

Minutes of Youghal Town Council held on 14th April 2008 at Mall House, Youghal at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Mayor David Savage presided. Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Casey, Burke, Hennessy, Revins, Beecher McLellan and Murray.

Officials Present

Mrs. Patricia Power, Town Manager. Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk. Ms. Katherine Donoher, A/Staff Officer. Mr. Ger Lupton, Town Foreman. Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.

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

Presentation by Anne O Donnell on RAS(Rental Accommodation Scheme):

Anne O Donnell, RAS Programme Manager gave a presentation to the members on the progress to date on the Rental Accommodation Scheme and the implications for the town when rollout in Youghal commences in May/June this year. The Mayor and members thanked Ms. O Donnell for her enlightening presentation.

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 10th March 2008:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 10th March 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded by Cllr. McLellan and unanimously adopted by the members.

Minutes of the Special Meeting held 3rd April 2008:

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 3rd April 2008 - Thundercat racing were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley, seconded by Cllr. Revins and unanimously agreed by the members. (subject to one change by Cllr. McLellan).

Town Clerk's Report On Matters arising from Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th March 2008:

The Town Clerk gave a report to the Members on the matters arising since the meeting held on 10th March 2008.

Housing & Building:

Spraoi Linn are currently undertaking maintenance and refurbishment works to the playground at Blackwater Heights. The value of the works is €28,953.85 and will be recouped by the Town Council through Rapid.

Go Play Ltd. are about to commence maintenance and refurbishment works to the playground at Chestnut Drive. In this particular case the value of the proposed works is €32,975 and will again be recouped by the Town Council through Rapid.

Waters & Sewers:

1. The reservoirs are currently at full storage capacity with an average daily demand of approximately 575,000 gallons per day.

I am unaware of any problems with the Waste Water Drainage System and all pump stations seem to be working satisfactorily currently.

Planning & Development:

The following large planning application has been received from Galvin Developments Ltd:

The demolition of two no. existing factory buildings on the site, the demolition of the existing stone boundary wall along Mill Road, the construction of 9,300sq.m GFA of retail space allowing for a

supermarket, non food sales and retail services in the form of a main anchor department store unit and ten other retail units, a sports and leisure centre of 300sq.m GFA and a medical/health centre of 300 sq.m GFA, ancillary car parking over two levels providing a total of 305 spaces, site development works, services, hard and soft landscaping and boundary treatments. Development at the site will be over three levels. Access to the scheme will be via the Mill Road and the proposed development will also allow for level changes and access revisions to the existing site. The development is adjacent to the 'Ruins of North Abbey' a protected structure.

for their site at Mill Road, Youghal and is currently being assessed by the Council's Technical Staff.

Recreation & Amenity:

The following funding has been offered to Youghal Town Council from the Heritage Council in the past week for the financial year ended 31/12/2008.

€75,000 (Town Wall Conservation Fund)

€50,000 (Feasibility Study for the Youghal Clock Gate Tower)

€20,000 (Cannon Restoration)

€39,726.18 has been received from East Cork Area Development as grant aid towards the office fit out to the Enterprise Centre situated at St. Mary's College, Youghal.

€30,000 was received from Youghal Credit Union as a community contribution towards the Enterprise Centre Building Programme at St. Mary's College. This contribution was very welcome and greatly appreciated.

Votes Of Sympathy:

The members passed a vote of sympathy to the following: 1. Mary Leahy, Ballyclamassy, Youghal on the death of her brother, Andrew Fitzgerald.

Votes of Congratulation:

The Members proposed a vote of congratulation to the following:

Christy Cooney on his appointment as the President of the GAA.

Lee Desmond on his achievements with the Cork Senior Hurling Team.

Joan O Flynn, Fr. O Neill's on her appointment as president elect.

Youghal's ladies rugby team on reaching the All Ireland.

Eddie O Sullivan for the Trojan work done with Irish Rugby Team.

Anne McAuliffe on receiving Young Bookseller of the Year Award.

Michael McCarthy and family on the organisation of a very successful St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from March 5th to April 9th were brought to the attention of the members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Damaged section of footpath outside no. 29 Sweetfield Estate. The Town Engineer informed the members that this was on his programme of works.
2. Missing stretch of footpath at Windmill Hill. The Town Engineer informed the members that he was of the opinion that if a footpath was placed in this section of the hill there would be an issue with parking.
3. Opening of gates during daylight hours at the side of the Mall House. The Town Clerk informed the members that this was being carried out.
4. Car park at Sarsfield Terrace.
5. Abandoned van at Catherine Street car park.

6. The possibility of vermin at St. Anthony's, Upper Strand, Youghal bounding Kilcoran Road.
7. Dog fouling.
8. Litter bins at Dr. Kennedy Place and lower Raheen Park.
9. Site cleaning programme on the back street.
10. Any update on the provision of a taxi rank in Youghal.
11. Sign required for the Graveyard detailing opening hours.
12. Dog bin at the Promenade needs to be replaced.
13. Recycling bins at McCurtainstown need to be addressed.

