

- 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 Donohoe, 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.
- Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 12th November 2007:** The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 12th November 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded by Cllr. McLellan and unanimously adopted by the members.
- Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 19th November 2007:** The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 19th November 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Beecher seconded by Cllr. Hennessy and unanimously adopted by the members.
- Minutes of the Finance Sub Committee held on 26th November 2007:** The minutes of the finance sub committee meeting held on 26th November 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Linehan Foley seconded by Cllr. Beecher and unanimously adopted by the members.
- Town Clerk's Report on Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th November 2007:** The Town Clerk gave a report to the Members based on the matters arising since the meeting held on 12th November, 2007.

HOUSING & BUILDING:

1. C & S Construction Ltd. of 11 Church Street, Cork have commenced work on the 32 houses at Blackwater Heights. The works involve the installation of heating, the insulation of attics, replacement of fascia & soffits, rewiring of houses where necessary and the installation of windows and doors where necessary. Individual tenants have been contacted by the company and a work schedule over Christmas and into the New Year is currently being put in place.

WATER & SEWERS:

1. The reservoirs are currently at full storage capacity with an average daily demand of approximately 575,000 gallons per day. New valves were recently fitted to the water mains at Mill Road and North Abbey as part of a main upgrading scheme in the town.
2. I am currently unaware of any problems with the waste water system and all pumphouses seem to be working satisfactorily currently.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

1. The adopted Draft Development Plan 2008 – 2015 adopted by the Members of the Council on the 19th November last went on public display on the 3rd December. The Draft Plan is currently available to view or to purchase at the offices of Youghal Town Council, Mall House, Youghal. The Public Consultation Period ranges from Monday, December 3rd to close of business on Monday 18th February 2008. A public exhibition of the Draft Town Development Plan will be held in the Mall House, Youghal on Tuesday 15th January 2008 between the hours of 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. At this exhibition the members of the public will have the opportunity to discuss the Draft Plan with Council Officials. Submissions or observations are invited from members of the public and other interested parties. These must be made in writing during the period December 3rd to close of business on Monday 18th February to the Town Clerk, Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork. It is important to note that all submissions lodged in writing to the Town Clerk within the above period will be taken into consideration before the formal making of the plan in due course.
2. The Draft Public Realm Plan for the proposed historic core of Youghal is currently on display at a premises in North Main Street as well as the offices of Youghal Town Council. The period of display commenced on Monday 19th November 2007 and closes on Friday 11th January 2008. Submissions or observations regarding the Draft Plan are invited from members of the public and other interested parties up to and including the 25th January 2008. Any submissions received during this time will be taken into consideration before formal adoption of the plan. The plan is available to view in the foyer of the Town Hall or can be purchased at a cost of €20.
3. Two applications of note have been received in the offices of Youghal Town Council over the last month namely:
 - a) Beechford Ltd. (Walter Raleigh Hotel) for the change of use in extension of attic space over western part of the hotel. This change of use is from storage to three bedrooms with ensuite, demolition of two no. recent first floor extensions to the rear of the hotel and to replace them with new built bridge room and staff changing room, to construct new extension to rear on second and third floors to accommodate four no. bedrooms with ensuites, to new access stairs from bar and new fire escape stairs from Blackwater Suite to outside, to replace windows to the rear, to replaster rear elevation and to replace present corrugated roof over storage room with insulated metal sheeting roof.
 - b) Tesco Ireland Ltd. To construct an extension to the Tesco Ireland Ltd. Supermarket at the Mill Road. The proposed development allows for the construction of an extension to the store allowing for the relocation of the store entrance and signage, rearrangement of the internal retail sales floor space (to allow for an increase to the non food sales area), the construction of a new mezzanine back of house upper floor extension and the conversion of the former ground floor staff areas to food sales. Ancillary alterations to the back of the house areas service yards, additional level to the roof to the rear and set down areas are

also proposed as part of the development. The proposal allows for a total gross floor area increase of 1282.5m². The revised floorspace layout will continue to allow for the sales of wine, alcohol, spirits and beer for the consumption off the premise at Mill Road, Youghal.

CORPORATE ESTATE:

1. Adamslane Properties Ltd., T/a LFM Construction have started work on the refurbishment of part of St. Mary's College into an Enterprise Centre for incubation and offices space. Work is well underway at this stage and the first certificate of the contract is now due for payment.
2. The second preliminary budget meeting for 2008 will be held on Monday 17th December at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber. The meeting of Hatherton Ltd. T/a Enterprise, Youghal will precede this meeting at 7.00 p.m.

