

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on the 12th of March 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. Katherine Donoher, Clerical Officer, Mr. Ger Lupton, Town Foreman, Mr. Paul Murray, Town Engineer and Mr. Declan Daly, Divisional Manager.

Opening Prayers:

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

Deputation by Sweetfield Estate Residents:

A deputation was received by the members on behalf of the Residents of Sweetfield Estate. The Residents raised their concerns at the deteriorating condition of the road surfaces and footpaths in Sweetfield Estate.

The Mayor and members thanked the residents for their deputation and informed them that their request would be given every consideration.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 12th February 2007:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 12th February were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. McLellan and seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

Town Clerk's Report on Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th February 2007:

The Town Clerk gave a report to the Members based on the minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2007.

HOUSING & BUILDING:

a. Youghal Town Council are currently carrying out an audit of all its remaining houses in Dermot Hurley Estate and Blackwater Heights which have not had heating, windows and doors installed. This information will be placed in a submission which is being forwarded to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government with a view to obtaining the necessary funding to have these works carried out before the end of 2007 pending the appointment of a suitable contractor through the tendering process. It is anticipated that the envisaged works will cost in the region of between €500,000 and €600,000 in the coming year.

b. The interviews for the position of Tenant Liaison Officer are due to be held during the month of April. It is hoped that the successful candidate will take up position with Youghal Town Council before the end of May.

c. Youghal Town Council under the RAPID Playground fund have been successful in their application to the Department for playground funding and have been allocated €60,000 to add

to the quality of the existing playgrounds at Blackwater Heights, Chestnut Drive and the Millennium Garden.

ROAD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY:

a. Because of the mild winter we have carried out site cleaning early on the South Main Street, North Main Street and on other main thoroughfares of the town.

b. The large quantities of rainfall which have taken place since October last have caused innumerable problems with surface water in various areas of the town. We have been addressing these issues lately in respect of the Magners Hill area and also the junction of Cork Hill and North Main Street to ensure that potholes are filled on an ongoing basis and that they are reviewed on a weekly basis. There is an opportunity to have a new surface installed at Magners Hill and this is included in the Non National Roads Grant proposals contained further on the meeting agenda.

WATER & SEWERS:

a. reservoirs are at full storage capacity currently with a daily average consumption through February ranging from 555,000 and 575,000 gallons per day.

b. All sewers and pumping stations are currently running without any restrictions.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

a. Further information requests have been issued to a) McInerney Homes Ltd. for its proposed development comprising a) site clearance to include the demolition of Whitebarn House, existing outbuilding & substation, b) construction of 298 no. residential units consisting of 3 no. detached, 122 no. semi-detached, 101 no. terraced, 38 no. apartments and 34 no. duplex units, c) the provision of a 675sq. metre crèche, d) construction of a vehicular access and associated road works at Upper Cork Hill, e) the reservation of lands for future commercial/residential and open space uses and f) all associated car parking, play areas, landscaping and site development works at Sweetfields/Whitebarn, Youghal. Planning reference no: P58076/06. This request issued on 21st of February 2007 and b) to Murphy construction for the construction of 109 residential units (comprising 8 no. apts. in a four storey block), 6 no. 2 storey 3 bedroomed semi-detached houses, 16 no. 2 storey 3 bedroom town houses, 5 no. 2 storey 4 bedroom townhouses, 74 no. 2 bed. duplex townhouses/apts. (in two storey blocks over a partial lower ground floor, therefore 3 storeys in elevation), a new access roadway, connections to relevant public services, landscaping and ancillary site works at Bawnmore/Magners Hill, Youghal. Planning reference no: P58076/06. This request issued on the 15th of February 2007.

b. The Social Economic Development Group launched the town portfolio and profile recently and this was presented to An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern when he visited Youghal recently to open Pobalscoil na Troinoide.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION:

a. We have completed the purchase of the new refuse truck which is due to become operational on the streets this week.

b. Youghal Town Council are extremely concerned in relation to the amount of litter and indiscriminate dumping which is taking place throughout the town and are currently considering a policy of publishing the names of individuals who are found responsible for indiscriminate dumping in the local newspapers.

