

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

Chair:	Councillor Maribel Wood
Members Present:	Councillor Eddie Bennett Councillor Martin Browne Councillor Dan Dillon Councillor Eoghan Lawrence Councillor Sean McCarthy Councillor Joe Moloney Councillor PJ Quinlan
Officials Present:	Mr. Sean Keating, Town Manager Ms. Marie McGivern, Town Clerk Ms. Mairead Ryan, Staff Officer Mr. Willie Corby, Town Engineer
Apologies:	Councillor Michael Browne

The Deputy Mayor opened the meeting and began by saying that she wanted to extend every good wish to Mayor Michael Browne during his illness. This was echoed by all the members of the Town Council.

1. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH FEBRUARY 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th February 2011 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Eddie Bennett seconded by Councillor Dan Dillon.

2. RENT COLLECTION

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Rent Arrears at the end of February amounted to €13,977. She confirmed that the arrears had increased from the previous meeting due to a number of tenants being on maximum rent, she outlined that this situation is being addressed. In response to a query from the Deputy Mayor, the Town Clerk indicated that rents are based on the household income of the tenant and where there is a reduction in income the tenant can contact the Council about adjusting their rent.

2. FINANCE – Auditors Report 2009

The Town Clerk confirmed that the Local Government Auditor had completed his audit of the Annual Financial Statement of Cashel Town Council for the year ended 31st December 2009. She said that it was his opinion that the Annual Financial Statement presented fairly, in accordance with the Code of

Practice and Accounting Regulations, the financial position of the Council at 31st December 2009 and the income and expenditure for that year. She said that the revenue account for the year recorded an overall surplus of €16,148 and the capital account recorded an overall surplus of €54,245.

4. MANAGERS ORDERS

The Deputy Mayor welcomed the notices issued under the Derelict Sites legislation and asked what is the next step. In addition, Councillor Quinlan wanted to know the length of the process. The Town Clerk stated that the first step is the issue of the notice of intention to enter property on Derelict Sites' Register giving owner/occupier specified period within which to respond. Where land continues to be derelict the local authority may serve Notice again on owner/occupier specifying works/measures required to be carried out to prevent the property continuing to be derelict.

She said that it can be a lengthy process but indicated that her main aim is to ensure that the properties in town are rendered non-derelict. She said that the Council has had a number of successes in 2010 and hoped this would continue in 2011.

5. EUROPEAN CHARTER MEETING 2011 – PROGRESS REPORT

The Deputy Mayor updated the meeting on the progress of the EU Charter as follows:

- Next main event is the Launch Day on the 23rd March 2011 at 6pm on the Plaza, this is to mark the 100 day countdown to the event
- Publicity for the event is improving
- The number of host families is growing
- Event Programme is almost finalised
- New website is launched and is brilliant www.cashelcharter.com
- Niall Gregory and Shaun Leahy made presentation on the event to South Tipperary County Council at March Council meeting
- Next Steering Group meeting is on Wednesday 9th March at 4pm in the Council Chamber

Councillor McCarthy informed the meeting that Niall Gregory and Sean Leahy had made an excellent presentation to the County Council meeting earlier in the day. He believed that this presentation had created a lot of awareness and enthusiasm for the event.

6. NRA ROADS GRANT ALLOCATION 2011

The Town Engineer confirmed to the meeting that the Road Grant for 2011 is €139,000. He circulated details of the proposed programme as follows

Road Works Programme 2011

Proposed Roadworks to be undertaken using the 2011 Block Grant allocation of €139,000

Road Surfacing

<u>Location</u>	<u>Category of Work</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Cost Estimate</u>
<u>Circular Road</u>	<u>Surfacing</u>	<u>500m</u>	<u>2000m²</u>	<u>50,000</u>
<u>McCann St</u>	<u>Surfacing</u>	<u>80m</u>	<u>400m²</u>	<u>10,800</u>
<u>Dean Ryan Terrace</u>	<u>Surfacing</u>	<u>170m</u>	<u>510m²</u>	<u>13,800</u>
<u>Chapel Lane</u>	<u>Surfacing</u>	<u>70m</u>	<u>350m²</u>	<u>9,500</u>
<u>Back of Pipes</u>	<u>Surfacing</u>	<u>32m</u>	<u>160m²</u>	<u>4,300</u>
<u>Dominic St</u>	<u>Surfacing</u>	<u>45m</u>	<u>225m²</u>	<u>6,000</u>
<u>Ladyswell St</u>	<u>Surfacing</u>	<u>110m</u>	<u>220m²</u>	<u>6,000</u>
			<u>Total</u>	<u>€100,400</u>

