

**Minutes of the Resumed Annual Meeting of Bray Town Council held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday 30th June 2009 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

- Councillor Ciaran O'Brien, Cathaoirleach**
- Councillor John Brady**
- Councillor John Byrne**
- Councillor Eugene Finnegan**
- Councillor Mick Glynn**
- Councillor David Grant**
- Councillor Ronan McManus**
- Councillor Rossa Murray**
- Councillor Ciaran O'Brien**
- Councillor Tracy O'Brien**
- Councillor John Ryan**
- Councillor Pat Vance**
- Councillor Sarah Wray**

Also present:

- Mr. Sean O'Neill, A/Director of Services**
- Ms. Christine Flood, Town Clerk**
- Mr. Liam Bourke, Senior Executive Engineer**
- Ms. Triona Irving, Administrative Officer**
- Mr. David Forde, Administrative Officer**

Apologies: **Mr. Des O'Brien, Director of Services**

Before the meeting started, Councillor John Ryan thanked the Cathaoirleach, members and officials of Bray Town Council for postponing the business of the Annual Meeting on 16th June.

1. Confirmation of Elected Representatives

The Town Clerk, Christine Flood confirmed the election of the following Councillors to Bray Town Council and congratulated them on their achievement:

Bray East (elected in the following order):

- Mick Glynn - Fine Gael
- Ronan McManus - The Labour Party
- Pat Vance - Fianna Fáil
- Ciaran O'Brien - Green Party/Comhaontas Glas

Bray South (elected in the following order):

- John Byrne - The Labour Party
- John Brady - Sinn Féin
- Sarah Elizabeth Wray - Fine Gael
- Eugene Finnegan - Non Party

Bray West (elected in the following order):

- John S Ryan - Fine Gael
- Rossa Murray - Sinn Féin
- David Grant - Fianna Fáil
- Tracy O'Brien - The Labour Party

2. Election of Cathaoirleach

The outgoing Cathaoirleach called for nominations for Cathaoirleach for the year 2009-2010.

Councillor Sarah Wray proposed and Councillor Mick Glynn seconded that Councillor John Ryan be elected as Cathaoirleach. Councillor Rossa Murray proposed and Councillor John Brady seconded the proposal, that Councillor John Brady be elected as Cathaoirleach. The Town Clerk then requested a vote from the members for their preference for the post of Cathaoirleach.

To elect Councillor John Ryan or to elect Councillor John Brady as Cathaoirleach

	Councillor John Ryan	Councillor John Brady
Councillor John Brady		✓
Councillor John Byrne	✓	
Councillor Eugene Finnegan	Abstain	Abstain
Councillor Mick Glynn	✓	
Councillor David Grant	✓	
Councillor Ronan McManus	✓	
Councillor Rossa Murray		✓
Councillor Ciaran O'Brien	Abstain	Abstain
Councillor Tracy O'Brien	✓	
Councillor John Ryan	✓	
Councillor Pat Vance	✓	
Councillor Sarah Wray	✓	
Total	8	2

The Town Clerk then deemed Councillor John Ryan to be elected as Cathaoirleach of Bray Town Council for the term 2009-2010.

The incoming Cathaoirleach, Councillor John Ryan thanked the members for electing him as Cathaoirleach and paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Ciaran O'Brien. He remarked that he has shown passion for the role and carried out his duties very effectively. He was a very fair and impartial Cathaoirleach, a trait that Councillor Ryan hoped to follow. He added that he would be very happy to take any advice that Councillor O'Brien would give him. He thanked his nominator, seconder and party and paid tribute to Brid Collins who for many years was the only Fine Gael councillor elected to Bray Town Council.

The Cathaoirleach then stated that he looked forward to working closely with the Town Manager, Town Clerk and all the staff and members of Bray Town Council. We are heading into a challenging year, but have a clear mandate from the people to move the town forward. One of his key priorities is the Town Development Plan, which is an important document and is at review stage. There is an opportunity to make changes to this in order to assist employment in the town. The River Dargle Flood Protection Scheme is now coming into fruition. The Pizzaro development on the Golf Club lands is with An Bord Pleanála.

