

**Minutes of the April Meeting of Cashel Town Council held in the Council Chamber,
Civic Offices, Friar Street, Cashel on Monday 2nd April 2007 at 7.30pm**

Members Present: Councillor Eddie Bennett
Councillor Martin Browne
Councillor Michael Browne
Councillor Dan Dillon
Councillor Sean McCarthy
Councillor Joe Moloney
Councillor Maureen O'Donoghue
Councillor Tom Wood

Officials Present: Mr Sean Keating, Town Manager
Mr. Tom O'Reilly, Town Engineer
Mr Darby Mullen, Executive Engineer
Ms Mairead Ryan, Acting Town Clerk

Mayor: Councillor Paddy Downey

Minutes of March Town Council Meeting

The Minutes of the March Town Council Meeting were proposed by Councillor Bennett seconded by Councillor Wood and adopted.

Councillor Wood queried the position regarding the works to be carried out at 37 Oliver Plunkett Park, 4 Green Court and 5 Green Court. He said that he was disappointed that the works had not been carried out to-date. Mr. Darby Mullen, Executive Engineer stated that the Council had been short-staffed in March and were not in a position to carry out the works. He agreed that the works would be carried out as soon as possible.

Councillor Martin Browne queried the position regarding the installation of double yellow lines at Dominic Street. The Town Engineer indicated that he had a proposal to put before the meeting for approval. The details were circulated to the meeting and it was proposed by Councillor Martin Browne and seconded by Councillor Moloney and agreed that double yellow lines be placed on the west side of the street from point 5m north of the junction with Main Street Northwards for a distance of 87 metres.

The Town Engineer circulated map details and report to the meeting of the proposal for weight restrictions through Main Street, Cashel. Councillor Michael Browne was unhappy at this information being circulated at the meeting. The Town Engineer indicated that he was bringing the information to the members for consideration and any decision could be taken at the next town council meeting. There was a number of queries on how this proposal would be funded and it was suggested that all funding possibilities be explored.

Rent Collection

The Acting Town Clerk informed the meeting that the rent arrears at the end of March amounted to €14,800.

Managers' Order:

The Managers Orders were noted.

Planning:

The planning report was noted.

Radon – Report on Monitoring

The Acting Town Clerk referred to the report circulated with the Agenda. She indicated that 11 houses in various locations had radon monitoring units installed for a three month period and the results had now been received back from the Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland. These results showed average readings in all cases which were well within the acceptable levels and that no remedial action is needed. This information was welcomed by the members.

Notices of Motion:

Councillor Tom Wood

“That the Council request the Manager to advise as to why the Council land at the Nursery, Clonmel Road, is used as a dump, the source of the material dumped there and why it is allowed on such a prominent location.”

A written response was given as follows:

The Council’s temporary depot at the Nursery, Clonmel Road, is in a very untidy state at the present with various materials strewn about the place.

The source of the material is from various works carried out over the past year or so including the Town Centre works. There is also a large stockpile of broken stone which was stored temporarily for re-use on works on the Ardmayle Road shortly.

A major clean up has commenced on the site and will continue over the week. The Overseer has been instructed to remove and dispose of any unwanted or damaged material or equipment and to maintain the area in a clean and tidy manner in the future.

Councillor Wood said that he was very disappointed with the untidy state of the site. He asked that the area be cleaned up as soon as possible. The Mayor concurred with this and also referred to other areas in town especially the traveller site at Waller’s Lot. He asked that this be cleaned up also. It was agreed to contact the County Council about this matter.

Councillor Martin Browne said that people dumping in wheelie bins was becoming a problem. Councillor Dillon praised the Environmental Officer and Council staff for their work in town. Councillor Wood also referred to the wheelie bins left on the side of the street at all times.

Councillor Tom Wood

“That the Council requests the Manager to keep the Elected Members informed of all correspondence or meetings with various individuals or parties relative to the Presentation Convent Site”

A written response was given as follows:

As it is normal procedure Members are kept aware of all significant issues which arise in relation to the Town Council and a similar approach will apply in relation to this matter.

The current position is that a Further Information request was issued and is being addressed by the Developers.

Some discussions have taken place with the Developers and this should result in an early submission from the developers to the Further Information request.

Councillor Wood indicated that this motion referred to meetings of officials and third parties and not meetings with the Developer. The Manager agreed that the members would be kept informed of any significant issues that arise. This motion was supported by Councillors Martin Browne, Michael Browne and Dillon.

Councillor Wood

“That Cashel Town Council seeks a meeting with An Post relating to its plans for Cashel Post Office”

A written response was given as follows:

A letter has been issued to An Post indicating that this Notice of Motion has been submitted to the April meeting of Cashel Town Council and requesting a meeting with their senior personnel to discuss the situation regarding future plans for Cashel Post Office.

Councillor Wood accepted this response.

Councillor Dan Dillon

““That the current practice of immobilising cars and leaving them parked in a dangerous position on the public road, is very intimidating and dangerous for the residents in the area. I am requesting that this Council refer the matter to the relevant authority so that this practice will cease before a serious accident/incident occurs.”

A written response was given as follows:

The current practice in the county for dealing with abandoned cars is as follows;

Once the Council become aware that a car has been abandoned every effort is made to establish the ownership of the vehicle. The owner is given three days to remove the vehicle and failure to do so will result in the Council making arrangements to dispose of it. Occasionally the owner removes the vehicle, however, it generally falls on the County Council to carry the disposal. The above actions are carried out under Section 69(4) of the Roads Act 1993.

Councillor Dillon accepted this response. This motion was supported by the Mayor and Councillor Martin Browne.

Conferences and Seminars:

The list circulated was noted.

Correspondence:

The Correspondence was noted.

Votes of Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was extended to the following for attention: -

The Devitt Family
The Morrissey Family
The Osborne Family
The Buckley Family
The O'Connell Family

Other Items Raised

Councillor Wood asked that the wall at Abbeyside be repaired.

Councillor Moloney asked that the entrance to the Council Chamber be cleaned and referred to the graffiti on the walls. This was supported by Councillor Wood and O'Donoghue.

The Town Engineer agreed to look at the area.

Councillor O'Donoghue asked that the Council write to the Department of Social Welfare to query the future position of the Social Welfare Office in Cashel.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed

Mayor

Dated
