

Minutes of the Special Housing and Planning Meeting of Bray Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday 4th September 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillor Brid Collins, Cathaoirleach
Councillor John Brady
Councillor Caroline Burrell
Councillor Anne Egan
Councillor Anne Ferris
Councillor David Grant
Councillor Michael Lawlor
Councillor John McManus
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. Liam Bourke, Acting Town Engineer
Ms. Triona Irving, Administrative Officer

Apologies: Councillor John Byrne

The Cathaoirleach, Brid Collins congratulated Deirdre de Burca on her elevation to the Senate and remarked that she would be missed at Bray Town Council. She welcomed Mr. Steve Matthews to the meeting. She further congratulated Ciaran O'Brien on taking the seat left vacant by Deirdre de Burca on Wicklow County Council.

She asked the members if they would welcome the hosting of a reception for Senator de Burca. It was suggested that Senator de Burca be invited to the Civic Reception being held on Tuesday 11th September.

The members responded:

- I suggest we do as we did with Joe Behan at the beginning of next weeks meeting.
- I don't agree at all – Deputy Behan was elected – Senator de Burca was nominated by An Taoiseach
- I agree with proper procedure.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to Senator de Burca extending an invitation to the Council Meeting being held on 11th September, 2007.

1. To Consider The Vacancy Arising From The Nomination Of Councillor Deirdre De Burca To Seanad Éireann In Accordance With Section 19 Of The Local Government Act 2001

Councillor Ciaran O'Brien proposed nominating Mr. Steve Matthews onto Bray Town Council and Councillor John Brady seconded the proposal.

The members agreed to this and the Cathaoirleach invited Councillor Matthews to take his seat at the council table. She extended a warm welcome to our new Councillor and assured him that the members, staff and officials of Bray Town Council are very helpful. She stated that when first elected then Councillor Liz McManus was very helpful to her.

Councillor John McManus congratulated Senator de Burca on her elevation to the Senate and stated that outspoken voices on the Senate are needed. He welcomed Councillor Matthews on behalf of the Labour Party and wished him well.

Councillor Pat Vance also welcomed Councillor Matthews to Bray Town Council on behalf of the Fianna Fáil party. He stated that he will make a great contribution to Bray Town Council and was looking forward to working with him.

Councillor Matthews thanked the members for accepting his nomination to Bray Town Council and stated that he was looking forward to working with everyone and learning for the next two years.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting dated 3rd July 2007

Councillor Anne Egan proposed confirmation of the minutes of 3rd July 2007 and Councillor Ciaran O'Brien seconded the proposal.

3. To Consider The Housing Progress Report

The members raised the following points -

Fire Safety Audit

- It's unfortunate that we don't have the full Fire Safety Audit report.
- I know the officials tried to get the report in time from the consultants.
- This has been going on for two years and a substantial amount of money has been spent already. People in Oldcourt are fearful of fires.
- Everytime we get a deadline for the issuing of a report, it is delayed and excuses are given.
- I'm very unhappy with this and require a brief outline of what's going on.
- Disappointed that we didn't have the report circulated before the meeting.
- [Cathaoirleach Brid Collins] Councillor Brady requested the Fire Safety Audit – the Town Clerk & I spoke to him about it before the meeting tonight.
- I welcome that the officials are treating this with the concern it deserves.

Kilbride Lane

- Has CPO gone through on land yet?

Carrigoona Cycling Club Site

- The plans for this site came to the council over a year ago and many revisions were made.
- Are plans studied by engineering staff and then sent onto the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government?
- Are the members going to see anything on this site before it goes back to the Department?

Community Centre Fassaroe

- There are rumours that extra houses are to be built around the centre.
- I'm opposed to more houses in Fassaroe – they are saturated with houses.
- This is the most degraded building in Bray.

Silverbridge Halting Site

- Glad to hear that the consultants have been appointed.
- Residents have been living in damp conditions for too long.

