

Minutes of Youghal Town Council held on 12th April 2011 in the Mall House, Youghal at 10.00 a.m.

Present:

Mayor Mary Linehan Foley presided.

Cllrs. Revins, Coyne, Burke, Hennessy, Beecher, O' Conaill & Murray.

Officials Present:

Mrs. Patricia Power, Town Manager.

Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell, Clerical Officer.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.

Opening Prayers:

The member and officials recited the opening prayers.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 15th March 2011:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 15th March 2011 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Coyne, seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Minutes of Special Meeting held on 29th March 2011:

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 29th March 2011 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hennessy, seconded by Cllr. Beecher and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Report of the Town Clerk on Matters Arising from the Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 15th March 2011.

Rate Collection Report 2010:

I attach the Rate Collection Report for 2010 which sets out the collection performance for the year. Revenue collection in the current economic climate is extremely challenging and it is acknowledged that many businesses are encountering financial difficulties. Youghal Town Council must maximise it's collection rate to allow for the provision of services to the people of Youghal Town while at the same time understanding the difficult financial situation some businesses find themselves in.

Rate income in 2010 accounted for 24.79% of the Councils Revenue Income and is an important source of the Councils own funding. Members would be aware that there has been a huge increase in companies entering liquidation/receivership/examinership and this is obviously having an impact on collection. This has also resulted in the need to increase the Councils provision for doubtful debts, as was provided for in Budget 2011.

The Budget provision for Rates in 2010 was €1,393,220 and this collection achieved was €1,021,556 leaving a shortfall of €371,664 for the year. Accordingly 73.32% of the budget required was collected in 2010. This is considered a fair collection performance given the difficult climate businesses are currently operating in.

It should be noted that Youghal Town Council are willing to discuss payment plans with any Rate payer experiencing financial difficulties. The Council will have to take legal action against defaulting Rate payers and this can be avoided if they engage with Rate collection staff and agree payment plans.

Rate Collection Report Financial Year 2010:

Nett arrears brought forward	€ 192,132.80
Opening debit	€ 1,393,220.00
Amendments during year	€ 25,560.50
Total	€ 1,610,913.32

Total Amount of Rates collected at 31st December 2010	€ 1,021,556.84
Total Rates Decreases	€ 13,898.14
Total Prepayments	€ 1,566.39
Strike Offs	€ 307,440.05
Nett Arrears C/F	€ 269,584.68
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Votes of Congratulations:

The Members proposed a vote of congratulations to the following:

1. To Cllr. Hennessy on her co-option to Cork County Council to replace Deputy Sandra McLellan.
2. To Davy Russell on his recent success at Cheltenham.

Votes of Sympathy:

The Members proposed a vote of sympathy to the following:

1. To Diane Irwin on the death of her father, Sean O'Connell.
2. To Paddy Aherne on the death of his wife, Maureen Aherne.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from 6th March to 7th April 2011 were brought to the attention of the members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Public light no. 10 at North Main Street.
2. Car Park Sign at DeValera Street.
3. Sandbags around the town.
4. Light in Fairfield Car Park.
5. Directional arrows in Dolphin Square Car Park.
6. Illegal dumping around town.
7. Update on Derelict Sites around town.
8. Missing flagstones at the back of C.Y.M.S.
9. Rusty ladder in Mall Dock.
10. Lifebuoy at corner of Mall Dock.
11. Iron bars at Allins Quay.
12. Railings at entrance to Front Strand.
13. Provision of disabled toilets in Front Strand.
14. Painting of railings at Lighthouse Hill.

Cork County Council Items:

Engineers Report:

1. Work has commenced on installing gullies on Quarry Road & Golf Links Road prior to road surfacing contractor starting overlay works.
2. Potholes are being filled on an ongoing basis.

3. Pipes for the outfall extension are on site and this work will proceed once the tides are suitable.
4. One additional bin has been installed at Claycastle. All bins will be reinstated prior to the June weekend.

