

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on the 9th of July 2007 at the Mall House, Youghal at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor David Savage presided.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Revins, Casey, Burke, Hennessy, Beecher and Murray.

Apologies were received from Cllr McLellan

Officials Present:

Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk, Ms. Geraldine O'Connell, Clerical Officer, Mr. Ger Lupton, Town Foreman, Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer and Mr. Declan Daly.

Opening Prayers:

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

Deputation from The Disability Action/Awareness Group:

A deputation was received by the members on behalf of the Disability Action/Awareness Group, who gave a presentation to the members regarding disabled parking spaces within the town.

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 11th June 2007:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 11th June 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Revins, seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously adopted by the members.

Minutes of the Development Plan Meeting held on 28th May 2007:

The minutes of the Development Plan Meeting held on 28th May 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Beecher, seconded by Cllr. Hennessy and unanimously adopted by the members.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20th June 2007:

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20th June 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded by Cllr. Beecher and unanimously adopted by the members.

Town Clerk's Report on Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th June 2007:

The Town Clerk gave a report to the Members based on the minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2007.

HOUSING & BUILDING:

1. The Estate Enhancement Works identified for the entrance at Gallagher's

Terrace/Gallagher's Mews are underway and will be completed by the end of this month.

2. It has been agreed with our Engineering Staff that three speed ramps will be installed on a trial basis in Chestnut Drive. These works will commence in early September when the children in the area have returned to school.

ROADS:

1. Under the Nan National Road Grant the agreed resurfacing works of the Cul de Sac at Sweetfield Estate and the section of Magners Hill will commence in late August. This will also entail the repair of existing footpaths in Sweetfield Estate Cul de Sac area.

2. The Vice Mayor Cllr. Revins officially opened the Sli na Slainte walk from the Mall House to the Front Strand Car Park recently. This involved the erection of appropriate signage marking the route and showing the 1km and 2km positions. It is hoped that substantial numbers of people will use the designated walkway as envisaged.

WATER & SEWERS:

1. The reservoirs are at full storage capacity with the average daily demand now increasing to an average of 620,000 gallons per day currently.

2. I am currently unaware of any problems with the waste water system and all pump houses are operating satisfactorily. As in previous hot summers and because Youghal is swelled with a tourism population, citizens are asked to use water conscientiously.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

1. The grant of planning permission by Youghal Town Council to Crowley Homes for the construction of 12 eco friendly houses at Youghal Lands off of Windmill Hill has been appealed to An Bord Pleanala. Subsequently a decision will issue from An Bord Pleanala in due course on the matter.

2. A special meeting of the Council is scheduled for Monday 16th July next where a presentation will be given to the members by Galvin Developments in relation to a proposed development for their site which is the site of the old Couristan Carpets Factory at Indian Point, Mill Road, Youghal. Should this presentation be successful the members of Youghal Town Council will be required to vary the 2003 Development Plan to accommodate the proposed development by Galvin Developments.

3. The opening of tenders for the construction phase of the Enterprise Centre at St. Mary's College will be opened at that Special Meeting of the 16th July next.

RECREATION & AMENITY:

1. A new Residents Association has been set up by the residents of Ard na Mara, Magners Hill. The Association seem very enthusiastic in relation to their estate and have been awarded monies under the RAPID Estate Enhancement Scheme. Works should commence on some of these projects on the Estate shortly. The formal taking in charge of the estate is set for tonight's meeting and should be completed by the end of October next.

2. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the €240,000 grant from Cork County

Council towards the Heritage Regeneration Project. This money represents €120,000 for 2006 & €120,000 for 2007 and will greatly aid the advancement of the project on the ground.

3. I would also like to welcome the grant aid of €124,852.16 from the County Council for the completion of footpaths at Claycastle Road and Car Park. This is a very welcome contribution and will certainly add to the infrastructure of the area.

Votes of Congratulations:

The members proposed a vote of congratulations to the following:

1. To St. Raphael's on their recent open day.
2. To the Waterford Hurlers on their Munster Final Victory.
3. The members expressed their best wishes to Cllr. McLellan.

Votes of Sympathy:

The members proposed a vote of sympathy to the following:

1. Mary Russell, Dysart Grove on the death of her husband, Dick Russell.
2. Michael & Darren Yellop on the death of their mother, Kay Yellop.
3. Kevin O' Driscoll on the death of his father, Paddy Driscoll.
4. The Clerkin Family, Tallow Street on the death of Alison Clerkin.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from June 06th to July 04th 2007 was brought to the attention of the members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Weeds in the new plot at North Abbey Cemetery.
2. Fence between Cherryvale and Hillview Estate.
3. Iron bar in back gardens of nos. 6 & 7 Cherryvale Estate.
4. Painting of wall at the eastern end of Green Park.
5. Disabled ramp at the jetty. The Town Foreman informed the members that due to tide levels this would have to be investigated.
6. Weeds around the town.
7. Footpaths at Cork Hill.
8. Potholes in car park at Nealon's Quay.
9. Defibulator for Town Hall.
10. Weeds on the wall outside the Gas House.
11. Condition of public toilets at Tourist Office.
12. Weeds in planters at Priory Court Car Park.
13. Weeds & graffiti at on boundary wall at Priory Court Car Park.
14. Unoccupied house at Priory Court.
15. Abuse of small litter bins.
16. Dog fouling on pavements.
17. Disabled car space at the top of Raheen Park.
18. Upgrading of back doors at Dermot Hurley Estate.
19. Weeds on Cork Hill.

