

## **Minutes of Youghal Town Council held on 10th July, 2012 in the Mall House, Youghal at 10.00 a.m.**

Present: Mayor Michelle Hennessy presided.

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

Officials Present: Mr. Kevin O'Neill, Substitute Town Manager.

Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.

### **Opening Prayers:**

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

### **Deputation from Comhaltas Craobh Eochaille:**

The Mayor welcomed a deputation from Comhaltas consisting of Michael De Butleir, Bernie Kelleher & Patricia Morrison who outlined the position of Comhaltas in relation to the construction of a new roadway to facilitate the development. The Deputation also outlined the position with regards to a possible re-location to a more suitable site which would be their first preference, and asked the Members to consider a closed meeting. The Members agreed to meet with Comhaltas, in Committee, by the end of July.

### **Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 12th June, 2012:**

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

### **Minutes of AGM held on 19th June 2012:**

The minutes of the AGM held on 19th June, 2012 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Revins, seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously adopted by the Members.

### **Report of the Town Clerk on matters arising since the Meeting of 12th June 2012.**

1. Registration of Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems (Including Septic Tanks). The following press release was issued by the County Manager on behalf of Cork County Council in relation to the above.;

From Tuesday 26th June 2012 owners of domestic waste water treatment systems will be required to register their systems with their water services authority – currently the local authority. A one-off registration fee will apply starting with a reduced offer of €5 from now until 28th September 2012 which will then increase to €50 for those who register after 28th September. Owners need to renew their registration every five years, at no cost.

Having a register of domestic waste water treatment systems and septic tanks enables inspections to check that systems are working properly so that water – ground, surface and drinking water – can be protected from the risks posed by malfunctioning systems. This initiative will ultimately enhance and protect public health and the environment which will, in turn, benefit rural dwellers in terms of

a better quality of life and improved water quality.

How to register?

You can register and pay on line as follows:

- Online at [www.protectourwater.ie](http://www.protectourwater.ie)
- In person in the following Local Authority Offices in County Cork where payment can be made by cash, cheque, money order or debit/credit card:-

Head Quarters, County Hall.

Divisional Offices at (1) Annabella, Mallow, (2) Council Office, Kent Street, Clonakilty and (3) Courthouse, Skibereen.

Town Council Offices at: Cobh, Kinsale, Macroom, Midleton, Youghal, Clonakilty, Skibereen, Fermoy, Mallow.

Area Offices at: Ballincollig, Bandon, Blarney, Carrigaline, Glanmire, Kinsale, Macroom, Midleton & Youghal. Charleville, Fermoy, Kanturk, Newmarket, Mallow, Millstreet, Mitchelstown, Bantry, Castletownbere, Clonakilty, Dunmanway, Schull & Skibereen.

Branch Libraries at: Ballincollig, Baile Bhuirne, Bandon, Bantry, Blarney, Carrigaline, Castletownbere, Charleville, Clonakilty, Cobh, Dunmanway, Fermoy, Glanmire, Kanturk, Kinsale, Lending HQ/Reference, Macroom, Mallow, Midleton, Millstreet, Mitchelstown, Newmarket, Oilean Chléire, Passage West, Schull, Sherkin Island, Skibereen and Youghal.

Citizen Information Centres at: Carrigaline, Fermoy, Mitchelstown, Cobh, Mallow, Youghal, Bantry and Macroom.

- By post – application forms can be collected at the above local authority offices, in public libraries and Citizens Information Centres and sent by post with the registration fee to Protect our Water, PO Box 12204, Dublin 7. Please DO NOT send cash by post.

Background: The water services (amendment) act 2012 introduces a new registration and inspection system for septic tanks and other domestic waste water treatment systems in Ireland.

Registration will be valid for five years and there will be no charge for re-registration. It is intended that the revenue raised will be used by the water services authorities to manage the registers and to meet the cost of having inspections carried out. There will be no inspection charges for households. All owners of premises connected to a domestic wastewater treatment system are required to register their systems by 1st February 2013.

How to tell if there is a problem with your system?

Some of the signs that your system may not be operating correctly are:

- There are foul odours around the system or the percolation area;

- There is an excessive amount of vegetation growing in the percolation area;
- The area around the system or percolation area is soggy;
- Your drains or toilets are running slowly or overflowing.

Inspections: It will be a matter for the EPA to determine the level of inspections that will be required. However, as it is to be a risk-based scheme, not every system will be inspected. In developing the inspection plan, the EPA will consider many factors, including proximity to rivers, lakes and streams (particularly drinking water sources).

