

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 11th June, 2013 in the Mall House, Youghal at 10.00 a.m.

Present:

Mayor Michelle Hennessy presided.

Cllrs. Linehan-Foley, O'Connell, Burke, Flanagan, Murray and Cllr. Revins.& Beecher .

Apologies were received from Cllr. O' Sullivan.

Officials Present:

Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Geraldine O' Connell, Clerical Officer.

Mr. Paul Murray, Town Engineer.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Patricia Power, Town Manager.

Opening Prayers:

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 9th April, 2013:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 14th May, 2013 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Revins, seconded by Cllr. O' Connell and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Report of the Town Clerk on matter arising since the Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 14th May, 2013.

1. Claycastle Pitch & Putt Clubhouse Project:

Titan Homes Ltd. have been awarded the contract for Phase 1 of the construction of the Claycastle Pitch & Putt Clubhouse. The value of the contract is €52,332.50 including Vat and commenced on the 20th May last. The contract duration is twelve to sixteen weeks. The portacabins have been relocated by the contractor to enable the club function as usual during the construction phase and the foundations of the clubhouse poured.

2. Historic Towns Initiative Pilot Phase:

The Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht together with Failte Ireland have agreed the following projects and funding under the Historic Towns Initiative:

- a) Relaunch of Historic Core Painting Scheme: €7,500 (DAHG)
- b) Advertising of Youghal App: €2,000 (Failte Ireland)
- c) Maritime History Signage: €4,000 (Failte Ireland)
- d) St. Mary's Church Internal Signage Trail: €10,000 (Failte Ireland)
- e) Branding & Launching of Raleigh Quarter: €4,000 (Failte Ireland)
- f) Nealons Quay Project: €30,000 (DAHG)
- g) Tulip Area: €30,500 (DAHG)
- h) Repaving Market Square: €12,000 (DAHG)
- i) Town Assessment Programme: €10,000 (Failte Ireland)

Works have commenced on all of the above which are required to be completed by 30th October next.

3. Brehon Road Enhancement:

Under the Environmental Improvement Works Programme 12 new flower beds have been constructed on the Brehon Road. These are due to be planted up shortly and are part of the plans to improve the entrance areas to the town for tourists and locals alike. Further improvement works are due to take place on the R634 project later this autumn.

4. Projects Currently at Tender Stage:

Tenders will be opened at today's meeting for the following projects;

- a) Refurbishment works to three houses at Seaview Place.
- b) Footpath replacement project at Emmet Place (Part of Public Realm Plan).
- c) Refurbishment works to Buttimer's Slipway and McDonalds Quay.
- d) Footpath replacement project at O' Rahilly Street (Part of Public Realm Plan).

5. The Following are Still Underway and Should be Completed Within the Timeframes Highlighted Below:

- a) Clock Gate Project Phase 1 (to be completed within 10 days).
- b) Enterprise Centre Artisan Workshops (to be completed within 2 months).
- c) Cemetery Lodge Refurbishment (to be completed within 8 weeks).

6. Resurfacing Projects:

The following resurfacing projects will be undertaken shortly;

- a) Nealons Quay Car Park at a cost of €76,000 plus Vat (September).
- b) Junction of Golf Links Road/Windmill Hill at a cost of €72,000 plus Vat (within 4 weeks).
- c) Chapel Lane at a cost of €13,700 plus Vat (within 4 weeks).

The total value of the contracts amount to €165,694 including Vat.

7. The Following Projects will go to Tender Shortly:

- a) Town Wall Refurbishment Works 2013.
- b) St. Mary's Church Structures at Risk Works Programme 2013.

Cllr. Murray congratulated the Town Clerk on all of the projects mentioned in his report and in particular the projects mentioned under the Historic Towns Initiative .

Votes of Congratulations:

1. The Town Clerk on the installation of the new flower beds on the Brehon Road. Cllr. Hennessy raised the issue of the provision of extra seating on the Brehon Road and suggested that these could be sponsored by local traders.
2. Youghal 4 All on the recent successful Moby Dick Festival.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from the 10th May to the 6th June 2013 was brought to the attention of the Members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Casual Trading in Dolphins Square.
2. 2 potholes at the entrance to St. Raphaels/Windmill Hill. The Town Engineer informed the members that this would be filled shortly.
3. Pothole at Seafield.

4. Beach cleaning.
5. Removal of canvas on the Town Walls. The Town Engineer informed the members that the contractor was due to remove the canvas shortly.
6. Replacement of Heritage Flags on Town Walls.

Cork County Council Items:

ENGINEERS REPORT ON ITEMS RAISED AT THE MAY MEETING.

1. Lighthouse Hill Wall Stabilisation Works:

Assessment of Tenders almost complete. The award of the contract to Cumnor Construction is currently being assessed but all matters are not yet tied down.

Cork County Council would hope to have a contractor in site by July. Monitoring of the wall over a length greater than the failure in ongoing and this may or may not require that we extend the proposed works somewhat. There is not extra area which we are concerned about.

Cork County Council hope to get comments on the lookout points from the consultant and armed with such commentary we can try to identify the way forward with these. Note: - the lookouts themselves are not "Roads" and issues and funding requirements may not be subject to departmental roads funding.

The crack in the footpath on the Youghal Town side of the lighthouse is very likely not something to worry about. Final verification of this view from the consultant is awaited.

