

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on the 14th of May 2007 at the Mall House, Youghal at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Sammy Revins presided.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Savage, Casey, Burke, McLellan, Hennessy, Beecher and Murray.

Officials Present:

Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk, Ms. Geraldine O'Connell, Clerical Officer, Mr. Tom Galvin, A/Town Foreman, Mr. Jack McCarthy, Executive Engineer and Mr. Declan Daly, Divisional Manager.

Opening Prayers:

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

Meeting with Superintendent Flor Horan:

A Garda Representation was made by Superintendent Flor Horan and Sergeant John Sharkey. The members thanked the Gardai for their attendance and congratulated Superintendent Horan on his recent promotion. The members raised the following concerns:

1. Drug Use.
2. Anti Social Behaviour.
3. Use of Jet Skis.
4. Boy Racers.
5. Congregation of youths at Green Park.

Superintendent Horan informed the members that extra Gardai will be drafted into Youghal for the summer months and also stated that he looked forward to working closely with the members of Youghal Town Council in the future.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 2nd April 2007:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 2nd April were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr. McLellan.

Town Clerk's Report on Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 02nd April 2007:

The Town Clerk gave a report to the Members based on the minutes of the meeting held on 02nd April 2007.

HOUSING & BUILDING:

Jennifer Hoare has been appointed as the new Tenant Liaison Officer for Youghal. The contract is for an initial 12 months and the post is 75% funded by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. Jennifer's office number is (024) 90412 and she is currently working on Estate Enhancement projects for Gallagher's Terrace, Raheen Park and Blackwater Heights. She is also liaising to prepare tender documents for the refurbishment works for Council houses at Blackwater Heights.

ROADS & FOOTPATHS:

No submissions were received for the Heritage Regeneration Works at Church Street. Subsequently, a new tendering procedure will now have to commence. This will have the effect of delaying the works programme on the street by a number of months, possibly with a start date of Mid-August. The works on the street will be completed in at least two phases commencing with the western end of the street first.

WATER & SEWERS:

1. The reservoirs are at full capacity currently with the average daily demand ranging from 570,000 gallons per day. All sewerage pump stations are currently operating to capacity and I am aware of no problems currently with the drainage system.
2. Minister Roche has approved €14m for the Youghal Main Drainage Scheme under the Department's Water Services Investment Programme 2005 – 2007. The Youghal Scheme will provide for the repair and upsizing of existing sewers, together with the construction of new pumping stations and rising mains to serve the town and environs. Cork County Council also proposes to build a new wastewater treatment plant for the town, which will significantly enhance the local environment by eliminating untreated discharges to the Blackwater River. This important scheme will provide Youghal with a modern wastewater treatment facility and collection system. Overall, the scheme will have very positive environmental benefits locally and will also facilitate future residential and commercial development in Youghal for years to come. Approval of the scheme design now clears the way for Cork County Council to prepare contract documents for the scheme, with a view to seeking tenders at the earliest possible date.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

1. A sub committee meeting of Youghal Town Council will be held at 7.30 on Monday 28th May to consider the Manager's Section II Report on the 43 initial submissions received for the Youghal Town Development Plan 2009 – 2016. A detailed presentation will be given by Mr. Sean Connolly of the Architects Department of Cork County Council.

RECREATION & AMENITY:

1. The National Walled Towns Conference will be held in Youghal this week on Thursday and Friday the 17th & 18th of May. We expect visitors from 20 towns in Ireland as well as international guests from England, Wales and Croatia. A full agenda is attached for you and a full information pack is available at registration on Thursday morning.

2. National Walled Towns Day is being held this year on 26th August during Heritage Week. An Open Medieval Family Day is being planned to mark the day in St. Mary's College Gardens and I attach details on same for your information.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Maria Carney has been appointed on an initial 12 month contract to oversee the Youghal Enterprise Centre Project. No submissions were received during the advertised tendering process and subsequently the works will have to be tendered again resulting in a delay in the start date. It is now envisaged that this project will commence Mid-August and take approximately 6 months.

Votes of Congratulations:

The members proposed a vote of congratulations to the following:

1. To The Town Clerk on the recent success of the IWTN Conference which was held in Youghal.
2. To Finbarr Hannon for his efforts in stage production over the last number of years.
3. To Ruth Hayes of Chatterbox.
4. David Revins on his work as a masseur with the Munster Rugby Team.
5. To Youghal Vintage Club for their ongoing work.

