

Minutes of Youghal Town Council held on 10th May, 2011 in the Mall House, Youghal at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Mary Linehan Foley presided.

Cllrs. Revins, Coyne, Burke, Hennessy, Beecher, O' Conaill, Flanagan & Murray. Officials Present: Mrs. Patricia Power, Town Manager.

Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy , Staff Officer.

Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.

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

Minutes of Monthly The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 12th April 2011 Meeting held on 12th April 2011 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Coyne, seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Co-Option of Eoin Flanagan:

The Mayor and Members of Youghal Town Council unanimously congratulated Cllr. Flanagan on his co-option. The Manager, on behalf of the Town Clerk and Staff also welcomed Cllr. Flanagan. Cllr. Flanagan thanked everyone for their well wishes and said he looked forward to working with everyone.

Report of the Town Clerk on Matters Arising from the Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 12th April, 2011.

Diving Rocks Health & Safety Issues:

Arising from the raising of the matter at the last meeting of the Council I again wrote to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd. seeking a reply to my original letter to them on 29th November last (a copy of which I enclose for your information). I received the attached e-mail as a response to same, which states the following:

“IPBMI considered the report issued by Irish Water Safety together with the report commissioned by Chris Mee Safety Engineering. Both reports highlight the fact that there is a substantial/high risk to the users of this area if the diving board is reinstated and remedial works are not carried out to a satisfactory standard at this site. Unless the Council are in a position to carry out the recommendations highlighted in both reports which include remedial work, carrying out risk assessments, documenting findings, carrying out inspections and the provision of information signs, we would not be in a position to maintain Public Liability Insurance on this site if re-opened to the Public.

Please confirm that the Diving Rocks area and the Diving Board remains closed and that access is

prevented to the general public. You should ensure that there are notices erected advising the public that access is no longer permitted. When the remedial works are carried out IPBMI will be happy to re-consider the position of cover under the Public Liability Policy in relation to this site”.

Having considered the content as outlined above I presented same to the Town Manager on 5th May. The Town Manager has requested the Town Engineer to prepare cost estimates for the recommendations contained in each report and having received these will present them to Council to provide the necessary funding to undertake these works. When the works have been completed IPBMI will be informed and asked to re-consider the position of cover under the Public Liability Policy in relation to this site.

Cllr. Murray asked if there was any timeline in relation to costings for the required work and also asked if finances would be available from the 2011 Budget. The Town Engineer informed the Members that he will have costings within 2 weeks.

Cllr. Murray stated that she had been approached by a voluntary group who offered to carry out the works for free on the basis that all the materials would be supplied. The Town Clerk stated that he should be contacted directly by those concerned to discuss the matter further.

Road Conditions at Raheen Road and Knockaverry:

The integrity of the road surface at both these locations has deteriorated over the last couple of months. The potholes will be filled this week by Town Council Staff, however in my opinion both these areas need to be prioritised early next year for complete overlaying with a new surface.

Votes of Congratulations:

The Members proposed a vote of congratulations to the following:

1. To all those involved in Green Barn on the provision of a new paving centre.
2. To Sheila O’Sullivan on her participation in the All Ireland Indoor Bowling Championships.
3. To the Town Clerk on his 50th Birthday.
4. Fermoy Boxing Club on their successful organisation of the International Boxing Event.
5. To the Cork Youghal Orchestra on their recent performance in Youghal.

Votes of Sympathy:

No Votes of Sympathy were passed.

Town Foreman’s Report:

The Town Foreman’s Report on works carried out from 8th April to 5th May 2011 were brought to

the attention of the members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Potholes on Raheen Road/St. Raphael's.
2. Potholes in Nealons Quay Car Park.
3. Cleaning & straightening of Directional Signs and removal of old ones.
4. Potholes on Quarry Road.
5. Broken bollard on Mill Road Roundabout.
6. Grass cutting at Cnoc Aoibhinn & Gort Aoibhinn
7. Shrubbery at Mill Road too high.
8. Provision of Disabled Car Parking Space outside Cumann Na Daoine.
9. Provision of handrail at Enterprise Centre.
10. Repairs to hand railings at Front Strand.
11. Clarification on new Car Parking Bye Laws:
12. Vehicular exit from Priory Court Car Park - sight distance insufficient.
13. Public light at new housing estate in Seafield out of order.

Cork County Council Items:

Engineers Report:

1. Road re-surfacing is complete on the Golf Links Road and Quarry Road. The road liners will be completing same next week.
2. Bins at Claycastle will be restored prior to the June weekend and as before will be emptied twice a week during the season. Sand on ramps to Claycastle will be removed.
3. Bus Eireann have been contacted with regards to the bus parking on the Lighthouse Hill.
4. The grid on the footpath at Bank of Ireland is to be replaced.
5. Road repairs will be carried out at Claycastle and outside Tesco in the coming weeks.

County Council Items:

1. Potholes at Copperalley.
2. Road openings on Kilcoran Road and Ballyclamasy.
3. Concealed entrance sign for Summerdale Lawn.
4. Potholes at Summerfield.
5. Condition of roadway at Haymans Hill.
6. New signage for "Gortaroo" causing confusion.
7. Resurfacing of Cork section of Tallow Road.
8. Removal of Sand from roads, footpaths and drains at Claycastle.
9. Update re old "Collins Bakery" site.
10. Dogs loose on beach.
11. Road markings on Kilcoran Road.

Managers Orders:

Managers Orders nos. 50/11 to 60/11 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.

