

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 11th March, 2014 in the Mall House, Youghal at 10.30 a.m.

Present:

Mayor Sammy Revins presided.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr. Flanagan, and Cllr. O' Sullivan.

Officials Present:

Mr. Derek O' Gorman, Town Manager.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell, Clerical Officer.

Mr. Ger Lupton, Town Foreman.

Opening Prayers:

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

Presentation of Managers Report on Proposed Variation No. 2 to the Youghal Town Council Development Plan 2009:

Patricia Griffin, Planning Policy Unit, Cork County Council gave a presentation to the Members of the Managers Report on the Proposed Variation No. 2 to the Youghal Town Council Development Plan 2009 and informed the Members that 17 submissions had been received in response to the public consultation process. These included submissions from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government, the Environmental Protection Agency, the South West Regional Authority and the Office of Public Works. Patricia informed the Members that out of the 17 submissions made 2 were not in favour of the proposed variation. She also stated that the Office of Public Works raised a query in relation to flooding and she informed the Members that the Managers Report states that a preliminary flood risk mapping was prepared by Cork County Council in 2010 which were used in the preparation of the Local Area Plans, indicating that the lands are not at risk of flooding.

In relation to the submissions opposed to the proposed amendments - the Managers response states that having regard to issues discussed regarding the opposed submissions and the safeguards built into the Variation to allow for the full retail impact assessment of any development proposals on the site, the Manager recommends that the Variation be adopted without further amendment.

On the proposal of Cllr. Beecher which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members unanimously adopted the Managers Report, and the Proposed Variation No. 2 to the Youghal Town Council Development Plan 2009.

Cllr. Murray asked what the next step was. Patricia informed the Members that the variation comes into affect from today and a planning application can be accepted any time from now on. The Town Clerk thanked Patricia, Paul Killeen and Andrew Hind for their dedication on this matter.

The Manager stated that the timeframe made by the Planning Policy Unit on this matter was very impressive.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 11th February, 2014:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 11th February, 2014 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. O' Connell seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Votes of Congratulations:

The Members proposed a vote of Congratulations to the following:

1. Youth Film Festival. The Mayor informed the Members that he had received a letter from the Committee of the Youth Film Festival requesting funding in the sum of €1,370. The Mayor stated that he will liaise with the Town Clerk regarding this matter.

Votes of Sympathy:

No votes of sympathy were passed by the Members.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from the 7th February to the 6th March, 2014 was brought to the attention of the Members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Gravel at the Front Strand. The Town Clerk informed the Members that she was aware of the situation here and stated that the approximate cost of clearing this site was €10,000. The Town Clerk stated that she was very reluctant to clear the area in question until the worst of the weather has passed – which would be mid-April. In the meantime the Town Clerk agreed to investigate the possibility of clearing the footpaths to make a pathway for pedestrians.
2. Hole in road at North Cross Lane.
3. Pothole in road at Bawnmore.
4. Removal of sandbags around the town. The Town Clerk informed the Members that the sandbags were given out free of charge by Cork County Council and the onus is on every individual to dispose of same.
5. Update on plaque to Joe Higgins and the webcam for the harbour. The Town Clerk informed the Members that the plaque to Joe Higgins is on order for the end of the month, in relation to the webcam for the harbour the Town Clerk stated that this matter would be passed onto the Municipal District. Cllr. Burke stated that the YSEDG were asked to implement this issue. The Town Clerk informed the members that she will have an update on this matter for the April meeting.
6. Lights at Oakhill, Ardan na Mara, Spa Hill.
7. Dumping of rubbish at Raheen Park.
8. Signs at Dun Coran turned wrong way.
9. Potholes and dips in the road at The Rise.
10. Re-location of bin at top section of North Abbey Cemetery.
11. Provision of red flag at the beach in front of Strand Palace Apartments. The Town Clerk informed the Members that this would be in place for the summer season. The Mayor requested an audit of signage for the whole beach area.
12. Signage at Sarsfield Terrace.
13. Maintenance of tulip umbrellas. The Members asked if the umbrellas would be constantly opened. The Town Clerk informed the Members that the umbrellas would remain open for the entire summer season and that 2 new covers were on order which were coming from Germany.
14. Footpaths at Water Lane. The Members had received a letter from the residents of Water Lane stating that the former Town Clerk had given them a commitment that works would take place in Water Lane subject to funding. The Town Clerk informed the Members that no funding was ever received for works on Water Lane. The Engineer informed the Members that he would investigate this area and try and see if anything can be done here.

Cork County Council Items:

1. Clearing of footpaths at Claycastle.
2. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of South Doc and asked if there was any update on this matter. Cllr. Murray informed the Members that she had expected that the facility in the Millennium Court would be utilised for South Doc but this never transpired. Cllr. Murray suggested that a letter be sent to the HSE call-in for a review of the South Doc service and invite them to attend a meeting in relation to same. The Town Clerk was in agreement with this.

Managers Orders:

Managers Order nos. 14/14 to 17/14 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Planning Applications Received:

The Members were informed that no Planning Applications were received.

Further Information Received:

The Members were informed that no Further Information was received.

