

## **Minutes of Youghal Town Council held on 10th March 2008 at The Mall House, Youghal - 7.30 p.m.**

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### **Present:**

Mayor David Savage presided. Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Casey, Burke, Hennessy, Revins, Beecher McLellan and Murray.

### **Officials Present:**

Mrs. Patricia Power, Town Manager. Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk. Ms. Geraldine O'Connell, Clerical Officer. Mr. Ger Lupton, Town Foreman. Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.

### **Opening Prayers:**

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

### **Presentation by Mr. Sean McLoughlin on the Managers Proposals for The Visual Uplifting of The Main Street of the Town:**

Mr. Sean McLoughlin, Executive Architect gave a presentation to the members on the Managers proposals for the visual uplifting of the main street of the town.

### **Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 11th February 2008:**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 11th February 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. McLellan seconded by Cllr. Hennessy and unanimously adopted by the members.

### **Minutes of the Special Meeting held 4th February 2008:**

The minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting held on 4th February 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley, seconded by Cllr. Revins and unanimously agreed by the members.

### **Town Clerk's Report On Matters arising from Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th February 2008:**

The Town Clerk gave a report to the Members on the matters arising since the meeting held on 11th February 2008.

### **Housing & Building:**

The allocation of the first phase of Parklands amounting to eleven social housing units (10 3 bed, 1 two bed units) will take place this week. The anticipated handover time from the developer is within the next six to eight weeks. The successful applicants will be required to undertake pre-tenancy courses and each tenancy offered will be for a period of twelve months initially.

We are concerned in relation to the initial response to the Housing Needs Assessment currently being undertaken by the Council. A public advertisement was placed in the Examiner and Youghal News newspapers informing people of this assessment. Letters and new forms were issued to each current housing applicant. Any person who has not completed these forms, needs to do so immediately to ensure that they will be considered for future Council Housing Schemes and Casual Vacancies. Initial evaluation interviews on received forms are currently underway.

### **Roads & Footpaths:**

A tender report has been received from David Kelly Partnership in respect of the DeValera Street Car Park Project (consisting of the development of 37 car parking spaces). A contractor will be appointed shortly with a view to commencing works in April.

A tender report has been received from David Kelly Partnership in respect of the Church Street Heritage Regeneration Project. Again a contractor will be appointed shortly with a view to commencing works in April.

Youghal Town Council have received notice of the Non National Road Grant Allocation for 2008 from the Department of Transport. This years allocation amounts to €287,000 (no increase over 2007) and a report on same is currently being prepared by the Town Engineer for presentation to the Members of the Council at the April meeting.

**Waters & Sewers:**

The reservoirs are currently at full storage capacity with an average daily demand of approximately 575,000 gallons per day. I am unaware of any problems with the Waste Water Drainage System and all pump stations seem to be working satisfactorily currently.

**Planning & Development:**

A planning application has been received from Cork County Council for the laying of a new 350mm trunk water main from Boola Waterworks to the Reservoirs at Cork Hill.

**Recreation & Amenity:**

The Millennium Garden underwent seasonal maintenance during the month of February. This involved the cleaning out of all the ponds together with the removal of all the vandalised pond structures (it is hoped to replace these with a more practical solution during the spring). The gates and archway have been painted black and gold to correspond with the scheme throughout the town. Five new seats have been provided and all the brick paving powerwashed and cleaned.

As no funds were provided in the 2008 Council Budget for the 1798 Memorial Park, I have had to source other sources of funding from various agencies. I have managed to secure €26,000 which will be spent on increased lighting, new balcony seating, planting and painting the park for the summer of 2008. Work has already commenced on the park and orders have been placed for the extra seating and lighting.

**Votes of Congratulation:**

The Members proposed a vote of congratulation to the following: Sarah Ryan on winning the Usual Place Sports Person of the Year Award.

**Town Foreman's Report:**

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

1. Provision of tap at the Pier Head.
2. Loose dogs in Prospect Farm.
3. Opening of gates during daylight hours at the side of the Mall House.
4. Section of missing footpath at the junction of Windmill Hill and South Cross Lane.
5. Installation of extra ladders at Buttimer's Dock and Market Dock.
6. Cleaning up of overhanging vegetation at the Jail Steps.
7. Light outside 139 North Main Street.
8. Ponding at entrance to Pitch & Putt Club.
9. Provision of handrail at Mall Beach.
10. Wall at Kilcoran Road.
11. Renovations at Millennium Park Playground.
12. Bus Stop at New Catherine Street/Fairfield Car Park.
13. Railway Line for Youghal. The Town Clerk suggested that a motion be put for ward for the next meeting of the Council calling for a deputation to be sent to the Minister for Transport.
14. Reinstatement of pooper scoopers in the Strand area.
15. Removal of recycling bins at Tides Car Park.

