

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 15th October 2013 in the Mall House, Youghal at 10.00 a.m.

Present:

Mayor Sammy Revins presided.

Cllrs. Hennessy, O'Connell, Burke, Linehan Foley, Murray, Flanagan, O'Sullivan & Beecher.

Officials Present:

Mr. Derek O' Gorman, Town Manager.

Mrs. Helen Mulcahy, Town Clerk.

Mrs Geraldine O' Connell, Clerical Officer.

Mr. Ger Lupton, Town Foreman.

Opening Prayers:

The members and officials recited the opening prayers.

Suspension of Standing Orders:

On the proposal of Cllr. Murray which was seconded by Cllr. Beecher the members unanimously agreed to a Suspension of Standing Orders to discuss the works on Nealons Quay.

Cllr. Murray raised the issue of the works currently taking place on Nealons Quay and stated that she had received a number of concerns from users of the jetty in relation to the placing of kerbing across the jetty which would infringe on access to the jetty.

The Members also raised the issue of the provision of an extra tap, the installation of ducting for future power points and disability access around the perimeter of the car park.

The Town Clerk informed the Members that the original plan proposed limestone paving for the area of the Jetty which would be bounded by kerbing. This plan was shelved on the basis of costs but the kerbing remained in place to define the car parking area and hopefully the paving could be put in at a later date. The Town Clerk stated that the kerbing will be removed at a later date to allow access to the jetty. The Town Clerk also reminded the Members that a structural report in relation to the condition of the jetty and the steps was being prepared and vehicular access to the jetty was pending the result of same.

The Town Clerk also informed the Members that the water service would remain in the area of the jetty but the exact location would not be decided until the rest of the works had been complete. In addition the existing power supply could not be extended at present due to funding restrictions.

On the issue of the height of the wall and railing surrounding the car park the Town Foreman informed the Members the wall would be 600mm high and a single handrail with a stainless finish would complete the front edge of the wall at an overall height of 1100 - 1200mm.

Cllr. Murray raised the issue of the proposal to run a wall parallel to the slip and asked if rings could be provided here to allow bigger boats access the slipway. The Town Clerk informed the member that quotations had been sought for the provision of a wall from the top of the slip to the Jetty. This would also allow for the provision of a demountable flood barrier across the car park in the event of extreme weather and would alleviate the threat of flooding. The provision of the wall would be subject to funding. The Town Clerk informed the Members that the majority of the works would be complete by November 30th next.

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 10th September, 2013:

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 10th September, 2013 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Hennessy, seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously agreed by the Members.

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 24th September, 2013.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 24th September, 2013 in relation to the Licence of Lands at Barrack Field/Magners Hill to Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley and unanimously agreed by the Members.

Report of the Town Clerk on matters arising since the Monthly Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 10th September, 2013.

1. Non National Roads Programme 2013:

- a) St. Raphaels Cross. Work has commenced and will be completed by Friday.
- b) Chapel Lane: Work to be completed by Friday
- c) Nealons Quay: Work to commence on Monday 21st October.

As a result of some changes in the design of the car park and reductions in costs it has transpired that funds will be left over to carry out some additional resurfacing works. Following negotiations with the Cork County Council Roads Engineer and John A. Wood the following areas have been identified as areas in need of immediate attention and could, with the approved of the members, be included in the 2013 programme:

- a) North Cross Lane.
- b) Top section of Raheen Park.
- c) Top Section of Sarsfield Terrace.

2. Emmet Place:

Contractors are on site and works are over 50% complete in relation to the new limestone paving etc.

3. Buttimmers Quay:

Contractors are on site and works to be completed by 30th November.

4. Derelict Sites: Indian Point.

The receivers in respect of Galvin Developments have appointed a contractor and substantial works are being carried out to render the site non-derelict.

5. St. Mary's Collegiate Church:

Works on the roof are almost complete. Following a recent Heritage Towns Initiative Meeting in Dublin I was also able to secure additional funding for the following:

a) Dendro Dating of Church Roof. It is thought the roof of St. Mary's is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, roof of its type in the Country. Dendro Dating of the roof will confirm its date. The dating will be carried out by UCD at a cost of €1,800 which the Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht will grant aid in full.

b) Damaged Chancel at Eastern Gable: The work on the repairs to the roof uncovered significant damage to the chancel on the Eastern Gable. The required works are very urgent and it is estimated they will cost approximately €15,000. The Department again have indicated they may be in a position to fund same.

