

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Bray Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday 12th June 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

*Councillor Michael Lawlor was nominated to replace Deputy Joe Behan TD.

Also Present: -

- Mr. Des O'Brien, Director of Services**
- Ms. Christine Flood, Town Clerk**
- Mr. Sean O'Neill, Town Engineer**
- Ms. Triona Irving, Housing Officer**

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Anne Egan firstly welcomed the members to the Annual General Meeting and informed them that she would like to call on the newly elected Deputy Joe Behan TD to say a few words.

Deputy Joe Behan TD thanked all of the members for all the help he has received over the years he has been a councillor on Bray Town Council. He congratulated Councillor Anne Egan on an excellent year as Cathaoirleach and also congratulated Councillor Anne Ferris on becoming the Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council.

Deputy Behan then gave his commiserations to Councillor John Brady and Councillor Deirdre De Burca on not being elected to Dáil Eireann but stated that they did very well and put up a very clean and fair fight

Deputy Behan also expressed his thanks to the members of his own political party and especially Councillor Pat Vance who gave him huge support throughout his years on Bray Town Council and through his election campaign. He thanked the officials of Bray Town Council for all their help and also wished to welcome Michael Lawlor back into the chamber.

Finally, Deputy Behan congratulated all of the other elected Deputies from County Wicklow and stated that he hoped to be able to work well with them for the good of the County.

The members raised the following points –

- Congratulations and well done to Deputy Joe Behan TD. Well deserved on being elected to Dáil Eireann. Commiserations to the members who were not elected.
- Privileged to have worked alongside Deputy Behan for so long. Very admirable to say that his election was a very 'clean fight'.
- Sure we still have future TD's in this chamber but commiserations to those who did not get elected.
- Wish all the Deputies well in the future and hope they can provide for County Wicklow and especially Bray.
- There are only three members left on this council from the 'class of 1985'. There is no doubt you will continue to work very hard for the people of Wicklow.
- Whole-heartedly wish to congratulate Deputy Behan on his election and compliment a very well run election campaign.

- A lot of us owe Deputy Behan a great debt. He taught us a lot during his time on this council.
- Deputy Behan's record on Bray Town Council and Wicklow County Council is testament to him. He represents everybody and was always a great listener for people.
- Congratulations and commend Deputy Behan. He always gave credit to people no matter of what party they were in and was never self-seeding.
- Well done to the other elected TD's also – Minister Dick Roche, Deputy Liz McManus, Deputy Andrew Doyle and Deputy Billy Timmins.
- Also congratulations to Councillor Anne Ferris on her elevation to Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council. Well done on being only the second female Cathaoirleach in the history of Wicklow County Council.

The Town Manager stated that Deputy Joe Behan is a principle conviction politician and there are not too many of them in Ireland. He said that Deputy Behan has always been very popular with the staff of Bray Town Council and Wicklow County Council and although he has not always seen eye to eye with Deputy Behan he added that his one to one dealings have always been very productive. He also said that Deputy Behan has always been very fair and that he will always be welcome in Bray Town Council.

At this point of the meeting Councillor David Grant proposed that the nomination of Deputy Behan's replacement for Bray Town Council be brought forward. This was seconded by Councillor Pat Vance.

The Town Clerk stated that under Section 2, Paragraph 4 of the Local Government Act 2001, a nomination cannot be brought forward before the election of a new Cathaoirleach at the Annual General Meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting Dated the 13th June 2006

It was proposed by Councillor John Brady, seconded by Councillor John Byrne and unanimously agreed to confirm and adopt the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Bray Town Council dated the 13th June 2006.

The members and officials of Bray Town Council all congratulated Councillor Anne Egan on a very good year in the Chair.

2. Election of Cathaoirleach

Councillor Anne Egan called for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach for the coming year.

Councillor David Grant proposed and Councillor John Byrne seconded that Councillor Brid Collins be elected as Cathaoirleach while also paying tribute to her. The Members then unanimously agreed that Councillor Brid Collins be elected Cathaoirleach for the coming year.

Councillor Brid Collins was then deemed to be elected as Cathaoirleach of Bray Town Council.

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Brid Collins expressed her pride at being elected. She stated that she is very honoured to be elected Cathaoirleach and acknowledged that it is a big undertaking. She added that nothing is automatic in Bray Town Council but she will work very hard for the council and for the people of Bray. She also stated that her main aims as Cathaoirleach would be to educate young people about the dangers of drugs and drink, to educate people about litter and to try and provide a car test centre for Bray as well as a driving test centre.

3. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach then proceeded to call for nominations for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach for the coming year.

Councillor Deirdre De Burca proposed and Councillor Caroline Burrell seconded that Councillor Ciaran O’ Brien be elected as Leas Cathaoirleach.

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

The Town Clerk then proceeded to call a roll call asking members for the preference for Leas Cathaoirleach.

To elect Councillor Ciaran O’Brien or to elect Councillor David Grant as Leas Cathaoirleach

	Councillor Ciaran O Brien	Councillor David Grant
Councillor John Brady	✓	
Councillor Caroline Burrell	✓	
Councillor John Byrne	✓	
Councillor Brid Collins		✓
Councillor Deirdre De Burca	✓	
Councillor Anne Egan	Abstain	Abstain
Councillor Anne Ferris	Abstain	Abstain
Councillor David Grant		✓
Councillor John McManus	✓	
Councillor Ciaran O’Brien	✓	
Councillor Pat Vance		✓
Total	6	3

The Town Clerk then deemed Councillor Ciaran O Brien to be elected as Leas Cathaoirleach of Bray Town Council.

4. To approve Schedule of Meetings for July 2007 to June 2008

Councillor Anne Egan proposed and Councillor Caroline Burrell seconded that the schedule of meetings for July 2007 to June 2008 be approved.

This was noted and agreed.

5. Any other Business

The Town Clerk informed the members that there are no items under Any Other Business.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed: _____
TOWN CLERK

Dated: _____