

Minutes of Youghal Town Council held on 10th January, 2012 in the Mall House, Youghal at 11.00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Eoin Coyne, presided.

Cllrs. Revins, Linehan Foley, Flanagan, Beecher, Hennessy, O' Connell & Murray.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Burke.

Officials Present: Mrs. Patricia Power, Town Manager.

Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer.

Opening Prayers:

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 13th December, 2011:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 13th December were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr. Hennessy and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Report of the Town Clerk on matter arising since the Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 13th December 2011.

This is our Business – Creating Work in Youghal.

This event is being held on the 24th January next in the Mall Arts Centre and you as Members of Youghal Town Council are invited to a business plan display, with short presentations by the participants of the Business Start Up programme, which was sponsored by DSP and SECAD.

The event will showcase emerging entrepreneurial talent of area residents who in spite of the economic downturn, want to make it happen for themselves and their community.

Your presence is important because you might have a significant support role to play, either through your contacts or the more general support of someone who has enjoyed success in business. In these times, it is incumbent on us all to do what we can.

Light refreshments will be served.

Schedule:

2.00pm to 3.00pm: This is my business. A short overview by the entrepreneurs of their businesses: the vision, product/service and targets. Investment and support opportunities will be outlined.

3.00pm – 4.00pm: Trade Fair. With a cup of tea in hand we invite you to stop by the business plan of display of businesses that you think you can help. Whether the help is material or encouragement you can be in no doubt that it is needed in these the fledgling days of start-up.

An important outcome for the participants is that, following the supportive hub in which they have developed their idea and business plan, they will now gain access to the support of relevant agencies and individuals, with appointments being made on the day. This is a critical next step for businesses.

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Details of new Entrepreneurs:

Liz Connelly is developing for the healthcare market, a biodegradable, waterless, disposable finger toothbrush for mouth care to reduce costs and save nursing time.

Zita Quirke provides customized one-to-one coaching and support for self-employed, micro and small business that need technical assistance with computer programs.

Sinead Collender Tivy is developing a business from her creative imagination: gifts for all occasions, something unique and special to keep. Personal and Social Development is something that we need not do alone. From training with Dr. Tony Humphrey's (diploma in Parent Mentoring, Higher Diploma in Relationship Studies)

Lynda Kelly facilitates creating change in ones own personal and social development as a positive step to a new beginning.

Virginia Sandoval will use her extensive knowledge and experience with computerized accounts to help self-employed, micro and small businesses to save much needed time and money.

Join John & Laura Griffith at the Farm House for your next vacation. Experience a traditional Irish thatched cottage on the West Waterford coast, offering riding, sailing and home-cooking lessons with produce grown on the farm.

Lijana Latanauskaite offers affordable counselling and psychotherapy in helping you to deal with difficulties and distress in your life in caring and non-judgmental environment.

Maura Smith anticipates a valuable market for the sale of Free Range Eggs with new regulations coming into effect on 1st January banning the sale of eggs from caged hens.

Leonard McCarthy has a love of all kinds of music and would love to help people to enjoy collecting vinyl or CDs, all over again.

Sean Russell Tree Rock Landscape Services operates for all stages, from the initial concept to design and construction, right through to final project completion. Aimed at both the private and public sector, Sean has a fine eye for detail, design, safety, functionality, sustainability and respect for the natural and built environment.

Ed Meade: with extensive industry experience in procurement and supply, is developing a landscape management information system to ease the flow of data in the procurement process.

The Fry Family (Andy, Joshua and Javan) are offering eco-friendly kindling delivered to your door saving you money while adding to a cleaner environment.

Zena Flavin wants to address the shortage of outlets for children's clothing in Youghal, that results in many people having to go to Cork to purchase.

I sincerely hope that you will all be in a position to attend and show your support to these new start up businesses.

