

Minutes of Special Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 30th September, 2011 at 10.00 a.m. in the Mall House, Youghal.

Present: Cllr. Revins presided as Deputy Mayor. Cllrs. Linehan-Foley, Burke, Flanagan, Hennessy. Apologies were received from The Mayor.

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

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

1. Part 8 Planning Application – Wind Turbine at Claycastle.

The Town Clerk gave a broad outline of the €400,000 grant allocated by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport. Claycastle Leisure Co. Ltd. would be administering the spend to maximise the potential of the grant. On the proposal of Cllr. Burke which was seconded by Cllr. Revins the members unanimously agreed that Youghal Town Council would advance sufficient funds to Claycastle Leisure Company Ltd. to allow them to do this (cashflow) and would be reimbursed via the grant aid drawdown at year end

The Town Clerk explained to the members that as he was a Director of Claycastle Leisure Company Ltd. as well as the day to day CEO of the Company and has been involved in the preparation of the drawings for the Wind Turbine – this conflict of interest meant he would be unable to take part in the Part VIII process and Helen Mulcahy would deal with the matter for the duration of the process. The Town Clerk then excused himself from the meeting to allow this matter to be dealt with.

Helen Mulcahy brought to the attention of the members of the Members Notice as follows:

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article 81(1) of the Local Government Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended of the following proposed development: • Erection of a 23.5 metre high, 75KW Wind Turbine and associated site works on lands owned by Youghal Town Council at Claycastle, Youghal, Co. Cork. The purpose of the wind turbine is to service the swimming pool and leisure complex adjacent to the proposed development.
• Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection, or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during the period commencing Monday 3rd October, 2011 to Friday, 28th October, 2011 at the Offices of Youghal Town Council, Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork during normal office hours 9.00am to 4.30pm (excluding bank holidays).

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated may be made in writing to the undersigned on or before 12 noon on Monday, 14th November, 2011.

The Members were informed that should the Part VIII application be successful all works would have to be completed by 31st December, 2011 in order to qualify for the Grant Aid. Once in place the Wind Turbine would supply 90% of the Leisure Centre's electricity needs. This, in addition to the existing woodchip boiler which heats the pool, would make it one of the 'greenest' leisure facilities in the Country.

The Members were also informed that the timeframe was extremely tight and once the closing date of the 14th November had passed a special meeting would have to be called within a few days to consider any submissions.

On the proposal of Cllr. Burke which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members unanimously agreed to proceed with the Part VIII application.

2. Raheen Road.

The Town Clerk circulated to the members copy of a letter he received from IPB. Under new Regulations implemented by the Financial Regulator Irish Public Bodies are now allowed to pay dividends to it shareholders. Subsequently Youghal Town Council will receive an allocation for 2010 of €33,722.47.

The Town Clerk sought the permission of the Members to use this money to resurface Raheen Road which was estimated to cost €35,000. On the proposal of Cllr. Burke which was seconded by Cllr. Hennessy the Members unanimously agreed to allocate this money to the resurfacing of Raheen Road.

3. Any Other Business

(a) The Town Clerk informed the Members that Helen Mulcahy had attended a Creditors meeting in respect of The Walter Raleigh Hotel and circulated to the Members the Statement of Affairs issued to all Creditors at that Meeting in relation to same, detailing the financial position of the Hotel and the debts owed. The Members were informed that the Directors of the Walter Raleigh Hotel had, on a number of occasions, approached the AIB in relation to possibly restructuring the loan but the AIB refused all requests, the Hotel's accounts were showing it had not been a viable business as currently operated.

(b) Cllr. Burke asked the Town Clerk if he could provide any more details on the breakdown of cost estimates in relation to the works at the Diving Rocks. The Town Clerk stated that he would provide these as soon as they were to hand.

This concluded the business of the meeting.