This report should be read in conjunction with the report on Town Foreman's Items circulated to the members of the Council on the 30th November 2007.

Votes of Congratulations:

The members proposed a vote of congratulation to the following:

1. Brendan Cullidy, Youghal Pharmacy on achieving Young Pharmacist of the year award.
2. Aherne's Seafood, Youghal on acquiring the hospitality Ireland Award, 2007.
3. To the individual shop owners in Youghal on the work done in bringing the festive spirits to their shop fronts.
4. Inch Senior Ladies Football team on getting to the final of the All Ireland Club final.

Votes of Sympathy:

The Members proposed a vote of sympathy to the following:

1. Michael Bennett on the death of his brother, Jimmy,
2. Joe Power on the death of his wife, Eileen.
3. Eileen Connelly on the death of her husband, Paddy.

Town Foreman's Report:

The Town Foreman's Report on works carried out from November 07th to December, 5th 2007 were brought to the attention of the members and noted. Arising from the report the following items were raised:

1. Potholes on Cork Hill,
2. Parking situation at Seaview Place,
3. Exit out of Dermot Hurley Estate at the top of the Spa Hill, flower well impairing vision.
4. Public lights nos 1-7 at Seafield not working,
5. The possibility of setting up a joint emergency flood relief plan between Cork County Council and Youghal Town Council,
6. A number of lights in the Mall that are not lighting,
7. Spraying of footpaths at Lighthouse Hill,
8. Spraying of Millennium Garden,
9. Traffic calming measures for South Cross Lane,
10. Car Park at Sarsfield Terrace,
11. Request from Residents Association of Chestnut Drive requesting traffic calming measures for the estate,

12. Any confirmed date for the closure of Chapel Lane,
13. Footpath and potholes between 17 and 24 Dominic Collins Place,
14. Dog fouling throughout the town,
15. The possible removal of bins at Lower Raheen Park, top entrance to Graveyard, and entrance to Breton Road,
16. Continuous road traffic problems with Wiser bins stopping illegally in the town to collect waste.

**Cork County Council
Items:**

Report by Cllr. Murray:

Cllr. Murray informed the members that Cork County Council have proposed a rate increase of 4.8% for 2008. The standing charge for refuse collection is to increase by €55.

Representations of Cork County Council are due to meet with representatives of the Health Service Executive to discuss the recent health cuts.

Cllr. Murray informed the meeting that Pfizer have launched a PIP (personal identification pack). The objective of the pack is for individuals to carry an item with them that notifies the emergency services that they have a PIP. The PIP is to be kept in a fridge to identify what medications etc. the individual is on. The PIP is available at a cost of €2 in most pharmacists.

Cork County Council Items:

1. What stage is the County Development Plan at and does it include a strategic objective to reopen the Youghal to Cork Railway line. Cllr. Murray informed the meeting that it does include this objective.
2. Bus parking bay at Post office.
3. Update on Blue Flag status for Redbarn. The Manager informed the member that while she had no update she was pursuing the matter.
4. Rusty railings at Harbour View Hotel, Lighthouse Hill. The Town Engineer informed the meeting that this was a private matter.
5. Footpaths at the junction of Strand Street with South Abbey.
6. Traffic at the bottom of Cork Hill. The Town Engineer informed the members that he would be meeting the new Senior Engineer with a view to discussing the matter.
7. The establishment of a Joint Emergency Flood Relief Plan.
8. Public lighting at Foxhole.
9. Green area in front of Kilcoran Place needs to be addressed.
10. Footpath from David McCarthy's new housing development to Summerfield Cross. The Town Engineer informed the meeting that this work was on the agenda and that he was awaiting funding.
11. Trees and briars along the Inch Road, going to cause an accident. The Town Engineer informed the member that if he provides the names of the land owners that Cork County Council would write requesting that the issue is addressed.
12. The members enquired as to when the rest of the disabled parking spaces around the town would be painted blue. The Town Engineer informed the members that this work would not be carried out until 2008.
13. Derelict site at Spinning Wheel,
14. Old library and Church Street. Area needs to be cleaned. Covered in pigeon excrement.

