

**Minutes of October Meeting of Cashel Town Council held in the Council Chamber,  
Civic Offices, Friar Street, Cashel on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 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 Darby Mullen, Acting Town Engineer**
- Ms Mairead Ryan, Staff Officer**

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

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**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:**

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor Dan Dillon seconded by Councillor Paddy Downey and adopted.

Councillor O'Donoghue asked for an update on the community facility at the RESPOND estate. The Town Clerk indicated that RESPOND are preparing the planning application for the development of such a facility.

Councillor Wood asked for an update on the Town Boundary Extension, the Town Clerk indicated that he hoped to bring a full report to the members at the November Meeting.

**RENT COLLECTION:**

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the rent arrears at the end of September amounted to €14,720.

**MANAGER'S ORDERS:**

Councillor Dillon referred to Manager's Order 17888 and enquired the reason for the enforcement proceedings. The Town Clerk indicated that works had been undertaken at this location which required planning permission. He had spoken to the developer about the requirements, however he had proceeded and enforcement proceedings were issued. The Town Clerk understands that the developer intends to make a planning application.

Councillor Martin Browne said that he was unhappy with the planning procedures. He referred to a matter in Chapel Lane, which he had brought to the attention of the Town Clerk; he received an answer and later found this information not to be the case. The Town Clerk indicated that following Councillor Browne's query, he had investigated the situation and it appeared to be in compliance but was unable to get access to the site. Following the second query, it was possible to access the site and it was seen that the works were not in compliance. Councillor Browne proposed that the hoarding is taken down and moved back to the edge of

the street. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Wood. The Town Clerk indicated that the developer would need to apply for retention for the development. He also agreed to check when the hoarding licence expires and will contact the developer accordingly.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

The Planning Report was noted.

### **BROADBAND – PROGRESS REPORT**

The Acting Town Engineer circulated a progress report to the members detailing the current works and the proposed schedule for the completion of the works. He outlined that all major works will be completed in 3 weeks. Councillor Michael Browne complimented the Engineer for his efforts but he expressed concerns about the works on Main Street and asked the Town Engineer to confirm that works would not be necessary on the plaza area. The Acting Town Engineer confirmed that the necessary ducts were in place. Councillor Browne was also concerned about maintaining access to the Main Street Car Park. Councillor Wood suggested that this work at the entrance could be done in the evening time. The Mayor complimented the contractor for the work completed.

### **NOTICES OF MOTION:**

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

*“That the Manager update the members on the situation re Joint Policing Committees as it effects this Council and also the setting up of a C.C.T.V. system in the Town”*

A written response was issued as follows: -

The provision for Joint Policing Committees is established under the provisions of An Garda Siochana 2005. In 2006 Joint Policing Committee were set up as pilot schemes in certain Local Authority areas.

The guidelines were revised in May 2007 and included in the provision for additional pilot areas for example Clonmel Borough Council and Carrick on Suir Town Council.

The guidelines were then used for an initial brief pilot phase, during which committees are being established in a limited number of local authorities. The Guidelines indicate that it is only through practical experience gained through the operation that you will discover how best they should be structured and operate. Pilots will be evaluated on an ongoing basis and in light of experience gained these guidelines will be amended as necessary.

In current evaluation the guidelines propose that joint policing committee should be established in all local authorities at an early date from mid 2007 and those committees will remain in office until the next local elections in 2009. Thereafter committees will be re-established and reach local elections for the lifetime of the local authorities.

In relation to the setting up of joint policing committee for Cashel the Garda Superintendent for the area Mr Tom Duggan has agreed to give a presentation to the council on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at 4pm in the council chambers Civic offices Friar Street, at which time all up to date information will be available concerning the Joint Policing Committee.

I am enclosing a copy of the most recent guidelines for your information.

In relation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the motion concerning the introduction of CCTV systems it is noted that until such time as a joint policing committee is set up the application for funding for a CCTV cannot be made.

When the Joint Policing Committee is established I will arrange to notify the Chamber of Trade and Tourism who have indicated that they are prepared to make this application for CCTV, to proceed.

Councillor Wood welcomed this meeting with the Garda and it was agreed to hold it on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at 4pm in the Council Chamber. Councillor Martin Browne conveyed his apologies, as he will be unable to attend.

**Councillor Tom Wood:**

*“That this Council calls on the H.S.E. to update the members on the situation re developments at Our Lady’s Hospital and clarify if recent cutbacks in revenue will affect same”*

A written response was issued as follows:

I wish to advise that I have contacted the H.S.E. with regard to the query raised by notice of motion by Cllr Wood and I wish to inform you I have not to date received a response.

