

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 13th November, 2012 in the Mall House, Youghal at 10.30 a.m.

Present:

Mayor Michelle Hennessy presided.

Cllrs. Linehan-Foley, O'Connell, Burke, Flanagan, O'Sullivan, Beecher & Murray.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Revins

Officials Present:

Mrs. Patricia Power, Town Manager.

Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer.

Opening Prayers:

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

Presentation of Youghal Heritage Trail 'App':

Aileen Murray and Kieran Groeger gave a presentation to the Members on the new Youghal Heritage Trail App.

Aileen Murray explained that the development of the 'App' was 100% funded by The Heritage Council and project managed by YSEDG and Youghal Town Council. The 'App' is now available to download free. The Members unanimously agreed that the 'App' was very well put together and presented and would be an excellent aid to any tourist visiting Youghal.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 9th October, 2012:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 9th October 2012 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. O'Connell and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Report of the Town Clerk:

The Town clerk explained that due to work commitments in the previous week relating to the Historic Town Initiative - he was unable to prepare the report for today's meeting.

Votes of Congratulations:

The Members proposed a vote of congratulations to the following:

1. Youghal 4 All on the recent Youghaloween Festival.
2. To the Youghal Toastmasters on their recent success.

Votes of Sympathy:

No votes of sympathy were passed at this meeting.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from 4th October to the 9th November was brought to the attention of the Members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Dumping of rubbish in sheds in Green Park.
2. Potholes in Paxes Lane.
3. Illegal dumping at Paxes Lane.
4. Town Criers Competition – Cliff Windsor.
5. Broken lights on the Spa Hill. The Town Clerk informed the members that these lights were the responsibility of the Developer of the Estuary – Lenane Developments.

6. Rusty pole outside Broderick's.
7. Litter on the Jail Steps.
8. Illegal dumping of rubbish in litter bins in the graveyard.
9. Toilet facilities for Adoration Chapel – The Town Clerk informed the members that this was a matter for the Church as the Adoration Chapel was owned by them and not Youghal Town Council.
10. Rusting of new railings at the Diving Rocks.
11. Condition of footpaths around the Nook Bar.
12. Lights at top of Church Street not working.

County Council Items:

ENGINEERS REPORT ON ITEMS RAISED AT THE OCTOBER MEETING.

1. Fairfield Car Park has been overlaid and relined.
2. Work on the stabilization of Lighthouse Hill is complete. The traffic management has to stay in position however. Tender documents are being prepared for the appointment of a consultant to advise & examine the remainder of the wall.
The Town Clerk informed the Members that a Senior Engineer from Cork County Council would address the Members in relation to the matter at the December meeting.
3. Further to the October meeting a schedule of footpaths on the Regional Road will be put on a priority list for upgrade, this will be subject to funding.
4. A Consultant has visited the town with a view to developing a walking & cycling strategy and he has made some suggestions & recommendations. As advised by the Town Clerk it is hoped to have these recommendations completed in late November/early December 2012.

The following items were also raised:

1. Condition of footpaths from Tailors Lane to Windmill Hill.
2. Potholes – Mistletoe Grove.
3. Condition of footpaths Tallow Street, South Abbey, South Main Street.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the issue of the footpaths was currently being discussed between Cork County Council and Youghal Town Council and a funding proposal would be brought to the Members for the Budget meeting.

4. Cllr. Linehan Foley asked if Cllr. Murray would kindly give her an update at the next meeting in relation to the situation regarding Youghal Ambulance – Cllr. Murray said she would have a written report for the next meeting.
5. Removal of extra parking space outside Ahernes.
6. Lighting for the Boardwalk.

In relation to the Boardwalk Phase 2 The Manager informed the Members of the following:

- a) Consultants have been commissioned to do full design, prepare tender documents and analyse and report of same.
- b) The issues in relation to land ownership were now being dealt with by the Property Section of Cork County Council.
7. Cars parking on footpath at South Abbey.
8. Traffic lights North Main Street not working properly.
9. Condition of roadway at Upper Cork Hill.

Managers Orders:

Managers Order no's 137/2012 to 155/2012 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Planning Applications:

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:

The Members considered the following disposals.

1. The Members considered Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 for the disposal of .0205 hectares of land at the rear of no. 6 Flemings Court to John & Mary Cunningham, 6 Flemings Court, Youghal.

This disposal was proposed by Cllr. Linehan Foley, seconded by Cllr. Beecher and unanimously agreed by the Members.

2. The Members considered Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 for the disposal of 5.25 square metres of land at the rear of no. 5, Mount Pleasant, Cork Hill to Sinead Goggin & Martin Murphy, 5, Mount Pleasant, Cork Hill, Youghal.

This disposal was proposed by Cllr. Linehan Foley, seconded by Cllr. Beecher and unanimously agreed by the Members.

3. The Members considered Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 for the disposal of 3.7765 square metres of land at the rear of no. 6, Mount Pleasant, Cork Hill to Christoph & Oonagh Colin, 6, Mount Pleasant, Cork Hill, Youghal.

This disposal was proposed by Cllr. Linehan Foley, seconded by Cllr. Beecher and unanimously agreed by the Members.