A short-term goal is to remove the hoarding around the site of the Florentine Centre. He paid tribute to the Litter Task Force stating that there was a lot done. There is still a lot to do however. Another priority is to find a home for Bray Lakers, which he knows all members, officials and staff of Bray Town Council are committed to.

He asked the people of Bray to work together to make the town a better place to live, work and play and stated that everyone needs to work together to achieve this aim. He finished by congratulating Councillor Pat Vance on his election to Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council.

The members congratulated the newly elected Cathaoirleach, wished him a successful term of office and raised the following points:

- You have represented Bray on Wicklow County Council for a number of years, which is not an easy thing to do without the benefit of serving on Bray Town Council.
- We will work together for the betterment of the town and the people of Bray.

- It is a great honour to be first citizen. We are in difficult times, but I am confident you will do a good job.
- I would like to welcome the seven new members to this council.
- If any of the new members need help or advice, I am happy to help.
- It will be a difficult five years. There have been a lot of cutbacks along with cutbacks in the Local Government Fund.
- I would like to see the Housing List progressed. There are over 1,000 on the list now. The Government has pulled funding for housing schemes.
- The recommendations of the Fire Safety Audit need to be implemented. I would also like to see the River Dargle Flood Protection works progressed and the matter of finding a home for the Bray Lakers.
- The Recycling Centre has been closed for 6 weeks now and there are issues of littering in areas of the town. I support the striking workers. Bray Town Council has a duty of care to those people. I hope the new Cathaoirleach will push this issue – it is the best Recycling Centre in the 26 Counties.
- I have problems with the way that you were elected – not that I am detracting from your good name. Let's hope that this strange alliance will work for the town.
- I am disappointed with the way the Chair was carved up; I hoped that we would be a more inclusive council. I hope Sinn Féin can count on the support of the members on issues we may raise.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach added his congratulations to the members' and added that he is willing to help Councillor John Ryan with any issues he may have.

3. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

The incoming Cathaoirleach, Councillor John Ryan then proceeded to call for nominations for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach for the coming year.

Councillor Pat Vance proposed and Councillor Mick Glynn seconded that Councillor David Grant be elected as Leas Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Rossa Murray proposed and Councillor John Brady seconded that Councillor John Brady be elected as Leas Cathaoirleach.

The Town Clerk then requested a vote from the members for their preference for the post of Leas Cathaoirleach.

To elect Councillor David Grant or to elect Councillor John Brady as Cathaoirleach

	Councillor David Grant	Councillor John Brady
Councillor John Brady		✓
Councillor John Byrne	✓	
Councillor Eugene Finnegan	✓	
Councillor Mick Glynn	✓	
Councillor David Grant	✓	
Councillor Ronan McManus	✓	
Councillor Rossa Murray		✓
Councillor Ciaran O'Brien	Abstain	Abstain
Councillor Tracy O'Brien	✓	
Councillor John Ryan	✓	
Councillor Pat Vance	✓	
Councillor Sarah Wray	✓	
Total	9	2

The Town Clerk then deemed Councillor David Grant to be elected as Leas Cathaoirleach of Bray Town Council for the term 2009-2010.

The Cathaoirleach then congratulated Councillor Grant on his election as Leas Cathaoirleach and added that he looked forward to working with him.

Councillor Grant thanked his proposer and seconder for putting his name forward as Leas Cathaoirleach and added that this is first time that he had held the position. He stated that there is a list of pressing items and it is important that they be resolved. He suggested that the members look at ways to best address these issues. He pledged his support to the Cathaoirleach and added that he looked forward to working with the Cathaoirleach in the coming year.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting Dated the 10th June 2008

Councillor John Byrne proposed confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 10th June 2008 and Councillor Ciaran O'Brien seconded the nomination.

On behalf of the Town Manager, himself and the members of Bray Town Council staff, the A/Director of Services Sean O'Neill congratulated Councillor Ryan and Councillor Grant on their election to Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach and welcomed the new members. He finished by stating that the officials of Bray Town Council will assist the members in whatever way possible.