6. Branding of the Raleigh Quarter: The “Raleigh Quarter” flags are now in place and signage has been designed for the Raleigh Quarter. It was thought that no funding for signage would be available until 2014 but tentative talk at the Heritage Towns Initiative meeting suggested some funding may be available for signage this year.

7. R634 Footpaths:

Portiasun are the contractors who have been appointed to construct the new footpaths on the R634. Work to be completed in 6 weeks.

8. Seaview Place – Phase 2:

David Kelly Partnership have been instructed to survey the remaining 7 Youghal Town Council houses in Seaview Place with a view to progressing to Phase 2 of the scheme. It is not possible at this stage to determine how many of the remaining houses will be included in Phase 2. I will revert back to you at the November meeting with an update.

9. Structural Report on the Jetty at Nealons Quay:

David Kelly Partnership have been instructed to carry out a structural survey on the Jetty. If works are required to same we will at least be ready to make an application under the Piers/Harbours Infrastructure Programme for 2014.

Votes of Congratulations:

The Members proposed a vote of congratulations to the following:

1. Youghal Intermediate Hurling Team on winning the County Final.
2. Youghal Camogie Club on winning the County Final.
3. Community Radio Youghal on the excellent coverage of the County Final.
4. Yew Wood Venues on the recent Youghal Festival of Choirs Concert.
5. Helen Mulcahy, Town Clerk on extracting funding for the Raleigh Quarter. The Town Clerk informed the Members that the credit was mostly due to the former Town Clerk, Liam Ryan who had the projects up and running and stated that she was just making sure the projects were met their deadlines.
6. Helen Mulcahy, Town Clerk on starting the 2nd phase of works at Seaview Place.

Votes of Sympathy:

The Members passed a vote of sympathy to the following:

1. Breeda Swayne on the death of her daughter Marion.
2. Marie McCarthy on the death of her father Jeremiah O’ Riordan.
3. Dolly Power on the death of her husband John.
4. Linda O’ Donoghue on the death of her parents Denis & Eileen O’ Regan.

Town Foreman’s Report:

The Town Foreman’s Report on works carried out from the 6th September to the 10th October was brought to the attention of the Members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Footpaths in North Abbey Cemetery.
2. Provision of benches/picnic tables at Keane Park.
3. Various potholes around town in particular at Raheen Park.

#### 4. Sand levels at Market Dock.

#### County Council Items:

#### Engineers Report on items Raised at the September Meeting.

##### 1. Sea Wall Stabilisation Works.

The original seawall reinstatement contract is now well progressed and that section of the works (the original collapse section) will be complete in a couple of weeks.

The section of seawall on the Lighthouse side of the original works, that was subsequently detected to also have a problem, is now undergoing repairs by the same contractor. This area has given new problems due to unforeseen ground conditions and as a result a modified temporary solution has had to be designed and is currently being installed. This temporary solution is a structural steelwork shoring arrangement. Foundations for this structure are already complete and it should be complete within ten days. Following that, we hope to have a permanent solution designed and funding identified and hopefully we may be in a position to maintain works on site to complete these works also.

Because of the unforeseen conditions, notwithstanding associated funding implications, it is impossible to put a completion date on the works at present but it is hoped that the works would be complete this year. Traffic lights will remain in place until completion.

##### 2. Youghal Main Drainage:

Willis Bros. have been recommended as Contractors for the Network Contract. EPS have been recommended as the Contractor for the Treatment Plant. Managers Orders are to be done for both these. DOE approval is to be sought for the Treatment Plant Contract.

Realistically it is expected to be early in the New Year before there is any presence on site. Cllr. Linehan Foley requested an updated report from the Engineer for the November meeting.

#### County Council Items:

1. Potholes and condition of roads at Meadowlands/Ballyclamassey.
2. Tilting paving slabs at South Abbey.
3. Tightening or removal of traps outside the Bank of Ireland.
4. Hydrant at Kilcoran Road.
5. Loose Eircom cover outside Touch of Class.
6. Cllr. Burke raised the issue of the appalling condition of footpaths around the town.

#### Managers Orders:

Managers Order no's 196/13 to 221/13 were brought to the attention of the Members and noted.

#### Planning Applications:

The Members were informed that no Planning Application had been received.

