

Minutes of Youghal Town Council held on 13th March, 2012 in the Mall House, Youghal at 10.00 a.m.

Present:

Mayor Eoin Coyne, presided.

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

Officials Present:

Mrs. Patricia Power, Town Manager.

Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.

### **Blue Flag Awards 2012 & Youghal Sewerage Scheme Progress Report.**

Jacinta Reynolds, Senior Scientist with Cork County Council presented a report to the members on the status of Youghal's Blue Flag Beaches for 2012. The report is as follows:

#### **YOUGHAL FRONT STRAND & CLAYCASTLE BLUE FLAGS**

Youghal Front strand was awarded a Blue Flag in 2011 following a loss in 2008, 2009 and 2010 due to non compliance with water quality standards in 2007, 2008 & 2009.

Claycastle was awarded a Blue Flag in 2011 following a loss in 2009 due to non compliance with water quality standards in 2008. Claycastle also first attained Green Coast Award in 2010

#### **NEW BATHING WATER REGULATIONS 2008 (S.I 79 of 2008) & THE IMPLICATIONS FOR BLUE FLAG BEACHES**

The new regulations aim to: „

Improve the health of bathers with more stringent water quality standards „

Establish a more pro-active approach to management of waters „

Promote increased public involvement & dissemination of information

Stricter microbiological standards for two new parameters, Intestinal enterococci and Escherichia coli and a tightening of water quality standards will be imposed under the 2008 regulations.

Under the old regulations, a Blue Flag was awarded if 80% of the samples were compliant with the Guide Standard of Total coli and E coli, which signified Good water quality.

Instead of using monitoring results from a single bathing season, compliance under the new regulations will now be calculated using the 95%tile calculation of the results over four seasons in line with new standards of 250 MPN/100ml for E. coli and 100 MPN/100ml for Intestinal enterococci. Bathing waters will be now classified either "excellent". "good", "sufficient" or "poor".

Blue Flag criteria will insist on the more stringent water quality of "excellent status".

The period 2010-2012 has been termed the "transitional period" for Blue Flag and Green Coast Award beaches and the new standards will be compulsory for all Blue Flag beaches for the 2012 season and onwards.

Criteria for assessing whether a Flag will be awarded in 2012:

In the transition period under the new regulations, two possible scenarios arise

1. The beach meets compliance with the old as well as the new calculation methods. If the beach meets the rest of the criteria, it is sent directly to the jury for evaluation.

Or

2. The beach does not meet compliance with the 95th percentile. In this case the international jury will give a dispensation from compliance with the 95th percentile if the beach complies with previous calculation method.

### **YOUGHAL FRONT STRAND ASSESSMENT OF 2011 RESULTS**

The monitoring programme for Youghal Front Strand commenced on the 16/05/2011 and continued until 05/09/2011. 11 samples were taken and reported to An Taisce.

„X Under the 1992 regulations, only 73% of the samples complied with the E.coli standard in 2011. Good water quality was not attained as results must comply with both the 80% E.coli and the 90% I enterococci standards

„X Under the 2008 Regulations, the 95 percentile limit of 250 for E.coli (seasons 2008 – 2011) was exceeded and Excellent water quality was not achieved.

### **CLAYCASTLE ASSESSMENT OF 2011 RESULTS**

The monitoring programme for Claycastle commenced on the 30/05/2011 and continued until 05/09/2011. 16 samples were taken and reported to An Taisce.

„X Under the 1992 regulations, only 75% of the samples complied with the E.coli standard in 2011. Good water quality was not attained as results must comply with both the 80% E.coli and the 90% I enterococci standards.

„X Under the 2008 Regulations, the 95 percentile limit of 250 for E.coli (seasons 2008 – 2011) was exceeded and Excellent water quality was not achieved.

### **STATUS FOR 2012**

It is anticipated that three awards will be lost for Youghal area in 2012.

- Youghal Front Strand & Claycastle will not be eligible for Blue Flag award in 2012.
- They do not meet compliance with the old or the new calculation methods and would not be assessed at Good status or Excellent water quality in 2011.
- Consequently Claycastle will also lose the Green Coast Award for 2012

### **PRESSURES ON YOUGHAL FRONT STRAND & CLAYCASTLE**

Under the new regulations a detailed profile document was prepared for each beach and associated catchment areas. This included a description of the bathing site and its surrounding area along with the identification and assessment of causes of pollution that may affect the quality of the bathing water and impair bather's health.