Emergency Housing

- Recently a family with two young children returned to Ireland from the UK. They requested emergency accommodation and were told that the nearest was in Rathdrum. It's a disgrace that there is no emergency accommodation in the town. I would like a report

outlining what is planned in the short and long term? When are we going to have emergency accommodation in this town? It's a very important issue.

The Cathaoirleach, Brid Collins responded that everything possible is being done and that more funding was needed. She added that she pitied the Homeless Outreach and Housing Officers as they had very difficult jobs.

- I know of another case in similar circumstances – we have to look at this.
- We need to look at and review the Homeless Policy.
- We have to have a better policy.
- It's not on sending people to Rathdrum – children in school in Bray etc.
- The Town Manager and Town Clerk need to address this themselves – not leave it up to junior staff. Request that senior staff report back on what new initiatives taken.

James Everett Park

- Landscaping works not completed – was this included in the original tender?
- Who approved tenders?
- Hope we are not waiting on funds from central Government.

Fassaroe

- Can we have a list of the number of units completed?
- When will the pilot stage be completed?
- There is no word of the playground in Mr. Sheridan's report. It [the playground] is semi-complete. There were no workers there today. Can we have the playgrounds on the next Agenda?
- No road sweeper. Private estates are getting swept.
- People in private estates are entitled to a service from the council also.

Cycle Lanes

- Great if we could see the road sweepers on the roads and cycle lanes.
- The cycle lanes are not kept clean – broken glass etc.
- We need safe cycle lanes to encourage people to use them.

Programme of Works

- What number of units is likely to be included in those sites?

Disabled Persons Grant

- Have a lot of people been accommodated or are there less requests?
- Is there a backlog or less applicants?

Richmond Hill

- Very disappointed to hear that the handing over of the development may be in October. Hope it's October - very little work seems to be going on.
- Hoarding still there.
- This should have been completed months ago - if this was a private contractor it would have been completed.
- We should have penalties in-built to contracts – if delays, penalties will be incurred.
- We need to get the contracts right – you wouldn't get away with this in the private sector.

Ashlawn Court

- Only four houses completed – started this time last year.
- There are seventy two houses in Ashlawn Court – only four completed in one year – not acceptable.
- Why is this scheme so slow?

Hazelwood

- We are building a house for a family from Hazelwood with two disabled kids – where are we in regard to that house?

Tree Pruning

- There are four trees in Dargan Street that need to be cut back. I requested this eight months ago and they are now much worse. I'm very annoyed about this. Private estates getting trees cut today.
- People using cycle lanes are being hit by overhanging trees.
- In a lot of estates, streetlights are being blocked and people are being hit by overhanging trees e.g. Seapoint.

Springfield Burial Ground

- It is in a disgraceful state. We have a full-time person and a contractor up there and it's in a disgraceful state.
- The previous contractor did a great job – the current contractors are not doing a good job.
- If we had a successful contractor doing a good job why not keep him for the sake of a few bob?
- The money we are spending on this graveyard and the service we are getting is atrocious.
- It was perfect for the Blessing of the Graves.
- This is a very sensitive area for a number of people and rightly so.
- Graves have sunk etc.
- This [maintenance] should happen as a matter of form – we shouldn't have to raise it all the time.
- We should have a cost benefit analysis on that graveyard. Officials need to sort this out once and for all.

Housing

- Is the budget spent on buying houses or are we waiting for money from the Government?

Fáilte Park

- I requested a report on the houses, windows etc. Refurbishments need to be done. Elderly people living here – they can't do it themselves. Should be in next months' reports.

Ashbrook

- A tenant complained one month ago about a problem with the tap in the bathroom. People have been up to have a look, but no repair done.

Maitland Street

- Can we have a report on the windows replacement programme next month?

Triona Irving, Administrative Officer informed the members of the following:

- CPO – the Council hasn't taken possession of the site yet – the CPO is in effect.
- Plans for Carrigoona have to be finalised by Department and will then go to the members.
- The Town Engineer assigned an engineer to view the Fassaroe Community Centre site. A report has gone to the Town Engineer who is on leave at the moment. We will have more detail for the October meeting.
- There are 19 units, not 72 in the Ashlawn Court refurbishment scheme.
- Delay due to the fact that houses had to be found for people to move into while works were being carried out. These temporary homes had to be brought up to standard. The rest of the works will be quicker as we have correct standard accommodation available now.

