

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 12th March, 2013 in the Mall House, Youghal at 10.00 a.m.

**Present:**

Mayor Michelle Hennessy presided.

Cllrs. Linehan-Foley, O'Connell, Burke, O'Sullivan and Beecher .

Apologies were received from Cllr. Flanagan, Cllr. Murray and Cllr. Revins.

**Officials Present:**

Mrs. Patricia Power, Town Manager.

Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Katherine Ansbro, Asst Staff Officer.

**Opening Prayers:**

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 12th February, 2013:**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 12th February, 2013 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously adopted by the Members.

**Report of the Town clerk on matters arising since the meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 12th February, 2013**

**1. Signage on disabled Car Parking spaces:**

Following on from the resurfacing works undertaken by the Town Engineer last Autumn, the Town Foreman undertook a review of all the parking signs within the town centre area of the town. Arising out of this a number of signs had to be repositioned to coincide with the new markings put in by the road liners on the ground. All signs were cleaned and replaced where deemed in need of repair. The Bye Laws do not need to be reviewed.

**2. The potholes at St. Raphael's Centre (i.e junction of Windmill Hill with Golf Links Road)**

On review of this area, it is recommended that resurfacing works are required at this location to maintain the integrity of the road surface in the medium term. The area requiring resurfacing measures 1100m<sup>2</sup> and would cost €27,500 approx. I have included this item in my suggestions to you as part of the 2013 Non National Road Grant.

**3. Section of footpath at Quains Terrace:**

A section of footpath at Quains Terrace has been cut out and replaced at this location. A further review of the remaining footpath will be undertaken later in the Autumn. I would like to commend Sean Roche and a few of his neighbours for the excellent maintenance of the green area at Quains Terrace. The maintenance of the area is too an exceptionally high level and has transformed the area into a fantastic amenity for the residents of Quains Terrace.

**4. Promenade Steps:**

The handrail on the second set of steps has been replaced with a new stainless steel railing. These handrails are to a much higher specification and should consequently last much longer. The handrail on the first set of steps was replaced with a stainless steel one last year. The handrail on the 4th set of steps on inspection also needs to be replaced, and will be done over the next few weeks. The handrail on the 3rd set of steps should last out this year and is scheduled to be replaced next spring.

**. General maintenance:**

Grass cutting and general maintenance of the green area has recommenced after the winter break. This includes Green Park, where replacement ornamental cast iron spindles have been sourced for the vandalised railings on the bandstand. These will be replaced shortly thus removing the Health and Safety fencing around the bandstand currently. The park will also receive a full paint makeover this year, commencing this spring.

6. Vacant house repairs were carried out to:

No. 7 Mount Pleasant,  
No. 1 Cherryvale Estate,  
Nos. 1 and 2 Priory Court prior to reletting of the properties.

House Repairs were carried out to:

Nos. 13 and 16 Seafield Estate,  
No. 60 Raheen Park,  
No. 40 Sarsfield Terrace,  
No. 8 Power's Terrace.

7. A new seat/bench has been fitted outside the post office on the pavement to facilitate the public using the post office and also to facilitate people waiting at the adjacent bus stop for buses.

#### **8. Proposed Motor Home Park at Claycastle, Youghal:**

A full planning application has been lodged with Cork County Council for the provision of 84 Motor Home Parking bays and 4 Motor Home parking aires on the Council's lands, adjacent to the Aura Leisure Centre at Claycastle, Youghal. The masterplan for the site also includes parking for six large tourist coaches, together with a new childrens playground and a floodlight multipurpose all weather playing pitch. The application is currently being considered by the Planning Department of Cork County Council. As you know part of the site is contained within the Planning Area administered by Youghal Town Council and a Part VIII planning will be submitted at the April meeting of the Council for your consideration.

#### **9. Youghal Town Walls 2013:**

At the recent AGM of the Irish Walled Towns Network held in the Custom House in Dublin, I was elected as the National Vice Chair of the Group for the coming year. We are currently preparing two funding applications which will be submitted to the Heritage Council before the 27th March next in relation to the following:

- a) Funding application for Irish Walled Towns Day (August)
- b) Capital works to Section F and G in the sum of €76,000.

