

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on the 11th of June 2007 at the Mall House, Youghal at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Mayor Sammy Revins presided.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Savage, Casey, Burke, McLellan, Hennessy, Beecher and Murray.

**Officials Present:**

Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk, Ms. Geraldine O'Connell, Clerical Officer, Mr. Ger Lupton, Town Foreman, Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer, Mr. Declan Daly, Divisional Manager, Mr. Martin Riordan, County Manager.

**Opening Prayers:**

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

**Welcome of County Manager:**

The Mayor and members welcomed the newly appointed County Manager, Mr. Martin Riordan to the meeting and he stated how it was an opportunity for him as County Manager to meet with the members and discuss issues the members wished to raise. The Members raised the following items:

1. Flood Protection.
2. The Sea Wall.
3. Coastal Erosion.
4. Water Report on the Website.
5. Improvement of entrances to the town from both the Cork and Waterford entrances.
6. Re-opening of the Cork to Youghal Railway Line.
7. Blue Flag Status for Redbarn.
8. Decentralisation.
9. Levy of Development Charges.
10. Progress on a permanent Fire Station.
11. Road Infrastructure.
12. Library Funding.
13. Boy Racers at Claycastle Car Park.

The Manager thanked the members for their comments and suggestions informed them that all issues raised would be considered by him as he proceeded with his duties.

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 14th May 2007:**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 14th May were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr. Casey.

**Town Clerk's Report on Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 May 2007:**

The Town Clerk gave a report to the Members based on the minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2007.

#### HOUSING & BUILDING:

1. 35 houses in Blackwater Heights have been notified of the proposed works envisaged for each of the houses. These works include the installation of PVC windows and doors, the installation of central heating, attic insulation and the checking of all electrical wiring etc. The tenants have been given seven days to respond to the initial list with any queries they may have. Once this detail has been verified it is the Council's intention to proceed to tender on the works immediately.

2. Under the RAPID Estate Enhancement Scheme, design and tender has been approved for the southern side of the entrance to Gallagher's Mews and Gallagher's Terrace. Works on this area is due to commence within the next two weeks and will greatly add to the visual amenity of the area.

3. The Bayview Grove Residents Association have been building on their successors in 2006 with further works under the Estate Enhancement Scheme. A new and enthusiastic Residents Association has been formed in Ard na Mara, Magners Hill and Youghal Town Council look forward to working with this association over the months and years to come.

4. Complete approval has been reached with the Residents of Chestnut Drive concerning the installation of speed ramps within the Estate. The ramps concerned are currently being purchased with a view to having same installed during the month of September.

#### ROADS:

1. The County Council on behalf of Youghal Town Council are currently moving the two bus stops at North Main Street near the Cobblestone Inn to New Catherine Street for Cork bound buses and to the Post Office for Waterford bound buses. This will greatly ease traffic congestion at this location and improve travel times.

2. Road Liners are currently in town and are carrying out various works throughout the town including the Blue Painting of Disabled Spaces in line with Council and E.U. Guidelines.

#### WATER SUPPLY:

1. The reservoirs are currently at full storage capacity with the average daily demand now increasing daily to an average of 600,000 gallons per day currently. I am currently unaware of any problems with the waste water system and all pumphouses are operating satisfactorily. As in previous hot summers with a tourism swelled population, citizens are asked to use water conscientiously.

#### RECREATION & AMENITY:

1. The National Walled Towns Conference recently held in Youghal was a tremendous success with Youghal Town Council having been awarded a) €40,000 for a public realm plan for the historic core of the town centre and b) €80,000 for emergency works on Youghal Town Walls, totalling €120,000 for 2007. The request for consultants for the public realm plan is currently out to tender and will be opened at tonight's meeting.

2. Blue Flag Status has again been awarded to Youghal for its beaches at the Front Strand and Claycastle. Great credit is due to Elizabeth Hipswell and Mary Hickey of Cork County Council who do Trojan work on behalf of Youghal each year with An Taisce.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. The Annual General Meeting of Youghal Town Council will be held on Wednesday 20th June next at 7.30 p.m. at the Mall House, Youghal. I would like to formally thank the outgoing Mayor, Cllr. Revins for all his help and assistance over the last 12 months, a period which continued to improve the quality of life for the people of Youghal through the provision of monitoring essential services and improving amenity provision.

**Votes of Congratulations:**

The Members proposed a vote of congratulations to the following:

1. To Tytex Ireland on their recent open day.
2. Nikita Savage & Sarah Ryan on their recent win in the Pole Vault Championships.
3. The Musical Society on their recent production of My Fair Lady.
4. To The Town Clerk on the recent Walled Towns Conference.
5. To all who contributed to the Corpus Christi Procession.
6. Kathleen Leddin on her recent post as Youghal Greyhound Stadium Manager.
7. Alf Smiddy on his nomination as Cork Person of the Month.

