

**Minutes of the March Meeting of Cashel Town Council held in the Council Chamber,  
Civic Offices, Friar Street, Cashel on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 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 Tom Wood

**Officials Present:** Mr Sean Keating, Town Manager  
Mr Seamus Maher, Town Clerk  
Mr. Tom O'Reilly, Town Engineer  
Mr Darby Mullen, Executive Engineer  
Ms Mairead Ryan, Staff Officer

**Mayor:** Councillor Paddy Downey

**Apologies:** Councillor Maureen O'Donoghue

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### **Local Authority Waste Prevention Demonstration Programme**

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Michael Graham, Senior Executive Engineer, Waste Management Section, South Tipperary County Council to the meeting. Mr. Graham began his presentation by saying that this was a preliminary briefing on the Local Authority Waste Demonstration Programme. He outlined that this programme followed on from the Race Against Waste Campaign and the Local Authority and Private recycling initiatives and the next step is now waste prevention and minimisation. South Tipperary County Council is one of seven local authorities to receive funding from the Demonstration Programme. This funding will enable a pilot project to be carried out in Cashel to investigate ways to reduce waste along with reducing energy and water consumption. He said that the first step would be to contact the Chamber of Trade and Tourism to gauge the reaction of businesses. It is expected to take between 18 and 24 months to complete. He hopes that the project will result in being able to apply the findings across the county.

This initiative was broadly welcomed by the members. In response to queries, Mr. Graham indicated that the programme would look at the entire business process and look at ways of reducing waste in all areas. He also indicated that the incentives would be the reduction in energy, water and waste costs where a saving was achieved.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Graham for attending and wished him success with this project.

### **Minutes Of February Town Council Meeting:**

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

Councillor Martin Browne queried the position regarding the new light at the Old Library at the Green. The Town Engineer indicated that he had received confirmation from the ESB that this light would be installed in the coming week.

Councillor Wood queried if there was progress on the byelaws for the weight restriction through town and also the CCTV project. The Town Clerk indicated that he hoped to bring details of the weight restriction process to the next meeting. He also said that he is arranging a meeting with the Chamber on this issue.

Councillor Michael Browne told the meeting that he was unhappy with the Developer in the Greenfields Development adjacent to Oliver Plunkett Park as he was using the Oliver Plunkett Estate for construction access to the site. He said that it had been agreed not to use the estate for construction access and was asking the Council what measures were been taken to ensure that this would be prevented. Councillor Bennett concurred with this. Councillor Wood also expressed his disappointment and said he had raised the issue at the County Council meeting. The other councillors also concurred. The Town Clerk indicated that he was made aware of the problem and went on site and spoke to the Site Foreman and it was agreed that the estate would not be used for construction access. He also said that if there were further problems he would immediately contact the developer. Councillor Bennett queried the position if the developer continued to use the estate for construction access. The Town Clerk indicated that he would be requesting that South Tipperary County Council take enforcement proceedings.

### **Rent Collection**

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the rent arrears at the end of February amounted to €14,500.

### **Managers' Order:**

The Mangers Orders were noted.

### **Planning:**

The planning report was noted.

### **Footpath Programme**

The Footpath Programme for 2007 was circulated. The Town Clerk outlined that this allocation had been put to the town centre work for the previous two years but that for 2007 it would address urban roads and footpaths. The programme was broadly welcomed by the members. It was proposed by Councillor Martin Browne, seconded by Councillor Moloney and resolved that: -

“The footpath programme for 2007 be approved by Cashel Town Council”

### **Section 183 Notice – RAS Property at 5 Dominics Court, Cashel**

The Town Clerk outlined that the Council was in the process of securing its first property under the Rental Accommodation Scheme. He outlined that as the contract was for 10 years that it was necessary to complete a Section 183 resolution in this case. It was proposed by Councillor Martin Browne and seconded by Councillor Dillon and resolved:-

“That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 we hereby approve of the letting for a period of 9 years and 11 months minus 1 day of the Council’s interest in the dwelling at 5 Dominic Court, Cashel, Co. Tipperary containing 2 bedrooms to Patrick and Eleanor Campion, 2 Cascade Heights, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007.”

### **EU Charter Meeting – Summer 2007, Lasse, Austria**

It was proposed by Councillor Martin Browne and seconded by Councillor Dillon that

Councillor Downey, Mayor and Councillor Bennett, Deputy Mayor would attend this meeting.

#### **Notices of Motion:**

##### **Councillor Tom Wood**

**“That the Manager advise as to the present capacity of the town’s sewerage plant in view of the ever increasing housing and commercial development and also advise as to the cause of sewerage problems outside Mr. Tattans, John Street, and at a number of premises on Upper Main Street and what steps can be taken to resolve them.”**

A written response was issued as follows:

Cashel Town Sewerage Plant was upgraded recently and it now has the capacity to deal with a population equivalent of 9000 persons which is sufficient to deal with the current demand in Cashel and will allow for future housing and commercial development.

The sewerage problem at John Street involves slight adjustment to a service pipe and this work will be carried out by the Council shortly.

Sewerage problems at Upper Main Street have been resolved and recent reports of odours in the area were investigated and all sewer lines were checked and found to be operating satisfactorily. The odour was determined to be from a diesel or oil spillage.

Councillor Wood accepted this response.

##### **Councillor Tom Wood**

**“That the Manager advise as to the nature and extent of works to be carried out at 37 Oliver Plunkett Park, 4 Greencourt, 5 Greencourt following an inspection some months ago”**

A written response was issued as follows:

Following an inspection as a result of a submission made on condition of doors, windows, etc, the Council will be carrying out a schedule of repairs to Nos 4, 5 Green Court and 37 Oliver Plunkett Park.

A letter has been issued to the tenants indicating the works to be carried out.

The works will be carried out in the month of March

Councillor Wood accepted this response but was disappointed with the length of time it has taken it to happen.

##### **Councillor Wood**

**“That the Manager advise if the Woodlawn Estate has been taken in charge and what procedures are in place to take other new housing developments into the Council’s charge.”**

A written response was issued as follows: -

The Woodlawn Estate is currently in the process of being taken in charge following the completion of remedial works by the Contractor. I also attach hereto copy of the Council's policy for taking estate roads in charge. Please note the procedures for Cashel Town Council are the same as for the County Council area.

Councillor Wood accepted this response.

### **Councillor Eddie Bennett**

**“That Cashel Town Council replace pedestrian safety barrier at Bank Place that is in keeping and recognition of the Town Development Plan.”**

A written response was issued as follows: -

The Council already has plans to replace the tubular steel railing at this location with a new railing consisting of ornate cast iron uprights and tubular steel runners. The concrete protection kerb at the corner will be repaired and painted to give a satisfactory visual finish.

Councillor Bennett accepted this response.

### **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 O'Connor Family  
The Thornton Family  
The Doyle Family on the death of Paddy.

Councillor Martin Browne raised the following issues: -

- Hoarding on Chapel Lane
- Taxi rank in town centre
- Closure of Main Street

Councillor Wood highlighted the hotel development on the Dublin Road and indicated that there are a number of issues with the site and it is being dealt with by Planning Section of the County Council.

The meeting then concluded.

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Mayor

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