

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 10th December 2013 in the Mall House, Youghal at 10.30 a.m.

Present:

Mayor Sammy Revins presided. Cllrs. Linehan-Foley, O'Connell, Burke, Flanagan, O'Sullivan, Hennessy & Beecher.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Murray

Officials Present:

Mr. Derek O' Gorman, Town Manager.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell, Clerical Officer.

Mr. Paul Murray, Town Engineer.

Mr. Ger Lupton, Town Foreman.

Opening Prayers:

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

Deputation of Concerned Residents & Businesses in Relation to Traffic Lights At Moll Goggin's Corner:

The Mayor informed the Members that the deputation had been cancelled and that the matter would now be raised at County level in the New Year. The Mayor apologized on behalf of the group and thanked the Members for their ongoing support in relation to same.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 12th November, 2013:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 12th November, 2012 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley, seconded by Cllr. Beecher and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Votes of Congratulations:

The Members passed a vote of congratulations to the following:

1. Youghal GAA on their recent successful win against. St. Gabriels, London. The Mayor requested that the Youghal Flag be raised outside the Town Hall for the duration of Youghal's All Ireland Campaign.
2. Jean Reinhart on the launch of her book, Finding Kaden.

Votes of Sympathy:

No vote of sympathy was passed by the Members.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from 15th November to 5th December, 2013 was brought to the attention of the Members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Lights at Parklands and Spa Hill. The Town Clerk informed the Members Parklands was not in the charge of Youghal Town Council but the matter would be investigated. The Town Clerk also informed the Members that the situation with The Estuary remains the same, but that she will contact the Estates Department of Cork County Council to see if any progress can be made.
2. Traffic Situation at Upper Cork Hill. The members expressed their concerns at the situation on Cork Hill in light of the recent accident in which a pedestrian was knocked down. The Town Engineer informed the members that he is liaising with the Roads Department in Mallow to investigate same and is hoping that a traffic count will be done before Christmas while will determine the need for a pedestrian crossing here.

3. Provision of extra dog fouling signs and bins on South Abbey, Lighthouse Hill and Golf Links Road.
4. Potholes on Cork Hill.
5. Removal of sand at Credit Union Dock. The Town Clerk informed the Members that there was no plans at present to remove any sand from the Dock.
6. Erection of plaque for Joe Higgins.

Cork County Council Items:

Engineers Report:

1. Moll Goggin's Sea Wall Report:

To open the road and pathway as before, funding must be secured from the Department. Cork County Council will not know until late January if the application is successful or not. Once funding is secured the procurement process can begin, this will take 2 months. If everything goes according to plan construction will be undertaken between April and September.

2. Youghal Main Drainage: Appointment of the contractor for the network is expected next week with work expected to start after Christmas. The contractors have been recommended for the Design, Build & Operation of the Treatment Plant. Cork County Council await the grant of a Foreshore Licence before proceeding.

County Council Items:

1. Broken footpath outside Strand Church.
2. Update on Boardwalk. The Town Manager informed the Members that Cork County Council were presently in negotiations with the landowners in question and also with Failte Ireland in relation to funding. The Manager stated that he might have more information for the Members at the January meeting.
3. Tar Patching of the road from Quarry Road to Greencloyne.
4. Flooding at Na Prapoga. The Engineer agreed to liaise with the Estates Department of Cork County Council on this matter.
5. Lighting in Oakhill. The Town Clerk informed the Members that this Estate was still the responsibility of the Developer, but that she had written to the bank requesting a site resolution plan by the 31st December, 2013 and also the Estates Department, Cork County Council in relation to the preparation of a snag list.
6. Update on green reflective lights on the road from Copperally to Greencloyne. The Members also requested the provision of these lights at the top entrance to Blackwater Heights. The Town Engineer informed the members that he will investigate same.
7. Pothole at Blackwater Heights. The Town Engineer informed the Members that he is liaising with the Town Foreman on this issue.
8. Ponding of water at the rear of Ahernes Restaurant. The Town Engineer informed the Members that these works would be done shortly.
9. Dog fouling around town.

