

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 9th April, 2013 in the Mall House, Youghal at 10.00 a.m.

Present:

Mayor Michelle Hennessy presided.

Cllrs. Linehan-Foley, Revins, O'Connell, Burke, Flanagan, O'Sullivan and Murray. Apologies were received from Cllr. Beecher.

Officials Present:

Mrs. Patricia Power, Town Manager.

Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer.

Delegation from the A.M.A.I.

The Members of the Council received a Deputation from the A.M.A.I. who were represented by Cllr. Willie Callaghan, President and Tom Ryan, Director. A discussion took place at length on the "Putting People First" proposal and the A.M.A.I.'s proposals for dealing with same.

Opening Prayers:

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 12th March, 2013:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 12th March, 2013 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Flanagan, seconded by Cllr. Revins and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Report of the Town Clerk on matters arising since the meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 12th March, 2013

1. Extension of Floodwall at the Mall:

The existing floodwall has been extended at the Mall to fill a large gap through which fugitive flood water has a tendency to flow. The handrail at the steps providing public access has been replaced and modified. A demountable flood barrier will be erected on these steps during times of potential floods.

2. Repair of Promenade at Front Strand:

18 bays of concrete footpath have been replaced at this location. The existing much travelled and much exposed footpath had deteriorated considerably over the last few years, in fact to such an extent that it could have been potentially dangerous to pedestrians over the coming summer period.

3. Provision of Artisan Workshops at Enterprise Youghal:

Works have commenced on the provision of 5 Artisan Workshops to the rear of St. Mary's College. The contractor is Lenane Developments Ltd. and the workshops should be completed by this summer, and will be immediately available for letting to suitable businesses at extremely competitive prices. For further details please contact Helen Coady, Centre Manager at 81800.

4. Pitch & Putt Club House Extension:

Titan Homes Ltd. have been appointed to carry out the first phase of the new Pitch & Putt Club House construction project. Works on this phase are due to commence shortly and will be completed this summer.

5. Removal of Dangerous Trees at Kilcoran Park:

A number of potentially dangerous trees which has become diseased were felled and removed from the Kilcoran Park bank recently with minimum disruption to the public.

The Members noted the contents of same.

Votes of Congratulations:

1. Catherine Mattis on her recent exhibition at St. Marys Collegiate Church.
2. Ian Hehir on winning a gold medal at the Irish Amateur Boxing Championships.

Votes of Sympathy:

There were no votes of sympathy passed at this meeting.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from the 6th March to the 4th April, 2013 was brought to the attention of the Members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Potholes at Bawnmore.
2. Date for re-opening of Diving Rocks. The Town Clerk informed the members that a programme of works had been agreed with a new contractor for the outstanding issues and it was hoped to re-open by Mid-May.
3. Condition of footpaths at Sarsfields Terrace.
4. Footpath outside Cumann Na Daoine very high.

Cork County Council Items:

ENGINEERS REPORT ON ITEMS RAISED AT THE MARCH MEETING.

1. Lighthouse Hill Wall:

JODA Consulting Engineers were appointed for Phase 2 of the stabilisation works. This is currently being priced at present. A Contractor will be appointed shortly. Completion is expected to be in the 3rd quarter as previously advised.

2. Youghal Main Drainage:

Tenders for the network have been analysed and an appointment of a contractor is imminent. Tenders for the Design, Build and Operate of the Treatment Plant are being analysed and subject to legal advice an appointment will be made shortly. These appointments will be sent to the Department for approval.

3. Diving Rocks Signage:

Final signage recommendations are awaited for the Diving Rocks.

Managers Orders:

Managers Order no's 41/2013 to 52/2013 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Planning Applications:

The Members were informed that there were no planning applications received.

Further Information Received:

The Members were informed that further information was received in respect of P. 12/58007 & P. 13/58001.

Disposal of Properties:

There were no disposals of properties at this meeting.

Mayors Business:

1. The Mayor informed the Members of the forthcoming meeting re the abolition of Town Councils.
2. Opening of Tenders for 44 Sarsfields Tce. The following Tenders were opened in respect of the refurbishment of 44 Sarsfields Tce.:

- a) Michael Foley & Co.
- b) Hill Construction
- c) Clonpriest Construction.