**Votes of Sympathy:**

The Members proposed a vote of sympathy to the following:

1. Anne Coleman on the death of her father Jack Walsh.
2. Marie & Bernie Kennedy on the death of their brother John Kennedy.
3. Maurice Flanagan on the death of his wife Helen Flanagan.
4. Bridget Flavin on the death of her husband Bill Flavin.
5. Paula Brennan on the death of her mother Kathleen Whiston.
6. David Callaghan on the death of his daughter Pat Callaghan.

**Town Foreman's Report:**

1. Swelling of wall at Kilcoran Road.
2. Junction/roundabout from Kilcoran Road to Seafield. The Engineer agreed to investigate the matter.
3. Derelict state of Collins Bakery.
4. Weed growth at Breton Road and the Lighthouse.
5. Litter at Mall Beach.
6. Disposal of glass bottles along the promenade.
7. Removal of algae from Ferry Slip.
8. Railing at Ferry Slip.
9. Footpath at Emmet Place near Doctors Surgery.
10. "Children at Play" sign at Ardrath Crescent.
11. Completion of works at Allins Quay.
12. Provision of extra bin at The Mall.
13. Signage at Claycastle.

The members thanked the Town Foreman and the Council Staff for their rapid response in dealing with the removal of litter in both The Promenade and Green Park over the Bank Holiday weekend.

**County Council Items:**

Report by Cllr. Murray:

Cllr. Murray informed the members on the following issues:

1. The library had opened in the Rivergate Mall on June 05th with one full time staff member and 2 part time members.
2. €14m has been approved to proceed with the Youghal Sewerage Scheme.
3. Architects have visited the site at Struthain na Saili to investigate the improvements on the green area.

**County Council Items:**

1. Derelict building opposite the League of the Cross Hall.
2. Disused cottage at the Mill Road.
3. Odour at the landfill.
4. Outfall at Front Strand.
5. Installation of superloo at Claycastle.
6. Installation of 50kph at Cock & Bull area.
7. Cutting of grass at verge at right hand side of the road at Kilnatoora.
8. Footpath from Summerfield Cross to The Leisure Centre.
9. Footpaths at east side of Cork Hill.
10. Sea Wall at Moll Goggins Corner.
11. Rusty railings at Harbour View Hotel.
12. Footpaths from Claycastle to Front Strand.
13. Disabled Parking Space at O' Reilly's Terrace.
14. Pedestrian Crossing at Greencloyne.
15. "No Parking Sign on road at entrance to Greencloyne.
16. Traffic lights at the top of Cork Hill.

**Managers Orders:**

Managers Orders nos. 88/07 to 105/07 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

**Planning Applications:**

Planning application reference nos. P58026/07 to P58033/07 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. P58066/06, P58069/06, P58072/06, P58073/06, P58001/07, P58004/07 & P58006/07.

**Mayors Business:**

1. The Mayor read a thank you card from John Deasy in relation to the Civic Reception which was accorded to him.
2. The Mayor opened a tender from Consar Conservation in relation to the Walled Towns Public Realm Plan. The Tender was in the amount of €40,505.00.
3. The Mayor informed the members that he had received a letter from Chambers Ireland in relation to Excellence in Local Government Awards 2007.
4. The Mayor informed the members that he had received a letter from Rehab in relation to the forthcoming People of the Year Awards.

**Proposed Amendment 1 to The Midleton Electoral Local Area Plan 2005 Section 20(3) (C)  
)Managers Report to Members:**

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members the Proposed Amendment 1 to the Midleton Electoral Local Area Plan 2005 Section 20(3) (C) Managers Report to Members. The Town Clerk informed the members that he was glad to see Cork County Council took on board the recommendations and amended accordingly.

**Notice Under Article 81 of the Local Government (Planning & Development Regulations) 2001 – Youghal Link Road to Cork Hill:**

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members Notice under Article 81 of the Local Government (Planning & Development Regulations) 2001 – Youghal Link Road to Cork Hill. The Town Clerk informed the members this would have to go through the Public Consultation Process and that it would cost approximately €1/2m.

The public consultation process was initiated on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley, seconded by Cllr. Beecher and unanimously adopted by the members.

**Harbour Matters:**

The Harbour Master gave a brief report to the members on Harbour Matters.

**Unresolved Motions:**

The Town Clerk circulated a copy of the Unresolved Motions Report March 2007 to the members for their consideration.