While the overall National Budget has been dramatically slashed, we are hopeful of some funding for 2013.

#### **10. Works at the Cemetery Lodge:**

The Cemetery Lodge is currently being reroofed and revamped internally. The works involve:

- a) replacement of existing slate roof,
- b) new concrete floors,
- c) new ceilings,
- d) dry lining of existing walls,
- e) repairs to the chimney,
- f) installation of ACO drain,
- g) renovation of existing public toilet areas,
- h) provision of external ramp access,

i) rewiring and repainting.

The value of the contract is €38,171.19 and should be completed by the end of April this year. This will enhance significantly public access to records and services currently facilitated at the building.

**11. Remedial works to Slipway and Quay at McDonalds Quay, Youghal:**

Youghal Town Council have made an application to the Department of Transport for funding to repair this area of quay and access to the water, based on a structural report prepared by John Kelly of David Kelly Partnership. It has been shortlisted to no. 3 on Cork County's list of projects for 2013. Consequently based on this prioritisation Youghal Town Council are now proceeding to tender for this project.

**12. Historic Towns Initiative:**

I have been successful in acquiring €110,000 under the Historic Towns Initiative scheme for Youghal. €80,000 is being provided from the Department of Arts, Sport and Heritage for the pilot phase of the scheme with €30,000 coming from Failte Ireland.

As the year progresses this funding will be rolled out in public realm projects as set out in the Council's Public Realm Plan and will make a significant contribution to the Council's works budget for the year. Hopefully this will be just the initial phase of funding under this scheme which should help to transform the streetscape of the historic town, over time. The Council intends to relaunch its painting scheme for the historic town core for 2013 in April. Funding of €15,000 is being provided as a 50% grant to interested property owners. Funding is limited so it is important to meet with the Town Architect early and get the applications in.

**13. Heritage Trail Launch:**

The launch of the 3 new exciting trails was launched last Friday at St. Mary's Collegiate Church. The trails involve unearthing the hidden secrets of the:

- a) Historic Main Street Area, highlighting items of interest to look out for,
- b) St. Mary's College Gardens,
- c) St. Mary's College church.

I have a copy of each of the three for the Members who were unable to attend.

**14. Diving Rocks Signage:**

I have agreed details of the required signage for this area with the Water Safety Council. The Town Engineer is currently listing the quantities required for each type of sign, together with locations for their erection. The Town Foreman will then order and erect same shortly. The area has been closed far too long at this stage, and I envisage it being open to the public for the May Bank Holiday weekend. If the members have concerns in relation to the original contract then they need to refer them to the Town Engineer.

**15. AMAI Visit to Youghal:**

The President of the AMAI together with its National Director will address Youghal Town Council at the next meeting of the Council (Tuesday April 9th). This refers to the Ministers "Putting People First" document, the abolition of Town Councils and the possibility of a legal challenge to the still unpublished legislation in relation to same. It will provide the elected members with an opportunity to voice their concerns in relation to the proposals and to lend support to, and spur on the AMAI, to challenge Minister Hogan's ill thought out proposals. I'm sure you will not be found wanting on either.

**Votes of Congratulations:**

1. Youghal Cancer Support Group on their recent events.
2. Youghal Pitch and Putt members on recent achievements.
3. Youghal Post office and staff on being awarded Post Office of the year.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

1. Tony Egan and family on the death of his son Anthony.
2. Tara and Shauna O Connell on the death of their partner/father Kieran Hennessy and also to the Hennessy family.
3. Geraldine O Connell on the death of her aunt, Kitty Swayne.
4. Paddy Hehir, Raheen Park on the death of his wife Anne.