Disposal of Properties:

1. Claycastle Pitch & Putt Club:

A Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 was served on the Members of Youghal Town Council in relation to disposal of land, by way of lease at Claycastle to Claycastle Pitch & Putt Club subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The land consists of 6.5 acres at Claycastle, Youghal.
2. The land is to be leased to Claycastle Pitch & Putt Club.
3. The land was purchased from James Cox, Playcastle Enterprises Ltd and Jeremiah O' Hanlon and is contained in Folio 54089.
4. The License period is for 15 years from the 12th March, 2014 at the yearly rent of €6,655 for the first five years with a rent increase after year 5 and year 10 of 10% over the previous term.
5. Should the club disband or be unable to continue to function for whatever reasons the property which is the subject of the Lease and any structures constructed on the said property shall revert to Youghal Town Council at no cost to the Council.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murray which was seconded by Cllr. Revins the Members unanimously agreed to the disposal of land, by way of lease at Claycastle to Claycastle Pitch & Putt Club.

2. 66 Sarsfield Terrace

A Notice under Section 90 of the Housing Act 1966 and Section 26 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, was served on the Members of Youghal Town Council:

The Sale of Freehold Interest in premises situate at 66 Sarsfield Terrace, Youghal for the sum of €800 inclusive of sale price, fee and administrative costs.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murray which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the members unanimously agreed to the sale of freehold interest in 66 Sarsfield Terrace, Youghal to the Kay Donnelly, Patrick Cronin and Mary O' Leary.

Mayors Business:

1. The Mayor thanked the committee of Seachtain na Gaeilge for the invitation to the launch of Seachtain na Gaeilge week.
2. The Mayor informed the Members that he had received an invitation from Youghal 4 All for the Members to stand at the Mall House for the St. Patrick Day Parade.
3. The Mayor informed the Members that a public information meeting was being held at the Walter Raleigh Hotel in relation to the Main Drainage Scheme. The Town Clerk stated that this was a perfect opportunity for the Members to meet with the Project Management Staff and Engineers to discuss any issues regarding areas affected by the Main Drainage Scheme.
4. The Mayor asked if the barriers at Green Park could be moved to facilitate access the park. The Town Clerk informed the Members that this was not possible due to Health & Safety Issues whilst the construction works were ongoing.
5. The Mayor requested the provision of a bollard at the promenade between Green Park and Green

Hole. The Town Clerk informed the Members that a motion regarding this item was raised by the members on a number of occasions a couple of years ago and discussions had taken place at length in relation to the closure of the prom to vehicular traffic. The Members agreed at this time not to permanently close it. The Town Clerk suggested that signage stating "Vehicular Access Prohibited" be put in place. The Members were in agreement with this. The Town Clerk informed the Members that she will arrange same.

Unresolved Motion Report:

Cllr. Beecher informed the Members that he wished to withdraw his motion relating to the provision of a through road access to Brú na Sí as this work is now complete.

Non National Road Grant Allocation 2014:

Due to the absence of the Town Engineer this item was deferred to the April meeting.

Update by the Town Engineer in relation To Pedestrian Crossing At Upper Cork Hill:

Due to the absence of the Town Engineer this item was deferred to the April meeting.

Update on Seawall/Moll Goggin's Corner:

The Town Clerk informed the Members that she had met with Tom Comeford and John Lapthorne in relation to these works and that the tendering process was due to commence within a week with works commencing early to mid April. The Town Clerk informed the Members that the contractor should be off site by September.

In relation to the viewing balconies the Town Clerk informed the Members that the cost is effectively the same to either remove the balconies or to have them restored due to the level of engineering required to reinforce the roadway.

Cllr. O' Connell queried the cost of these works. The Town Clerk informed the Members that the cost for the southern balcony would be €128,000 while the cost of the town side of the balcony would be €300,000.

Cllr. Murray suggested that the hoarding be painted up here in the meantime. The Town Clerk agreed to investigate same.

Progress Report on The Boardwalk:

The Manager informed that Cork County Council had been allocated funding of €4m for coastal flood damage with €280,000 being earmarked for the Boardwalk. The Manager stated that Malachy Walsh & Partners had been asked to prepare a report which would be ready within in a few week. There would be an opportunity for the Members to hold a special meeting when the report was to hand. The Manager informed the Members that in relation to the extension of the Boardwalk, Cork County Council had met with and made an offer to the landowners concerned and were now awaiting a response to same.

Cllr. Burke thanked the Manager for commissioning Malachy Walsh & Partners to prepare the report as they had also prepared the 1997 Coastal Report and their expertise was very much in this area.

Correspondence:

1. Notice of Motion received from Donegal County Council:

"In light of the recent relegations regarding Irish Water, this Council calls on the Government and the Minister for the Environment to disband Irish Water and revert back to the Status Quo of the service being delivered by Local Authorities".

2. Notice of Motion received from Ennis Town Council:

“That Ennis Town Council request the Minister for Finance to reverse the increase in Medical Card Holders prescription charge of €2.50 per item. This increase is resulting in many people who require multiple prescriptions forfeiting essential prescription items as they can no longer afford them”.

3. Notice of Motion received from Clones Town Council:

“We call on the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, Phil Hogan, TD to abolish the extra charge people are forced to pay, as a result of taxing their car for a three month period as opposed to a twelve month period”.

4. Notice from Carlow Tourism in relation to the Carlow Tourism National Conference taking place from the 3rd to the 5th April next. O

n the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Hennessy the Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Burke attend the Carlow Tourism National Conference.

Any Other Business:

1. Cllr. Murray reminded the Members of the unveiling of the plaque to John Murray was taking place on Saturday next.

2. The Mayor informed the Members that an extra link was being added to the Mayor’s chain to mark the years 1898 to 2014.

This concluded the business of the meeting.