

Minutes of Youghal Town Council held on 9th June 2008 in the Mall House, Youghal at 7.30 p.m

Present:

Mayor David Savage presided.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Casey, 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.

Presentation by Edmund O' Sullivan, Veterinary Dept., Cork County Council Regarding Dog Fouling and General Dog Care:

Edmund O' Sullivan, Veterinary Department, Cork County Council gave a presentation to the members regarding dog fouling and general dog care. Mr. O' Sullivan informed the meeting that at present there is only 1 full time Dog Warden and 11 part time Wardens. County Cork has the highest number of dog licences issued. Unfortunately no restriction can be given on the number of dogs an individual can own. The following are the most common complaints received by the Veterinary Department in relation to dogs: •1. Number of out of control dogs. •2. Aggressive dogs. •3. Stray dogs. •4. Dog fouling - dramatic increase in complaints from Residents Associations. Mr. O' Sullivan informed the members that there has only been 1 prosecution in Ireland for dog fouling in the last 6 - 7 years

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 12th May

Meeting held on 12th May 2008:

Minutes 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded by Cllr. McLellan and unanimously adopted by the members.

Town Clerk's Report On Matters arising from :

The Town Clerk gave a report to the Members on the matters arising since the meeting held on 12th May 08.

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HOUSING & BUILDING:

- 1. The tenders for the planned maintenance contract for the balance of Council houses in Dermot Hurley Estate are due to be opened at tonight's monthly meeting of the Council. The tenders will then be passed to the Council's Technical Staff for assessment prior to the appointment of a contractor.
- 2. We will be advertising four new affordable houses at Ardan na Mara this week, they consist of 1 x 2 bed roomed house, 2 x 3 bed roomed house and 1 larger 3 bed roomed house. Application forms are currently available from the offices of Youghal Town Council.

ROADS & FOOTPATHS:

- 1. The manager has recently signed a contract with John McMahon Underground Services Ltd. for the Heritage Regeneration Works on Church Street. The contract value is €573,916

(inc. VAT) and is 6 months long. Works on the street have recently commenced with temporary traffic restrictions etc. in place for the duration of the contract.

- 2. The contract for laying out the DeValera Street Car Park has recently been signed. Ken Hogan Groundworks Ltd. have recently commenced works on the contract which is twelve weeks long. This contract will result in a further thirty seven car parking spaces for the main street area of the Town.

WATER:

- 1. The reservoirs are currently at full storage capacity with an average daily demand approaching 600,000 gallons per day.
- 2. I am unaware of any problems with the Waste Water Drainage System currently and all pump stations seem to be working satisfactorily.

OPEN SPACES:

- 1. All the town planting should be completed later this week and the repainting works at the 1798 Memorial Park are on going and nearing completion.

Votes of Congratulations:

The members proposed a vote of congratulations to the following:

- 1. To the Chatterbox Group on the recent successful show in the Mall Arts Centre.
- 2. To Harmony on their recent musical "From Here to Broadway"
- 3. To the Munster Rugby Team on their recent success in the Heineken Cup.

Votes of Sympathy:

The members proposed a vote of sympathy to the following:

- 1. To Michelle & Tony Hennessy on the death of their son Aaron.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from May 14 to June 4th were brought to the attention of the members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

- 1. Playground at the Millennium Park.
- 2. Bus Stop at the Post Office.
- 3. Provision of dog foul bins at the Town Walls./Raheen Road area.
- 4. Trees at The Mall area in need of trimming.
- 5. Provision of dog fouling bins from the Golf Links Road to the top of Raheen Park/Sarsfield Terrace.
- 6. Area to the rear of vacant shop at Town Walls/Ardrath.
- 7. Updating of Council's website.
- 8. Anti-social behaviour at Seafield Estate - need for additional public lighting.
- 9. Chains at the diving rocks.
- 10. Skip outside the League of the Cross Hall.
- 11. Additional bins for the Mall Area.
- 12. Painting of car park at Catherine Street.
- 13. Wall at the Golf Links Road to the rear of Clifton.
- 14. Spraying and tidying of car park at Raheen Road.
- 15. Erection of bollard at the bottom of Windmill Hill.
- 16. Grass cutting at the top of Blackwater Heights.
- 17. Footpaths at Emmet Place.
- 18. Antisocial behaviour at Green Park.
- 19. Entrance to Greenhole.
- 20. Continuous problems with boy racers throughout the town.

Cork County Council Items:

The Town Engineer submitted the following report:

- 1. Odours emanating from the Landfill Site at Foxhole are being dealt with by the

Environmental Department, Cork County Council.

- 2. In relation to the entrance to the Coastguard Station, the central line here needs to be adjusted more to the west of the road. This work can be carried out when the road liners are in town, subject to funding.
- 3. Various sections of footpaths around the town need to be upgraded. Each section is being examined at present with a view to repairing the sections on the poorest state, subject to funding.
- 4. In relation to the Cork Hill Traffic Plan, the submitted Traffic Management Plan has been referred back to the applicant to include the bottom of Cork Hill.
- 5. The Rifle Range is private property and is not in the remit of Cork County Council.
- 6. There are no immediate plans for carrying out traffic calming measures at Claycastle and issues with regard to speeding are a matter for the Garda Síochána.
- 7. Work is ongoing on the installation of ESB mini pillars on the path from Aura to Claycastle and when the overhead wires are undergrounded the path can be completed.
- 8. Potholes around the town are being filled on an ongoing basis.
- 9. Funding has been secured for extending the outfall at the Front Strand and we have referred the project to Consulting Engineers to put to tender with a view to the work commencing on the late Summer/early Autumn subject to favourable tides and funding.

The Members raised the following issues:

- 1. Is the Manager satisfied that the blue Flag Status will be secured for Redbarn for 2009.
- 2. Entrance to Coastguard Station - No double yellow lines on northern side.
- 3. Footpaths on east side of Tallow Street.
- 4. Odours from the landfill site.
- 5. Traffic plan for the bottom of Cork Hill.
- 6. Recycling facilities at the Front Strand.
- 7. Funding for 2008 for work to the Front Strand Promenade.
- 8. Condition of the Rifle Range.
- 9. Deputation regarding the re-opening of the Midleton - Youghal Railway Line. The Town Clerk informed the members that he had written requesting same and was awaiting a reply.
- 10. Potholes on Quarry Road.
- 11. Stopcock cover missing on footpath at North Main Street outside the Thai Cottage.
- 12. Footpath from Claycastle to Aura.
- 13. Disabled parking space at Raheen Park.
- 14. Works at Sruthain na Saili.
- 15. Pothole on North Main Street outside Coffee Pot.
- 16. Area at Slob Bank.
- 17. Traffic calming measures for Claycastle.
- 18. Overall traffic plan for Youghal Town.
- 19. Extension on outflow at Front Strand.
- 20. Dog fouling signs in County Council Areas.

Managers Orders:

Managers Orders nos. 86/08 to 99/08 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Planning Applications:

Planning application reference nos. P58027/08 to P58032/08 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. P58051/07 & P58004/08.

Disposal of Properties:

Lease of approx. 0.284 hectares of land at Barrack Field, Youghal to Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann. Pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the Members unanimously agreed to the lease of approx. 0.284 hectares of land at Barrack Field, Youghal to Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann for the construction of an extension to the Bru na Si Traditional Arts centres (Teach Ceoil) is hereby granted subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. The existing lease between Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, Youghal and Youghal Town Council dated 9th December 2003 shall be surrendered.
- 2. The lease shall be executed and signed by both parties by the 9th December 2008.
- 3. Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann shall construct an extension to the Bru na Si Traditional Arts Centre (Teach Ceoil) on the site within a period of 3 years from the date of the signing of the lease.
- 4. Failure to construct the Teach Ceoil extension within the 3 year period or any change of use of the property will automatically terminate the lease.
- 5. If the local branch of the Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann disband, the land and buildings constructed thereon shall revert to Youghal Town Council at no cost to the Council.
- 6. Evidence of adequate funding to initiate and complete the extension to be submitted before development commences.
- 7. The period of the lease shall be 35 years and the annual fee shall be €237 for years 1 - 3 with CPI adjustments in year three and every three years thereafter.

Mayor's Business:

1. The Mayor opened the following tenders on behalf of Youghal Town Council for the remedial works at Dermot Hurley Estate: C & S Construction Services Ltd. Brompton Homes. JSK Construction Ltd. Con Fehily Construction Ltd. Bayview Construction Ltd. Classic Building Solutions. Glounthane Property Developments Ltd.
- 2. The Mayor passed a special thank you to Youghal GAA for accommodating the Eastern European Disability Group that visited Youghal recently. He passed a special work of thanks to Christy & Assumpta Parker, Seanie Ring and Ken Bulman.
- 3. The Mayor congratulated everyone who helped organise and took part in the recent Public Realm conference held in Youghal.
- 4. The Mayor informed the meeting that he recently presented prizes for a poster competition in Pobalscoil na Trionoide to raise awareness of disabilities and that the standard of same was very high.
- 5. The Mayor informed the members that a letter of thanks had been received from Loretta Collins for the installation of a height restrictor at Claycastle.
- 6. The Mayor informed the members that in recent tests all beaches proved that water quality was perfect.
- 7. Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the members that she would prepare a report on the Tidy Towns Taskforce for the July meeting.

Unresolved Motions:

1. Cllr. Revins informed the members that he was still awaiting a report on Motion no. 1 Section A. 2. Cllr. Revins requested the removal of motion 10 from Section A.

Report of the Heritage By Cllr. Burke:

Cllr. Burke informed the members that he would have a report for the July meeting.

