

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on the 12th of February 2007 at the Mall House, Youghal at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Sammy Revins presided.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Savage, Casey, Burke, McLellan, Hennessy, Beecher and Murray.

Officials Present:

Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk, Ms. Geraldine O' Connell, Clerical Officer, Mr. Ger Lupton, Town Foreman and Mr. Paul Murray, Town Engineer.

Apologies were received from Mr. Declan Daly, Asst. County Manager.

Opening Prayers:

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

Presentation by Marie Power on behalf of the Youghal Socio Economic Group:

Marie Power gave a presentation to the members on behalf of the Youghal Socio Economic Group.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 08th January 2007:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 08th January were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr. McLellan.

Minutes of Budget Meeting Held on 08th January 2007:

The minutes of the Budget Meeting held on 08th January 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr. Beecher.

Town Clerk's Report on Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 08th January 2007:

The Town Clerk gave a report to the Members based on the minutes of the meeting held on 08th January 2007.

HOUSING & BUILDING:

a. Tenders were placed on the local newspapers and on etenders.ie for the construction of three houses for Youghal Town Council at Ashe Street. The closing date for the receipt of these tenders is 09th March 2007.

b. An advert for the position of Tenant Liaison Officer (12 month contract) was recently advertised in The Examiner newspaper by the Personnel Department of Cork County Council on behalf of Youghal Town Council. It is anticipated that interviews will be held during the month of April to fill the position.

ROAD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY:

a. The Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government have notified Youghal Town Council of the 2007 Non National Road Grant. The amount allocated is €287,000, an

increase of €8,000 on the 2006 figure. The Engineer has been written to for his proposals for presentation at the March meeting of the Council.

b. The Draft Parking in Public Places Bye-Laws, together with the submissions received on same during the public consultation process, will be brought before the members at the March meeting of the Council.

WATER & SEWERS:

a. The reservoirs are at full storage capacity currently with a daily average consumption through January ranging from 550,000 and 570,000 gallons per day.

b. All sewers and pumping stations are currently running without any restrictions.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

a. Two applications have been received from Crowley Homes for the proposed development of the former CBS playing fields at Windmill Hill/Golf Links Road, Youghal namely:

1. The construction of 13 no. detached dwellings and associated site works including the creation of a public green space, associated parking, fencing, landscaping and lighting, the creation of a new vehicular entrance and pedestrian entrances off Windmill Hill and all other ancillary site development works at Windmill Hill.

2. The construction of 6 no. detached dwellings and associated site works including the creation of a public green space, associated parking, fencing, landscaping and lighting, the creation of a new vehicular and pedestrian entrances off Golf Links Road and all other ancillary site development works at Golf Links Road.

OPEN SPACES:

a. The stonework on the boundary wall at the Swimming Pool/Leisure Complex has been completed and looks exceptionally well. The Stone Mason is now commencing work on the opening of the Sally Ports in the Town Walls, in line with the creation of the new tourist walkways through St. Mary's Collegiate Church and St. Mary's College Gardens. It is anticipated that works will be ongoing at this location throughout 2007, and the works are being monitored by Dan Noonan's archaeology firm.

b. Renovations are continuing to the interior of part of St. Mary's College to accommodate the moved offices of RAPID, Tenant Liaison, Equality for Women and Youghal Celebrates History. This is to ensure that the Enterprise Centre construction works can commence in April as programmed.

MISCELLANEOUS:

a. Mr. John Deasy, Asst. County Manager, officially retired on 31st January last. Mr. Declan Daly has formally been appointed to take his position. We would like to take this opportunity of wishing John well in his retirement and to thank him for all his work for Youghal during his time here. We would like to congratulate Declan on his appointment and sincerely hope that he will be with us for many years to come.

Votes of Congratulations:

1. Cllr. Hennessy proposed a vote of congratulations to Youghal Athletic Club on their recent achievement in the Killybegs All Ireland B Championship.