RECREATION & AMENITY:

a. I wish to advise that €10,500 has been awarded to the Youghal Socio and Economic Group from East Cork Area Development for the carrying out of various feasibility studies on development projects envisaged for Youghal.

b. Margaret Gowan & Co. have been approved as the company to carry out the conservation maintenance plan for the Town Walls, a draft of which should be available for the National Walled Towns conference on the 16th/17th May next.

HARBOUR MATTERS:

a. I have circularised copies of the Harbour Quay Walls and Sea Walls survey to the members and to the Engineering Staff of Cork County Council. The survey is included on the agenda of the March meeting of the Council.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a. All rate demands for 2007 issued during the last number of weeks based on the 2007 rate book which incorporated the 2% rate increase approved by the members at the budget meeting of 2007.

Votes of Congratulations:

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley proposed a vote of congratulations to the Principal, teachers and students of Pobail Scoil Na Trionaide on their successful open day. This was unanimously agreed by the members of the Council.
2. Cllr. McLellan proposed a vote of congratulations to CASA on their success singing at mass on RTE. This was unanimously agreed by the members of the Council.
3. Cllr. Hennessy proposed a vote of congratulations to the Keniry School of Dancing on their recent achievements. This was unanimously adopted by the members of the Council.
4. Cllr. Beecher proposed a vote of congratulations to the Irish Rugby team on winning the Triple Crown. He also proposed a vote of congratulations to Eddie O Sullivan, Daniel Moloney and all the supporters. This was unanimously agreed by the members of the Council.
5. Cllr. Revins proposed a vote of congratulations to Youghal Credit Union who are celebrating the 40th birthday. Cllr. Revins requested that a civic reception be held for the Credit Union. This was unanimously agreed by the members of the Council.

Votes of Sympathy:

The members proposed a vote of sympathy to the following:

1. Ann Walsh and family, on the death of her husband, Maurice Walsh.

2. Tom Delaney, on the death of his mother.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from February, 7th 2007 to March, 7th 2007 was brought to the attention of the members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Update on the Car Park at Sarsfield Terrace.
2. Request to visit North Abbey Terrace with Cllr. Linehan Foley.
3. Plaques on the Clock Gate need to be cleaned and polished.
4. Update on Taxi Ranks for Youghal.
5. Possibility of additional casual trading spaces at the Front Strand area.
6. Complaints being received from Residents of Meadow Valley about trucks being parked outside entrance to the estate.
7. Footpaths in Blackwater Heights.
8. Flowers for the grotto in Sarsfield Terrace.
9. Indiscriminate dumping between GAA hall and Blackwater Heights and the field to the Eastern side of Dermot Hurley Estate.
10. Possibility of another bench being placed at the roundabout on the relief road.
11. Road and footpath surface at Cross Lane.
12. Possibility of lining the car park at Cherryvale Estate.
13. Update on eliminating the bad bend at the top of Raheen Park.
14. Coach parking at Lighthouse Hill.
15. Provision of a tap in the Graveyard.
16. Signs for the Inner Relief Road directing to Dungarvan/Waterford.
17. Condition of manhole covers in Dun Coran.
18. Street light across from McCarthy's house at Seafiel not working.
19. Dog fouling around the town.

20. Directional signs throughout the town.

21. Tree in Knockaverry.

County Council Items:

Report by Cllr. Murray:

1. Cllr. Murray informed the members that there was 28 libraries in total and that 22 of these were fully automated. Shelving and carpet had been complete in the new library in the Rivergate Mall. The official opening will be in April but no date has been confirmed as of yet.

2. Cllr. Murray informed the members that the Arts Grants had been distributed and that they had been entertained by Comhaltas Ceolteoiri Eireann who had just returned from Glasgow.

3. She also stated that Cork Airport was the main topic of conversations in the Council Chamber at present and how the debt was going to have an economic knock on effect to the county of Cork.

4. Cork County Council are currently revisiting Rural Planning Guidelines. Planners are currently taking these guidelines as directions and therefore causing a lot of problems.

5. Cllr. Murray informed the meeting that there was currently no street lighting at the new school and that this was something that needed to be addressed immediately.

