

Minutes of Youghal Town Council held on 12th November 2007 in the Mall House, Youghal at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor David Savage presided.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Casey, Burke, Revins, Hennessy, Beecher, McLellan and Murray.

Officials Present:

*Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.
Ms. Katherine Donoher, A/Staff Officer.
Mr. Ger Lupton, Town Foreman.
Mr. Paul Murray, Executive Engineer.
Ms. Patricia Power, Town Manager.*

Opening Prayers:

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

**Presentation by
Una Ni Mhearain, of Consarc
Consultants on the
Draft Public Realm Plan:**

Una Ni Mhearain of Consarc Consultants made a presentation to the members of the Draft Public Realm Plan. The plan has been commissioned by Youghal Town Council to propose the most effective presentation, Management and development of the town's public realm. The plan area takes in part of the town bounded by the Town Walls and the adjacent waterfront area. A survey and analysis has been carried out, issues have been identified, and a design template established, illustrated through a set of specific proposals, to guide the continued development, management and presentation of Youghal's public realm. The improvements to the public realm as outlined in the plan will benefit the town both directly and indirectly. The proposals can begin to change perceptions of the town, its attractiveness to the visitor, investors and as a place to live.

The Members unanimously adopted the Draft Public Realm Plan on the proposal of Cllr. Beecher and seconded by Cllr. Casey. The Draft would now be placed on public view for consultation prior to formal adoption in 2008.

**Minutes of the Monthly
Meeting held on 15th
October 2007:**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 15th October 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hennessy seconded by Cllr. McLellan and unanimously adopted by the members.

**Town Clerk's Report on
Matters arising from the
Minutes of the Meeting
held on 15th October
2007:**

The Town Clerk gave a report to the Members based on the minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2007.

HOUSING AND BUILDING:

1. *C & S. Construction Services Ltd. of 11 Church Street, Cork have been awarded the contract for the carrying out of remedial works on 32 houses at Blackwater Heights, Youghal. The contract sum amounts to €410,245.75 including VAT. This company has previously carried out remedial works for Midleton Town Council and have proved to be very professional and efficient in the carrying out of their works under that contract. The works here in Youghal involve the installation of heating, the insulation of attics, replacement of fascia and soffits, rewiring of houses where necessary & the installation of windows and doors where necessary. Individual tenants will be contacted by the Company from the end of November onwards, with the bulk of works to be completed in January, February & March.*
2. *The survey has been completed in respect of the remaining houses in Dermot Hurley Estate and has been forwarded to the Architects Department of Cork County Council for the preparation of tendering documentation. It is hoped to go to tender on this project in January of next year.*

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION:

1. *The resurfacing of the Cul de Sacs in Sweetfield Estate & Magners Hill has been completed and the road liners are currently in town carrying out the necessary road lining at these locations and are also completing the road lining schedule for 2007 currently.*

WATER & SEWERS:

1. *The reservoirs are currently at full storage capacity with an average daily demand at approximately 580,000 gallons per day. New valves are currently being fitted to the water mains at Mill Road and North Abbey, Youghal as part of a main upgrading scheme.*
2. *I am currently unaware of any problems with the waste water system and all pumphouses seem to be working satisfactorily at the moment.*

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

1. *The Draft Development Plan 2008 – 2015 must be adopted by the members of the Council before the 21st of November next. If the draft is not adopted by that date then the draft in its current form becomes*

the actual Draft Development Plan 2009 – 2015. The Draft Plan will be published within two weeks of that date and public notice will be given to this effect and all the statutory bodies notified accordingly. Once the Draft Development Plan goes on public display it may be inspected at the Mall House or another appropriate location for a period of not less than 10 weeks. Written submissions or observations with respect to the draft may be made to the Planning Authority within that period and will be taken into consideration within the making of the plan.