- There are less applicants for the Disabled Persons Grant. These Grants relate only to council and not private houses.
- Three units are to be built in St. Rita's – one of these units is purpose built for the family in Hazelwood. The council is in touch with the family and they have seen the plans for their new home.
- There has been a change of personnel and that might explain the possible slippage in furnishing a report on Fáilte Park to the members. Will speak to the engineer in charge.
- Maitland Street Windows Refurbishment Scheme has gone to tender.
- Will check the system re: Ashbrook.
- Fassaroe playground – will leave that to A/Town Engineer to report on.
- Springfield – will have a talk to the engineer.
- Richmond Park – landscaping doesn't seem to have been included in tender – disappointed to learn this.
- Homeless persons – it is difficult to acquire properties as funding not always there.
- We are looking into buying 4 units in conjunction with the HSE and a voluntary body – meeting at the end of September/early October.

The Town Clerk made the following points:

Fire Safety Audit

- I realise this is a matter of concern to the members and residents.
- I have personally been in touch with the consultants and am not happy with the reasons given for the delay. If a report is not produced within a reasonable time we will consider legal action.

Fassaroe Community Centre

- This is not straightforward – we need to help the Management Committee maintain their existing services while delivering a new community centre. We are looking at the best available options.
- The rumours of new housing are exactly that – rumours.
- In order to qualify for funding, we can't just apply for funds for the community centre – the Department (DoEHLG) want to see a proposal for the whole area.
- We will have collaborative consultation with the residents – nothing will be imposed upon them.

Liam Bourke, Acting Town Engineer informed the members of the following:

- Work has commenced on the Fassaroe playground. It had originally been intended to have it completed in time for the Pride of Place judging.
- Kerbing contract due to start tomorrow (5th September, 2007).
- The gates, which should have been closed, were not closed due to the negligence of the contractor.
- Surfacing works due to commence by the end of the week or early next week.
- Tree cutting does not commence until early September. Trees in Dargan Street will be cut at the earliest possible opportunity.
- Seapoint not on the list.
- The situation with the road sweeper is very unfortunate. The town has suffered a lot due to drivers on sick leave. On occasion we have hired in a sweeper. We hope to resolve the driver situation – we have two new people being trained up and they are due to sit their HGV test.
- I fully accept the situation with Springfield Burial Ground has been bad.
- We went to tender for the grass cutting for fifteen cuts initially. In accordance with procurement procedure we then had to go back to the tender list to engage a contractor. There was a break of five weeks between contractors. We will endeavour to get it up to standard. I have had a discussion with the new contractor and hope we will get back on track.

4. To Consider Planning Matters

The Administrative Officer reported that Councillor John Brady requested the following planning file: 07/125

The members raised the following points:

- I welcome this application. The Southern Cross residents have been without a shop for too long.
- I welcome the provision of a discount food store.
- There are to be 670 car parking spaces for the retail element – would the Southern Cross Road be able to maintain that volume of traffic? Has a traffic survey been carried out?
- Has the Southern Cross Road reached carrying capacity for traffic? Traffic will be an issue.
- There will be extra traffic generated with two supermarkets on one site – not what we had intended at the time.
- Can we raise the boundary wall heights by ½ a metre or so?
- I thought the 670 car parking spaces were a great idea.
- When we discussed this, we were talking about a food outlet of a capacity of 25,000 square feet only. There will be 25,000 square feet of non-food and 15,000 square feet of other retail. I don't approve of this.
- Should be a food outlet only to cater for residents.
- If there are anymore outlets or inlets on the Southern Cross Road it will be a nightmare.
- This is a material contravention. This is a crazy application – far exceeds what is necessary for the area.
- We all knew this was going to be a big site.
- Don't support pedestrian access from Mountainview Drive.
- The residents of Mountain View Drive and I are against the proposed pedestrian access from there.
- Mountainview – issues that any estate should be concerned about – rights of way lead to anti social behaviour. I hope the council looks at that and realises its not right.
- I have big concerns for Mountainview Drive – I spoke to planning about the right of way and am happy that they have taken it on board.
- Residents of Mountainview Drive don't want a right of way granted – shouldn't be contemplated, never was originally.
- I'm concerned about Mountainview Drive and the right of way – we've been closing them for years as they lead to anti-social behaviour – we shouldn't open one.
- We should look at what is needed up there.
- Do we need a motor sales outlet?
- Not in favour of a motor sales outlet and a petrol station.
- In 1996 we were encouraging a car sales showroom in that area.
- A petrol station would be advantageous to the residents in that area – I have no objections to it.
- Who will use it – people from Bray or people travelling to Bray?
- I welcome bigger apartments.
- Great development – badly needed.
- We need to get assurances from SuperQuinn that the Castle Street shop will stay open. There are a lot of elderly people in the Dargle that can't walk up the town.
- I don't want an off-licence on the Southern Cross Road – we've had problems with the off-licence in the Boghall Road Shopping Centre.
- I'd prefer to see the discount store in the town – it's very far up.
- I have some reservations – it's a bit big.
- Under no circumstances should there be vehicular access to that site from Deerpark/Heatherwood Estates.
- I support this – we've waited years for this.
- Can we have more signage and pedestrian crossings along the Southern Cross Road – Industrial Estates?
- Extra signage needed along N11/M11.

Planning File Reference: 07/113

- The development is not that big but there is a big problem getting buses out along Station Road already.
- Extra loading bays will be needed.
- There will be extra traffic visiting the shops.
- Road needs to be widened.
- There is a lot of difficulty with public transport in Bray.

Planning File Reference: 07/130 & 07/131

- I support this.

Road Works

- Can the Councillors who are also on Wicklow County Council request the contractors to speed up the road works on the junction of the Vevay and Southern Cross Roads as this is not in Bray Town Council's area?
- The situation up there is getting worse now that the schools are back. We need works to be done at evenings and weekends. When are they due for completion?

Development Plan

- It's two and a half years since we came up with the Development Plan – we should review it. We should take stock of what is in it: what we have learned, mistakes made, opportunities lost etc.
- The Development Plan is hindering development on the Main Street.
- We need to find what is required for modern retail – ceiling height, car parking etc.
- We need to look at what we want to see on the seafront.
- The Development Contribution Levies should have been reviewed in 2004.
- We need to have an alternative use for the cinema site.

Florentine Centre

- When is the start date on the Florentine?

Mr. Des O'Brien, the Town Manager responded thus:

- I don't usually comment on planning matters – however residential development on this retail site is good to give passive supervision (Ref: 07/125).
- It is not my intention to put material contraventions to you as a general rule but I might be putting a material contravention to you (members) re: housing on this site - (Ref: 07/125).
- The developers of the Florentine Centre are waiting to see what objections to the CPO are raised – they will go from there. The completion date is still the same.
- The River Dargle Flood Protection Scheme CPO & EIS has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála. There is no funding for this – I will be talking with the OPW. Hoping that the developer of the Golf Club lands might fund it.
- The road works on the junction of the Vevay Road and Southern Cross Road are the responsibility of Wicklow County Council – I don't know when they are due for completion.
- This is an opportune time for the MPC to consider a mid-term review of the Town Development Plan. I have asked the Executive Engineer, Planning to discuss this with the Chair of the Planning MPC.

River Dargle Flood Defence Scheme

- The Town Clerk was due to write to the Minister of Environment, Heritage & Local Government re: the Flood Defence Scheme – what is the situation?

The Town Clerk informed the members that a letter was received from the Department of The Environment, Heritage & Local Government in response to this request. This letter stated that

the Department of Finance, in conjunction with the Office of Public Works, is responsible for such schemes and that the Town Clerk's request had been forwarded onto the Minister of Finance, who should respond. The Town Clerk endeavoured to follow up on this letter.

