

**Minutes of Youghal Town Council held on 15th February 2011 at 10.00 a.m.
in The Mall House, Youghal**

Present:

Mayor Mary Linehan Foley presided.
Cllrs. McLellan, Revins, Coyne, Burke, Hennessy, Beecher, O' Conaill & Murray.

Officials Present:

Ms. Mairead Lucey, S/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.

Co-option of Tomás O' Conaill to Fill Vacant Labour Party Seat on Youghal Town Council:

The Mayor and Members welcomed back to the Chamber Cllr. O' Conaill whose co-option has been ratified by The Labour Party.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 11th January 2011:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 11th January 2011 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Revins, seconded by Cllr. Coyne and unanimously adopted by the members.

Minutes of Budget Meeting held on 11th January 2011:

The minutes of the Budget Meeting held on 11th January 2011 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Coyne which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Report of the Town Clerk on Matters Arising from the Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 11th January 2011.

4. EDUCATION

Youghal has a well established education infrastructure which serves the town and hinterland. Traditionally the principal service provision is located within the town. In common with many towns demand in particular for primary schools, has arisen where population has been expanding on the town's outskirts while town centre schools can be under utilised.

The Town Development Plan (2009) notes that many schools are generally located in old buildings in the town centre and that moving some of them to new facilities on the outskirts may meet increased need from these areas as the population increases. Older facilities could be refurbished for change of use.

4.1 EDUCATION PROVISION

Four primary schools principally serve the town with additional provision being made at Clonpriest NS and the smaller Kyle NS. The largest primary school, Bun Scoil Mhuire provided 506 places, with equal number of boys and girls. Gaelscoil provision is made through Gaelscoil Chorain and the South Abbey NS is a Church of Ireland school.

Table 4.1 Primary schools serving Youghal Town

Primary School**Roll Numbers 2010/2011**

	Girls	Boys	Total
Bun Scoil Mhuire N.S.	252	254	506
Gaelscoil Chorain	145	141	286
South Abbey National School	35	26	61
Scoil Naisunta An Phairc	9	9	18
Clonpriest National School	54	67	121
Kyle National School	14	25	39
Total	509	522	1,031

Source: Dept. Education & Skills (2010)

One Montessori school is provided in the town and five preschool child care facilities;

- Clashmore After School Service, Community Ctr Closnaomh Mochua
- Little Cherubs Montessori Play, Father Murphy Hall Old Youghal,
- Rocking Horse Creche/Pre School, Raheen rd,
- Roseville House
- Sr Enda Dineen Childminding Service

In terms of second level education Pobalscoil na Tríonóide (461 boys & 444 girls in 2010/11) opened its doors to students in September 2006. The school was founded as a result of an amalgamation of three secondary schools (Loreto Secondary School, Christian Brothers, Colaiste Eoin) in Youghal. The school places great emphasis on meeting the spiritual and education needs of every student.

There is a full time adult education centre at Adult Education Centre East Cork & Harbour Region on Golf Links Road. This facility also provides a Youthreach Centre for East Cork. Training courses are also provided at Cumann na Daoine.

4.2 EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

The table below shows the highest level of educational completed of those 15 years and over, whose education has now ceased. This shows that in Youghal Town, some 21% of those whose Education has ceased, have had no formal education or have been educated up to Primary level. This figure is higher than that for other towns of similar size. The table also shows that in comparison with other towns, a lower proportion of persons in Youghal Town completed their education at third level.

Table 4.2 Education Attainment (CSO 2006)

Education Attainment	Youghal Environs	Youghal Town	Youghal Total	% of 5,000 – 9,000	% of All Towns
No Formal Education & Primary only	883	34	914	21%	16.8%
Lower Secondary	987	54	1,041	23.9%	21.9%
Upper Secondary	1,258	93	1,351	31%	33%
3 rd Level	966	82	1,048	24.1%	28.4%

Total persons ceased education*	4,094	263	4,357	100%	100%
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*This excludes 'not stated' category of 368 persons for Youghal Town and 8163 for all Towns.