Disposal of Properties:

The Members were informed that there was no disposal of properties.

Mayors Business:

The Mayor congratulated students from Waterford Institute of Technology on the projects which they put together for the Nealons Quay Car Park.

The Mayor congratulated Katie Taylor on her recent performance at the Boxing Event in the Walter Raleigh Hotel.

Derelict Sites Update:

The Town Clerk gave the Members a full report on the status of the potential derelict sites which read as follows:

Site	Status	Action
Y.S. & S Ltd, Greens Quay, Youghal.	Notice issued under Section 8 (2), issued on 18/02/2010. Works carried out by owners.	No further action Required.
Clancy's Bar, Upper Strand, Youghal.	Works carried out by Bank. Currently listed for sale.	Monitor.
CBS Secondary School, Golf Links Road, Youghal.	Renovated over the last six months. Now South Abbey National School.	No further action Required.
Merrick's Dept. Store, North Main Street, Youghal.	Property completely re-painted.	No further action Required.
C.I.E. Site, Front Strand, Youghal.	Agreement on works in place. Works to commence shortly.	Monitor.
Seafield Factory Site, Seafield, Youghal.	Planning application awaited for development of	Monitor

	the site incorporating Aldi supermarket. Pre-planning completed.	
Spinning Wheel, Friar Street, Youghal.	Notices Served. Returned. Cannot determine ownerships. Notice fixed to site	Continue process.
Martina Flavin 4/5 South Main Street, Youghal.	Placed on Derelict Sites Register.	Levy Valuation to be sought in January 2010.
Dunroc, 1 Emmet Place, Youghal.	Notices Served. Agreement with Solicitor for works to be carried out over a six month period.	Works commenced.
Farrell's Store, Catherine Street, Youghal.	Notices served. Proceed to place on Derelict Sites Register.	No response.
Farrell's Yard North Main Street, Youghal.	Notices served. Proceed to place on Derelict Sites Register.	No response.
Carnegie Library, Ashe Street, Youghal.	Property cleaned and re-painted.	No further action required.
Indian Point, Mill Road, Youghal.	Notice served on 19/04/2011. Response awaited.	Awaiting response.

The Members thanked the Town Clerk for the report.

Nomination of Director of Hatherton Ltd:

On the proposal of Cllr. Hennessy which was seconded by Cllr. Burke, Cllr. Eoin Flanagan was unanimously nominated as a director of Hatherton Ltd.

Nomination of Director of Claycastle Ltd:

Cllr. Coyne was proposed by Cllr. Revins and seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

Cllr. Flanagan was proposed by Cllr. Hennessy and seconded by Cllr. Burke. Cllr. Beecher was proposed by Cllr. Murray and seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

Cllr. Coyne subsequently asked if his nomination be withdrawn.

A vote took place, the results of which are as follows:

For Cllr. Beecher: Beecher, Coyne, O'Conaill, Murray, Revins, Linehan Foley.

For Cllr. Flanagan: Flanagan, Burke, Hennessy.

Cllr. Beecher was elected 6 votes to 3.

Taking in Charge of Copperalley Close:

On the proposal of Cllr. Murray which was seconded by Cllr. Revins the Members unanimously agreed to the taking in charge of Copperalley Close including the Cul De Sac road at Copperalley Close, length 596 linear metres.

Draft Development Contributions Scheme 2011:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members copies of the Draft Development Contributions Scheme 2011 and sought the permission of the Members to proceed to the Public Consultation Process. The Town Clerk outlined in particular the proposed reduction in Development Charges for both domestic and commercial development. The Members welcomed this and said it was a positive move.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murray which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the Members agreed to proceed with the review of the Draft Development Contributions Scheme 2011.

Motions in the name of Cllr. O' Conaill seconded by Cllr. Burke:

1. "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".
2. "That based upon such a policy being initiated as per 1) above that the Town Manager would facilitate (subject to proper certification) a 50% strike off of commercial rates on such participating properties for a similar period of two years". The Town Clerk stated that Strike Offs were already at the discretion of the Manager and could be considered for several reasons, including hardship. If the Chamber of Commerce/Landlords/Business people met to discuss the motion and the possibility of facilitating new Businesses in such a manner, then the Town Council could consider the matter further.

The Motion was unanimously adopted by the Members of the Council.

Correspondence:

1. National Heritage Week, 20th - 28th August, 2011.
2. Letter of thanks from Irish Blood Transfusion Service.
3. Letter of Thanks Youghal Rugby Football Club.
4. Letter from Mary Goggin re Traffic Management Plan.
5. Lough Hyne 30th Anniversary Celebrations.
6. Letter from Kilrush Town Council.
7. Notion of Motion Kilkee Town Council.
8. Notice of Motion Ardee Town Council.
9. Conference for Local Authority Elected Members 26/27 May.

Any Other Business:

Cllr. O’Conaill informed the members that he had recently met with Visitors to Youghal who had expressed their deep disappointment that during their recent visit to Youghal the Tourist Office was closed on the Saturday and they were unable to obtain any information about Youghal. Cllr. O’Conaill expressed his concern at this closure and also informed the Members that the Tourist Office also closed on Wednesdays - he felt that this was unacceptable. The Town Clerk agreed to write to the Chamber of Commerce and seek clarification on the matter.

Cllr. Beecher informed the Members of a meeting on “Elder Abuse” to be held at Cumann no Daoine on Wednesday 11th May at 7.30 pm. All Members were welcome to attend. That concluded the Business of the meeting.