4. The Members considered Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 for the disposal of The College Gardens to Hatherton Ltd. This disposal shall be by way of a licence for a one year period and subject to review after one year.

This disposal was proposed by Cllr. Linehan Foley, seconded by Cllr. Beecher and unanimously agreed by the Members.

Mayors Business:

The Mayor informed the Members of the following:

1. The Mercy Urgent Care Centre.
2. Forthcoming meeting organised by Women's Aid regarding domestic violence.
3. The Mayor thanked the deputy mayor for attending the Annual Fire Service Mass for deceased members on her behalf.
4. Thank you to everyone who helped out at Mamie O' Sullivan's night especially Geraldine O'Connell – a great night was had by all.

"Putting People First" Action Programme for Effective Local Government:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members for their information copies of the "Putting People First" Action Programme for effective local government.

Taking in charge of Springfield Court:

The Town Clerk informed the Members that the public consultation period for the proposed taking in charge of Springfield Court and passed and no objections/submissions had been received. The following resolution was considered by the Members: -

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT to the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 that Youghal Town Council at a meeting to be held on the 13th November, 2012 at the Mall House, Youghal will consider and if so decide, adopt a resolution declaring the under mentioned roads to be public roads.

Cul de Sac road at Springfield Court, Youghal, length 48.3 Linear Metres.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murray which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members unanimously agreed to the taking in charge of Springfield Court.

Tidy Towns Report:

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the members that there was no tidy towns report.

An Bord Pleanala Appeals:

The Town Clerk circulated the Members with a copy of the reply from An Bord Pleanala in relation to P. 58005/11 and P. 58004/11.

Reply from Minister Phil Hogan:

The Town Clerk circulated the Members with a copy of the reply from Minister Phil Hogan in relation to the Local Government Fund.

Youghal Pipe Band:

The Town Clerk circulated the members with a letter received from Michael McCarthy of Youghal Pipe Band in relation to the organisation of the St. Patricks Day Parade. The Town Clerk stated that there was an opportunity for the Chamber of Commerce/Youghal 4 All to fill the void left by the Pipe Band.

Funding Applications Budget 2013:

The Town Clerk circulated the Members with details of applications for funding for consideration for the 2013 Budget.

2013 Statutory Assessment Of Housing Need:

The Town Clerk circulated the Members with information in relation to the forthcoming Statutory Assessment of Housing Need.

Proposed Variation of The County Development Plan 2009:

The Town Clerk circulated the Members with information in relation to the proposed variation to the County Development Plan 2009.

Correspondence:

1. A thank you card from Pawel & Anna Pula in relation to their housing allocation.
2. A thank you card from Clodagh Mahon. The Members expressed their sympathy to Clodagh on her recent loss and wished her well in the future.
3. A letter from Niall Collins TD in relation to Joint Policing Committee.
4. A thank you card from the O' Mahony Family, Midleton on the erection of a plaque on a seat in the Front Strand in honour of their late Father.
5. A thank you letter from Youghal Indoor Bowling Club in relation to their recent donation from Youghal Town Council.
6. A brochure from Clare Tourist Council in relation to their National Tourism Conference.
7. A letter from Youghal 4 All regarding the Government's Gathering Initiative in 2013
8. An invitation from CRY in relation to the launch of a new radio drama series at the Mall Arts Centre.
9. Motion received from Balbriggan Town Council: "Balbriggan Town Council calls on e Minister for the Environment, The Taoiseach and the Tánaiste to meet Balbriggan Town Council to discuss the impact the proposed abolition of the Council will have on the Town.
10. Notice from Kadenza Consultancies in relation to a Seminar on the Abolition of Municipal Local

Government Service. On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher The members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Tara O Connell would attend this conference. On the proposal of Cllr. Burke which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Linehan Foley would attend this conference.

11. Motion received from Macroom Town Council: "That this Council rejects the decision of the Minister of the Environment, Community & Local Government to abolish all Town and Borough Councils. While the members of Macroom Town Council recognise that there is a need for meaningful reform, the undemocratic way in which the Minister has proposed to eliminate the least expensive layer of Local Government being Town and Borough Councils without debate defies the meaning of democracy in Politics.

12. Motion received from Castlebar Town Council: "That Castlebar Town Council supports the same rights and entitlements to civil marriage for all citizens of Mayo regardless of race, religion or sexuality and this be communicated to the Minister for Justice, Equality and Defence".

13. Notice from TGR Seminars in relation to a conference on "Leader funding and the Councillor" On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the members unanimously agreed that the Mayor would attend this conference.

14. Motion received from New Ross Town Council: "That this Council condemns the decision of the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government to abolish all Town, City, and Borough Councils, and further calls upon the Minister to embark on a programme of meaningful reform of Local Government which includes the retention of Town, City and Borough Councils".

15. Notice from Superior Training on a Seminar on Information and Communications Technology for Councillors.

16. Notice from Kadenza Consultancies on a Seminar on Local Authority Budgets 2013

17. Motion received from Muinebheag Town Council: "That Muinebheag Town Council asks Jan O' Sullivan T.D., Minister for Housing & Planning, to postpone the termination of the current Tenant Purchase scheme scheduled for December 2012, until such time as an alternative scheme commences".

Any Other Business:

There was no other business