16. Picking of litter/sweeping of steps.
17. Renovation of Fr. O' Neill Statue at 1798 Memorial Park.
18. Bally playing and banning of dogs from Millennium Park.
19. Dumping of rubbish behind 9 Dermot Hurley Estate.
20. Disabled parking spaces at Bun Scoil Mhuire.
21. Replacement of cigarette bins around town.
22. Lack of vision of signs at Mill Road Roundabout.
23. Manholes at Dun Coran.
24. Hilltop Hotel Site. The Engineer informed the members that he was meeting shortly with the owners of this site.

**Cork County Council Items:            Report by Cllr. Murray:**

Cllr. Murray gave a brief discussion of the following issues :

1. Cllr. Murray raised the issue of the recent water shortage in town and informed the members that this was due to an ESB fault which caused a problem with the pumps.
2. Cllr. Murray raised the issue of the amenity walkways and requested that this project be broken into two phases.
3. Cllr. Murray raised the issue of the library and informed the members that Cllr. Aherne put forward a motion stating that Cork County Council borrow money to fund a permanent library in Youghal. Cllr. Murray informed the members that Cllr. Aherne expressed the view that the rent being paid to Rivergate Mall was exorbitant money.

**County Council Items:**

1. Level of odours emanating from the landfill site.
2. Ponding on roadway outside 9 Gallagher's Mews. The Engineer informed the members that he would investigate same and revert back to the members at the next monthly meeting.
3. Delay in the provision of a permanent Fire Station. The Manager informed the members that she will liaise with the Architect who was at present undertaking some improvements on this development and would revert back to the members at the next monthly meeting.
4. Completion of footpath between the Leisure Centre and the Claycastle. The Engineer informed the members that he met with the ESB last week and some preparatory work was to be done by Cork County Council.
5. Disabled parking space at the top of Raheen Park. The Engineer informed the members that he would investigate same.
6. Landslide at Ballyvergan. The Engineer informed the members that this was being dealt with by
7. Flooding at the entrance to Springfield Court. The Engineer informed the members that he would investigate same.
8. Gradient in green area at Sruthain na Saili. The Engineer informed the members that trial holes needed to take place here to see what depth the rock is and once this takes place he will revert back to the members.
9. Roadworks between Youghal and Killeagh.

**Managers Orders:**

Managers Orders nos. 22/08 to 31/08 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

**Planning Applications:**

Planning application reference nos. P58003/08 to P58008/08 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Cllr. Burke raised the issue of a numbers of concerns raised by the residents of South Main Street in relation to the application submitted by Supermacs. Cllr. Burke stated that large gatherings of people in the early hours of the morning were causing a major nuisance to the residents of this area, he urged the Manager to consider this ongoing public order situation and to consider rejecting this application.

**Further Information Received:**

The members were informed that further information was received in relation to planning application nos. P58045/07 & P58066/07.

**Mayor's Business:**

The Mayor informed the members that he attended his 1st Area roads meeting and had highlighted issues on Sruthain na Saili, Traffic Management at Cork Hill, Grass Cutting at the entrance roads into town & the outfall at the Front Strand. The Mayor informed the members that €180,000 had been secured for lighting at the Millennium Court and that this was due to the efforts of Cllrs. Murray and Hallinan.

In relation to the grass cutting at the entrances into town the Town Clerk informed the members that he had written to Waterford County Council & Cork County Council to enter into a Section 58 Agreement with Youghal Town Council in order to take over maintenance of the Rhincrew Roundabout and the entrance of the N25 By Pass on the Cork side. The Town Clerk informed the members that both Councils would be billed for services provided.

**Unresolved Motions:**

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley requested the removal of Motion no. 10 from Section A.
2. Cllr. Revins requested the removal of Motion no. 3 from Section B.
3. The Town Clerk requested the removal of Motion 1 & 2 from Section D.

**Heritage Report by Cllr. Burke:**

Cllr. Burke circulated to the members a report on the recent Heritage Municipal Policy Committee Meeting which raised issues such as the 50 metre extension to the town walls wall top walk and the forthcoming medieval fun day.

