

**Minutes of April Meeting of Cashel Town Council held in the Council Chamber,
Civic Offices, Friar Street, Cashel on Monday 6th April 2009 at 7.30pm.**

Mayor:	Councillor Martin Browne
Members Present:	Councillor Eddie Bennett 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 Ms. Marie McGivern, Town Clerk Mr. Willie Corby, Town Engineer Ms. Mairead Ryan, Staff Officer

1. MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd March 2009 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Joe Moloney seconded by Councillor Dan Dillon.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor O'Donoghue informed the meeting that Councillor Downey is now a member of the Labour Party and that he would be the Labour candidate for the Town Council in the forthcoming Local Elections. Councillor O'Donoghue indicated that she would be retiring from the Town Council on health grounds. The Mayor said that he would be sorry to see her leave the Town Council. He also said that the members would have an opportunity to pay tribute to Councillor O'Donoghue at next months meeting, being the last meeting of the present Town Council.

Councillor Bennett enquired as to when the works in Oliver Plunkett Park would commence. The Town Engineer indicated that a Contractor would commence the works shortly. He said that some works had been completed but could not give a start date for the contractor at this time.

Councillor O'Donoghue enquired if a disabled bay could be installed in the Upper Friar Street area, the Town Engineer agreed to discuss it with her after the meeting.

Councillor Michael Browne queried what resurfacing would be done on Oliver Plunkett Park and how much money is outstanding in respect of the Development Contributions due for the adjoining estate. He also queried the condition of the footpath on the Cahir Road and expressed concerns about the stretch of road adjacent to the primary school.

The Town Engineer agreed to examine the footpath at the Cahir Road. He also confirmed that he is looking at the issues on the Old Road.

Councillor O'Donoghue reported that there are lights out at Feehans Road, the Town Clerk agreed to follow this up with the ESB.

2. RENT COLLECTION

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the rent arrears at the end of March were €15,023

3. MANAGERS ORDERS

Councillor Wood welcomed the grant of planning permission for the proposed development at Halla na Feile. Councillor Downey was also delighted that the proposal had secured planning permission; he indicated that the proposal will cost a lot of money and will need the support of local organisations and the community. He asked that all would come on board for this project.

Councillor Michael Browne queried the further information requested for PLR/08/1178 and the Town Clerk indicated that she would send him the details of the request.

4. RATES COLLECTION REPORT 2008

The Town Clerk reported on the collections rates for 2008 and indicated that she was satisfied with the collection rate of 99%. Councillor Wood agreed that it was a very satisfactory collection indeed. . He requested that an itemised account of what is being paid for in the rates payment be sent to the businesses.

The Mayor complimented the business people of the Town. He went on to propose that the Council consider having no parking charges in town on Saturdays. Councillor Michael Browne said that the Council could not afford to have free parking; he also said that the TESCO Development has 340 free spaces but this doesn't appear to have improved business at that location. Councillor Wood felt that there was merit in the proposal. He asked that the officials advise the members on the collection rates on Saturdays. Councillor Bennett expressed concerns for the future of the Traffic Wardens if parking fees were reduced. Councillor Moloney said that he could not support the proposal. He suggested that cars would park all day and that it would not improve the situation for businesses in town.

5. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Tom Wood

“That the Manager advise if any progress has been made towards the provision of a C.C.T.V. system in town.”

A written response was issued as follows:

The Establishment of the Joint Policing Committee in Cashel Town will allow for the making of an application for funding for a CCTV system in the Town. The first meeting of this committee will take place in the coming weeks.

Councillor Wood accepted the response. He hoped that the Joint Policing Committee would be in operation shortly. He said that there are concerns in town particularly at the weekends. The motion was supported by Councillors McCarthy, Dillon and O'Donoghue.

Councillor Tom Wood

“That the Manager update the Council on the situation regarding Dominic Street improvements as agreed some years ago.”

A written response was issued as follows:

Improvement works on Dominic Street will be considered as part of 2010 Road Works Programme.

We are awaiting clarification from the Department of Transport on the 2009 Road Grants due to the current budgetary situation.

Councillor Wood expressed disappointment at the response. He said that these works had been promised for some time but had been put on hold because of development in the area. He accepted that the budgetary situation in 2009 is uncertain but feels that this area should get priority. The motion was supported by the other members. The Mayor highlighted the problem with lighting in the area and asked that the lighting and footpaths be examined.

Councillor Tom Wood

“That a pooper-scooper week be introduced as part of an April clean-up programme in the town.”

A written response was issued as follows:

I wish to inform you that the pooper-scoopers will be introduced as part of the April clean-up programme in the Town.

Councillor Wood accepted this response.

Councillor Marin Browne

“That the Town Engineer provide a report on the present status of the Croke Memorial.”

A written response was issued as follows:

Cashel Town Council sought quotations from five Monumental Sculptors to carry out the necessary repair works to the Croke Memorial.

The proposed works will include:

- *Removal and storage of cross.*
- *Construct replica base.*
- *Replacement of the monument.*

Two quotations were received in the amounts of €4,550.00 and €27,580.50. The lowest bidder has been requested to now confirm his willingness to undertake the project.

This motion was supported by Councillor Bennett. Councillor Michael Browne said he could not support spending €27,000 on the project. Councillor Wood suggested that in the event of monies not being available, the monument should be removed and put into storage.

Councillor Martin Browne

“That Cashel Town Council calls on our Government to maintain investment in primary education, to avoid unnecessary class sizes at primary level and to ensure that the educational opportunities of our children are protected in these economically challenging time.”

The Mayor indicated that he was approached by the school to enter this motion. He asked that this motion be sent to all Town Councils and that the members should lobby their TDs on this important issue. This was supported by Councillors Dillon and Wood.

6. CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS:

The list of Conferences and Seminars were noted.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence circulated was read.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Dillon expressed concern that the Stop sign at the exit of the Rockview Estate on Deerpark was not being adhered to and requested that the relevant authority be notified. He asked if the estate has been taken in charge by the Town Council. The Town Engineer agreed to meet with Councillor Dillon.

Councillor McCarthy expressed concerns that the services of the X-ray Unit at Our Lady’s Hospital, Cashel, had been reduced to one day per week for a period of time. However, he noted that it had since been restored to five days but he stressed the importance of the service and hopes that it remains on a five-day week basis. He requested that the Council write to the Administrator of the Hospital to request that the service (5 days per week) continues and to stress the importance of providing such a

service. The Mayor together with Councillor Wood agreed that it is a very important service.

9. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/SYMPATHY:

A vote of Congratulation was extended to

Johnny Myers, Spafield Crescent on being chosen as Cashel Person of the Year by Cashel Lions Club

Votes of sympathy were extended to the following: -

Mary Peters, Spafield Crescent on the death of her father James Hughes and brother Noel Hughes

Larry Donovan & Family, Boherclough Street of the death of his wife Maura

Tom & Teresa Meehan & Family, Ballagh on the death of their son DJ Meehan

Anne Wade & Family on the death of Jimmy Wade

The Meeting then concluded.

Signed _____
Mayor

Dated: _____ 2009

Signed _____
Town Clerk

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