

Minutes of February Meeting of Cashel Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Cashel on Monday 7th February 2011 at 7.30pm.

Chair: Councillor Michael Browne

Members Present: Councillor Eddie Bennett
Councillor Martin Browne
Councillor Dan Dillon
Councillor Eoghan Lawrence
Councillor Sean McCarthy
Councillor Joe Moloney
Councillor PJ Quinlan
Councillor Maribel Wood

Officials Present: Mr. Sean Keating, Town Manager
Ms. Marie McGivern, Town Clerk
Ms. Mairead Ryan, Staff Officer
Mr. Willie Corby, Town Engineer
Ms. Labhaoise McKenna, Heritage Officer

1. MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH JANUARY 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January 2011 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Eddie Bennett seconded by Councillor Dan Dillon.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING

At the outset the Mayor said that he wished to clarify comments he made at the January Meeting in relation to the weather/water conditions over the Christmas period. He said that it appeared as if he had criticised the fire service and he wanted to clearly state that this was not the case. He asked that the press would report his statement.

2. “ADOPT A MONUMENT” PROJECT

The Mayor welcomed Ms. Labhaoise McKenna, Heritage Officer, South Tipperary County Council, to the meeting. Ms. McKenna began her presentation by explaining the proposed pilot project “Adopt a Monument” to the members.

She explained the scheme as follows:

- The Adopt a Monument Scheme is run internationally by various agencies
- It offers support and advice to community groups who want to take on heritage projects
- It is a collaborative project between the local community and the local authority to raise the awareness of the City Walls

She said that there are many reasons for doing this

- Sense of Place/Pride of Place
- Create an attraction in itself
- Generate a trail/guided walk
- Build on goodwill
- Make the most of the investment to-date
- Access to funding
- Celebrate heritage on our doorstep
- Help foster sense of social responsibility

She outlined that any local community group could become involved in this together with the local authority. She confirmed that she is currently in the process of publicising the project and that she has met with the Cashel Tidy Towns Committee and they have expressed an interest in the project. She said that the intention is to develop a four year plan with short and long term goals.

In response to a query from Councillor Quinlan about the other sites that are being considered, Ms. McKenna said that the other proposed projects were the Tipperary Hills, Grange monument Slieveardagh, Town Hall, Fethard and the Inch Field in Cahir.

Councillor Sean McCarthy said that he has a personal interest in this matter as he lives adjacent to the City Walls. He was very critical of the South Eastern Health Board, as it was known at the time, as they had knocked a portion of the wall during their construction works at Our Lady's Hospital. He said that public bodies have a responsibility to preserve our heritage. He complimented Ms. McKenna on the great work she is doing.

3. BANK OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the proposition of Councillor Eddie Bennett, seconded by Councillor Joe Moloney, it was resolved that:

“That this Council authorises the provision of bank overdraft accommodation in the sum of €100,000 subject to the approval of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for the twelve month period from 1st January to 31st December 2011.”

4. RENT COLLECTION

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Rent Arrears at the end of January amounted to €12,276.

5. MANAGERS ORDERS

In response to a query from Councillor Bennett regarding the acceptance of tender in the sum of €51,075 from Presto Construction for the carrying out of refurbishment works at house no. The Green, Cashel, the Town Clerk confirmed that the local authority house at no. 1 Green is in very poor condition and substantial renovations with a small extension are required to the house which is reflected in the tender price for the works. She said that when the works are complete the Council will have a one bedroom house to allocate in a Town Centre location.

6. EUROPEAN CHARTER MEETING 2011

Councillor Maribel Wood began by asking all the members to attend the Steering Group meetings. She reminded the members that the event is taking place in 5 months and expressed her concerns that some members were not attending the steering group meetings.

She confirmed that four members of the Presidium were in Cashel on Saturday 15th January 2011 and met with the members of the Steering Group in the Council Chamber. She confirmed that they were pleased with the progress of the committee to-date and offered useful advice to the committee on hosting the event.

The Mayor confirmed that the Council had committed €39,000 to the hosting of this event and believed that the members are very much committed to the event. He reminded the members that the next steering group meeting is on Wednesday 9th February at 4pm in the Council Chamber.

7. CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

The list of Conferences and Seminars were circulated. On the proposition of Councillor Dan Dillon, seconded by Councillor Eddie Bennett attendance at the following conferences were agreed:

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The notice of motion from Donegal regarding An Post was supported by the members.

The motion from Ballinasloe Town Council was proposed by Councillor Maribel Wood, seconded by Councillor Joe Moloney and supported.

9. VOTES OF SYMPATHY

A vote of sympathy was extended to:

Kitty Doyle & Family, Mockershill, Fethard on the death of her son Michael
Bridie Ryan & Family, Boherclough Street, Cashel on the death of her husband
John

Celine O’Keeffe & Family, Hoare Abbey House, Cashel on the death of her
husband Michael

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk proposed that a Workshop facilitated by the Senior Planner, South Tipperary County Council would take place on Monday 28th February 2011 at 6pm in the Council Chamber in relation to a proposed Variation to the Town Development Plan to incorporate the Core Strategy. This was agreed by the members.

Councillor McCarthy referred to a matter that was raised by Councillor Wood at the County Council meeting regarding the future of the County Council FAS schemes. Following a discussion it was proposed by Councillor Sean McCarthy, seconded by Councillor Joe Moloney that the Town Council would write to the Department & FAS Headquarters requesting that any action should be deferred until the new administration is in place after the General Election.

There being no other business the meeting then concluded.

Signed/ _____
Mayor

Dated/ _____ March 2011

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Town Clerk

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