

Minutes of Youghal Town Council held on 14th February, 2012 in the Mall House, Youghal at 11.00 a.m.

Present:

Mayor Eoin Coyne, presided.

Cllrs. Revins, Linehan Foley, Burke, Flanagan, Beecher, Hennessy, O' Connell & Murray.

Officials Present:

Mrs. Patricia Power, Town Manager.

Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.

Opening Prayers:

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

Minutes of Budget Meeting held on 10th January, 2012:

The minutes of the budget meeting held on 10th January were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr. Murray and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 10th January, 2012:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 10th January were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr. Beecher and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Minutes of Special Meeting held on 24th January, 2012:

The minutes of the special meeting held on 24th January were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Beecher and seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Presentation by Jermyn Egan, Landscape Architects of the Master Plan for the R634 from Rhincrew to Greencloyne (Northern Gateway to Youghal).

Jermyn Egan Architects, in association with David Kelly Partnership were commissioned by Youghal Town Council to prepare a Master Plan for the re-design of the R 634 from Rhinecrew to Greencloyne. Jermyn Egan Architects made a detailed presentation to the Members in relation to their proposals. The Town Clerk informed the Members that the plan was essentially a five year plan and would cost in the region of €1 million. The Town Clerk explained that the success of the plan depended on the co-operation of the neighbouring Local Authorities of Cork County Council and Waterford County Council who both owned parts of the area of the proposed development. Youghal Town Council had this very comprehensive plan drawn up at their own expense and were willing to provide funding towards the project over the next 5 years in an effort to re-design the northern entrance to Youghal and attract people into the Town.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Revins the were unanimous in their support for the plan.

Report of Town Clerk on matters arising since the January meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 10th January, 2012

1. Boardwalk at Claycastle: Stephen Byrne Plant Hire and Civil Engineering Contractors have completed the construction of the 378 linear meters of Boardwalk at Claycastle. The value of the completed project is €277,000. Local contractors will now carry out small tie in works at both a) the promenade end and b) at the Claycastle end to ensure full disabled access to the Boardwalk. All the documentation relating to Phase 2 of the Project (Claycastle to Redbarn) has now been completed

and is being forwarded to Cork County Council who are the authority in control of Phase 2. That section is 1200 linear meters in length and has an estimated cost of €1,136,000 including VAT. This section will require about 250 meters of railings at both ends with rock armour where required along the route. It will require funding from Failte Ireland (75% = €852,000) and Cork County Council (25% = €284,000). Both Failte Ireland and Cork County Council are aware of the costs involved and appear from initial soundings very interested in completing the project. The completion of this Project would be a significant boost to Tourism in Youghal and would be another significant infrastructure project for the town. The linking of the Quality Hotel and Holiday homes would add commercially to the Town.

2. The Northern Gateway Project:

A presentation was made to the Council today by Jermyn and Egan, Landscape architects of the master design plan for the R634 from Rhincrew Roundabout on the N25 to the Greencloyne roundabout. The Plan straddles three Local Authority areas namely, Waterford County Council, Cork County Council and Youghal Town Council and is a concerted effort on behalf of the Town to get joined up thinking between three authorities regarding a very important approach road to the town. Historically both County Councils have neglected this area and it has been left to the Town Council to formulate this Master Plan. I will be arranging meetings shortly with both County Authorities providing them with copies of the plans, requesting financial support for an immediate implementation plan on a phased basis. This plan has the potential to significantly alter and upgrade the northern gateway to the Town into an attractive and inviting entrance, which will significantly aid commercial interest in the Town.

3. Issuing of the 2012 Rate Demands:

The 2012 Rate demands issued last week to all commercial property interests in Youghal. The Rate Collector is available to discuss phased payment plans whether weekly, monthly or quarterly with all rate payers and we would actively encourage early interventions with the Rate Collector in this regard.