Votes of Sympathy:

The members proposed a vote of sympathy to the following:

1. Cllr. Liam Burke on the death of his parents James & Josephine Burke.
2. Sean Noonan & Family on the death of Margaret Noonan.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from December 07th 2006 to January 8th, 2007 was brought to the attention of the members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Lights at Barry's Lane & The Mall.
2. Temporary Dwelling at Nealon's Quay.
3. Pole outside of Scoil Coráin.
4. Bollard at Mall Lane.
5. Potholes at Magners Hill.
6. Derelict Site at South Main Street (Merricks).
7. Loose roof tiles at 31/32 Dermot Hurley Estate.
8. The Taking in Charge of Shanavine Estate.
9. Installation of heating at 17 Quains Terrace.
10. Broken window at 24 Chestnut Drive.
11. Speed of traffic at Hillview Estate.
12. The provision of speed ramps at Raheen Park.
13. Disabled Parking Space at O' Reilly Terrace.
14. Installation of heating at Dermot Hurley Estate Flats.
15. Road closure at Chapel Lane.
16. Boy Racers at The Front Strand.

17. Derelict Site opposite The League of the Cross.

18. "No Domestic Rubbish" signs for litter bins.

19. Yellow line on the hard shoulder turning up to Summerfield from Killeagh.

County Council Items:

Report by Cllr. Murray:

Cllr. Murray informed the members that the retirement party for John Deasy had taken place in County Hall. The members suggested that a Civic Reception to mark the retirement of both John Deasy & Donal Barrett be arranged in the near future. Cllr. Murray informed the members that the NRA had allocated €200,000 for the proposed Midleton to Youghal Bye-Pass. She also stated that Ballyvergan Marsh & Youghal Athletic Club, had been allocated community grants while the Youghal Celebrates History had been granted an arts grant. Cllr. Murray informed the members that work was ongoing in relation to tax incentives for the heritage core of the town to attract investment into the town.

County Council Items:

1. County Development Plan safeguards against obstructing the Youghal railway line as road crossing.
2. Width of road at Sruthain na Saili.
3. Provision for a footpath between Summerfield and the Leisure Centre.
4. Markings of entrance into Quarryvale.
5. Footpath at Welfare Home.
6. Dungourney sign at Quarry Road.
7. The sale of cars from public car parks. The Town Clerk informed the members that all cars had been removed from the car park in question.
8. Unauthorised parking of trailers in the hard shoulder at Summerfield Cross.

Managers Orders:

Managers Orders nos. 01/07 to 26/07 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Cllr. Savage raised the issue of 09/07 and asked the Town Clerk had he any idea when it was envisaged to start. The Town Clerk informed the member that the final grant of permission had not been issued yet as we were still in the appeals period.

Planning Applications:

Planning application nos. P58002/07, P58003/07, P58004/07, P58005/07 & P58006/07 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. P58042/06 & P58062/06.

Disposal of Properties:

Disposal of right of way for vehicular access onto McCurtainstown Car Park.

Pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the Members unanimously agreed to the disposal of right of way for vehicular access onto McCurtainstown Car Park Youghal to David & Louise Savage, Tides Bar & Restaurant, Upper Strand, Youghal subject to the following conditions:-

1. The sale price is 10% of the market value of the associated development on completion of the development in accordance with the Planning & Building Regulations as determined by an independent property Valuer appointed by the Council.
2. The transaction shall be completed in full prior to the sale of any of the facilitated development.
3. Location of the vehicular access to be determined.

Disposal of pedestrian access onto McCurtainstown Car Park, Youghal.

Pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and on the proposal of Cllr. Beecher which was seconded by Cllr. McLellan the members unanimously agreed to the disposal of right of way for pedestrian access onto McCurtainstown Car Park, Youghal to Mr. Gavin Tivy, McCurtainstown, Youghal, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The sale price is 10% of the market value of the associated development on completion of the development in accordance with the Planning & Building Regulations as determined by an independent property valuer appointed by the Council.
2. The transaction shall be completed in full prior to the sale of any of the facilitated development.
3. Location of the vehicular access to be determined.

