

Minutes of the January Meeting of Cashel Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Friar Street, Cashel on Monday 8th January 2007 at 7.30pm

Members Present: Councillor Eddie Bennett
Councillor Martin Browne
Councillor Michael Browne
Councillor Dan Dillon
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

Apologies: Councillor Sean McCarthy

Minutes Of December Town Council Meeting:

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

Councillor Wood asked for an update on the works at Deerpark Road. Mr. Darby Mullen indicated that some works had been completed on the road by the Contractor before Christmas. There are further works to be completed and Mr. Mullen has been in contact with the Contractor about this. He added that the Town Council will be doing further works when these works are completed. Councillor Wood said that he had hoped that the works would be completed at this stage. He indicated that there are no road markings on the road and he feels it is in a dangerous condition. He expressed disappointment that the Contractor has to be followed up the Town Council staff. Councillor Dillon agreed with Councillor Wood and said that road markings were urgently needed. He also said that if the Contractor was not complying with his planning permission the Council should take enforcement proceedings against him.

Councillor Bennett highlighted the problem with the pelican lights on the Dualla Road and asked that they be urgently repaired. He expressed his continued disappointment with the service from the ESB.

Councillor Martin Browne queried the position of the new light to be installed at the back of the old Library at the Green.

Councillor Michael Browne supported both issues and also expressed his disappointment with the ESB.

Councillor O'Donoghue stated that the solution offered for the boundary wall at Dean Ryan Terrace may not be acceptable.

Councillor Martin Browne indicated that 4 caravans had moved into the carpark opposite the cemetery and GAA grounds. He asked that immediate efforts be made to have them removed from this location. The Mayor agreed with this and stated that their behaviour was unacceptable. He also said that there would be traffic problems for funerals or matches. Councillor Wood said that he was advised at an Area Meeting that the refurbishment of the

halting site at Ballyknock was going ahead as was the development of Waller's Lot. He felt that this behaviour does not put the families involved in a favourable light.

Mr. Darby Mullen indicated that the area along the side of the By-Pass was being secured and efforts would be made to remove them from their current location.

It was agreed that the issues at the cemetery would be discussed following the Town Council meeting.

Councillor Wood expressed his concerns about the transfer of services from Our Lady's Hospital to South Tipperary Regional Hospital, Clonmel. He stated that there was no consultation with staff about the transfer. He said that the situation was now reaching a critical stage. Councillor Dillon concurred and said that it is a sad situation. He felt that there was no concern shown by management for the hospital staff. Councillor Martin Browne also concurred and felt that the situation had deteriorated over the last week. He indicated that the Hospital Action Committee are negotiating with the HSE but was unable to deal with staffing issues as this was being handled by the Unions involved.

Councillor Wood suggested that the Town Council seek an emergency meeting with the HSE officials this week. Councillor Martin Browne said that the Council should demand an emergency meeting with the Minister for Health. Councillor Wood's proposal was seconded by Councillor Dillon and it was agreed to seek an urgent meeting with the HSE.

Minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting were proposed by Councillor Martin Browne and seconded by Councillor Dillon and Adopted.

Rent Collection

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the rent arrears at the end of December amounted to €15,100.

Managers' Order:

In relation to Managers' Order No. 17769, Councillor Wood asked if an arrangement could be made for the loading and unloading of the band equipment to the City Hall. It was suggested that a key be provided to the back entrance. This was agreed by Councillor Downey.

In relation to Managers' Order No. 17797, Councillor Wood asked that the elderly be given special consideration in the Differential Rent Scheme. Ms. Mairead Ryan indicated that there was a cap on the rent increase for the elderly irrespective of their income increase.

Planning:

Councillor Wood queried if the agreement drawn up for the sale of the convent lands allowed for commercial development as had been indicated in the planning application received on 21st December 2006. He felt that the application was invalid as the agreement was for hotel development only. The Manager indicated that it would be inappropriate to comment on a live planning application. In relation to the contract he stated that the Contract specifically demanded a hotel development but did not request or disallow any other development on the site. Councillor Martin Browne concurred with Councillor Wood and stated that it was never intended to have commercial development on the site. This was disputed by Councillor Michael Browne who stated that the resolution for the sale passed at the June Meeting indicated that it was for hotel and commercial development.

Notices of Motion:

Councillor Tom Wood

“That Management ensures the extension of public lighting and footpath from Scoil Aengus to Haig’s Terrace in conjunction with the new housing development”

A written response was issued as follows:

Planning Permission was granted by South Tipperary County Council in respect of the development at Windmill under planning reference 03/1531 on 23/11/2004 subject to 50 conditions.

One of the conditions requires the Developer to make a contribution for the provision of footpaths from the proposed development to the Cahir Road. This amount is to be agreed with the Roads Authority which is South Tipperary County Council.

I have notified South Tipperary County Council of the situation, who will take the matter up with the developer in due course.

Councillor Wood accepted this response.

Councillor Tom Wood

“That the dangerously pot-holed road at Hillview, Old Road be attended to as promised when the adjacent new housing development received planning permission”

A written response was issued as follows:

I wish to confirm that the potholes along this access route to Old Road and Rockwood have been filled as requested.

It is intended that additional works be carried out at this location in the current year to enhance, upgrade and improve this access road for residents of the area.

Councillor Wood stated that this roadway has not been resurfaced in 40 years and understood that this road was to be resurfaced following the completion of the new housing estate. He asked that the works be done as a priority. This was supported by Councillors Martin Browne, Dillon and O’Donoghue.

Conferences and Seminars:

The list circulated was noted. The members welcomed Councillor Wood’s report on the Conference on Services for the Elderly.

Correspondence:

The Correspondence was noted and supported.

Councillor Wood asked that the flood outside the Cashel Palace be attended to and also at Friar Street outside O’Dwyer’s Drapery.

Councillor O’Donoghue also asked that the flood at Ely’s on the Green be dealt with.

Councillor Dillon asked that the meeting with the Garda be arranged as soon as possible.

Councillor Michael Browne indicated that the toilet walls at the Main Street Car Park be given urgent attention.

Votes of Sympathy:

A vote of sympathy was extended to the following: -

John Joe Morrissey on the death of his father
The Purcell Family

The meeting then concluded.

Signed _____
Mayor

Dated _____