When a response is received I will notify each member accordingly.

Councillor Wood accepted this response. He had entered this motion as he feels it is important to keep in contact with the HSE about the developments.

Councillor Dillon had entered a similar motion and also spoke about it. He was anxious to get a response from the HSE as he had concerns about the progress on site. Councillor McCarthy informed the meeting about the information he had received. He outlined that there would be no cutbacks in revenue expenditure for Cashel. He further outlined that Phase 1 consists of 3 units including Physical & Sensory Disabilities (open and working), Alzheimer’s Unit (due to open in November 07) and Mental Health Unit (due to open before year end). Phase 2 would consist of the renovation of Our Lady’s Hospital Building, tendering process is now closed and tenders will be evaluated. This work will take 2 years to complete. There was a lengthy discussion on this information. It was agreed to await the response from the HSE.

**Councillor Tom Wood:**

*“That the Manager advise if a plan to utilise the Old City Hall to its maximum potential is envisaged”*

A written response was issued as follows: -

Cashel City Hall, which was constructed in mid 1700s, is currently used as a Heritage Centre and Tourist Office and also has a ground floor office let to Charitable Organisation (Peter

Bradley Foundation). Which is involved in children with disabilities, and an upstairs office let to Mr Brendan Maher who produces the art magazine "Start".

The council are open to suggestions from organisations and members of the public for potential uses for the city hall. Soundings have been made but no definitive proposes or suggestions have yet to be received. Consideration could be given of course to the establishment of museum, art centre and an educational centre to be used by locals and visitors alike, setting out the history and heritage etc of Cashel and also as an area for the presentation of Cashel for display of various items form the Bolton Library.

I would welcome the opportunity for councillors to indicate what they consider appropriate for this magnificent building at such a central setting

Councillor Wood welcomed this response. He also enquired if a mobile canopy could be purchased for the plaza area. He requested that the List of former Chairpersons of the Town Council be moved from the City Hall to the Civic Offices.

**Councillor Dan Dillon:**

*"That Cashel Town Council contact the HSE and ascertain the current position in relation to the Development Programme at Our Lady's Hospital, Cashel, Co. Tipperary"*

A written response was issued as follows: -

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**Councillor Dan Dillon:**

*"That Cashel Town Council and South Tipperary County Council look into the possibility of providing a Wheelie Bin in Lieu of the current plastic bags for the collection of recycling items form their customers"*

A written response was issued as follows: -

When the tag and bag system was introduced a few years ago it was intended that the collection of recycling materials would progress to a second bin, however the fact that the current system has proven to be a success in that the majority of customers are satisfied with the see through bag system.

The materials recovery facility in Dungarvan where are recycling materials are transported has identified a substantial contamination of recyclable material where bins are used for this purpose. The clear bag system allows one to see if there is contamination and where this occurs an appropriate sticker is placed on the bag and it is not collected.

Should the recycling bin system be introduced the customers would find difficulty in storing a second bin, however as the recycling of materials is constantly being ministered, improvements will be made where necessary, however it is not intended at present time to introduce the bin system for recycling.

Councillor Dillon accepted this response but asked that it be kept in mind for the future.

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

The Conference list was circulated.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence was noted and it was agreed to support the Notice of Motion from Port Laoise.

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

Votes of sympathy were extended to the following: -

Family of Mr. Val Ryan

Mrs. Rodgers & Family on the death of Sean Rodgers

Families of the Firemen, Brian Murray & Mark O'Shaughnessy, who died in Bray to be sent to Bray Town Council

The following items were raised with the permission of the Mayor.

There was a discussion on the results of the Tidy Town Competition. Councillor Downey agreed that it was disappointing to an extent. He felt that the attention to detail would be important for the future. He again asked for help from the business and voluntary sector of the community.

Councillor Wood was concerned about the ramps at Deerpark and asked that the Council write to the Gardai about speed in that area.

Councillor Bennett raised concerns about speeding in Oliver Plunkett Park. He indicated that he had spoken to the Town Engineer and understands that he is in contact with the Developer.

Councillor Moloney was concerned about the lights out at the back and front of the Civic Offices and also the general appearance of the building. Councillor Wood suggested that a wall and railing be erected at the rear of the building surrounding the plaza area.

The Meeting then concluded.

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

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