

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Bray Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at 7.30 p.m.**

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**Present:** Councillor Anne Egan, Cathaoirleach  
Councillor Joe Behan  
Councillor John Byrne  
Councillor Caroline Burrell  
Councillor Brid Collins  
Councillor Deirdre De Burca  
Councillor John McManus  
Councillor John Brady  
Councillor David Grant  
Councillor Ciaran O'Brien  
Councillor Pat Vance

**Also present:** Mr. Des O'Brien, Director of Services  
Ms. Christine Flood, Town Clerk  
Mr. Sean O'Neill, Town Engineer  
Mr. Stephen Fox, Executive Engineer

**Apologies:** Councillor Anne Ferris

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Monthly Meeting dated 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006, Minutes of the Budget meeting dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007 and the minutes of the resumed Budget meeting dated 16<sup>th</sup> January 2007.**

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Before the minutes were proposed and seconded Councillor John Brady said he would like an amendment to the minutes and he will talk to the Town Clerk after the meeting about it.

It was then proposed by Councillor Caroline Burrell and seconded by Councillor Brid Collins and unanimously agreed to confirm and adopt the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting dated 12th December 2006, Minutes of the Budget meeting dated 9th January 2007 and the minutes of the resumed Budget meeting dated 16th January 2007.

**2. Reports and Recommendations.**

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The Town Clerk informed the members of the following reports and recommendations.

**Swimming Pool update**

*Tender report was forwarded by email to the Department of Arts Sport and Tourism (DAST) on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2007, and a hard copy issued shortly thereafter. This was acknowledged by the Dept and a subsequent*

*questionnaire was issued to BTC regarding the breakdown of costs. Information was also requested about the formation of a Management Company. This information has returned to the Department.*

*The tender documentation has been forwarded by DAST to the OPW for their technical advice. Following receipt of report from OPW, a memo will go to the Minister seeking his approval of the tender (and allocation of grant).*

### **Letting of Harbour Shed to St Fergal's Boxing Club**

*The Harbour Shed has been ready for handover to St Fergal's for the last number of weeks. The Boxing Club sought clarification via their solicitor regarding the terms of the lease. Following discussions with the council's Law Agent, the Town Clerk wrote, on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, to the solicitor clarifying the issue and in that letter, requested that a representative of the boxing club contact the Town Clerk's Office in order to arrange the handover.*

*The Town Clerk has spoken to the solicitor acting for the boxing club and he confirms that he has forwarded the documentation to the boxing club's representative. The Town Clerk is waiting for a representative of the club to contact her so that she can arrange the handover.*

The Town Clerk added that she would like to stress that the officials of Bray Town Council have not held this up in any way.

The members raised the following points –

- Swimming Pool – glad the planning process has gone in and hope it can be dealt with.
- Ballywaltrim Recreational Park entrance – will this be looked at?
- Boxing Club – they are anxious to get this lease signed. Disappointed with Bray Town Council with the portion the council are keeping. We should be proactive with this and we should start looking at finding a permanent space for the boxing club.
- Swimming Pool – we should be looking at how we will manage this.
- Boxing Club – can the officials meet with the boxing club? They need all the support they can get.
- The proposed extension to Ballywaltrim should be revisited. Funding of over €450,000 has been allocated to Bray in grants for Young Peoples Facilities recently.
- Swimming Pool – suggests that the Town Clerk writes to the members of the users group seeking nominations to the committee.
- Killarney Court – can we get a report for the next meeting on this. We took this estate in charge about four years ago. I hope the paper trail has not disappeared.

**3. To consider the Special Area Amenity Order for Bray Head and to consider entering into a Section 85 Agreement (Local Government Act, 2001) with Wicklow County Council in relation to this.**

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The members raised the following points –

- Glad to see this on the agenda. Would like to thank all members and officials for the work put in.
- How does the process progress from here?
- The next step should be to look at a management plan.
- What are the financial implications of this?
- Erosion – we do need to identify this.
- Tree felling at Bray Head – can this be looked into?
- A lot of land on Bray Head is privately owned so this would hinder any management plans. Most of this land is owned by private owners. We need to sit down with these owners and discuss these issues.
- We should contact Coillte about planting trees. We should look at other areas too.
- We need to be careful and make sure we do not send out the wrong message.

The Town Manager stated that it is not necessary to enter into a section 85 agreement and all we had to do was to get Wicklow County Council to give us permission on their behalf.

Mr. Stephen Fox, Executive Engineer recommended that the order be made.

Councillor Ciaran O’ Brien proposed and Councillor Anne Egan seconded that Bray Town Council makes an Area Amenity Special Order for Bray Head (under Section 202 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000).