County Council Issues:

1. Speed limit for the Quarry Road/Cock and the Bull area.

2. Pothole on the Quarry Road outside Pat Barry's house that was being caused by a possible spring in the road.

3. Cars for sale at Summerfield Cross.

4. Misuse of disabled car parking spaces throughout the town and the possibility of painting them blue.

5. Double yellow lines at Bayview Grove not being adhered to during mass hours. Emergency services will not be able to access the estate.

6. Illegal parking of trucks at Seafield/Shanavine area.

7. Possible alleviation measures for the bottom of Cork Hill i.e. roundabout.

8. Blue flag status for Redbarn.

9. Continued problems being encountered by residents of Sruthain Na Saille due to the layout of the estate. The Town Engineer informed the meeting that he was of the opinion that there was a section of green area that could be removed to provide additional parking spaces.

10. Footpath from Summerfield Cross to Youghal Swimming Pool.

11. Request for up to date details on quality of Youghal Towns Water Supply.

12. Recycling of plastics at Youghal Landfill site.

13. Funding for Front Strand outfall. The Town Clerk informed the members that this work would cost in the region of €60,000. If Youghal Town Council made funds available to fund 50% then Cork County Council may in a position to follow. Cllr. Burke proposed that €30,000 is provided out of the Budget for 2008. This was seconded by Cllr. Savage and unanimously agreed by the members of the Council. Cllr. Burke asked the Town Clerk if the work would be done in 2007. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that it was the intention to get the work done in 2007 and pay for it out of the Budget for 2008.

The Manager informed the meeting that Cork City Council were currently carrying out two Strategic reviews:

1. Housing Strategy,

2. Retail Strategy.

He informed the members that there was currently 29,000 customers availing of the pay by weight refuse collection. Customers who were availing of this service also had the benefit of the kerbside recycling service, including recycling of plastics. The Manager informed the members that it was unlikely that the recycling of plastics would return to the civic amenity site.

Managers Orders:

Managers Orders nos. 27/07 to 50/07 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

A brief discussion ensued in relation to Manager's Order nos. 39/07 and 46/07.

Planning Applications:

Planning application nos. P58007/07, P58008/07, P58009/07, P580010/07, P580011/07, P58012/07 and P58013/07 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. P58058/06 & P58073/06.

Disposal of Properties:

NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001.

Approval is hereby given to the letting of premises as set out hereunder:

1. The premises consists of portion of the Market House, Youghal.

2. The premises are to be leased to Youghal Tourist Development Ltd.

3. The premises forms portion of premises erected and owned by Youghal Town Council.
4. The letting period is for 4 years and 11 months at a rent of €2.00 p.a. as from 1st August 2006.

The above disposal of properties was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. McLellan and seconded by Cllr. Beecher.

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4. The letting period is for 4 years and 11 months at a weekly rent of €15.00 as from 1st August 2006.

The above disposal of properties was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Burke and seconded by Cllr. Murray.

Mayors Business:

1. The Mayor informed the members that the April monthly meeting was due to be held on Easter Monday and requested that it was brought forward to 2nd April. This was unanimously agreed by the members of the Council.
2. Opening of Tenders for the construction of houses at Ashe Street. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that three tenders were received, would be assessed by an Architect for Cork County Council and a contractor appointed. The tenders received were as follows:

- a) Tourig Homes €462,642.29
- b) Moroney Construction €486,819.00
- c) Thos. Murray and Son €449,510.00

Contributions to Residents Associations – Budget 2007:

A block figure of €6,000 was allocated in the adopted budget for 2007. The following allocations were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Casey and seconded by Cllr. Burke:

Dysart Grove	€300
Knockaverry Estate	€300
McCurtainstown	€300
Raheen Park	€300
Crestfield	€300

Bayview Grove	€300
Woodview Court	€300
Dermot Hurley Estate	€300
Blackwater Heights	€300
Sweetfield Estate	€300
Dun Coran	€300
Hillview	€300
Gallaghers Mews	€300
Woodland Grove	€300
Chestnut Drive	€300
Priory Court	€300
Seaview Place	€300
Sarsfield Terrace	€300
North Road Residents Association	€300
Kilcoran Park	€300

Contributions to Sporting Associations – Budget 2007:

A block figure of €3,000 was allocated in the adopted budget for 2007. The following allocations were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley and seconded by Cllr. Beecher:

Youghal Tennis Club	€300
Youghal Cycling Club	€300
Youghal Bowling Club	€300
Youghal CYMS	€300
Youghal Boy Scouts	€300
Youghal Karate Club	€300
Youghal Bay Bridge Congress	€300
Youghal Vintage Club	€300
Youghal Badminton Club	€300
Youghal Handball Club	€300

Draft Road Traffic and Parking in public places Bye Laws and submissions Received on same:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members the Draft Road Traffic and Parking in public places Bye Laws and submissions received on same.

