

Minutes of Youghal Town Council held on 12th June, 2012 in the Mall House, Youghal at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Eoin Coyne, presided.

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

Officials Present: Mrs. Patricia Power, Town Manager.

Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell, Clerical Officer.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.

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

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 15th May, 2012:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 15th May were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Revins, seconded by Cllr. Coyne and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Report of the Town Clerk on matters arising since the Meeting of 15th May 2012.

1. Youghal Main Drainage Scheme:

The Minister for the Environment, Phil Hogan has allocated €18m for the Youghal Main Drainage Scheme. The Scheme will upgrade the wastewater pipe network in the Town, culminating the construction of a secondary wastewater treatment plant at Youghal Sloblands.

The Minister has held a face to face meeting in Youghal recently with both the Members and Officials of both Youghal Town Council and Cork County Council on the Project following the recent announcement of the loss of two of Youghal's blue flags at Youghal Front Strand and Claycastle. The urgency of the matter was emphasised to the Minister and he has now responded with this allocation of funds for the project. Cork County Council will now proceed to tender on the scheme, with works expected to get underway towards the end of this year. Construction works should take approximately 18 months to complete. I have emailed you a complete schedule of works map which shows all the areas affected together with details of the envisaged works at those locations.

Traffic Management Plans will be put in place depending on the areas affected and the size of the works at those locations. Advance notice will be given by Cork County Council of these in due course.

2. Seawall at Lighthouse Hill:

John O' Donovan & Associates Consulting Engineers have been appointed by Cork County Council for the emergency repair works required at this location. They have proceeded to tender on the stabilisation works which were advertised recently on E-tenders. Tenders for the works were to be returned for evaluation by close of business on the 11th of June. All going well emergency stabilisation works will commence on the ground before the end of June next which is indeed a welcome development. The tenders for the appointment of a consultant engineering firm for the more permanent works is due back on the 22nd June next. No reply has yet been received by Cork County Council on the funding application made to fund the works to date.

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the allocation of funding from the OPW. The Town Clerk informed the Members that a copy of the letter sent to the OPW expressing the concerns of the members in relation to the Seawall had been circulated to the Members. The Town Clerk informed the members that he was presently awaiting acknowledgment of this letter. The Town Clerk also informed the Members that Youghal Town Council do not have a role in this matter and that all concerns have been addressed to the County Engineer. The Town Clerk stated that no funding has not yet been made available to Cork County Council for these works.

The Members stated that they also have concerns in relation to the viewing platform at the Lighthouse Hill which they feel is also unstable. The Engineer informed the Members that the footpath at this area is well away from the retaining wall at the Lighthouse Hill and is not a structural issue, the Engineer also informed the Members that this area is being monitored.

Cllr. Burke raised the issue of whether stabilisation works would still be carried out if no funding is allocated from the OPW. The Manager stated that she will pose this question to the County Engineer and will also request a report outlining the chronology of what is happening in relation to this item. The Members stated that they would welcome same.

The Manager informed the Members that negotiations were taking place on a daily basis and this matter was being treated with the utmost urgency.

Cllr. O' Connell raised the issue of the allocation of €18m in relation to the Main Drainage Scheme and welcomed same. Cllr. O' Connell thanked the Town Clerk for all his hard work in relation to this project.

Questionnaire on Local Government Reform:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members a letter sent to the County Manager from Minister Phil Hogan, Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government in relation to Local Government Reform and a questionnaire in relation to same. The Town Clerk informed the members that the letter which was not received by the County Manager until the 5th of June requested that the questionnaire be returned by 15th June. The Town Clerk informed the Members that an extension of 10 days has been sought to give proper consideration to this matter.

Cllr. Revins received correspondence from the AMAI advising Local Authority Members on the questions contained therein in regard to the questionnaire, this was also circulated to the Members.

The Members agreed that the questionnaire be filled out and returned by each Member individually and that they would work from the briefing document received from the AMAI.

Votes of Congratulations:

The Members proposed a vote of congratulations to the following:

1. V. Rev. Canon Browne on his forthcoming Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood. On the proposal of Cllr. O' Connell which was seconded by Cllr. Revins the members unanimously agreed that a presentation be made to Canon Browne.
2. Claycastle Pitch & Putt Club on hosting the All Ireland Matchplay Championship.
3. The organisers of the Eucharistic Procession.
4. Noel Landers and Adam Fitzgerald on winning the U14 and U16 Snooker Championship.
5. Save Youghal Ambulance Group.

Votes of Sympathy:

The members proposed a vote of sympathy to the following:

1. Ms. Ita Beecher on the death of her sister Nelly Aherne.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from 10th May to 8th June were brought to the attention of the Members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Update on works at the Diving Rocks. The Town Engineer informed the Members that the fabricator informed him that he could not go ahead at with the works at the price originally quoted by him. The Engineer informed the Members that he would have to discuss this issue with the Town

Clerk before works could commence.

