

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 14th January, 2014 in the Mall House, Youghal at 10.00 a.m.

Present:

Mayor Sammy Revins presided. Cllrs. Linehan-Foley, Hennessy, Revins, Flanagan, O'Sullivan, Beecher & Murray.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Burke.

Officials Present:

Mr. Derek O' Gorman, Town Manager.
Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Town Clerk.
Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell, Clerical Officer.
Mr. Paul Murray, Town Engineer.
Mr. Ger Lupton, Town Foreman.

Opening Prayers:

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

Presentation by Karen O' Mahony, Executive Planner, Cork County Council in Relation to the Proposed Draft Variation to the Youghal Town Development Plan:

Karen O' Mahony, Executive Planner, Cork County Council informed the Members that the proposed text drawn up in relation to the proposed draft variation plan for the Youghal Town Development Plan has been agreed with the developers.

Cllr. Murray stated that she was delighted with the assistance given by Andrew Hind and all of the staff of the Planning Policy Unit, Cork County Council. Cllr. Murray requested clarification in relation to guidelines regarding the floor area of smaller stores. Karen O' Mahony informed the Members that the guidelines do not go into specifics in relation to floor area. Cllr. Murray requested that on adoption of the wording for the proposed variation they proceed immediately with the Public Consultation Process. Karen O' Mahony informed the Members that on agreement to proceed with the proposed variation it is a statutory requirement to consult with the Environmental Authorities which will take a minimum of 3 weeks for a response which would mean that it would be February 14th at the latest before the Public Consultation Process could begin.

The Town Clerk informed the Members that the Planning Policy Unit had pulled out all the stops to proceed with this project and congratulated them on same.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murray which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the Members unanimously agreed to proceed with the Proposed Draft Variation to the Youghal Town Development Plan.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 10th December, 2013:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 10th December, 2013 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley, seconded by Cllr. Beecher and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Minutes of Pre-Budget Meeting held on 3rd December, 2013:

The minutes of the pre-budget meeting held on 3rd December, 2013 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. O' Sullivan seconded by Cllr. Hennessy and unanimously adopted by the

Members.

Minutes of Joint Policing Committee Meeting held On 10th December, 2013:

The minutes of the Joint Policing Committee Meeting held on 10th December, 2013 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hennessy seconded by Cllr. O' Sullivan and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Votes of Congratulations:

The Members proposed a vote of congratulations to the following:

1. Youghal Order of Malta on their recent inauguration.
2. The Emergency Services who attended the scene of a crash at the Quarry Road on Sunday last.
3. The Town Clerk, Mrs. Helen Mulcahy on the celebration of her 40th Birthday.

Votes of Sympathy:

No vote of sympathy was passed by the Members.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from the 5th December, 2013 to the 9th January, 2014 was brought to the attention of the Members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Sign for Knockaverry.
2. Footpath at the bottom of Tailors Lane.
3. Light in Millfield Abbey.
4. Provision of disability space in Oakhill. The Town Clerk informed the Members that Oakhill had not been taken in charge by Youghal Town Council so consideration could not be given to such works. The residents in question should consult with the original developers. In addition the matter may also be one for the Gardai if a residents access to their property was being blocked.
5. Salvaging of timber from the Boardwalk. The members queried why the timber was not gathered immediately after the storm. The Town Clerk informed the Members that both the Town Foreman and herself assessed the situation twice a day during the storm period and that there was no question of putting any contractors or staff at risk for the purpose of retrieving any part of the Boardwalk during that time as the conditions were extremely dangerous. The Town Clerk also stated that the outdoor staff had salvaged a significant amount of timber but that she had also received complaints that members of the public were removing pieces of the Boardwalk for their own personal use. The Town Clerk asked that people refrain from doing so not just because of the dangers involved but also because of the additional costs which this would incur on the Council.

The Mayor stated that he would like to thank the volunteer group who wished to help in the reconstruction of the Boardwalk. The Town Clerk stated that such offers of support were very heartening but restrictions in relation to Health & Safety & insurances meant that the assistance of volunteers could not be called on. It was agreed by the Members that a special meeting would take place to discuss the situation of reinstatement of the Boardwalk.

Cllr. Murray requested that the Engineer look at different proposals for the reconstruction of the Boardwalk before the meeting takes place.

The Manager informed the Members that Niall O' Mahony of the Coastal Protection Unit along with David Keane have agreed to come and assess the situation regarding the Boardwalk and

that funding would be applied for the project as part of an application being made by Cork County Council.