Footpath Reconstruction

<u>Location</u>	<u>Category of Work</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Cost Estimate</u>
<u>The Green (Opp. Hospital)</u>	<u>Footpath</u>	<u>50m</u>	<u>100m²</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<u>John St (at Bolton Library)</u>	<u>Footpath</u>	<u>85m</u>	<u>102m²</u>	<u>9,100</u>
			<u>Total</u>	<u>€14,100</u>

Other Works:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Category of Work</u>	<u>Cost Estimate</u>
<u>Canopy St</u>	<u>Complete Pedestrian Crossing</u>	<u>7,000</u>
<u>Boherclogh St</u>	<u>Complete Pedestrian Crossing</u>	<u>7,000</u>
<u>Rock Lane</u>	<u>Ramps</u>	<u>2,000</u>
<u>Cathal Brugha St</u>	<u>Ramps</u>	<u>2,000</u>
<u>Various Locations</u>	<u>Signage Improvements</u>	<u>6,500</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>€24,500</u>

Councillor Martin Browne reported that a pad of the ramp at the Green had been removed and he asked if this could be replaced. The Town Engineer agreed to do this.

Councillor Dan Dillon queried the location of the footpath repairs at the hospital, it was confirmed that they are opposite the hospital also the Town Engineer indicated that he is in discussions with the HSE regarding the footpaths/poles outside the hospital wall.

Councillor Joe Moloney welcomed the works programme and asked if the footpath above the Church on Friar Street could be repaired urgently. He also asked that any works started would be completed in the current year.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor PJ Quinlan

“I am asking Cashel Town Council to implement Section 22(1) of the Litter Pollution Act where fines are issued to dog owners who fail to dispose of their dog excrement in a proper fashion. As we know pooper Scoopers are provided free of charge from Cashel Town Council offices. We need to advise the public of the nuisance this causes and alert dog owners of our zero tolerance by Council in light of Summer 2011”

A written response was issued as follows:

The Litter Pollution Act 1997 requires dog owners to take responsibility where their dog fouls in a public area i.e. to immediately remove the faeces and to ensure it is properly disposed of in a sanitary manner.

A person guilty of an offence under this Act is liable to a fine of €1905 and €127 for each day that the offence continues. Enforcement of Section 22 of this Act is undertaken by the Traffic Wardens as part of their duties and special attention will be given to this matter in the coming months

Councillor Quinlan indicated that this is a particular problem in the Town Centre and said that he wanted to create an awareness of the issue of dog fouling in an attempt to improve the situation. He accepted the response to the motion.

Councillor McCarthy agreed that it is a problem and was concerned that it is undoing the good work of the Tidy Towns Committee.

The Deputy Mayor expressed the view that it is a problem that is occurring early in the morning and late in the evening which makes it more difficult to deal with.

Councillor PJ Quinlan

“I would ask the Town Engineer to erect signage or fingerposts to all housing estates”

A written response was issued as follows:

Missing signage/fingerpost for housing estates will be erected as part of the 2011 Roadworks Programme

Councillor Quinlan thanked the Town Engineer for this response.

8. CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

The list of Conferences and Seminars were circulated to the members.

9. VOTES OF SYMPATHY

A vote of sympathy was extended to:

The McDonnell Family, Dominics Street on the death of their mother Alice
Ronnie Hassett on the death of his wife Pat
The Scully Family, Haigs Tce on the death of their mother May
Martin O'Dwyer & Family, Chapel Lane on the death of his wife Agnes

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted the Rock Car Park will be available for the organisers of the St. Patricks Day Parade on that morning.

Councillor Martin Browne reported that there is a street light out at corner of Dean Ryan Terrace and Treacy Villas with the numbers 50 and 5 on it.

Councillor McCarthy congratulated the three elected deputies to Dáil Éireann for South Tipperary and also wished the defeated candidates well for the future. He said that he felt that it is important to support the incoming government during this difficult economic situation. He expressed concerns about some newly elected deputies in other areas of the country and hoped that the committee for privileges and procedures would deal with them accordingly.

The Deputy Mayor congratulated the new government and urged them not to forget the people who voted them into government.

The Deputy Mayor asked that the Town Council extend an invitation to Queen Elizabeth to visit Cashel during her visit to Ireland in May. This was seconded by Councillor PJ Quinlan and it was agreed to send the invitation to the British Embassy in Dublin.

Councillor Eoghan Lawrence proposed a Civic Reception for the Rugby Club on their excellent achievement of Senior Status recently. This was seconded by Councillor Joe Moloney and agreed.

A vote of congratulations was extended to Cashel Community School on their epic win in the Hurling Munster Final.

There being no other business the meeting then concluded.

Signed/ _____
Mayor

Dated/ _____ April 2011

Signed/ _____
Town Clerk

Dated/ _____ April 2011