Education Attainment Youghal Town

By gender (15 +) years	Male	Male %	Female	Female %
No Formal Education & Primary only	464	21.4%	453	20.7%
Lower Secondary	537	24.7%	504	23.1%
Upper Secondary	695	32.0%	656	30.0%
3 rd Level	475	21.9%	573	26.2%
Total persons ceased education*	2,171	100.0%	2,186	100.0%

*This excludes 'not stated' category

Table 4.3 above shows education attainment by gender for Youghal Town. Overall a larger Proportion of males cease education at an earlier stage than females. In both cases the Largest proportion of those who cease education in Youghal do so at Upper Secondary level, which includes Technical/Vocational courses. The other significant difference is a proportion of females having completed Third Level education– over 26% - as opposed to just 22% of males.

Table 4.4 Education Attainment: Third Level (CSO 2006)

Educational Attainment: third Level	Youghal Urban	Youghal Environs	Youghal Town	% of Total	% Total in all Towns
Non Degree	42	36	465	44.4%	40.2%
Degree	158	12	170	16.2%	18.7%
Both Degree & Professional Qualification	102	5	107	10.2%	9.2%
Post – graduate Certificate or Diploma	86	13	99	9.4%	11%
Masters	54	9	137	13.1%	11.3& Post – graduate Degree
PHD	9	5	59	5.6%	8.4 % Doctorate
Total Third Level	966	82	1,048	100%	100%

Table 4.4 above shows the breakdown of Third Level qualifications obtained for Youghal and for other towns of similar size in the State. It shows that Youghal Town has a higher percentage of persons whose highest qualification is at the 'non-degree' level qualification than occurs in the other

similar sized towns. A higher proportion of those in Youghal Town have completed education to a post graduate degree diploma level (over 13%), and professional qualification level (over 10.%) than in the other towns. It is also evident that Youghal Town has a lower proportion of persons with a primary degree (16.2%) or post graduate degree (5.6%) than the other towns.

Table 4.5 Educational Attainment in Youghal change 1996 to 2006

Educational Attainment: Highest level (15+) years	Youghal Town	
	2006	1996
No Formal education & primary only	21%	32%
Lower Secondary	23.9%	23.2%
Upper Secondary	32%	30.4%
3 rd Level	24.1%	14.4%
Total persons ceased education *	100%	100 %

*This excludes 'not stated' category.

4.3 EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT & UNEMPLOYMENT

There is a recognized close correlation between education and unemployment. The table below indicates level of education attainment of unemployed persons. In Youghal Town, the proportion of those who ceased education at Upper Secondary level and are unemployed is slightly higher than national figures. However an important exception is in those who ceased education at Third level and are unemployed where in Youghal these constitute a significantly lower proportion than in the rest of the State. This is likely to reflect a tendency for younger people with higher educational attainment to move toward larger cities whether employed or not.

Table 4.6 Educational Attainment and Unemployment

Educational Attainment:	% Unemployed	
	Youghal Town	National
No Formal education & primary only	26%	25.8%
Lower Secondary	32.6%	31.7%
Upper Secondary	30.6%	27%
3 rd Level	10.8%	15.6%
Total persons ceased education *	100%	100 %

Note: Data for educational attainment and unemployment is not available for the all towns category.

Votes of Congratulations:

The members proposed a vote of congratulation to the Following:

1. To the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on the very successful awards night.
2. To the crew of the lifeboat on their recent rescue operation off Whiting Bay.
3. To Cliodhana Cotter on finishing 1st nationally in the Leaving Certificate Geography Exam.

Votes of Sympathy:

The members proposed a vote of sympathy to the following:

1. Maureen Treacy on the death of her brother John Barry.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from 5th January to 10th February 2011 were brought to the attention of the members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised.

1. Light nos. 2 & 3 at Struthain na Saili.
2. Potholes at Knockaverry.
3. Repairs at the Signal Cabin.
4. Light at the top of the Jail Steps.
5. Update on the Diving Rocks. The Town Clerk informed the members that he was awaiting a response on same from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.
6. Road repairs at the end of Cork Hill.
7. Refurbishment of 100 Blackwater Heights.
8. Overlapping trees at Chestnut Drive.
9. Insulation at no. 2 Dr. Kennedy Place.

