

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Bray Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday 13th June 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

- Councillor Déirdre de Búrca, Cathaoirleach**
- Councillor Anne Egan**
- Councillor Anne Ferris**
- Councillor Bríd Collins**
- Councillor Caroline Burrell**
- Councillor Ciaran O'Brien**
- Councillor David Grant**
- Councillor Joe Behan**
- Councillor John Brady**
- Councillor John Byrne**
- Councillor John McManus**
- Councillor Pat Vance**

Also Present: -

- Mr. Des O'Brien, Director of Services**
- Ms. Catherine Halligan, Town Clerk**
- Mr. Sean O'Neill, Town Engineer**
- Ms. Joan Kavanagh, Housing Officer**

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Déirdre de Búrca stated that the last year had been very enjoyable even though it had gone so quickly. It had been a valuable learning experience which she felt was very beneficial to her. She also stated that she had enjoyed the many activities and events of the year especially the community based events and interaction with the community. She stated that the position of Cathaoirleach was a difficult role and her aim was to reflect the wishes of the Members and the public.

Councillor de Burca paid particular attention to the important issues that had occurred during the year including the resolution passed for the Boathouse and Harbour Shed for which draft leases are currently being prepared; funding made available for the Fire Safety Audit; the Budget 2006 was adopted; the Special Area Amenity Order for Bray Head has been sent to Wicklow County Council and Bray Town Council should continue to push this matter and Bray is continuing to establish itself as a Fair Trade town. The Cathaoirleach stated that her biggest achievement of the year was the Bray Recycling Centre however, she expressed her disappointment at Minister Dick Roche and how neither herself or Councillor Joe Behan would officially open the new centre.

The Cathaoirleach paid tribute to the Town Twinning committees of both Wurzburg and Begles. She wished to thank a number of people including officials, staff and Members of the Council for their co-operation over the last year. She also thanked Superintendent Thady Muldoon for his co-operation in attending the Garda Liaison Meetings.

Councillor de Burca wished the incoming Cathaoirleach an equally successful and smooth year.

On behalf of the Labour Party Councillor John McManus thanked the Cathaoirleach for her year in office. He stated that she had chaired difficult meetings and he felt that over the last year her skill and understanding grew.

Councillor Joe Behan congratulated the Cathaoirleach on his own behalf. It was a challenge to reflect the will of both the Members and the public. He expressed his disappointment that Councillor de Burca brought party politics into the opening of the new Recycling Centre and he confirmed that Minister Dick Roche had provided the funding for the centre.

Councillor John Brady congratulated the Cathaoirleach on a successful year. However he expressed concern at the large number of Notice of Motions on the agenda and he hoped the incoming Cathaoirleach would deal with this issue.

Councillor Brid Collins congratulated the Cathaoirleach and thanked her for dealing with difficult issues.

Councillor Pat Vance congratulated Councillor de Burca on behalf of Councillor David Grant and himself. He stated that it is an honour to receive the position of Cathaoirleach and that it great experience as issues are seen and dealt with from a different perspective.

The Town Manager then thanked the Cathaoirleach on behalf of the staff for her help and support during the year and he presented her with a pictorial record of her year.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting dated the 21st June 2005

It was proposed by Councillor John Byrne, seconded by Councillor Caroline Burrell and unanimously agreed to confirm and adopt the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Bray Town Council dated the 14th June 2005.

2. Election of Cathaoirleach

Councillor Déirdre de Búrca called for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach for the coming year.

Councillor John McManus proposed and Councillor Anne Ferris seconded that Councillor Anne Egan be elected as Cathaoirleach while also paying tribute to her. The Members then unanimously agreed that Councillor Anne Egan be elected Cathaoirleach for the coming year.

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Anne Egan expressed her pride at being elected. She thanked her proposer and seconder for their kind words and to everyone who supported her. She further stated that as Cathaoirleach she is here to facilitate the Members and get things done in the town.

The Cathaoirleach confirmed that she would like to see the completion of the Fire Safety Audit and she will pay particular attention to the North Ward especially the Peoples Park and the Fassaroe Community Centre and playing pitches. She stated that she intends to sit down with officials from Bray Town Council to discuss the possibility of reducing the County Demand.

On behalf of the Fianna Fail Members, Councillor Pat Vance congratulated the new Cathaoirleach and especially on the unanimous vote. He stated that the Fianna Fail Members would give their full support and co-operation to her during the year.

Councillor Ciaran O'Brien congratulated the Cathaoirleach on behalf of the Green Party. Councillor Brid Collins and Councillor John Brady also expressed their congratulations.

3. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

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

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

Councillor Brid Collins thanked Councillor Byrne for his kind words and she stated that it is an honour to be the Leas Cathaoirleach working alongside Councillor Anne Egan.

On behalf of the Fianna Fail Members, Councillor Pat Vance congratulated Councillor Brid Collins. On behalf of the Green Party, Councillor Deirdre de Burca wished the Leas Cathaoirleach luck and congratulations.

4. To approve Schedule of Meetings for July 2005 to June 2006.

Councillor Anne Ferris proposed and Councillor Pat Vance seconded that the schedule of meetings for July 2006 to June 2007 be approved.

This was noted and agreed.

5. Any other Business.

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The Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy for the late Charles J Haughey and she then asked the Members to join her in a minutes silence.

Councillor David Grant thanked the Cathaoirleach and he then stated that Mr Haughey was a strong character who gave a lot to Irish politics and Irish life.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed: _____
TOWN CLERK

Date: _____
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