

Minutes of Youghal Town Council held on 14th December 2009 in the Mall House, Youghal at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Sandra McLellan, presided.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Revins, Burke, Daly, Coyne, Hennessy, Beecher and Murray.

Officials Present:

Mrs. Patricia Power, Town Manger.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, A/Town Clerk, Mrs. Katherine Ansbro, A/Staff Officer, Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.

Opening Prayers:

The Members and Officials recited the opening prayers.

Minutes Of Monthly Meeting held on 9th November 2009:

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Youghal Town Council held on the 9th November 2009 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hennessy, seconded by Cllr. Coyne and unanimously adopted by the members of the council.

Report of the Town Clerk:

Deffered to January, 2010 meeting.

Votes of Congratulations:

The Members proposed a vote of congratulations to the following:

- 1.Cllr. Linehan Foley took this opportunity to thank the Members and Staff for all the well wishes while she was on sick leave.
- 2.To Liam O Laocha on his recent appiontment as Gaelic and Cultural Officer for the GAA.
- 3.To Lee Desmond on achieving Munster's Intermediate plater of the year.
- 4.To the U16 Youghal Football team who won the County Final.
- 5.To the U21 Youghal Hurling tean on winning the East Cork Final.
- 6.To Jane and Ann Marie Quirke on their recent third level achievements.

Votes of Sympathy:

The Members unanimously passed a vote of sympathy to the following:

- 1.To Kitty Sheilds, Seafield, Youghal on the death of her brother, David O'Brien.
- 2.To Ina O'Brien, Dermot Hurley, Youghal on the death of her husband, David O'Brien.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out form the 4th November to 10th December 2009 were brought to the attention of the members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

- 1.Opening and Closing of the gates at the Mall House.
- 2.Green moss growing on the footpath leading to Ardan Na Mara, Seafield, Youghal.
- 3.Camper van parked at entrance to Cherryvale Estate.
4. Illegal dumping at recycling bank in Tesco's.
- 5.Surface outside the CYMS Hall. Rainwater is coming into the hall in heavy rain.
- 6.Compliments on the Christmas lighting around the town.

7. Tree in new part of the cemetery causing a lot of foliage falling on graves and making footpath slippery.
8. Any update on funding for housing repairs.
9. Hedging on Killeagh Road, Cllr. Murray informed the town clerk that she would identify the area in question.
10. Footpath at the top of Windmill Hill leading to the four holes needs to be cleaned.
11. Potholes around the town in particular one at the bottom of Cork Hill.
12. Dumping at Cork Hill.
13. Subsidence on Mall Lane.
14. Potholes on Chapel Lane.
15. Potholes from Mistletoe Grove to the N25.
16. Lighting in Market Square. The Town Foreman informed the meeting that the lighting had been fixed that day.
17. Tree roots coming from Indian Point into the graveyard causing a nuisance.
18. Ponding at Quarryvale Estate.
19. Footpath at Dr. Kennedy Place.

Cork County Council Items:

1. Lack of Parking on Cork Hill.
2. Update on list of works submitted by the Action Awareness Group.
3. Footpath between Meadowlands and Ballyclamasey needs to be looked at.
4. Overgrown hedging on the Inch Road.
5. Clean up at Claycastle.
6. Sewer at Aeon Developments apartments on Allin's Quay, Youghal leaking into private property.
7. Ponding at Kilcoran Place.
8. Water leak on Atlantic Steps, Upper Strand.
9. Potholes at Moll Goggins corner and outside Sammy's Butcher's Killeagh Road.
10. Traffic exiting from Copperally onto Quarry Road have insufficient sight distance to exit safely.
11. Ponding at Nagle House.
12. Residents of the back street have been voicing their concerns re the recent flooding around the country. The members enquired if there was a Flood Emergency Plan in operation. The engineer informed the members that Cork County Council would be on call for any potential flooding in the area and would be responsible for giving out sand bags to those that would be affected but a specific Flood Plan for the town was not in place. The manager stated that she would discuss the matter further with the Town Engineer and the Town Clerk and revert back to the members in the New Year.
13. Concealed entrance sign at Summerdale Lawn.
14. Condition of footpaths at South Abbey, The Mall and South Main Street.

Managers Orders:

Managers Orders nos. 203/09 to 222/09 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Planning Applications:

Planning application reference nos. P58037/09, P58038/09, P58039/09 & P58040/09 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Further Information Received:

The Members were informed that no further information was received.

Mayors Business:

1. Thank you letter from Mrs. Keniry, Keniry School of Dance on the recent reception accorded to her.

2. Letter from Chamber of Tourism and Commerce to promote shop local this Christmas and requesting free parking for Christmas Week.
3. Congratulations to Mr. Oliver Casey on the very successful launch of his new book 'That's Gas'. Mayor McLellen officially placed a copy of Mr. Casey's Book in the Chamber Library.
4. Mayor McLellen took this opportunity to thank the Members and Council Staff for all their help during the year and wished all a Happy Christmas.

