

Minutes of Youghal Town Council held on 14th June 2011 in the Mall House, Youghal at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Mary Linehan Foley presided.

Cllrs. Revins, Coyne, Burke, Hennessy, Beecher & Murray.

Officials Present: Mrs. Patricia Power, Town Manager.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, A/ Town Clerk.

Mrs. Geraldine O'Connell, Clerical Officer.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.

Mrs. Eileen Coleman, Traffic Engineer.

Opening Prayers: The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 14th May 2011:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 14th May 2011 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hennessy seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Report of the Town Clerk on Matters Arising from the Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 14th May 2011.

1. Condition of Roadway at Raheen Road: As you are aware all available road funding for 2011 was allocated by the Members of the Council at the February 15th meeting based on Engineering cost estimates. Some of these projects have been completed and the final accounts are currently being assessed by the Town Engineer. If it is found that savings have been achieved on these projects then these savings will be prioritised and used on Raheen Road. Failing this I would ask the members that they prioritise Raheen Road out of 2012 funding allocations. In the short term I have asked that the potholes be filled in an effort to maintain the integrity of the Road.
2. Potholes in the Vicinity of St. Raphael's; These have been filled in and will be monitored on a weekly basis in the event of further road deterioration.
3. Nealons Quay Car Park; This is another area of the Town which is in need of a complete resurface and which in my opinion should be prioritised as project no. 2 after Raheen Road out of 2012 road funding. Again in the short term the potholes have been filled in an effort to maintain the integrity of the Car Park surface.
4. Directional Signs; Invoices issued to various commercial interests for sign licence fees for 2010 & 2011 (charge of €50 per sign per year). The signs are currently being cleaned and re-positioned where necessary. Signs which remain unpaid will be removed shortly. The signs are actually owned by the commercial interests who purchased them initially. The licence fee is payable in respect of positioning on poles in high profile locations to aid potential customers in finding these particular commercial outlets.
5. Potholes on Quarry Road; These potholes have been filled in.
6. Grass Cutting in General; due to the fact that the Council's staff have been cut from 20 to 12, the workers are concentrating on the parks and main tourists areas with estates etc. being cut less frequently as a result. We as a Council would be encouraging Residents Associations in Estates to help with grass cutting in an effort to maintain these areas in a manner that we can all be proud of.
7. Height of Shrubbery at Greencloyne Roundabout; This roundabout is under the control of Cork County Council and the matter should be addressed by them. However, I should point out that there is not requirement to be able to see through a roundabout in an urban area. The problem in my opinion is not with the streets, but with the speed at which some motorists approach the roundabout and in some cases just fly through it as if it were a through road instead of stopping as required when entering the roundabout. I will refer the speed issue to the Gardaí.
8. Disabled Car Parking Space at Catherine Street; This space has been installed as requested.
9. Handrail at the Main Enterprise Centre Entrance; This matter will need to be looked at by the

Board of Directors of Hatherton Ltd., not by Youghal Town Council. The Enterprise Centre is a stand alone company and is responsible for its own property and business.

10. Car Parks – Introduction of 3 Hour Limit; The Bye Laws which were adopted by the Members of Youghal Town Council went through an exhaustive public consultation process prior to their adoption and implementation. Any further changes which you as member now wish to re-visit must be done so in the context of the entire Bye Laws and same process of public consultation will be required to be met. It is important that a consistent approach be taken in relation to all Bye Laws as the processes are lengthy, time consuming and where public advertising is required, expensive.

11. Public Lighting at Seafield, Killeagh Road; 6 lights not working at this Estate. Airtricity being contacted about same.

12. Works Scheme at Seaview Place: House numbers 1, 2, 4, 8 & 9 are being surveyed shortly with a view to advancing the remedial works scheme in these houses. The second half of the Estate will be considered and prioritised when additional funding becomes available.

Votes of Congratulations

The Members passed a vote of congratulations to the following:

1. Youghal Town Council and Cork County Council on achieving the 3 Blue Flags.
2. The Musical Society, Choral Society, Chatterbox and Harmony on their recent concerts.
3. The Soccer Club on their recent match against Bray Wanderers.
4. To CRY on their recent Radiothon. Vote of Sympathy:

The Members passed a vote of sympathy to the following:

1. The family of the late Dr. Garrett Fitzgerald.
2. The family of the late Brian Linehan.
3. Mary O'Regan on the death of her mother Mrs. Bridie Cotter.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from 5th May to 6th June was brought to the attention of the Members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Pothole at the bottom of Windmill Hill.
2. Mis-spellings in the Irish version of car park signage at Nealons Quay.
3. Signage for toilets at Claycastle.
4. Loose manhole cover at Kenny's Lane.
5. Loose dogs on the beach.
6. Cutting back of hedging on the Golf Links Road.
7. Weeds on the Mall Beach.
8. Provision of railing at green area at Raheen Park.

Cork County Council Items Engineers Report:

1. Potholes are being filled on a regular basis.
2. Road markings on Kilcoran Road are done.
3. The Library Section of Cork County Council has been informed of the situation with regards to the overgrowth etc.
4. Beaches have been prepared for the season.
5. Concealed Entrance Sign for Summerdale Lawn is in stock and will be erected shortly.

County Council Items:

1. Provision of copy of Cork County Council Beach Bye Laws to all Members of the Council.
2. Drain Company offloading at Slob Bank. The Engineer informed the Members that this was just the offloading of sand and gravel which was being cleared from the Front Strand.
3. Condition of gates and overgrowth at the Library at North Main Street.