#### Further Information Received:

The Members were informed that further information had been received in relation to Planning Application No: 58007/13

#### 13. Disposal of Properties:

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

Mayors Business:

The Mayor requested a civic reception be accorded to both the Youghal Intermediate Team and Youghal Camogie Team in the near future.

The Mayor also requested that a civic reception be accorded to Gaelscoil Chorain on their 30th anniversary and Youghal Rugby Football Club on their 50th anniversary.

The Mayor congratulated Una Brosnan on winning the All Ireland and Munster Championships in Pitch & Putt.

The Mayor reminded the Members of the welcome toast to be held for the marching bands as part of Cork Rebel Week at the Mall Arts Centre.

The Members informed the Members that he had received a letter from the members of the ONE requesting that a stone and a flagpole be erected at the Barrack Fields to commemorate the Army Barracks.

Taking in Charge of Millfield Abbey:

The Town Clerk informed the members that the Public Consultation Process in relation to the Taking in Charge of Millfield Abbey was now complete and no submissions had been received.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murray which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members unanimously agreed to the Taking in Charge of Millfield Abbey.

Development of Baseline Metrics for Historic Towns (Historic Towns Initiative):

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members the Development of Baseline Metrics for Historic Towns (Historic Towns Initiative) and informed the members this document was a very informative document and stated that it highlighted the areas where Youghal needs to improve.

The Town Clerk informed the Members that she had attended a meeting in Custom House and had acquired additional funding for various projects under the HTI. The Town Clerk informed the Members that the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht are very impressed at Youghal's progress and stated that they are very happy to continue working with Youghal Town Council in the future.

The Town Clerk informed the Members that she would also make this document available to the Chamber of Commerce after the monthly meeting.

Assessment of Need for Sites in Accordance with Section 6 of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members a letter from Waterford County Council regarding Assessment of Need for Sites in Accordance with Section 6 of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998. This item was marked as read.

Cork Rebel Week (Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann):

The Town Clerk informed the Members that a Reception was being held for the Marching Bands who are taking part in Cork Rebel Week in the Mall Arts Centre. The Town Clerk informed the Members no funding had been provided for Cork Rebel Week in the Budget and that in order to allocate funds

now, the Members would have to consider where the funds would be taken from. The Town Clerk said that some monies were available from the Town Twinning Budget. On the proposal of Cllr. Murray which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley, the Members unanimously agreed that €1,000 would be allocated to Cork Rebel Week.

Former Seafield Textiles Plant, Youghal:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members a letter from Cunnane Stratton Reynolds in relation to the possible variation of the Youghal Town Development Plan to consider the re-zoning of the former Seafield Textiles Plant. The Town Clerk stated that this would need approval from the Members.

On the proposal of Cllr. Burke which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members agreed to the discuss the matter further at a special meeting of the Council. It was also agreed Cunnane Stratton Reynolds could make a presentation to the Members on the retail strategy which they had prepared.

The members also requested that a presentation be made at a Special Meeting of the Council in relation to the site by Cunnane Stratton Reynolds The Town Clerk stated that she would contact Cunnane Stratton Reynolds in relation to same and revert back to the Members with a proposed date.

Resolution under the Electoral, Local Government and Planning and Development Act, 2013:

The following resolution under the Electoral, Local Government and Planning & Development Act, 2013 was unanimously adopted by the Members on the proposal of Cllr. O' Connell and seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley.

"In accordance with the provisions of Section 28 of the Electoral, Local Government and Planning and Development Act, 2013, which amends Section 11 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and provides for the extension of the duration of Town Development Plans on the demise of the Town Council, this Council agrees not to commence a review of the Youghal Town Council Development Plan adopted on the 10th February, 2009 as normally provided for by Section 11 of the Planning and Development Act 2000".

Motion in the Name of Cllr. O' Connell Seconded by Cllr. Flanagan:

"That this Council consider a review of the current Casual Trading Bye Laws to extend the areas covered by a "Special Casual Trading Licence' to Greenpark and Nealons Quay Car Park".

The Members unanimously adopted this motion and the Town Clerk stated that she would commence the review process of the current Casual Trading Bye Laws immediately.

Motion in the Name of Cllr. Revins seconded By Cllr. Linehan Foley:

This motion was unanimously adopted by the Members of the Council.

