

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

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**Members Present:**

- Councillor Martin Browne**
- Councillor Michael Browne**
- Councillor Dan Dillon**
- Councillor Patrick Downey**
- 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 Tom O'Reilly, Town Engineer**
- Mr Darby Mullen, Executive Engineer**
- Ms Mairead Ryan, Staff Officer**

**Mayor:** **Councillor Eddie Bennett**

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**MINUTES OF OCTOBER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:**

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor Dan Dillon seconded by Councillor Maureen O'Donoghue and adopted.

Councillor Martin Browne queried if a response had been received from the HSE in relation to the development at Our Lady's Hospital. The Town Clerk indicated that a response had not been received to-date. Councillor Wood also confirmed that South Tipperary County Council had not received a response from the HSE.

Councillor Martin Browne highlighted the problem with a number of lights out on the Dualla Road, the Town Engineer indicated that he had been in contact the ESB and was working with the ESB to restore the public lighting in this area. There was a discussion on other lights out in various locations in the town. The Town Engineer indicated that he had asked our electrical contractor to repair the lights out at the Civic Offices.

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING ON 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2007:**

The minutes of the meeting were proposed by Councillor Michael Browne seconded by Councillor Dillon and adopted.

The Town Clerk indicated that the presentation from Bord Gais had been cancelled and circulated details received from them outlining their current position on Cashel. He also said that the Cluid presentation was unavoidably deferred to the December Meeting.

**RENT COLLECTION:**

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the rent arrears at the end of October amounted to €13,980.

## **MANAGER'S ORDERS:**

Councillors Michael Browne and Wood queried the position regarding the housing notices to quit issued. The Town Clerk indicated that the tenants had been in contact with the office and they are making agreements to repay the arrears.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

Councillor Wood queried the refusal of planning application PLR 07/1133 and asked that the Town Development Plan be looked at in relation to the Town Centre and the uses of properties. Councillor Michael Browne stated that he was disgusted with this refusal and agreed that the Council needed to look seriously at the uses of Town Centre locations. Councillor Martin Browne queried how the Council could now amend the Town Development Plan and allow this development to proceed. These views were echoed by the other councillors. The Town Manager indicated that it is always open to the members to seek a variation of the Development Plan but this has to be looked at in the context of the overall plan. He added that as the review of the Development Plan is being undertaken, it would be premature to seek a variation at this stage. There were queries on the particular application and the Manager indicated that a decision on this application had been made and cannot be changed. On a query about the procedure for a variation of the plan, the Manager indicated that he would come back to the Councillors on the formal procedure.

## **PART VIII FRIAR STREET REVISED LAYOUT**

The Town Clerk circulated the amended map to the members outlining the revised layout at Friar Street. He told the members that this would now proceed to the Part VIII procedure. This was noted by the members.

## **AMAI SUBMISSION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM**

The Town Clerk referred to the AMAI submission circulated with the Agenda indicating that it had been received from the Director of the AMAI with a request for support for their submission. He asked that all councillors who were in favour of it would sign a letter of support circulated to the meeting. The Town Clerk indicated that he would forward this to the AMAI.

## **FIX DATE FOR ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING**

It was agreed that the Annual Budget meeting would be held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 8pm.

## **NOTICE OF MOTION:**

### **Councillor Tom Wood:**

*“That the agreement reached with the residents of Oliver Plunkett Park when facilitating the part 8 for the new road layout be implemented without further delay”*

A written response was issued as follows: -

*The Council are currently in negotiation with the developer of the new houses in the area in a bid to reach agreement with regard to the developer either paying a contribution to cover the*

*specified works or that the works will be carried out by the developer to the satisfaction of the Council. Should a contribution be the outcome of the discussions the Council will then contract out the proposed improvement works.*

Councillor Wood outlined the history to this development and expressed his concern that the agreement was not being implemented. He stated that he had submitted a similar motion to South Tipperary County Council. He also stated that he was very disappointed with the process so far. Cllrs Bennett and Michael Browne concurred with Councillor Wood and supported the motion. The Town Engineer assured the Council that all efforts would be made to ensure these works are completed as agreed.

**Councillor Tom Wood:**

*“That the relevant authorities at Town and County Council level seriously examine requests from residents at Camas Road (Lowergate St) and Windmill (Haigs Terrace) for traffic calming measures, i.e. speed ramps in their areas”*

A written response was issued as follows:

*The provision of traffic calming measures at Windmill (Haigs Terrace) is a matter for the County Council and this matter will be referred to the Roads Section for their attention.*

*The Council has examined the situation at Lowergate Street and due to the limited width of this street plus the existence of parking on each side of the street the opportunity for excessive speed here is limited. In order to incorporate horizontal measures such as chicanes, build outs and other types of street narrowing, it is not possible without eliminating significant numbers of parking spaces. The positioning of ramps, speed table or speed cushion cannot be considered here as the street is part of a regional route.*

Councillor Wood accepted the response in relation to Windmill. He said that the Camas Road is a dangerous situation and asked that the Council see what can be done at this location.

**Councillor Tom Wood:**

*“That Cashel Town Council again calls on the Health Service Executive to accommodate more patients at Saint Patrick Hospital”*

A written response was issued as follows: -

*I wish to advise I have written to Health Service Executive to query the Notice of Motion raised by you. I am awaiting their response and I will forward their response to you as soon as I receive it.*

Councillor Wood accepted this response. He said that he tabled the motion because this situation needs a change in policy by the HSE and asked that the HSE look at this matter urgently. Councillor O’Donoghue supported this motion.

**Councillor Eddie Bennett:**

*“That Cashel Town Council take immediate action to repair the deteriorating condition of Boreen Glas”*

A written response was issued as follows: -

*The road referred in your motion is in very poor condition and is in urgent need of resurfacing. The Council will in the short term carry out patch repairs to hold the surface for the present. The Council are conscious that the adjacent housing proposal currently at the planning stage may require access/services, footpath improvements etc to the site resulting in further disruption of this road in the near future consequently any major resurfacing should be postponed pending the outcome of this planning application.*

*The estimated cost of the provision of a new macadam surface on this road is €44,000.*

Councillor Bennett accepted this response. He welcomed the repairs to be completed as he felt that the road is in very poor condition. This motion was supported by Councillor Dillon.

#### **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS:**

The Conference list was circulated. The reports submitted by Councillor Wood on his conference attendance were noted.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence was noted and it was agreed to support the Notice of Motion from Kildare County Council. The details of the Tidy Towns report were discussed and Councillor Downey appealed for support from the Council and voluntary people.

#### **VOTES OF SYMPATHY:**

Votes of sympathy were extended to the following: -

Gus Ryan, Ladyswell Street and Kathleen Ryan, Treacy Villas on the death of their sister  
The O’Gorman Family on the death of their brother  
Richard Delaney, Mayfield on the death of his mother  
Supt. Tom Duggan on the death of his sister  
The Mooney Family of the death of their mother

The Meeting then concluded.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ 2007