Votes of Congratulations:

The Members did not propose any votes of congratulations at this meeting:

Votes of Sympathy:

The Members did not propose any votes of sympathy at this meeting:

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from 4th January to the 10th February was brought to the attention of the Members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Update on tenders for Diving Rocks works.
2. Dangerous wall at Kilcoran Road.
3. Taking in charge of Quarryvale.
4. Illegal parking of cars on footpaths at Tallow Street.
5. Removal of vegetation at Bawnmore.
6. Anti-social behaviour in privately owned land at Bawnmore.
7. Littering on walkway from Woodview Court to Blackwater Heights.
8. Grass cutting at Quains Tce.
9. Disc Parking Sign at Greencloyne.

County Council Items:

The Town Engineer informed the Members of the following:

1. Tender Documents had been drawn up for the Diving works and would issue in the next 7 days.
2. The Contractor for North Main Street would be returning next week to complete all outstanding works.
3. Discussions with CIE had taken place and the Engineer had identified O'Brien's Place as the more suitable location for a designated bus stop for people with disabilities. The Members felt that this location was too far away from the Town Centre and asked if consideration could be given to designating the Bus Stop by the Lifeboat Station instead. The Engineer agreed to investigate this further.

Other items arising under Cork County Council Items:

1. Old toilet wall opposite '49 Steps'.
2. Broken footpaths Tallow Street, Catherine Street, Grattan Street etc.
3. Parking on footpaths Tallow Street.
4. Replacement of bollard at Quarry Road Roundabout.
5. Reinstatement of grass turfs at Athletic Club – removed by Water Metering contractors.
6. Picking of litter at Claycastle.
7. Wayleave at 'Paradise Alley'.
8. Missing stopcock cover at The Strand (Opposite Clancys).
9. Re-alignment of car space at North Main Street (outside Broderick's)
10. Update for works at Ballymacoda/Clonpriest.

Managers Orders:

Managers Order no's 1/12 to 27/2011 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Planning Applications:

Planning Application No P. 12/58001 was brought to the attention of the Members and noted.

Further Information Received:

The Members were informed that no further information was received.

Disposal of Properties:

Notice Under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 was given to the Members of the Council for consideration of the letting of premises at the Market House as detailed hereunder :-

1. The premises consists of 2 portions of the Market House.
2. The premises are to be leased to Youghal Tourism Development Ltd.
3. The premises forms portion of premises erected and owned by Youghal Town Council.
4. The letting period is for 5 years from the 1st August 2011 at a yearly rent of:-

€780 – Portion 1

€104 – Portion 2.

On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members unanimously agreed to the disposal of said properties.

Mayors Business:

1. The Mayor reminded all the Members of the forth coming meeting regarding Youghal Ambulance in the Walter Raleigh Hotel on the 17th February.
2. The Mayor reminded all the Members of the forth coming reception for Anthony O'Loughlin on the 15th February, 2012.

Heritage Grant Applications 2012:

The Town Clerk Circulated to the Members for their information, details of Grant Applications made to the Heritage Council in respect of the following:-

- a) A conservation plan for St. Marys Collegiate Church
- b) Signed walkway for St. Marys Collegiate Church.

On the proposal of Cllr. Beecher which was seconded by Cllr. Hennessy the Members unanimously approved of the applications.

Letter from Cobh Town Co:

The Town Circulated to the Members for their information and consideration copy of letter received from Cobh Town Council regarding the possible "co-purchase" of a chewing gum removal machine. The Members unanimously agreed that this proposal would not be beneficial to Youghal currently and opted to continue to use private contractors on an annual/biannual basis.

AMAI Conference 2013:

The Town Clerk circulated a letter to the Members in relation to the 2013 AMAI Conference. The Members agreed that at present Youghal would not be in a position to facilitate such a conference.

Youghal Lighthouse:

The Town Clerk circulated a letter to the Members which contained the response of the Commissioners of Irish Lights in relation to the Light Keepers Cottage.

The Members felt that the valuation of the property which was provided by the Commissioners appeared to be excessive in the current climate. On the proposal of Cllr. O'Connell which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the Members unanimously agreed that the Council should obtain an independent valuation of the property.

Local Government Reform:

The members unanimously agreed that they would put forward a motion in relation to the matter at the March Meeting.

