

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Bray Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bray on Tuesday 14th June 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

- Councillor Anne Ferris, Cathaoirleach**
- Councillor Anne Egan**
- Councillor Bríd Collins**
- Councillor Caroline Burrell**
- Councillor Ciaran O'Brien**
- Councillor David Grant**
- Councillor Déirdre de Búrca**
- 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. Triona Irving, Administrative Officer**

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Anne Ferris stated that the last year had been very exciting even though some of the meetings had been a bit lively. She stated that she was proud to represent Bray and the Council at all the events and receptions that she had attended. She was delighted to have had the privilege of welcoming President Mary McAleese when she visited Bray and also commended the work of Minister Dick Roche T.D.

The new waiver scheme will be in place in the next couple of weeks and she is very happy that the Bray Development Plan 2005-2011 was adopted. She concluded by thanking all of the members, the Town Manager, the new Town Engineer and the previous Town Engineer, Billy Carroll and Richie Sheridan and especially the Town Clerk and her staff for their help over the last year. She also wished to thank the local press, Declan Gilmore and finally the people of Bray for the support and help over the last year.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting dated the 21st June 2004

It was proposed by Councillor Anne Ferris, seconded by Councillor Brid Collins and unanimously agreed to confirm and adopt the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Bray Town Council dated the 21st June 2004.

2. Election of Cathaoirleach

Councillor Anne Ferris called for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach for the coming year. Councillor Deirdre De Burca was proposed by Councillor Caroline Burrell and seconded by Councillor Ciaran O' Brien for the position of Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Pat Vance proposed and Councillor Joe Behan seconded Councillor David Grant for the position of Cathaoirleach.

The members then paid tribute to the outgoing Cathaoirleach and the Town Manager presented Councillor Anne Ferris with a photographic record of her year in office.

Councillor Pat Vance spoke on behalf of the Fianna Fail members and said that they would like to pay tribute to Councillor Ferris for the manner in which she carried out her duties. She was very fair and got through a lot of work.

Councillor Brid Collins stated that Councillor Anne Ferris had been a great ambassador for the Town and the last year must have been very challenging.

Councillor Deirdre De Burca stated that on behalf of the Green Party Councillor Anne Ferris' cheerfulness was always a great help and would like to thank her personally.

The members took a vote on the election of the Cathaoirleach and the result was as follows:

	Councillor Deirdre De Burca	Councillor David Grant
Councillor Joe Behan		√
Councillor John Brady	√	
Councillor Caroline Burrell	√	
Councillor John Byrne		√
Councillor Brid Collins	√	
Councillor Deirdre De Burca	√	
Councillor Anne Egan	√	
Councillor Anne Ferris	√	
Councillor David Grant		√
Councillor John McManus	√	
Councillor Ciaran O'Brien	√	
Councillor Pat Vance		√
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As there were eight votes in favour of Councillor Deirdre De Burca she was deemed to be elected Cathaoirleach for the coming year.

The Cathaoirleach thanked her proposer and seconder and all of the members who voted for her. She further stated that she is very proud to be the first Green Party candidate to be elected as Cathaoirleach of Bray Town Council and stated that she will strive to be fair and impartial to all of the members and she will make community issues and needs a priority.

3. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

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

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

Councillor John Byrne proposed and Councillor John McManus seconded that Councillor Anne Egan be elected as Leas Cathaoirleach.

The matter was then put to the members for a vote and the result was as follows:

	Councillor David Grant	Councillor Anne Egan
Councillor Joe Behan	√	
Councillor John Brady		√
Councillor Caroline Burrell		√
Councillor John Byrne		√
Councillor Brid Collins		√
Councillor Deirdre De Burca		√
Councillor Anne Egan		√
Councillor Anne Ferris		√
Councillor David Grant	√	
Councillor John McManus		√
Councillor Ciaran O'Brien		√
Councillor Pat Vance	√	
	3	9

As there were nine votes in favour of Councillor Anne Egan she was deemed to be elected Leas Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Anne Egan informed the meeting that she would do her best as Leas Cathaoirleach and will carry out her duties to the best of her ability.

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

Councillor Joe Behan proposed and Councillor John Brady seconded that the schedule of meetings for July 2005 to June 2006 be approved.

The Town Clerk stated that the members should note that in a month where a Bank Holiday falls, the meetings schedule shows the meetings to be on the second and third Tuesday of each month.

This was noted and agreed.

5. Any other Business.

Notice Of Motions

Councillor Joe Behan stated that he is gravely concerned that there are now seventy-eight motions on the agenda that still need to be addressed. He informed the meeting that he would ask the new Cathaoirleach to come up with a new proposal to deal with these. Councillor Behan also stated that meetings of the Council should be broadcast in future i.e. – Audio recorded / Visually recorded etc and requested that the new Cathaoirleach look into this.

The Cathaoirleach stated that the members would have to either start the meetings earlier or else have more meetings during the month. She also stated that she will bring this to the next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed: _____
TOWN CLERK

Date: _____
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