Cork County Council Items:

Engineers Report:

1. Ponding at Ballyvergin on the old N25 has been referred to the Estates Department as it is as a result of poor reinstatement of the road after laying of Ducts/Pipes by the Developer of this private estate. This is currently being priced by a contractor.
2. Footpath replacement at Grattan Street and New Catherine Street is nearly complete.
3. The outfall at Front Strand is checked almost every day as tides permit and is cleared of debris to improve the flow as required.
4. Potholes around the town are being filled on an ongoing basis.
5. Following consultation with the Town Clerk it is proposed to resurface sections of Quarry Road and Golf Links Road. This work is to proceed shortly.
6. All work filling potholes on the Tallow Road is complete in the Cork County Council areas. It is planned to overlay a portion of this road under the NNR programme this year.

County Council Items:

1. The Town Clerk informed the members that funding in the sum of €300,000 had been acquired from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government for the relaying of the main street and that these works were due to commence in early Autumn.
2. Condition of the road near Copperally. The Town Clerk informed the members that this item be raised under the Non National Road Grant.
3. Potholes in North Main Street. Cllr. O' Conaill asked the Engineer if there had been a change in the material used for the filling of potholes. The Engineer informed the members that there has been no perceptible change in the material used but that hot mix tarmac had been replaced with cold mix tarmac. The Engineer informed the members that he would investigate the specification of the

material.

4. Broken footpaths around town.

5. Potholes on the Tallow Road. Cllr. Hennessy asked that the Town Clerk write to Waterford County Council requesting that these potholes be repaired. The Town Clerk suggested that all political parties equally apply pressure on their respective party colleagues in Waterford to apply pressure on this matter.

6. Underground ducting in the North Main Street.

7. Condition of the Mall Lane. The Town Clerk informed the members that this item could be raised under the Non National Road Grant Allocation. The Town Clerk stated that the Mall Lane was repaved for pedestrian traffic and that all Councillors should consult with each other to decide what was intended for the lane and that they should also take serious consideration in relation to the amount of traffic accessing the lane. 8. Gullies at Claycastle.

9. Ponding on the road at Claycastle.

10. Parallel parking at North Main Street

11. Cone on road outside Clancy's Bar.

12. Lack of signage coming from McCurtainstown to Front Strand.

13. Dip in road at entrance to Tesco.

14. Connection to sewer at Tallow Street.

15. Manhole at Raheen Road. The Town Engineer informed the members that this would be filled shortly.

16. Closure of Chapel Lane. The Town Clerk informed the members that this was currently on public display and that this item would be on the agenda for the March meeting of the Council.

17. The Mayor welcomed the new footpaths on the back street.

Managers Orders:

Managers Orders nos. 1/11 to 25/11 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

The Mayor raised the issue of Managers Order no. 9/11 and stated that she was delighted that the tree felling was to be undertaken in the Cemetery.

Cllr. Murray raised the issue of Managers Order no 1/11 and asked could the bond be drawn down on the development at Ardan na Mara as the developer has failed to address some issues regarding some of the services including the public lighting. The Town Clerk informed the members that this estate was still in the charge of the Developer.

Cllr. Murray raised the issue of Managers Order no. 6/11 in relation to the surrender of the shop at Ardrath and asked the Town Clerk what the intentions were regarding this site. The Town Clerk informed the members that it was intended to demolish the building and have a viewing area for the Town Walls on the site.

Planning Applications:

No Planning Applications were received.

Further Information Received:

The members were informed that further information in relation to planning application nos. P58023/10 & P58014/10 were received.

Mayors Business:

1. The Mayor raised the issue of the recent successful Awards Achievements Night and thanked the Deputy Mayor Eoin Coyne and council office staff member Geraldine O'Connell for their voluntary contributions. The Mayor informed the members that another awards night would be held in June

and any nominations would be welcomed. 2. The Mayor informed the members that the 25th Anniversary of the Youghal/Lamor Plage Twinning would be celebrated in June and that if any of the Members were interested in travelling to France should contact the Town Clerk.

3. The Mayor circulated photographs and a petition from the residents of Gallagher's Mews in relation to the issue of illegal dumping at the recycling site at Tesco. The Town Clerk informed the members that this was a private site. Cllr. Coyne stated that as a resident of this area he would be willing to co-ordinate a Council-Tesco residents solution to the problem.

