

Minutes of May Meeting of Cashel Town Council held in the Council Chamber,
Civic Offices, Cashel on Monday 9th May 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. Darby Mullen, Executive Engineer

Apologies: Mr. Willie Corby, Town Engineer

**1. MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH APRIL
2011**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th April 2011 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Sean McCarthy seconded by Councillor Eddie Bennett.

Councillor Sean McCarthy referred to recent articles in local newspapers which indicated a negative attitude towards the Queen's visit. He asked the Mayor to confirm his position on the forthcoming visit.

The Mayor responded by saying that he was elected to the Town Council in June 2009. Following his election, negotiations took place where agreement was reached regarding the position of Mayor over the lifetime of the Council. He said that as he was elected Mayor of the town, he has no option but to go along with the majority of the people who wish to welcome the Queen to Cashel. He expressed the wish that the Tidy Towns Committee would be a major beneficiary of the Queen's visit.

Councillor Sean McCarthy complimented the Mayor on his fulsome response. He said that it showed the Mayor to be duly representative of all the people of Cashel. He agreed that the visit will be beneficial to the Tidy Towns Committee. He suggested that the Town Clerk might contact Paddy Downey and suggest that he could meet with Denis Heffernan, Emly Tidy Towns, recent winners of the National Tidy Towns Award.

2. EUROPEAN CHARTER MEETING 2011 PROGRESS REPORT BY CLLR MARIBEL WOOD

The Mayor thanked Councillor Wood for standing in for him on various occasions recently.

Councillor Wood presented her report as follows

- There are now 55 days to go the start of the EU Charter meeting
- Main focus is on Accommodation
- Events are largely organised
- Conference theme is almost finalised
- Niall Gregory is in Denmark updating that member town on the Charter plans
- 200 beds have been sourced
- 60 beds have to be sourced
- Appeal to the members to assist in getting more accommodation
- Meeting in early June for the host families

Councillor Wood indicated that the next EU Charter Steering Group meeting will be held on 11th May at 4pm.

Councillor Bennett welcomed the Mayor back to the Council Chamber. He also complimented Cllr PJ Quinlan, Sr. Mary Walsh and Paddy Downey for their efforts in sourcing accommodation for the event.

3. CASHEL TOWN COUNCIL AMENDMENT TO PARKING BY-LAWS

Darby Mullen, Executive Engineer outlined to the members that there was a need to update the Parking By-Laws in Cashel Town arising from changes to parking arrangements in the town such as the plaza along with recommendations from the recent parking survey. He circulated details of the changes to the members together with a map of the area. He explained the main changes which include

- Inclusion of new layout at the Plaza
- Removal of Pay & Display from Chapel Lane
- Extend Parking on Main Street to the Credit Union
- Extend pay & display from St. Patrick's hospital to Oliver Plunkett Park
- Inclusion of new layout at Wesley Square
- Extend Pay & Display from Elys, The Green to Treacy Villas

He said that the intention is to place the parking By-Laws on public display if the members were agreeable to it.

Councillor Sean McCarthy said that he was confused with the information received. The Mayor indicated that he felt it was unfair to be presented with

this document at the meeting and be expected to agree to place it on public display without firstly having an opportunity to consider it.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would arrange to circulate a synopsis of the document to the members and it would be brought back to the June Town Council meeting.

4. RENT COLLECTION

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Rent Arrears at the end of April amounted to €11,614.

5. MANAGERS ORDERS

In response to a query from Councillor Joe Moloney regarding the service of a derelict sites notice, the Town Clerk indicated that it is necessary to serve a derelict site notice on all parties.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was read.

7. FIX DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

On the proposition of Councillor Sean McCarthy, seconded by Councillor Joe Moloney it was agreed that the Annual meeting would be held on Tuesday 24th May 2011 at 7.30pm.

8. VOTES OF SYMPATHY

A vote of sympathy was extended to:

Frank Burke & Family, Lowergate Square on the death of his wife Josie
Mrs. Esther Adcock & Family, Oliver Plunkett Park on the death of her husband Philip

9. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

A vote of congratulations was extended to:

Ryan O'Dwyer on winning the National Hurling League with the Dublin team
Mrs. Mary Andrews, St. John the Baptist Girls School on the schools success at the Irish Drama Competition

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Eoghan Lawrence queried when the speed ramps will be laid at Rock Lane. He said that he has concerns about this matter and wanted it dealt with urgently. Councillor Maribel Wood indicated that she would also like to discuss the matter with the Town Engineer.

Councillor Martin Browne asked that the speed ramp pad that was removed on his street be replaced.

The Town Clerk reminded the members of the workshop on the proposed variation No. 1 of Cashel Town & Environs Development Plan scheduled for Wednesday 25th May at 6.30pm.

There being no other business the meeting then concluded.

Signed/ _____
Mayor

Dated/ _____ June 2011

Signed/ _____
Town Clerk

Dated/ _____ June 2011