The key pressures identified for Claycastle and Youghal Front strand following a risk assessment

process were the following

1. Youghal town sewerage system discharging untreated effluent to Youghal Harbour via 3 sewage outfalls.
2. A number of storm water overflows & combined sewer overflows associated with the sewage system which discharge to the harbour,
3. Overflow system on the holding tank in a local marsh & any overflows piped under the car parks, road & promenade & then out into the bathing water to a discharge point approximately 200m off shore,

### **FUTURE BLUE FLAG STATUS FOR YOUGHAL FRONT STRAND & CLAYCASTLE**

In 2011, Youghal Front Strand and Claycastle exceeded the 1992 and 2008 regulatory standards.

In 2012, the water quality assessment will be based solely on the 95 percentile calculation method for the four seasons 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012.

From this year onwards, the more stringent 2008 regulations will apply to all water quality evaluations for Blue Flag status.

With the increase in standards under the new bathing water regulations and the new method of assessment over 4 years, it will be difficult to meet compliance with the required excellent water quality to the future due to the current pressures on water quality.

Youghal Front Strand in particular has lost blue flag status several times in the last 10 year period due to pressures on water quality.

The Water quality standards & protection of public health are now the main driver in attaining Blue Flag status and the upgrade of the Youghal main drainage is a critical piece of infrastructure that is now urgently required.

Jacinta Reynolds S.S, 12th March 2012

Following on from this presentation Noel O’Keeffe, County Engineer and Tim O’Herlihy, Executive Engineer, Cork County Council gave a report to the Members in relation to the progress made on the proposed Sewerage Scheme. The report read as follows:

### **Youghal Sewerage Scheme – Progress Report 13th March, 2012**

#### **1. Finance**

The scheme is included on the Water Services Investment Programme 2010 – 2012 as Network €8,000,000 and Wastewater Treatment Plant - DBO €10,000,000.

The Cost Estimates for the scheme have been revised. Should the Tenders be returned at the budget estimate of €19.5M, Cork County Council will be required to fund €6.7M.

#### **2. Planning**

Planning Permissions have been granted by Youghal Town Council for the Pumping Stations. Planning Permission is not required for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

#### **3. Land Acquisition/Wayleaves**

Cork County Council has purchased the site for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. An agreement has

been made in relation to the land required for the access road to the plant. Contracts are currently being prepared. Wayleaves are not required.

Drawings for transfer of lands from Youghal Town Council to Cork County Council at Green Park have been issued to the Property Section to arrange Contracts.

#### 4. Foreshore Licence

Cork County Council has applied to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government for a Foreshore Licence for the proposed main outfall.

5. Waste Water Discharge Licence Cork County Council has applied to the Environmental Protection Agency for a Waste Water Discharge Licence. Additional information requested by the EPA in relation to the application has been returned.

#### 6. Archaeology & Ecology

An Appropriate Assessment for the Waste Water Treatment Plant site and the discharge to the Blackwater has been completed. There have been no adverse findings. Archaeological monitoring of the Investigations contracts did not record anything of significance.

#### 7. Investigations Contracts/Surveys

All Investigation Contracts and Surveys required for the design have been completed. A preconstruction condition survey will be procured to access the condition of building close to routes of the sewers.

#### 8. Design

Design is now complete. Elements of the scheme have been revised to provide cost savings.

#### 9. Contract Documents

Comments have been received from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government on the Wastewater Treatment Plant DBO Contract Documents. Comments on the Network Contract Documents are awaited.

#### 10. Construction Procurement

Pre-qualification of Contractor to Tender for the scheme has commenced.

#### 11. Construction

Subject to funding and approvals it is anticipated that construction will commence 2012

Noel O'Keeffe assured the Members that everything possible was being done from their side to progress the project but it was also vitally important that Youghal Town Council would do as much as they could to push the matter on from their side. Noel O'Keeffe suggested that the Members arrange a deputation to meet with the Department in an effort to progress the matter. He stated that he would be happy to accompany the Members if they so wished.

The Members expressed their concern and sadness at the news that Youghal would lose all its Blue Flags for 2012 and for several years to come as a result of failure to meet with the 2008 Water Quality Regulations. Concern was also expressed that the failure of Cork County Council to progress the sewerage scheme was the most significant contributory factor to the loss of the flags.