2. Youghal Main Drainage Update:

Contractor for Design, Build and Operation of the Waste Water Treatment Plant has been recommended. Contractor for the network has also been recommended. Both must be approved by the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government. Consultants RPS have been appointed to carry out pre-contract structure on all buildings along the route of the network.

County Council Items:

1. Pothole on road beyond traffic lights on the Killeagh Road.
2. Replacement of sign in relation to groynes on the beach.
3. Pothole on the road at the top of Summerdale Lawn.
4. Footpath at Tallow Street, South Main Street, Junction of Strand Street/South Abbey. The Town Engineer informed the members that very little funding was provided for the repair of footpaths, but that they were going to tender with a no. of Contractors and works should commence in the Autumn.
5. Fire hydrants on Kilcoran Road.
6. Removal of car parking space at the junction of Windmill Hill/Ashe Street.
7. Sign for Waterford/Rosslare pointing in wrong direction.
8. Alteration of car parking space at the entrance to Supervalu.
9. Locks on toilets at Claycastle.

Managers Orders:

Managers Order no's 77/2013 to 101/2013 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 there was no further information received.

Disposal of Properties:

There were no disposals.

Mayors Business:

1. The Mayor proposed a vote of congratulations to the Twinning Committee on the very successful Twinning Weekend.
2. The following tenders were received:

Proposed works at Seaview Place:

1. Michael Foley.
2. David O' Riordan.
3. T & M Fitzgerald.

Footpaths at Emmet Place:

1. McMahon Underground.
2. Niall Barry.

Footpath at O' Rahilly Street:

1. McMahon Underground.
2. Niall Barry.

Works to McDonalds Quay:

1. Stephen Byrne Plant Hire & Civil Engineering Contractors.
2. Newcourt Construction.
3. L & M Keating.
4. Irish Bridge Company.
5. Cumnor Construction.
6. Best Tech.

The Tenders were sent to the Council's Engineering Consultant for assessment.

Unresolved Motion Report:

Cllr. Revins referred to motion no. 1, Section A regarding the provision of a pedestrian crossing at Costcutters and requested that this motion be removed as there had been no progress with the works mentioned. The members were not in agreement with this and requested that the motion remain on the report.

Report of Cllr. Linehan Foley on the Youghal Tidy Towns Task Force:

Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that this item be deferred to the July meeting.

Cork County Council Anti Litter Challenge 2013:

The Town Clerk circulated the results of the Cork County Anti Litter Challenge 2013 to the members.

Nominations for the People of the Year Awards 2013:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members a letter from Rehab Group in relation to nominations for the 2013 People of the Year Awards: On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Hennessy the members agreed that the Town Clerk be nominated.

National Heritage Week (17th to 25th August):

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members information on National Heritage Week which takes place from the 17th to 25th August next.

An Interpretation Plan for Clock Gate Tower:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members an Youghal Interpretation Plan for Youghal Clock Gate Tower. This plan was adopted by the members on the proposal of Cllr. Burke and seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

Structures at Risk Programme – St. Mary’s Collegiate Church:

The Town Clerk informed the members that these works would be going to tender shortly and would be completed by the end of the summer.

Report on Claycastle Leisure Company Ltd by Cllr. Linehan Foley:

Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the members that all is running well with the swimming pool presently and the outside of the building would be painted shortly.

Report on Hatherton Ltd. T/A Youghal Enterprise by Cllr. Hennessy:

Cllr. Hennessy requested that this item be deferred to the July meeting.

Annual General Meeting 18th June, 2013:

The members agreed that the Annual General Meeting take place on June 18th 2013 at 10.00 a.m.

Municipal District Boundary Commission Report:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members the Municipal District Boundary Commission Report for their information.

Correspondence:

1. Motion from Tralee Town Council:

“That Tralee Town Council would write to the Minister for Transport and the Minister for the Environment asking them to adopt the European form of Taxation, as the present system is causing confusion for the Showmans’ Guild and Gardai as well, and as Birds Amusements have been part of the Festival down through the years it is our duty to help out where possible.”

2. Motion from Skibbereen Town Council:

“That Skibbereen Town Council calls for the immediate cessation of the practice of fluoridation of the public water supply. Only 2% of Europe continues this practice and that is made up of the Republic of Ireland and a few cities in the UK. The ‘benefits’ given for continuing the process carry no weight when considered against the wide variety of major health concerns validated by countless volumes of research, studies and data to the contrary. The risks involved to public health by this mass medication of the population are proven and are too great to continue to ignore. We need immediate action!”

3. Motion from Nenagh Town Council:

“That Nenagh Town Council ask that any State board positions that come up and are advertised through Publicjobs.ie are assessed by an independent panel and the relevant Minister should be bound by the recommendation of the panel.”

4. Motions from Monaghan Town Council

a) “That this Council calls on the relevant Departments and agencies to consider how best to regulate the quantity, quality and labelling of packaging materials used on smaller items for sale in Ireland with a view to reducing the amount of packaging used.”

b) “That we write to the Minister for Justice, Alan Shatter calling for a maximum 10 year sentence with a minimum of 5 years for any person involved in a fatal motor accident who leaves the scene.”

5. Brochure on Feile Ealaine an Earagail Arts Festival 21st June-21st July, 2013 – Made in Donegal.

6. Newsletter from Poetry Ireland News May/June 2013 edition.

This concluded the business of the meeting