

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

Present: Mayor David Savage presided. Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Casey, Burke, Hennessy, Beecher, McLellan and Murray. Apologies were received from Cllr. Revins.

Officials Present:

Mrs. Patricia Power, Town Manager. Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.
Ms. Katherine Donoher, A/Staff Officer. Mr. Tom Glavin, Act. 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 December 2007:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 14th December 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded by Cllr. Beecher and unanimously adopted by the members.

Minutes of the Finance Sub Committee Meeting held on 17th December 2007:

The minutes of the Finance Sub Committee held on 17th December 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded by Cllr. Beecher and unanimously adopted by the members.

Town Clerk's Report on based Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th December 2007:

The Town Clerk gave a report to the Members on the matters arising since the meeting held on 14th December, 2007.

Housing & Building:

The ongoing remedial works on the 32 houses at Blackwater Heights are at an advanced stage. These works involve the installation of heating, the installation of attics, replacement of fascia & soffits, rewiring of houses where necessary and the installation of windows and doors where necessary. This programme of works should be completed by Mid-March.

Every three years a National Housing Needs Assessment is carried out by each Local Authority. A public advertisement was placed in today's Examiner informing people of this assessment and all the Statutory Bodies have been contacted in relation to same. Letters and new forms are being issued this week to every housing applicant on the Council Housing List. These need to be completed and returned to Youghal Town Council with all the necessary accompanying documentation before and return to Youghal Town Council immediately

Roads & Footpaths:

Tenders for the DeValera Street Car Park project (consisting of the development of 37 car parking spaces) are due to be received by Youghal Town Council by close of business on Friday 1st February next. A special meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 4th February to open these tenders prior to transferring them to our consultants for tender analysis. When this tender analysis is complete a contractor will be appointed to commence the work.

Tenders for the Church Street Heritage Regeneration Project are due to be received by Youghal Town Council by close of business on the 25th January 2008. These will also be opened at the special meeting to be held on the 04th February next where the tenders will subsequently be handed over to our consultants on the project for tender analysis and appointment of 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 pumphouses seem to be working satisfactorily currently.

Planning & Development:

The adopted Draft Development Plan 2008 - 2015 adopted by the members of the Council on the 19th November last went on public display on the 3rd December. This plan is currently available to view or to purchase at the offices of Youghal Town Council, Mall House, Youghal. The public consultation period is due to close at close of business on Monday 18th February 2008. Submissions or observations are invited from members of the public and other interested parties. These must be made in writing and must be received by close of business by Monday 18th February. It is important to know that all submissions lodged in writing within the above period will be taken into consideration before the formal making of the plan in due course.

The Draft Public Realm Plan for the proposed historic core of Youghal is currently on display at a premises in North Main Street as well as the offices of Youghal Town Council. Submissions or observations regarding the Draft Plan are invited by members of the public up to and including the 25th of January 2008. Any submissions received during this time will be taken into consideration before formal adoption of the plan.

One planning application of note has been received recently in the offices of Youghal Town Council namely: P07/58074 from Murphy Construction for the development of 1. a residential development and 2. a mixed use neighbourhood centred development. The development will comprise of the following: 1. 366 no. residents units comprising a) 22 no. two bed apartments and 8 no. three bed apartments, b) 28 no. two/three storey two bed duplex units and 15 no. two/three storey three bed duplex units in a variety of arrangements, c) 6 no. two storey two bed end of terrace dwelling houses, 60 no. two storey three bed end of terraced dwelling houses, d) 16 no. two bed, 37 no. three bed and 6 no. four bed two storey town houses dwelling units, e) 11 no. two bed, 51 no. three bed two storey semi-detached dwelling houses, f) 1 no. three bed, two and three storey split level end of terrace town house, g) 15 no. three bed and 2 no. four bed two and three storey split level detached dwelling units, h) 18 no. three bed two storey split level semi-detached dwelling units, j) 14 no. three bed, 15 no. four bed and 1 no. five bed two storey split level detached dwelling units, k) 12 no. four bed two and three storey split level detached dwelling units, i) two no. three bed, 25 no. four bed, 1 no. five bed two storey detached units at Bawnmore, Magners Hill, Youghal.

Miscellaneous:

I am delighted to report that once again Youghal has received Litter Free Status in the National Irish Business Against Litter League. Nationally, Youghal finished 9th overall and as a Council we are delighted with this improvement on previous years.

An Oireachtas Public Committee of the Dail will visit Youghal on the 22nd of January next and spend some time in the area assessing the decline of industry and enterprise in the area as a whole. The Oireachtas Committee will be met by the Mayor, The Town Manager, The Director of Services for Community & Enterprise together with the Area Implementation Team of Rapid. Youghal is one of five towns being visited by the Committee in the South over a three day period.

