

Minutes of Special Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 18th January, 2010 in the Mall House, Youghal at 7.00 p.m to discuss the review of the Parking Bye Law

Present:

Mayor Sandra McLellan, presided.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Revins, Coyne, Daly, Hennessy, and Murray. Apologies were received from Cllr. Burke & Cllr. Murray.

Officials Present:

Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Staff officer.

Opening Prayers: The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

Proposed review of Parking Bye Laws 2010:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members for their consideration a copy of the Draft Parking Bye Laws 2010.

A lengthy discussion took place in relation to the proposals contained in the Draft Bye Laws. The Members expressed concern in relation to the proposed introduction of parking fees in the car parks and the removal of the entitlement of residents permit holders to 2 hours free parking in areas outside that allowed in their permits.

The Town Clerk stated that car parks were frequently being used by motorists who park their cars all day and travel to other towns to work or shop - therefore depriving those in genuine need of parking from using the facilities. In addition Residents Permit holders were parking in the Town Centre and likewise reducing the amount of on-street parking available to visitors to the Town. The Town Clerk stated that the only way to monitor and control use of car parks was to introduce pay parking in them - motorists would be obliged to pay and display to use the car parks for any period of time.

The Town Clerk asked the members to give particular consideration to the following: 1. The introduction of pay parking in car parks would result in the maximum turnover of cars.

2. Each Parking Event was worth on average of €25 to the local economy.

3. Each well managed space has the potential to generate €50,000 annually to the local economy.

The Town Clerk suggested that the main changes proposed in the Draft Bye Laws would be listed and voted on individually.

The Members unanimously agreed and voted as follows:

1. Proposed fee for on-street parking to increase by .20cent from .80cent to €1.00. This was unanimously agreed by the members on the proposal of Cllr. Beecher and seconded by Cllr. Coyne.

2. Proposed min fee of .20cent to remain the same. This was unanimously agreed by the members on the proposal of Cllr. Revins and seconded by Cllr. Coyne.

3. Proposed introduction of pay parking in car parks - .50cent for the first three hours and .50cent per hour thereafter. In addition a weekly charge of €10 would be introduced.

The Members discussed this proposal at length and agreed to vote on an amendment to this proposal - namely:

1. Introduce fee of .50cent for first three hours and .50cent per hour thereafter.
2. €5 per week for weekly permit.
3. Weekly hourly permit can be used in any car park but not on-street. The vote on the above amendments took place as follows:

Cllr. McLellan For

Cllr. Beecher For

Cllr. Coyne For

Cllr. Daly For

Cllr. Revins Against

Cllr. Linehan-Foley Against

Cllr. Hennessy For.

The amendment was carried 5 votes to 2.

4. Proposed removal of 2 hour free parking for holders of Residents Permits in areas outside that allowed by permit. On the proposal of Cllr. Beecher which was seconded by Cllr. Daly the members unanimously agreed that holders of residents permits be allowed to use car parks free of charge. Residents permit holders would have to pay for parking in all other on-street parking areas not included in their permit.

5. Proposed removal free parking hour from 1.00pm to 2.00pm. On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the members unanimously agreed to retain the free hour parking from 1.00pm to 2.00pm.

6. Proposed introduction of Doctors Parking Permit at a yearly charge of €40. On the proposal of Cllr. Beecher which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the members unanimously agreed to the introduction of a Doctors Parking Permit. In addition the holder of a valid Doctors Permit would be permitted to park anywhere (legally) within the functional area of Youghal Town Council whilst on duty.

7. Proposed introduction of Construction Permit at a charge of €20 per vehicle per day. On the proposal of Cllr. Beecher which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the members unanimously agreed to the introduction of a Construction Permit. Based on all of the above the members unanimously agreed to proceed to the public consultation process.

Emergency Road Repair Works.

The Town Clerk informed the Members that due to the recent and prolonged adverse weather conditions, the condition of a number of roadways around the Town had deteriorated significantly and posed a danger to pedestrians and motorists. Four areas in particular were now a priority:

1. Cork Hill
2. Raheen Road/Spa Hill
3. Golf Links Road
4. Kilcoran Road

The Town Clerk stated that Cork Hill, Raheen Road & Spa Hill were a priority and works would

have to be carried out as a matter of urgency.

The estimated cost of these works was as follows:

1. Cork Hill - from Raheen Road to District Hospital 2621 square metres €36,660.50
2. Raheen Road - junction of Cork Hill to Harbour Glimpse 1945 square metres €26,672.50
3. Spa Hill - Junction Raheen Road to Woodview Court. 1960 square metres €26,956.25
The estimates were based on the following assumptions:

a) Base Course required for 25% of areas

b) 50% of areas to be planed.

c) 60mm overlay to all areas. The Town Clerk informed the members that the cost of the proposed works was €90,289.25. This in addition to the €50,000 earmarked for Magners Hill brought the overall total to €140,289.25. The Road Grant for 2010 would cover €115,239.25 of this. On the proposal of Cllr. Beecher, which was seconded by Cllr. Coyne the members unanimously agreed to proceed with the works. The Town Clerk also informed the members that an application was being made for emergency funding to fund such works out of the National Fund.

This concluded the business of the meeting