

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 14th May, 2013 in the Mall House, Youghal at 10.00 a.m.

Present:

Mayor Michelle Hennessy presided.

Cllrs. Linehan-Foley, O'Connell, Burke, O'Sullivan, Flanagan and Beecher .

Apologies were received from Cllr. Murray and Cllr. Revins.

Officials Present:

Mrs. Patricia Power, Town Manager.

Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer.

Mr. Paul Murray, Town Engineer.

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 9th April, 2013 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Revins , seconded by by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously adopted by the Members.

Votes of Congratulations:

1. Davy Russell on retaining the Champion Jockey Title.
2. Pobail Scoil students on their recent success in the Millipore Science Competition.
3. Youghal Post Office and staff on being awarded Post Office of the year.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from the 4th April to the 9th May, 2013 was brought to the attention of the Members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Overgrown bushes at Bayview Grove.
2. Tree stump at Barrys Lane.
3. Graffiti on sheds at Front Strand – can they be painted.
4. Planting at Railway Station.
5. Update on Clock Gate: The Town Clerk informed the Members that all of the works carried out on the Clock Gate were done in line with best heritage practise and with the consent of the DOEHLG. The Town Clerk also reminded the Members that a very comprehensive conservation report was prepared by Margaret Gowan a few years previous – this report recommended that the plaster which was removed from the Clock Gate a number of years ago should be replaced. This report was adopted by the Members of the Council. As a result the east and west facing sides were lime rendered – this would prevent water ingress whilst still allowing the building to breathe - and safeguard the structural integrity of the Clock Gate going forward.
6. Signage for Church Street.
7. Commencement date for works at Chapel Lane & Windmill Hill. The Town Clerk informed the members that the works were being centrally tendered by the Mallow Division and he would give an update at the June meeting.

Cork County Council Items:

ENGINEERS REPORT ON ITEMS RAISED AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

1. Lighthouse Hill Wall Stabilisation Works:

A contractor has been recommended for this work and a appointment is expected within 2/3 weeks.

The section to be stabilised will be approximately 15m each side of the part that was completed previously. When complete in the 3rd quarter the traffic lights & safety barriers will be removed. No works will be done to the viewing balconies.

2. Youghal Main Drainage:

Tenders for the network have been analysed and a Contractor is recommended. Report on the Waste Water Treatment Plan is to go to the DOE/CLG. Both recommendations are expected to be with the Department by June for approval.

Cork County Council Items:

1. Cars parking on footpaths at Claycastle.
2. Update on Boardwalk – the Manager informed the Members that the land issues were still being negotiated.
3. Open shore at the entrance to Hill View.
4. Viewing areas at the Lighthouse Hill. Cllr. Linehan Foley expressed her disappointment that the viewing areas would not be repaired and reopened at the Lighthouse Hill. The Manager said that at present funding was not available but she had sent a report and photographs to the Co. Manager highlighting the seriousness of the situation.
5. Potholes around the Town.

Managers Orders:

Managers Order no's 53/2013 to 76/2013 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Planning Applications:

The Members were informed that P. 13/58003 had been 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. Letter from the city of Daytona Beach Shores seeking a twinning arrangement with Youghal. The Mayor asked if the matter could be deferred to the June meeting. The Members were in agreement.
2. East Cork Rapid Response Meeting – the Mayor expressed her disappointment at the low turnout at the meeting.
3. Letter from Patricia Power, Manager regarding her forthcoming retirement. The Mayor and Members unanimously thanked the Manager for her help over the last 6 years and wished her a long and happy retirement.

AMAI Policy on Municipal District Councils:

The Town Clerk stated that this document had already been circulated to the Members.

Motions from Midleton Town Council:

“This Council demands that the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland challenge and reject the proposal/strategy for the abolition of Town Council in the “Putting People First – Action Programme for Effective Local Government”.

“This Council calls on the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government to reconsider the proposal/strategy for the abolition of Town Councils in the “Putting People First – Action Programme for Effective Local Government”.

These motions were proposed by Cllr. Revins, seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously adopted by the Members of the Council.

Fishery Harbours & Coastal Infrastructure Programme 2013:

The Town Clerk informed the Members that a grant of €57,000 had been awarded for the repair of McDonalds Quay and the project was ready to go to tender.