The Tenders were sent to the Council's Engineering consultant for assessment.

Applications for funding To the Heritage Council:

The Town Clerk circulated the Members with details of funding applications in respect of the following:

- a) Phase V of Works to secure the structural integrity of the Town Walls.
- b) Youghal Medieval Festival 2013.

National Ports Policy:

The Town Clerk circulated the Members with details of the National Ports Policy.

European Walled Towns:

The Town Clerk circulated the Members with information letter from the European Walled Towns Network.

Historic Towns Initiative:

The Town Clerk informed the members that he had been advised that €110,00 in funding would be allocated under the Historic Towns Initiative for 2013. The Plans for same would be presented to the Department on Wednesday 24th April for approval and implemented immediately.

Review of Youghal Town Development Plan 2009:

The Town Clerk circulated the Members with a copy of a letter received from the Planning Policy Unit in relation to the review of the Youghal Town Development Plan 2009. It stated that as a result of the Governments plans to abolish Town Council's this review would be put on hold and the matter revisited in 2014.

Part 8 Proposal – Motorhome Park at Claycastle:

The Town Clerk circulated the Members with the plans and particulars in relation to the proposed motorhome park at Claycastle and sought the permission of the members to commence the Part 8 process. The Town Clerk also advised the Members that a planning application had been lodged with Cork County Council for that part of the site which was in Cork County Council's functional area.

On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members unanimously agreed to commence the Part 8 process.

Review of Casual Trading Bye Laws:

The Town Clerk circulated the members with copies of the two submissions which were received in respect of the review of the Casual Trading Bye Laws and also circulated the meeting with a copy of the Town Planners Report and recommendation. The Town Planner recommended that the Draft Bye Laws be adopted without amendment.

Cllr. O'Connell asked if Green Park could be included as a Casual Trading Area for special events. The Town Clerk said that this request should have been made by way of submission during the appointed period and as this was not done it could not be considered. Any further changes to the Bye Laws would have to be done by a further review.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. O'Connell the members unanimously adopted the Draft Bye Laws as originally advertised and presented.

Correspondence April 2013.

1. Brochure received from Kilrush Town Council in relation to the National Famine Commemoration 2013.
2. Notice of Motion received from Buncrana Town Council:
“That Buncrana Town Council write to the Minister for Health, Mr. James Reilly asking him to recognise Polio as a life long illness and to issue medical cards to the survivors of same”.
3. Notice from Carlow Tourism in relation to the Carlow Tourism National Conference. On the proposal of Cllr. Burke which was seconded by Cllr. Revins the Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Linehan Foley would attend the forthcoming Tourism Conference in Carlow. On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Revins the Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Hennessy would attend the forthcoming Tourism Conference in Carlow.
4. Notice from Bluestack Communications in relation to the Local Government Reform Conference.
5. Notice of Motion received from Wexford Borough Council:
“That Wexford Borough Council call on the Minister for Health and the H.S.E. to urgently channel extra funding into the Mental Health area, specifically to deal with suicide prevention”.
6. Letter from Kilkee Town Council in relation to the closure of Garda Stations around the country.
7. Letter regarding bookings for the LAMA Conference.
8. Notice from Training Seminar in relation to a Seminar for Local Tourism and the Councillor. On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Revins the Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Burke the Training Seminar in Wexford.
9. Notice of Motion received from Muinebheag Town Council
“The Members of Muinebheag Town Council call on the Minister for Health James Reilly and the Health Service Executive to maintain the vital Dublin – Waterford Hospital Bus Service.
10. Notice of Motion received from Muinebheag Town Council:
“The Members of Muinebheag Town Council call on Education Minister Ruairi Quinn to restore responsibility for the administration of the Higher Education Grant Scheme to the Local Authorities”.
11. Notice from Tgr Seminars in relation to a Conference on How to Access Funding for Community Programmes Relevant to Councillors”.

Any Other Business:

The Mayor asked the Members to consider holding the Awards night on a Sunday afternoon. The Mayor also asked the Members for suggestions in relation to same. Cllr. Revins stated that a civic reception should be accorded to Davy Russell, Champion jockey separate from the Awards Night – this had already been previously agreed by the Members.

This concluded the business of the meeting