Having considered the submissions Cllr. Revins proposed one amendment to the Bye Laws:

"That paid parking is not extended as far as the Walter Raleigh Hotel until the Lighthouse Hill is properly aligned and the illegal parking of buses has been resolved. Paid parking should stop at the Pedestrian Crossing."

This was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

The adoption of the amended Bye Laws were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Revins and seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

Part VIII Planning Process Submissions received:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members details of Church Street and the proposed repaving works at Church Street and submissions received on same. The works include the repaving of Church Street from its junction at North Main Street to Emmet Place at the entrance to St. Mary's College Gardens. These works will include the undergrounding of all ESB/Telecom services, laying of a new water main and main sewer and the incorporation of Heritage Street lighting and Heritage Street Furniture.

After a brief discussion where all submissions were considered the granting of planning permission was proposed by Cllr. Casey and seconded by Cllr. Burke and unanimously adopted by the members of the Council.

Variations to the Local Area Development Plan Contained within the County Development Plan - Request for Submissions:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members details of the proposed amendments to Electoral Area Local Area Plans – Bandon, Bantry, Fermoy, Kanturk, Midleton and Skibbereen.

The Town Clerk informed the members that submissions can be made during the period 26th February to 10th April 2007 and recommended one submission on the proposed rezoning of Propogue (to reduce from Residential Medium Density to Residential Low Density). This was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Beecher seconded by Cllr. Murray.

CCTV Feasibility proposal For Youghal and letters Of support:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members a copy of the Application form for Grant Aid for Community Based CCTV Scheme.

In an effort to address the causes of crime and reduce anti-social and criminal behaviour, the installation of CCTV systems endeavours to complement and enhance existing activities such as, normal policing, youth and community development initiatives, Gardai diversion projects, juvenile liaison schemes, probation and welfare service programmes and increase community involvement in the provision of an integrated response to crime prevention and reduction.

Letters of support to accompany application received from Youghal Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, An Garda Síochána and FÁS.

Harbour Matters - Quay And Seawall Survey by David Kelly Partnership:

The Town Clerk circulated the meeting with the Quay and Seawall Survey by David Kelly Partnership.

Cllr. Casey referred to page 21 of the survey and informed the meeting that he had great concerns at the possible collapse of the sea wall to South side of the Lighthouse. The Manager informed the member that the Senior Engineer had already picked up on this and they were currently considering same.

Cllr. Casey also informed the meeting that the Quay was one of the towns greatest assets and that the necessary remedial works need to be carried out immediately.

The report was duly approved by the Council who stated that they would now have to consider the financial implications of same.

Unresolved Motions Report:

The Town Clerk circulated a copy of the Unresolved Motions Report December 2006 to the members for their consideration. A brief discussion took place in relation to the Duke of Devonshire and whether or not he should be liable for commercial rates. This was to be referred to the Council's Legal Department.

The Unresolved Motions report was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Revins and seconded by Cllr. Murray.

Non-National Road Grant:

The Town Clerk circulated with the Agenda proposals by the Engineering Staff in relation to the Non National Road Grant for 2007:

Grant	€287,000
Church Street (already agreed and Ringfenced)	€150,000
Routine Maintenance	€50,000
Balance remaining	€87,000
PROPOSALS:	
Resurfacing Fairfield Car Park	€50,000
Resurfacing from GAA to Church (Magner's Hill)	€60,000
Resurfacing of 1) Sweetfield Est.	€60,000
2) Cul de Sac	€25,000
Resurfacing of good part of Magners Hill and implement traffic calming and footpaths	€87,000

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRIORITY WORK:

1. Resurfacing from GAA to Church (Magner's Hill)
2. Resurfacing of Cul de Sac at Sweetfield Estate
3. Resurfacing of Fairfield Car Park.