Mayors Business:

1. The Mayor informed the members that he had received a letter from the Staff Manager of Bus Eireann in relation the provision of a Bus Stop to the rear of the AIB at New Catherine Street.

Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2007 – Report of Divisional Manager:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members the Report of the Divisional Manager on the Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2007. The Town Clerk informed the members that no submissions had been received during the public consultation period and recommended that the scheme be adopted. On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the members unanimously agreed to adopt the Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2007.

Youghal Heritage Regeneration Strategy:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members the following three items in relation to the Youghal Heritage Regeneration Strategy:

- a. IWTN National Book Launch – Youghal Chapter.
- b. Draft Programme for the National IWTN Conference in Youghal.
- c. Ministerial Consent for works to the Town Walls at St. Mary's Collegiate Church and Graveyard and the College Gardens C151.

In relation to the IWTN National Book Launch the town Clerk informed the members that this launch would take place in October 2007 and would include a chapter on each walled town in Ireland, he would also be interested in any comments the members might have. Cllr. Burke stated that the chapter regarding Youghal was an excellent chapter which gave an excellent synopsis of Youghal and felt it should be deposited in the Chamber Library.

In relation to the National IWTN Conference the Town Clerk informed the members that they are invited to same.

In relation to the Ministerial Consent for works to the Town Walls the Town Clerk informed the members that work had started on the opening of the two sally ports in the Town Walls. The Town Clerk also stated that this work would not be fully appreciated until the walls would be accessible to locals and tourists in 2008.

Cllr. Linehan Foley congratulated the Town Clerk on his work regarding all of the above.

Review of Cork County Development Plan 2003 And Preparation of New County Development Plan - Request for Submissions:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members the public copy of ad and letter received from Cork County Council in relation to the Review of the Cork County Council Development Plan and Preparation of New County Development Plan. The Town Clerk informed the members that submissions can be made during the period 12th January to 9th March 2007.

National Consultation Process on a Maritime Policy for the European Union:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members a letter from the Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources in relation to the National Consultation Process on a Maritime Policy for the European Union and informed the members that the closing date for submissions is March 2nd 2007 and can be forwarded to the Town Clerk.

Draft Cork County Development Plan 2003 & Harbour Bye Laws – Request for Submissions:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members the Draft Cork County Piers & Harbour Bye-Laws and stated that the closing date for submissions is February 20th.

Community Participation In the RAPID Programme:

Cllr. Revins informed the members that towns under RAPID Status are entitled to 100% funding for Crime Safety Projects which entitled Youghal to full funding for the installation of CCTV. The

Town Clerk informed the members that €200,000 was available for the installation of CCTV. The cost of maintenance for such a project would be €15,000 per annum, which the Town Clerk informed the members would require funding. The Town Clerk stated that this project required the support of the business community; he had written to the Chamber of Commerce on same and was awaiting a reply.

Review of Youghal Town Development Plan 2003 - 2009 and the preparation Of a New Town Development Plan for 2009 – 2015 – Request for Submissions:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members the initial advertisement in relation to the Development Plan 2003 - 2009 and the preparation of a New Town Development Plan for 2009 - 2015 - Request for submissions. The Town Clerk informed the members that the period for receiving submission was between February 07th to April 04th 2007. He stated that submissions could be made in writing to the Town Clerk or could be communicated through the members. The Town Clerk informed the members that cohesive plans could be put in place to benefit the quality of life for all residents of Youghal and challenges must be met for the betterment of the town.