The Mayor thanked Cllr. Burke for a very detailed report.

**Harbour Municipal Policy Committee Report By Cllr. Casey**

Cllr. Casey circulated to the members a report on the recent Harbour Municipal Policy Committee Meeting. Cllr. Casey informed the members that the Harbour Master stated at the meeting that the recent motion in relation to the installation of a pontoon on the quay put forward by Cllr. Murray was not feasible due to adverse weather conditions in this area. Cllr. Casey informed the members that the Town Clerk suggested that the Harbour needed an overall master plan and asked the members approval for same.

The Mayor thanked Cllr. Casey for his report.

**Rapid Report by Cllr. Revins:**

Cllr. Revins informed the members that there was no report from RAPID this month, but he informed the members that the day care centre is going ahead.

**Report on Claycastle Leisure Company by Cllr. Casey:**

Cllr. Casey circulated to the members a report on Claycastle Leisure Company and informed the members that a submission had been received from Aura for a proposed price increase for 2008.

The Mayor thanked Cllr. Casey for his report.

**Report on Hatherton by Cllr. McLellan:**

Cllr. McLellan circulated to the members a report on Hatherton and informed the members that building works on St. Mary's College are due to be completed by June with office spaces being advertised shortly. Cllr. McLellan informed the members that the new project co-ordinator for Hatherton was Helen Coady.

The Mayor thanked Cllr. McLellan for her report.

**Motion in the name of Cllr. Murray seconded By Cllr. Beecher:**

"That Youghal Town Council call on the NRA to investigate as to why no route is signposted for Killarney via Youghal on the N25".

**Correspondence:**

1. A letter from Gaelscoil Choráin in relation to a fundraising night to be held on June 20th 2008.
2. A letter from the National Consumer Agency in relation to complaints from County Councils relating to the sale of water purification/filtration units.
3. A letter from Cumann na Daoine inviting the members to the launch of the Fairtrade Campaign.
4. A letter from IPBMI informing the members of the forthcoming Ordinary General Meeting.
5. A Notice from Ennisclorthy Town Council in relation to their forthcoming conference on "1916 Revolution or Betrayal".
6. A notice from Kerry Literary Cultural Centre in relation to the Listowel Conference 2008.
7. The following motion was received from Mullingar Town Council:  
"That this Council urges the Health Services Executive and St. Vincent's hospital to provide proper isolation wards for cystic fibrosis patients".
8. A notice from East Cork Tourism in relation to their 'Business to Business' Showcase Seminar.
9. A notice from Greystones Town Council in relation to the 2008 La Touche Legacy Seminar (20th Year).
- 10.0 A notice from Chambers Ireland in relation to the All Ireland Vision Conference.
11. A notice from Sherkin Island Marine Station regarding their 24th Annual Environmental Conference.
12. A letter from Irish Water Safety in relation to Youghal Town Council's contribution to Irish Water Safety for 2007.
13. Final Report on New Towns Analysis from David Stanton TD.
14. European Briefing Unit Programme of Events from University of Bradford.
15. Letter from David Stanton regarding a response from Mr. John Mullins, Bord Gais (attached).
16. A notice from Wexford Borough Council regarding their forthcoming conference on 'Better Local Government - Is It Working'.
17. A letter from Sustainable Ireland Ltd. regarding the forthcoming Energy Show.
18. A letter from High Spirits thanking Youghal Town Council for their recent grant.

19.0The following motion was received from Macroom Town Council:

"In light of the 2006 statistics that 14,598 dogs were put to sleep by local authorities not to mention the number of dogs put down by individuals, Macroom Town Council calls on the government to introduce a microchipping and neutering/spaying incentive scheme to curb unwanted dogs: (suggestion: licence for a neutered dog = €10, licence for unneutered dog = €150)".

20. A letter from Meath County Council regarding the Local Authority Members Association Spring Seminar 2008.

21. A Notice from the Rattoo Heritage Society in relation to the 16th Annual Kerry Environmental Recognition Conference.

**Circularised Correspondence:**

Brochure from the University of Bradford regarding a workshop on Monitoring and Auditing for Programme and Project Managers. Lan Volume 28. Statement of Strategy 2008 - 2010.

**Any Other Business:**

The members expressed their disappointment at the news of Dancing Thru the Ages taking their show to Cork this Summer.

**Meeting Concluded.**