
Present:

Mayor Ollie Casey presided.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Savage, Revins, Hennessy, Burke, Beecher, McLellan and Murray. Officials Present: Mrs. Patricia Power, Town Manager. Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk. Ms. Katherine Donoher, A/Staff Officer. Mr. Ger Lupton, Town Foreman. Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.

Opening Prayers:

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

Minutes of the Monthly

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 9th June Meeting held on 9th 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan June 2008: Foley seconded by Cllr. Savage and unanimously adopted by the members. Minutes of AGM held on The minutes of the AGM held on 16th June 2008 were 16th June 2008: adopted on the proposal of Cllr. McLellan seconded by Cllr. Hennessy and unanimously adopted by the members.

Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk gave a report to the Members on the On Matters arising from matters arising since the meeting held on 9th June 2008. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th June 2008:

HOUSING & BUILDING:

1. Youghal Town Council are currently undertaking a housing audit for the remaining twenty three houses at Blackwater Heights (nos. 70 - 121) and 8 houses at Woodview Court (nos. 1 - 18) with a view to preparing tender documents for advertising in early September.
2. Cork County Council Architects Department are currently preparing contract documents for the appointment of a contractor to undertake planned housing maintenance and improvement works on 33 houses at Dermot Hurley Estate. It is hoped that these works will commence in early September.

ROADS & FOOTPATHS:

1. ISL Ltd. have completed the planting and traffic bollarding at the Breton Road (Dominic Collins End) and this small scheme adds greatly to the positive visual impact of this whole area.
2. Works are advancing well on both Church Street and DeValera Street and any minor difficulties which arise during the construction processes are being dealt with on the ground between the appointed contractor and local residents so as to minimise the amount of disruption in both areas.

WATER:

1. The reservoirs are currently at full storage capacity with an average daily demand of in excess of 60,000 gallons per day. I am unaware of any problems with the Waste Water Drainage System currently and all pump stations seem to be working satisfactorily. The Manager has drafted me onto the Youghal Main Drainage Management Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Revised tendering procedures have been received from Cork County Council (including Town Councils) this week for immediate implementation. It is vitally important for all those wishing to do business with either Cork County Council or Youghal Town Council endeavour to be placed on the approved supplier list to the Councils and also that they have up to date Tax Clearance Certificates or valid C2 Certification. When submitting tenders it is vitally important that each tender is clearly

marked as a tender for whatever specific advertised contract, and submitted sealed for the direct attention of the Town Clerk.

Votes of Congratulations:

The Members passed a vote of congratulations to the following:

1. Youghal Pipe Band on their recent achievement in the All Ireland Pipe Band Competition.
2. Triathlon Committee on their very successful Triathlon 2008 Event over the past weekend.
3. Paddy Neville on his retirement from Youghal Ambulance after 21 years of service.
4. Youghal Town Council outdoor staff on the maintenance of the town.
5. Eddie Irwin on his appointment as President of Youghal Chamber of Commerce.
6. Thundercats Organising Committee on a very successful weekend.

Town Foreman's Report:
The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from June 5th to July 9th were brought to the attention of the members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Weeding/Spraying of Raheen Road Car Park.
2. Broken footpath outside 29 Sweetfield Estate.
3. Missing footpath at Windmill Hill.
4. Parking outside Parish Church - Possibility of providing a space for a hearse.
5. Possibility of steps leading to Sally Ports at the Town Walls.
6. Potholes in Nealon's Quay Car Park.
7. Painting of disabled parking spaces around the town.
8. Cemetery car park at Cherryvale Estate.
9. Window boxes on Clock Gate.
10. Potholes in Fairfield Car Park.
11. General clean up of Clock Gate.
12. Flowers for Mall Promenade.
13. Wheelchair access for the Mall Promenade.
14. Exit at junction of Spa Hill and Dermot Hurley Estate - visibility obscured by flower beds.
15. Update on Millennium Playground.

Cork County Council The Town Engineer submitted the following report:

Items:

1. The proposed Blue Flag application for Redbarn is being dealt with by the Environment Department of cork County Council.
2. Works at Sruthain na Saili should be completed within about 2 weeks when the road surfacing contractor is in town.
3. Road liners will be in town in about 3 weeks time to carry out Disabled Car Spaces & Double Yellow Lines in various locations around the town.
4. Ponding in various locations around the town has been referred to the outdoor staff to attend to in the coming months.
5. The footpath from Aura to Front Strand will be completed when the work involved in undergrounding the overhead wires & the erection of new street lighting is complete.
6. The completion of the road between Blackwater Heights and Woodview Court is subject to funding and cannot be completed until funding is in place.
7. Leak in Rivergate Mall was repaired.