Heritage Island Marketing Plan:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members for their information details in relation to the Heritage Island Marketing Plan.

St. Patricks Day Parade:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members for their information details in relation to the St. Patricks Day Parade 2012.

Regional & Local Road Grants 2012:

The Town Clerk informed the Members that the NRA had advised that the Grant Levels for 2012 would be maintained at the 2011 figure of €195,000. The distribution of this Grant would be a matter for the Members to decide at the March Meeting. The Town Clerk advised them that he would make costings available to them in relation to particular projects which the members could consider.

Unresolved Motion (Public Viewing Areas):

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members for their information copy letter received from Dave Clarke, Senior Executive Engineer, Cork County Council in relation to the public viewing areas at Moll

Goggins Corner.

Community Fund Guidelines 2012:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members for their information copy letter received from Cork County Council in relation to Guidelines for applying for funding in 2012.

Correspondence:

1. Notice from Recycling & Waste World in relation to their conference on "Energy from Waste 2012"
2. Motion received from Monaghan Town Council.
"That this Council calls on the FG/Labour Government to reverse immediately the cuts in the home insulation grants in the interests of homeowners and the retention of jobs in the construction industry".
On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the members unanimously supported that Motion.
3. Notice from LAMA in relation to their Spring Seminar.
4. Thank you notice from the Irish Blood Transfusion Board.
5. A note of congratulations on the construction of the Boardwalk from a resident from Cork.
6. Preliminary notice from Greystones Town Council in relation to the 2012 La Touché Legacy Seminar.
7. Notice from Kerry County Council in relation to the upcoming seminar on 'Building Community Preparedness and Resilience'.
On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Burke would attend this conference.
8. Brochure from Energy Action on the Fuel Poverty Conference 2012.
9. A thank you note from the residents of St. Anne's Rise in relation to their grant.
10. Letter from IBAL in relation to a framed certificate achieved by Youghal Town Council for the Anti Litter League.
11. A letter from Dundalk Chamber in relation to their forthcoming conference on 'What it takes to succeed in the Tourism Sector'.
12. A letter from Colmcille Heritage Trust in relation to the 23rd Colmcille Winter School Conference.
13. A thank you note from the Youghal Senior Citizens Committee in relation to their grant.
14. Notice of Motion received from Clones Town Council.
15. Notice from TGR Seminars in relation to a Development Workshop for Councillors. 16. Notice of Motion received from Ardee Town Council.
17. Notice received from the Mid West Regional Authority in relation to their 17th Annual Conference.
18. Notice of Motion received from Clonakilty Town Council.
19. Notice from Dundalk Chamber in relation to the Euro Cross Border Partnership Conference.

Any Other Business:

Cllr. Hennessy raised the issue of a request from BEAG to Youghal Town Council to object to the proposed extension to the waste treatment facility at Foxhole. The Town Clerk advised the Members that he had circularised the Members on 2nd February with the following documentation:

1. The second schedule of the Planning & Development Act 2000, Section 5(1)c refers directly to the rules for the determination of the amount of compensation in respect of planning and does not relate to the making of an appeal to An Bord Pleanala. I enclose a copy of the entire Second Schedule for your information which is headed "Rules for the Determination of the Amount of Compensation". (Marked B).
2. A Copy of "An Bord Pleanala" case file which clearly lists the parties involved.

3. A copy of An Bord Pleanála's guide to Making a Planning Appeal, which clearly sets out the appeal process as laid down by the Bord.

Equally, he pointed out as landowners of the site the Council would have a conflict of interest on the matter, and the Council needed to comply with the terms of their lease agreement. Cllr. Linehan Foley stated that the Members had been very supportive to BEAG and had done as much as they could for them. The Members agreed that as a Council they could not proceed further, but individual Councillors could support the group as they saw fit, as was currently the case.

Cllr. Revins asked for an update in relation to the maintenance issues at North Abbey Cemetery. The Town Clerk stated that he did not have the report of the Health & Safety Department to hand yet – a special meeting would be organised as soon as this was to hand.

That concluded the business of the meeting.