Votes of Sympathy:

The members proposed a vote of sympathy to the following:

1. To Kathleen Bulman & Family on the death of George Bulman.
2. To Marie Whyte and Family on the death of Frankie White.
3. To the Keane Family on the death of Mrs. Norah Keane.
4. To the Farrell Family on the death of their mother Mrs. Phil Farrell.
5. To Paula Brennan on the death of her father Mr. Christopher Whiston.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from March, 29th to May 09th 2007 was brought to the attention of the members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. The installation of the diving board.
2. Footpath missing at Southside of Windmill Hill/South Cross Lane.
3. Proposed sign for junction of Raheen Road/Town Walls.
4. Pothole at Nile Street.
5. Replacement of Green Park seating.
6. No dogs allowed sign at Sacred Heart Gardens. The Town Clerk informed the members that due to a large amount of dog faeces the gardener finds it extremely difficult to cut the grass. He also stated that it poses a serious Health & Safety Hazard.
7. "Children at Play" sign at the bad bend at Raheen Road.
8. Speeding cars at South Cross Street.

9. Extra benches on The Quays.
10. Unauthorised occupation of derelict building on Rectory Road.
The Mayor informed the member that the owner was aware of this situation.
11. Provision of bollard at the end of Windmill Hill.
12. Replacement of information signs for Greencloyne and Ballyvergan East.
13. Pebbles on car park at Blackwater Heights.
14. Dumping of rubbish on the Jail Steps.
15. Pothole in Kenneally's Court. The Town Clerk informed the member that this court is a private area.
16. Maintenance of Grotto in Sarsfield Terrace.
17. Bollard at The Mall. Cllr. Casey raised the issue of the installation of the bollard in Chapel Lane. The Town Clerk informed the members that the Gardai have requested that this bollard not be installed until the Heritage Regeneration Works be completed. The Town Clerk informed the members that the Gardai requested that two lanes be operational while the works on Church Street are ongoing and the closure of Chapel Lane would result in the use of DeValera Street only. The Town Clerk informed the members that he would talk with the Gardai on the matter and will revert back to the members with a schedule.

County Council Items:

Report by Cllr. Murray:

Cllr. Murray informed the members that Youghal Library will open at its new location at the River Gate Mall on Tuesday 05th June. She also informed the members that Phase I of Failte Ireland's Product Development has started with closing date for submissions being the 22nd of May. Cllr. Murray also informed the members that funding of €14m has been sanctioned for the Youghal Main Sewerage Scheme.

County Council Issues:

1. Blue Flag status for Redbarn.
2. Emergency vehicle access for Struthain na Saili.
3. Works at sea front at Moll Goggins corner.
4. Sign for Youghal on Killeagh Road obscured by blue "left turn" sign. The Engineer agreed to investigate.
5. Odour from landfill. The Manager informed the members that the Environmental Protection Agency monitors all landfills carefully.
6. Reduction of speed limit at Quarry Road/Cock & Bull.
7. Completion of footpaths from Claycastle to Pitch & Putt.
8. Installation of superloo at Claycastle.
9. Provision of two extra disabled spaces at Bun Scoil.
10. Update of Fire Station.
11. Extra signage for Youghal on By-Pass.

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had requested six signs and had been granted permission for two. He informed the members that he will apply for two more in the future.

Managers Orders:

Managers Orders nos. 64/07 to 87/07 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Planning Applications:

Planning application reference nos. P58019/07 to P58025/07 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Further Information Received:

The members were informed that further information was received in relation to planning application nos. P58078/06, P58001/07, P58004/07 & P58012/07.

Disposal of Properties:

Pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Revins the members unanimously agreed to the letting of premises at the Sacred Heart Convent, Emmet Place, Youghal to Hatherton Limited, t/a Enterprise Youghal Ltd., Emmet Place, Youghal subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The premises consist of portion of the Sacred Heart Convent, Emmet Place, Youghal.
2. The premises are to be leased to Hatherton Limited, t/a Enterprise Youghal, Emmet Place, Youghal.
3. The premises forms portion of premises owned by Youghal Town Council contained in Folio 36660 Co. Cork.
4. The letting period is for 99 years commencing on the 1st day of February 2007.
5. The rent is €10,000 p.a. for the first three years thereafter.
6. Offices shall be used as an Enterprise Centre.

Mayors Business:

1. The Mayor asked the members that a civic reception be accorded to Sr. Maura. The members unanimously agreed with this.
2. The Mayor informed the members that Cumann na Daoine has signed the contract for the League of the Cross Hall building.
3. The Mayor informed the members that a letter had been sent to the Minister Haughey requesting funding under the mainstream for youth in support of the local youth group.

The Town Clerk suggested that this matter be brought up at the next area implementation meeting of RAPID.

Draft Youghal Town Council Refusal of Offer Policy:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members the Draft Youghal Town Council Refusal of Offer Policy. Cllr. Linehan Foley congratulated the Town Clerk on the implementation of this draft policy. On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley, seconded by Cllr. Beecher the members unanimously agreed to the implementation of this document.

Constraints Study on 5 Acre Site at Summerfield, Dysart & Claycastle:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members a full copy of David Kelly's report in relation to the Constraints Study on the 5 acre site at Summerfield, Dysart and Claycastle and sought their permission to look at the possibilities of developing through the public advertisement of this site.