The Members raised the following issues:

1. Blue Flag Status for Redbarn.
2. Completion of works at Struthain na Saili.
3. Parking situation at the Coastguard Station.
4. Road gully for Gallagher's Terrace.
5. Any funding received for the Front Strand Promenade.
6. Ponding at Nagle House.
7. Footpaths on the Main Street.
8. Anti Social Behaviour at Green Park.
9. Footpath from Aura to the Front Strand.
10. Disabled parking space at Raheen Park.
11. Potholes in car park at Hazelmere Close/Dominic Collins Place.
12. Potholes on Quarry Road.
13. Odour emanating from landfill site.
14. Link Road between Blackwater Heights and Woodview Court.
15. Illegal dumping on Chickley's Road.
16. Leak outside Rivergate Mall.
17. Road cutting at Green Park. The Engineer informed the members that the ESB had cut the road to service the APC and that this would be reinstated.
18. Excess water flows on Quarry Road during heavy rain.

Managers Orders:

Managers Orders nos. 100/08 to 138/08 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted. In relation to Managers Order no. 103/08 being the grant of planning permission to Cork County Council for a new Fire Station Building, Cllr. Casey asked the Manager if she knew when the works were due to commence. The Manager informed the meeting that she would make enquiries and revert back as soon as possible. Planning Applications: Planning application reference nos. P58033/08 to P58035/08 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted. Further Information The members were informed that further information Received: was received in relation to planning application nos. P58004/08, P58008/08, P58066/08, P58015/08 & P58019/08.

Mayors Business:

1. The Mayor informed the members that on Monday May 13th accompanied by the Manager and the Town Clerk he met with the Duke of Devonshire to discuss the Blackwater River Bed and that talks were progressing.
2. The Mayor informed the meeting that the website needed updating.
3. The Mayor informed the members that he was still awaiting a copy of the County Demand.
4. The Mayor informed the members that Youghal Town Council should enter the LAMA Awards and requested that the members submit recommendations to the Town Clerk.

Report of the Heritage Cllr. Burke circulated the following report to the Municipal Policy members:

Committee:

1. Heritage Funding for 2008: Youghal Town Council has received notification of funding from the Heritage Council for the following projects for 2008: €75,000 for the Town Walls. €50,000 for the Clock Gate. €20,000 for the Youghal Cannon Gun Restoration Project. €13,000 for Irish National

Walled Towns Day.

2. Town Walls: A special grant in addition to the above has been notified to Youghal Town Council in the sum of €150,000 to assist in the repair of the collapsed section of the Wall. It is anticipated that a contractor will shortly be appointed and that restoration works will be underway before the end of the year. The Draft Conservation and Management Plan for the Town Walls is awaiting approval by the members of Youghal Town Council. It is hoped to publicly launch it during Medieval Weekend in August and make it available for sale to the public.

3. Clock Gate: The aim of Youghal Town Council is to restore public access to the Clock Gate building and parapet. Currently this is not possible on health and safety grounds owing to the poor condition of the Bell Tower, on which substantial works need to be carried out. The €50,000 will be spent on a feasibility study entailing a structural study especially of the bell tower, public accessibility issues and proposed uses. Consultants will be appointed shortly.

4. Cannon Restoration Project: Three cannons and one gun carriage are the subject of this project during 2008. In 2009 it is anticipated that Youghal's remaining two cannons will be restored along with the making of appropriate gun carriages for each. The works involve stripping the cannons by immersing them down to the bare metal in an acid solution and the making of authentic gun carriages appropriate to the type of cannon. The cost of a gun carriage is approx. €9,000.

5. St. Mary's Collegiate Church: A Special Civic Structures grant of €40,000 has been received for maintenance works on St. Mary's Collegiate Church to be spent on repair works to the tower, roof, external doors, bell cradle and electrics.

6. Signage: A new interpretive sign has been erected at the Water Gate (Cromwell's Arch) and similar signs have been received and will shortly be erected for The Mall House, Alms Houses, Clock Gate and the site of the old Exchange in the Market Square. The design, content and locations for the Failte Ireland grant-aided fingerpost signage has been agreed and these are anticipated to be in place by the end of the year. Colourful artistically painted panels each depicting a historical feature of Youghal have been completed by Youthreach and will be displayed in the Catherine Street Car Park.

7. Church Street: Heritage Regeneration works have begun at Church Street and will last for approximately 9 months at a cost of €600,000.

8. The Courthouse: It is expected that extensive restoration works will commence before the end of the year.

9. Heritage Conference: The Public Realm Conference held at the Mall Arts Centre in May was an outstanding success. It was attended by over 100 delegates from historic towns in Ireland north and south and also from the U.K. and addressed by a panel of distinguished speakers on aspects of the quality, presentation and management of public spaces in historic towns.

10. Medieval Day: Following the enormous success of last year's Medieval Day attended by approx. 6,000 people, this year's event will be held over two days on the weekend of August 23rd and 24th and will be preceded on the Saturday evening with a family event comprising a free open air concert by the Cork band "Natural Gas" at St. Mary's College Gardens. Medieval style entertainment and live music will be provided on the Sunday afternoon similar to last year.

11. Youghal Traditional Fishing Net Project: For many years fishing was one of Youghal's main industries. There are a number of traditional fishing nets in the Clock Gate which were kindly donated some years ago by the Buttimer Family. These nets are unique to Youghal and more than

one boat was needed to deploy them. Christy Buttimer is presently engaged in writing a detailed account of how these nets were fished and accompanying illustrations are being drawn by distinguished local artist Cormac Mehegan. The planning display of these nets in the proposed museum in St. Mary's College will be a fitting remembrance of and tribute to all the traditional fishing families of the town.