Jacinta Reynolds assured the Members that even though the water quality was not good enough to retain the Blue Flags it was still perfectly safe to bathe in and indeed all the beaches in Youghal were

'Designated Bathing Areas'.

The Members stressed the importance of getting this information out to the public.

Opening Prayers:

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

The Mayor informed the Members that he would have to leave the meeting early and asked if Items No. 20 & 21 and Mayor's Business could be dealt with after item 4 on the Agenda. The Members were in agreement with this.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 14th February, 2012:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 14th February were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr. Murray and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Votes of Congratulations:

The Members proposed the following Votes of Congratulations:

1. To Christy Cooney on completing his tenure as President of the GAA.
2. To Jimmy Healy on his recent World Record Breaking attempt.
3. To the Keniry School of Dancing on their recent success in the Munster Championships.
4. To Youghal CYMS and their recent successes in the Snooker Championships.
5. To Adam Curley on his recent success in the Munster Championships.

Votes of Sympathy:

The Members proposed the following votes of sympathy at this meeting:

1. To the Power Family, Dermot Hurley Estate on the death of Dolly Power.
2. To the Lane Family, Dermot Hurley Estate on the death of Paddy Lane.
3. To Paul Curley, Quarry Road on the death of his wife, June.

Report of the Town Clerk on matters arising since the Meeting of 14th Feb, 2012.

National Heritage Plan to turn past into Jobs:

A plan to turn the past into the future of job creation was unveiled last week when the Heritage Council published its new five-year plan. One of the Main Concerns of the strategy, designed to guide council activities through to the end of 2016, will be creating jobs through heritage projects and heritage-related tourism.

According to the council, every €1 million of its grants programme directly created 69 jobs, maintained the jobs of 73 others and indirectly supported 307 jobs last year, meaning a return of 4.4 full time jobs for every €10,000 spent . The 16-point plan which was launched last week by Jimmy Deenihan, the Minister for Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht, aims even higher with ambitions to make the heritage sector a serious contributor to the country's economic recovery.

Preparing the strategy, Heritage Council chief executive, Michael Starrett, said: "Heritage is not so much a thing of the past but of the present and the future."

The Heritage Council carries a wide brief, with its responsibilities including the protection and enhancement of national monuments, archaeological sites, noted architecture, wildlife habitats,

heritage gardens and parks, landscapes, seascapes and inland waterways.

The five-year plan aims to show how a more cohesive approach to the promotion of these national assets by the private interests and state agencies involved can translate into sustainable jobs.

Blue Flags 2012:

Both Youghal Front Strand and Claycastle did not meet compliance with the Blue Flag good water quality standards in 2011 and will not as a direct consequence be eligible for Blue Flag Awards in 2012, due to failures in water quality.

As per the requirements of the bathing water regulations, Bathing water profiles were completed for both Youghal Front Strand and Claycastle and were submitted in April 2011 to the EPA for approval. In the profiles the key pressures on the bathing water quality have been identified as risks of direct discharges from the Youghal Sewerage System. Claycastle also holds a Green coast award and will not be eligible for a Green Coast award in 2012 as the standards of water quality were not reached.

In 2012, the Youghal area will not re-attain 3 of the 4 awards held in 2011, which will be a significant blow to the community and tourist interests in the area. Youghal Front Strand in particular has lost blue flag status several times in the last 10 year period. With the increase in standards under the new bathing water regulations and the method of assessment over 4 years, it will be difficult to meet compliance with the required excellent water quality in the future with the current pressures on water quality.

Public Lighting Difficulties:

Youghal Town Council's service provider for the installation, maintenance and repair of public lights is Airtricity.

All public lights that are taken in charge are registered in a database countrywide. Each light in the database is referenced by the name of the street or housing estate on which it resides and a number; usually low digit e.g. 01, 02, 03 ....24, 25 etc.

There are two ways available to the public to report a fault with a public light:-

(1) Calling (1850) 372772

(2) Visiting the following web site; <http://airtricitysolutions.com/content.aspx?key=report-fault>

All the Complainant needs to know is the location and number of the light. The light number should be posted on the pole/lighting column.

If there is no number on the pole or you cannot pick the location from the drop down list on the web page then chances are that the public light is not in the charge of the Local Authority; or is, possibly, still in the process of being taken in charge. If the light is in a public place and is not in charge then the Cork County Council person to contact; at the moment; is **Susan Dunne Tel: (022) 30427**. If circumstances allow, Susan will process the application to have public lights taken in charge and entered into the database.

