

*Minutes of Budget Meeting of Bray Town Council held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday 16th January 2007 at 7.30 p.m.*

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

Also present: *Mr. Des O'Brien, Director of Services
Mr. Christine Flood, Town Clerk
Mr. Sean O'Neill, Town Engineer
Mr. David Forde, Admin Officer, Finance / Personnel*

Apologies: *Councillor Anne Ferris
Councillor Joe Behan*

8624 - Programme Group 6 – Recreation & Amenity

The members were advised of the following estimated expenditure and income under this programme group.

Estimated Expenditure - €1,857,733

Estimated Income - €518,000

8625 - Programme Group 7 – Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare

The members were advised of the following estimated expenditure and income under this programme group.

Estimated Expenditure - €304,400

Estimated Income - €260,000

8626 - Programme Group 8 – Miscellaneous

The members were advised of the following estimated expenditure and income under this programme group.

Estimated Expenditure - €1,511,962

Estimated Income - €205,000

A general discussion took place where the following points were made and views expressed:

The members raised the following points –

- Grass Cutting – policy of Taking in Charge is right way of going about it.
- Promenade – have to compliment staff on work.
- Peoples Park – need a proper plan to improve and upgrade this area.
- Art Gallery – we should look at providing a gallery in County Wicklow.
- Can we seek funding for Ballywaltrim playing facilities?
- Heritage Centre – is there renovation money? This centre needs renovation.
- Peoples park – an improvement could be done in conjunction with the flood protection scheme.
- Football pitch in Deer park – is there to be any funding to bring this back?
- Ballywaltrim – hope CCTV will go through here and also hope there will be funding for provisional lighting.
- Tourist Office - €42,000 was allocated but what do they do? It is a disgrace that they were invited to a previous M.P.C meeting but never showed up.
- Schools meals – a lot of schools have taken this over themselves.
- Town Hall – I thought it was up to the people who leased the Town Hall to maintain it also.
- Advertising - €25,000 is being allocated. Would like to see money being allocated between the media fairly in Bray.
- Conferences – welcome €22,000. Still annoyed that we are not getting full accountability from Councillors regarding conference attendance. I look forward to this decreasing again this year.
- Legal bill for Fairyhill – can I have some information on how much this cost?
- 23 acres – can we put money towards this?
- Seafront – support money towards Seafront. It is looking fantastic.
- Shredder – what has happened to this? I would like to see this used in the recycling centre for public usage.
- Cliff Walk – can we get in touch with Wicklow County Council to open this walk?
- Parks Plan – welcome this in 2007.
- Maintenance of playgrounds – I would ask that Ballywaltrim playground is prioritised for a clean-up.
- Esplanade – this is a very important asset. When we give it to a private operator we should ask for rent which can then be allocated to parks plans etc.
- Ballywaltrim Recreational Park – propose that Bray Town Council puts a certain amount of money aside for the upkeep.
- Loretto Sports Group –

The Administrative Officer informed the members of the following –

The acting Town Clerk informed the members of the following –

- Fire hydrants – we act as an agency for Wicklow County Council. What we pay we get back.

The Town manager informed the members of the following –

- Bray Town Council are not the sanitary authority for Bray; Wicklow County Council is. We are carrying out work and then getting money from them.
- Graves – we need to build up a fund for a new graveyard. This cost is not unusual for the greater Dublin area.

The Town Engineer stated the following –

- Reservoir – could be a long time before a reservoir is put in. At present we are proposing to install a new pipe to help with water to Fassaroe area.

This meeting was then adjourned until 16th January 2007.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Signed:

Town Clerk

Dated:
