

**Minutes of the Special Housing and Planning Meeting of Bray Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:**

**Councillor Brid Collins, Cathaoirleach  
Councillor Caroline Burrell  
Councillor John Brady  
Councillor John Byrne  
Councillor Anne Egan  
Councillor Anne Ferris  
Councillor Michael Lawlor  
Councillor Steve Matthews  
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  
Ms. Joan Kavanagh, Acting Administrative Officer  
Ms. Lorraine Gallagher, SEO Wicklow County Council  
Ms. Eithne Gunning, Bray Partnership  
Mr. Peter Brennan, Bray Partnership  
Mr. John Nolan, Bray Chamber of Commerce  
Mr. John O'Brien, Bray Partnership**

**Apologies:** **Councillor John McManus**

**Not In Attendance:** **Councillor David Grant**

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting dated 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008.**

Councillor Caroline Burrell proposed confirmation of the minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008 and Councillor Steve Matthews seconded the proposal.

**2. To Receive A Presentation from Enterprise Committee of the Bray Community Enterprise Ltd on the Status of an Enterprise Centre for Bray**

Ms. Eithne Gunning thanked the members for their time and gave them a brief presentation on the Enterprise Centre Development in Bray. She stated that the consortium was set up in 2000 and is made up of members from the following organisations: Wicklow Local Authorities; Bray & District Chamber of Commerce; Wicklow County Enterprise Board; Bray Partnership & Bray Community Enterprise.

Between 2000 and 2002, three potential sites for the Enterprise Centre had been identified. They were: St. Vincent de Paul site at the top of the Killarney Road, the Cosgrave Property Group Business Park in Fassaroe, Bray (1.2 acres to be contributed by Cosgraves) and the Healy Hosiery building.

The St. Vincent de Paul site was not deemed viable and the Cosgrave development ran into planning difficulties. It is not possible to anticipate when this site may be available. The Healy Hosiery building has been assessed and preliminary costs of refurbishment have been drawn up.

If the APC site is host to an Enterprise Centre, the cost of construction is estimated at €5 - €6 million. This cost will increase if an underground car park is to be provided.

If the APC is developed there will be a funding gap of €3 - €4 million.

The proposed development options are to: repeat the 'Cosgrave type' model with other possible proposed developments in Bray and; identify alternative suitable sites within the Bray area.

The members can assist in this by prioritising the development of an Enterprise Centre development for Bray and in relation to site development by keeping the Enterprise Centre for Bray in mind in any preplanning discussions with proposed developers.

The members thanked Ms. Gunning for her presentation and raised the following points:

- The timing of this is very good. There were discussions at the County Development Board yesterday and the Community & Enterprise SPC. This has been discussed by members of Bray Town Council.
- The site that has the best potential is not in control of Bray Town Council but the zoning is. I'm talking about the AO Smith site. Discussions will need to be held between the owners of the site, Bray Town Council and the IDA.
- The IDA is due to address Wicklow County Council and we will discuss this site.
- Bray Town Council have a hold over any developers of this site. We need to get the most out of this site – it is the biggest in Bray.
- [Councillor Pat Vance] I propose that negotiations are opened between the IDA, management of Bray Town Council and the owners of the AO Smith site. We need to bring an end to this saga. There is a need for this facility in Bray.
- We have to give this priority. We need to deal with the need for an Enterprise Centre. They have been an outstanding success in Arklow and Wicklow.
- [Councillor John Byrne] I second Councillor Vance's proposal – this is an excellent site. There is good access to it from the Killarney and Boghall Roads.
- There is a real sense of urgency in getting a site as soon as possible.
- The APC site may not be the best site due to parking.
- Is there any time limit on the provision of funding?
- I suggest we upgrade the Boghall Road shopping centre also.
- We should not get involved with the shopping complex – there are too many owners. The intention is good but it is not practical or wise.
- Can we investigate the Dell site and ESB site to see if they are suitable?
- I fully welcome an Enterprise Centre, this is long overdue.
- There are many budding entrepreneurs in Bray that need premises. We need to give people a leg up to get started.
- Our industrial bases have fallen out – people are unemployed. We should be more proactive about this.
- Due to the downturn in the economy, the Enterprise Centre will give people a chance.
- Why were none of the other sites mentioned taken on board?
- AO Smith is an ideal site for an Enterprise Centre. The building is not suitable – it should be demolished. We need to enter into negotiations with the owners.
- Where will the finance to bridge the funding gap come from?
- I'd like to congratulate the committee – you've been working very hard. This is an initiative that has been discussed and worked on.
- There is a special meeting of Wicklow County Council in April and this is at the top of the Agenda.
- AO Smith is a good site, but please don't rule out looking at other sites – e.g. the Golf Club Lands.
- The members of Bray Town Council and Wicklow County Council are committed to providing an Enterprise Centre. However, don't go into a pre-existing building. If we handle this well, there will be a lot of gain for the community.
- I'm open to change on the AO Smith site – this will be fantastic from Bray.

The Cathaoirleach Bríd Collins stated that the Enterprise Committee had gotten very good feedback from the members and asked what the next step should be. She asked for the recommendation of the committee on whether a purpose built building is the way forward. She remarked that all the members are supporting the provision of an Enterprise Centre for Bray and stated that the Wicklow County Council members would keep the Bray Town Council members informed of any developments.

Mr. John O'Brien informed the members that Enterprise Ireland has been most helpful and informative and that a meeting is scheduled to take place on 9<sup>th</sup> April. He requested a letter of comfort from the members for this meeting, stating that it will be most useful.

Mr. O'Brien then stated that the St. Vincent de Paul site was deemed more important for their housing needs rather than employment needs. The development of the Cosgrave site has been delayed and there is no completion date.

With regard to financing an Enterprise Centre, Mr O'Brien stated that refurbishing an existing building is possibly more expensive than using a greenfield site. He added that if an underground car park is provided, it will be again more expensive. He then remarked that if funding were obtained from private sources, it would be no help to the potential tenants as the rents charged would be exorbitant.

Ms. Lorraine Gallagher Senior Executive Officer then stated that as the Arklow and Wicklow Enterprise Centres are a great success, it is desired that this be mirrored in Bray. She is aware that the committee are "pushing an open door" with Bray Town Council and appreciates the support of the members. She stated that the Committee are keeping in touch with the Town Manager and Town Clerk in relation to this.

Councillor Pat Vance again proposed that the officials of Bray Town Council open negotiations with the owners of the AO Smith site. He stated that there is a balancing act between community gain and developer gain. He stated that he is confident that the Town Clerk and Cathaoirleach will bring a good deal back to the members.

The Cathaoirleach Bríd Collins then suggested that she, Ms. Christine Flood and Mr. Des O'Brien meet with the Committee and give any feedback to the members.

### **3. To Consider The Housing Progress Report**

The members raised the following points:

#### Richmond Hill/James Everett Park

- What is happening with this? People have been allocated units, but they do not know where they will be living.
- When is this due to be completed?
- This is a shambles – we can't allow developers to hold up schemes. We have to take a stand. If we need to go to court, so be it.
- I don't see any snag work being done. I have reported various things to the Council, but they have not been rectified. No environmental works are being done.
- The hoarding around the Richmond Hill site is terrible and full of graffiti.
- Scaffolding has been left behind in a garden in James Everett Park and the road outside has been dug up and not re-instated properly.
- Hopefully we won't have to go down the legal route – it looks like it will be ready within a few weeks.
- With regard to the wall at James Everett Park, the officials have suggested landscaping the area.
- I trust all building debris will be cleared by the contractors.

#### Silverbridge

- At the Travellers Meeting, I was asked to raise the issue of the refurbishment of Silverbridge. There seems to be confusion with Wicklow County Council and Bray Town Council as to if we can furnish the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government with outline plans for the site.
- This should be an agenda item each month. The delays have been due to EU procurement requirements. I urge that we get on with this.
- This has been going on for years. The Manager should do something. We need to bring it up to date and in line with others in the county. Refurbishing will solve the problems at Glencormac/Kilmacanogue.

#### Repossessed Houses

- I welcome that there have been evictions for anti-social behaviour. This will make life easier for the other residents.
- I'm shocked that these houses are in such a state and need substantial refurbishment. How was this allowed?
- It is frightening to think that people can do this – we should be able to do inspections.
- These evictions are unfortunate but necessary. I hope the refurbishment doesn't take too long.
- I am glad to see Bray Town Council taking strong action.
- I am glad that anti social behaviour is not tolerated.

#### Kilbride Lane

- I welcome that this is progressing. There is no mention of the CPO though – has everything gone though? Do we now own the site?
- What is the legal status?

#### Bus Stop in Oldcourt

- The footpath has not been raised to facilitate people in wheelchairs. Are there plans to do so?
- Will a new shelter be built?

#### Carrigoona

- I look forward to seeing this before the members.

#### Fairgreen Court

- A house has been empty for two months – why has it not been allocated?

#### Housing Needs Assessment Forms

- If people have difficulties in completing these, is there a dedicated person in the Council to help them?

#### Pilot Graffiti Removal Scheme

- I'm very concerned that the Department of Justice have stopped the Graffiti Removal Scheme.
- The scheme has changed.

#### Disabled Persons Grant

- There are only three applicants on the list. Is there a change in the qualification criteria for the scheme?

#### Fassaroe Overall Scheme

- When is the meeting with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government due to take place?

#### Community Smoke Alarm Scheme

- This is an excellent scheme. I hope all council houses are covered.

#### Central Heating Programme

- Have all Local Authority houses been refurbished under this?

The Town Clerk, Christine Flood informed the members of the following:

- A new graffiti scheme has just been announced. It is applicable to RAPID areas only. The Estate Management Committees will have to apply and be supported by Bray Town Council. I have all the details and they will be circulated with the next Agenda.

Ms. Joan Kavanagh, A/Administrative Officer informed the members of the following:

- The handover of units at Richmond Hill will take place at the end of this month.
- Allocations have been made and numbers are to be assigned. Letters will be dispatched to tenants.
- The staff of the Housing Department are also disappointed with the delays.
- Keys will be handed out before the end of the month.
- Silverbridge was taken off the Housing Progress Report, because no progress has been made.
- The Housing Engineer in Wicklow County Council has informed me that the Procedure Manual relating to the new scheme of procurement has been completed. This will be circulated to Local Authorities in the next few weeks.
- The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government have told Bray Town Council that they want complete plans and costings in relation to Silverbridge before an application for funding can be made. We can only go by what we are told by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.
- I want to assure the members that houses are inspected randomly by staff and if they are deemed not to be up to standard, the tenant is told to get it into shape.
- Piping and a copper tank were taken out a day before the court date.
- Unfortunately it is a long and lengthy legal process that Bray Town Council have to go through before evictions. People are also allowed to appeal the ruling of the court.
- Once the notice of eviction is served, the Sheriff in Wicklow comes on board.
- A Notice to Treat was served on the owners of the Kilbride Lane site by Bray Town Council. The owners served a Counter Notice requesting that Bray Town Council buy more land than was originally intended. The advice from the Law Department is that we go with the counter notice.
- If you talk to me after the meeting about the issues in James Everett Park, I'll follow them up with the Clerk of Works.
- The house in Fairgreen Court has been empty a number of weeks, not two months. The house has been painted and we expect to send out an allocation to the members when the Manager signs off on it.
- All of the staff in the Housing Department are well versed in the completion of the Housing Needs Assessment Forms. They will gladly help fill them out with anyone who comes in.
- There has been a change in the mechanism of Disabled Persons Grants for private houses only. Means testing is now used. Bray Town Council deal with our own housing stock only. Owners of privately owned homes apply to Wicklow County Council.
- The meeting in relation to Fassaroe is due to take place towards the end of next week.
- We are on the last lap of the Central Heating Scheme. All of the major estates have been completed.
- I understand that some bollards at the shop area in Richmond Hill will be installed. The pathway will also be narrowed so that cars will not be able to use it for access.

Sean O'Neill, Town Engineer informed the members of the following:

- I am not aware of what the plan is in relation to the bus stop in Oldcourt.
- With regard to court proceedings on the Richmond Hill site, we have the option of terminating the contracts. However, the site would have to be sealed and the tendering process would have to begin again. This would lead to long delays.
- It has been found that the best way forward is to keep persuading the current contractor.
- This contractor was in examinership and had difficulties finding sub-contractors.
- We think that we are getting there. There are some footpaths, speed ramps etc. to be installed, Bray Town council will undertake this work and will expedite this.

Councillor John Brady stated that Kilbride Grove and Ballywaltrim Heights don't have an Estate Management Committee, but do have Residents Committees. He asked was this sufficient enough to meet the criteria of the Graffiti Scheme. The Town Clerk responded that the RAPID Officer is dealing with the scheme and that he will liaise with the Residents Committees.

#### 4. To Consider Planning Matters

The A/Administrative Officer reported that no planning files were requested.

The members raised the following points:

##### Planning File Reference 08/37

- I do not support this application for an off-licence.
- There are already nine off-licences in the town.
- Alcohol is a huge problem in the town.
- Off-licences can sell alcohol from 7.30am, if they are also serving food.
- We have to cut back on the open-ended selling of alcohol.
- I am against this application.
- I am against this application, there is a very well run shop up the road.
- I hope the planners take our concerns on board.

##### Planning File Reference 08/39

- Please look at the traffic in this area.

##### Planning File Reference 07/117

- How will Church Road cope with the extra traffic that this development will bring?
- We should encourage large apartments that are suitable for families.
- I ask the officials to look at this application closely.

##### Planning File Reference 08/49

- I support this application.

##### Planning File Reference 08/36

- I have problems with this application. We have had a number of applications from this person.
- The residents of the area are concerned.
- The site notice was not placed properly, it was placed on Bray Head.
- I don't believe that the reasons given for this application are totally accurate.
- There is no need for this development, I urge the officials to refuse the application.
- We have a Special Amenity Area Order placed on Bray Head.
- I am against this application.
- We have a history of planning applications on Bray Head – people (not necessarily the current applicant) have carried out developments contrary to what was granted.

##### Planning File Reference 07/113

- I have problems with this application. It was refused previously.
- [Town Manager, Des O'Brien] This application has been refused since.
- I welcome this news.

Further points raised by the members were:

- I asked for a sign on the Dublin Road for St. Peter's School a year ago. Can this be erected? People will need to use the school to vote.
- This application is possibly not validated but O'Kelly Jewellers on the Quinsborough Road have indicated that they are closing and that another bookmakers will take over the site. I am against this as we have enough. We need a good mix of retail. I would be against this when the application is made.
- We have to wait until a planning application comes before us before making statements.
- I am against more betting shops, but people are entitled to put in applications.

## 5. To Receive An Update On The Emergency Plan For Bray with Regard to Potential Flooding in the Little Bray Area

The Cathaoirleach Bríd Collins stressed that this was a summary only and that at a recent meeting with SWAP, the members urged that this be brought before the councillors.

The Town Clerk, Christine Flood apologised to the Councillors for the lack of time available to them to study the documentation circulated.

Ms. Flood summarised the update by saying that

- The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government have prepared new guidelines in relation to Flood Emergency Plans.
- The Bray Flood Emergency Protection Plan is being prepared in accordance with these guidelines.
- There is a County Wicklow Major Emergency Plan and Bray is contained within this plan.
- We have to help people to be prepared in the event of serious flooding.
- A survey of 1,200 households in the risk area were surveyed – questionnaires were hand-delivered. A response rate of 31% was achieved.
- Bray Town Council staff will be going door to door to complete the survey. This will be advertised on East Coast FM.
- Vulnerable households need to be identified.
- Bray Town Council are working in conjunction with the Civil Defence. An evacuation plan has been prepared by the Civil Defence.
- Meetings have been convened with the principal response agencies.
- Bray Town Council will meet with representatives of SWAP and they can put their concerns to the Principal Response Agencies.
- Bray Town Council are considered to be leading the field with regard to preparations.
- Once the Flood Emergency Protection Plan is finalised, it will be publicised amongst the community.

She finished by expressing the thanks of the team involved to the members who helped with the questionnaires.

The members welcomed the report and raised the following points:

- We've been pushing for this for the past two years.
- I thank the officials for meeting with the representatives of SWAP. It is important that we consult with the people who are affected by this.
- Should this Draft Plan go to public consultation?
- I am disappointed with the response rates. There are a lot of elderly people in the area and perhaps they have not been able to get to the Post Office.
- This is not a bad response to a voluntary questionnaire. I would like to see 100% response. Hopefully calling door-to-door will increase the response rate.
- It is important that we take the respondents' views on board.
- It's very important that this survey was conducted during the day – elderly people will not open doors at night to strangers.
- It is important to negotiate with SWAP.
- I'm delighted to see progress made. The residents of Little Bray and Seapoint Court are concerned regarding flooding.
- It is very important to go back door-to-door – the members should also go door-to-door.
- It is important to consult with the residents at every step.
- Thank you for including this on the Agenda and thank you to the officials and SWAP for all the work they've done.
- People in Little Bray are living in a flood prone area, with a recurrence rate of 25 years.
- Regarding Bray Town Council encouraging members of the community to act as community volunteers, it is a lot of responsibility and pressure to put on members of the public.
- I would like to see an early warning system in place. SWAP have mentioned a siren. The Barry Report, which was commissioned after Hurricane Charlie, mentioned this also. There needs to be one in place.
- Is an audible warning the best way to go?

- We introduced a successful Flood Protection Scheme for the seafront. We need to get the Flood Protection Scheme in place for Little Bray.
- I am delighted to see this moving forward.
- Residents will have to get involved. The Civil Defence will need to know who have mobility difficulties.
- Floods happen quickly. Volunteers are essential. We need people on the ground.
- I urge residents to complete their forms.
- I would like to thank the Civil Defence for their participation.
- It is a good idea to have a Flood Emergency Plan, but I'd be big into prevention.
- We need the best scheme available to residents.
- People should have a look at [the plan] and realise how it will affect their area.
- I hope An Bord Pleanála will approve the Scheme and the people of Little Bray will get protection.
- I don't want to see an over reliance on Community Volunteers. The instinct is to look after yourself and your family first.
- When the plan is drawn up, I would like to see a simple card that can be kept in a place easily accessible that contains Emergency Information.
- I welcome the development of this Plan. The real answer is a Flood Protection Scheme – there will be no need for a Flood Emergency Plan then. An early warning system will not prevent flooding and at the end of the day we want to prevent flooding.
- [Cathaoirleach Bríd Collins] Flood warnings will be placed on the after hours messaging service in future.
- [Cathaoirleach Bríd Collins] I'd like to thank the Town Clerk who has worked tirelessly on this.
- [Cathaoirleach Bríd Collins] This plan will not be going to public consultation.

The Town Clerk informed the members of the following:

- The Environmental Impact Study and the Compulsory Purchase Order for the Flood Defence Scheme is with An Bord Pleanála.
- An Bord Pleanála have informed Bray Town Council that the decision on this has been postponed for a month.
- Bray Town Council will continue working on the Flood Emergency Protection Plan.
- The role of Community Volunteers is communicative largely. They will help identify elderly people, mobility issues etc. They will also be able to identify homes of people who are on holidays, so that time is not wasted knocking on doors of vacant houses. There is also the security issue of people not opening doors to strangers.
- The Civil Defence will provide training to the Community Volunteers.
- The use of an early warning siren is not favoured by the expert committee, but we will keep this on the agenda. I will investigate to see if sirens have been used elsewhere, but during my research on flooding, I have not seen any reference made to them.
- The OPW have produced a card that can be kept at the hall door of homes at risk. I believe that they have been distributed, but if they haven't, they will be.
- I will circulate the Draft Report to the members when it is completed.

Councillor John Brady stated that Dublin City Council issued flood warnings before St. Patrick's Day and that a lot of people were alerted to the fact of potential risks in the area. He added that Bray Town Council should have issued a statement to allay people's fear of flooding in Bray.

The Cathaoirleach stated that Bray was not at risk of flooding and that the warnings were issued as far as Sandymount only. She added that Bray Town Council did everything possible.

Councillor Vance remarked that there was no use in scaring people for no reason.

## 6. Reports & Recommendations

### Bray Town Council Proposed Parking Bye Laws 2008

Councillor Pat Vance requested that this item be put on the Agenda for the following week, as there was not enough time for a full discussion. The Cathaoirleach agreed to this.

