

**Minutes of the February Meeting of Cashel Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Friar Street, Cashel on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at 7.30pm**

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**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 Seamus Maher, Town Clerk**  
   **Mr Darby Mullen, Executive Engineer**  
   **Ms Mairead Ryan, Staff Officer**

**Mayor:**                        **Councillor Paddy Downey**

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**Minutes Of January Town Council Meeting:**

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

Councillor Wood welcomed the improvement works on Friar Street and reminded the Engineer about the works at the entrance to the Cashel Palace.

Councillor Martin Browne queried the position regarding the new light at the Old Library at the Green. Darby Mullen agreed to follow this up with the ESB.

Councillor Wood queried the closing date for the receipt of submissions in relation to the planning application at St. Francis Abbey. The Town Clerk indicated that it was on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2007 and 37 submissions had been received. Councillor Wood also said that a document had come to light showing a proposal for a Town Park and he felt it left a number of unanswered questions. Councillor Martin Browne also queried this and said he was disappointed with this information. The Town Clerk indicated that the document referred to was drawn up as a draft proposal, it was never a hidden document and he added that commercial use had been included in the brief prepared in May 2005.

Councillor Moloney said that he was annoyed to hear about this on the radio and felt that the Councillors were being blamed on the radio. He said that he was not aware of any of this information. The Mayor agreed that it was annoying. Councillor Martin Browne called on the Manager and Officials to clear the elected members names and asked the Manager for an assurance that a statement would be issued.

The Manager told the meeting that he would put the details in context. He indicated that the lands became available in 2000-2001 and a number of ideas were looked at for possible uses of this site. In May 2005, a brief was prepared clearly indicating a hotel, commercial development and car parking. He stated that various uses were considered but no commitment was ever made that a townpark would be provided on the site. Councillor Wood queried the discussions between the vendor and the officials. The Manager indicated that he could not comment on the discussions as he was not present at them. Councillor Wood said that he was very unhappy with the situation and withdrew from the meeting.

Councillor Martin Browne proposed that a statement be issued by the officials outlining that the members had no knowledge of the new document. This was seconded by Councillor Moloney.

## **Minutes of the Special Meeting with the HSE on 11/01/2007**

The minutes were proposed by Councillor Martin Browne, seconded by Councillor Bennett and adopted.

Councillor O'Donoghue expressed concerns that promises made at the meeting were not being kept and said that she was worried about the situation.

### **Rent Collection**

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the rent arrears at the end of December amounted to €14,900.

### **Managers' Order:**

The Managers Orders were noted.

### **Planning:**

The planning report was noted.

### **2006 Development Contribution Grant Scheme for 2007**

The report circulated with the Agenda was noted. It was proposed by Councillor Martin Browne seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue and resolved:-

“The recommendation to allocate the sum of €36,500 to the Dr. O'Hurley Pipe Band and the sum of €40,000 to Spafield Resource Centre be approved by Cashel Town Council”

### **Development Contribution Grant Scheme for 2007**

It was proposed by Councillor Martin Browne, seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue and resolved:-

“That the Scheme of Capital Grants for Recreational & Community Facilities & Amenities be adopted for implementation in 2007.”

### **Statement re Public Consultation (Part 8) for Oliver Plunkett Park Access**

The Town Clerk indicated that this issue had been on the Agenda of the January Meeting of the County Council where it was deferred for further consultation. It was before the Council again at the February meeting and has now been passed.

### **Notices of Motion:**

#### **Councillor Tom Wood**

**“That Pedestrian Crossings be installed at Lower Main Street and Friar Street(in vicinity of the Church) with the provision of the long overdue Parking Bay for people with disabilities at Lower Friar Street”**

#### **Councillor Tom Wood**

**“That this Council call on the O.P.W. to give an update on their land awaited improvement plan for visitors at the Rock”**

## **Councillor Wood**

**“That with the pending retirement of the proprietor of the Cashel Employment Exchange this Council calls on the Department of Social and Family Affairs to provide for the continuation of a service in Cashel”**

These motions were deferred in Councillor Wood’s absence.

### **Conferences and Seminars:**

The list circulated was noted.

### **Correspondence:**

The Correspondence was noted.

### **Votes of Congratulation**

A vote of Congratulations was extended to the Rosegreen Players and the Pantomime Society for their excellent performances.

### **Votes of Sympathy:**

A vote of sympathy was extended to the following: -

Nellie Joy, 52 Oliver Plunkett Park  
The Irwin Family, c/o Justin Irwin, Windmill

Councillor Moloney suggested that a sign be erected to highlight the Buckley Car Park.  
Councillor Martin Browne reported light no 3 on the Camas Road out and light no. 1 outside Conors Close out.

Councillor Bennett expressed his disappointment at the damage done to the Playground at Friar Street.

Councillor O’Donoghue congratulated the Pantomime Society and said that the Council should honour them with a Civic Reception and also include the Choral & Dramatic Society. This was seconded by Councillor Martin Browne.

The meeting then concluded.

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Mayor

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