

Minutes of Youghal Town Council held on 11th October, 2011 in the Mall House, Youghal at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Eoin Coyne, presided.
Cllrs. Revins, Linehan Foley, Flanagan, Beecher, Burke, Hennessy & Murray.

Officials Present: Mrs. Patricia Power, Town Manager.
Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.
Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, A/Town Clerk.
Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.

Opening Prayers: The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 13th September:
The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 13th September were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hennessy, seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Minutes of Special Meeting held on 20th September 2011:
The minutes of the special meeting held on 20th September 2011 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hennessy, seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Minutes of Special Meeting held on 29th September 2011:
The minutes of the special meeting held on 29th September 2011 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley, seconded by Cllr. Hennessy and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Report of the Town Clerk on Matters Arising since the Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 13th September, 2011.

1) Labour Party Casual Vacancy on Youghal Town Council.

"The Labour Party" have nominated Ms. Tara O' Connell of 16 Kenny's Lane, Youghal to fill the vacant seat on Youghal Town Council created by the resignation of the late Cllr. Tomas O' Conaill, her dad. Regretfully the official nomination documentation was received too late for inclusion on this month's agenda. Consequently Tara will be attending the next available meeting of the Council. Copies of the official documentation has been sent to all Members of the Council.

2) Meeting with Sean Sherlock Minister of State, Department of Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation and Department of Education & Skills.

Minister Sherlock requested a meeting with Youghal Town Council to discuss issues pertinent to Youghal. As the Minister is in Dublin for considerable periods of time, I have suggested the following dates for such a meeting to be held, Monday October 17th, Monday October 24th, Friday November 4th, Monday November 7th. I await hearing from the Minister's Secretary on the matter and will advise the Members in due course. Consideration should be given to the nature of the issues and proposals which the Council would like to raise with the Minister.

3) Appointment of Contractor for Town Walls.

L & M Keating have been appointed by Youghal Town Council to undertake conservation works to part of Section M of Youghal Town Walls. This is the Section situated at the top of the Jail Steps consisting of an old Tower and section of wall. The value of the works contract is €46,451.00 and the work is in line with Council policy contained in the Heritage Regeneration Strategy. 90% of the cost of the works is being funded by the Heritage Council with the remaining 10% from the Revenue Account of the Council as set out in Budget 2011.

4) Appointment of Contractor for Eco Boardwalk:

Stephen Byrne Plant Hire & Civil Engineering Contractors have been appointed by Youghal Town

Council to undertake the construction of 378 linear metres of Boardwalk from the Front Strand Promenade to the Claycastle Car Park. Works will commence shortly on site. The value of the contract is €277,000 and the project is financially supported by Failte Ireland up to a maximum grant of 75% with the balance of funding coming from Cork County Council and Youghal Town Council. The project will greatly enhance tourist and local access along the three miles of Blue Flag Beach, adding in no small way to the tourist infrastructure of the Town.

5) Adult Exercise Equipment:

Stirling O' Reilly Enterprises Ltd., T/A Onlyoutdoors have been appointed to provide and install adult exercise equipment in 5 to 6 locations along the Slí na Sláinte Walking Route. The project equipment is on order and the project is to be completed by the 10th December next. The project is 90% funded by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport with 10% coming from Youghal Town Council funds.

6) St. Mary's Collegiate Church Roof Repairs:

David O' Riordan, Building Contractors have been appointed to carry out roof repairs to a leaking roof in the Church. One side of the Church (nearest the graveyard) will be scaffolded for a week providing access to one section of the roof. This area will be closed to the public during this period for Health & Safety reasons.

7) Repaving of Mall Lane:

Niall Barry & Co. Ltd. have been appointed as contractors to carry out the repaving contract on Mall Lane. The project will commence over the next month and the lane will be closed for the duration of the Contract. The value of the works is €45,395.00 and is partly funded by the Non National Road Grant and Youghal Town Council. Prices have been received for the works to be carried out on Chapel Lane and are currently being assessed. A contractor will then be appointed to carry out the works and I will have further information on this item in next months report.

8) Carrying out of General Maintenance Repairs at the 3 Playgrounds:

ROSPA carried out their annual status checks on all the playgrounds and each individual piece of equipment during August. Spraoi Linn have been appointed to carryout routine maintenance on any identified problem areas over the next few weeks. The maintenance effectively covers wear and tear and the value of the works is €3,083.00. Individual playgrounds or individual pieces of equipment may be closed down for short periods while these repairs are being carried out. Any inconvenience caused is of course regretted.

