

Minutes of Youghal Town Council held on 14th December 2010 in the Mall House, Youghal at 7.30 p.m.

**Present:**

Mayor Mary Linehan Foley presided.

Cllrs. McLellan, Revins, Burke, Coyne, Hennessy, Beecher and Murray.

**Officials Present:**

Mrs. Patricia Power, Town Manager.

Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell, Clerical Officer.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.

**Opening Prayers:**

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on the 9th November 2010:**

The minutes of Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 9th November 2010 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Revins seconded by Cllr. McLellan and unanimously adopted by the members of the Council.

Report of the Town Clerk on Matters Arising from the Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 9th November 2010.

Over the next three months I intend providing you with a profile of Youghal with back up statistics in phases. Phase 1 will concentrate on population issues; Phase 2 centres on employment and unemployment and highlights many interesting facts. Phase 3 will focus on remaining town issues.

The information shows how Youghal sits in a national context and the information will be very valuable as we as a Town Council apply for very scarce funding in 2011 and subsequent years.

**Populations:**

Historically Youghal's importance in the region was associated with its role as a port Town and an industrial centre. The 1980's witnessed a decline in these roles and The town's population waned. Growth in the mid 1990's was consolidated in during the first years of the new millennium, but has weakened over the last number of years and has been significantly less than comparable town's in the country.

**1.1 TOTAL POPULATION**

The last census recorded a population of 6,785 persons resident in Youghal town, comprising 6,393 persons resident in Youghal Urban ED and 392 in the environs. The town's population has been increasing since the early 1990's and witnessed a major period of growth between 1996 and 2002 with an 11% increase (see Table 1.1).

Table 1.1 Population change Youghal Town and environs (1986 to 2006)

Total Population Year	Youghal Urban ED	Youghal Environs	Youghal Town	% Change
1986	5,706	246	5,952	-
1991	5,532	296	5,828	-2.1%
1996	5,630	313	5,943	2.0%
2002	6,203	394	6,597	11.0%
2006	6,393	392	6,785	2.8%

Source: CSO (Census 1986 to 2006)

Table 1.2 Comparative population change (1991 - 2006)

% Change (to Year)	Ireland	Cork County	All Towns (5,000 to 9,999)	Youghal Town
1991	0.4%	1.3%	0.7%	-2.1%
1996	2.8%	3.6%	6.1%	2.0%
2002	8.0%	10.7%	15.8%	11.0%
2006	8.2%	11.4%	19.3%	2.8%

Source: CSO (Census 1996, 2006)

Between 2002 and 2006 growth subsided and compared to towns of equivalent size nationally (town of 5,000 to 10,000 persons), which recorded an increase of 19.3% compared to Youghal's increase of 2.8%, it is apparent that Youghal did not gain anything approaching the types of population growth witnessed throughout the county in the mid 2000's. Analysis of the growth trends since the 1990's reveals that whereas Youghal's population growth broadly mirrored the national trend, if at lower levels, from 2002 onwards there has been a dramatic reduction in growth.

Since 2006 there is no evidence that trends in Youghal's growth have altered indeed given the high levels of net emigration common place in the country, it is reasonable to assume that 2010 populations are broadly equivalent to the 2006 levels, though perhaps with some modest increase. On this basis we consider. The current population to be in the order of 6,900 persons based on a 2% increase since 2006.

## 1.2 POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Looking into future at what population levels will be like over the coming five to ten years is always difficult; however the most recent CSO regional population forecasts can provide some guidance. They indicate that by 2021 the South West Region (Cork and Kerry) will have a population of between 665,000 and 760,000 people, compared to 619,000 people in 2006. In 2006 Youghal's share of the regional population was 1.1%, and on the basis of the Town broadly retaining its share, This would suggest a population of by 2021 of 7,200 to 8,300. This is a fairly wide range, however on the basis of the likely scenario of low levels of Migration in the coming years and taking into account that any growth that will occur in the South West region is most likely to be focused on the Cork metropolitan area, it is reasonable to suggest that the lower end of the range is most likely for Youghal with population growth based around natural increase. Thus we suggest a population of around 7,300 (+ 100) persons in the town by 2021, representing an annual increase of around 0.5%.