- 2. Public Realm Plan: A presentation is being made at tonight's meeting of the Council of the Draft Public Realm Plan for Youghal. If this Draft Plan is approved by the members of the Council, again public notice will be given and public submissions encouraged in relation to the plan. The plan will be put on display for a period of six weeks to enable the public to make whatever submissions they deem beneficial to the Public Realm Plan. Once these submissions have been received they will be examined by our Technical Staff and reports prepared for the Manager and the Members of the Council and will go back to a Council Meeting for consideration by the members prior to the adoption of the Public Realm Plan for Youghal.*
- 3. The Town Walls Conservation Plan is currently at the printers and should be available for the December Meeting of the Council.*

OPEN SPACES:

- 1. The Town Walls Wall Walk is now almost completely finished and will be open to the public in a number of weeks.*
- 2. The pathway linking both Sallyports at the Town Walls is currently under construction and will be completed and fully operational by the end of the year. Both these projects are being funded by the Heritage Council and the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and will provide quality to the Public Realm at these locations and will be of enormous benefit during the tourism seasons to come.*

CORPORATE ESTATE:

- 1. The appointed contractor Adamlane Properties Ltd. T/A LFM Construction have now signed the contracts*

in respect of the refurbishment of part of St. Mary's College into an Enterprise Centre for incubation office space. Work has started on the building and should be completed in approximately six months time with the anticipated opening date of the centre set for June 2008.

- 2. The first preliminary budget meeting for 2008 will be held on Monday 26th of November at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.*

This report should be read in conjunction with the report on Town Foreman's Items circularised to the members of the Council on the 31st October last.

Votes of Congratulations:

The members proposed a vote of congratulation to the following:

- 1. To Youghal Camogie Under 16 Team who won the Under 16 D League County Final 2007.*
- 2. Congratulations to Fr. O Neills Camogie Team.*
- 3. Mark Kelly on his participation in two recent marathons.*
- 4. Digital documents on achieving the I.S.O. 901/2000 standard for 2007.*

Votes of Sympathy:

The Members proposed a vote of sympathy to the following:

- 1. Bill O Shea on the death of his brother, John.*
- 2. Mary Fitzgerald on the death of her husband, Jim.*

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from October 03rd to November 07th were brought to the attention of the members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

- 1. Lights nos. 1-7 at Seafield.*
- 2. Enquiry as to when the toilets in Market Square will be open to the public.*
- 3. Lights at Emmet Place not working.*
- 4. Sli Na Slainte sign at the Mall.*
- 5. Spelling on the plaques of the cannons outside the Mall House.*
- 6. Potholes and footpaths at Dominic Collins Place.*
- 7. Statue in Green Park needs to be cleaned.*
- 8. Children at Play sign in Ardrath Crescent needs to be repositioned, pointing in the wrong direction.*
- 9. One way sign at the end of Sarsfield Terrace pointing in the wrong direction.*
- 10. Bus stop at Post Office.*

11. High step on footpath at Quay opposite the Credit Union.
12. Parking at Bun Scoil Mhuire and in particular vehicles parking in the disabled parking space.
13. Debris in the cemetery.
14. Cul de Sac and Children at Play sign for Dysart Grove.

**Cork County Council
Items:**

Report by Cllr. Murray:

Cllr. Murray informed the members that Cork County Council has begun the draft strategic review of the County Development Plan, which will cover items such as the possibility of re-opening the Youghal to Cork Railway line. Cllr. Murray informed the meeting that she is one of Cork County Council's representative for the HSE and that they passed a recent motion to cease all the current cut backs. There has been no Coastal Protection funding allocated to Youghal over the last 2 years and unlikely to be any for 2007. Cllr. Murray said that the broadband project was nearing completion but that it is essential that the developers stay on site.

Cllr. Murray recently put a motion to Cork County Council hold 20% of development contributions within the area the development is taking place and then split into the 3 way as proposed between North, South and West Cork.