Important message regarding inspections: Inspections under the new system will commence in 2013. The commencement of inspections will be publicised in the national and local media. People should take care not to allow uninvited persons, or persons claiming to be inspectors, to enter onto their property in advance of the launch of inspections. People will be formally notified by their local authority if their domestic waste water treatment is to be inspected. Inspectors will be required to carry identification and you should ask for this to be presented to you.

## 2. Festivals & Community Events;

Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., the insurance company who insure most of the Country's Local Authorities including Youghal Town Council have issued new guidelines and procedures to cover local festivals and events going forward.

Currently Local Authorities are receiving very little notice with regards to festivals and events in some cases less than one week and in extreme cases the submission of insurances the day before an event takes place.

IPBMI in consultation with Local Authorities have now agreed on a new approach to this problematic area, by agreeing a new application form and dividing the events/festivals into four categories, as follows:

- 1) Category A (One off low risk events). This category is for events of up to 100 people, and will require at least 4 weeks notice for submission of all required documentation.
- 2) Category B (Annual event in medium risk events). This category is for events of greater than 100 people but less than 5,000 people. This category will require at least 8 weeks notice for submission of all the required documentation.
- 3) Category C (Large public indoor or outdoor event). This category is for events of greater than 5,000 people but less than 20,000 people (high risk). This category will require at least 30 weeks notice for submission of all the required documentation. This type event will require Licensing under Part XVI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and if funfairs are involved, the Certification of Playground Equipment Regulations 2003.
- 4) Category D (Very large indoor or outdoor event – very high risk). This category is for events of greater than 20,000 people and will require at least 30 weeks notice similar to Category C for submission of all the required documentation. This type event will require Licensing under Part XVI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and if funfairs are involved, the Certification of Playground Equipment Regulations 2003.

On receipt of the documentation IPBMI and Local Authorities will check the risks involved, the Health & Safety Statement/Plans and the organising groups insurances prior to issuing letters of consent/refusal for events to proceed or to be altered prior to proceeding. If any group require further clarification they should contact Youghal Town Council Offices.

### **Votes of Congratulations:**

The Members proposed a vote of congratulations to the following:

1. Queen of the Sea Festival Committee on the hugely successful festival.
2. Conon Browne and all those involved in his anniversary night.
3. To Cllr. Murray who was elected Mayor of Cork County Council.
4. Cine Club Organisers on the very successful opening night.
5. To the Lusitania committee on a great night.
6. To the band "Jaded" for their performance in Barry's Lane.
7. To Youth Reach on the great work they are doing.

### **Votes of Sympathy:**

No votes of sympathy were passed to at this meeting.

### **Town Foreman's Report:**

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from 9th June to the 5th July was brought to the attention of the Members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Potholes Ballyclamasey, Kilcoran Park, St. Raphaels Cross, Shanavine, Windmill Hill etc. The Town Clerk reminded the Members that the roads budget for 2012 had long since been agreed and it would not be possible to carry out all of the repairs that the Members were requesting.
2. Condition of footpaths in general around the town.
3. Broken fire hydrant Chestnut Drive.
4. Dog fouling sign for Strand Street.
5. Bus marking for the Market Square.
6. Gates at Greens Quay being closed when ships are out.
7. High kerb at Catherine Street Car Park.
8. Condition of footpath outside Noonan's.
9. Resurfacing of Knockaverry Estate.
10. Closure of Church Street for summer months.

### **County Council Items:**

ENGINEERS REPORT ON ITEMS RAISED AT THE JUNE MEETING.

1. Works at the Diving Rocks are substantially complete and the contractor expects to be completed within 2 weeks.
2. Lighthouse Road Collapse: Tenders have been received from Contractors for the emergency works repairs. An application for funding was sent to the OPW and they responded by advising that funding these repairs was not within their brief. The County Engineer has advised that if funding is not forthcoming then it is up to the County Manager to decide where the funding is to come from.
3. Tenders have been received for the resurfacing of Knockaverry and Fairfield Car Park. J.A. Wood

are the Contractors and work is expected to start in a months time.

The following items were also raised:

1. The Engineer read a letter from the OPW declining the County Council's request for funding to repair the collapsed section of wall at the Lighthouse Hill on the basis that the collapse was not caused by coastal erosion.

The Members agreed that every effort must be made to secure funding from whatever Departments were responsible.

The Town Clerk said that multiple submissions must be made to all of the government bodies who had direct responsibility for funding this work. Cllr. Burke said that it was also very important to lobby the 4 constituency T.D's and get their support. 2. Progress report on the Fairfield Car Park – The Town Engineer stated that Contractors were due to move on site in the next few weeks. The Members queried the construction of a footpath in the car park. The Town Clerk stated that we were operating on a very tight budget and it was not possible to say at this stage what additional works, if any, would be carried out.

