

Development Plan Adoption Meeting January 2009

Minutes of Special meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 26th January 2009 in the Mall House, Youghal at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Oliver Casey presided.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Revins, Savage, Burke, Beecher, McLellan, Hennessy and Murray.

Officials Present:

Mrs. Patricia Power, Town Manager.

Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.

Ms. Katherine Donohoe, Act. Staff Officer.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer. Mr. Sean McLoughlin, Town Architect.

Mr. Sean Connelly, Town Planner.

Opening Prayers: The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

Agenda:

a) To finally consider the amended Draft Development Plan 2009-2015 including the appropriate assessment carried out on same,

b) To adopt the Youghal Town Development Plan 2009- 2015 with or without amendments.

The Manager informed the members that the process of preparing the Youghal Town Development Plan 2009-2015 had commenced early in February 07. Today's meeting was the final step in agreeing the final plan. She stated there were 3 extensive public consultation processes on the plan.

The plan needs to be in place by February, 2009 as laid down in the Planning and Development Act, 2000. Over 100 submissions have been received during the process and 4 special meetings held by the Council. All deadlines to date had been met, and the plan was synchronised with the County Development plan. The Manager thanked everybody for their hard work to date on the plan, from the planners the elected members and office staff.

Mr. Sean Connolly, Town Planner informed the meeting that this development plan is but a small phase in the development of a town over hundreds of years. It will govern planning and development within the town for the next 6 years.

Main changes achieved with this plan include:

1. Rezoning of the dockland area, similar to revamping of Dublin and Cork dockland areas.
2. Development of the Slobland area - an interesting and attractive development is required for this area with the possibility of incorporating a marina, hotel etc. All of which would greatly enhance the development of the town as a whole.
3. Indian Point Site - rezoned to accommodate largely retail uses. Will maintain the old town while enhancing the area in question.
4. Proposing to have a masterplan for Tourism/Leisure activities in the beach area of the town. Hoping that land owners will come together with an input into the proposed plan with the possibility of the re-opening of the Youghal Railway line.
5. Low density housing developments within the town.
6. Enhancing sporting/leisure activities throughout the town.

Cllr. Murray stated that before commenting on the zoning of the docklands/sloblands area, she was seeking clarification on an issue of vested interest conveyed to her prior to the meeting by another Councillor. Cllr. Murray stated that one of the Directors of Y. S. & S. Ltd. Was a distant relation of her husbands whom she had not met in over ten years. The Manager informed Cllr. Murray that this obscure issue did not qualify as a vested interest. Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that she was similarly spoken to in relation to her deceased father's estate. The Town Clerk stated that the Councillor's late father was not a director of Y. S. & S. Ltd. Consequently a conflict of interest did not exist.

The members then discussed the zoning of the shipping site at length raising issues such as:

- a) possible extension to the site,

- b) loss of employment as a result of rezoning,
- c) internal difficulties within the Company Y. S. & S. Ltd.

The Manager advised the members that all of these issues were outside their remit and that they should only concern themselves with the proper planning and development of the area. At this stage

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested a five minute adjournment in order to discuss the matter with her fellow Councillors. This was unanimously agreed by the members of the Council.

On their return a short discussion on the matter took place.

Following this Mayor Casey requested that a vote is taken on the adoption of: a) Youghal Town Development Plan 2009-2015 subject to the amendments already agreed at the Special Meeting held on 24/09/2008 and subject to the minor adjustments outlined by Architect, Sean Connolly in his earlier presentation.

For the proposal: Cllrs. Beecher, Linehan Foley, Murray, Revins, Burke, Savage and Casey.

Against the proposal: Cllrs. McLellan and Hennessy.

Therefore the adoption of the Youghal Town Development Plan 2009-2015 as outlined was adopted by 7 votes to 2.

This concluded the business of the meeting