Cork County Council:

1. Level of odours emanating from the landfill site. In relation to this matter the Manager informed the members that she had circulated the meeting with a letter received in relation to the odours. The Manager is expressing her concerns and the members concerns on a daily basis with the relevant Director of Services and Senior Engineer on the issue.
2. Ponding at 9 Gallagher's Terrace.
3. Vandalism of Ballyvergan Bog Bird Hide.
4. Progress report on the extension of double lines at Coastguard Station. The Town Engineer informed the meeting he would investigate this issue further when the road liners were back in town.
5. Footpath at Tallow Street.
6. Footpath at junction with South Abbey and Strand Street. The Town Engineer informed the member that at present there was no funding available to carry out these works but that he would investigate further.
7. Cork Hill Traffic Plan. The Town Engineer informed the members that he had no update on this issue.
8. Car parking spaces at Sruthain Na Saille. The Town Engineer informed the members that works were due to commence on the estate in the coming weeks.
9. Outfall at the Front Strand. The Town Engineer informed the meeting that works should commence sometime in the Autumn.
10. Cllr. Burke asked if there was any update on the submission of an archaeological report on the library's proposed new premises at North Main Street.
11. Flooding at Nagle House, South Abbey.
12. Water quality results and the fact that Youghal was one of two towns recently reported on a National Newspaper to be below EU Standards in relation to aluminium levels. The Town Engineer informed the meeting that there has been a lot of works carried out on the water works in the last two years and that the situation was being monitored.
13. Painting of disabled parking spaces in blue.
14. Illegal dumping in the town and surrounding areas.
15. Provision of a super loo at Claycastle Beach.
16. Sunken manhole and potholes outside Johnny Hickey's butchers on North Main Street.
17. Provision of dog foul bins at the Front Strand.

The Manager informed the meeting that in relation to the blue flag status for Redbarn, that Cork County Council were hoping to provide a car park on their land. Unfortunately, a lot of illegal dumping has been carried out on this site and the County Council were working on having it removed. A preliminary report has been made in relation to the application for blue flag status for 2009. The Manager has contacted Taisce in the hope that they will advise the Council what needs to be carried out to ensure a successful application for Blue Flag Status. The Town Engineer informed the meeting that he had investigated the condition of the toilets in this area and that he was arranging to have them painted and to put in place a maintenance programme for the summer period.

Managers Orders:

Managers Orders nos. 32/08 to 60/08 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted. A brief discussion ensued in relation to the granting of planning permission ref. no. P58001/08 - extension of opening hours of the take away and restaurant on Friday and Saturday nights and also on Sunday nights preceding bank holidays Mondays to 2.30am at 54 South Main Street, Youghal.

Planning Applications:

Planning application reference nos. P58009/08 to P58014/08 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Further Information Received:

The members were informed that further information was received in relation to planning application nos. P58068/07, P58002/08, P58045/07 & P58051/07.

Mayor's Business:

The Mayor expressed his delight that Youghal had reached the final 5 in the Failte Ireland Destination of Excellence Competition, 2008 and hopes that the adjudicators appreciate the merits of Youghal.

Draft Development

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Draft Development Contributions Scheme 2008 was advertised for submissions on 16th January, 2008 and that no objections/submission had been received during the public consultation process.

The Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2008 was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Casey, seconded by Cllr. Savage and unanimously agreed by the members of the Council.

Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2008:

The Town Clerk informed the members that Youghal Town Council intended to make Bye-Laws pursuant to Section 6 of the Casual Trading Act, 1995 with respect to Casual Trading in its administrative area. A copy of the Draft Bye-Laws if acceptable to the members would be available for inspection and representations/submissions invited up to 3rd June, 2008.

The Draft Bye-Laws were adopted unanimously by the Members on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr. Burke. Consequently, the public consultation period would now commence.

I. P. B. M. I. - Elected Members Insurance:

The Town Clerk circulated the members with details of the current scheme which covered the elected members. The Town Clerk suggested that the limit of cover is changed from level 1 to level 2 as recommended by I. P. B. M. I. The amendment was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Beecher, seconded by Cllr. Hennessy and unanimously agreed by the members of the Council.

Motion in the name of Cllr. Linehan Foley Seconded By Cllr. Revins and Cllr. Savage "That Youghal Town Council call on the Minister for transport to facilitate a deputation from Youghal Town Council on the reopening of the Railway Line to Youghal."

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that the Town Council write to the Minister requesting a meeting to discuss the matter.

This motion was unanimously adopted by the members of the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllrs. Revins and Savage.

Motion in the name of Cllr. Linehan Foley Seconded By Cllr. Revins and Cllr. Savage:

"That Youghal Town Council call on Bus Eireann to re-look at the positioning of the bus stop at North Main Street (Fairfield Car Park) and to put it back where it was originally proposed on New Catherine Street."

