on CIE lands. Christine Flood confirmed that the interchange study is examining parking options and she further stated that the new parking byelaws would come into effect on 1st October 2008, this includes paid parking on the north end of Bray Seafront.

Christine Flood stated that reminder letters had been sent to all retailers regarding their responsibility under the Litter Act.

Christine Flood advised that she would circulate an updated programme to all members.

3. To consider the sub-committee's reports

Maintenance/Cleanliness – Brid Collins confirmed that all bins are being cleaned and disinfected also behind the bins. The double bins used during the Summerfest are a great success.

Crime Prevention/Security – Pat Vance raised the issue of security at the Post Office on Quinsboro Road. He suggested that a letter be sent to the Gardai in the interests of public safety.

Café Proposal/Shopfronts – Ciaran O'Brien stated that this sub-committee mainly discussed outdoor eating areas. The width of the footpaths on the east side of the streets would be a problem.

4. Any Other Business

Christine Flood stated that there were four items of correspondence:

- Michael Collins from Bray Royal Cinema Ltd has applied for a shopfront grant for the cinema façade which will be changed to a retail unit. The adjoining four units on Quinsboro Road have already been approved.
After some discussion it was agreed that the Planning section would inspect the planning permission and the building.
- Hanging baskets – numerous letters have been received congratulating the committee on the scheme. All letters will be acknowledged. Mary McDermott Roe stated that we should concentrate on shutters next.
- Christmas Lights – a reminder email was sent for ordering of lights. The issue of procurement for such a significant contract was raised. Mary McDermott Roe stated that she believed a commitment of three years was given under the contract.
It was agreed that the Chamber of Commerce would produce a report on the Christmas lights for the meeting in September.
- Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2008 – the Bray Town Rejuvenation Implementation Committee has been shortlisted in the Partnership with Business Category. An awards ceremony will take place in Crowne Plaza Hotel, Northwood, Dublin 9 on Thursday 6th November 2008. Visual collateral including video footage and images must also be supplied in advance.
It was agreed that the committee would approach Paul Wogan for images and Jason Cooke regarding the video footage. It was further agreed to reserve one table for the awards ceremony.

This concluded the meeting.