**Town Foreman's Report:**

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from the 07th February, 2013 to the 6th March, 2013 was brought to the attention of the Members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Query in relation to the boiler shed at Seafield Technical Textiles site. The Town Clerk informed the members that the current owners of the site were in pre-planning talks on same and was confident that things would be progressing in the near future.
2. Issue of plants and shrubs being taken from the roundabout at Mill Road and in the area. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he was aware of the situation and that same was being monitored.
3. Pothole at telephone exchange.
4. Update requested in relation to the grant application for the Pitch and Putt Clubhouse.
5. Stainless steel railing at Diving Rocks showing some signs of staining. The Town Engineer informed the members that he had inspected the issue and the staining was coming from older steel filings that had been left in situ. The railings have been cleaned and inspected and the Engineer is satisfied with the matter.

**Cork County Council Items:**

ENGINEERS REPORT ON ITEMS RAISED AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

**Lighthouse Wall Stabilisation Works:**

A grant of €290,000 has been approved for the appointment of a Consultant & Contractor to continue works at the above. This will enable the stabilized section to be completed with the erection of the parapet walls and the road and path repaired. This is expected to be complete by the 3rd quarter of the year. Separately a monitoring survey is due to start and continue for the coming year. This survey will give indication of any further requirements.

**Youghal Main Drainage:**

Tenders for the Network have been analysed and an appointment of a Contractor is imminent. Tenders for the design, build and operate of the treatment plant are being assessed with an appointment due shortly.

**Diving Rocks:**

Snagging is complete at the Diving Rocks. Recommendations regarding signage is awaited.

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley enquired as to who was responsible for the cleaning up of the Tourig Bridge. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that both Cork County Council and Waterford County Council were responsible for this bridge but that Youghal Town Council were responsible for the recent works that were undertaken there.
2. A discussion ensued in relation to the possibility of additional funding being made available for repairing potholes around the county. The Town Engineer informed the meeting that once monies

became available a Roads Programme had to be prepared and submitted to the Department for their approval. The change in this this year is that they can divert slightly from the works programme as long as its for repairing potholes.

**Managers Orders:**

Managers Order no's 26/2013 to 40/2013 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

**Planning Applications:**

The Members were informed that there was no planning applications received.

**Further Information Received:**

The Members were informed that there was no further information received.

**Disposal of Properties:**

Amendment to Section 183 Notice dated the 22nd November, 2012 in relation to disposal of Site no. 66 Knockaverry, Youghal. The Notice referred to the relevant Folio no as 54089F instead of 54089. This amendment was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Beecher and unanimously adopted by the members of the Council.

**Mayors Business:**

1. Official launch of Towns Initiative.
2. Official launch of 3 Treasure Trails in Youghal.
3. Meeting of Mayors held recently in Midleton and 8 out of 12 Mayors attended. Looking to set up a meeting with all the Councillors and Minister Hogan in the coming weeks with the possibility of AMAI rep also attending.
4. Thanks to Cllr. Linehan Foley for deputising for her recently with CRY.
5. Launch of Seachtain na Gaeilge.
6. St. Colemans boxing club recently held their 11th annual boxing competition in the GAA.
7. Congratulations to Adam Curley, Adam Laffan and Conor Hennessy on their recent wins.

**Non National Road Grant 2013:**

The Town Clerk circulated the members with details of the Non Allocations National Road Grant Allocations 2013.

**NON NATIONAL ROAD GRANT 2013**

Amount of Grant:	€161,300	
Cost of estimates for possible works:	€	Area
a) Nealon's Quay (Prioritized from 2012)	117,000	
b) Prospect Road	17,800	632m2
c) Windmill Hill/Golf Links Road junction	27,500	1100m2
d) Copperally Roadway	70,000	2800m2
e) McCurtainstown Car Park	50,000	1800m2

After a brief discussion the following was agreed for 2013 on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley, seconded by Cllr. O Connell and unanimously agreed by the members of the Council:

Nealon's Quay,  
Windmill Hill/Golf Links Road Junction,  
Lower Section of Chapel Lane.

Prioritized for 2014 on the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Beecher and unanimously agreed by the members of the Council: Copperally Roadway, McCurtainstown Car Park.

**Allocation of Budget 2012 General Fund:**

The Town Clerk circulated the members with details of the Allocation of Budget 2012 General Fund:

**Contributions to Residents Associations.**

As you are aware a block figure of €7,000 was allocated in the adopted Budget for 2013.