9) Resurfacing of Lower Knockaverry and Raheen Road:

Lagan have been appointed to carryout the overlaying of the Lower Knockaverry Roadway and the previously uncompleted section of Raheen Road. Both these areas will be completed over the next ten days. The cost in relation to Knockaverry is €31,178 and Raheen Road is €35,185. Both these projects will undoubtedly help to maintain the road infrastructure of the town.

I am fully aware that other areas are also in need of overlaying, these will be looked at again in February with a view to prioritizing most in need areas after the Winter period. As can be seen from all of the above Youghal Town Council are very pro-active in generating and stimulating economic activity in the Town with these projects. We will continue to do so as long as we are successful in securing scarce resources nationally.

The Members unanimously congratulated the Town Clerk and the staff of Youghal Town Council on the tremendous work being done throughout the Town despite the challenges facing the Council due to lack of funding. Such hard work and effort should be put out there positively instead of all the negative press often goes out. Cllr. Revins also congratulated the Town Clerk on his efforts with liaising with the business people of the Town.

Votes of Congratulations:

The Members proposed a vote of congratulations to the following:

1. Youghal GAA Intermediate Team on reaching the County Final.
2. The organisers and participants of Culture Night.

3. Cllr. Burkes informed the Members that former Mayor and Cllr. Oliver Casey had been invited to New Bedford – the Town on which ‘Moby Dick’ was based. He asked if this visit could be used as an opportunity to send the well wishes of Youghal Town Council to the people of New Bedford. The Members were in agreement with this.

4. The minor camoige team on their recent success.

5. Youghal United Soccer Club on their recent World Record Breaking success.

6. Youghal Town Council on the cleanliness and presentation of the Town.

7. Anthony O’Loughlin on winning the All Ireland Pitch and Putt Championships. On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the members unanimously agreed to hold a civic reception for Anthony O’Loughlin to mark the magnificent achievement. The Members also asked if consideration could be given to the provision of funding to the Pitch & Putt Club to allow them to upgrade their facilities prior to hosting the 2012 All Ireland Pitch & Putt Championships. It was agreed to discuss the matter further at the Budget Meeting for 2012.

Votes of Sympathy: No votes of sympathy were proposed.

As a mark of respect to their former college, Tommy O’Connell the Members held a minutes silence.

Town Foreman’s Report:

The Town Foreman’s Report on works carried out 8th September to the 6th October brought to the attention of the Members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Weeding of flower beds in Barry’s Lane.
2. Missing lights in Barry’s Lane.
3. Removal of tree stumps in the Market Square.
4. Update on paving for from of Market House.
5. Kilcoran Road – dangerous section of wall jutting out.
6. Possible deterioration of new road surface in Church Street.
7. Update re breakdown of diving rocks cost estimates.
8. Weeds on the footpath at North Main Street.

Cork County Council Items:

Engineers Report:

1. Overlay work at North Main Street is complete except for the reinstatement of the road markings. These will be done over the next few weeks.
2. Work is due to commence on Raheen Road and Knockaverry Estate next week
3. A Contractor has been appointed to paint the old Collins Bakery building.

County Council Items:

1. Repair/Removal of grids at North Main Street.
2. Provision of double yellow lines on bad bend at Kilcoran Road.
3. Update on Bond and reinstatement of road at Radharc Na Mara.
4. Hole at edge of roadway on New Line.
5. Lights no. 2 & 3 out in Sruthain Na Sali.
6. Overgrown grass at Railway Bridge.
7. Build up of tarmac at Tallow Street.
8. Repair of signage at Mill Road Roundabout.
9. Sign for Kilcoran Road.
10. Update re condition of old toilet wall at Lighthouse Hill.
11. Query re resurfacing of back street and commencement of works regarding waste water treatment plant. The Engineer stated the area of the back street most in need of resurfacing was done. The Mayor asked for an update in relation to a commencement date for the waste water

treatment plant and the implications of these works commencing on the back street. Cllr. Beecher asked if the fines that could be imposed by the E.U for not having the waste water treatment plant in place were being imposed on Cork County Council.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the deadline to have the Waste Water Treatment Plant in place was 2006. The Town Clerk suggested that the Members take the opportunity to lobby the Government in respect of the issue. He said they should also be conscious of the fact that water quality in Youghal was adversely being affected by the lack of treatment facilities in Youghal and this may affect the status of Youghal's Blue Flag Beaches next year and in years to come. Cllr. Burke suggested that they also lobby the 4 local constituency T.D's. The Manager agreed to give an update to the members at the next meeting.