If Airtricity are not performing then Cork County Council's **Paul Collins: 021-4285325** is the man to talk to.

#### Household Charge:

The Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government decided that local authorities would have a role in the collection of the Household charge. Initially City and County Councils were asked to facilitate customers paying the charge at their Headquarter buildings. Managers have now been requested to make further outlets available. Accordingly the County Manager has instructed that the Divisional Headquarters in Mallow, Clonakilty and Skibbereen together with the 9 Rating Town Council offices would be made available for this purpose from Monday 12th March.

In essence, the LA is solely acting as a conduit for the Household Charge Bureau. Completed registration forms, together with payments are accepted in LA offices, verified, logged and forwarded in Batches to the Bureau.

While the FAQs should help in dealing with straightforward queries, any issues in relation to Liability should be referred to the Bureau's help desk at 1890357357.

In relation to forms, while we have a limited supply of Household Charge forms on hand, a full suite of forms is available on **Cork County Council's website**. In addition, the Data Protection Commissioner has asked all authorities to make available an explanatory note to the public on why certain Owner data is being required on the forms.

As you may be aware final date for registration and payment without penalty is 31st March 2012 so we have been informed that it is possible that a significant number of people may attend the offices to pay the charge. We have been informed to provide adequate staffing resources to deal with the public in such an eventuality, and this will now take precedence over other non core Local Authority activities during this period.

#### Mayor's Business:

9 Tenders were opened in relation to the proposed conservation works on the Clock Gate. These were as follows:

1. L & M Keating
2. Skyline.
3. Burgatia Masonry, T/A Ahern Bros.
4. Cumnor Construction
5. Barbary Construction Ltd.
6. MMD Construction
7. Conservation & Restoration Ireland
8. AM Construction
9. Stone Mad Ltd.

The Tenders were referred to the Council's technical staff for consideration.

Motion in the name of Cllr. Coyne seconded by Cllr. Revins:

"That this Council call on Phil Hogan, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government to oppose any plans to abolish Town Councils".

Cllr. Burke suggested that the word 'oppose' be replaced with 'withdraw'. The Members agreed and unanimously adopted this motion. It was agreed to circulate this motion to the 8 other Town Councils.

Motion in the name of Cllr. Coyne seconded by Cllr. Revins:

“That this Council formally establish a twinning arrangement between the citizens of New Bedford, Massachusetts, USA and the citizens of Youghal, Co. Cork in order to strengthen the ties of both towns due to their association with the film “Moby Dick”.

The Members unanimously adopted this motion. The Town Clerk agreed to progress the matter.

At this point Cllr. Revins took over and chaired the meeting in place of the Mayor, Eoin Coyne.

Town Foreman’s Report:

The Town Foreman’s Report on works carried out from the 10th February to the 8th March, 2012 was brought to the attention of the Members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Dangerous wall at Greenhole Beach.
2. Damaged life belt at Greenhole.
3. Red flag missing at Greenhole.
4. Illegal parking and driving on promenade at Green Park.
5. Junction of Windmill Hill/Ashe Street – sign to go back up.
6. Rubbish on Jail Steps (being dumped into private property).
7. Dangerous wall at Kilcoran Road. Engineer confirmed that he had contacted landowners in relation to same.
8. Potholes by Telecom Exchange by St. Raphael’s.
9. Update regarding arrears of rates.
10. Provision of Casual Trading Space at Boardwalk.
11. Speeding signs at Magners Hill.
12. Youth Reach Signs for New Catherine Street Car Park.
13. Emptying of Dog Fouling Bins at Boardwalk.

The Town Clerk informed the Members that a Tuas worker had been assigned to the Boardwalk and Claycastle area and would be responsible for the cleaning of the area including the Claycastle Car Park.

14. Provision of dog bins on Lighthouse Hill, Tallow Street and Breton Road.
15. Handrails on steps at Boardwalk.
16. Revised signage on Quay for the use of jet-skis.

County Council Items:

The Town Engineer informed the Members of the following:

- 1) Tenders have been invited for the improvement works to the Diving Rocks area.
- 2) Bus Eireann are to come back to Cork County Council regarding the location of the Cork bound disability stop.
- 3) Road liners are due in the next few weeks to complete the snags after the main street resurfacing.