Estate	2013
Dysart Grove	300
The Rise	300
McCurtainstown	300
Raheen Park	500
Crestfield	300
Bayview Grove	500
Woodview Court	300
Dermot Hurley Estate	300
Quains Terrace	300
Dun Coran	300
Hillview	300
Gallaghers Mews	300
Woodland Grove	300
North Road Residents Assoc	300
Ard Na Mara	300
Sweetfield Estate	300
Ridgewood	300
St. Annes Rise	300
Mistletoe Grove	300
Sruthain Na Saili	300
Copperally Close	300
Oakhill	300
Total	7000.00

The Contributions to Residents Associations for 2013 as detailed above was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. O Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. O Connell and unanimously adopted by the members of the Council.

**Contributions to Sporting Associations.**

As you are aware a block figure of €2,000 was allocated in the adopted Budget for 2013. Consequently I now recommend the allocation of this figure as follows:

Group	2013
Youghal Pigeon Club	€300
Youghal Bowling Club	€300
Youghal CYMS	€300

Youghal Karate Club	€300
Youghal Badminton Club	€300
Claycastle Pitch and Putt Club	€500

The Contributions to Sporting Associations for 2013 as detailed above was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Beecher and unanimously adopted by the members of the Council.

**Unresolved Motions:**

The unresolved motions progress report was brought to the attention of the Members and noted.

**Nominee to Irish Public Bodies:**

On the proposal of Cllr Linehan Foley, seconded by Cllr. Burke and unanimously adopted by the members of the Council Cllr. Tara O Connell was appointed as nominee to Irish Public Bodies.

**Homelessness Policy:**

The Town Clerk circulated the members with The Homeless Policy Statement as issued by Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government. The homelessness policy statement elaborates upon commitments made in the Programme for Government to review and update the national homeless strategy, to end long term homelessness and the need to sleep rough by implementing a housing led approach to accommodating homeless people and to establish a dedicated body to target the root causes of homelessness.

**AMAI Newsletter:**

The members were circulated with a copy of the AMAI newsletter.

**Motion in the name of Cllr. O Sullivan:**

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. O Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Revins and unanimously adopted by the members of the Council:

“That This Council requests the attendance of Mr Ryan Howard, CEO South East Cork Area Development (SECAD), at April’s Monthly Youghal Town Council meeting to inform members of the proposed funding cuts to communities in East Cork and to discuss the potential effects the cuts will have on people in the area.”

Cllr. O Sullivan stated that SECAD and Youghal Town Council have always had a good working relationship and that it would be informative if the Council could be informed of the possible effects the recent cuts to their budget could have on people locally.

As Cllr. Revins was not in attendance this motion was seconded by Cllr. Burke and unanimously adopted by the members of the Council. It was agreed that this meeting would be put off until the May meeting of the Council.

**Correspondence February 2013.**

1. Letter from Mr. Phil Hogan, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government in relation to membership of the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee.
2. Notice from the Knights & Rebels Team in relation to their upcoming conference on “A Decade of Commemorations”.
3. Notice from Greystones Town Council in relation to the 2013 La Touche Legacy Seminar.
4. Letter from Youghal 4 All in relation to a proposed Salmon Fishing Day in Youghal.
5. Notice from Carlow Tourism in relation to their 11th National Tourism Conference.
6. Motion received from Castlebar Town Council:

“That this council resolves to request the Minister for the Environment to amend the legislation in relation to private rented dwellings to enable the PRTB to publish on the website the landlord’s name, in the case of all rented accommodation, thus ensuring more transparency and thereby ensuring that landlords take more responsibility for the behaviour of their tenants. If adopted circulate to all councils seeking their support and seek the support of our five Mayo T.D.’s.

7. Motion received from Ardee Town Council:

“We the Members of the Council call for the resignation of the Minister for Health, James Reilly. His tenure as Minister since the establishment of the government has been one crisis after another and he should be replaced immediately”.

