

- We need to concentrate on fire prevention and education. This would not cost a lot.
- Where would a full time fire service be located? People in Greystones would not accept it to be based in Bray.
- Is there anything we can do to help?
- Smoking ban – has there been an increase in house fires since this came in?
- Can we make sure that every Local Authority house has a fire protection wall?
- Proper signs are needed around the town too. There are a lot of estates with no signage.
- Can smoke alarms be made compulsory?

Mr. Jim Dunphy informed the members of the following –

- A full time fire service for North Wicklow would include the areas of Greystones, Charlesland, Newcastle etc and it is possible that Greystones would be the base for the service.
- It is a myth that a full time service has more capability than a retained service.
- Funding would come from the Local Government Fund and other local revenue sources.
- Education is very effective and we have started school awareness sessions.
- Smoking ban – there hasn't been enough research into this to say if there have been more house fires but it is a fact that cigarettes are the cause of a lot of house fires. Candles are another major concern.
- Building regulations – these have been very good overall as they have reduced the damage done to buildings effected by fires.

The members then thanked Mr. Dunphy for his report.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Monthly Meeting dated 17th April 2007.

Councillor Anne Ferris proposed and Councillor John Byrne seconded the confirmation of the minutes of the monthly meeting dated 17th April 2007.

3. Reports and Recommendations

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

- Dates for diary – the members were told of upcoming events that may be useful to them
- Wurzburg group visit – Friday 18th May at 8pm
- Railway Procurement Agency – Formal Public Consultation Day 7th June 2007.
- Launch of Town Rejuvenation Plan – 13th June 2007

The members raised the following points –

- Boathouse Access onto Seafront – Councillor John McManus raised this issue previously and on numerous occasions. Very disappointed there is no report.
- This report has been deferred on numerous occasions. This is unacceptable.

The Town Engineer stated that the wall along here was originally built to prevent flooding. He added that we are now being requested to put a breach in this wall and that we might have a sustainable solution in the design of a flap down gateway. He also stated that we are looking for prices and this project probably won't be ready for this season.

4. To discuss the Parks Plan (to receive a presentation by Mr. Liam Bourke, Senior Executive Engineer).

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Liam Bourke distributed a report on the parks plan for Bray. Mr. Bourke stated that there are still a few minor issues he has to add into the report.

The members raised the following points –

- We were only given this report now and it is a big document. Maybe we should leave it till the next meeting to discuss in full.
- There are a lot of members missing because of canvassing so it would not be fair to take the presentation now.
- Can Mr. Bourke come back with the report in full at the next meeting? That would be best.

The Cathaoirleach informed the members that it has been agreed to leave this item till the next meeting.

The members raised the following issues –

- Bray head – there has been a lot of dumping here. Can this be investigated?
- There is also a quad biking problem up here. Can this be included in the parks plan?
- SAAO – what is the status of this?
- Can we have some more information on the Neighbourwood scheme?

Mr. Liam Bourke informed the members that the SAAO is due to be advertised and put on public display this month.

5. Notices of Motion.

The Cathaoirleach informed the members that Councillor John Brady had requested that his Notices of Motions be put back onto the agenda for this meeting but now that he is absent she requested their direction.

The members generally agreed that his Notice's of Motion should be kept on as he is absent with good reason because of the general election coming up.

255. Notice of motion in the name of Councillors John Byrne, John McManus, Anne Egan and Anne Ferris (03/04/07)

“That ramps or raised tables be installed on St. Peter's Road from its entrance up to Beech Road in an effort to stop cars speeding up and down this road. The residents of St. Peters Road send a petition into the council previously requesting action to be taken”.

Traffic calming measures were recently installed on the adjoining roads in the Palermo area on the approaches to and in the vicinity of a national school. These measures are on longer and straighter sections of road that are conducive to higher traffic speeds than is evident on St Peter's Road. The speed reduction impact of the traffic calming measures is very limited due to the requirement to design for a bus route through the area. Similar measures on St Peters Road are likely to have less impact on reducing traffic speeds. Having regard to the demands on available funds around Bray for traffic calming measures, traffic calming on St. Peters Road is not considered to have sufficient priority for further consideration in 2007.

Councillor Anne Ferris stated that this report is not acceptable. She added that a lot of elderly people live on this road and these people should not be ignored like this. Councillor Ferris then proposed that the Cathaoirleach meet with the engineer and some of the residents to point out the problem areas.

6. Correspondence

Bray Summerfest

The Town Clerk informed the members that she had received correspondence from the Bray Summerfest requesting permission to hold a small airshow on the seafront during the festival.

Dublin City Council letter

The Town Clerk informed the members that she had received a report from the Assistant City Manager of Dublin City Council regarding the vulnerability of Dublin City water supply sources to contamination by Cryptosporidium.

AMAI

The members raised the following points –

- Summerfest airshow – this is a great show so definitely support it. Advise that the PA system is better this year though.

Councillor Caroline Burrell stated that she would like to be Bray Town Council's representative on the AMAI.

The Cathaoirleach stated that she would have to put this issue on the next agenda as there might be someone else who is interested in being a representative.

Councillor Anne Ferris asked if the Town Clerk could contact the AMAI for some further information.

Councillor John Byrne asked the Town Clerk if there will be any financial implications on the Town Council?

Summerfest Air Display

The Town Clerk informed the members that she is not sure if there will be any financial implications. She added that the demonstration would be similar to ones held in Wicklow and Arklow during their own respective summer festivals and they tend not to attract big crowds.

SAAO

The Town Clerk stated that the Council has the advertisement ready to go to press.

7. Any Other Business

Wolfe Tone Square

Councillor John Byrne stated that signs have been removed up here. He asked the officials if these could be put back and any signs that have been moved be put back.

Ripley Heights

Councillor John Byrne asked what is the update on the extension of the footpath?

Avondale Park

Councillor John Byrne stated that there is an old container in the open space in Avondale Park and it is being used for dumping. He asked if this could be cleaned up?

Councillor Pat Vance stated on a point of information that he heard that Wicklow County Council or Bray Town Council own this area. He asked if Bray Town Council could carry out a land audit on property in Bray.

Herberton Estate

Councillor Caroline Burrell asked if the shrubs in this estate could be removed. She also stated that the residents have asked for security lights and CCTV to be installed.

Councillor Anne Ferris stated that she would like to support Councillor Burrell and that she originally raised this issue at a previous meeting. Councillor Ferris also stated that the steps into the River Dargle have not been cleaned up.

The Town Engineer stated the following –

- Wolfe Tone Square - Will investigate the matter of signs that have been removed.
- Ripley Heights – we haven't had any funding from DTO for the footpath but work is still ongoing.
- Avondale Park – this land may be registered to Wicklow County Council. This has to be confirmed.
- This area of Herberton Estate is not in charge so residents can remove the shrubs if they wish, with consent of other residents.

This concluded the meeting.

Signed:

CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed:

TOWN CLERK

Dated:
