

Minutes of Pre-Budget Meeting December 2009

Minutes of Meeting of Youghal Town Council held on the 7th December, 2009 in the Mall House, Youghal at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Sandra McLellan, presided.

Burke, Revins, Daly, Coyne, Hennessy, Beecher and Murray. .

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Linehan Foley.

Officials Present:

Mr. Liam Ryan, Town Clerk.

Ms. Helen Mulcahy, Staff Officer. .

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

Budget 2010:

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members a copy of the Annual Financial Statement 2008 and the Draft Budget 2010.

The Town Clerk explained to the Members that the Annual Financial Statement would not be signed off on by the Department until early 2010 but that it should be taken into consideration when considering the Budget for 2010. The audited version and the relevant auditors/management report would come before the Members in 2010 for their approval.

The Town Clerk informed the members that Cork County Council had paid €230,000 to Youghal Town Council for the purchase of the Fire Station site and he sought the approval of the Members to offset this money against the debit balance in respect of St. Marys College. This was proposed by Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr. Hennessy and adopted by the members of the Council.

The Town Clerk also circulated to the Members the proposed 3 year Capital Programme for Youghal Town Council. In relation to the Draft Budget 2010, the Town Clerk informed the members that expenditure had been maintained at the 2009 levels with very little changes being made. The following are the main points of the Draft Budget:-

- 1) The most significant change in expenditure was the loss of 3 outdoor staff and the tenant liaison officer.
- 2) The County Charge would remain the same as 2009.
- 3) A Provision of €20,000 over a two year period was being made for A Retail Strategy - i.e. €10,000 in 2010 & 2011.
- 4) A provision of €20,000 was being made for a new street sweeper.
- 5) A provision of €10,000 was being made for the Clock Gate.
- 6) All community contributions would be maintained at 2009 level.
- 7) No increase in commercial rates was being proposed. Provision was being made for the increase in the Rates Strike Off figure from €185,000 to €300,000 for 2010.

Draft Parking Bye-Laws 2010:

The Town Clerk circulated to the members a copy of the Draft Bye-Laws 2010 and outlined the main proposals:

- a) Removal of free hour from 1.00pm to 2.00pm
- b) Increased hourly fee to €1.00.
- c) Introduction of pay-parking in car parks.
- d) Holders of Residents Permits no longer to avail of 2 hour free parking in all other areas of Town.

The Members requested that the following should be included in the Draft Bye-Laws to go before full Council:-

- a) Specific Loading Bay times to be included
- b) Provision of Trailer Bays in Nealons Quay.
- c) Charge for Hackney spaces in Nealons Quay
- d) Provision of double yellow lines at junction of Porters Lane/Friar Street.
- e) Removal of prohibition on motorcyclists using parking bays
- f) Free parking for Christmas Eve.

The Town Clerk agreed to make the necessary amendments and prepare a revised draft for consideration at the next meeting of Youghal Town Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.