20. Loose railing on Sally Port opening at Town Walls.

21. The Mayor referred to the litter issue and stated that it was a great achievement for Youghal to have been awarded a litter free status.

22. Pedestrian Crossing at Greenloyne. Paul Murray agreed to investigate same.

County Council Items:

Report by Cllr. Murray:

Cllr. Murray informed the members that water meters were being installed in commercial business premises around town at present and also informed the members that the installation of Broadband would follow later. Cllr. Murray informed the members that the new library headquarters at County Hall was currently under construction with a finishing date predicted for January 2009. She also stated that a grant of €175,000 was granted for books for primary schools around the County.

Cllr. Murray informed the members that Michael Lavelle had taken over the position of engineer from Peter O' Donoghue and is being briefed on issues such as Redbarn, The Sea Wall etc.

County Council Issues:

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that leaflets be sent to the commercial businesses regarding the issue of water meters and the issue of water charges. The Manager informed the member that he would investigate the possibility of distributing information packages.

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the members that the organisers of the forthcoming Triathlon were very pleased with the condition of the new road surface in The Strand area.

Cllr. Burke informed the members that a contractor had broken a water main in Store Street and that Meals on Wheels had no water supply. The Engineer agreed to investigate.

Cllr. Burke raised the issue of the potholes on the entrance road to the landfill site. The Engineer informed the member that Cork County Council are awaiting the ESB to carry out works and once these works are complete the resurfacing can be carried out.

Cllr. Burke raised the issue of The Front Strand Outfall problem and asked if Cork County Council would match the €30,000 funding towards work on this project. The Manager informed the member that work was due to begin here in 2008 and stated that he would try to speed up the process to ensure an early start in 2008.

Other Issues:

1. Grass cutting at Struthan na Saili.

2. Making safe of the Sea Wall at Moll Goggins Corner. The Engineer informed the members that consultants have been appointed for this project.
3. Footpaths at Tallow Street.
4. Boy racers at Claycastle. The Town Clerk informed the members that the onus is on the Gardai to take appropriate action and this is not being taken up. The Town Clerk agreed that a letter be written to Flor Horan, Superintendent on this matter.
5. Areas of Slob Bank that need attention.
6. Roll out of Broadband.
7. Signal Interference of car zappers in The Mall area.
8. Cars for sale on roadsides.
9. Closure of road at Ballyvergan. The Engineer informed the members that site investigations are being carried out here.
10. Derelict Site Notice for building across from the League of the Cross Hall.
11. Disused cottage at the Mill Road.
12. Odour from landfill.
13. Installation of Superloo at Claycastle.
14. Speed limit change at Cock & Bull.
15. Ditches at the side of the road at Kilnatoora. Paul Murray agreed to investigate same.
16. Weeds at proposed library site at North Main Street.
17. Redesign of parking area at Struthan na Saili.
18. Overgrown hedges at Summerfield. The Town Clerk informed the members that this was a matter for the Tidy Towns Committee.
19. Removal of mound of topsoil at Shanavine.
20. Pothole on road at new development at Ballyvergan.
21. Culling of hedges at houses across from the Hilltop.
22. Commissioning of Bus Stops. The Engineer informed the members that this has to be approved by the Anglesea Street Gardai.

Managers Orders:

Managers Orders nos. 106/07 to 125/07 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Planning Applications:

Planning application reference nos. P58034/07 to P58039/07 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Further Information Received:

The members were informed that further information was received in relation to planning application nos. P58066/06, P58072/06, P58078/06, P58073/06, P58007/07, & P58008/07.

Mayor's Business:

1. The Mayor read a thank you card from Sr. Maura expressing her thanks for the Civic Reception that was accorded to her.

Managers Report Under Section 11 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 on Submissions Received for the Youghal Town Development Plan 2009 - 2015:

The Town Clerk referred to the circulated (28/05/07) Managers Report under Section 11 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 on submissions received for the Youghal Town Development Plan 2009 – 2015.

Having considered the report at length over the previous number of weeks the members agreed to unanimously adopt the report on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Casey.

Flood Relief Scheme Correspondence:

The Town Clerk circularised to the members a letter from the OPW on a feasibility study on flood relief in the town and requested permission from the members to put a report together outlining the effects of flooding in the town as requested by the OPW. Cllr. Casey stated that this matter should be dealt with as a matter of urgency as the town has a well documented amount of flooding. Cllr. Casey thanked the Town Clerk for taking such a pro-active approach on this matter and proposed that a report be prepared and forwarded to the OPW. This was seconded by Cllr. Burke and unanimously adopted by the members.

