

Minutes of Special Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on 24th September, 2008 in the Mall Arts Centre at 7.30pm - Amended Draft Development Plan.

Present: Mayor Casey, presided.

Cllrs. Linehan Foley, Savage, Burke, McLellan, Hennessy, Beecher and Murray. Apologies were received from Cllr. Revins.

Officials Present: Liam Ryan, Town Clerk,

Sean McLoughlin, Town Architect, Paul Murray, Town Engineer,

Katherine Donoher, Staff Officer

Apologies were received from Patricia Power, Town Manager.

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

Agenda:

1. Consideration of the 25 no. submissions received during the public consultation process associated with the publication of the Amended Draft Town Development Plan.
2. Consideration of the Manager's Report under Section 12(8)(b) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 on the 25 no. submissions received.

The Town Clerk informed the members that he would be circulating 'Volume IV the Appropriate Assessment' currently being prepared by RPS as soon as it is ready over the next two weeks. This should be read and considered along with the Manager's Report prior to making final decisions on the Report and submissions at the meeting to be held on 3rs November, 2008.

Cllr. Linehan Foley - submission no. 7. Barry O Meara and Son, Solicitors on behalf of Monnie Cliffe. Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the meeting that she had been informed that the initial submission that was made on behalf of Y.S.&S. had not been approved by all of the members of the Company. Cllr. Beecher informed the meeting that the Company currently had funding available to them and that if the area was rezoned as was proposed in the Draft Development Plan then they could not avail of the monies available. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that if the rezoning went ahead that it would in fact increase the value of the site. The reason for this meeting was to discuss the issues that had been amended in the draft and no decisions should be made tonight until the meeting on Monday 3rd November, 2008. As this issue had not been raised prior to this then it should not really be considered. The Town Clerk also informed the members that it was not in the interests of Youghal Town Council to get involved in internal dealings of any Limited Company. Cllr. Linehan Foley informed the Town Clerk that she had concerns about the implications the rezoning would have on the Council. The Town Clerk informed the member that he would seek legal advise on the matter, to help allay the fears of some of the Councillors.

Cllr. Liam Burke - submission no 2. Nuala Casey de Backer - Quarry Road. Cllr. Burke informed the members that after numerous representations on behalf and from residents of the Quarry Road

area that he proposed the following is removed - (an indicative route is shown on map 4). This was seconded by Mayor Casey. The Town Clerk advised the members that this could be seen as sterilisation of lands by any developer looking to develop the Northern area of the town and that the members should consider the matter over the next few weeks before arriving at a final decision on November, 3rd. Cllr. Burke informed the meeting that the aspiration for the road was there in black and white however, the Town Development Plan is a legal document and Cllr Burke had reservations that the indicative line could have adverse effects in the future.

A lengthy discussion ensued in which each member expressed their opinion on the matter. After a debate the Mayor decided that a vote would take place tonight on this issue and that the Council did not need any further time to consider the proposal. The Town Clerk asked that it be recorded in the minutes that neither the Manager or himself were in favour of removing the indicative line from the Development Plan.

Both Cllr. Linehan Foley and Cllr. Savage wanted it recorded in the minutes that they were not happy with the dealing of the issue in this manner at the meeting. These matters were for consideration and there was no need for a vote tonight and both felt that they were not provided with enough time by the Mayor or proper information on the matter. Cllr. Linehan Foley proposed an amendment to Cllr. Burke's proposal that the members take advantage of the time available to them to consider the matter. This was seconded by Cllr. Savage.

Following this amendment a vote was taken. In favour of the amendment: Cllrs. Linehan Foley and Savage. Against the amendment: Cllrs. Casey, Burke, McLellan, Hennessy, Beecher and Murray.

Therefore the amendment was defeated by 6 votes to 2.

The following proposal was then put to a vote: 'It will be an objective of the Plan to determine the optimum route of the proposed Inner Relief Route, between Chickley's Road and the R634. A comprehensive Traffic and Transportation Study shall be carried out to identify all suitable route options. Subject to the availability of funding the feasibility study will be prioritised over the next 18 to 24 months. Every effort will be made to expedite the study.'

In favour of the proposal: Cllrs. Casey, Burke, McLellan, Hennessy, Murray and Beecher.

Abstained: Cllrs. Linehan Foley and Savage. Therefore the proposal was carried by 6 votes to 0.

Both Cllr. Linehan Foley and Savage left the meeting in protest stating that they were unhappy at how the Business of the meeting was handled by the Mayor. Following this item the remaining members decided to consider all other aspects of the report at the meeting to be held on Monday, 3rd November, 2008.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