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Councillor Joe Behan	✓	
Councillor John Brady	✓	
Councillor Caroline Burrell	✓	
Councillor John Byrne	✓	
Councillor Brid Collins	✓	
Councillor Deirdre De Burca	✓	
Councillor Anne Egan	✓	
Councillor Anne Ferris	Absent	Absent
Councillor David Grant	✓	
Councillor John McManus	✓	
Councillor Ciaran O’ Brien	✓	
Councillor Pat Vance	✓	

Accordingly the motion was carried.

The Cathaoirleach asked the members if they would mind taking Item 8 next. This was agreed to.

**8. To consider the Energy Policy Document under the Bray Town Development Plan 2005 – 2011**

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This was drafted through the planning Municipal Policy Committee.

Councillor Joe Behan suggested that this item be discussed at another meeting when members have read document.

It was agreed by the members to defer this item to the following months meeting.

**4. To consider the Schedule of Roadworks for 2007**

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The members raised the following points –

- I would appeal that work around the Green Tree be prioritised. The footpath is falling apart.
- New footbridge over N11 – there does not seem to any money to link this to the Herbert Road.
- Herbert Park and Mountainview Drive – can the Engineers look at the footpaths?
- Greentree shop – can speed ramps be put outside this shop?
- Church Road and Killarney Road – there are traffic problems here. A turning lane is needed to turn right.
- Quinsborough Road – there are cracks in the road and the street lights need to be inspected.
- Footpath leading from Ripley Hills to Oldcourt Park – this path was never finished.
- Can we have some sort of road maintenance programme?
- Fencing between Wheatfield – Bray Town Council could have used more imagination here. I would ask that the Councillors look at this.
- Can the council look at the possibility of ‘rubber bollards’? They do not pull up the ground when they are hit.
- Wheelchair accessibility – are we examining areas that may require access?
- Killarney Road – there is an enormous pothole that needs to be filled.
- There is €100,000 set aside for works at the Greentree shop. What works are we talking about?

The Town Engineer informed the members of the following –

- €100,000 is for new paths and to possible re-align the road at the Green tree. These estimates are based on what we think the jobs will cost.
- Not sure about the Killarney Road. We have a road utility officer and a technician who are constantly chasing contractors about unauthorised work.

**5. Disposal of Fee Simple Interest in 57 Wolfe Tone Square North, Bray, in accordance with Statutory Notice**

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The Disposal of Fee Simple Interest in 57 Wolfe Tone Square North, Bray in accordance with Statutory Notice was proposed by Councillor John Byrne and seconded by Councillor Pat Vance.

**6. To consider the proposed amendment to the Car Parking Bye-laws 1997 in relation to Wyndham Park**

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The members raised the following points –

- Would like to thank the Town Clerk and the Town Engineer for their reports. The residents are happy with this.
- We need to be wary with this as adopting a ‘piece-meal’ is not the way.
- The only way to deal with parking in Bray is to fast track the Herbert Road car - park.
- Residential parking discs – how many are residents entitled to?
- One-hour parking is not enough so I have reservations on this issue.
- Disgraceful there is no parking on the north - ward around Superquinn area, not including the car park. Would much rather see two-hour parking.

This item was then proposed by Councillor David Grant and seconded by Councillor Pat Vance.

**7. Update on the lease agreements for Wolfe Tone & District Youth Club**

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The Town Clerk informed the members that this is currently with Lord Meath’s solicitor and should be finalised shortly.

The members raised the following points –

- Hopefully this will be sorted in the next month or two?
- Thanked the Law Agent and the Town Clerk for progressing this matter.
- When we receive the leases I would suggest we have the law agent here at the meeting.

**9. Notices of Motion**

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There were no Notices of Motion.

**10. Correspondence**

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The Town Clerk informed the members that she had received a thank you card from Mr. Brian White in respect of the use of the Council Chamber for the launch of his book.

**11. Any other business**

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The members raised the following points –

**R.P.A. Issues**

- There is a view that the Railway Procurement Agency thinks this council is luke warm regarding the LUAS coming to Bray. It must be stressed that this is certainly not true.
- Urge that the officials and councillors have an immediate meeting with the Railway Procurement Agency with our views because these views have got power and are dangerous.

**Bray Town Council tenant**

Councillor John McManus stated that a tenant of Bray Town Council put in central heating some years ago at their own expense but the windows are faulty so heat is escaping. These tenants did not look for funding but they want to know when the scheme will be available to help fix this.

Councillor John Brady stated that road markings need to be put in Wolfe Tone. There will be a serious accident here because there are no markings. He also stated that road signs need to be put back up here.

The Town Manager informed the members of the following –

- The developers did not express great interest in the LUAS because they were in the middle of the planning process and were not in a position to consider it at the time.
- We will write to the R.P.A directly.

This concluded the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**Signed:**

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**TOWN CLERK**

**Dated:**

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