Socio Economic Development Group –"Looking Ahead" – An Integrated Development Strategy for Youghal:

The Town Clerk had previously circularised the members with the Integrated Development Strategy for Youghal prepared by the Socio Economic Group a sub group of RAPID to give the members ample time to read same. Cllr. Casey stated that this was a very positive and excellent presentation. On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the members unanimously agreed to adopt this strategy.

Heritage Island Proposal Irelands Visitor Attractions:

The Town Clerk circularised to the members a presentation of 3 publications from Heritage Island to the members being:

1. Tour Organisers & tour Operators.
2. Essential Touring Guide.
3. Education Guide.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the cost of this advertising in this publication is €1,800 & VAT per year. Cllr. Revins stated that this would be money well spent for the promotion of the town and that the onus was on Youghal Town Council to take this on board to market the town. On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was

seconded by Cllr. Beecher the members unanimously agreed to proceed with this presentation.

Taking in Charge of Ard na Mara:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members public notice and map detailing the proposal to take in charge the development known as Ard na Mara. On the proposal of Cllr. Casey which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the members agreed to commence the taking in charge procedure for the development known as Ard na Mara.

Lease Agreement Youghal Town Council And Youghal Shipping & Storage Ltd.

"Extension of Option Date of Phase 2 Development:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members a letter from Y.S.&S. Ltd. requesting the extension by one year of the option contained within the Lease with Youghal Town Council concerning the quay extension at Green's Quay, Youghal. "Extension of Option Date of Phase 2 Development Works at Greens Quay, Youghal". On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the members unanimously agreed to the adoption of this lease agreement.

Motion in the name of Cllr. Casey seconded by Cllr. Burke:

"That this Council erect a sculpture of bronze or stone to mark the contribution of the fishermen and their families to the heritage and culture of Youghal. That the sculpture be of a salmon yawl with oars and nets".

Cllr. Casey informed the members that the contribution of fishermen to the heritage of the town has been enormous and should be recorded in the history of the town.

Cllr. Burke stated that salmon fishing in the town was a social and economic part of life and that this was a very appropriate way of recognising the contribution of the fishermen.

The members were unanimous in giving their full support to this motion and decided to refer the matter to the Budget Sub Committee of the Council.

Correspondence:

1. The following motion was received from Monaghan County Council:

"That the Town Council call on the Minister for Justice, The Minister of State with Responsibility for Children and The Minister of State for European Affairs to come together to put in place a system that would alert the police, media and public within hours of a child going missing and that this system would be brought forward at European level".

The members were fully in agreement of this motion.

2. A letter from Bruach na Carraige, Cultural & Heritage Centre in relation to their Sliabh Luachra Summer School.

3. A letter and map in relation to the County Development Plan 2003 2nd Edition.
4. A Preliminary Notice was received from Kilkee Waterworld in relation to their forthcoming conference on "Rural Tourism 2007 – 2013 - The Challenges & the Opportunities". On the proposal of Cllr. Savage, seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Beecher attend this conference.
5. A letter from Youghal Adult Learning Group thanking Youghal Town Council Staff for their help in organising their awards night.
6. A proposed amendment to the Carrigaline Electoral Area Local Area Plan 2005 and Proposed Variation to the County Development Plan 2003.
7. An e-mail from A Bravenet Guestbook.
8. A Notice from Omagh District Council in relation to the Benedict Kiely Literary Weekend.
9. A Notice from the Island of Ireland Partnership in relation to a Path finding Conference.
10. An e-mail from Aura Sports & Leisure Management in relation to the 02 Ability Awards.
11. A Notice from Cork Environmental Forum in relation to their Annual General Meeting 2007.
12. A letter from Youghal Festivals in relation to their forthcoming triathlon.
13. A letter from Youghal Disability Action/Awareness Group in relation to their forthcoming deputation at the Youghal Town Council Meeting.
14. A letter from the Confederation of European Councillors cancelling their forthcoming seminar on "Tackling Poverty and Social Need in Ireland".

Circularised Correspondence:

- Annual Report 2006 from the Revenue Commissioners.
- Eurolink Volume 16.
- Public Sector Times Volume 32.
- Construction Magazine June 2007.
- Brochure from Aquatrek.
- Tourism Mattes June 2007.
- Annual Report 2006 for the Office of the Ombudsman.
- Sliabh Luachra Summer School.
- Pathfinding Conference, Belgium.

Any Other Business:

1. Cllr Casey raised the issue of the roadway at Raheen/Sarsfield Terrace and stated that he was approached by some of the residents in relation to same. The Town Clerk asked the Councillor to discuss the details of same with him after the meeting.

2. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue in relation to the banning of certain breeds of dogs and asked that the relevant Department be written to as a lot of these dogs are loose around the town. Cllr. Revins seconded this proposal.

3. The Manager informed the members that as from September the County Manager has appointed Patricia Power, Director of Services as Town Manager for Youghal. The Manager informed the members that he will still retain responsibility for the area and that the Director of Services will report back to him on all issues.

This concluded the business of the meeting.