Youghal Town Walls

The Town Clerk circulated the members with a copy of Conservation and the Youghal Town Walls Conservation and Management Plan: Management Plan. The principle objective of the plan is to evolve and articulate policies for the Town Walls that are both feasible and compatible with both the Heritage Conservation and development aspiration of the town. The members unanimously agreed that this was a brilliant plan and should be made available to all. It was unanimously agreed that a copy is sent to all the local schools and the library. Cllr. Burke informed the meeting that they were hoping to have it on sale at the Medieval Day.

Draft Casual Trading In relation to Part III I b) Cllr. Revins requested that Bye Laws 2008: the days of trading are increased to Monday to Sunday. This was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley. In relation to the schedule of fees Cllr. Savage requested the fee is increased by €250.00. As Cllr. Savage did not receive a seconder to this proposal no changes were made to the fee. On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the amended Draft Casual Trading Bye Laws 2008 were adopted by the members of the Council. Motion in the name of "That this Council, in consultation with Waterford Cllr. Burke seconded by County Council and interested parties, investigates Cllr. Casey: the possibility of reinstating a summer passenger ferry boat service from the Ferry Slips to the Ferry point". This motion was seconded by Cllr. Casey and unanimously agreed by the members.

Correspondence:

1. A letter from Assumpta Parker in relation to the layout of the Fairfield Car Park. 2. A thank you card from the community and family of the late Sister Anne White. 3. The following motion was received from Westmeath County Council: "That this Council discuss the severe implications that the EU Directive on the Protection of Habitat Species is causing to our communities by the ban on turf cutting and also requests the Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local government to accommodate the discretion of the individual countries. This motion to be circulated to all Local Authorities in the Country looking for their support".
4. A letter from Cork County VEC thanking the Town Clerk and Staff of Youghal Town Council for the use of the Town Hall for their recent Art Exhibition.
5. A letter from the Corporate, Community & Economic Development Section of Cork County Council in relation to European Mobility Week.
6. A letter from the NRA in relation to signage for Killarney.
7. A letter from Bruach na Carriage Heritage Centre in relation to their forthcoming Summer School.
8. A Notice from Cobh Chamber in relation to their forthcoming conference on Local Government Funding.
9. A Notice from Island of Ireland Partnership on Armistice Day Visit 2008.
10. A letter from Youghal Festivals thanking them for continued sponsorship.

11. The following motion was received from Boyle Town Council: "That the Minister for Health and Children would review the licensing laws so as to curtail the number of visits an ice cream van can make per day or week to Housing Estates and thereby reduce the pressure on parents of young children from a financial and health point of view".
12. A letter from Omagh District Council in relation to the Benedict Kiely Literary Weekend 2008.
13. A letter from Youghal Pipe Band requesting funding for a golf classic.
14. A notice from Kadenza Consultancies in relation to the "Baltimore" Training Seminar for Councillors.
15. A letter from East Cork Tourism acknowledging their receipt of €7,000 into East Cork Tourism for 2007.
16. The following motion was received from Listowel Town Council: "That we the Town Council put in place a policy that all our future housing stock for our elderly/living alone be fitted with a "peep hole" in their front doors, in doing so giving these tenants a sense of independence and security".
17. Eurolink Issue 6.
18. A Notice from Roscommon County Council in relation to the Douglas Hyde Conference.
19. A brochure from Carlow County Council in relation to their 6th National Tourism Conference.
20. A letter from Sean Connick TD in relation to the John F Kennedy Symposium on June 28th 2008.
21. A letter from the Irish Commission for Justice and Social Affairs in relation to their publication on Violence in Irish Society: Towards an Ecology of Peace. Circularised Brochure on Dingle Writing Courses. Correspondence: Brochure on Arts Affiliates Scheme. Brochure on Eargail Arts Festival . Local Government Fund Accounts 2008 Comptroller and Auditor General Report. Newsletter from Senator John Hanafin, Fianna Fail. Report from the Marine Casualty Investigation Board on the loss of Mr. Patrick McCabe overboard from the "Boyne Harvester on 1st November 2006. Statement on Irish Language 2006. English Historic Towns Forum June 2008. Spectrum Issue 17. Booklet on Violence in Irish Society. Housing Ireland Issue 26. Portnews Issue 8. Louth County Council Annual Report 2007. Combat Poverty Agency Development Courses 2008. Action on Poverty Today Issue 21. Tourism Matters July 2008. Pubic Sector Times Issue 6.

Any Other Business:

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the members that she had been contacted by the Kathleen & May who informed her that they wanted to dock in Youghal for the August weekend with no cost to be incurred.
2. Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that a deputation is sent to Martin Cullen to secure funding to bring the P1 Power Boat Racing to Youghal in 2009. Cllr. Murray informed the meeting that confirmation would not be received until August as to where the P1 would be going. This concluded the business of the meeting.