The members were disappointed with the response as they felt funding would not be made available by the Department. It was suggested to ask Senator de Burca for her help on this matter.

The Cathaoirleach informed the members that she and the Town Clerk had met with representatives of SWAP to discuss the Flood Emergency Plan and that a draft proposal was due shortly. She will keep the members informed.

5. Disposal of Fee Simple Interest in Apartment 115, Block 3, Riversdale, Upper Dargle Road, Bray, in accordance with Statutory Notice

It was proposed by Councillor Anne Egan and seconded by Councillor Pat Vance to proceed with the disposal of Fee Simple Interest in Apartment 115, Block 3, Riversdale, Upper Dargle Road, Bray, in accordance with Statutory Notice.

6. Disposal of Fee Simple Interest in 14 Hazelwood, Bray in accordance with Statutory Notice

It was proposed by Councillor Anne Egan and seconded by Councillor Pat Vance to proceed with the disposal of Fee Simple Interest in 14 Hazelwood, Bray, in accordance with Statutory Notice.

7. Disposal of Fee Simple Interest in 35 Wolfe Tone Square South, Bray, in accordance with Statutory Notice

It was proposed by Councillor Caroline Burrell and seconded by Councillor John Brady to proceed with the disposal of Fee Simple Interest in 35 Wolfe Tone Square South, Bray, in accordance with Statutory Notice.

8. Disposal of Fee Simple Interest in 4 Fatima Terrace, Bray, in accordance with Statutory Notice

It was proposed by Councillor Pat Vance and seconded by Councillor Anne Egan to proceed with the disposal of Fee Simple Interest in 4 Fatima Terrace, Bray, in accordance with Statutory Notice.

9. Disposal of Fee Simple Interest in 62 Wolfe Tone Square West, Bray, in accordance with Statutory Notice

It was proposed by Councillor John Brady and seconded by Councillor Caroline Burrell to proceed with the disposal of Fee Simple Interest in 62 Wolfe Tone Square West, Bray, in accordance with Statutory Notice.

10. Disposal of Fee Simple Interest in 58 Beech Road, Bray, in accordance with Statutory Notice

It was proposed by Councillor Anne Egan and seconded by Councillor Steve Matthews to proceed with the disposal of Fee Simple Interest in 58 Beech Road, Bray, in accordance with Statutory Notice.

11. Disposal of Fee Simple Interest in 31 James Everett Park, Bray, in accordance with Statutory Notice

It was proposed by Councillor John McManus and seconded by Councillor Anne Egan to proceed with the disposal of Fee Simple Interest in 31 James Everett Park, Bray, in accordance with Statutory Notice.

12. Disposal of Fee Simple Interest in 32 St. Peter's Road, Bray, in accordance with Statutory Notice

It was proposed by Councillor Pat Vance and seconded by Councillor Ciaran O'Brien to proceed with the disposal of Fee Simple Interest in 32 St. Peter's Road, Bray, in accordance with Statutory Notice.

13. Disposal of Fee Simple Interest in 13 St Patrick's Square, Bray, in accordance with Statutory Notice

It was proposed by Councillor Anne Egan and seconded by Councillor Pat Vance to proceed with the disposal of Fee Simple Interest in 13 St. Patrick's Road, Bray, in accordance with Statutory Notice.

14. Reports & Recommendations

LUAS

The Town Manger, Des O'Brien informed the members that himself, County Manager Eddie Sheehy and the Director of Roads, Seamus Walker met with the Chief Executive of the RPA. He stressed that the RPA were very positive about the LUAS coming to Bray and stated that he had assured them of all possible co-operation on this matter.

He stated that the RPA were a bit insecure due to all the negative publicity in the local papers and that it was very important to them to have the full support of Bray Town Council and Wicklow County Council.

There have been no formal meetings since but the developers of the Golf Club lands held a meeting with them to talk about rights of way and the routes of lines. He stated that the developers are willing to give the land free and put bases in going down to the DART.