A discussion ensued in which each Councillor expressed their wishes to have Sweetfield Estate completed to a satisfactory standard. The Town Clerk informed the members that having the two Cul-de-Sacs completed would be a start and that the resurfacing of the road and footpaths

in the estate could not commence until the main sewer has been upgraded. The Town Clerk was aware that there is a third Cul-de-Sac in the estate but that this maybe affected by the laying of the new sewer and an undeveloped site. The Town Engineer informed the meeting that he was aware of the sewer situation in the estate and that it was being considered.

Following this it was unanimously agreed by the members of the Council that the works to be carried out from the balance of €87,000 available under the Non National Road Grant for 2007 were:

1. Resurfacing of 200mm section of Magner's Hill from the GAA to Holy Family Church (€60,000).
2. Resurfacing of Cul-de-Sac at Sweetfield Estate (€27,000).

An extension of time was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Savage and seconded by Cllr. Beecher.

Motion in the name of Cllr. Revins seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley:

'That this Council, Youghal Town Council, call on Cork County Council with immediate effect, to provide a gate – which may be closed at night and opened by day – or ramps at Claycastle Car Park, The Strand, Youghal.'

Cllr. Revins informed the meeting that the situation at Claycastle car park, with boy racers was getting out of hand. He told the members that recently a car exiting the car park hit another vehicle driving past the entrance and left the scene. The residents are living on edge and feel that it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident out there.

The Town Engineer informed the meeting that in his opinion ramps were a last resort and that the issue needed to be addressed by the Gardai.

This motion was unanimously adopted by the members of the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Revins and seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

Correspondence:

The Following correspondence was received:

1. A letter from Youghal Chamber of Tourism & Commerce in relation to the installation of CCTV.
2. A letter from Chambers Ireland in relation to:
 - a. Chambers Ireland DVD of Excellence in Local Government Awards 2006 and,
 - b. A copy of Chambers Ireland 2007 yearbook.
3. A letter from Youghal Disability Awareness Group in relation to the serious misuse of disabled parking spaces.

4. A letter from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. in relation to its Ordinary General Meeting.
5. A letter from GOPLAY in relation to a Playground Seminar.
6. Details from Walled Towns Friendship Circle in relation to their Symposium to be held from 16th to 20th April 2007.
7. A Notice from Greystones Town Council in relation to the 2007 La Touche Legacy Seminar.
8. A Notice from Sherkin Island Marine Station in relation to their 23rd Annual Environmental conference.
9. A Notice from RAPID in relation to the Youghal Public Screening of RAPID DVD.
10. A letter from Cumann na Daoine in relation to Equality for Women Measure & Equality for All Initiative.
11. A letter from Bus Eireann in relation to the parking area for Bus Eireann near Walter Raleigh Hotel, Youghal.
12. A letter from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government in relation to the Local Government Fund Accounts 2005 and the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General.
13. A letter from Urban Ballyfermot in relation to the final report for the voter Participation Initiative in Ballyfermot.
14. A Notice from Ireland against Racism in relation to Intercultural and Anti Racism Week 19th – 25th March 2007.

Circularised Correspondence:

1. DVD and report in relation to Urban Ballyfermot Final Report for the Voter Participation Initiative.
2. Volume 27 of LAN.
3. Rent Tribunal Annual Report & Accounts 2005.
4. Allianz Business2arts Awards 2007.
5. Local Government Fund Accounts 2005 and Comptroller and Auditor General Report.
6. Tourism Matters February 2007.
7. Housing Ireland Issue 2

8. Chambers Ireland Yearbook 2007 & DVD.

9. Port of Waterford Newsletter Issue 6.

10. Public Sector Times Volume 32.

Any Other Business:

Cllr. Linehan Foley asked the Town Clerk if it would be possible to leave Kyle National School use the Sacred Heart Convent while essential repairs are being carried out on the school. The Town Clerk informed the member that it would not be possible at this time.

Cllr. Casey informed the meeting that the Casey family were organising a fund raising 10km road race in memory of their late daughter, Emer. All funds collected would be donated. Cllr Casey requested permission to use the Mall Arts Centre for the official launch. This was unanimously agreed by the members of the Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.