5. Nominations to the Heritage Forum

Councillor Pat Vance nominated Ms. Caroline Burrell to the above committee and Councillor Eugene Finnegan seconded this nomination.

Councillor John Brady stated that Ms. Burrell is not a Councillor at which point the Cathaoirleach John Ryan informed him that a person does not have to be an elected representative of Bray Town Council to be nominated to this Committee.

Councillor Byrne added that a lot of people go onto committees in order to represent Bray Town Council, but that attendance at the meetings convened is appalling. He added that he had no problem with supporting nominations to committees if the nominee is prepared to play an active part. He added that attendance at committee meetings should be examined.

Councillor Ciaran O'Brien endorsed Councillor Byrne's comments and added that nominations to committees require a lot of commitment for very little, if indeed any, remuneration. He added that there are a lot of positions to fill. Councillor Eugene Finnegan endorsed the previous speakers' comments and added that he had worked with Ms. Burrell on the Wicklow County Tourism committee and she attended meetings. He asked that the representatives on the various committees report back to the members.

6. Nominations to the Schools Meals Committee

Councillor John Byrne nominated Councillor Tracy O'Brien to the above committee and Councillor Sarah Wray seconded this nomination.

Councillor John Brady nominated Councillor Rossa Murray to the above committee and Councillor John Ryan seconded this nomination.

7. Nominations to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland

Councillor David Grant nominated Councillor Pat Vance to the above committee and Councillor Tracy O'Brien seconded this nomination.

Councillor Ciaran O'Brien nominated Councillor Eugene Finnegan to the above committee and Councillor John Brady seconded this nomination.

Councillor John Byrne nominated Councillor John Ryan to the above committee and Councillor Sarah Wray seconded this nomination.

Councillor Ciaran O'Brien remarked that in the interests of fair distribution, Councillor Eugene Finnegan should be placed on this committee.

The Cathaoirleach, John Ryan stated that he would take the advice of the Town Clerk on the matter.

The Town Clerk read out Section 18 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act. The Act states:

"Where 2 or more persons are to be appointed by a local authority to a body to which this paragraph applies, then—

1 (a) any group of members who are present at the meeting at the time when the business of making the appointments is reached and comprising the number of members necessary for the purposes of this paragraph may nominate a person to be a member of that body and the person shall be so appointed on that nomination without any vote being taken, and

(2) (a) Subject to clause (b) the number of members necessary to form a group for the purposes of this paragraph shall be obtained by dividing the total number of members present at the meeting of the authority at the time when the business of making the relevant appointments is reached by the number of the appointments to be so made, or, where the number so obtained is not a whole number, the whole number next above the number so obtained."

The Town Clerk stated that persons could form groups of six to nominate to a committee. Councillor Eugene Finnegan stated that two groupings have been clearly identified and that it would be fair if each grouping nominated one person to this committee, rather than the majority grouping nominating two candidates.

The Town Clerk stated that as three nominations were received for two posts a vote must be called for.

Councillor Brady wondered if technical groups had been formed, should the members have been notified of this. The Town Clerk responded that she had not been informed of any groupings and that if any groups had already been established, the chamber should have been informed. Councillor Eugene Finnegan stated that a fair distribution is not allowed for with an allegiance of eight members.

The Town Clerk then requested a vote from the members for their preference for the committee members.