He stressed there will be a possible decision next month on where the LUAS and DART lines will meet and that the RPA haven't confirmed that Bray town centre is the line favoured.

The members responded:

- I'd like to thank the Town Manager for this report – I'm very glad to hear of a more positive attitude from the RPA. If this comes to pass it will be a great day for the town and future development.
- If this comes into the centre of the town, it will be an unbelievable opportunity for the town.
- We need to look at public transport strategy for the town – there are thousands of people parking on the seafront everyday and using the DART. We need to look at providing a park & ride facility for the town.
- I'm glad the misinformation has been proved to be misinformation. There was a lot of time devoted to the story of the LUAS coming to Bray.
- Glad to hear it's very much on course. Looking forward to it.
- I hope that there will be no implication on the 16.5 acres of school/playing field land.
- I think we will end up with a better development because of all the objections. The Bord [Pleanála] made the right decision.
- I'd be delighted to see it in the centre of Bray.
- How will the people in Palermo get into and out of their houses?
- I agree about the school lands.
- Anything that takes parking unpaid off the beach is welcome.
- Thanks to the officials for putting a strong case to the RPA.
- All stakeholders need to come on board – Dublin Bus, Bus Eireann etc.
- Great that wrong information has been proved.
- Best thing to happen to Bray – thanks to the Town Manager for this report.
- We need to get CIE to sort out their car-parking – the seafront is disgraceful with the car park full early in the morning.

Report on AO Smith Site

The Town Clerk read out the following report from the Executive Engineer in the Planning Department on the AO Smith site and apologised to the members for not circulating same before the meeting:

“The owners of the AO Smith site have been notified of the Councils intention to enter the lands on the Register of Derelict Sites. In response to this a submission was received indicating their desire to progress the redevelopment of the site, in the interim a security company has been engaged to monitor the site on an ongoing basis. Further to the 'notice of intention' it is stated that a full assessment of the site will be carried out with it being secured/boarded-up as necessary.

The submission has been considered and it has been decided to proceed and make the entry on the Register, upon completion the owners will be duly notified. It is the intention of the Council to carry out its own independent assessment of the site and thereby identify the scope of those works required such that the site may be rendered non-derelict. It shall be incumbent upon the owners of the site to ensure that such works are effected.”

She reported that the Executive Engineer saw no visible sign of progress on the site and entered it onto the Register of Derelict Sites.

The members raised the following points:

- It's fine putting a Derelict Notice on this site – it's eight acres, we should talk to the owners about putting in a development of use to residents in that area.
- We should look at generating employment on that site.
- It's important we secure the site and make it safe.
- We have to incentivize development.
- We have to engage with the owner of the site.
- I'm opposed to further residential units in this area. Keep this site purely for employment usage.
- I welcome the Derelict Site notice but it's unfortunate it has come to this.
- I hope there are residential units there – we are responsible for very little housing in Bray.
- I'd like to meet with developer and have a mixed development
- Please keep us informed about this.
- Can the Town Manager do his homework and get the IDA in re: Dell site?

The Town Clerk informed the members that enquiries had been received about the development of the AO Smith site but that the IDA hold a lien and this could restrict the use of the site to industrial use only. She endeavoured to follow this up on behalf of the members.

Proposed Traffic Calming For Consideration 2007/2008

The following list of proposed traffic calming was circulated to the members at the meeting:

Road/estates	Location
Herbert Park	Near entrance
Richmond Park	Entrance and first green area
Killarney Heights	Entrance area
Ardmore Park	At top of hill at cross roads
Hazelwood	Near Mass centre.
Seapoint Road	Near Galtrim
Schools Road	Near entrance to park
Novara Road	West of St Thomas' VEC
Lower Dargle Road	West end near end of park
Upper Dargle Road	West of Egan's complex
Putland Road	At Sidmonton junction
Strand Road	All junctions south of aquarium
Wolfe Tone Square / O'Byrne Road	Finish works

The members raised the following points:

- Can we move the proposed ramp in Hazelwood towards Ard Chualann Court – parents are concerned about the safety of children.
- The Strand Road is a busy road – I would question the merit of putting in traffic calming at all junctions – feel this is a waste of money.
- Wolfe Tone Square & O'Byrne Road – should have been done properly. It's in an appalling condition. It should be just done – not put into submissions.
- There was a NOM in about traffic calming on St. Peter's Road – this should have been included in the list.
- There was a NOM adopted re: an additional speed ramp between the Grotto and Kate's Corner – it's badly needed. I'd like to have this included in the works.
- There is a lack of progress on Wolfe Tone Square West – I understand the contract on Water Separation has not been signed yet – I'd like an update.
- The Strand Road is a high amenity area – we should have proper access down there.
- It's difficult to cross the road down there – can't cross safely.
- Don't agree with traffic calming on the Strand Road – we need safe crossings.
- There are cases of speeding on the Strand Road after 8pm – it's imperative we have a Quinsborough Road/Strand Road traffic management plan. We need to slow down traffic.
- Nobody is knocking down my door looking for traffic calming on the Strand Road – perhaps we could have it at every second junction instead.
- There is already a ramp at Headlands on the Putland Road.
- Plenty of ramps on the Lower Dargle Road already.
- We need to re-assess what we have before us.
- There is demand in residential areas – not a huge demand on Strand Road.
- Congratulations to the A/Town Engineer, appreciate being kept informed of road works in Bray.

The Acting Town Engineer, Liam Bourke responded:

- There is a requirement that these works go to public consultation.
- The traffic calming measures on the Strand Road are flat tabled, high spec crossings to facilitate pedestrian and disabled crossings.
- He will re-check the location of the additional ramp in Wolfe Tone.
- The traffic calming measures on the Lower Dargle Road is in an area proposed to facilitate the crossing of pedestrians.
- St. Peter's Road is not a priority but I will look at it again.

15. Notices of Motion

Notices of Motion were not addressed at the meeting.

16. Correspondence

The Town Clerk read out a letter from Deputy Joe Behan thanking the Cathaoirleach, members and staff of Bray Town Council for the presentation made to him at the Annual Meeting in June. He also reiterated his support for the people of Bray and the Council.

The Cathaoirleach added that she wished Joe Behan all the best and thanked him for his letter.

The Town Clerk informed the members of a letter received from the Bray Seafront Traders Association thanking Bray Town Council for their support for the Bray Summerfest 2007 and commending the seafront care taking team.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the members for their support on her proposal to extend the visit of the Ferris wheel for a further week, and remarked that the Air Show was great for Bray.

The Town Clerk informed the members of a letter sent to Mr. Eddie Sheehy, County Manager by Fáilte Ireland East & Midlands Region in relation to the National Development Plan 2007 – 2013. This letter stated that grant aid totalling €77,625 in respect of Bray-Greystones Cliff Walk Improvements has been approved, subject to completion of the necessary paperwork so that a formal letter of offer may issue.

17. Any Other Business

Councillor John Brady mentioned a report in the Bray People about the removal and relation of the public convenience on Bray Main Street to the seafront and expressed surprise of learning of this from a newspaper, as the members hadn't been informed. He stated that this report quoted an engineer as saying that the toilet was being relocated and that the main toilets on the seafront were closing down. He stated that if the toilets were closed down, this was a retrograde step and that there will now be no public toilet in the Main Street/Quinsborough Road area.

The Cathaoirleach informed Councillor Brady that the members were in fact told of this at a recent council meeting. The members confirmed this also.

Councillor Brady commented that the pedestrian lights on the Boghall Road have been out of order for the past three months and that this was the only crossing point on a very busy road. He remarked that he had been told that the lights would be up and running in time for the new school terms and expressed disappointment that this was not the case. He stated that if a traffic light was out on the Main Street, it would be fixed the next day.

The Cathaoirleach gave him her full support on this matter and remarked that it was a disgrace.

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This concluded the meeting.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed: _____
TOWN CLERK

Dated: _____