## 1.2 AGE STRUCTURE

In circumstances of population or stagnation it is common to see a general aging of the population. When taken in conjunction with long term national trends of lower fertility rates the numbers of children and younger people within a population can fall quite quickly. These factors are at play in Youghal and a steady aging in the population from 1996 to 2006 is evident. In 1996 37% of Youghal's population was under 25 years of age by 2006 this figure was 32%. The majority of the population are now concentrated in the 25 to 64 years cohort (56% in 2006) compared with 49% in 1996 (see Table 1.3)

Table 1.3 Age Structure Youghal Town and Environs.

Age Cohorts	Youghal Urban		Youghal Environs		Youghal Town		1996%
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	
Under 15	1,302	20%	74	19%	1,376	20%	21%
15 to 24	762	12%	37	9%	799	12%	16%
25 to 40	1,582	25%	90	23%	1,672	25%	20%
40 to 64	1,945	30%	134	34%	2,079	31%	29%
65 plus	802	13%	59	15%	861	13%	13%
Total	6,393	100%	394	100%	6,787	100%	100%

Source: CSO (Census 2006)

### 1.3 DEPENDENCY RATIOS

Changes in age structure affect the nature of dependency, which is a measure of the reliance of older and younger members of the community on those age groups which typically form the labour force.

Dependency ratios are calculated by dividing the 'productive' portion of the population (aged 25 to 64) into the younger portion of the population (age 0 to 24 for youth dependency) and the older members of the community (age 65 plus for elderly dependency).

Higher dependency is indicative of increased sensitivity of the population to economic disruptions, especially unemployment.

Table 1.4 Youghal's Dependency Ratios 1996 and 2006

Dependency	Youghal Town		All Town (pop. 5,000 to 10,000)		National	
	2006	1996	2006	1996	2006	1996
Youth Dependency (Under 24)	30%	39%	29%	37%	29%	37%
Elderly Dependency (Over 64)	19%	18%	15%	16%	20%	18%
Dependency Ratio	49%	56%	44%	53%	49%	54%

In parallel with national trends the 2000's have seen a shift in dependency where Youth Dependency rates have decreased and in turn lowered the overall Dependency rates, however this reduction has been moderated by steady increases in Elderly Dependency as stronger representation of older people in the population becomes apparent. Overall Dependency in Youghal at 49% of the population was equivalent to the national figure, but higher than that of comparable towns with both youth and elderly dependency higher in Youghal. Since 1996 overall dependency rates have fallen in Youghal, but the Shift toward higher elderly dependency has become apparent. Particularly vulnerable groups are lone parent families. The 2006 census indicates that numbers of lone parent families in Youghal are higher than national and county averages.

### 1.4 MARITAL STATUS

Age Group	Male Single	Male Married	Male Separated	Male Divorced	Male Widowed	Female Single	Female Married	Female Separated	Female Divorced	Female Widowed	Total Population
00-04	246					251					497
05-09	217					205					422
10-14	230					227					457
15-19	206					192					398
20-24	178	3				208	9	3			401
25-29	231	47			2	213	58	2			553
30-34	167	109	5	2	1	132	119	7	4	3	549
35-39	94	171	12	5	1	82	171	22	8	3	569
40-44	53	149	23	6	3	30	142	25	16	2	449

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45-49	46	137	23	11	4	33	138	20	11	11	434	
50-54	41	150	20	4	4	17	142	15	11	6	410	
55-59	32	136	8	9	7	20	137	14	11	15	389	
60-64	20	156	9	5	12	14	140	12	4	24	396	
65-69	22	84	5	5	9	18	87	4	1	33	268	
70-74	14	75	3	1	8	18	61		2	51	237	
75-79	17	47	2	2	12	17	30			36	163	
80-84	12	27			10	22	11	1		38	121	
85+	6	5	2		12	15	3	1		28	72	
Total	183	1,296	112	50	85	1,714	1,248	130	68	250	6,787	

Table 1.5 Marital Status Youghal Town 2006

#### 1.4 ETHNICITY

An important feature of population growth during the 2000's was the level of migration from other nationalities into Ireland. In Youghal the percentage of persons claiming Irish nationality at 89.9% (see figure 1.2 below) is broadly equivalent to the Cork County levels of 90.1. Persons from the UK representing the largest single foreign group at 3.4%, with people from Poland making up the next highest at 1.5%. The numbers of polish people is broadly equivalent to national and county levels.

#### Votes of Congratulations:

The members proposed a vote of congratulations to the following:

1. Inch Ladies Football Team on winning the All Ireland Club Championship.
2. Youghal Utd. On winning the Third round Intermediate Cup
3. The cast of the Aladdin Pantomine.
4. The Harmony Group on the performance of Weenies.
5. To the Council Staff on the gritting and salting of the roads during the recent cold spell.