3. Overflowing bins at Claycastle Car Park. The members suggested that bars could be put in the bins to deter birds from pulling out the rubbish.

4. Removal of bin at McCurtainstown due to illegal dumping.

5. Damaged surface at Church Street. The Town Clerk reminded the Members that the area in question was re-surfaced in keeping with the Town Realm Plan and it was also recommended in this Plan that large volumes of vehicular traffic would be removed from this area. Allowing vehicular traffic to continue to travel through this area was a decision made by the Councillors and this would be detrimental to the surface in the long term.

6. Removal of disabled parking spaces in Barry's Lane.

#### **Extension of time:**

On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members unanimously agreed to an extension of time.

#### **Managers Orders:**

Managers Order no's 86/2012 to 92/2012 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

#### **Planning Applications:**

The Members were informed that no planning applications were received. Further Information The Members were informed that no further information Received: was received.

#### **Disposal of Properties:**

The Members were informed that there were no disposals.

#### **Mayors Business:**

The Mayor informed the Members of the following: The Mayor informed the Members that Minister for Children, Francis Fitzgerald recently visited Cumann Na Daoine and she was very upset and disappointed that an official invitation had not been issued to the Mayor by Cumann Na Daoine to welcome the Minister. The Mayor stated she only became aware of the Ministers visit as she happened to be in the League of the Cross for a different matter. The Members agreed that this was

unacceptable and it should not happen again.

**Hatherton Report:**

The Mayor informed the Members that the Hatherton Accounts for 2011 were presented to the Board on the 28th June, 2012 and unanimously adopted. The Company recorded a small surplus for 2011.

Cllr's Linehan Foley & Beecher were both re-elected and the Mayor herself was elected Chairperson.

The Town Clerk was also re-elected as Secretary.

**Claycastle Leisure Company:**

The Mayor informed the Members that the Hatherton Accounts for 2011 were presented to the Board on the 28th June, 2012 and unanimously adopted. Cllr. Linehan Foley was unanimously adopted as Chairperson.

**Heritage Municipal Committee Report:**

Cllr. Burke requested that the matter be deferred to the September meeting.

**Nomination to Comhaltas Committee:**

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Revins the Members unanimously nominated Cllr. Beecher to the Comhaltas Committee.

**Youghal Lighthouse:**

The members unanimously agreed to defer this matter to the September meeting.

**European Mobility Week:**

The Town Clerk circulated the Members with information on European Mobility Week 2012.

**AMAI Conference:**

The Town Clerk circulated the Members with information on the forthcoming AMAI Centenary Conference. The official delegates Cllr. Linehan Foley & Cllr. Revins are automatically entitled to attend. On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley it was agreed by the Members that Cllr's Hennessy, Flanagan, O'Connell, Murray and Beecher could also attend if they wished.

**Irish Water Safety:**

The Town Clerk circulated the Members with a letter received from The Irish Water Safety Council.

**Correspondence July 2012.**

1. Letter from Sean Dorgan, General Secretary, Fianna Fail, in relation to the resignation of Cllr. Coyne. Cllr. Revins asked that in view of the fact that there would be no meeting in August would it be possible to have the co-option meeting by way of a special meeting. The Members were in agreement with this.
2. Thank you card from the Casey Family in relation to the Emer Casey Memorial Run.
3. Letter from the John Hewitt Society in relation to their 25th International Summer School.

4. Letter from Omagh District Council in relation to the Benedict Kiely Literary Weekend 2012.
5. Notice from Greystones Town Council in relation to the 2012 La Touché Legacy Seminar.
6. Motion received from Buncrana Town Council: "That Buncrana Town Council write to Noel Brett of the Road Safety Authority regarding the Road Safety Strategy 2013-2020 document which is being developed at present, asking them to incorporate training for cyclists as part of the plan and also to develop an accredited course for Ireland".
7. Brochure from LAMA in relation to their Autumn Seminar.
8. Brochure from Cork County Council in relation to an EU Tourism Conference.
9. Brochure from Carlow County Council in relation to their 10th National Tourism Conference.
10. An e-mail from the EPA in relation to Environment Ireland Conference 2012.

**Any Other Business:**

The Members sought an update in relation to the ALDI planning. A decision on this appeal to An Bord Pleanála has been deferred by the Bord – no date is available.

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that there was a vacancy on the CRY Committee as a result of the resignation of Cllr. Coyne which she would be interested in filling. On the proposal of Cllr. Burke which was seconded by Cllr. Hennessy the members unanimously nominated Cllr. Linehan Foley to the CRY Committee.

The Town Clerk circulated the Members with Draft Development Contribution Guidelines and advised the Members that the closing date for submissions was Friday 7th September, 2012.

This concluded the business of the meeting.