4. The Mayor informed the members that she recently attended the Senior Citizens Dinner Dance and the Boxing Tournament in the Walter Raleigh Hotel and stated that both nights had been a great success and congratulated all involved.

5. The Mayor requested that a metal grill which had lifted on the path near the Bank of Ireland be repaired. The Engineer agreed to investigate same.

6. The Mayor read a letter received from the Youghal Community Bus Group seeking funding towards running costs. The Town Clerk informed the members that there was no funding available at present but that this item could be referred to the Budget Meeting for 2012.

2011 Regional & Local Roads Grant Allocations- Department of Transport:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members circular RLR 1/2011 from the Department of Transport in relation to the 2011 Regional and Local Roads Grant Allocations and informed the members that the total allocation was €195,000. The Town Clerk informed the Members that €26,500 had been spent of Salting and emergency repairs and an additional €25,000 spent on patching works in January, a further €80,000 on repair works to both the Quarry Road and the Golf Links Road which leaves a balance of €63,500. Cllr. O' Conaill raised the issue of the Mall Lane and suggested that the lane be closed and resurfaced for pedestrian use only. The Town Clerk informed the members that that signage costs and road design costs in relation to the Traffic Management Plan for Emmet Place/DeValera Street would need to be allocated from the balance also.

A brief discussion in relation to the Traffic Management Plan for Emmet Place/DeValera street ensued. The members agreed that a deputation of the residents be requested to attend the March Meeting of the Council and that a final decision on the plan be drawn up at the April Meeting.

Cllr. O' Conaill raised the issue of the condition of the road at the northern end of Allins Quay to the Double Slips and requested that funding be made available for this section of roadway. The Town Clerk suggested to the members that €30,000 be allocated towards the resurfacing of the Mall Lane, €15,000 be allocated for the road design and signage for the Traffic Management Plan for Emmet Place/DeValera Street and the remainder be allocated for the roadway at Allins Quay. The Town Clerk stated that the works at Allins Quay would have to be measured, quantified and a costing acquired. The members unanimously agreed to these allocations on the proposal of Cllr. Coyne seconded by Cllr. Beecher.

Guidelines for the Management & Development of Architectural Conservation Area – Cork County Council:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members the Guidelines for the Management & Development of Architectural Conservation Area – Cork County Council and informed the members that these guidelines have been adopted by Cork County Council.

Group Personal Accident Insurance – Scheme A – Elected Members (IPBMI):

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members Scheme A of the Group Personal Accident Insurance for the elected members from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd and recommended that the members proceed with this scheme.

On the proposal of Cllr. McLellan which was seconded by Cllr. Revins the members unanimously

agreed to proceed with Scheme A as in previous years.

Irish Walled Towns Network; A Review of Activities 2006 – 2010 And a 3 Year Action Plan for 2011 – 2013:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members The Irish Walled Towns Network; A Review of Activities 2006 - 2010 and a 3 Year Action Plan for 2011 – 2013. This plan was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously agreed by the members. The members stated that this plan proved to be very beneficial towards funding of the Town Walls and the Heritage Core of the town.

Cllr. Burke paid tribute to the Town Clerk on playing a huge part in gaining funding towards this plan.

Contributions to Residents Association 2011:

The Town Clerk circulated the members with details of allocations to Residents Associations 2011:

Estate	2011
Dysart Grove	300
The Rise	300
McCurtainstown	300
Raheen Park	600
Crestfield	300
Bayview Grove	600
Woodview Court	300
Dermot Hurley Estate	300
Blackwater Heights	600
Dun Coran	300
Hillview	300
Gallaghers Mews	300
Woodland Grove	300
North Road Residents Association	300
Ard na Mara	300
Sweetfield Estate	300
Ridgewood	300
St. Anne's Rise	300

The Members unanimously agreed to the allocation of €6,500 to the various Residents Associations on the proposal of Cllr. Burke which was seconded by Cllr. Coyne.

Contributions to Sporting Associations 2011:

The Town Clerk circulated the members with details of allocations to sporting associations 2011:

Group	2011
Youghal Pigeon Club	300
Youghal Bowling Club	300
Youghal CYMS	300
Youghal Karate Club	300
Youghal Badminton Club	300

The Members unanimously agreed to the allocation of €2,000 to the various Sporting Groups on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Burke.