To nominate Councillor Pat Vance, Councillor Eugene Finnegan or Councillor John Ryan to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland

	Councillor Pat Vance	Councillor Eugene Finnegan	Councillor John Ryan
Councillor John Brady		✓	
Councillor John Byrne	✓		✓
Councillor Eugene Finnegan		✓	
Councillor Mick Glynn	✓		✓
Councillor David Grant	✓		✓
Councillor Ronan McManus	✓		✓
Councillor Rossa Murray		✓	
Councillor Ciaran O'Brien		✓	
Councillor Tracy O'Brien	✓		✓
Councillor John Ryan	✓		✓
Councillor Pat Vance	✓		✓
Councillor Sarah Wray	✓		✓
Total	8	4	8

The Town Clerk then deemed Councillor Pat Vance and Cathaoirleach John Ryan to be elected to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

Councillor Eugene Finnegan registered a protest as there was no fair distribution of vote. He stated that this appointment was not representative as one third of the elected members are not represented. Councillor John Brady agreed with Councillor Finnegan's protest and remarked that four elected representatives are getting 'the scraps off the table'. He added that one councillor had voted in the wrong manner in the opinion of the Cathaoirleach and subsequently changed their mind when they were the recipient of a dirty look. Councillor Brady stated that this type of behaviour is not right.

8. Nominations to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

Councillor Tracy O'Brien nominated Councillor John Byrne to the above committee. Councillor Byrne stated that he had already been nominated onto this committee by Wicklow County Council and couldn't accept the nomination. Councillor Byrne then nominated Councillor Ronan McManus to the above committee and Councillor Tracy O'Brien seconded this nomination.

9. Nomination to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company Ltd.

Councillor Ronan McManus nominated Councillor John Byrne to the above committee and Councillor Eugene Finnegan seconded this nomination.

10. Nominations to the E.U. Operational Committee of the Mid East Regional Authority

The sitting Cathaoirleach is automatically nominated to this committee.

11. Nominations to the Protocol Committee

Councillor Pat Vance proposed that one Councillor from Fianna Fáil, one from Fine Gael, one from Sinn Féin, one from Labour and one from the Independent/Green Party be nominated to the above committee along with the sitting Cathaoirleach, as this would equal six members. He suggested that each party give the names of the committee members. Councillor Finnegan asked if he and Councillor O'Brien could both be on this committee, at which point Councillor O'Brien withdrew his interest. Councillor Byrne stated that any member of the council is entitled to attend the Protocol Committee meetings.

12. Nominations to appoint a Director to Wicklow County Tourism Ltd.

Councillor Eugene Finnegan nominated Ms. Caroline Burrell to the above committee and Councillor Sarah Wray seconded this nomination.

13. Nominations to Bray Tourism

Councillor Eugene Finnegan nominated Ms. Caroline Burrell to the above committee and Councillor John Byrne seconded this nomination.

Councillor Sarah Wray nominated Councillor Mick Glynn to the above committee and Councillor Ronan McManus seconded this nomination.

Councillor John Byrne wondered if membership of this committee was restricted to one member and Councillor Eugene Finnegan answered that under the Memorandum of Association this was the case.

Councillor Mick Glynn was deemed to be the Bray Town Council representative on this committee.

14. Nominations to Board of Mermaid County Wicklow Arts Centre

Councillor Mick Glynn nominated Councillor Sarah Wray to the above committee and Councillor John Ryan seconded this nomination.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Board is made up from one representative from Bray Town Council, one representative sitting on Wicklow County Council and Bray Town Council

(Councillor Mick Glynn) and one representative from Wicklow County Council (Councillor Barry Nevin).

15. Nominations to Bray Swimming Pool Committee

Councillor John Byrne nominated Councillor Tracy O'Brien to the above committee and Councillor Mick Glynn seconded this nomination.

Councillor Rossa Murray nominated Councillor John Brady to the above committee and Councillor John Brady seconded this nomination.

Councillor Mick Glynn nominated Councillor Sarah Wray to the above committee and Councillor Rossa Murray seconded this nomination.

16. Nominations to Litter Task Force

The Cathaoirleach John Ryan informed the members that one member from each electoral area is required to sit on this committee. Councillor John Brady asked for clarification on this and wondered when this was decided.

Ms. Triona Irving, Administrative Officer informed the members that at the last meeting of the Litter Task Force, this matter was discussed by those present. It was felt that it was appropriate to have representatives from each Electoral Area on this committee as the electoral areas would be represented at sub committee level.

Councillor Mick Glynn nominated Councillor Sarah Wray as the representative from Bray South to the above committee and Councillor Eugene Finnegan seconded this nomination.