2. Broken footpath at the front row of Quains Terrace.
3. Manhole cover outside Condon's Florists.
4. Replacement of grid outside Bank of Ireland.
5. Provision of bollards at the bottom of Cork Hill. The Town Engineer agreed to investigate same.
6. Painting of benches at Windmill Hill.
7. Provision of bins at the Golf Links Road.
8. Overgrown flower beds.
9. Signage for benches on the Boardwalk.
10. Stones on steps at 2nd breaker on Promenade.
11. Painting of the Stations of the Cross at the Graveyard.
12. Condition of road running from Hayman's Hill to Windmill Hill.
13. Cllr. O' Connell presented a petition to the Town Clerk from the residents of Dermot Hurley Estate in relation to the provision of speed ramps.
14. Broken glass at the Slob Bank.
15. Gravel at the promenade approaching the entrance to the Boardwalk.
16. Side cleaning around town.

Cork County Council Items:

Engineers Report:

1. The Contractor for the Diving Rocks has been appointed. He has commenced fabrication of the steelwork off site and will be on site shortly.
2. Lighthouse Road Collapse: JODA Consulting Engineers have been appointed as consultants for the emergency repair works. Tenders have been requested on E-Tenders for contractors for the works. Tenders were due back yesterday 11th June. The successful tenderer is expected to start on 18th June. Work will consist of installing rock anchors and shot crete. An advertisement has gone up on E-tenders for a consultant to look at support on the main wall from the Lighthouse to Moll Goggin's Corner. The closing date for these submissions is 22/06/2012.
3. This year the Roads Office in Mallow are soliciting prices for the Urban Roads Works overlays in Knockaverry and the Car Parks in the Town. We expect a contractor to be appointed in the next few weeks.
4. Life guards are in place for weekends in June and fulltime for July & August and part September.

County Council Items:

1. Manhole cover outside the Rendezvous.
2. Weeds on footpath at Meadow Valley.
3. Level of ponding at Aura.
4. Update on the railway bridge. The Town Engineer informed the members that he is awaiting a response from Iarnroid Eireann.
5. Traffic lights out of order at Upper Strand. The Town Engineer informed the members that he is awaiting a part for same.
6. Replacement of stopcocks at Blackwater Heights. The Town Engineer has agreed to investigate same.
7. Shores outside the Post Office.
8. Road at the top of Meat Shambles Lane.
9. Shrubbery at the Mill Road.
10. Provision of disabled parking space at O' Reilly Terrace.
11. Broken footpaths around town.
12. Footpath outside Kirby's Bar at North Main Street.
13. Markings for coaches at the Quay.
14. Transfer of disability space to space outside Supervalu.
15. Parking space at Brodericks/Ahernes which needs to be moved back.

Disposal of Properties:

A Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 was served on the Members of the Council as follows:

The lease of land at Claycastle, Youghal, measuring approximately 6.5 acres to Claycastle Pitch & Putt Club for a period of 15 years at a yearly rent of €6,655 with a rent increase after year 5 and year 10 of 10% over previous term.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murray which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the members unanimously agreed to the lease of land at Claycastle, Youghal to Claycastle Pitch & Putt Club.

Mayor's Business:

1. The Mayor asked the Members and the Town Clerk had they received correspondence from Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann in relation to the development of an entrance to the Brú na Sí site. The Town Clerk informed the members that he had responded to 2 letters he received from Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann in relation to same and other issues but was awaiting copies of their insurance policy. The Town Clerk also informed the members that 2 issues needed to be resolved namely;

1. Unauthorised development regarding the erection of portacabins.
2. Compliance with terms and conditions of their lease.

Cllr. Murray asked if retention could be applied for regarding the erection of the portacabins. The Town Clerk informed the members that this was not the desirable planning approach regarding the matter. The Town Clerk stated that the proper way for the group to approach this matter would be to comply with the proper Planning & Development Procedure. The Town Clerk informed the members that Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann were granted planning permission in 2008 for an extension to the Brú na Sí facility, the group did not go ahead with this development but instead erected 2 portacabins and 3 containers on site which were in breach of planning regulations and also in breach of their lease agreement.

2. The Mayor informed the Members that he had hand delivered a letter to the Town Clerk informing him of his impending resignation from Youghal Town Council.

Cllr. Revins thanked Cllr. Coyne for going forward in the 2009 elections, he stated that he was saddened by the fact that Cllr. Coyne is leaving as he will be greatly missed.

The Members conveyed their best wishes to Cllr. Coyne

The Manager stated that it had been a pleasure to work with Cllr. Coyne and that he was a great example for young people to get involved with politics and the local community. The Manager also stated that Cllr. Coyne conducted his role as Mayor in an excellent manner and wished his well for the future.

The Town Clerk stated that Cllr. Coyne brought a brightness, newness and freshness to Council life and on a personal and professional note, knows that Cllr. Coyne is making the right decision..

The Town Engineer concurred with what was said and stated that Cllr. Coyne was a shining light to all youngsters.

Cllr. Coyne thanked everyone for their kind words and also for the courtesy and respect shown to him over the past 3 years.

Unresolved Motion Report:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members the Unresolved Motion Report. This report was adopted by the Members on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr. Coyne.

Retail Planning Guidelines:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members a copy of the Publication Document of the Retail Planning Guidelines. The Town Clerk informed the members that the Planning Policy Unit of Cork County Council were currently reviewing their Development Plan to incorporate the Retail Planning Guidelines.