Cork County Council Items:

1. When will broadband be up and running and is there additional ducting provided for future growth and demand.
2. Blue flag status for Redbarn – the Manager informed the meeting that negotiations were ongoing into securing Blue Flag Status.
3. Traffic on Cork Hill – the Town Engineer informed the members that he would be meeting the new Senior Engineer with a view to discussing the matter.
4. Railings at the Harbour View Hotel.
5. The unavailability of access to the toilet in the new library by the public.
6. Car Park at Sruthain Na Saille.
7. Footpaths at Tallow Street and the junction with South Abbey and Strand Street.
8. Progress report on Taxi Rank for Youghal.
9. Traffic calming measures for the area around the playground at Mill Road.
10. Lack of public lighting at An Pobalscoile Na Trionaide.
11. State of the footpath at Watson's corner.
12. Dog fouling and illegal dumping on the outskirts of the town.

13. Extension of the yellow box at the slip road on the Lighthouse Hill – bottom of Carlton Place.
14. Extension of double yellow lines at the entrance to Quarryvale Estate, Greencloyne.
15. Possibility at zebra/pedestrian crossing at Greencloyne.
16. Parking at the entrance to Carlton Place.
17. Footpath at Strand Street – outside Gaelscoil Chorain.

Managers Orders:

Managers Orders nos. 198/07 to 213/07 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.

Planning Applications:

Planning application reference nos. P58065/07 to P58067/07 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. P58024/07, P58043/07, P58047/07, P58052/07 and P58054/07.

Mayor's Business:

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1. The Mayor informed the members that he had received an invitation for any members that were interested in attending

function in the SilverSprings Hotel for ECAD to present their

Marketing Drive for East Cork.

2. A date was set to hold the civic reception on the retirement of Des Heffernan, Senior Engineer, Cork County Council and the resignation of Helen Walsh from her post as Staff Officer with Youghal Town Council. Mayor Savage proposed that the reception is held on 30th November, 2007, which was seconded by Cllr. Revins and unanimously agreed by the members of the Council.

Extension of time:

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

Adoption of the Draft Youghal Town Dev. Plan 2009-2015 under Section 11.5C of the Planning and Development Act 2000:

Due to the time it had taken to get to this item the members informed the Town Clerk that they would prefer to have a special meeting to discuss the draft at length. On the proposal of Cllr. Revins which was seconded by Cllr. Murray it was unanimously agreed to hold a Special Meeting on 19th November, 2007.

Notice under Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 – public road at Ard Na Mara, Youghal.

The Town Clerk had circulated a notice in relation to the proposed taking in charge of the cul-de-sac road off Magner's Hill in Ard Na Mara, Youghal. The Town Clerk informed the members that no

Submissions or representations had been received. The Declaration of the public road at Ard Na Mara Estate was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Revins, seconded by Cllr. Casey, and unanimously agreed by the members of the Council.

Notice under Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 – public road at Dun Coran, The Rise, The Green and Ridgewood:

The Town Clerk had circulated a notice in relation to the proposed taking in charge of public roads at Dun Coran, The Rise, The Green and Ridgewood. Town Clerk informed the members that no Submissions or representations had been received. The Declaration of the public road at Dun Coran, The Rise, The Green and Ridgewood was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Revins, seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously agreed by the members of the Council.

A.M.A.I submission on Local Government Reform:

The Town Clerk had circulated a submission received from the A.M.A.I. for the members attention. It was unanimously agreed that the members of Youghal Town Council would sign the letter of support for the A.M.A.I.

Variations to the County Development Plan 2003:

This item was noted as having been read.

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

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“That Youghal Town Council call on the Minister for Finance to consider an advance office for Public Appointment Service to be decentralised to Youghal without further delay..”

Cllr. Murray informed the members that this is an issue that needs urgent attention. Other departments have started to move all ready and that this move will be of great benefit to the town.

This motion was unanimously agreed by the members of the Council.