Councillor John Ryan nominated Councillor Ronan McManus as the representative from Bray East to the above committee and Councillor Sarah Wray seconded this nomination.

Councillor John Brady nominated Councillor Rossa Murray to the above committee as the representative from Bray West and Councillor Tracy O'Brien seconded this nomination.

The Cathaoirleach John Ryan stated that Ms. Bríd Collins had expressed an interest in being on this committee and also the Rejuvenation Committee. Councillor David Grant remarked that it is up to each committee to decide representatives.

17. Nominations to the Special Amenity Area Order for Bray Head Management Committee

Councillor John Byrne nominated Councillor Ciaran O'Brien to the above committee and Councillor John Ryan seconded this nomination.

Councillor Mick Glynn nominated Councillor John Ryan to the above committee and Councillor David Grant seconded this nomination.

18. Nominations to the Greystones/Bray Cliff Walk Management Plan Sub-Committee

Councillor John Byrne nominated Councillor Ronan McManus to the above committee and Councillor Eugene Finnegan seconded this nomination.

Councillor Ciaran O'Brien nominated Councillor Eugene Finnegan to the above committee and Councillor John Ryan seconded this nomination.

19. Nominations to Bray Partnership Ltd.

As there were no nominations to this committee, it was decided to address this item at the next meeting of Bray Town Council.

20. Nominations to Wuerzburg Committee

Councillor David Grant informed the members that he had been involved with this committee for a long time and added that representation on behalf of Bray Town Council is not as good as representation on behalf of Wicklow County Council. He stated that St. Killian's School originated this committee and he felt that any member should be allowed to sit on this committee. He added that the Chair of this committee should rotate to accurately reflect Bray Town Council's representation.

Councillor John Byrne stated the representation and attendance by Bray Town Council's members has been poor. He agreed that the Chair should rotate and added that previously two to three representatives from Bray Town Council sat on this committee. It was agreed that Councillor Eugene Finnegan, Councillor John Byrne, Councillor David Grant and Councillor John Ryan (as the sitting Cathaoirleach) be appointed to this committee.

21. Nominations to Rejuvenation Committee

Councillor David Grant nominated Councillor Pat Vance to the above committee and Councillor John Byrne seconded this nomination.

Councillor John Byrne nominated Councillor Ronan McManus to the above committee and Councillor Tracy O'Brien seconded this nomination.

Councillor Eugene Finnegan nominated Councillor Ciaran O'Brien to the above committee and Councillor Pat Vance seconded this nomination. The sitting Cathaoirleach is also on this committee.

22. Nominations to Bray Local Drugs Task Force

Councillor Sarah Wray nominated Councillor Mick Glynn to the above committee and Councillor John Ryan seconded this nomination.

Councillor John Byrne nominated Councillor Tracy O'Brien to the above committee and Councillor Pat Vance seconded this nomination.

23. Nominations to Young Peoples Facilities and Services Fund

Councillor Pat Vance nominated Councillor David Grant to the above committee and Councillor Ronan McManus seconded this nomination.

Councillor John Brady nominated Councillor Rossa Murray to the above committee and Councillor Tracy O'Brien seconded this nomination.

Councillor David Grant informed the members that this committee had funded a number of projects around the town such as the Fassaroe Community Centre, Seomra, provision of floodlights in Fassaroe and provision of floodlights in Ballywaltrim. This committee works closely with local communities and only one member of Bray Town Council can serve on it.

The Town Clerk then requested a vote from the members for their preference for the committee member.

To Nominate Councillor David Grant or Councillor Rossa Murray To The Young Peoples Facilities and Services Fund

	Councillor David Grant	Councillor Rossa Murray
Councillor John Brady		✓
Councillor John Byrne	✓	
Councillor Eugene Finnegan	✓	
Councillor Mick Glynn	✓	
Councillor David Grant	✓	
Councillor Ronan McManus	✓	
Councillor Rossa Murray		✓
Councillor Ciaran O'Brien	Abstain	✓
Councillor Tracy O'Brien	✓	
Councillor John Ryan	✓	
Councillor Pat Vance	✓	
Councillor Sarah Wray	✓	
Total	9	3

The Town Clerk then deemed Councillor David Grant to be the Bray Town Council representative on the above committee.