Launch of www.myplan.ie

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members a circular in relation to the launch of myplan.ie which is a free and easily accessible web browser service through which members of the public and interested bodies can access information about the approximately 400 development and local area plans made by the 88 planning authorities in Ireland. This item was marked as read.

Appointment of Council Nominee to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd:

On the proposal of Cllr. Hennessy which was seconded by Cllr. Revins the members unanimously agreed that Cllr. O'Connell be nominated as Youghal Town Councils ` representative to the IPBMI.

Nomination of Member to St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee:

On the proposal of Cllr. Beecher which was seconded by Cllr. Coyne the members unanimously agreed that Cllr. O'Connell be nominated as Youghal Town Councils representative on the St. Patricks Day Parade Committee.

Provision of Bollards at Promenade:

In relation to the provision of bollards at the Promenade the Town Clerk suggested to leave the Status Quo as is. He informed the members that any illegal act taking place at this location is a matter for the Gardai. The Town Clerk informed the Members that the situation at the said location be monitored. The Members were in agreement with this.

Report by Cllr. Linehan Foley on the Youghal Tidy Towns Task Force:

Cllr, Linehan Foley gave the following report to the Members on the Youghal Tidy Towns Task Force:

1. National Tidy Towns Competition 2011:

- Marks increased from 279 to 284 (overall winner 310), 5 mark increase.
- 4th Tidy Town in category E nationally.
- Youghal was one of 22 towns awarded a Bronze Medal.

2 Green Schools: Under the encouragement of the Tidy Towns Committee, Bunscoil Mhuire has been awarded the first Green Schools Flag in Youghal.

3. Beach Management Plan - Claycastle. Youghal Tidy Towns Committee as been successful again this year in securing an award for Claycastle.

4. Town Centre Planting Scheme: Over 50 businesses are participating again this year, similar to last year where the Committee is supplying and maintaining nearly 400 baskets and boxes.

5. Lighthouse Hill Pots: The palms will be replaced with more robust plants over the coming weeks.

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the members that the committee meet every Thursday evening at 7.30 at Greenpark. Any volunteers are welcome.

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the members the Youghal Tidy Towns received great coverage on the

recently televised Francs DIY Brides, Cllr. Linehan Foley thanked the Town Council for their support on the project and also to Cal Flavin for the supply of paint.

Correspondence:

1. Motion received from Kinsale Town Council: "That this Council urges the Department of the Environment to immediately review current legislation with a view to removing fluoride from the public water supply in this country"

2. Motion received from Kilrush Town Council: "That this Council would seek assurances from the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government that any personal data collected in the recent Household Charge application form would remain strictly confidential and will not be disclosed to other parties as is determined in legislation under the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Acts".

3. Motion received from Boyle Town Council: "That this Council, noting the difficulties faced by many thousands of working families, given increased petrol and diesel prices and acknowledging that drivers are contributing over 10% of all government revenue between excise duty, VAT, VRT and motor tax, calls on the Government and the Minister for Finance to support legislation which would reduce the price of petrol and diesel by 5 cents and also to bring about measures which would allow for the review of prices every three months, and allow for the government of the day to respond quickly to developing situations in the market price".

4. Notice from TGR Seminars in relation to Training Seminar for Councillors on Fluoridation of Irish Water Supplies: Current debates, implications and consequences for Irish Consumers.

5. Notice from Superior Training in relation to Training Seminar for Councillors on Local Media & The Councillor.

6. Motion received from Donegal County Council: "Donegal County Council requests the Minister for Health & Children, Dr. James Reilly to instruct the H.S.E. to carry out, as a matter of urgency, a review of the Long Term Illness Scheme with a view to including Long Term Debilitating Illnesses which are not presently recognised by the present Scheme".

7. Notice received from LAMA in relation to their Autumn Seminar.

8. Invitation received from the Historic Towns Forum in relation to their NPPF Seminar.

Any Other Business:

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the service of South Doc and informed the Members that she had received a letter from one of the local doctors seeking clarification in relation to the moving of the Southdoc Centre from the Community Hospital to the Millennium Industrial Centre. The letter also stated that the doctor in question who was a working member of Southdoc failed to see why the proposed change would made any difference to the medical care provided in Youghal. Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Members that while she was in no way critical of the medical care provided within the town she was concerned about the need to travel to Midleton or Cobh to utilise this facility.

Cllr. Murray informed the Members that at present the service is operating out of the Community Welfare Office in the Community Hospital Grounds but were looking into the provision of the use of a unit at the Millennium Industrial Centre.

Cllr. O; Connell stated that as Chairperson of the Save Youghal Ambulance Committee she was set to

meet with HIQUA and suggested that some of the members attend this meeting to put forward their views in relation to the matter.

2. Trip to Lamour Plage. (Twinning City).

On the proposal of Cllr. Murray which was seconded by Cllr. O' Connell the members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Beecher represent Youghal Town Council on this trip.

On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Coyne the members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Linehan Foley represent Youghal Town Council on this trip. This concluded the business of the meeting.