Managers Orders:

Managers Order no's 146/11 to 169/11 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of Managers Order no. 157/11 in relation to cremation plots. The Town Clerk informed the members that these plots would be provided in an area of the graveyard which could not accommodate full sized graves. The members welcomed the initiative. Cllr. Linehan Foley also asked if the toilets could be painted and possibly get a general refurbishment. The Town Clerk stated that funds were not there to carry out such extensive works and the members should have regard to previous suggestions to increase grave prices as one of the means to generate funds to carry out such works.

Planning Applications:

Planning application nos. 58008/11 to & 58010/11 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Further Information Received:

The Members were informed that no further information was received.

Disposal of Properties:

The following Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 was placed before the members for their consideration:

Notice is hereby given that at the next meeting of Youghal Town Council to be held on the 11th October, 2011, the letting of premises as detailed hereunder will be considered:-

1. The premises consists of a portion of the Market House.
2. The premises is to be leased to Youghal C.Y.M.S. Ltd.
3. The premises forms portion of premises erected and owned by Youghal Town Council.
4. The letting period is for 10 years from the 1st January, 2012.

On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the members unanimously agreed to the disposal of property at the Market House to Youghal CYMS subject to the above mentioned terms and conditions.

Mayors Business:

1. The Mayor thanked Cllr. Revins for deputising for him at the last special meeting. 2. The Mayor informed the members that they were all invited to the official launch of 'Sive' – the latest production of Youghal Theatre Group. He also wished Cllr. Beecher and all the cast and crew well for the forthcoming performances.

Report on Youghal Enterprise Centre by Chairperson:

At present David Kelly's office are evaluating tenders received for the renovation of the outhouses at the rear of the centre and a grant application is currently being prepared for submission to SCEAD for funding of this renovation. These new workshops will suit anyone in the craft industry

(potters, jewellery makers etc) anyone interested can call Helen at 024 81800 or email hatherton@eircom.net. This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it The cost for these workshops will be in the region of €45 per week (incl heat, esb, commercial rates). There is one office available to rent at present. The next meeting of the Board is due to be held in early December 2011.

Report on Youghal Tidy Towns Group by Cllr. Linehan Foley:

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the members that no meeting of Youghal Tidy Towns Group had taken place since the last meeting. She hoped to have an update for the next meeting.

Housing Needs Assessments 2011:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members for their information details of the new Housing Needs Assessment 2011.

N25 Bandon/Sarsfields Interchanges Upgrade:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members for their information details of the ongoing works at the N25 Bandon/Sarsfields Interchanges.

N25 Resurfacing Works:

The Engineer informed the Members that works were ongoing on the Killeagh road and would be completed in a few weeks. In addition resurfacing works were complete in Garryvoe, Gortroe, Killeagh, Mogeely & Ladysbridge. Cllr. Murray raised the issue of the condition of the roadway at the church in Killeagh. The Engineer agreed to investigate.

Traffic Management Plan Ashe St/De Valera Street/Emmet Place & Church St:

On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members unanimously agreed to defer this item to a Special Meeting.

Taking in charge of Hillcrest, Cork Hill:

On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members unanimously agreed to take 38.5 Linear metres of public roadway at Hillcrest in charge, subject to the provisions of Section 11(1) of the Roads Act, 1993.

Correspondance:

1. Brochure in relation to 7th Annual Environment Ireland Conference 2011.
2. Briefing on Nuclear Free Local Authorities.
3. Notice from the Office of the Mayor, Drogheda Town Council on Conference on the Great War 1914 – 1918.
4. A letter of congratulations on the positive state of Youghal Beach from a visitor to Youghal.
5. Notion of motions received from Monaghan Town Council.
6. Brochure of Recycling & Waste Works Conference.
7. AMAI Newsletter.
8. Notice from Thomson Reuters in relation to Annual Planning & Environmental Law Conference.
9. Notice in relation to Conference on Local Authority Budgets 2012. (Circulated 14th September 2011). On the proposal of Cllr. Murray which was seconded by Cllr. Coyne the members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Beecher should attend this conference.
10. E-mail on Housing Assessment Needs 2011 (Circulated 20th September 2011).
11. Notice in relation to Conference on Strategic Planning for 2012. (Circulated 21st September 2011).
12. Notice of motion received from New Ross Town Council. (Circulated 3/10/2011).
13. Notice of motion received from Killarney Town Council. (Circulated 3/10/2011).

14. Notice in relation to conference on Training Seminar Local Authority Budgets 2012. (Circulated 3/10/2011).

15. Notice of motion received from Clare County Council. (Circulated 3/10/2011).

Any Other Business:

1. Cllr. Burke asked if he could be provided with a copy of the National Report on unfinished Estates.

2. The Town Clerk circulated to the members a copy of the recent report carried out in respect of the Lighthouse.

That concluded the business of the meeting.