24. Nominations to Social Inclusion Measures Group of County Development Board

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Board of the Social Inclusion Measures Group of County Development Board is regrouping in autumn and that a request was received to hold off nominations to this committee until the representation on the committee is finalised. Councillor David Grant requested that the members be kept informed and that a letter be dispatched asking that the RAPID programme is considered for involvement in this committee.

25. Nominations to Joint Policing Committee

All elected members of Bray Town Council are automatically nominated to this committee.

26. Nominations to County Wicklow VEC

Councillor David Grant nominated Mr. Michael Lawlor to the above committee and Councillor Pat Vance seconded this nomination. Councillor John Brady asked for clarification on this matter as he believed that the County Wicklow VEC needed to have representation and direct input from Bray Town Council. The Town Clerk informed him that there was nothing to stop a non-Councillor being elected to this committee.

Councillor John Byrne nominated Ms. Marie O'Rourke to the above committee and Councillor Ciaran O'Brien seconded this nomination.

Councillor Rossa Murray nominated Councillor John Brady to the above committee and Councillor John Brady seconded this nomination.

The Town Clerk then requested a vote from the members for their preference for the committee members.

**To Nominate Mr. Michael Lawlor, Ms. Marie O'Rourke or Councillor John Brady
To County Wicklow VEC**

	Mr. Michael Lawlor	Ms. Marie O'Rourke	Councillor John Brady
Councillor John Brady			✓
Councillor John Byrne	✓	✓	
Councillor Eugene Finnegan			✓
Councillor Mick Glynn	✓	✓	
Councillor David Grant	✓	✓	
Councillor Ronan McManus	✓	✓	
Councillor Rossa Murray			✓
Councillor Ciaran O'Brien	✓	✓	
Councillor Tracy O'Brien	✓	✓	
Councillor John Ryan	✓	✓	
Councillor Pat Vance	✓	✓	
Councillor Sarah Wray	✓	✓	
Total	9	9	3

The Town Clerk then deemed Mr. Michael Lawlor and Ms. Marie O'Rourke to be the Bray Town Council nominated representatives on the above committee.

Councillor John Brady stated that it was a disgrace that two people who have no mandate from the people are getting key positions and that a Councillor is being sidelined. He stated that this was grossly unfair.

Councillor Eugene Finnegan added his voice to that of Councillor Brady's and stated that he had no problem with people taking up seats on committees if no Councillor was interested in the position. Councillor Ciaran O'Brien reminded the members that all positions are voluntary and added that Ms. O'Rourke and Mr. Lawlor will be very good representation on this Committee. While he did agree with Councillor Brady's sentiments he believed that if no Councillor is interested in the post, non-Councillors should go on these committees.

Councillor Rossa Murray stated that he believed this was a 'jobs for the boys' situation and hoped the Council would not be like this for the next five years.

Councillor Pat Vance stated that people should look to the attendance by elected representatives to committee meetings and added that some Councillors were removed from committees they served on due to non-attendance.

Councillor John Byrne stated that the attendance by members to the VEC meetings was appalling and that it was an honour to vote for both Ms. O'Rourke and Mr. Lawlor as they will work very hard on this committee.

27. Nominations to Infrastructure, Planning and Development Municipal Policy Committee

Councillor Eugene Finnegan nominated Councillor Ciaran O'Brien to the above committee and Councillor Rossa Murray seconded this nomination.

Councillor David Grant nominated Councillor Pat Vance to the above committee and Councillor Eugene Finnegan seconded this nomination.

Councillor John Byrne nominated Councillor Ronan McManus to the above committee and Councillor Tracy O'Brien seconded this nomination.

Councillor Rossa Murray nominated Councillor John Brady to the above committee and Councillor John Brady seconded this nomination.