IBAL Results 2011: "Towns Keeping up the Fight Against Litter Despite Scarce Resources"

Despite a squeeze on resources and public spending, Ireland's towns are not allowing their cleanliness levels slip, according to the latest survey by business group Irish Business Against Litter. It shows over 70% of the country's towns to be litter free, with only 2 litter black spots – Dublin's North Inner City and Knocknaheeny in Cork.

"This indicates that the fight against litter is not about money. It's equally about a spirit of local pride and volunteerism among the local community, and we're seeing a resurgence of this in a climate where the need to attract tourists, local shoppers and new inhabitants to local towns is greater than ever".

38 of the 53 towns and cities surveyed by An Taisce were deemed "Clean to European Norms", a similar number to last year. When IBAL commenced the league 10 years ago only 2 towns were Clean to European Norms and 1 in 3 were litter black spots.

A total of 9 towns received a 'Sustained Excellence Award' yesterday in recognition of being "Clean to European Norms" for 5 years in a row.

Youghal is one of those towns and has been "Clean to European Norms/Litter Free" now for 6 years. Nationally Youghal finished seventh out of 53 towns and once more finished as the cleanest town in Cork County. Here is the complete Youghal Report:

Youghal: 7th out of 53 towns/cities surveyed. Litter Classification – Clean to European Norms.

An excellent result for Youghal, a sea side, tourist town. Many of the top ranking sites were not just clear of litter but very well presented and maintained e.g. Lighthouse Road, Front Strand and Town Wall and St. Mary's Church & Collegiate. Rhincrew Roundabout and Waterford Approach Road were also top ranking sites. There were no bad sites but three failed to make the top grade.

Rhincrew Roundabout: Grade A. This was a very clean and fresh site – road surface/signage/markings were in good condition and grass, though high, was not littered.

Waterford Approach Road: Grade A. (Mill Road). There was virtual absence of litter this approach road. An attractive 'Youghal Information' notice was set in colourful shrubbery.

Store Street/Brown Square Area: Grade B. This was a mixed site – it comprised a mix of old warehouse style buildings, offices and many modern buildings – some aspects of the site were spotless but not all. As one approached the water there was dog fouling and alcohol related litter on Store Street.

Catherine Street: Grade B. Dog fouling was very prevalent along this street – despite Dog Fouling notices and facilities for same. This is a real pity the presentation of the street has been enhanced by colourful flower boxes and bollards – a great deal more care is required on behalf of dog owners.

Seaview Place: Grade A. The individual houses in this residential area were well presented and maintained. The public grass/shrubbery areas were in good order – overall, a top ranking site throughout.

GAA: Grade B. The GAA site was let down by the areas immediately surrounding the clothes recycling bank – if this area and the base of the shrubbery were cleaned up it could easily be a top ranking site.

Town Wall and St. Mary's Church & Collegiate: Grade A. A really wonderful amenity which has been well cared for and respected.

North Main Street: Grade A. Many of the shop fronts were well presented, some of the paving was in good order and the bunting across the street added a splash of colour – a clean and well maintained street.

Lighthouse Road: Grade A. a superb stretch of road which has been very well presented and maintained – it was enhanced by attractive street lighting and the way in which it has been so well cared for and respected.

Front Strand: Grade A. This was another immaculate site in Youghal – the individual houses were very well maintained and the whole stretch of road gives a very positive impression of Youghal.

Votes of Congratulations:

The Members proposed a vote of congratulations to the following:

1. To the staff of Youghal Town Council, Youghal Tidy Towns Group and all the Residents Group on their hard work which helped Youghal achieve 7th place in the IBAL Awards.
2. Jake McCarthy, Gortroe on his success in the recent All Ireland Cross Country Competitions.
3. To Claycastle Pitch & Putt Club on being announced as the FIPPA (The international pitch and putt federation) course of the month for December.