County Council Items:

1. Pothole at Mall Lane.
2. Sand on paths on beach to Claycastle.
3. Sinking section of road at pumphouse at Claycastle.
4. Reinstatement of bins at Claycastle.
5. Emptying of bins at Claycastle for the summer season.
6. Removal of bus parking on Lighthouse Hill.
7. Grid on footpath at Back of Ireland.
8. Dip on road outside entrance to Tesco.
9. Priority I disability works. The town Engineer informed the members that these works would be completed in the next few weeks.
10. Entrance to Springfield Court.
11. Provision of double yellow lines at Golf Links Road across from schools.
12. Broken railing at Promenade at Front Strand.
13. Gravel and sand at Promenade and Car Park at Front Strand.
14. Concealed entrance sign to Summerdale Lawn.
15. Broken footpaths around town
16. Pothole at Haymens Hill.
17. Opening of public toilets at Claycastle. The Town Clerk informed the members that these would be open in early May.
18. Wall at Copperally.
19. Report on condition of library on North Main Street.

Managers Orders:

Managers Orders nos. 46/11 to 49/11 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Planning Applications:

Planning application reference nos. P58002/11 and P58003/11 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 Members were informed that there was no disposal of properties.

Mayors Business:

The Mayor thanked the Vice-Mayor for fulfilling her duties recently on her behalf.

South Western River Basin District Management Plan (2009 -2015):

The Town Clerk circulated to the members the South Basin District Management Western River Plan (2009-2015). The Town Clerk informed the members that this was a very important document as clean water is one of our most important national resources and that this Directive sets very strict deadlines for meeting water quality objectives especially in protected areas.

2011 Purchase Scheme for Long Standing Tenants:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members the 2011 Purchase Scheme for Long Standing Tenants

which he received from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. The Town Clerk informed the Members that this scheme was specifically for the calendar year 2011 and any purchase which requires ratification by the Council must be completed by December 2011. This item was unanimously adopted by the Members on the proposal of Cllr. O' Conaill and seconded by Cllr. Coyne.

Residential Development At "Cnoc Aoibhinn", Youghal. Commencement of "Taking in Charge" Procedure:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members public notice, map and motion declaring "That the road at Cnoc Aoibhinn Youghal, Co. Cork length 209 linear metres, be declared a public road, due consideration been given to the financial implications of same"

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the members unanimously agreed to commence the taking in charge procedure for Cnoc Aoibhinn, Youghal, Co. Cork.

Notice of Making a Variation to the Cork County Development Plan 2009. Variation No. 1 Special Local Area Plan for Cork Airport Enabling Variation:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members the notice of making a variation to the Cork County Development Plan 2009, variation no. 1, special local area plan for Cork Airport enabling variation. The Town Clerk informed the Members that the final notice for this plan was published on 11th March 2011.

Heritage Applications 2011 and Grant Applications for 2011:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members the following Heritage and Grant Allocations 2011:

Town Walls Application 2001 to the Heritage Council

The Town Clerk informed the members that this application was prepared on the basis that the application could be scaled down if funding was not provided in full. The Town Clerk informed the members that €60,000 had been granted for this application which was in excess of 10% of the entire national budget.

IWTN Walled Towns Day 2011:

The Town Clerk informed the members that this project would roughly cost €15,000 and stated that the Heritage Council had allocated €8,000 towards this application.

St. Mary's Church Application:

The Town Clerk informed the Members that this application which was in the sum of €73,000 was currently being considered by the Heritage Council.

The Manager congratulated the Town Clerk on his great work in achieving this funding.

Waterford County Development Plan 2011 - 2017:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members a copy of Statutory Notice issued by Waterford County Council on the Waterford County Development Plan 2011 – 2017 and informed the members that this was available in electronic format if they wished to make any submissions on same.

Correspondence:

1. A notice from LAMA in relation to their Spring Seminar on "Economic Revival: A Role for Local Government".
2. A notice from the Kerry Literary & Cultural Centre on the Listowel Conference 2011.
3. A motion received from Monaghan Town Council.
4. A letter received from An Coimisinéir Teanga in relation to the Official Languages Act 2003.
5. Brochure from Irish Council for Social Housing.

6. Notice from the office of the Mayor in relation to the Mayday Conference.
7. Letter from Heidi Schniete giving notification to attend the monthly meetings of the Council.
8. Notice from TGR Seminars in relation to their forthcoming conference on "A Guide to Getting the Right Work Done.
9. Notice from Kadenza Consultancies on their forthcoming conference on "Programme for Government".
10. Motion received from Kilkee Town Council.

Any Other Business:

Cllr. Murray asked the Town Clerk what the situation was in relation to the taking in Charge of Copperally Close. The Town Clerk informed the members that this would be put on the agenda for the May Meeting.

That concluded the business of the meeting.