On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the members unanimously agreed to an extension of time to conduct the business of the meeting.

The following items were also raised:

1. Dog fouling bins for Claycastle Car Park.
2. Signage for new beach bye-laws.
3. Possible provision of toilets in beach guard huts for public to use.
4. Lining of disabled spaces in Town.



5. Provision of dog fouling bin from Summerfield Cross to Claycastle.
6. Dangerous wall at Lighthouse Hill – the Engineer informed the Members that this had been fixed.
7. Water leak – Chapel Lane.
8. Overgrown shrubbery at Mill Road Roundabout.

**Managers Orders:**

Managers Order no's 28/2012 to 46/2012 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

**Planning Applications:**

Planning Application No P. 12/58002 & 12/58003 were brought to the attention of the Members and noted.

**Further Information Received:**

The Members were informed that no further information was received.

**Disposal of Properties:**

The following Notice was considered by the Members of the Council:

Notice Under Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 and Section 26 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978 that it is proposed to dispose of the fee simple interest in premises at 71 Sarsfield Terrace, Youghal to Mary Roche subject to terms and conditions for the sum of €800.

On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members unanimously agreed to the disposal of said property.

**Report of Cllr. Burke On the Heritage Municipal Policy Committee:**

**1. Town Walls**

A grant application is to be made to the Heritage Council for €60,000 for works which will involve repairs to the Montmorenci section of the Town Walls and the demolition of the old derelict shop.

**2. Clock Gate**

A grant application for €110,000 has been made to SECAD for conservation works to the exterior of the Clock Gate. Tenders have been received and it is hoped to have a contractor in place with work to begin later in 2012. Following completion of these works further sources of funding will be sought for the fit-out of the interior which hopefully will take place in 2013 with an anticipated re-opening to the public probably in 2014.

**3. St. Mary's Collegiate Church**

There is a programme of minor works continually ongoing to the Church which include rewiring, repairs to the roof and the installation of a new kitchen in the Vestry. It is also hoped that funds will become available for restoration works to the Boyle Tomb. A successful grant application has been made to the Heritage Council for a Conservation and Management Plan for the Church.

**4. Grant Applications 2012**

In addition to the St. Mary's application a successful application has been made to the Heritage Council for the funding of a Youghal Heritage Trail walking audio guide app to be downloaded for free on Iphone or Android devices. Not successful however was an application for the completion of the Graveyard Heritage Trail involving a final sign depicting the British Helicopter Crash of 1950 and an orientation panel.

**5. Public Realm**

In accordance with the recommendations of the Youghal Heritage Regeneration Plan works are in

progress outside the Market House in the Market Square involving repaving of a large area with very attractive limestone slabs.

#### 6. Links with Third Level Institutions

Following the successful link with the architectural department of Waterford Institute of Technology in 2010/11 a link has now been established with Cork Institute of Technology whose students will carry out research on Youghal's independent heritage tourism visitors. These are higher spending visitors and stay longer. The study will endeavor to discover how these tourists are finding out about Youghal and then how to target more of them. The results of this research will be a vital marketing tool in the promotion of Youghal as one of Ireland's premier heritage tourism destinations.

7. Summer Pop-up Museum Looking ahead to summer in addition to Youghal Medieval Day which will take place on Sunday August 19th, it is hoped to establish a pop-up museum which will be established on the Main Street. The Dundalk Viking Exhibition has been made available for display in May and June and then to follow for the remaining summer months it is proposed to display a Maritime Exhibition. A €3,000 grant has been secured; however further funding of approx. €3000 is required to bring it to fruition. This presents an opportunity for Youghal Town Council to make an allocation towards this project from the heritage funding already approved in this year's Budget 2012.

8. Town Atlas Work is ongoing on the Youghal Historical Town Atlas and it is hoped to have it completed and published in 2013.

#### Electoral Area Plans:

The Town Clerk circulated a letter to the Members in relation to the Local Area Electoral Area Plans.

#### Wildlife Acts 1976 - 2010:

The Town Clerk circulated a letter to the Members in relation to Restrictions of Hedgerows and the Destruction of Vegetation.

#### Report of Cllr. Linehan Foley on the Tidy Towns Force Meetings:

This was deferred to next months meeting.