Councillor Ciaran O'Brien nominated Councillor Eugene Finnegan to the above committee and Councillor David Grant seconded this nomination.

Councillor Sarah Wray nominated Councillor John Ryan to the above committee and Councillor Mick Glynn seconded this nomination.

Councillor Ronan McManus nominated Councillor John Byrne to the above committee and Councillor Sarah Wray seconded this nomination.

As there were seven councillors interested in sitting on the above committee, and only six positions, Councillor John Byrne stated that he is happy to share the position and agreed to serving 2 ½ years on this committee and 2 ½ years on the Community, Cultural, Social and Environmental Municipal Policy Committee. Councillor Ciaran O'Brien stated that he would also be happy to share a seat on the two committees. The decision as to who will serve on which committee first is to be decided between Councillors Byrne and O'Brien.

Councillor Pat Vance suggested that the Chair of each MPC be held for a period of 2 ½ years. Councillor Eugene Finnegan wondered if each MPC should elect their own Chair – the Town Clerk informed him that the 12 elected representatives nominate the Chairs for each MPC.

Councillor John Byrne proposed Councillor Ronan McManus as Chair for the Infrastructure, Planning and Development Municipal Policy Committee and Councillor Tracy O'Brien seconded this nomination.

Councillor David Grant proposed Councillor Pat Vance as Chair for the Infrastructure, Planning and Development Municipal Policy Committee and Councillor Mick Glynn seconded this nomination.

Each Chair will hold the position for 2 ½ years, with the decision as to who will take the first term of office to be decided between Councillors McManus and Vance.

28. Nominations to Community, Cultural, Social and Environmental Municipal Policy Committee

It was agreed that the remaining Councillors (Glynn, Grant, Murray, Tracy O'Brien and Wray) would sit on this committee by default, with Councillors Byrne and Ciaran O'Brien rotating their position after 2 ½ years.

The decision as to who will serve on this committee first is to be decided between Councillors Byrne and O'Brien.

Councillor Mick Glynn proposed Councillor Sarah Wray as Chair for the Community, Cultural, Social and Environmental Municipal Policy Committee and Councillor Pat Vance seconded this nomination.

Councillor Eugene Finnegan proposed Councillor Ciaran O'Brien as Chair for the Community, Cultural, Social and Environmental Municipal Policy Committee and Councillor Rossa Murray seconded this nomination.

Each Chair will hold the position for 2 ½ years, with the decision as to who will take the first term of office to be decided between Councillors Wray and Ciaran O'Brien.

29. Code of Conduct for Councillors

The Town Clerk reminded the members that the Ethics and Annual Declaration forms had been issued to the members along with the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

Part 15, Section 171 of the Local Government Act states:

1) It is the duty of a person to whom section 167 (1) applies to prepare and furnish to the ethics registrar in accordance with subsection (2) or (3), as the case may be, an annual written declaration (in this Part referred to as an "annual declaration" or "declaration", as the

case may be), in the form prescribed by regulations made by the Minister, signed and dated by him or her and containing—

(a) particulars of his or her declarable interests (within the meaning of section 175), and

(b) an undertaking by him or her to have regard to and be guided by the relevant code of conduct in the exercise of his or her functions.

(2) Each member of a local authority shall prepare and furnish to the ethics registrar within the return period each year, an annual declaration and a statement that none of the grounds for disqualification referred to in section 13 or 182, or under section 20 of the Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act, 1999 , apply.

The newly elected members are required to complete and submit their declarations to Wicklow County Council within six weeks of June 12th. Members who have been re-elected have already completed their Annual Declarations and will not be required to submit another one until January 2010, as will the newly elected members.

30. Request for Use of Town Hall from Monday 13th – Friday 17th July 2009

The Town Clerk informed the members of a request received from Ms. Aoife Flynn, Access & Equality Officer on behalf of Rehab for the use of the Town Hall on the above dates to stage an art exhibition. The event will be fully managed by Rehab staff so there will be no additional demand on Bray Town Council's resources.