Managers Orders:

Managers Order nos. 234/13 to 246/13 were brought to the attention of the Members and noted.

Planning Applications:

The Members were informed that planning application no. 25010/13 was received.

Further Information Received:

The Members were informed that no further information was received.

Disposal of Properties:

- 1) A Notice under Section 90 of the Housing Act 1966 was served on the Members of Youghal Town Council:

The Sale of Freehold Interest in premises situate at “Inisfree”, Seafield Estate, Youghal for the sum of €800 inclusive of sale price, fee and administrative costs.

On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the members unanimously agreed to the sale of freehold interest in “Inisfree”, Seafield Estate, Youghal to the Pers. Rep of Bridget McGrath, “Inisfree”, Seafield Estate, Youghal.

2) A Notice under Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 was served on the Members of Youghal Town Council.

The Sale of Freehold Interest in no. 3 Quains Terrace, Youghal for the sum of €800 inclusive of sale price, fee and administrative costs.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the Members unanimously agreed to the sale of freehold interest in no. 3 Quains Terrace, Youghal to Ms. Ann Byrne, 3 Quains Terrace, Youghal.

3) A Notice under Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 was served on the Members of Youghal Town Council.

The Sale of Freehold Interest in no. 5 Gallagher’s Terrace, Youghal for the sum of €800 inclusive of sale price, fee and administrative costs.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Revins the Members unanimously agreed to the sale of freehold interest in no. 5 Gallagher Terrace, Youghal to Michael Coakley, 5 Gallagher Terrace, Youghal.

Mayor’s Business:

1. The Mayor expressed his thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for their invitation to the official opening of the Tulip Umbrellas.
2. The Mayor congratulated the Heritage Committee on the organisation of Santa Claus at the Mall Arts Centre on Saturday last.

Unresolved Motions Report:

Cllr. Burke raised the issue of Motion No. 1 in Section A regarding the installation of a webcam in the Harbour. The Town Clerk informed the Members that this was been handed over to the Youghal Socio, Economic & Development Group for implementation.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of Motion No. 1 in Section A regarding the provision of a pedestrian crossing at Costcutters.

The Town Clerk informed the Members that there were 2 Motions which are complete in Section D for removal. On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Hennessy the Members unanimously agreed to the removal of Motion nos. 1 & 2 from Section D.

Draft Casual Trading Bye Laws 2013:

The Town Clerk circulated the Draft Casual Trading Bye Laws to the Members and informed the Members that no submissions or observations had been received. Cllr. O’ Connell asked on a point of information if the North & South Main Streets could be closed to facilitate a food market. The Town Clerk informed the Members that the N25 was the responsibility of Cork County Council. It was not a matter for Youghal Town Council to determine bye laws over an area which was not their

responsibility. The Town Clerk also stated that to close off these street would divert traffic down streets that are already congested with traffic. The Town Clerk stated that the areas of Barry's Lane, Market Square and Nealons Quay are both significant and safe areas for trading and also do not interfere with local traders.

On the proposal of Cllr. O' Connell which was seconded by Cllr. O' Sullivan the Members unanimously adopted the Casual Trading Bye Laws 2013.

Set Date for Budget 2014 Meeting:

On the proposal of Cllr. O' Connell which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the Members unanimously agreed to provisionally set the date of Friday 10th January for the Budget 2014 Meeting.

Dissolution of Joint Burial Boards, Commencement of Section 230 of Local Government Act, 2001, Fixing of a Transfer Day:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members documentation from the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government and also a letter sent to Martin Riordan, County Manager in relation to the Dissolution of Joint Burial Boards for their information.

Proposed Amendments to 1. Carrigaline Electoral Area Local Area Plan 2. Macroom Electoral Area Local Plan:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members for their information Proposed Amendments to

1. Carrigaline Electoral Area Local Area Plan – Douglas LUTS
2. Macroom Electoral Area Local Area Plan.

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

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“That this Council suspend parking charges during the two week period prior to Christmas – the two hour limit will continue to be enforced”.

The Town Clerk informed the Members that this motion should have been raised at the 2013 budget meeting to provide for funding. The Town Clerk stated that should this motion be passed it would cause a huge loss of several thousand euro in revenue and would have huge budgetary implications for the Council. The Town Clerk also reminded the Members that the Parking Bye Laws have a set rate per hour for on street parking and are legally binding.

The Town Clerk suggested that the Members agree on a couple of days free parking for the Christmas Week.

On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. O' Connell the members unanimously agreed to suspend parking charge from the 20th to 24th December inclusive.

The Town Clerk informed the members that she would inform the Chamber of Commerce of same.

Correspondence:

1. A letter from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in relation to prohibition on use of unlicensed haulage or passenger operators.
2. A letter from the National Transport Authority in relation to proposed maximum fares for Taxis.
3. A letter from Planning Department, Cork County Council in relation to unauthorised opening of fast food outlet and alleged unauthorised creation of entrance at Claycastle, Youghal.
4. Invitation to retirement function of a number of Gardai.
5. Notice from Kadenza Consultancies in relation to a Health & Safety Seminar.
6. Motion received from Balbriggan Town Council. “Balbriggan Town Council calls on the Minister for

the Environment, The Taoiseach and the Tánaiste to meet Balbriggan Town Council to discuss the impact the proposed abolition of the Council will have on the Town”.

7. Motion received from Killarney Town Council: “That this Council supports the need for local government reform, but believes that the steps proposed by the Minister for the Environment are too extreme and will take democracy away from people”.

8. Notice from Superior Training in relation to Information & Communications Technology Seminar for Councillors.

9. Motion received from Bandon Town Council: “That this Council writes to the Minister of Health calling on him to reverse the heartless cuts to Home Help and Home Care Packages”.

10. Motion received from Ballinasloe Town Council: “That this Council completely rejects the decision of the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government, Phil Hogan, T.D., to abolish all Town Councils. The Council is of the very firm view that abolishing the unit of local government closest to the people and indeed the most efficient unit of local government (Town Councils) certainly does not contribute in any way to bringing “local government” closer to the people. It is further proposed that this motion be circulated to all Local Authorities, T.D.’s, & Senators in this State, to the AMAI and the Minister for Local Government for their consideration”.

11. Motion received from Kerry County Council: “That Kerry County Council calls on the government to amend the relevant legislation concerning Local Area Plans so that the review period would be extended to 10 year cycles as distinct to the current review period”.

12. Motion received from Clonakilty Town Council: “That this Council condemns in the strongest possible manner the recent announcement from the Minister of the Environment that he intends to abolish all Town Councils from 2014. We believe that the title of his document Putting People First is an affront to local democracy. Over the decades Town Councils have given great leadership to the local community in areas like Tourism, Commerce, Housing, Prudent Financial Management, Environment and Heritage. We call for the strengthening of the powers of local councils by giving real autonomy to make decisions in our own best interests. We call for the publishing of a cost benefit analysis of Town Councils to demonstrate to the public the value for money that each gives to the community”.

13. Motion received from Naas Town Council: “Naas Town Council calls on the Minister for Finance to remove the 23% VAT rate on digital school books in the forthcoming budget”.

14 Motion received from Donegal County Council “That this Council discuss and agree a response to the government’s decision to shut down County Enterprise Boards in every County at a time when there’s never been more need for a locally based response to the job crises in every County”.

15. Motion received from Donegal County Council: “That this Council call on the Minister for Finance to put some measures in place in the 2013 Budget that will be delivered in early December to help the people in our community who are finding it extremely difficult to pay their mortgage”.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.