#### Allocations to Sporting Groups and Residents Associations 2012:

The following proposed Grant Allocations were put to the members for their consideration:

##### Sporting Groups

Youghal Pigeon Club	€300
Youghal Bowling Club	€300
Youghal CYMS	€300
Youghal Karate Club	€300
Youghal Badminton Club	€300
Claycastle Pitch & Putt Club	€500

##### Contributions to Residents Associations.

Estate	2012
Dysart Grove	€300
The Rise	€300
McCurtainstown	€300
Raheen Park	€500

Crestfield	€300
Bayview Grove	€500
Woodview Court	€300
Dermot Hurley Estate	€300
Blackwater Heights	€300
Dun Coran	€300
Hillview	€300
Gallagher's Mews	€300
Woodland Grove	€300
North Road Residents Association	€300
Ard na Mara	€300
Sweetfield Estate	€300
Ridgewood	€300
St. Anne's Rise	€300
Mistletoe Grove	€300
Sruthain na Saili	€300
Copperally Close	€300
Oakhill	€300
Total	€7000.00

On the proposal of Cllr. Burke which was seconded by Cllr. Hennessy the Members unanimously agreed to the allocations as proposed.

#### Regional & Local Road Grants 2012:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members details of projects which could be undertaken in 2012 which were as follows:

Government Notified Grant for 2012 € 195,000

#### Projects Already Approved:

Mall Lane (Completed January)	€ 13,000
Chapel Lane (Tenders received)	€ 22,814
Net Available funds	<b>€159,184</b>

#### Proposed Projects with costings

##### Knockaverry Estate

Area B	€ 27,316.04
Area C	€ 54,230.03
Area D	€ 62,933.48
Nealons Quay Car Park	€117,188.75
Fairfield Car Park	€ 50,507.50
Total Project Costs:	€312,175.80
Available Funds:	<b>€159,184.00</b>

The Town Clerk told the Members that the most pressing of the projects were Knockaverry Areas C & D and the Fairfield Car Park. If the Members were to decide to go ahead with these projects some

savings might be made by having the work done by one contractor which would allow for some preliminary works to be carried out on the Nealons Quay Car Park.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Burke the Members unanimously agreed to proceed with Areas C & D in Knockaverry and the Fair Field Car Park on the basis that Nealons Quay Car Park would be prioritised out of the 2013 Grant.

Phil Hogan Address Re the future of Town Council's:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members for their information a copy of Phil Hogan's address at the AMAI Spring Seminar 2012.

Unresolved Motions:

The Members requested that Motion No. 13, Section B could again be referred to the OPW.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murray which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the members unanimously agreed to remove Motions 1 – 4 under Section D.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Veronica Condon, Supplementary Welfare Allowance Officer in relation to the retirement of Mr. Billy Carroll.
2. Letter from the Irish Planning Institute in relation to the 7th National Planning Awards 2011 – 2012.
3. Brochure received from the Irish Planning Institute in relation to the 7th National Planning Awards 2011 – 2012.
4. Letter from the Youghal Social & Environment Group in relation to dog fouling at St. Mary's Collegiate Church.
5. Letter from Youghal Chamber of Tourism & Development confirming receipt of chamber grant.
6. Brochure received from LAMA in relation to their Spring Seminar 2012. On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Hennessy the members unanimously agreed that Cllr's Murray & Beecher attend this conference.
7. E-mail to Tommy Collins in relation to the master plan for the Northern Gateway Project.
8. Letter from Veronica Condon, Supplementary Allowance Officer in relation to allocations and refusals of Local Authority Housing.
9. Letter from the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland in relation to the Energy Show 2012.
10. Notice from TGR Seminars in relation to Training/Development Workshop for Councillors.
11. Motion received from Kerry County Council.  
"That the Members of Kerry County Council call on the Minister for Social Protection not to make any cuts on Community Employment Schemes in County Kerry and to reverse cuts already made.
12. Motion received from Tullamore Town Council:  
"That Tullamore Town Council write to the Minister for Health, James Reilly and the HSE expressing our concern in relation to the backlog in processing medical cards and GP only cards, we call for the service to be improved".

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Hennessy would attend the Conference on Personal Injuries to be held in the Manor West Hotel, Killarney Road, Tralee, Co. Kerry on the 30th & 31st March 2012.

Any Other Business:

Cllr. Murray congratulated YSEDG on their successful funding applications.

That concluded the business of the meeting.