

Minutes of December Meeting of Cashel Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Cashel on Monday 14th December 2009 at 7.30pm.

Mayor: Councillor Eddie Bennett

Members Present: 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
Mr. Darby Mullen, Executive Engineer
Ms. Mairead Ryan, Staff Officer
Ms. Labhaoise McKenna, Heritage Officer

Apologies: Councillor Martin Browne
Councillor Michael Browne
Councillor Dan Dillon

1. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd November 2009 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Joe Moloney seconded by Councillor Sean McCarthy.

2. WORLD HERITAGE TENTATIVE LIST

PRESENTATION BY LABHAOISE McKENNA, HERITAGE OFFICER

Ms. Labhaoise McKenna, Heritage Officer, outlined to the members the up-to date situation regarding the Draft World Heritage Tentative List. She said that Minister John Gormley had set up an Expert Advisory Group (EAG) in December 2008 to review Ireland's Tentative List of potential nominees as UNESCO world heritage sites and to draw up a new draft Tentative List. She indicated that South Tipperary County Council then set up a working group to progress the inclusion of the Rock on Cashel on the draft list. Following discussions and consultations with the EAG, it became obvious that the Rock of Cashel was to be proposed as part of a Royal Sites serial nomination for inclusion on the Draft Tentative List. She confirmed that there were reservations from the local Working Group as many felt that Cashel should be a stand-alone site. However, the best advice available indicated that Cashel would be more likely to achieve World Heritage Status as part of a Royal Sites serial nomination.

Councillor Maribel Wood argued that the Rock of Cashel should be included in the ecclesiastical category as a stand-alone site and so proposed. The Mayor felt that Councillor Wood made a very good point. Councillor Quinlan asked Ms. McKenna if the group had considered this proposal. Ms. McKenna indicated that the best advice from the EAG was that there was already a large number of such sites on the UNESCO list and that that the Rock of Cashel stands a better chance of being included as part of

Royal Sites. The Manager confirmed that he had been party to the discussions on this issue and was satisfied that the EAG were acting in good faith in their recommendation for serial nomination for Cashel. He felt that the emphasis should now be on progressing the nomination process so that the Management Plan for Cashel could be drawn up and implemented.

Following the discussion, it was agreed to write to the Department outlining the opinions of the Town Council giving both views and asking that that the Rock of Cashel be progressed towards World Heritage status. It was noted that the closing date for submissions on the Draft List is Wednesday 23rd December 2009.

3. PROPOSED EVENT FOR CASHEL

This item has been deferred to a future meeting due to unforeseen circumstances.

4. CASHEL – FAIRTRADE TOWN (DEAN KNOWLES & SEAN McSWEENEY

The Mayor welcomed Dean Knowles and Sean McSweeney of Cashel Fairtrade to the meeting. Dean Knowles told the meeting that the Fairtrade group in Cashel had been set up by Mary O'Brien and the group was initially co-chaired by Dean Knowles and Fr. Conor Hayes. The aim of the group is to promote trade not aid with Third World Producers. He said that he would like to see signage around the town displaying the town as a Fairtrade Town. Sean McSweeney explained that Fairtrade means that there is a better deal for Third World Producers, it guarantees a stable and sustainable price to producers and an extra payment to invest in projects in their communities. He thanked the Town Council for passing a motion of support for the Fairtrade organisation. He outlined that the local group was set up to promote Fairtrade and have encouraged local businesses to supply Fairtrade products in their shops and restaurants. They also encourage local businesses to use Fairtrade products in their canteens. They are currently working on making Tipperary the first Fairtrade County in Ireland. This campaign is supported by John Lonergan, Governor of Mountjoy and Alan Kelly, MEP. The Mayor thanked Dean Knowles and Sean McSweeney for their presentation and congratulated them on their continued good work and wished them every success with their campaign.

5. MANAGERS ORDERS

Councillor McCarthy expressed his disappointment at the refusal of planning permission to the Aldi development on the Clonmel Road. He felt that in the current economic climate that it is important to promote development in Cashel rather than refusing it. This was echoed by the other members.

6. FREE BLANKET SCHEME

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that 16 applications has been received under this Scheme and as there was only 6 blankets it was agreed to draw the six by lots.

7. FIX DATE FOR JANUARY MEETING

On the proposition of Councillor Joe Moloney, seconded by Councillor P.J. Quinlan, it was agreed that the January meeting would be held on Monday 11th January 2010.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Joe Moloney

“That Cashel UDC will urgently do repairs on the road at Dominick Street, Cashel and in particular Collier’s Lane where some of the road is in very bad repair and is dangerous and also to ask Airtricity to repair lights at Collier’s Lane and the adjoining small estate where most of the lights are out of action and the area is very dark”

A written response was issued as follows:

Surfacing works are due to be undertaken at Dominic Street within the next few days. Any necessary repairs to public lighting will also be followed up with Airtricity/ESB.

Councillor Joe Moloney accepted this response but asked the Engineer to complete the works as soon as possible particularly at Colliers Lane. Mr. Darby Mullen, Executive Engineer confirmed that there are 3 lights out at Colliers Lane and arrangements are being made to repair these.

9. CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS:

The list of Conferences and Seminars was circulated.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was read.

11. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/SYMPATHY

A vote of congratulations was extended to:

Cashel Camogie Club on their recent All-Ireland Club Championship success. It was agreed on the proposition of Councillor Sean McCarthy, seconded by Councillor Joe Moloney that a Civic Reception would be held for the Club in the New Year.

A vote of sympathy was extended to:

The Family of Sister Gerard who worked for many years at St. Patrick’s Hospital.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Town Clerk circulated a report on the public lighting in Cashel to the meeting. The report confirmed that 175 lights not working were reported since last November and to-date 166 have been repaired. The Town Council repaired a further 20 lights which are

the responsibility of the Town Council at Main Street Plaza, Rock Car Park and Main Street Car Park. There was one report of a light out at Abbeyside, Cashel.

The Meeting then concluded.

Signed _____
Mayor

Dated: _____ 2009

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Town Clerk

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