Report on the Heritage Municipal Policy Committee by Cllr. Burke:

Cllr. Burke requested that this matter is deferred to the January 2010 meeting.

Report on Rapid Matters by Cllr. Revins:

Cllr. Revins informed the members that he had no report for the members and that RAPID would not have a co-ordinator until March.

Report on Tidy Towns Task Force by Cllr. Linehan Foley:

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the meeting that the next meeting of Tidy Towns Task Force wouldn't be until February 2010 and that she would have a full report for the members for the March Meeting.

Unresolved Motions Report:

The Acting Town Clerk circulated the members with details of the Unresolved Motion Report for December 2009. It was requested that one motion in the name of Cllr. Burke that had been seconded by Cllr. Revins to be removed from the report as all steps had been taken. The motion was in relation to the freezing of the Country Charge for 2010. The removal of this motion was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Burke and seconded by Cllr. Revins.

Cllr. Linehan Foley made reference to a motion that she has submitted to the Council almost eight years ago in relation to the resurfacing of Kilcoran Road. Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the meeting that she had been very obliging in relation to this issue but that she would be looking for the members support in 2010 to have the issue addressed. Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the meeting that Kilcoran Road was made up of mostly elderly people that were finding even a walk to the church very difficult due to the condition of the road and the very least that could be done at this stage was to provide funding for the resurfacing of the road.

Local Authority 2010 Budget Meeting:

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley, which was seconded by Cllr. Coyne it was unanimously agreed by the members of the council that the budget meeting for 2010 would take place at 7.00 p.m. on 11th January 2010.

Revised Road Traffic & Car Park Bye Laws 2010:

Town Clerk had previously circulated to the members a copy of the revised Road Traffic and Car Park Bye Laws 2010. On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the members unanimously agreed to defer this item to the special meeting to be held on the 18th January, 2010.

Motion in the name of Cllr. Murray seconded by Cllr. Beecher:

"That this Council calls on the Office of Public Works to provide funding for the provision of flood protection barriers as a matter of urgency".

Cllr. Murray informed the meeting that since the recent flooding around the country a lot of the residents of the back street had been raising concerns about the areas surrounding their homes. Cllr. Murray informed the members that this was a very pressing matter and requested that the reports that had been prepared previously be revisited and updated with a view to resubmitting an application to the Office of Public Works to acquire funding for Flood Protection Works. The

members agreed unanimously with this motion. The Manger informed the Members that the matter would be futher investigated.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government in relation to housing (miscellaneous provisions) act 2009: Commencement Order.

2.A letter requesting a donation from the Meningitis Research Fountation.

3.Aletter requesting sponsorship from the Youghal Triathlon Committee.

4.The following motion was recieved from Ballina Town Council:

"That rent supplement should not be paid to tenants of Landlords who are evading taxes by not paying the levy to the Local Authority on the non-residential homes or those who are not registered with the Private Residential Tenancies Board, as is a requirement with the Private Residential Tenanices Board,as is a requirement under the Residential Tenancy Act 20042.

5.The following motion was received from Mullingar Town Council:

"That Mullingar Town Council deplores the recommendations of An Bord Snip Nua Report on the elimination of Town Local Government, john Gormley, T.D., gives his full public support to all Town Councils and to immediately commence the implementation of his Party's Local Government Policy, which was published prior to the last General Election".

6.Letter from Cork County Council in relation to Fats, Oils and Greases Discharge & Youghal Main Dranage Sewerage Scheme.

7.A notice from TJK Conference Ltd in realation to a Planning Seminar for Councillors.

8.A letter from Michael Sheehan, Tytex Ltd in relation to the closure of the Tytex Plant.

9.Brochure from AMAI in relation to their Annual Spring Seminar on February 2010.

10.A reply from the Tánaiste and Minster for Enterprise, Trade and Employment (Ms. Coughlan) in relation to the Generation of Employment in Youghal.

11. The following motion was recieved from Castlebar Town Council:

"That the members of Castlebar Town Council resolve to call on the Government to put in place an embargo on the re-employment by state and semi bodies of former employment who recieved their retirement gratuity and pension and that the motino be circulated to all other Local Authorities for consideration".

12.The following motion was recieved from South Tipperary County Council:

"That in view of the ongoing revelations surrounding Fás this council calls for its abolition in its present format".

13.The following motinos were recieved from Bandon Town Council:

A)"Bandon Town Council support the work carried out by Bandon Family Resource Centre and acknowledge the vital service that it provides to the Community and asks the Taoiseach and Dail to ignore the recommendation ass outlined in the McCarthy report in relation to the Family Resource Centres".

B)Bandon Town COuncil Calls on the Minister for Social and Family Affairs, Deputy Mary Hanafin

to ensure that no cuts will be introduced in the special social welfare payment, at Christmas. Families with Children use that money to cover the costs of Christmas and there is a real danger that this year without it people will be pushed into the hands of ruthless money lenders. Also elderly people use this additional payment to help cover the cost of fuel over the winter and as a result of this cut will undoubtedly go without sufficient heating".

14. An e-mail from Middleton Town Council