"We call on Youghal Town Council to freeze the Commercial Rates for the next 10 years due to the abolishment of Town Councils to safeguard the Commercial Properties in Youghal"

The Town Clerk reminded the Members that freezing the Rates had serious implications for the Budget 2014. The Town Clerk also advised the Members that this motion would not have any 'legal standing' after the 31st May when Youghal Town Council would no longer exist.

Correspondence:

1. Notice of Motion received from Donegal County Council:

“That this Council discuss the problems concerning the influx of camper vans taking up spaces in prime car parks”.

2. Notice of Motion received from Donegal County Council:

“That Donegal County Council call on this Government to “Reverse its Policy” which does not classify Down’s Syndrome as a Low Incidence Disability, and as a consequence prevents these Children from availing of essential resource teaching hours”.

3. Notice of Motion received from Trim Town Council:

“In an effort to improve the lives and well being of our deaf and hard of hearing citizens, that Trim Town Council calls on the Government to give official recognition status to ISL Irish Sign Language”.

4. Notice of Motion received from Clones Town Council:

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Health, James Reilly, The Government, and the HSE to ensure that the 35 million euro funding that had been ring fenced for mental health services for budget 2013, is again ring fenced for budget 2014.

This Council also calls for the full amount of that 35 million euro to be spent within the mental health service, and not to be spent to make up other departments overspent bills.

Suicide is on the rise at an alarming rate and there is a responsibility on this Government to ensure the safety and well being of all of its citizens.

It is also proposed that this notice of motion be circulated to all Town Councils and to the Minister for Health James Reilly”.

5. Notice of Motion received from Muinebheag Town Council:

“In response to the Gathering 2013 and in order ensure that our emigrants maintaining a meaningful connection with Ireland, Members of Muinebheag Town Council, call on the Government to provide that all Irish citizens residing outside of the Country who hold a valid Irish Passport, be entitled to vote in the Irish Presidential Election”.

6. Notice from Tgr Seminars in relation to a Professional Development Seminar for Councillors.

7. Notice from Superior Training Services in relation to a Seminar on The Local Government Budget 2014.

8. Notice from Superior Training Services in relation to a Seminar on Local Government and Enterprise Development.

9. Notice of Motion received from Ennis Town Council:

“That Ennis Town Council request the Minister for Health to revise the scheme for chronic illnesses and that people in Clare suffering from Crohns Disease, Alzheimer’s, and Coronary Heart Disease be recognised as suffering from life long conditions and be included in the Long Term Illness Scheme. And that the fee for these people attending Accident and Emergency be immediately eliminated”.

10. Notice from Tgr Seminars in relation to a Seminar on 50 Ways to Access Funding for Community Programmes Relevant to Councillors”.

11. Notice of Motion received from Kilkee Town Council:

“Kilkee Town Council following the defeat of the Seanad Referendum, calls on An Taoiseach Enda Kenny to postpone the Local Government Reform proposals until after any reform of the Seanad has taken place”.

On the proposal of Cllr. Murray which was seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley the Members unanimously approved of Cllr. Beechers attendance at the forthcoming seminar on The Local Government Budget 2014.

Any Other Business:

1. Cllr. Hennessy requested that a special Meeting of the Council be held to discuss various issues in relation to funding for people with disabilities living in Youghal Town Council houses. It was agreed that this meeting could be held in conjunction with the meeting with Cunnane Stratton Reynolds. A date has yet to be decided.

2. Cllr. Flanagan reminded the Councillors of the Youghal Halloween Spectacular Festival which is taking place on the weekend of October 25th. Cllr. Flanagan praised all those involved in the

organisation of the festival.

3. Cllr. Murray raised the issue of the provision of additional funding for extra Christmas Lights for Youghal. The Town Clerk informed the Members that no additional funding was provided for extra Christmas Lighting in the 2013 Budget and that the Chamber of Commerce could put forward an application for consideration in the 2014 Budget for additional lighting for Christmas 2014.

4. Cllr. Linehan Foley raised the issue of South Doc and stated that she was very aggrieved with the service at present and in particular the fact that the service at Millennium Park was not being used. Cllr. Murray informed the members that she would revert back to the Members on this issue at the November meeting. Cllr. Linehan Foley requested that the Town Clerk write to the HSE to review all procedures to facilitate the provision of South Doc in Youghal.

This concluded the business of the meeting