

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 15th April, 2014 in the Mall House, Youghal at 10.00 a.m.

Present:

Mayor Sammy Revins presided.

Cllrs. Linehan-Foley, Hennessy, Murray, O'Connell, Burke, and Beecher & Flanagan.

Officials Present:

Mr. Derek O' Gorman, Town Manager.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell, Clerical Officer.

Mr. Ger Lupton, Town Foreman.

Mr. Paul Murray, Town Engineer.

Opening Prayers:

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 11th March, 2014:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 11th March 2014 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hennessy seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Votes of Congratulations:

The Members proposed a vote of Congratulations to the following:

- 1 The Mayor, Cllr. Revins and his wife Kate on their recent win.
2. Michel Twomey on the publication of his recent book on the history of Youghal.
3. Cliff Winser on the participation in the forthcoming Town Criers Championship.
4. Queen of the Sea Committee on the recent Donkey Derby event.

Votes of Sympathy:

The Members proposed a vote of sympathy to the following:

1. Derek O'Gorman, Town Manager on the death of his father.
2. Loreen Sweeney on the death of her brother Tom Sweeney.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from 6th March to the 11th April, 2014 were brought to the attention of the members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Damaged railing at Raheen Park.
2. Low wattage bulbs at ESB Poles at Raheen Park and Dermot Hurley Estate. The Town Clerk informed the Members that he will investigate same. The Members asked if the ESB had any plans to upgrade any wooden poles to steel poles. The Town Foreman informed the Members that the ESB are conducting an ongoing assessment on all poles at present.
3. Traffic calming measures at Raheen Park. The Town Clerk informed the Members that this would be a matter for the newly formed Municipal District.
4. The Members raised the issue of the mosaic feature at the top of the green area at Raheen Park and asked if any anti graffiti substance was available to deter vandals. The Town Foreman agreed to follow the matter up.
5. Update on lighting at Oakhill, Ardan na Mara & Spa Hill.
6. Update on demolition of apartment block at Parklands. The Town Clerk informed the Members that the Manager of the First Trust Bank has stated that the Bank has engaged the services of an

Engineer to draw up a site resolution plan for this estate and they were liaising with Cork County Council on the matter.

7. Condition of road at Prospect Hill. The Engineer informed the Members that a contractor was coming in on Thursday next to clear the road and make safe the collapsed wall area. The Members asked if the Engineer could investigate the whole area here.

The Town Clerk informed the Members she had been contacted by the residents of this area and stated that there is a number of problems regarding the roadway but she had spoken to the Town Engineer and it had been agreed that some works would be carried out to improve the overall condition of the roadway.

8. Ivy on Wall at Hazelmere Close. The Town Foreman agreed to investigate the matter further.

9. Cllr. Burke raised the issue of the webcam and asked if there was any update in relation to this item. The Town Clerk informed the Member that she had spoken to Aileen Murray who had informed her that a qualified person had investigated and identified a number of areas for the installation of a webcam, but unfortunately there is no funding available at present. The Town Clerk informed the Members that Aileen will continue to pursue funding for this item.

10. Wall at Medieval Garden. The Town Clerk informed the Members that the condition of the wall is deteriorating and the situation is constantly being monitored. An application was made under the programme of works for storm damaged local authority property for funding – it was still unclear as to whether or not the application would be successful.

11. Red Flag at Moll Goggin's Corner. The Town Foreman informed the Members that these will be erected at the end of April.

12. Relocation of bin at top section of North Abbey Cemetery. The Town Foreman informed the Members that this bin has been relocated.

13. The Members raised the issue of a public meeting held in Mallow by Rapid and queried if a meeting would be held in Youghal. The Mayor agreed to investigate same with the Rapid Co-ordinator.

14. Overgrown of trees at Ashe Street.

Cork County Council Items:

Engineers Report on Items Raised at the April Meeting:

1. The following roads have been included in the Youghal Town Council resurfacing contract for 2014;

- DeValera Street.
- North Cross Lane.
- Golf Links Road.
- Top section of Blackwater Heights.
- Section at Moby Dicks(Provisional).

2. Pedestrian crossing at Upper Cork Hill as discussed at a previous Town Council Meeting. There will be significant storm and foul sewer installation in this location. No works are planned here until these are completed when a full re-evaluation of the project will take place.

3. Tenders opened yesterday (April 14th) for stabilisation works at the Lighthouse Hill. Assessment will take 6 weeks after which a contractor will be appointed. Construction will take 18 weeks.

Cork County Council Items:

1. Provision of crash barrier across from access barrier at Ardan na Mara.
2. Pothole at Seafield.

3. Condition of road surface at Kilcoran Place.
4. Emptying of bins at and provision of CCTV at Claycastle.
5. Update on Foreshore Licence for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The Engineer informed the Members that issue regarding the licence between the Duke of Devonshire and the Department of the Environment has been resolved. The Town Clerk stated that there was some confusion as to whether the licence would be granted to the Duke of Devonshire or Irish Water but that this matter had also been resolved.
6. Update regarding Southdoc. The Town Clerk informed the Members that she had written to the HSE to arrange a meeting to discuss this matter and she was still awaiting a reply.
7. Resurfacing of patch of road at Bawnmore. The Town Clerk informed the Members that this was an urban road. The Town Clerk informed the Members that a section of the road at Moby Dicks was earmarked for resurfacing under the Non National Road Grant, but that this works here may which may not go ahead presently and if this is the case there may be sufficient funds to cover the road at Bawnmore.