Taking in Charge Procedure for Gort Aoibhinn, Upper Cork Hill, Youghal:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members public notice, map and motion declaring: "That the Gort Aoibhinn, Upper Cork Hill, Youghal, road of linear length 209 metres be declared a public road, due consideration being given to the financial implications of same".

On the proposal of Cllr. Burke which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the members unanimously agreed to take in charge the road at Gort Aoibhinn, Upper Cork Hill, Youghal, linear length 209 metres.

Motion in the Name of Cllr. McLellan seconded By Cllr. Hennessy:

"Calling on Youghal Town Council to take responsibility for all plumbing and electrical works in all their Local Authority Houses and to review and update the tenancy handbook reflecting same".

The Town Clerk circulated to the members a report regarding this motion, a copy of which is attached to the minutes requesting that the motion be withdrawn on budgetary issues.

The Members agreed to withdraw the motion on the ground that the following section be added to the Council's Tenant hand Book in relation to Hardship Grounds;

"The Council considers request to execute "tenant responsibility repairs" where exceptional circumstances, such as old age, infirmity or disability make it impossible for the tenant to do so. If you are an old age pensioner and you are unable to look after your house, you should contact the Housing Section for more information and assistance".

This was unanimously adopted by the Members. Cllrs. McLellan and Hennessey stated that they may re-introduce the motion having considered the financial implications of same at some time in the future.

Correspondence:

1. Notice received from Ericsson in relation to their forthcoming conference on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Education.
2. A letter received from Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann in relation to their 21st Anniversary.
3. Notice received from Cork County Council in relation to a conference on Ireland Energy Opportunity.
4. A Notice from LAMA in relation to their Spring Seminar on Economic Revival. On the proposal of Cllr. Burke which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Coyne attend this conference. On the proposal of Cllr. Coyne which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Burke attend this conference.
5. A notice from Buttevant Heritage in relation to their conference on Medieval Buttevant.
6. A notice from Rattoo Heritage Society in relation to their 20th Annual Kerry Environmental Conference.
7. A letter from Youghal Karate Club applying for a Council Grant.
8. A notice from TGR Seminars in relation to their forthcoming conference on Effective Time and Priority Management.
9. A motion received from Tuam Town Council.
10. A motion received from South Tipperary County Council.

11. A letter received from Complete Control Films in relation to their documentary film "Town out of Time". Cllr. Hennessy informed the members that she had not received an invitation either by e-mail or otherwise to the screening of this film. She stated that she had received an apology from Mr. Twomey but was unhappy that he had not posted such clarification publicly via Youghalonline.com. Cllr. Coyne informed the members that he had informed Mr. Twomey that he was unable to attend the screening of the film as he was working on the night in question. Cllr. Murray informed the members that she had intended going to see the film but was attending another function out of town and did not return to town in time.
12. Report on the Operation of Youghal Landfill.
13. Letter from Claycastle Pitch & Putt Club requesting funding.
14. Motion received from Trim Town Council.
15. Motion received from Castlebar Town Council.
16. Motion received from Castlebar Town Council.
17. A letter received from Ballinasloe Town Council in relation to the transfer of housing functions from Town Councils to Regional Housing Authorities.
18. A notice received from TGR Seminars in relation to a conference on Professional Development for Councillors.
19. A letter from South & East Cork Tourism thanking Youghal Town Council for their recent Grant Allocation.
20. A notice received from Colmcille Heritage Trust in relation to their 22nd Winter School Conference.
21. A motion received from Monaghan Town Council.
22. An e-mail received from Eras Eco announcing a €10 million investment in their plant at Foxhole.
23. A letter from Housing and Sustainable Communities Agency Implementation Steering Group.
24. A letter from Youghal Pipe Band in relation to the forthcoming Patrick's Day Parade.
25. A notice from Recycling & Waste World in relation to their conference on Energy from Waste 2011.
26. A motion received from Donegal County Council.
27. A motion received from Donegal County Council.
28. A notice received from Carlow Tourism in relation to their 9th National Tourism Conference.

Any Other Business:

Cllr. O' Conaill thanked the Town Clerk and his staff on the courtesy shown to him while awaiting his co-option to Youghal Town Council to be validated by The Labour Party.

This concluded the business of the meeting.