Votes of Sympathy:

The Members did not propose any votes of sympathy at this meeting:

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from 8th December to the 5th January were brought to the attention of the Members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Public lights at Emmet Place not working – Town Clerk waiting for ESB to connect.
2. Provision of speed bumps at both entrances/exits to Dermot Hurley Estate.
3. Walls in Catherine Street Car Park in need of cleaning & painting.
4. Overgrown bush at corner of Green Park.
5. Road lining at Knockaverry Estate
6. Condition of Fountain at Green Park.
7. Road works at Mall Lane – work re-commencing 16th January.

County Council Items:

The Town Clerk informed the Members that the Engineer would present his report at the February meeting but in the meantime he would be happy to pass on any problems.

1. Traffic lights at the Strand – control box open.
2. Condition of footpaths at Dominic Collins Place.
3. Illegal dumping on the New Line.
4. Ponding on roadway at Claycastle at Caravan Park.
5. Collapsed wall at Railway Bridge.
6. Condition of footpaths at the Front Strand.
7. 'Islands' at bottom of Quarry Road need to be lit up.
8. Lump of tar to be removed from road at Tallow Street.
9. Disabled Persons Parking Spaces to be completed around the Town.

Managers Orders:

Managers Order no's 195/11 to 198/2011 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Planning Applications:

Planning Application No P. 11/58013 was brought to the attention of the Members and noted.

Further Information

The Members were informed that no further information Received: was received.

Disposal of Properties:

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

Mayors Business:

1. The Mayor told the Members he had been contacted by Judy Hegarty Lovett of the Gare St Lazare Players in relation to their upcoming 'Moby Dick' Show being performed in Cork on the 17th & 18th March.
2. The Mayor asked the Members to consider the Twinning of New Bedford with Youghal.
3. Possible date for the 'Mayors Awards Night' – 18th February, 2012.

Tenders 19 Raheen Park:

Two tenders were received and opened:

1. Kieran Foley
2. Clonpriest Construction.

Both tenders were sent to the Councils Technical Staff for examination.

Tenders 12 Seaview Place:

Three tenders were received and opened:

1. Michael Foley
2. Clonpriest Construction.
3. Hill Construction.

All tenders were sent to the Councils Technical Staff for examination.

European Walled Towns The Town Clerk circulated to the Members the latest news Network: letter from the European Walled Towns Network.

North Abbey Cemetery Lodge Report:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members costings in relation to renovation works to the Cemetery Lodge.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the members agreed that it was in order to proceed with the proposed works.

Heritage Municipal Policy Committee Report:

This item was deferred to the February Meeting.

Hatherton Ltd., T/A Enterprise Youghal:

Cllr. Hennessy gave the Members a briefing in relation to Enterprise Youghal for the year 2011. Cllr. Hennessey stated that the Training Room had performed very well for 2011 but the conference room had not performed as well as expected.

Claycastle Leisure Co Ltd.:

Cllr. Linehan Foley gave the Members a briefing in relation to Claycastle Leisure Company Ltd and

gave the Members an update in relation to the works being carried out under the Energy Efficiency and Disabled Access Enhancement Project.

Correspondence:

1. Thank you letter from Marymount Hospice in relation to donation received in memory of Kitty McSweeney, RIP.
 2. Motions received from Monaghan Town Council.
 3. Notice from the Rattoo Heritage Society in relation to the 21st Annual Kerry Environmental Conference.
 4. Notice from Drogheda Borough Council in relation to a Symposium hosted by the John Boyle O' Reilly Society of Ireland.
 5. A letter from the Youghal Concerned Citizens in relation to events being held in 2012.
 6. Notice from Michael Noonan TGR Seminars in relation to a conference on Training Workshop for Councillors.
- On the proposal of Cllr. Murray which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the members agreed that Cllr. Murray would attend this conference.
7. Notice from Kerry Community & Voluntary Forum on a seminar on Building Community Preparedness and Resilience.
 8. Notice from TGR Seminars in relation to a conference on Training/Development Workshop for Councillors.

That concluded the business of the meeting