Managers Orders:

Managers Order nos. 18/14 to 28/14 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Planning Applications Received:

The Members were informed that planning application nos. P58002/14 & P58003/14 were received.

Further Information Received:

The Members were informed that no further information was received.

Disposal of Properties:

The Members were informed that there was no disposal of properties.

Mayors Business:

1. The Mayor wished to take the opportunity before the abolition of Youghal Town Council to thank all organisations who invited him to both past and future functions.
2. The Mayor thanked Youghal Rugby Club for their invitation to their Annual Rugby Dinner.
3. The Mayor informed the Members that he was liaising with Youghal GAA Club to determine a date for a Civic Reception for both the Hurling and Camogie teams.

Chambers Ireland – Excellence in Local Government Awards 2014:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members a letter from Chambers Ireland in relation to Excellence in Local Government Awards 2014 and informed the Members that the deadline for applications is the 22nd April, 2014.

Non National Road Grant Allocation 2014:

The Town Clerk informed the Members that approval was sought for the following 5 areas which need to be resurfaced:

1. North Cross Lane.
2. DeValera Street.
3. Golf Links Road.
4. Copperally Road.
5. Area at Moby Dicks (Provisional)

On the proposal of Cllr, Murray which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the members

unanimously agreed that the Non National Road Grant be applied to the above mentioned areas.

Cllr. Burke queried if De Valera Street and North Cross Lane would be paved to the same standard as Church Street. The Town Clerk informed the Members that due to funding constraints these areas would be just tarred and re-lined.

Cllr. Murray raised the issue of ornate lighting for these areas and asked if ducting could be put in place for ornate lighting while these works were taking place. The Town Clerk agreed to investigate same.

Update by Town Engineer In Relation to Pedestrian Crossing at Upper Cork Hill:

The Town Engineer informed the Members that this matter was already addressed in his report under County Council Council Items.

Update on Seawall/Moll Goggin's Corner:

The Engineer informed the Members that €650,000 had been allocated for these works and that the tendering process was almost complete for the appointment of a contractor. The Engineer informed the Members that the contract for the works was an 18 week contract. Cllr. Burke raised the issue of the new section of the wall and asked if it would be done to the same specification of the first section and would the new sea wall incorporate steel girders. The Engineer informed the Members that once the wall is built up and rock armoured the girders will then be incorporated into the new wall. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the viewing balconies and asked if any clean up works would take place here. The Town Engineer informed the Members that he would look into the possibility of having this whole area cleaned up when the stabilisation works were being carried out.

Progress Report on Boardwalk:

The Manager informed the Members that a report commissioned by Malachy Walsh & Partners would be available in the coming days. It was agreed that a special meeting will take place once the report becomes available.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from IPB Insurance in relation to their Annual General Meeting.
2. Notice from Superior Training in relation to a Seminar on Reformed Local Government and the Councillor.
3. Notice of Motion received from Ballina Town Council:
"That this Council calls on the Minister of State for Public Reform and the Office of Public Works to make available to people living in areas which suffer from flooding a grant which would allow them to put proper Floodgate Systems in place, that this Motion is circulated to all Town Councils for their support".
5. Notice of Motion received from Kinsale Town Council:
"That this Council calls for the immediate cessation of the unnecessary addition of fluoride to public water in Ireland".
6. Notice from Superior Training in relation to a Seminar on The Local Government Arts Service.
7. A Notice from Superior Training in relation to a Seminar on Retirement Planning for Councillors.
8. Notice of Motion received from Clones Town Council:
"In light of recent Department of Environment statements claiming that local property tax bringing in 1.5 million daily, and the government commitment to return 80% of monies collected to the local authorities, we call on the government to end the embargo of recruitment of council staff,

and thus help to create real meaningful jobs and provide vital services for an over taxed population.

We also call on the Department of Environment to scrap the 'gateway scheme' as it is nothing but cheap labour, to replace the 25% of local authority workers laid off since 2011".

On the proposal of Cllr. Burke which was seconded by Cllr, Murray the Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Beecher attend a conference on "Public Relations and the Media" taking place in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

On the proposal of Cllr. Beecher which was seconded by Cllr. Flanagan the Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Burke attend a conference on "Reformed Local Government and the Councillor" taking place in Bunclody, Co. Wexford.

On the proposal of Cllr. Flanagan which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Beecher attend a conference on 'Reformed Local Government and the Councillor" taking place in Bunclody, Co. Wexford.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hennessy which was seconded by Cllr. Revins the Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Flanagan attend a conference on 21st Century Change.

Any Other Business:

Cllr. O' Connell reminded the Members of the Cycle against Suicide which was arriving at Pobalscoil na Trionoide on the 30th April next