1. Cllr. Burke requested the removal of Motion no. 1 from Section D.
2. Cllr. Burke requested the removal of motion 21 be removed from Section A.
3. Cllr. Casey requested the removal of motion nos. 3 & 6 from Section B.

The members were in agreement with all of these. The Town Clerk thanked Cllr. Casey for all his work in putting the library together in the Council Chamber.

**Draft Casual Trading Bye Laws 2007 (Consideration of Submissions & Adoption of Bye Laws):**

The Town Clerk circulated to the members the Draft Casual Trading Bye Laws 2007 (Consideration of Submissions & Adoption of Bye Laws). He informed the members that no submissions had been received during the Public consultation Process and suggested that these Bye Laws be adopted. On the proposal of Cllr. Casey which was seconded by Cllr. McLellan the members unanimously agreed to the adoption of the Casual Trading Bye Laws 2007.

Cllr. Murray suggested that the Farmers Market be relocated to the Bridewell and that Dolphins Square Traders relocate to Barry's Lane, freeing up car parking spaces at Dolphins Square. The Town Clerk agreed that this possibility could be investigated.

**Correspondence:**

1. A letter from East Cork Tourism in relation to the recently publicised Failte Ireland South West Holiday Guide.
2. A letter from Youghal Badminton Club thanking Youghal Town Council for their sponsorship.
3. A letter from Youghal Socio Economic Group requesting the use of the Youghal Town Council Logo.
4. A letter from the EPA in relation to the EPA Strategy 2020 Vision.
5. A letter from Chambers Ireland in relation to Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2007.
6. A letter from Irish Water Safety in relation to the Annual Contribution towards the operation and administration of Irish Water Safety 2007.
7. A Notice from the Association of Irish Regions in relation to their forthcoming 10th Annual Conference.
8. A signed petition from the residents of McCurtainstown in relation to the installation of speed ramps.
9. A Notice from the Confederation of European Councillors in relation to their forthcoming conference on "Tackling Poverty and Social Need in Ireland".
10. A letter from Youghal Musical Society requesting funding from Youghal Town Council towards the running cost of their recent production of "My Fair Lady".
11. A Circular from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in relation to Delivering Homes Sustaining Communities.
12. A letter from Ned O' Keeffe T.D., confirming approval of €14m in respect of Youghal Sewerage Scheme.
13. A letter from Fianna Fáil acknowledging receipt of motion in relation to the reopening of the Cork to Youghal railway line.
14. A letter from Cork County Council in relation to a twinning arrangement with Neufchatel-Hardelot. The Manger informed the members that Neufchatel-Hardelot was a town which had some similarities with Youghal and suggested that it should be explored. On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. McLellan the members agreed that Neufchatel-Hardelot should be explored.
15. The following motion was received from Skibbereen Town Council:  
"This Town Council voices its concerns over the proposed transfer of the Community Welfare Service and associated resources from the Health Service Executive to the Department of Social and Family Affairs. This Town Council feels that the discretionary aspect of the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme will be considerably limited should such a transfer take place".
16. A letter from Fine Gael acknowledging receipt of motion in relation to the re-opening of the Cork to Youghal railway line.
17. A letter from Youghal Bay Bridge Congress thanking Youghal Town Council for their recent donation.
18. A letter from the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government in relation to their Annual Report 2006.

19. A letter from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government in relation to The European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 133 of 2007).

**Circularised Correspondence:**

Annual Report 2006 from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government.  
Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd Annual Report & Statement of Accounts 2006.  
Local Authority Budgets 2005.  
English Historic Towns Forum Newsletter.  
Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities.  
Issue 5 of Eurolink.  
Issue 14 of Spectrum.  
Social Housing Newsletter.  
Chambers Ireland Yearbook 2007.  
Issue 24 of Knowledge Ireland.  
2020 Vision from EPA.  
Community Housing Award 2007 Brochure.  
Information Commissioner Annual Report 2006.  
Issue 5 of Public Sector Times.

**Any Other Business:**

1. The Manager informed the members that specialist consultants had been appointed and would be monitoring the situation at Moll Goggins Corner.
2. The Manager informed the members that he spoke to Michael Lavelle in relation to the situation of the car park at Redbarn. They had met with the landowners in the area and had discussed a draft layout proposal with them.
3. The Town Clerk informed the members that the A.G.M. was reverted to Wednesday 20th June at the Mall House at 7.30 p.m.
4. The Mayor informed the Members that a Civic Reception would be accorded to Sr. Maura on Thursday 21st June at 8.00 pm. at the Mall House.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**