#### Votes of Sympathy:

No note of sympathy was passed by the members:

#### Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from 5th November 2010 to 9th December, 2010 were brought to the attention of the members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Potholes in Nealons Quay.
2. Potholes in Raheen Road.
3. Road marking at the junction of Kilcoran Road and Seafield. The Engineer informed the members that the road liners were due in town shortly and he would discuss the matter with them.
4. The possibility of the Yield Sign at the junction of Kilcoran Road and Seafield.
5. Fountain in Greenpark.
6. Road signs/directional signs out of place around the town.
7. Traffic Management Plans for Ashe Street.
8. Road surface at Knockaverry.
9. 2 lights out of order in Quarryvale. The Town Clerk informed the members that this estate was not in the charge of the Council.

#### Cork County Council Items:

##### Engineers Report:.

- a) Extensive salting of roads was undertaken during the recent cold spell. The main roads of the Town and Cork Hill were concentrated on.
- b) Resources do not permit minor roads and estates to be done.
- c) Potholes around the town are being done on a regular basis.
- d) Bins have been removed from Claycastle for the winter months.

**County Council Items:**

1. Bins at Claycastle.
2. Mattress dumped at Claycastle.
3. Pothole at Ballyclamassey.
4. Pumphouse at Claycastle.
5. Road surface at Summerdale Lawn.
6. Ponding at Ballyvergin.
7. Lighting in new Seafield Estate.
8. Critical levels of issuing of salt supplies The Manager informed the members that during the recent cold spell 5,000 tonnes of salt was being applied per night, this has since been reduced to 1,000 tonnes to preserve stocks in the event of another cold spell.
9. Update on the outfall. The Engineer informed the members that the outfall was working perfectly. The Engineer stated that it was intended to put a small extension onto it in the next week with should improve the outfall enormously.
10. Broken footpaths around the town.
11. Provision of Concealed entrance sign for Summerdale Lawn.
12. Pothole at the Junction of Dermot Hurley and Cork Hill.
13. Provision of "Double Yellow Lines" at the Quality Hotel.
14. Manhole at Raheen Road.
15. Odour emanating from Landfill.

**Managers Orders:**

Managers Orders nos. 245/10 to 254/10 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

**Planning Applications:**

Planning application reference no. P58025/10, was 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. The Mayor passed a vote of congratulations to Youghal Pitch & Putt Club on celebrating 25 years.
2. The Mayor congratulated the Town Clerk, Clodagh Mahon and all who participated in the organisation of the recent arrival of Santa to the Town Hall.
3. The Mayor read a letter from the Residents of DeValera Street in relation to the Traffic Management Plan for Emmet Place, Ashe Street, DeValera Street. A brief discussion took place between the members and it was agreed to look at this issue in 6 months time then the works at Emmet Place which are due to start in January would be complete.

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

Cllr. Burke gave the following report to the Members:

1. Town Walls:

All works scheduled for 2010 with the aid of Heritage Council/Irish Walled Towns funding of €200,000 have been completed. The works involved removal of vegetation, cleaning, repointing, strengthening and repair works to the section of walls and tower nearest the lower end of Sarsfield's Terrace.

2. Emmet Place:

The proposed public realm enhancement works consisting of continuation of heritage footpaths from St. Mary's College gates to the top of DeValera Street will commence early in the New Year.

### 3. Architectural Appraisal of the Historic Quarter of Youghal Town:

This project has been completed with the aid of Heritage Council funding and a draft will be presented to a meeting of Youghal Town council early in 2011.

### 4. Clock Gate:

A Draft Conservation and Management Plan funded by SECAD and prepared by Mgt. Gowen is to be placed before a meeting of Youghal Town Council in January for adoption. A Structural Report has been carried out and a Business Plan is being prepared.

### 5. Graveyard Wall:

The repair of the collapsed section of Graveyard Trail between St. Mary's Collegiate Church and St. Mary's College Gardens has made considerable progress and should be completed in early 2011.

### 6. Graveyard Trail of St. Mary's Collegiate Church:

This project has been completed with funding from the Heritage Council and Youghal Town Council and is yet another heritage development which Youghal can offer to the heritage tourist as well as communicating its importance to the local general public. The completion of this project has enabled guided tours of the graveyard to be offered to the tourist. The first such tours were offered on Medieval Day and 150 people took part.

### 7. Linkage with Waterford Institute of Technology:

A partnership has been established with the Architectural Department of W.I.T. whose students are carrying out projects in Youghal. In September around 150 students spent a number of days in Youghal studying various aspects of the town. These activities are of great mutual benefit both for the students and for the local economy. It is hoped to similarly involve other third-level institutions in 2011.

### 8. Medieval Day:

This year's Medieval Day held in glorious sunshine on Sunday 22nd August was an outstanding success attracting a record attendance of approximately 8,000, the highest attendance of any participating town in Ireland. Prizes for the raffle were sponsored by local traders who deserve praise and appreciation for their wonderful support. The event was organized by a very hard-working voluntary committee including the Mayor, Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, Cllr. Barbara Murray and Cllr. Eoin Coyne. Gratitude is expressed to all who assisted in the organising, all who helped on the day, also to the participating stall-holders and to the media for their interest in the event.

### 9. Projects in 2011:

It is anticipated that 2011 will be a difficult year for the funding of projects' in that the same level of grant aid for Heritage may not be as readily available. However it is hoped that some funding may be made available for another phase of work on the town Walls, that an application for another phase of work on the Town Walls, that an application for a Conservation and Management Plan for St. Mary's Collegiate Church Graveyard will be successful and that 2011 will see completion of the proposed Historical Towns Atlas for Youghal.

### 10. Conclusion:

I wish to extend my appreciation to the Members of the Heritage Committee for all their work on behalf of Youghal's heritage during 2010. Also to the Mayor and Members of Youghal Town Council for the provision of funding, to our Manager, Patricia Power, Town Clerk, Liam Ryan and to all the Council Staff and to the Heritage Council of Ireland and to the Irish Walled Towns Network for their continuing invaluable financial support.

### **Report on Rapid Matters By Cllr. Revins:**

Cllr. Revins gave the following report to the Members: .

AIT Matters:

- Community Support budget for 2010 of €7,000 received.
- RAPID & Cumann na Daoine have received €10,000 for Family Support Initiatives.
- HSE Child Protection training held on the 13th and 14th of July.
- Nicola Lucey has been selected for the Foroige Hub/Youghal Café Worker and commenced work

on the 18th November 2010.

- The replacement second Youghal Diversion Worker is currently being selected.
- A Youghal Area Profile is being developed at present by the RAPID AIT.
- Helen O' Brien commenced work as an administrator for RAPID under the FAS CE Scheme.
- The RAPID Adult Education Sub group continue to focus on the development of courses for unemployed and under skilled residents.

#### **Community Matters:**

- Chestnut Drive and Woodland Grove Homework Club recommenced on the 27th September 2010. New CE assistant to start in January 2011.
- Summer activities for children and teenagers brochure - 1000 copies of each distributed to all schools.
- Youghal Residents Network Summer Camp for 30 children of the network estates held on the 12, 13th & 14th of July.
- The Residents Network is working with MABS to support Youghal Residents in financial difficulty.

#### **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 2011 would take place at 10.00a.m on 11th January, 2011.

#### **Unresolved Motions Report:**

The Town Clerk circulated the members with details of the Unresolved Motion Report for December, 2010. On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Revins the members unanimously agreed to the removal of motion nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 from Section D.

Electoral Local Area Plans - Public Consultation Under Section 20(3)(b) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended). - Circulated 24/11/2010:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members on 24/11/10 the Electoral Local Area Plans - Public Consultation under Section 20(3)(b) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended). The Town Clerk informed the Members that the closing date for submission & observations is Wednesday 12th January 2011 at 4.00 p.m.

#### **Report on Claycastle Leisure Company by Cllr. Linehan Foley:**

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the members that a recent meeting consolidated the fact that the Leisure Centre is doing very well and encouraged public support for the facility. The Town Clerk reminded the members of the importance of the facility to the local economy and how Youghal Town Council established Claycastle Leisure Company who subsequently recruited Aura to oversee the complex. The Town Clerk informed the Members that the leisure complex currently employs 37 people representing a sustainable source of economic benefit to the town.

#### **Report on Hatherton Ltd., T/A Enterprise Youghal, By Cllr. McLellan:**

Cllr. McLellan informed the members that the centre was running very well, she informed the members that work was now complete on the Coach House. Cllr. McLellan also informed the members that it was proposed and fully agreed by the members to convert the hot desk centre into a training room as the hot desk centre is not being fully utilised.

Commencement of Taking in Charge Procedure for Copperally Close", Youghal, Co. Cork including Public Road Motion Procedure. Circulated 1/12/2010.

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members public notice and map relating to the commencement of "the Taking in Charge Procedure for Copperally Close, Youghal, Co. Cork, and recommended that this Estate including public road be taken in charge by Youghal Town Council.

The members unanimously agreed to commence the taking in charge process on the proposal of Cllr. McLellan and seconded by Cllr. Murray and the lodging of the following motion re: declaration of public road.

"Cul de Sac road off Copperally at Copperally Close, Youghal, length 596 linear metres".

St. Mary's College Development Proposal -Circulated 9th November 2010.

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members the following development proposal in relation to St. Mary's College which he stated sets out a brief history of the property:

*Property History:*

1472 - James, Ninth Earl of Desmond confirmed the foundation.

1494 - Pope Alexander VI, by a Bull of that date, confirmed all grants to the College.

1496 - Maurice, tenth Earl of Desmond, confirmed the foundation.

1509 - Pope Julius II bestowed the Vicarage of Kilmacdonough on the College and confirmed the Bulls of his predecessor.

1579 - The College was damaged in the Desmond Rebellion of that year.

1580/81 - Queen Elizabeth 1, by patent granted to Dr. Marmaduke Midleton, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, the Provostship of the College of Youghal.

1588 - Sir Thomas Norris, Lord President of Munster, resided in the College and purchased all the rights of the College.

1602 - On the death of Sir Thomas Norris, the remaining portion of the Lease on the College was granted to William Jones, Esquire, of Youghal in trust for Sr. Walter Raleigh. At about the same time Sir George Carew, Lord President of Munster, took a sub lease of the College from Jones with the intention to reside in it and spent £220 in repairing it. He remained only a few months and went back to England on the death of Queen Elizabeth 1.

1602 - (December) Richard Boyle purchased all of Walter Raleigh's land grants in Ireland, among which it is specified all the Estate of the said Sir Walter Raleigh in the College of Youghal, called the New College of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Youghal with its rights and hereditaments, spiritual and temporal.

1605 - Sir Richard Boyle, married the daughter of Sir Geoffrey Fenton and they resided in the College where several of his children were born, including Roger, his eldest son, Richard his successor on title, Geoffrey who accidentally drowned in the College Well in January 1617, Lady Alice, afterwards Countess of Barrymore, Lady Mary, later Countess of Warwick. Sir Richard Boyle laid out a garden comprising two terraces cut into the hill. Some of the planting for the garden can be identified as a consignment of Roses shipped from Bristol in 1613.

1624 - Lord Falkland, the Lord Deputy, visited Youghal and knighted Richards's eldest surviving son as the Earl of Cork at the College of Youghal.

1633 - Thomas Stafford's Paccata Hibernia is published. Included in it is a map of Youghal, which shows the garden of the College, set out in formal pattern.

1634 - Sir Richard Boyle paid Sir Charles 1, a voluntary fine of £15,000 rather than face trial on a charge of diverting the Revenues of the College for his own use. During the following decade or so Boyle lived principally at Lismore but in 1641 when Rebellion broke out he was ordered by the Lord President of Munster to maintain Youghal in person and returned to the College as his main residence which he strongly fortified. He built the five circular turrets at the angles of the park at that time.

1681 - Thomas Dineley in his tour of Ireland described the College as been in good condition. During the early part of the 18th Century the College was still in use by the Earl of Cork's family and his agents but in 1740 Richard, Earl of Cork, leased the College for 999 years to Alderman George Giles of Youghal.

1748 - The College was described as been in tolerable order and still the residence of George Giles, but by 1750 Smith described it as been in very run down condition.

1765 - Richard Giles, who was a freeman at the time, was given liberty to make a door through the Town Walls to the road on the outer side.

1782 - Nicholas Giles Esquire carried out major rebuilding and renovation.

1812 - The Duke of Devonshire purchased for £3,500 the interest of the Giles Family in the College.

1813 - Thomas Moore, the poet, with company of Lord and Lady Lansdowne, visited the College and lunched there.

1860 - The College was purchased by D.L. Lewis Esquire of London.

1862 - The Northern wing, designed in the then fashionable Gothic revival architecture was built at a cost of £500.

1868 - Mr. Samuel Allen, a local merchant, purchased the College. In the early part of the 20th Century it was purchased by Mr. Martin Fleming, also a local merchant, whose sister sold it to the Sisters of the Sacred Heart in about 1950.

