

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

Present: Mayor David Savage presided.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Casey, Burke, Hennessy, Revins, McLellan and Murray.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Beecher.

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.

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 14th January 2008:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 14th January 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. McLellan seconded by Cllr. Hennessy and unanimously adopted by the members.

Minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting held On 3rd January 2008:

The minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting held on 3rd January 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley, seconded by Cllr. Revins and unanimously agreed by the members.

Town Clerk's Report On Matters arising from Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th January 2008:

The Town Clerk gave a report to the Members on the matters arising since the meeting held on 14th January 2008.

Housing & Building:

The 23 houses at Parkland, Youghal are currently being put through the snagging process prior to handover for allocation to Youghal Town Council. The degree of required snagging will determine when the houses will be allocated. This is anticipated that this may be late March or early April.

The remedial works on 32 houses at Blackwater Heights are almost complete at this stage and we are currently awaiting tender documentation for the remaining houses at Dermot Hurley Estate.

Every three years a National Housing Needs Assessment is carried out by each Local Authority. A public advertisement was placed in The Examiner newspaper informing people of this assessment, and all the statutory bodies have been contacted in relation to same. Letters and new forms have been issued to each current housing applicant. These need to be completed and returned to Youghal Town Council with all the necessary accompanying documentation before the 18th February next. Initial evaluations on received forms are currently underway.

Roads & Footpaths:

1. Tenders for the DeValera Street Car Park project

(consisting of the development of 37 car parking spaces) were opened at a special meeting of Youghal Town Council on the 4th February last and are currently being assessed prior to the appointment of a contractor.

2. Tenders for the Church Street Heritage Regeneration Project were opened at a special meeting of Youghal Town Council on the 4th of February last and are currently being assessed prior to the appointment of a contractor.

Water & Sewers:

The reservoirs are currently at full storage capacity with an average daily demand of approximately 570,000 gallons per day.

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

Open Spaces:

An emergency funding application has been made to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in respect of the collapse of a section of the Town Walls. The area has been cordoned off in the interests of Health & Safety. New Heritage signage has been erected at the Sallyport entrances to the Town Wall, at St. Mary's College and St. Mary's Church as part of the Heritage Regeneration Strategy.

Votes of Congratulations:

The members proposed a vote of congratulations to the following:

1. Youghal Athletic Club on their recent success at the All Ireland B Championships.
2. Emma Hennessy & Emma Flavin, Youghal Athletic Club. St. Ita's Junior B Hurling Club.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from January 4th to February 6th was brought to the attention of the members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

Lighting at Fairfield Car Park.

Dog Fouling around the town.

Parking on Strand Street particularly around the Old Monastery.

Toilets at the Promenade.

Light nos. 1 - 7 at Seafield.

Footpath at Pitch & Putt.

Blocked gully outside Seafield house.

Surface drain outside houses at The Arch at Church Street.

Missing ladder on south side of Buttimer's Dock.

Large stones missing from the North East Corner on the Quay Wall.

County Council Items:

Report by Cllr. Murray:

Cllr. Murray gave a brief discussion of the following issues :

Cllr. Murray informed the members that Kevin McMahon has taken over pre-planning meetings for the Youghal area.

Cllr. Murray raised the issue of commuters travelling to Cork facing huge delays due to three sets of traffic lights from roadworks between Youghal and Midleton.

Cllr. Murray informed the members that the County at large seems to be suffering knock on effects due to the non replacement of the Cork to Swansea Ferry.

A meeting is due to take place with the Regional Manager of the IDA in order to determine what happens to all the empty buildings around the county.

A Strategic Marine Policy has been carried out for East Cork and stated that she is pushing to have one carried out for South Cork.

The HSE are currently involved in setting up An Art in Health Committee which aims to help elderly people to find projects to keep them busy and motivated.

County Council Items:

1. Front Strand Outfall. The Engineer informed the meeting that 2 consultants had been appointed to carry out a report on this issue and that he would try to get a copy of same.
2. Traffic Management Plan for Cork Hill. The Engineer informed the meeting that he had no update on this issue.
3. Drainage problems outside no. 9 Gallagher's Terrace.
4. Difficulty being endured by drivers trying to exit the Coastguard Station. The Engineer informed the meeting that he would investigate this area.
5. Update on Sruthain na Saili. The Engineer informed the meeting that the works would be carried out by the outdoor staff of Cork County Council area office.
6. Potholes on the approach road to Ballyclamassy.
7. No water results on the cork County Council website. The Manger informed the meeting that the results were available on the Department of the Environment Website.
8. Leak at Pumphouse at Front Strand.
9. Parking at South Abbey at school times.

Managers Orders:

Managers Orders nos. 01/08 to 21/08 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Planning Applications:

Planning application reference nos. P58001/08 to P58002/08 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. P58037/07, P58042/07, P58048/07 & P58069/07.

Mayor's Business:

1. Mayor Savage informed the meeting that he was very satisfied at how the recent Oireachtas meeting had gone. He paid special thanks to Lorraine Hogan, Rapid Coordinator and Liam Ryan, Town Clerk. Mayor Savage informed the members that he was unable to attend the recent Area Roads Meeting.

Update on Planning Application for St. Mary's College. Architectural Assessment Of the Proposed Works to The South Wing of St. Mary's College

The Town Clerk circulated to the members a copy of the Architectural Assessment carried out by Dan Noonan. The Town Clerk informed the members that in order to progress the application further the report would have to be sent to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for their approval. Once approved it would be up to the members to grant/refuse permission of the development.

