

Minutes of Special Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 24th October, 2011 at 10.00 a.m. in the Mall House, Youghal.

Present: Mayor Eoin Coyne presided.
Cllrs. Linehan-Foley, Burke, Flanagan & O'Connell.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Revins.

Officials Present: Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.
Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer.

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

1. Co-option of Tara O'Connell.

On the proposal of Cllr. Burke which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the members unanimously co-opted Tara O'Connell. The Members unanimously congratulated Cllr. O'Connell and wished her every success. The Town Clerk, on behalf on the Manager and staff also extended his congratulations and well wishes. Cllr. O'Connell thanked everyone for their support and kind words and said she looked forward to working with everyone.

2. Visit of Minister Sean Sherlock, Minister of state, Department of Jobs. Enterprise & Innovation and Department of Education and Skills.

The members welcomed Minister Sherlock to the meeting and thanked him for taking the time to visit Youghal. Firstly, Minister Sherlock congratulated Cllr. O'Connell on her co-option to Youghal Town Council. Minister Sherlock then thanked the Members for meeting with him and explained that he was anxious to meet with all the Town Council's in an effort to establish what the issues were in each Town and give any support he could. The following issues were raised by the Members & Town Clerk:-

- Job losses and lack of industries.
- Lack of certain infrastructure i.e Bandwidth, Fibre etc.
- Lack of adult education programmes. • Extension of Fas Schemes.
- Possible abolition of Town Council's.
- Re-opening of Midleton to Youghal Railway line.
- Position regarding funding for Marina's.
- Position regarding funding for coastal protection works.

Minister Sherlock gave an undertaking to discuss these issues further with the various relevant government Departments and promised to update the Members in relation to any progress made. The Members thanked Minister Sherlock for his visit and looked forward to hearing from him again.

This concluded the business of the meeting.