8. Motion received from Ballina Town Council:

“That Ballina Town Council calls on Ms. Joan Burton, Minister for Social Protection, following the increase in PRSI payments, to reinstate the dental services for medical card holders and PRSI workers to two free check-ups and reduced fillings costs as was previously prior to the last increases in the Budget; That this motion is circulated to all Town Councils for their support”.

9. Notice from TGR Seminars on a conference on Local Property Tax.

10. Notice from the Office of the Mayor of the County of Cork in relation to the Annual Mayors Conference.

11. Motion received from Clones Town Council:

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Pat Rabbitt and An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny to seek agreement during this period of our E.U. Presidency to expedite the abolition of roaming charges in Ireland and Europe. That this motion be circulated to all Local Authorities in Ireland”.

12. Motion received from Shannon Town Council: “That Shannon Town Council debate recommending to the Minister for Transport to enact legislation making the wearing of high visibility vests or belts/bands by pedestrians compulsory at times of darkness or low visibility in all areas”.

13. Motion received from Shannon Town Council:

“Shannon Town Council condemn the proposed planned saving of €721 million by the HSE and the reduction of staff by 4,000 in 2013 because of the impact these measures will have on frontline services”.

14. Notice received in relation to the Westport Conference 2013.

15. Motion received from Carrick on Suir Town Council:

Actions scheduled for 2014 would be deferred for a year to allow for proper consultation regarding the proposed abolition of Town Council’s”.

### **Any Other Business:**

Cllr. Linehan Foley gave the following update on CRY: Sunday 17th: St Patrick’s Day, parade at 3pm. We will have an entry in the St Patrick’s Day parade. We will also have live reports from the parade.

### **Programmes:**

- Weekly GAA programme will resume shortly.

### **Sound & Vision Programming:**

- Recent launches of St Declan (Saturday 2nd March) and Living with Diabetes series (Friday 8th).
- The St Declan series will be broadcast on Sunday 10, 17 and 24 March at 1pm each day. • Living with Diabetes will be broadcast on Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th, Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March, at 6.30pm each day.
- Youghal C.Y.M.S. will be broadcast on Wednesday 20th and Wednesday 27th March, at 6.30pm each day.
- Delaney’s, Behind the Mic – a drama featuring residents and staff of St Raphael’s will be broadcast on ‘This Week’ on four successive Saturdays, March 23rd and 30th and April 6th and 13th.

**Fundraising:**

- Plans for an auction to be held at the end of April. Venue TBC.
- Fashion Show • Fun Cycle
- 5-a-side Soccer Tournament • Radiothon.

**Training:**

- We begin roll out of the first Level 4 course of new syllabus (QQI/FETAC) this week. • We hope to roll out a new Level 3 course in Media Literacy to clubs and organisations shortly.

**Nagle House**

- Very good progress is being made. Plans are very much ahead of target. The main contractor expects to be finished on site at the end of March.
- Painting to begin shortly.
- Studios (2) will be near complete at the end of this week.
- Looks like all work will be completed by end of May. Hope to move in by end of June.

**FINANCES:**

- Station expects to report roughly a break even position for 2012, with a small profit or small loss.
- Plan to borrow €38K towards completion of Nagle House project.
- Will continue fundraising to raise remaining funds required.
- Station applied for Youghal Town Council (2013) grant in October 2012.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

- Station has had around 130 members in each of the past two years.
- Membership drive this year heading towards 300. Aim is to reach 500 and then continue to 1,000.

**PEOPLE:**

- C.R.Y. has around 130 volunteers. Approximately 70 of these are involved with the station every week or every fortnight.
- There are five permanent staff, occupying four full time equivalent (FTE) positions. • The station has four CE staff; two working in Production/Technical; two working in Research/Programmes.
- There are two TUS staff. One is working as a project Manager at Nagle House. The other is working on Research.
- There is one part time person.
- There is one Intern, working in Marketing/Social Media.

Mayor Hennessy requested that Cllr. Linehan Foley give the Council a quarterly report on CRY.

Cllr. O Connell raised the issue of the Kathleen and May and the possibility that it is going to be sold on to a third party. A brief discussion ensued detailing difficulties that would face the Council if they did make a submission re the possible purchase of same. This concluded the business of the meeting.