Managers Orders:	Managers Orders nos. 214/07 to 232/07 were brought to the attention of the Council and noted.
Planning Applications:	Planning application reference nos. P58068/07 to P58071/07 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. P58053/07, P58056/07, P58060/07, P58048/07 and P58052/07.
Disposal of properties:	Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 – sale of site no. 66 Knockaverry, Youghal to Gerard O Leary and Deabhla Ni Riordain, 79 Knockaverry, Youghal in the amount of €322,000. This disposal of property was adopted on the proposal of Cllr Linehan Foley, seconded by Cllr. Hennessy and unanimously agreed by the members of the Council.
Mayor's Business:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Mayor informed the members that he had received an invitation for any members that were interested in attending the official opening of the Gift Gallery, upstairs over the Read and Write shop at North Main Street, Youghal on Wednesday, 12th December, at 8.00pm. 2. Mayor Savage wished the members, The Town Clerk and all the Council Staff a Happy Christmas.
Rapid Report by Cllr. Revins:	<p>Report on the Youghal AIT Meeting of the 28th November, 2007 by Cllr. Revins:</p> <p><u>Youth</u> – the Youghal Youth Project has received an extension of 6 months funding from the Dormant Accounts, The interview process for the Youth Diversion Worker and the Youth Café Co Ordinator is currently underway.</p> <p><u>Youghal Socio Economic Development Ltd Update</u> – report postponed until next meeting.</p> <p><u>After schools project</u> – the after schools project has recommenced in Chestnut Drive and Woodland Grove.</p> <p><u>Rapid Additional Funding</u> – the AIT has been advised by Pobal to prepare another application as one of the applications submitted may be deemed ineligible.</p>
Heritage MPC report by Cllr. Burke:	<p>Heritage Municipal Policy Committee Report for December 2007 by Cllr. Burke:</p> <p>Cllr. Burke read out his report for the above MPC. The work of the Heritage Municipal Policy committee in implementing the Heritage Regeneration Strategy for Youghal is continuing apace. The following topics were discussed at the meeting: Membership, Town Walls, Public Realm Plan, Retailing Strategy, St. Mary's College and signage. Cllr. Burke also informed the members what is was anticipated would be carried out in 2008:</p> <p><u>Public Realm</u> – Repaving of Church St. to St. Mary's College and from North Gate area from its junction with Church st to the Old North Gate site. A conference entitled 'Public Realm Plans in Historic Walled Towns' is planned for May 2008.</p> <p><u>Clock Gate</u> – it is anticipated to secure funding to carry out a Structural Survey/Feasibility Study so that essential conservation</p>

works can be undertaken.

Medieval Day 2008 – it is proposed to hold the event for 2 days in 2008, 23rd and 24th August.

Youghal 800 – Youghal's 800th anniversary will occur in 2009. It is proposed to hold a series of special events throughout 2009 to commemorate this great historical event.

School's Heritage Project – it is proposed to hold this event again in 2008.

It is anticipated that Youghal in 2008 will continue to benefit from funding from Youghal Town Council, The Heritage Council, Cork County Council and Failte Ireland.

**Harbour MPC report by
Cllr. Casey:**

Harbour Municipal Policy Committee Report by Cllr. Casey:
At the Harbour MPC meeting the requirements of the advancement of Youghal Harbour and Port were discussed. Items discussed were the need for the updating of Harbour Bye-Laws, the problems of moorings, the problem of flooding and the condition of slipways and jetties. Cllr. Casey and John Griffin recently attended a seminar in Howth – the development and local management of harbours, beaches and waterways as social and tourism amenities.

The highlights of the seminar were:

The benefits of a marina – brings in €164 per yacht per day.

200 yachts = €32,800.

Registering of small craft and jet skis, placing of numbers on side of skis, speed checks with radar guns and binoculars and launching from one slipway only.

Specific areas of beaches for specific activities eg. Kites, hang gliding, wind surfing, swimming etc.

**Integrated Development
Strategy for Youghal
2008-2012:**

The Town Clerk circulated a brochure on An Integrated Development Strategy for Youghal 2008-2012.

This integrated development strategy is a fresh and new approach to planning Youghal's future. It is based on three key principles:

1. That Youghal has significant natural assets, which other towns in the region do not possess, and which should be enhanced to emphasise Youghal's uniqueness, richness and the high quality of life that already exists in the area,
2. The well thought out development plans, prepared by highly skilled local people and these should be built upon in a co-ordinated and integrated manner, and
4. That Youghal needs to redefine itself in a new contemporary global manner, by respecting its history and traditions whilst at the same time seeing itself in a larger regional and national framework.