Correspondence:

The Following correspondence was received:

1. A letter from Ned O' Keeffe T.D. confirming approval for the provision of funding of €14m in respect of Youghal Main Drainage Scheme.
2. An appreciation card from the family of the late Ken Newman.
3. New Year's greetings from the Mayor of Lamour Plage.
4. A letter from Cork County Development Board in relation to the replacement of Lorraine Hogan, RAPID Co-ordinator with Ms. Ciara McGee.
5. A Notice from TJK conferences in relation to the forthcoming Planning Seminar for Councillors.
6. A Notice from Cork Environmental Forum in relation to their Plenary Session on Energy Sources & Supplies in the Home.
7. An e-mail from the Environment Awareness & Research Unit, County Hall in relation to the disposal of unused medicines property campaign.
8. A letter from Youghal Visual Arts Festival in relation to response dated 15th January 2007 from Youghal Town Council.
9. A letter from Youghal Communications Ltd in relation to successful funding regarding the purchase of the League of the Cross Hall.
10. A Notice from the Confederation of European Councillors in relation to the forthcoming Seminar on "the Role of Local Authorities in Building Peace and Reconciliation".

11. A letter from Chomhairle in relation to the needs of older people.
12. A letter from Pobalscoil na Trionoide applying for a cultural grant to help fund the introduction of the Cross Border Cross Community Youghal Exchange.
13. A letter from Youghal Pipe Band inviting the members to take part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade by attending on the steps of the Mall House.
14. A Notice and Agenda from the Rattoo Heritage Society regarding their 15th Annual Four Day Kerry Environmental Conference.
15. A Notice from Sherkin Island Marine Station in relation to their 23rd Annual Environmental Conference.
16. A Notice from Atlantic Events Conference Management in relation to a Rural & Regional Development Conference.
17. A letter from Heritage Island in relation to their 2007 edition of Heritage Island's Group Organisers & Tour Operators Manual, Education Tours Directory & Essential Touring Guide.
18. A Notice from Kadenza Consultancies Ltd., in relation to a Training Seminar for Councils on Energy & the Development Plan, Sustainable, Renewable, Efficient.
19. A letter from Youghal Chamber of Tourism & Commerce thanking the members for the decision of the 2% increase in commercial rates.
20. A letter from Cork County Council in relation to Variation No. 5 to Cork County Development Plan – Retail Strategy Update.
21. A letter from Deaglán O Briain, Department of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs in relation to the Draft Regulations under section 9(1) of the Official Languages Act 2003.
22. An appreciation card from the family of the late Norah Keegan.
23. A Notice from Colmcille Heritage Trust in relation to their 18th Colmcille Winter School Conference.
24. A letter from Youghal Rotary Club thanking Youghal Town Council for the use of the Arts Centre for their recent Art Exhibition.
25. A letter from the Post Office/Youghal Fire Brigade/An Garda Síochána/Ambulance Service in relation to several estates in Youghal having the same or similar names.
26. A letter from Ionad na Gaeilge Labhartha in relation to the Official Languages Act 2003.
27. A letter from the PRTB in relation to the Private Residential Tenancies Board Annual Report 01/09/2004 – 31/12/2005.

28. A letter from Cumann na Daoine in relation to their services.

Circularised Correspondence:

1. January/February Edition of Knowledge Ireland.
2. Group Organisers and Tour Operators Manual of Irelands Major Visitor Attractions & Heritage Towns.
3. Education tours Directory of Ireland's Major Visitor Attractions & Heritage Towns.
4. Private Residential Tenancies Board Annual Report 01/09/2004 – 31/12/2005.
5. Volume 35 of Beam – The Journal of the Irish Lighthouse Service.
6. Youghal Arts Network Pre Development Work – November 2006.

Any Other Business:

Cllr. McLellan informed the members that she had received a letter from Nicola Lucey of the Youghal Project requesting support from the members in their search for a youth café. Cllr. McLellan informed the members that €162,000 had been allocated from Dormant Accounts for the provision of a Youth Café and encouraged the members to give their full support to this project as there was not enough facilities available for the Youth of Youghal.

This concluded the business of the meeting.