Funding Applications to The Heritage Council Under the IWTN Capital Programme for 2008:

The Town Clerk informed the members that 7 applications had been made, requesting in total grant aid in the amount of €320,000. The projects being:

1. Restoration works to St. Mary's College.
2. Restoration of the cannons.
3. Town Walls Conservation and Management Plan.
4. Youghal Medieval Family Fun Day.
5. Feasibility Study for the Youghal Clock Gate Tower.
6. Conservation Works.

7. Niche Retail Strategy for Youghal.

Proposed Link Road from Magners Hill to Cork Hill: :

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a total of 21 submissions had been received in relation to the road. The Town Clerk was awaiting a new drawing from the Town Engineer taking all the submissions into consideration and informed the members that he will revert back to them when the drawing has been submitted.

Contributions to Sporting Groups:

A block figure of €3,000 was allocated in the adopted Budget for 2008. The following allocations were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Casey which was seconded by Cllr. Burke.

Group 2008

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| Youghal Tennis Club | €300 |
| Youghal Cycling Club | €300 |
| Youghal Bowling Club | €300 |
| Youghal CYMS | €300 |
| Youghal Boy Scouts | €300 |
| Youghal Karate Club | €300 |
| Youghal Bay Bridge Congress | €300 |
| Youghal Vintage Club | €300 |
| Youghal Badminton Club | €300 |
| Youghal International Volleyball Club | €300 |

Contributions to Residents Groups:

A block figure of €6,500 was allocated in the adopted Budget for 2008. The following allocations were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley:

| Estate | 2008 |
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| Dysart Grove | €300 |
| Knockaverry Estate | €300 |
| McCurtainstown | €300 |
| Raheen Park | €300 |
| Crestfield | €300 |
| Bayview Grove | €300 |
| Woodview Court | €300 |
| Dermot Hurley Estate | €300 |
| Blackwater Heights | €300. |
| Sweetfield Estate | €300 |
| Dun Coran | €300 |
| Hillview | €300 |
| Gallaghers Mews | €300 |
| Woodland Grove | €300 |
| Chestnut Drive | €300 |
| Priory Court | €300 |
| Seaview Place | €300 |
| Sarsfield Terrace | €300 |
| North Road Residents Association | €300 |
| Kilcoran Park | €300 |
| Ard na Mara | €300 |

Motion in the name of Cllr. Murray Seconded by Cllr. Beecher:

"That Youghal Town Council explore the feasibility of Constructing a floating pontoon type development at the Jetty at Nealon's Quay".

Cllr. Murray asked the Town Clerk whether any funds were available from previous proposed Marina Developments that would allow is to conduct the necessary studies that would bring this proposal to the planning stage. At present Failte Ireland are funding a number of initiatives in terms of grant aid to the tune of 75% of cost. Cllr. Murray stated that she would be hopeful that the members could forward this proposal with the intention of seeking funding to allow this development take place.

After a brief discussion the Town Clerk informed the meeting that monies had been allocated for a Marine Feasibility Study previously and if agreeable by the members the money can be put towards this study. The members asked the Town Clerk to ascertain exactly how much was allocated for the original study and revert back to them.

Correspondence:

1. A letter from the pipe band inviting the members to take part in the St. Patrick's Day parade.
2. A Notice from Irish Recycling Waste Management in relation to a seminar on Irish Water Waste & Environment & Irish Recycling & Waste Management.
3. A letter from the OPW acknowledging a recent letter in relation to decentralisation of Government Departments to Youghal.
4. A letter from the OPW acknowledging a recent letter in relation to the flooding of Youghal Town.
5. A letter & CD from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government in relation to the Department's new Statement of Strategy 2008 - 2010.
6. A notice from TJK Conferences Ltd. in relation to a Planning Seminar for Councillors.
7. A letter from Rachel Long, 35 Gort Aoibhinn, Youghal in relation to the roadworks on the N25.
8. A letter from the Special Olympics Ireland in relation to the celebration of 30 years of Special Olympics.
9. Brochure in relation to the Annual Conference of the Association of County & City Councils.
10. Letter from Declan O' Keeffe, Pobalscoil na Trionoide applying for a Cultural Grant to help fund the Cross Border Cross community Youth Exchange.
11. A letter from East Cork Tourism acknowledging Youghal's recent investment of €7,000 into East Cork Tourism.
12. A letter from Meath County Council in relation to the LAMA Annual Spring Seminar 2008.

1. The following motions were received from Portlaoise Town Council:

a "That this Town Council calls on the Minister to remove water service charges from schools".

b. "That this Town Council contact the Minister for the Environment & Local Government, requesting that the proposed water charges for schools be waived as this would impose an unacceptable burden on schools already under financial pressure.

c."That Portlaoise Town Council calls on the Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie Aherne, Minister for the Environment, Mr. John Gormley and the Minister for Education & Science, Ms. Mary Hanafin to formulate a policy whereby no school pays water charges".

2. The following motion was received from Passage West Town Council:

"While welcoming the measures outlined in the new Road Safety Strategy, this Town Council calls

on the Minister for Transport and Marine to postpone the implementation of the new rules concerning provision licence holders until the waiting period for a driving test has been reduced to the 8 week target set by the Government".

3. A reminder from Antrim Borough Council in relation to the Antrim Tourism Conference 2008. A letter from Michael Ahern, T.D., Minister for Housing, Urban Renewal and Developing Areas in relation to funding approval for Kenny's Lane

4. A notice from Kadenza Consultancies in relation to a forthcoming Seminar on "Energy".

Circularised Correspondence

1. Action on Poverty Today.
2. Local Authority Times Volume 11.
3. Education & Training Programme 2008 from the Irish Council for Social Housing.
4. Eurolink January 2001.
5. Social Housing Issue No. 69.
6. Spectrum Issue 16.

This concluded the business of the meeting.