The members agreed to this request and Councillor Pat Vance reminded the members that he had proposed one meeting in July, so there would be no clash.

31. Procedure for Acceptance of Tenders

The Town Clerk recommended the current procedure to the members for the acceptance of tenders, whereby the Cathaoirleach or any elected representative can open tenders. The members agreed to this.

32. To Agree Nominated Members To Sign On Behalf Of The Cathaoirleach

It was agreed that any member could sign on behalf of the Cathaoirleach.

33. To Approve Schedule of Meetings for July 2009 to June 2010

Councillor David Grant remarked that the Schedule as circulated to the members should be changed to reflect the fact that only one meeting will be convened in July 2009. He then suggested changing the dates for the January meetings from 5th and 12th January, 2010 to 12th and 19th January, 2010.

Councillor Ciaran O'Brien suggested that the members consider reorganising the meetings of Bray Town Council by amalgamating some. Councillor Pat Vance suggested discussing these matters at the September meeting of the Protocol Committee and the members agreed to this.

34. Any Other Business

Mr. Billy Carroll

Councillor John Byrne paid tribute to Mr. Billy Carroll, Caretaker who had recently retired. He stated that he had served the Council very well and that he was always very helpful and set up the Council Chamber for meetings. He gave a great service to the members and staff of Bray Town Council and he wished him and his wife well in his retirement. The members also wished Mr. Carroll well in his retirement.

Ms. Katie Taylor

Councillor John Brady informed the members that Ms. Katie Taylor had recently defended and retained her European Title in Bulgaria and congratulated her on her achievement. He stated that she has done the town of Bray and indeed the country proud. He requested that a letter of congratulations and a bouquet of flowers be sent to her. The Cathaoirleach remarked that this was a good idea.

Contact Details for Councillors

The Town Clerk asked the members to submit their contact details to her office for display on the website. She informed the members that it is intended to send future agendas via email and requested their email addresses also.

Councillor David Grant asked that this matter be placed on the Agenda of the next Protocol Committee meeting for discussion.

Briefing Day For New Members

The Town Clerk informed the members that it is intended to hold a briefing day for newly elected members on the afternoon of Monday the 13th of July, 2009 for both new County Councillors and Town Councillors in County Buildings from 2.30pm. As the members will set the Agenda she requested that they confirm their attendance to Ms. Susan Nichols in Wicklow County Council.

Bray Town Council are having a briefing day for the newly elected members on Tuesday 7th July from 4pm in Civic Offices.

Shop Local Campaign

The Town Clerk informed the members of a Shop Local campaign that is in the process of being set up. A request was received from Ms. Anne Marie Holland to consider providing a free parking weekend in conjunction with the launch of the campaign. The Town Clerk suggested putting this onto the Agenda for the July meeting of Bray Town Council.

Request for Use of Town Hall on Monday 17th August 2009

The Town Clerk informed the members of an email received from EPS Consulting who are working with the European Commission's office in Ireland on a major communications initiative with the core theme of 'Listening to the Views of Irish People'.

A variety of events across the country are being organised over the coming year at which individuals, groups, representative bodies and NGOs will be given the opportunity to debate the EU issues that are of most concern to them. The first event is to be held in Dun Laoghaire Town Hall, on Monday 27th July at 8pm, followed by events in Longford and Fermoy the same week.

EPS consulting have requested the use of the Town Hall for the evening of the 17th August from 5pm - 11pm. The format of the initiative would empower a representative body such as Youth Societies, Women's Committees and Unemployed Groups to set the agenda, lead a discussion and engage with the Commission and EU experts in a dialogue on the issues of their choice.

Councillor John Brady wondered if this was an information day to promote the Lisbon Treaty and stated that if this was so, it had no part to play in the town.

Councillor Pat Vance proposed providing the Town Hall, as it is a good idea to provide people with information.

The Cathaoirleach, John Ryan suggested putting this matter onto the Agenda of the next Protocol meeting for discussion.

This concluded the meeting.

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Signed:

CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed:

TOWN CLERK

Dated:
