

Minutes of Special Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 2nd November 2010 in the Mall House, Youghal at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Mary Linehan-Foley presided.

Cllrs. McLellan, Revins, Coyne, Burke, Hennessy, Beecher and Murray.

Officials Present: Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell, Clerical Officer.

Vote of Sympathy:

The Mayor and Members of the Council conveyed their sympathies to Cllr. McLellan on the death of her uncle, George Donoghue.

Labour Party Co-Option Difficulties:

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had been contacted by the General Secretary of the "Labour Party" requesting that the co-option of Tomas O' Conaill be nullified. He confirmed same by return and advised Tomas O' Conaill that it would not be possible for him to attend Council Meetings pending the outcome of a revised Labour Party nomination.

Consideration of Traffic Management Plan Report 2010 for Ashe Street, Emmet Place, DeValera Street and Church Street:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members on 12th October a Traffic Management Plan Report for Ashe Street, Emmet Place, DeValera Street and Church Street for their consideration prepared by Eileen Coleman, Traffic Engineer, Cork County Council. The Town Clerk informed the members that the following submissions had been received during the public consultation process.

1. An Garda Siochana.
2. Cal Flavin, North Main Street.
3. Residents Committee, DeValera Street.
4. David & Mae Clarke, Quarry Road.
5. Caroline Newell, Coastguard Station.
6. Oliver J. Broderick, Ashe Street.

These were considered by the Traffic Engineer, and were detailed in her report to the Members, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

A lengthy discussion took place in relation to different traffic proposals. The Town Clerk informed the members that they need to be mindful of the fact that the Public Realm Plan adopted by the members as Council Policy, offered proposals on how traffic and parking could be dealt with going forward

Having discussed various aspects of the report, the members unanimously agreed to reflect further on the Plan before making a final decision. They agreed to revisit the matter in the Spring of 2011.

Local Government Audit Service. Statutory Report to the Members of Youghal Town Council for the Year ended 31st December 2009:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members the Statutory Audit Report for the year ended 31st December 2009 and briefly outlined the details under the following headings contained within the report to the Members.

Namely:

1. Main Issues.
2. Financial Performance.

3. Financial Standing.
4. Capital Account.
5. Major Revenue Collections.
6. Specific Matters.

The Members considered the Report in detail and unanimously adopted same on the proposal of Cllr. Burke which was seconded by Cllr. Hennessy.

Pre-Budget 2011 Submissions:

The Town Clerk informed the Members that 5 further submissions had been received from the following:

1. Community Radio Youghal.
2. Youghal Indoor Bowling Club.
3. East Cork Tourism.
4. Youghal Community Centre.
5. High Spirits Junior Musical & Drama Club.

The Town Clerk informed the members that grants in 2011 may not be the same as 2010 due to the current economic climate. In relation to the submission received from East Cork Tourism the Town Clerk informed the members that this was a matter for them to discuss and consider.

Budget 2011:

Schedule of Charges:

The Town Clerk informed the members that no alterations were proposed for 2011. This was unanimously agreed by the Members on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Revins.

Town Council Loan Register:

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Town Councils initial loans amounted to €2,515m, four of these loans are with the Bank of Ireland and one from the NTMA and cover the Swimming Pool Project, Catherine Street Car Park Project and the Mall Arts Centre Project.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the principal amount due at 31/12/2009 was €1,825,486.96.

Proposed Capital Programme (3 Year) 2010:

a) Complete Seafield/Killeagh Road Housing Scheme: €175,000 Funded by Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government (100%). Action: This scheme will be completed in 2010 and all houses have been allocated.

b) Stage 2 Works on Town Walls. €150,000 Funded by: Heritage Council Grant (90%) Youghal Town Council (10%)

Action:

These works will be completed in 2010.

c) Complete Emmet Place Public Realm Scheme: €140,000 Funded by: National Roads Authority. Heritage Regeneration Fund. Development Contributions.

Action:

These works are to commence this month, and will be completed within three months.

d) Investigate the possibility of: Developing Additional Sites at Knockaverry for sale on open market to fund capital projects in 2011/2012. €20,000 Funded by: Sale of additional sites. Action: It was decided not to advance this project in the current adverse economic climate.

e) Continue Estate Enhancement Schemes: €30,000 Funded by: Rapid (50%) Youghal Town Council (50%) (If funding is made available). Action: €10,000 has been spent on Estate Enhancement. No funding was received from Rapid in 2010.

f) Complete the Purchase of Part V Houses at Ard Caladh and The Estuary if funding is made available. Funded by: Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government (100%). €1.6m. Action: €555,000 was allocated by the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government. Thus only 3 houses at Ard Caladh could be purchased. The Town Clerk has applied for additional monies from the Department for the purchase of 2 further houses. The Town Clerk informed the members that this 3 year Capital Plan would be revisited and updated to look at 2011, 2012 & 2013 for the 2011.

Budget Meeting but stated that what the Council will be able to achieve will be very limited, due to the economic climate This concluded the business of the meeting