Municipal Policy Committee Report of the Harbour - Municipal Policy Committee by Cllr Casey:

Cllr. Casey informed the meeting that he is still awaiting a world class Marina in Youghal. He has received copies of mooring laws from Kinsale Town Council which led to the discussion of 3 moorings at the Pier Head, one that needs to be discussed further. The Town Clerk had previously asked the Harbour Master to identify all moorings within the harbour and that this report was not completed yet. Cllr. Casey informed the members that they were looking at the possibility of securing funding for a launching area.

Report on Rapid Issues By Cllr. Revins:

Cllr. Revins informed the members that as there was no Rapid meetings that he would not have a report until the July meeting but he was aware that Rapid was awaiting funding for the playgrounds throughout the town.

Report on Claycastle Leisure Co. Ltd. by Cllr. Casey:

Cllr. Casey informed the members that the company was running smoothly. He thanked the Manager and Town Clerk for the continued support. They have received the Annual Financial Statement for 2007 and that all is in order.

Report on Hatherton Enterprise by Cllr. McLellan:

Cllr. McLellan informed the members that progress in relation to the works at St. Mary College was good and that the works should be completed in approximately 6 - 8 weeks. Cllr. McLellan informed the members that headed paper, compliment slips and business cards which were designed and supplied locally were approved by the directors. A site tour was also organised for the directors so that they could see first hand the transformation of St. Mary' College.

Update of the Thundercats European Beach Challenge 2008:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members details in relation to the Thundercats European Beach Challenge 2008. Preparations were very advanced to ensure that all age groups and genders were accommodated for what was to be one of Youghal's biggest events.

Date for Annual General Meeting:

On the proposal of Cllr. McLellan which was seconded by Cllr. Hennessy and unanimously agreed by the members, Monday 16th of May at 6.45p.m. was the date agreed for the AGM of Youghal Town Council for 2008.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Katie O'Brien requesting funding for a 12 day Olympic Training Day in Archery. On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. McLellan it was agreed to sponsor Katie O'Brien €100 towards her expenses.
2. Notice from Greystones regarding their 2008 La Touché Legacy Seminar.
3. Thank you card from Phillipa Beirne, Christine Fawl, Jackie O' Sullivan and Mary Daly White regarding their recent research programme.
4. Letter from Cork County Council regarding a seminar on Stronger Local Democracy - Options for Change.

5. The following motion was received from Macroom Town Council: " That we never forget the appalling tragedy of the Famine, the people who died, those who had to leave our shores in search of a new life and to escape the terrible tragedy of Ireland at that time. In our dramatically changing Ireland it is very important that we remember the history of our country, therefore Macroom Town Council proposes that on an annual basis perhaps one of the Public Holiday Mondays be set aside as Famine Remembrance Day". This motion was unanimously adopted by the members of the Council.

6. The following motion was received from Macroom Town Council: That Macroom town Council call on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to change the law regarding the payment of refuse charges in private rented accommodation. At present, this is the duty of the tenants and not the landlord. In a lot of cases the tenants do not have long-term contracts, so why should they pay annual refuse charges. A small increase in tenants rent would off-set the cost to landlords. Fly tipping has become a major national problem and this Council believes that a change in this law would greatly reduce this problem".

7. A letter from Youghal GAA Club regarding their Annual Golf Classic. On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Linehan Foley it was agreed to enter a team at a cost of €140.00.

8. A letter from Cork County Council in relation to the update of the Cork Area Strategic Plan.

9. A letter from Denis and Loreto Collins thanking the Council for the installation of a height restrictor at Claycastle.

10. A letter from the Island of Ireland Partnership in relation to their forthcoming Journey of Remembering.

11. A letter from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding their Annual Report 2007 and Annual Output Statement.

12. A brochure from the Exploris regarding a summer conference on Tourism & Technology.

13. A thank you card from the family of the late Eileen Power.

14. The following motion was received from New Ross Town Council: "That this Council calls on the Minister for the Environment to allow local authorities to decide housing policy in their respective areas and that we further call on the minister to ensure that the acquisition of land banks for social housing continues as a central plank of housing policy at a local level".

15. A letter from the Irish Water Safety thanking Youghal Town Council for their continued support. The Town Clerk informed the members that €1,500 had been allocated for 2008.

16. A letter from Mike Hackett regarding the laneway from O' Reilly Terrace/Tallow Street corner to the North Abbey Cemetery.

17. A letter from Comharchumann Forbatha an Leith Triuigh regarding an Irish Court in July 2008.

18. A letter from the Private Rented Tenancies Board in relation to their 2006 Annual Report.

19. A thank you letter from Youghal Scouts.

20. A thank you card from the family of the late Patricia O' Callaghan.

Circularised Correspondence:

Annual Report from the Private Residential Tenancies Board. Eurolink May 2008. Revenue Annual Report 2007. Marine Casualty Investigation Board. Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Governments Annual Report 2007. CD from RPS regarding CASP Strategy update 2008. IPA Local Authority Times Volume 12. Office of the Information Commissioner regarding the Freedom of Information.

This concluded the business of the meeting