### Fire Tenders/St. Patrick's Day Parade

Councillor Pat Vance had requested an explanation as to why the seafront was used by Bray Fire Tenders when responding to a fire on Bray Head during the St. Patrick's Day festivities and the Town Clerk read out the following response from Mr. Jim Dunphy, Chief Fire Officer:

*"Bray Fire Brigade travelled to a fire on Bray Head via Strand Rd for the following reasons:*

- *Newcourt Road is avoided because of the speed ramps along the road;*
- *Traffic was backed up on Putland Road and the Fire Tender would have to travel on the incorrect side of the road to get to the seafront;*

*It should not be forgotten that it was an act of vandalism, which compromised rail traffic on the railway line, that necessitated the mobilisation of the Brigade in the first instance."*

Councillor Vance remarked that a number of people were perturbed that two fire tenders went into an area where thousands of people had gathered and that this was very dangerous. He added that he accepted the explanation but found it difficult to take, as if there was a fire on Newcourt Road the tenders would have to travel down it.

## **7. Notices of Motion**

### **282. Notice of motion in the name of Councillors John Byrne, Anne Egan, Anne Ferris & John McManus (12/02/2008)**

"That the Council resurface the road that serves Mountain View Flats, Vevay Road. This road is in a terrible condition."

#### Report

The access road for the Mountain View Apartments is a private road serving only the apartments and is the responsibility of the management company of the apartments to maintain.

Councillor John Byrne remarked that this is an old estate that is populated mainly by elderly people. He asked if the next step is to contact the developer or if there is a bond in place so that Bray Town Council can rectify the situation.

The Town Clerk responded that she would write to the Management Company and ask what the situation is.

## **8. Correspondence**

### Queen of Peace Adventure Youth Club

The Town Clerk informed the members of an email sent by the Queen of Peace Adventure Youth Club inviting all members to the official opening of the Club premises by Mr. John Gormley T.D. Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

Councillor Ciaran O'Brien remarked that this was a joint opening by Minister Gormley and the Cathaoirleach.

The Cathaoirleach added that this invitation was being read out as some members might not have accessed their email.

Councillor Anne Egan extended her apologies as she is unable to attend due to work commitments.

### Open Door Day Care Centre

The Town Clerk informed the members of a letter received from Suzanne Cox, Development Officer with Open Door Day Care Centre thanking Bray Town Council for their Arts Group Award.

Community Smoke Alarm Scheme

The Town Clerk circulated a press release received from Mr. Garvan Hickey in Wicklow County Council in relation to the above to the members. She asked the members that they make vulnerable households aware of the scheme and encourage them to apply for the scheme. She added that there will be a number of smoke alarms available free of charge at the offices of Bray Town Council.

Letter from The Office of the Minister of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government

The Town Clerk read out a letter received from Mr. Eddie Kiernan, Private Secretary to the Minister of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. She stated that this letter would be circulated to the members by email.

At this point two Councillors indicated, and the Cathaoirleach advised them that a request for Any Other Business had been submitted and due to time constraints, they could not be facilitated. The Councillors in question promised to be brief.

Councillor John Byrne remarked that while there had been changes in relation to the fire service, the issue of a National Fire Authority had not been addressed.

Councillor John Brady stated that he had requested that a letter be sent to the Director of Services in Environmental Services in Wicklow County Council in relation to the staffing levels of Bray Fire Service and that he knew a response was awaited.

The Town Clerk stated that she had not had a chance to follow up on this letter yet. Councillor Brady then remarked that if no response was received yet, it indicated that Wicklow County Council are not taking the issue seriously enough.

**9. Any Other Business**

Councillor Caroline Burrell thanked the Cathaoirleach, members and officials with regard to Earth Hour, which was held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March. She stated that over 30,000 houses took part and that this led to a 1.5% drop in the use of electricity. This equates to 50 megawatts.

Councillor Burrell added that it was a very successful campaign and remarked that as a council, we should look at a Power of One campaign for businesses. She suggested looking at this on another Agenda.

The Cathaoirleach Bríd Collins stated that she was glad Councillor Burrell had the time to express her thanks and added that she would personally like to see the Earth Hour on a national level.

She finished by thanking the officials of Bray Town Council for hosting the reception for school children from Wuerzburg in Germany and St. Killian's in Bray held in the Town Hall on that day and added that it was very beneficial for all involved.

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This concluded the meeting.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOWN CLERK**

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_