Motion in the name of Cllr. Burke seconded by Cllr. Casey:

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“That Youghal Town Council calls on the relevant government department to investigate the feasibility of operating summertime all year round and that this motion if adopted is circulated to all Local Authorities.”

Cllr. Burke informed the meeting that this was something he feels very strong about as its considered as being a contribution towards depression etc. during the winter months. After a brief discussion ensued in which each

Member expressed their views it was decided that a vote would take place.

In favour of the motion:

Cllrs. Burke, Casey, Revins and Savage.

Against the motion:

Cllrs. Linehan Foley, McLellan, Hennessy, Beecher and Murray.

Therefore, the motion was defeated by 5 votes to 4.

Correspondence:

1. An appreciation card from the family of the late Christopher & Kathleen Whitson.
2. Thank you letter from Community Radio Youghal in relation to a grant received from Youghal Town Council.
3. A Notice from Island of Ireland Partnership in relation to their forthcoming conference.
4. The following motion was received from Monaghan Town Council:

“That this Council expresses its disappointment with the government for its intention to implement a new Community Childcare Subvention Scheme without any real consultation with Community Childcare providers. That we further declare that the present system of providing staffing grants is a more equitable measure rather than the direct subvention proposed under the new scheme which will benefit a small minority of parent which will likely lead to the closure of many community crèches and playschools. We hereby call on the Minister for Health and Children, Mary Harney, T.D. to support the role of community childcare outlets recognising that they have been responsible for providing a vital service which has allowed many parents to return to the workplace and equally important offering early learning opportunities for pre-school children. We demand that the proposed scheme be abandoned in favour of a more equitable scheme based on the current model”.

5. A Notice from Shannon Development in relation to their forthcoming conference on The Live/Work Economic Development Solution in Action.

6. A letter from Drogheda Cross Border Focus in relation to their forthcoming conference
7. A letter from the Irish Water Safety in relation to the forthcoming Charles Thomson Award.
8. An e-mail from Irish Business & Employers Confederation on Gum Litter.
9. An e-mail from Ger Cunningham in relation to the extension of Natural Gas Pipe-Line to Youghal.
10. A thank you letter from UCC in relation to the Youghal Town Development Plan.
11. A thank you letter from the Cooney Family in relation to the erection of a seat to the memory of their parents.
12. A thank you letter from Youghal Celebrates History in relation to the facilitation of their recent conference.
13. A Notice from AOIFE in relation to their Annual Conference.
14. A Notice from Kadenza Consultancies in relation to a training seminar on the Local Government Budget 2008.
15. A Notice from Wexford Borough Council in relation to its forthcoming Conference in "Better Local Government".
16. The following motion was received from Kildare County Council:

"That, the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government be requested to amend Section 246 (b) of the Planning Act 2000 which requires that public representatives pay a statutory fee of €20.00 in respect of a submission made on a planning application. The amendment should abolish the fee requirement for public representatives in their local authority area".

17. A Notice from The Sunday Business Post in relation to "The National Waste Summit 2007".
18. A letter and a full set of company accounts from East Cork Tourism in relation to their request of payment of €7,000.00. It was agreed by the members of the Council that this item would be referred to the December monthly meeting of Youghal Town Council.

***Circularised
Correspondence:***

*Euro Link.
AOIFE – Shenanigans Volume VIII issue 3.
Action of Poverty Today.
The Heritage Council Annual Report 2006.*

Any Other Business:

1. *Cllr. Savage proposed a civic reception for Finbarr Hannon, which was seconded by Cllr. Murray and unanimously agreed by the members of the Council.*
2. *Cllr. Casey informed the meeting that two members of the Harbour MPC were interested in attending Seminar hosted by the Irish Sailing Association and The Irish*

Marine Federation: 'Working together to develop and promote Ireland's waterbased leisure and sporting amenity'. This was unanimously agreed by the members of the Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.