Cllr. Beecher requested that the Engineer investigate the possibility of the replacement of groyne along the full length of the Front Strand.

6. Provision of yellow box at the top of Sarsfield Terrace.

7. Lights at Ardan na Mara. Cllr. Murray asked the Town Clerk if it would be possible to deal with the issue of lighting separately in private housing estates that are not in the charge of the Local Authority. The Town Clerk stated that she will investigate same.

Cork County Council Items:

Engineers Report on items raised at the December meeting.

1. Moll Goggin's Sea Wall Stabilisation Works:

Cork County Council applied for €1.1m funding to execute the complete works (i.e.) Lighthouse to Moll Goggin's Corner incl. dealing with viewing areas.

About €680k would be needed as a minimum to complete works on the "Bulge Area" without addressing the viewing areas etc.

Cork County Council expect to hear the allocations within the next two weeks.

2. Youghal Main Drainage:

Contractor Willis Bros. have been appointed for the Network contract and this contract is signed. Works are expected to commence in February.

EPS and Sorenson are the recommended Contractors for the Design, Build & Operation of the Treatment Plant. Contracts cannot be signed on this until a foreshore licence is granted. It is expected to be February before this can proceed.

3. Upper Cork Hill:

Report on Upper Cork Hill by MI Cotter, SEE, Roads Department, Mallow:-

Further to our meeting at the above location on 17/12/2013, I concur that the vicinity of the junction, with the relatively steep road gradient and the many traffic and pedestrian movements is indeed a high risk area which could do with some measures to reduce traffic speeds and to create a safer crossing point for pedestrians.

I would suggest the following:

1. The installation of a Red/Orange/Green push button puffin pedestrian crossing on the upper northern side of the petrol station entrance, with small build outs either side to accommodate the traffic light posts, without compromising the existing footpath width.

2. Resurface the 8m wide road for a distance of at least 100m either side of the proposed pedestrian crossing, as the road surface is poor here and would not be suitable to retain roadmarkings associated with the crossing.

3. Put anti-skid surfacing on the Northern approach, from the ring road side to highlight the

crossing and to facilitate stopping on this downhill approach.

4. Install advance warning signs for the new crossing point.

5. Consider either white hatching along the road centre on the stretch leading towards the school, to give the impression of road narrowing or alternatively, proceed to a design for traffic calming build-outs etc. to slow traffic on this wide stretch of roadway.

Any design works associated with the above would need to be either referred to the Council's Non National Road Design Office or by the appointment of a Consultant.

Preliminary budget required to carry out this work would be approx €30,000 for the installation of the lights with buildouts etc. Road resurfacing would be in the region of €70,000 and this would include 'anti skid road paint'.

The Members unanimously welcomed the findings of the report. The Town Clerk said that before any such works would be considered by the Council consideration should be given to the Main Drainage Scheme which was due to start immediately. This would involve significant works on Cork Hill and it would not be prudent to spend so much money at this point when. The Engineer agreed to investigate the possibility of tying in these works with the proposed pedestrian crossing and revert back to the Members for the February meeting.

Cork County Council Items:

1. The Mayor informed the members of his disappointment at not being invited to the signing of the contracts for the Main Drainage Scheme.
2. Provision of ramp at the quay near the Credit Union. The Town Clerk informed the Members ramp was not an option here but she would certainly look at the provision of steps here.
3. Ponding at Claycastle. The Town Engineer stated that he will investigate same.
4. Update on the Cork County Council side of the Boardwalk. The Manger informed the Members that a meeting was being organised with the landowners and he will keep the Members updated.

Managers Orders:

Managers Order nos. 246/13 to 02/14 were brought to the attention of the Members and noted.

Planning Applications:

The Members were informed that planning application no. P58011/13 was received.

Further Information Received:

The Members were informed that no further information was received.

Disposal of Properties:

There was no disposal of properties.

Mayor's Business:

1. The Mayor thanked the Youghal Senior Citizens Group for a very entertaining afternoon on Sunday last.

Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd. – Youth & Community Fund:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members a notice from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd. in relation to a Youth & Community Fund and informed the Members that the closing date for

receipt of applications is 17th January, 2014.

Youghal Medieval Festival Committee:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members an e-mail in relation to Youghal Heritage Committee who won the award for the best event organised by a community group during National Heritage Week 2013 and stated that this was a huge achievement which recognises the Medieval Day Festival as one of the best run festivals in the Country.