This report should be read in conjunction with the report on Foreman's Items circulated to the members of the Council on the 3rd of January last.

Votes of Congratulations:

The members proposed a vote of congratulation to the following:

1. Steve Clarke on the Kathleen and May receiving an OBE.

Votes of Sympathy:

The Members proposed a vote of sympathy to the following:

1. Presentation Sisters on the death of Sister Anne Whyte.
2. Breda Regan on the death of her husband, Patrick.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from December 10th to January, 4th 2008 were brought to the attention of the members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

Lighting at the Millennium Garden.

Bushes impairing vision of drivers at the junction of Seafield Road and Kilcoran Road.

Gap between footpath and wall at the rear of the Marine Bar on Golf Links Road.

Public lights nos 1-7 at Seafield not working,

Directional sign for Knockaverry Estate pointing to the cul-de-sac in Kilcoran Park, needs to be redirected.

Roadway at the Civic Amenity site at Foxhole.

Pothole at the top of Raheen Park.

Three abandoned vehicles in Dolphin Square.

Life buoys at the quays.

Pothole at the entrance to Cnoc Aoibhinn on Cork Hill.

Illegal dumping at the pumphouse at Green Park.

Illegal dumping at recycling centres/bring sites around the town.

Boy racers gathering at the newly opened car wash on Killeagh Road, causing a nuisance.

Cork County Council Items:

Report by Cllr. Murray:

Cllr. Murray informed the members that Cork County Council is seeking a meeting with the NRA to go through various projects eg. The Killeagh/Castlemartyr bye pass. The NRA are currently looking at the possibility of a dual carriageway from Carrigtwohill to the Youghal bye pass. Flooding has been a huge issue at the recent full Council meeting with Fermoy and Mallow having been severely hit. Gortroe also suffered in the recent bad weather. There is currently a motion in with Cork County Council to have an interim premises looked at for the Health Centre in Youghal. It was proposed to have the planning application for the Health Centre for Youghal lodged by now, however, there is an issue with boundaries. The extension of broadband to Foxhole has been sanctioned but cannot commence until the current works have been completed in full. Costings have been received for the provision of additional car parking spaces at Sruthain Na Saille in the region of €45,000. Cllr. Murray expressed her thanks to her colleagues for their continued support in ensuring the commencement of decentralisation of the Public Appointment Services board to Youghal. The Manager informed the meeting that she had received a letter from Mr Paul Mooney re decentralisation. She informed the meeting that the implementation group has set a target of the third quarter of 2009 to commence the roll out.

Cork County Council Items:

1. Sewerage problem at North Main Street.
2. South Doc system in Youghal.
3. Blue flag status for Redbarn. The Manager informed the meeting that she had had a preliminary meeting with the county scientist in relation to the matter. She informed the meeting that Redbarn would not meet the criteria for Blue Flag status this year but would be hopeful that Cork County Council would receive blue flag status in 2009.
4. Outfall at Front Strand. The Town Engineer informed the meeting that it was being dealt with, and was currently waiting on design and best time to start the work.
5. Rusty railings at Harbour View Hotel.
6. Any update on the new library for Youghal.
7. Disabled parking spaces around the town.
8. Footpath between swimming pool and Pitch and Putt.
9. Odour at the weekend and evenings coming from the landfill.
10. The provision of a Super loo at Claycastle.
11. Breakdown of the County Demand.

Managers Orders:

Managers Orders nos. 233/07 to 257/07 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Planning Applications:

Planning application reference nos. P58071/07 to P58075/07 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. P58032/07, and P58039/07.

Mayor's Business:

1. The Mayor thanked the Cork County Council staff for the work during the recent heavy rains. Cllr. Burke asked the Mayor if he had any report from the recent Area Roads Meeting. The Mayor informed the meeting that he did not have one but would do his best for the next monthly meeting.

Draft Development Contributions Scheme:

The Town Clerk circulated the members with the proposed draft development contributions scheme. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the scheme would go on public display and submissions would be invited. It was unanimously proposed to put the Draft Development Contributions on public display on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr. Casey.

Appointment of Town Councillor as Rotating Director of ECAD:

On the proposal of Cllr. Beecher which was seconded by Cllr. Savage, Cllr. Murray was appointed as Rotating Director of ECAD.

Article 84 of the Local Government (Planning and Development Regulations 2001:

The Town Clerk circulated the members with report under Article 84 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 2001 "The Construction of a Club House and new disabled access to same at Claycastle Pitch and Putt Course at Claycastle, Youghal. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that no submissions had been received in relation to the proposed works. It is now the

intention of the Town Council to proceed with the proposed development as the Members have provided funding for same in The commencement of works was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr. McLellan.