On the proposal of Cllr. Casey which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the members were unanimously agreed to this.

Motion in the name of Cllr. Burke seconded by Cllr. Casey:

"That this Council makes provision in the Draft 2008 Budget in the sum of €60,000 for the employment of additional outdoor staff".

Cllr. Burke informed the members that even though the town has expanded the number of outdoor staff has not changed. He informed the members that a budget figure of €60,000 would employ two staff subject to the agreement from Cork County Council and that this funding should be provided for in the 2008 budget.

This motion was seconded by Cllr. Casey and unanimously agreed by the members.

Motion in the name of Cllr. Casey seconded by Cllr. Burke:

"That this Council calls on the Office of Public Works to provide funding for a survey on the measures required for flood relief, barriers, etc. for Youghal Waterfront from Slob Bank (South) to "White Gables", The Mall".

Cllr. Casey informed the members that this funding is required as a matter of urgency as due to rising sea levels flooding will become a major problem within the town.

This motion was seconded by Cllr. Burke and unanimously agreed by the members.

Correspondence:

1. A letter from Cork County Council in relation to an Errata to Blarney Electoral Area Local Plan 2005.
2. A letter from the Cooney family requesting the erection of a seat on memory of their late parents. The members unanimously agreed with this request.
3. A letter from the Department of communications, Marine & Natural Resources in relation to the Youghal Coastal Protection Plan.
4. A summary from Walker Local Development Consultancy in relation to the Farmers

Market.

5. An invitation from Tytex Ireland to their open day.
6. A letter from Bru na Si requesting continued support from Youghal Town Council.
7. A letter from the General Secretary of the Progressive Democrats in relation to a motion received from Youghal Town Council in relation to the reopening of the entire Cork to Youghal Railway line.
8. A letter from Seamus O' Ceallachain, Proimhoide, Pobalscoil na Trionoide congratulating The Town Clerk on the opening of the Leisure Centre.
9. A letter from the Labour Party in relation to a letter from Youghal Town Council in relation to their motion on the reopening of the entire Cork to Youghal railway line.
10. A letter from Seamus O' Ceallachain, Priomhoide, Pobalscoil na Trionoide thanking the Town Clerk & members of Youghal Town Council for taking the time to tour the school and for attending the official opening.
11. Proposed amendments to the Mallow Special Local Area Plan, the Proposed Variation to the Mallow Development Plan 2004 and the Proposed Amendments to the Mallow Electoral Area Local Area Plan 2005.
12. A letter from the Progressive Democrats advising Youghal Town Council of the referral of their motion regarding the re-opening of the Cork to Youghal railway line to their Policy Committee.
13. A letter from the Office of the Minister in relation to the Publication of the National Climate Change Strategy.
14. A letter from Martin Riordan, County Manager, Cork County Council congratulating Youghal Town Council on the opening of the Swimming Pool/Leisure Centre.
15. Proposed variation (No. 5) of the Waterford County Development Plan 2005 – 2011.
16. A letter from the Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources acknowledging receipt of a letter from Youghal Town Council dated 3rd April 2007.
17. A letter from Cork County Council acknowledging a letter received from Youghal Town Council in relation to the proposed amendment to the Midleton Electoral Area Local Area Plan.
18. A letter from Cork County Council acknowledging receipt of a motion received from Youghal Town Council dated 04th April 2007.
19. Notice from confederation of European Councillors in relation to their forthcoming seminar on The Role of Local and Regional Government in North-South Economic Cooperation.
20. A letter from the General Secretary of the Fianna Fail in relation to a motion received from Youghal Town Council in relation to the reopening of the entire Cork to Youghal Railway line.
21. A letter from An Coimisinéir Teanga in relation to their Annual Report 2006.
22. A letter from Cork County Council in relation to the Launch of County Heritage Plan Guidance Notes.
23. A Notice from Kadenza Consultancies in relation to their forthcoming seminar on Effective Communications for Councillors. The members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Linehan Foley would attend this conference.

Circularised Correspondence:

Guidance Notes for the Appraisal of Historic Gardens, Demesnes, Estates and their Settings.

Construction Magazine.

DPC Magazine.

Eurolink Brochure.

A CD from An Coimisinéir Teanga in relation to their Annual Report.

A brochure from the IPA in relation to Local Authority Times.

Statement on the Irish Language 2006.

National Climate Change Strategy 2007 – 2012.

Proposed Amendment to the Mallow Special Local Area Plan April 2007.

Analysis of Budget 2007/Action on Poverty Today.

Tourism Matters.

Public Sector Times.

Any Other Business:

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley requested a member to represent her at the A.M.A.I. special meeting to be held on May 27th as she was unable to attend. The members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Beecher attend.

2. The Town Clerk informed the members that a special meeting in relation to the Town Development Plan 2009 – 2015 would be held on Monday 28th May.

This concluded the business of the meeting.