Annual Ethics Declaration 2014:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members the Annual Ethics Declaration 2014 and informed the Members that this declaration has to be completed by the end of February 2014.

Pedestrian Crossing at Upper Cork Hill:

This item was already discussed under Cork County Council Items.

Motion in the Name Cllr. Murray Seconded by Cllr. Beecher:

“On behalf of the newly formed Youghal Carpets Reunion Committee, I am asking that Youghal Town Council Members consider the renaming of the car park presently known as Catherine Street Car Park. The suggested proposed new name would be “Youghal Carpet Car Park”. That the process to facilitate this name change start immediately”.

Cllr. Murray informed the Members that she had attended the recent Youghal Carpets Reunion and it was noted that there is no recognition of what Youghal Carpets contributed to the town and it would be a fitting tribute to rename the Catherine Street Car Park after Youghal Carpets.

The Town Clerk informed the Members that the renaming process would have to be done by plebiscite as every resident in the area would have to be notified of same. The Town Clerk also stated that that renaming process would mean changes to the current Parking Bye Laws and Youghal Town Council would have to consider this change before continuing with the process.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the Members unanimously agreed to start the process of renaming the Catherine Street Car Park to Youghal Carpet Car Park.

Correspondence:

1. Notice of Motion received from Passage West Town Council:

“This Council proposes that the relevant Derelict Sites Legislation be amended to facilitate an increase in the levy applied to properties included on the Derelict Sites Register from 3% to 10%”.

2. Notice of Motion received from Killarney Town Council:

“In relation to the fluoridation of the public water supply we call on Government to do one of the following, which are given in the order of priority (1) to desist from adding fluoride to the public water supply (2) to hold a referendum on the question within the next eighteen months (3) to submit the question to the Constitutional Convention for consideration. If passed we wish to circulate the motion to all Councils with a view to having it passed in their assemblies”.

3. Notice of Motion received from Leixlip Town Council:

“Leixlip Town Council communicates to the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Mr. Pat Rabbitte and relevant councils and town councils in the country it disquiet with the plans of ESB networks to install new pylons throughout the country.

In recent months Leixlip has borne witness to the lack of social awareness of the ESB, a state

organisation, in particular two events have brought the indifference of the organisation to public attention in Leixlip.

4. The realignment of pylons at the back of Glen Easton and the manner in which the high tension cables were brought closer to the houses.
5. The prolonged delay in restoring power to the public lighting along the R449 from the M4 motorway to the Maynooth Road and back to Easton Road.
6. A notice from Councillors Conference in relation to a Training Seminar on Canvassing Tips 2014 to be held in Bewleys Hotel, Newlands Cross, Naas Road, Dublin 22.
7. A notice from Councillors Conferences in relation to a Training Seminar on Credit Unions and the rules governing them to be held in Bewleys Hotel, Newlands Cross, Naas Road, Dublin 22.
8. A notice from Councillors Conferences in relation to a Training Seminar on Political Reform 2014 to be held in Bewleys Hotel, Newlands Cross, Dublin 22.
9. A notice from Councillors Conferences in relation to a Training Seminar on Common Agriculture Policy, An overview of CAP Reform to be held in Bewleys Hotel, Newlands Cross, Dublin 22.
10. A notice from Tgr Seminars in relation to a Conference on 'How Councillors can access Grant Aid for Communities' to be held in the Bunratty Castle Hotel, Bunratty, Co. Clare.
11. A notice from Superior Training in relation to a Training Seminar for Councillors on Media Skills for Councillors to be held in Clifden, Co. Galway.
12. A notice from Ace Training in relation to a Microsoft Excel Training Workshop for Councillors to be held in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.
13. A letter and brochure from Waterford County Council in relation to a Mental Health Conference to be held in Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.
14. A notice from TJK Conferences Ltd. in relation to the following conferences to be held in Scotts, Limerick and the Ashbourne Avenue, South Circular Road, Limerick.
 1. Valuation of Property Conference.
 2. Genealogy: Tracing your Ancestors and Family Tree Conference.
 3. Role of Ombudsman Conference.
15. Notice of Motion received from Bantry Town Council:

"That Bantry Town Council have decided to seek a plebiscite from the people of Bantry to give them a say, not given to them by government, regarding the future of Bantry Town Council. We ask for the opinion of all Town Councils and encourage them to consider seeking a similar plebiscite".
16. Letter and brochure from Colmcille Heritage Trust in relation to the 25th Colmcille Winter School Conference.

This concluded the business of the meeting