Youghal Town Council Flood Impact Assessment:

The Town Clerk circulated a drawing issued by David Kelly Partnership showing the area of the town affected by the High tide of October, 2004 which was almost identical to the area which was affected by the flood of the early 1960's. The previous major event was in the Autumn of 1899. At that time the sea breached the beach head at the end of Claycastle, resulting in all of Ballyvergan, Summerfield and Williamstown bog land becoming tidal. That breach took three years and considerable monies at the time to repair. It would appear that the most recent tide is possibly (according to DKP) one of a one in fifty years recurring event. On the same drawing DKP have indicated the extent to which the town would be affected by a half metre rise in sea levels, due to climate change. Consequently, if sea levels rise by approximately half a metre more than the 2004 flood would approximate the level of the highest astronomical tide, which would occur on much more frequent intervals. The Town Clerk recommended that this assessment be forwarded to the Office of Public Works for analysis and consultation process prior to progressing further. Cllr. Casey informed the meeting that while he welcomes the assessment as prepared by David Kelly Partnership he feels that what's not taken into account are the minor incursions from White Gables to Green's Quay on numerous occasions. Cllr. Casey referred to a previous report prepared by Ian O Flynn, previous Town Engineer and requested that this report accompanied David Kelly's when being forwarded to Office of Public Works. This recommendation was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Murray and seconded by Cllr. Beecher.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Heritage Island in relation to Heritage Island's 2007 - 2008 Promotional Plan.
2. A letter from Clonmel Borough Council in relation to a Notice of Motion calling for the introduction of a clamping system for people who are parking in disabled persons car parking spaces.
3. Notice from Colmcille Heritage Trust in relation to their 19th Colmcille Winter School 2008.
4. A Calendar of Events 2008 from the Irish Water Safety.
5. The following motion was received from Macroom Town Council:
6. "In view of the recent crisis in the Health Service that we call on the Minister for Health to introduce a system of reporting in the Health Service which will ensure that when problems arise, they are brought to the attention of the relevant persons, up to
7. and including the Minister and that the response is pro-active rather than re-active".
8. Brochure from the Mid West Regional Authority in relation to a forthcoming conference on 'Planning for Renewable Energy'. Cllr. Casey proposed that Cllr. Burke attend this seminar which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.
9. Letter from An Garda Síochána receipting correspondence dated 12th December 2007.
10. Letter from Cork County Council in relation the completed Cork County Draft Landscape Strategy.
11. Letter from the Office of the Minister of State, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in relation to a meeting on local food in Dublin 16th January 2008.
12. Letter from the National Building Agency in relation to their Annual Report and Accounts 2006 and Review of 2007.
13. Letter from the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform receipting letter dated 11th December 2007.
14. Letter from Bus Éireann concerning the inbound bus stop in Youghal.
15. A letter from Cork County Council in relation to the Design and Build Phase of the Non Domestic Water Metering Project.

16. A letter from Cork County Council in relation to the publication of the Mallow Special Local Area Plan 2007.
17. A letter from the Taxi Regulator in relation to the National Vehicle Standards - Requirements for Small Public Service Vehicles.
18. The following Notice of Motion was received from Monaghan Town Council:
"That this Council call on the HSE to withdraw their decision of September the 17th whereby Pharmacies will be paid less than the cost price for medicines from December the 1st onwards. If this decision is carried out it will cause great difficulty for Medical Card Holders. The Members called on the HSE to suspend their decision on this matter and re-enter negotiations to find a solution to this serious situation".
19. A letter from the Heritage Council in relation to a Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) in Ireland - National Base Line Audit and Evaluation.
20. Statistics from the Department of the Environment in relation to the Control of Dogs Acts, 1986 & 1992.
21. Brochure from Kadenza Consultancies in relation to a Local Government Planning Service to be held from the 1st to the 3rd of February next. Cllr. Casey proposed that Cllrs. Burke and Linehan Foley attend this seminar, which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher. Cllr. Burke proposed that Cllr. Casey attend this seminar, which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

Circularised Correspondence:

1. Landscape Character Assessment in Ireland.
2. Sherkin Comment Issue 44.
3. Eurolink Volume 16.
4. National Vehicle Standards Requirements for Small
5. Public Service Vehicles.
6. East Cork tourism Brochure.
7. Mallow Special Local Area Plan Issue 1.
8. National Building Agency Annual Review 2007 -
9. Annual Report and Accounts 2006.
10. Housing Ireland Issue 24.
11. Cork County Draft Landscape Strategy.
12. Tourism Matters December 2007.
13. Connect Issue 17.
14. Brochure from Irish Water Safety.
15. EPA Annual Report and Accounts 2006.
16. Marine Casualty Investigation Board Annual Report
17. 2004 & 2005.LAn Volume 28.
18. BEAM The Journal of the Irish Lighthouse Service
19. Volume 36.
20. Public Sector Times Volume 33.
21. Brochure on Conference Sligo

This concluded the business of the meeting.