4. Manhole cover at the main road at Dysart.
5. Signage and road markings for new South Abbey School. The Engineer informed the members that these works would be completed by the end of the week.
6. Provision of signage in relation to Beach Bye Laws.
7. Road surface at Mill Road. The Engineer informed the members that there is not enough people on the ground to carry out these works at present but that he would do his best to prioritise these works.
8. Potholes in Tallow Road: The Engineer informed the Members that tenders for this work were due in today.
9. Broken footpaths around the town.
10. Potholes at Hayman's Hill. 11. Road surface at Knockaverry.

Managers Orders:

Managers Order made from 6th May to 9th June were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Planning Applications: The Members were informed that no planning applications were received.

Further Information Received:

The Members were informed that no further information was received.

Mayor's Business:

1. The Mayor and Members wished their colleague Cllr. Tomas O' Conaill a speedy recovery.
2. The Mayor conveyed her best wishes to Team Youghal in their upcoming Race across America.
3. The Mayor requested the use of the Mall Arts centre for the launch of the Youghal Bay Seafood Pie Festival.
4. The Mayor informed the members that she had attended the Army Band Concert in the Collegiate Church where they gave an outstanding performance.
5. The Mayor congratulated the Youth Reach Groups from all over Munster who took part in a sand sculpture competition at Pilmore Strand.
6. The Mayor wished to congratulate the Youghal Pitch & Putt Club on their Munster Matchplay Championship.
7. The Mayor also conveyed her congratulations to the Vintage Club on their recent Vintage Day, CRY on their recent Radiothon and the Soccer Club on their recent match against Bray Wanderers.
8. The Mayor wished to congratulate all involved in the magnificent achievement of 3 Blue Flags being awarded to Youghal's beaches.

Date for Annual General Meeting:

The members unanimously agreed that the Annual General Meeting would take place on Tuesday 21st June at 10.00 a.m.

Youghal Clock Gate Tower Business Plan:

The Acting Town Clerk sought approval from the Members to lease, for a nominal rent, the Clock Gate to Youghal Socio Economic Development Group. It was explained that YSEDG would be in a stronger position to apply for, and avail of, greater levels of funding. The Clock Gate would be leased to YSEDG for a nominal rent On the proposal of Cllr. Burke which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the members unanimously agreed to lease the Clock Gate to the Youghal Socio Economic Development Group.

Traffic Management Plan Church Street, DeValera Street, Ashe Street & Emmet Place:

Eileen Coleman, Traffic Engineer, Cork County Council presented the members with an amended

Draft Traffic Management Plan. A brief debate took place amongst the members under which they discussed the traffic situation on DeValera Street and Church Street. The Traffic Engineer informed the members that she had done a traffic count on Ashe Street which had not proved to be very successful as traffic had been extremely quiet on the day.

The Members agreed that a full Council would have to be seated at a meeting to make a decision on this issue and as two members were absent at present it was decided that The Traffic Engineer would return to the July meeting with an amended plan which would include drawings. The plan would then be sent out for public consultation.

Report on Claycastle Leisure Company:

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the members that the Aura Swimming Pool & Leisure Centre was running very well at the moment.

Report on Hatherton:

Cllr. Michelle Hennessy informed the Members that at the recent AGM of Hatherton which was held on 2nd June last she was elected Chairperson to replace Deputy Sandra McLellan. Cllr. Hennessy gave a report to the members of the Council on the operations of Hatherton and the Enterprise Centre for the previous three months.

Draft Housing Allocation Scheme:

The A/Town Clerk circulated to the Members the Draft Housing Allocation Scheme which she stated was a very comprehensive report prepared by Cork County Council in accordance with DOEHLG Guidelines. The Draft Housing Allocation Scheme was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley, seconded by Cllr. Coyne and unanimously adopted by the members.

Unresolved Motions Report:

The A/Town Clerk circulated to the Members the Unresolved Motions Report. This report was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Revins, seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Meeting with Youghal Chamber of Tourism & Commerce re: Motion:

The members had suggested that a meeting be sought with Youghal Chamber of Tourism & Commerce to discuss the following motion which was proposed by Cllr. O' Conaill seconded by Cllr. Burke and unanimously agreed by the Members at the meeting of the Council held on 10th May 2011.

"In the interests of advancing new retail business within the Town Centre, where an existing outlet has been vacant for a period of two years or more that Youghal Town Council call on the Chamber of Commerce/Youghal Traders Association to initiate guidelines/policy among its members and possibly all landlords within Youghal that such properties as mentioned above would be made available at 50% of the current market rental value for start up retail businesses for a period of two years".

The members agreed to defer this item until the July Meeting as a full Council would need to be seated to discuss this item. It was agreed to discuss this item at a meeting to be held at 11.30 a.m. after the next monthly meeting to be held on 12th July next. The Mayor informed the members that Mary O' Donnell, President of Youghal Chamber of Tourism & Commerce stated that she is happy to meet with the Mayor & Members at any time.

Correspondence:

1. A motion received from Ardee town Council.
2. A Notice from TGR Seminars in relation to their Conference on Leadership Skills Development.
3. A Notice from Dundalk Chamber in relation to their forthcoming Conference on Smart Green Growth.
4. A motion received from Wexford Borough Council.
5. A motion received from Fermoy Town Council.
6. A motion received from Wexford Borough Council.
7. Notice received from Dundalk Chamber in relation to a their forthcoming conference on “Building a Business on your Ideas”.

Any Other Business:

1. Cllr. Murray informed the members that she had recently spoken with the A/Town Clerk who informed her that the Mall Arts Centre was now registered for Civil Marriages and stated that this was a fabulous venue for such a ceremony.
2. Cllr. Coyne wish to convey a word of thanks from CRY for a recent grant received from the Council. This concluded the business of the meeting.