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that the Town Council writes to Joe Fitzgerald of Bus Eireann to discuss the matter of the positioning of the bus stop at North Main Street.

This motion was unanimously adopted by the members of the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllrs. Revins and Savage.

Motion in the name of Cllr. Murray Seconded By Cllr. Beecher "That Youghal Town Council take immediate steps to relocate recycling facilities to new site immediately, rather than waiting for the start of Blue Flag Season. Also that the facility remain as a permanent facility complete with CCTV to alleviate abuse of facility through indiscriminate dumping."

A brief discussion ensued in which the Town clerk informed the member that it was a waste management issue and not a function of Youghal Town Council. Unfortunately, works that need to be carried out are essential to secure the Blue Flag Status for the Front Strand.

Correspondence:

1. Notice from TJK Conferences on a Planning Seminar for Councillors. It was unanimously agreed by the members of the Council that Cllr. Linehan Foley would attend on the proposal of Cllr. Burke and seconded by Cllr. Casey.

2. E-mail for Patricia Power, Town Manager regarding Youghal Landfill.

3. A thank you card from Declan Daly thanking the Town Clerk and Members for the condolences on the death of his mother.

4. A letter from the English Historic Towns Forum regarding a conference on "Designing for Movement" to be held in Durham.

5. The following motion was received from Mullingar Town Council: "That this Town Council would call upon the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government not to disenfranchise local Mullingar town people by preventing them from cutting and saving turf on local bogs for their own personal use".

6. St. Patrick's Day Greetings from Warrenville.

7. A notice from Kadenza Consultancies in relation to a Training Seminar for Councillors. It was unanimously agreed by the members of the Council that Cllr. Beecher would attend on the proposal of Cllr. Murray and seconded by Cllr. Hennessy.

8. A notice from the Confederation of European Councillors in relation to a seminar on "Developments in the Planning Systems, North and South".

9. A Notice from BRE Ireland regarding a two day conference on "Planning and Building for Sustainability".

10. A letter from the Citizens Information Board regarding a Social Policy Report.

11. A letter from the Office of the Minister for Justice regarding Youghal Garda Station.

12. The following motion was received from Clones Town Council: "That Clones Town Council note the increase in Agency employment throughout the economy. We are aware that many workers from Ireland and abroad are offered Agency Employment when they are seeking direct and permanent employment. We understand that trade unions have raised concern that many of these workers are retained on minimum conditions and in some instances are not receiving their full entitlements. This Council hereby resolves that Agency Employment should not be used as an unnecessary substitute for direct employment or as a mechanism for avoidance of fair pay and conditions. Noting that legislation will come before the Oireachtas on the issue of Agency

Employment, Clones Town Council believe and recommend to the Minister that the Principle of equal treatment should be included in any such legislation on this issue".

13. The following motion was received from Clones Town Council:

"That Clones Town Council call on the Minister for Health, Mary Harney T.D. to appoint an ombudsman in the Department of Health so that the people of the Country can get an honest answer regarding their complaints about health matters".

14. A letter from Waterford County Council in relation to the Rhincrew Roundabout.

15. A brochure from the Institutes of Clerk of Works and Building Inspectors in Ireland in relation to their Annual Conference.

16. A letter from East Cork Tourism thanking Youghal Town Council for their Grant Allocation for 2007.

17. The following motion was received from Clonmel borough Council:"That this Borough Council request all Borough/Town Councils to call on the Minister for Justice to continue to oppose any move by Bookmaker Chains to have gaming machines placed in their offices. This is to help families from returning to poverty status, when parents get hooked on these machines, as has happened in Clonmel in the not too distant past.". "That this Borough Council undertake not to apply any water charges to non-commercial activities such as schools etc".

18. A brochure from LAMA on their forthcoming 28th Annual Conference.

19. A letter from An Garda Síochána on Unauthorised Entry/Occupation of Parking Area in Claycastle, Youghal.

20. The following motion was received from Macroom Town Council:"The Council notes the increase in agency employment throughout the economy. We are aware that many workers from home and abroad are offered agency employment when they are seeking direct and permanent employment. We understand trade unions have raised concerns that many of these workers are retained on minimum conditions and in some instances are not receiving all their entitlements. Agency employment should not be used as an unnecessary substitute for direct employment or as a mechanism for avoidance of or undermining of fair pay and conditions".

Circularised Correspondence:

1. Report on 'The Right Living Space' from Citizens Advise Board.
2. Tourism Matters March, 2008.
3. A Brochure from the Housing Conference 08 in relation to their forthcoming conference.
4. LAN Volume 28.Public Sector Times

Any Other Business:

Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of the undulating paving on Mall Lane.

Cllr. Casey informed the meeting that Lismore Castle would be sending invites to Youghal Town Council to discuss the issue of the Blackwater Riverbed. Cllr. Casey requested that he attends with the Manager and the Town Clerk to discuss the matter. This was unanimously agreed by the members of the Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.