

Minutes of January Meeting of Cashel Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Cashel on Monday 12th January 2009 at 7.30pm.

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

1. MINUTES OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Mairead Ryan, Staff Officer indicated that there had been an error on the second vote table on the Minutes of the Annual Meeting; she asked that the amended minutes be adopted by the Members.

The amended Minutes of the Annual Budget held on the 7th December 2009 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Joe Moloney seconded by Councillor Michael Browne.

2. MINUTES OF DECEMBER MEETING

Mairead Ryan, S.O. indicated that there had been an error on the votes of sympathy and this had now been amended and she asked that the amended minutes of the December Meeting be adopted by the Members.

The amended Minutes of the December Meeting held on the 14th December 2009 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Michael Browne, seconded by Councillor Joe Moloney.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Mayor indicated that the Town Engineer was going to make a statement on the recent severe weather conditions and the Town Council's response to the conditions. It was agreed to suspend standing orders on the proposition of Councillor Michael Browne, seconded by Councillor Dan Dillon.

Willie Corby, Town Engineer, referred to the severe weather problems that have been affecting all parts of the country over the past 3 weeks. He circulated a report to the members, which updated the members on

- Road Salting Programme
- Number of Call Outs
- Salting Strategy
- Other Local Areas
- Driver Responsibility
- Water Supply Problems

Councillor Michael Browne thanked the Town Engineer and staff for the great job that has been done over recent weeks. He said that there are a number of households without water but there are a number of households who continue to have water and appealed to them to share their supply with their neighbours. This was echoed by Councillor Martin Browne but he expressed concerns about the old N8, which is not part of the Road Salting programme. He also said that the cemetery was very slippery over the Christmas period. He said that the public were particularly thankful to the Fire Brigade for the delivery of water and the staff of the Council. Councillor Moloney asked if salt could be made available to housing estates for distribution by the residents. He reported a light out at the entrance to Abbeyside. He also congratulated the staff for their hard work over the period. Councillor Michael Browne indicated that salt was available from the Council Depot and thanked the Town Engineer for making it available. Councillor Dan Dillon also thanked the staff that was out early each morning to allow the public to move safely. Councillor Wood said that all organisations were involved and paid tribute to those helping the elderly. She queried the position regarding people clearing the paths in front of their houses. The Town Engineer said that they would encourage the public to clear their entrances. Councillor Lawrence echoed his thanks and complimented the Fire Brigade for their assistance to the public. Councillor Quinlan said that he was disappointed that the OPW had closed the Rock of Cashel for two weeks. The Mayor echoed his thanks for all staff.

The Town Manager said that it was important to have this discussion in order to hear what was done well along with the shortcomings in areas. He said that this was the most severe weather event for a long number of years and that this has resulted in difficulties with roads and water supply. He indicated that in the current climate, costs are a factor and it is important to achieve a balance to ensure that the correct level of action is taken. He joined with the members in congratulating the staff of the Town Council and the fire brigade for their great efforts during the difficult conditions.

3. RENT COLLECTION

Mairead Ryan, S.O., informed the meeting that the rent arrears at the end of December amounted to €14,900.

4. MANAGERS ORDERS

Councillor Michael Browne queried the reason for the enforcement proceedings against Paddy Anglim, Paul Bowes and Niall Walsh. Mairead Ryan, S.O. confirmed to

Councillor Browne that this was in respect of outstanding Development Contributions. Councillor Browne also queried the amount of outstanding Development Contributions. Mairead Ryan, S.O., indicated that she would arrange to inform him of the outstanding Development Contributions.

5. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor Maribel Wood

“That a scheme to clean all the public shores around Cashel Town be introduced (using the fire service if necessary) as many are clogged with silt and dirt”

A written response was issued as follows:

Cleaning of gullies is undertaken generally when problems arise. Resources do not permit a more regular maintenance regime for all gullies. The situation will be reviewed as part of ongoing maintenance work around the Town.

The Fire Service are not full time employees (i.e. only called out when an emergency arises). They would not be available for gully cleaning work.

Councillor Maribel Wood

“That painted road markings be provided in the vicinity of Scoil Aonghusa, Cahir Road so as to enable people with disabilities and their carers move about safely”

A written response was issued as follows:

Improved road markings will be undertaken as part of the 2010 Road Works Programme

Councillor Wood asked when this work would be undertaken, the Town Engineer indicated that this work is weather dependent and would be undertaken in the next two months.

Councillor Maribel Wood

“That Cashel Town Council in co-operation with the County Council plant avenues of suitable trees on approach roads i.e. Cahir and Clonmel roads.”

A written response was issued as follows:

The Town Council will liaise with the County Council with a view to securing funding to enable tree planting on the Cahir and Clonmel roads.

Councillor Wood complimented the works that were undertaken at the Council Depot at Wallers Lot. She said that the approach roads are very important as people come in to town. The Town Engineer indicated that the Council are agreeing a programme of work with the Town Gardeners and will discuss this issue with them.

6 CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS:

The list of Conferences and Seminars was circulated.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was read.

8. VOTES OF SYMPATHY

A vote of sympathy was extended to:

- Sheila O’Brien & Family, Boscabell on the death of Dinny O’Brien
- Eileen Darcy & Family, Deansgrove on the death of Billy Darcy
- The Webster Family on the death of Tossie
- Denis Hickey, Ard Mhuire on the death of his sister
- The Ryan Family, Boscabell on the death of their father John

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Quinlan enquired if there were any developments on the temporary halting site at Waller’s Lot. The Town Engineer indicated that the works at Ballyknock are nearing completion and the families will be moving from the temporary site.

Councillor Martin Browne expressed concerns about caravans parked outside the new houses at Wallers Lot. It was agreed to the check the position with Housing Section, South Tipperary County Council.

The following lights were reported not working

- Light on The Green adjacent to Cllr Martin Browne’s house
- Light No 19 outside the Fire Station, Ladyswell Street

The Mayor reported that the ESB had reported a light at the rear of Oliver Plunkett Park but said a hole had been left in the ground uncovered and asked that this be rectified.

The Meeting then concluded.

Signed _____
Mayor

Dated: _____ 2009

Signed _____
Town Clerk

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