**Current Position:**

The cost to the Council in acquiring the property in 2002 was €751,271.80 broken down as follows:

Purchase Price:	701,403.80
Stamp Duty:	42,608.00
Legal Fees:	7,260.00

Total outstanding: 751,271.80 as on 28/01/2003.

To date the Council have paid off €489,545.80 over the last seven years leaving a balance to be funded of €261,726. This balance will prove difficult to reduce in future years due to budgetary situation and the carrying of such a large balance is proving very difficult as it seriously affects the Council's cash flow.

In 2007 Youghal Town Council entered into a 99 year lease with Hatherton Ltd., T/A Enterprise Youghal for the northern wing of the College built in 1862. This wing has been restored by Enterprise Youghal at a cost of €600,000 and now is home to many start up businesses. Enterprise Youghal have now just completed the restoration of the Coach House and have already acquired a tenant for same. The annual lease rent currently payable to Youghal Town Council is €10,000 per annum.

Enterprise Youghal were able to secure funding from Enterprise Ireland, South Cork Enterprise Board, Cork County Council, SECAD, Pobail and Youghal Credit Union towards the establishment of the Centre. This is funding which Youghal Town Council could not have availed of. Enterprise Youghal are now paying Youghal Town Council commercial rates for the property. (I attach for your information a set of their audited accounts).

The main wing of the building remains in the ownership of Youghal Town Council and is currently in need of a new use together with development funds to fund this use and to help restore the vibrancy of the building. Youghal Town Council because of the current national economic climate would not be in a position to drive such a project for the following reasons:

- a) Town Council revenue income streams are being drastically cut.
- b) Development contributions have completely dried up.
- c) Town Council cannot obtain loan sanction for any monies from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for the foreseeable future.
- d) Town Council cannot access employment/economic driven grant aid from Enterprise Ireland, SECAD, SCEB, Cork County Council, or local community funding from groups such as Youghal Credit Union.

**Proposal:**

I believe it is very important that Youghal Town Council maximize the use of all its assets for the betterment of the Town as a whole. Consequently I propose that Youghal Town Council lease the remainder of the College to Hatherton Ltd., T/A Enterprise Youghal on a similar basis to the previous lease for the following reasons: a) An annual revised lease rent of say €15,000 for the entire property could be used to annually reduce the Council's deficit on the property of €261,726, thus eliminating the deficit in a period of 17 years.

b) Maintenance costs on the property could be met by the Enterprise Company.

c) Enterprise Youghal could access the necessary funding to restore the building over time.

d) By restoring the building and expanding the Enterprise Centre over time the Centre will create employment, generate economic activity and pay commercial rates to Youghal Town Council which are generated by such activity.

e) A clause in the lease would allow the entire property revert back to the Council in its newly restored condition should the Enterprise Company fail for whatever reason.

Youghal Town Council would continue to operate and maintain the five acres of walled medieval gardens as a publically accessible garden thus ensuring that the general public would continue to enjoy the benefits of such a centrally located amenity. This was unanimously agreed by the Members on the proposal of Cllr. Burke seconded by Cllr. McLellan.

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

That this Council re-assess its Development Contribution Scheme in relation to Car Parking Contributions due to the change in economic climate generally.

All the members stated that they fully supported this motion. The Town Clerk informed the members that he would investigate this issue over the Christmas period and revert back to the members at the February meeting.

**Correspondence:**

1. Motion received from Monaghan Town Council.
2. Letter from Youghal Tidy Town re; parking of buses on Lighthouse Hill.
- 3 Motion received from Carrick on Suir Town Council.
4. Notice from TJK Conferences on their Economic Conference for Councillors. On the proposal of Cllr. McLellan which was seconded by Cllr. Revins the members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Hennessy attend this conference.
5. Brochure received from AMAI on their Spring Seminar.
6. Letter from Irish Pensions and Finance.
7. Letter from Minister for Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs in relation to the recent weather conditions.
8. Letter from North Tipperary County Council in relation to a motion sent to Minister John Gormley.
9. Letter from North Tipperary County Council in relation to a motion sent to Minister Dermot Ahern
10. Motion received from Monaghan Town Council.
11. Notice from TGR Seminars in relation to a conference on Professional Development for Councillors.
12. A thank you letter from the Resident's Association of St. Anne's Rise in relation to a grant received from Youghal Town Council.

**Circularised Correspondence:**

1. Walled Towns Friendship Circle Newsletter.
2. Heritage Outlook Magazine.
3. Public Sector Times.

This concluded the business of the meeting.