**East Cork Tourism -
Submission for payment:**

The Town Clerk had circulated the members a copy of letter received from East Cork Tourism requesting payment of their grant of €7,000. Cllr. Revins informed the meeting that he had attended a recent meeting and that he was confident with what the group were proposing for Youghal. The committee were currently considering restructuring and involving the Town Councils more. Cllr. Murray informed the members that East Cork Tourism were a part of the bigger picture and should receive the monies allocated. The Town Clerk recommended that the payment be made but that the grant be reviewed on an annual basis. Cllr. Burke requested that a member of Youghal Town Council should be on the committee. The payment of the grant of €7,000 was

adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Murray and seconded by Cllr. Revins. This was unanimously agreed by the members of the Council.

Unresolved Motion Report:

The Town Clerk circulated the members with a copy of the Unresolved Motions Report from September 2007. The Town Clerk had one motion for removal. However, on the proposal of Cllr. Revins, seconded by Cllr. Linehan foley it was unanimously agreed to leave this motion in the report.

In relation to the items under the heading works in progress, Cllr. Casey was happy to have motion no. 7 of 8 removed from the list as they related to the same issue. Cllr. Revins requested that his motion in relation to ASBO's is removed as they are covered by a National Plan.

In relation to the items under the heading Referred to approp. Bodies: Cllr. Burke informed the Town Clerk that he was happy to have motion no. 5 removed and motion no. 9 but that he would resubmit motion no. 9 in 2008. Cllr. Revins also informed the Town Clerk that he was happy to have motions no. 7 and 8 removed.

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

Motion in the name of Cllr. Beecher seconded by Cllr. Murray: 'That Youghal Town Council provided sufficient funding for lighting at Keane Park'. The members informed the meeting that Keane Park was something to be proud of and having it lit at night would add to the affect of the amenity.

This motion was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Beecher seconded by Cllr. Murray and unanimously agreed by the Members.

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

Motion in the name of Cllr. Beecher seconded by Cllr. Murray: 'That Youghal Town Council request a deputation sent to the Minister for Justice, Mr. Brian Linehan T.D. and the Garda Commissioner with a view to re-opening the Garda Station and reassessing the Garda numbers on duty on Youghal to coincide more realistically with Garda levels in the neighbouring towns of Fermoy and Midleton'.

After a brief discussion it was agreed by both Cllr. Beecher and Cllr. Murray that this motion would be withdrawn, as a similar one had already been adopted by Youghal Town Council.

Correspondence:

1. Notice on the judicial review Conference 2007.
2. Notice from Cork Environmental Forum.
3. The following motion was received from Waterford County Council: 'That Waterford County Council calls on the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government now that he is aware that an anomaly exists with the Mortgage Subsidy Scheme where an approved applicant under Affordable Housing who obtains their loan from an outside lending agency is not entitled to the above mentioned scheme. This Council calls on the Minister to immediately implement changes to the Affordable Housing Scheme so that all approved applicants whether they get their loan from the Local Authority or an Outside Lending Agency are entitled to this scheme.'
4. A letter from Michael Aherne T.D. in relation to letter dated 19th

November, 2007.

5. A letter from Michael Howman, Front Strand, Youghal in relation to a fast food outlet at the Front Strand.
6. A letter from the Walled Towns Friendship Circle in relation to the Presidency of the Walled towns Friendship Circle.
7. Notice from the Med West Regional Authority in relation to their 14th Annual Conference. On the proposal of Cllr. Savage seconded by Cllr. Linehan Foley it was agreed that Cllrs. Casey and Burke would attend the Conference.
8. An e-mail from Pat Farrell in relation to an extension of broadband at Foxhole Industrial Estate.
9. The following motion was received from Ballyshannon town council – ‘That Ballyshannon Town Council write to the Department of Communications and Radio Teilifis Eireann to oppose the proposal to increase the Televisions Licence fee by €7.
10. Letter from Michael Aherne in relation to representations made to Brian Cowen T. D.
11. A letter from Brian Cowen T.D. acknowledging a letter received from Youghal Town Council.
12. A letter received from Cork County Council in relation to the County Development Plan 2003 2nd Edition.

**Circularised
Correspondence:**

Knowledge Ireland Issue 27.
LAN Volume 28.

This concluded the business of the meeting.