Phase V of Works at Town Walls:

The Town Clerk informed the Members that the Heritage Council have advised him of a grant of €30,000 for the Town Walls and €8,000 for Medieval Day. The Town Clerk thanked the Heritage Council for their continued support.

St. Marys Collegiate Church - Conservation & Management Plan:

The Town Clerk circulated the Members with a copy of the Plan which had been commissioned by Youghal Town Council in partnership, and with the assistance of, the Heritage Council. The Town Clerk stated that St. Marys Church was an iconic building and a huge asset to Youghal. Every effort must be made to enhance and preserve the integrity of the building for future generations.

St. Marys Collegiate - Funding Application:

The Town Clerk circulated the Members with details of the application for funding for the proposed works to St. Marys Collegiate Church. The Town Clerk said that he hoped to have further news for the June Meeting.

National Spatial Strategy:

The Town Clerk circulated the Members with details in relation to the National Spatial Strategy.

People of the Year Awards 2013:

The Town Clerk circulated the members with details of the People of the Year Awards for 2013 and invited the members to put forward nominations for same. The Members agreed to address it again at the June meeting.

Cork County Council Mayors Conference:

The Town Clerk circulated the members with details in relation to the 2013 Mayors Conference – hosted by Cllr. Barbara Murray, Mayor of Cork County Council - which would be held in the Walter Raleigh Hotel on the 24th & 25th May.

Local Area Plans for Tramore, Lismore & Portlaw:

The Town Clerk circulated the Members with details of the Local Area Plans for Tramore, Lismore and Portlaw.

Correspondence May 2013.

1. Notice of Motion received from Killarney Town Council;
“As the Principal of Subsidiarity, as detailed in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Unions and in a protocol in the Treaty of Amsterdam, is a central tenet of European Union policy, that this council calls on the E.U. to critically examine the Irish Government’s proposal to abolish all Town Councils as such abolition is disenfranchising many at the most basic level of the democratic process”.
2. Notice from Tgr Seminars on an Information Seminar for Councillors on “Putting People First, Electoral Boundary Shake Up and Local Government Reform”.
3. Notice from Kadenza Consultancies on a Training Seminar on Creative Multimedia.
4. Notice from Tgr Seminars on a Councillor Conference on “How Councillors can Successfully Access Funding to help Community Programmes”.
5. Notice of Motion received from Ballyshannon Town Council:

“Ballyshannon Town Council call on Minister Alan Shatter, T.D. to withdraw the harsh and unfair proposed pay cuts to An Garda Siochana and other frontline services”.

6. Notice from Rattoo Heritage Society in relation to their Annual Environmental and Heritage Conference.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. O’Connell the Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Burke would attend this conference.

7. Letter from East Cork Rapid Response seeking financial assistance from Youghal Town Council.

8. Notice from Tralee Town Council in relation to the St. Brendan International Conference.

9. Letter from Brendan Terry in relation to Fluoridation.

10. Notice of Motion received 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”.

11. Notice from Ace Training in relation to a Seminar on Drug and Alcohol Abuse for Local Authorities.

12. Notice from Kadenza Consultancies in relation to a Training Seminar on ‘Preparing for new National and Regional Strategies’.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Revins the Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Beecher would attend this conference.

On the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley which was seconded by Cllr. Hennessy the Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. O’Connell attend this conference.

On the proposal of Cllr. Hennessy which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Flanagan attend this conference.

13. Energy Management Conference.

On the proposal of Cllr. O’Sullivan which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members unanimously agreed that Cllr. Flanagan would attend this conference.

Any Other Business:

1. Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the members that a visiting group from Lamour Plage would arrive at the Town Hall on the 25th May at 11am and asked if each member would try to attend. The Twinning Dinner would be held in Ahernes on the night of the 26th May.

2. Cllr. Linehan Foley expressed her concern at an incident which happened the previous weekend during which it took an ambulance 53 minutes to attend the scene. The Members unanimously agreed that the situation regarding the ambulance service was unacceptable and something must be done. The Town Clerk suggested that the issue be raised directly to the Minister for Health by way of a parliamentary question. The Members agreed.

The Members also expressed their unanimous sympathies to the family of a two year old boy who died in a tragic accident in Midleton.

This concluded the business of the meeting.