

**Minutes of March Meeting of Cashel Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Cashel on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 at 7.30pm.**

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**Mayor:** Councillor Eddie Bennett

**Members Present:** Councillor Martin Browne  
Councillor Michael 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. Mairead Ryan, Staff Officer  
Mr. Willie Corby, Town Engineer

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**1. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2010**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Joe Moloney, and seconded Councillor Dan Dillon.

**Matters Arising**

- (a) Councillor Maribel Wood enquired if a response had been received from Bus Eireann, Mairead Ryan, S.O. indicated that the Council were awaiting a response.
- (b) On a request from Councillor Wood, Willie Corby, Town Engineer agreed to meet the owners of the Hanley Farm house.
- (c) Mairead Ryan, S.O. circulated a report to the members on the income received from Development Contributions since March 2004.

**2. COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD - UPDATE**

The Mayor welcomed Ms. Ann Ryan, Community & Enterprise Section to the meeting. Ms. Ryan outlined to the members the role of the County Development Board(CDB); it was established in 2000 and is the County strategy for the Economic, Social and Cultural development of the County. She circulated the following details to the meeting:

- CDB Membership
- CDB Structure

- Interagency Actions arising from the various Working Groups

She indicated that the County Development Board meets three times per year, with the main work being completed by the working groups of the various sections. She highlighted the projects specific to Cashel such as the Goldstar Project and the Positive Aging Town proposal. She also indicated that the Sports Partnership office is located in the Civic Offices in Cashel.

Councillor Bennett asked why there is the emphasis on soccer in the sports area, Ms. Ryan indicated that it has been found to be the most popular way of engaging youths in the areas.

### **3. DEVELOPING CASHEL AS A POSITIVE AGEING TOWN**

Ms. Ryan, Community & Enterprise Section, told the meeting that this proposal arose at Conference on Services for the Elderly where it was agreed to develop an Active Ageing Town in South Tipperary. Ms. Ryan indicated that it is Positive Ageing Week from 24<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010 and this would be run in conjunction with this. This is a national celebration of the contribution that older people have made and continue to make to our community. She confirmed that Cashel has been chosen as the first positive ageing town in South Tipperary.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

- Committee needs to be established made up of older persons groups with the backing of the Town Council and Chamber of Commerce
- Grant of €2,000 is available to pay for some events but other funding will be necessary and funding from the Town Council would be welcome
- First Meeting of the Organising Group to be held in Spafield Resource Centre on 11<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am

This proposal was warmly welcomed by the members of the Town Council and they said that it is important to celebrate the contribution of the elderly in the Community.

### **4. RENT COLLECTION**

Mairead Ryan, S.O. informed the meeting that Rent Arrears at the end of February amounted to €11,689.

### **5. MANAGERS ORDERS**

Councillor Michael Browne expressed his disappointment at the refusal of planning permission for the development at Respond. This was echoed by Councillors Bennett, Lawrence and Martin Browne.

Councillor Martin Browne requested that he be informed of the name of the applicant who had applied for planning permission for the Nursing Home. Mairead Ryan, S.O. agreed to do this. Councillor Martin Browne said he is very unhappy with the planning decision making process and said that he felt the members should be more involved.

The Town Manager reminded Councillor Browne that it is an Executive Function of the officials to make a decision on a planning file, whilst the Reserved Function of the members is to agree the Development Plan. He also reminded Councillor Browne that both decisions were within the appeal stage and any comments at a public meeting could be brought before An Bord Pleanála. He told the members that planning files and planners report are available to all members at the Civic offices.

Councillor Dan Dillon queried the purchase of the Suction Sweeper, the Town Engineer indicated that the machine had been carefully vetted and he is satisfied it is a suitable machine for the Town Council.

## **6. DRAFT CASUAL TRADING BYE-LAWS**

Mairead Ryan, S.O. referred to the Managers Report circulated to the Members with their Agenda.

She outlined that the Draft Casual Trading Byelaws were drawn up under Section 6 of the Casual Trading Act 1995. Public notice was given from 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009 to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010 with a further period of 2 weeks for submissions until 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

She said that 3 submissions had been received and outlined the issues raised in these submissions.

Councillor Martin Browne stated that the market area should be on the plaza area which would leave more room for customers to move around. Councillor McCarthy agreed that the plaza would be the most appropriate place for the market. It was unanimously supported by the other members. The Mayor suggested that the decision be postponed until the April meeting to allow the officials to look at this proposal. This was agreed.

## **7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **Councillor Maribel Wood**

***“That Cashel Town Council take immediate steps to resolve the very dangerous footpath situation adjacent to the hospital on the Green.”***

A written response was issued as follows:

*Repair of damaged footpaths at this location will be undertaken shortly as part of the 2010 Road Works Programme. The HSE has been asked to*

*contribute towards repair costs due to trucks mounting the footpath following recent construction work within the hospital.*

Councillor Wood accepted this response.

**Councillor Maribel Wood**

***“That the Manager updates the members on the proposed urban boundary extension.”***

A written response was issued as follows:

*The proposal for alteration of the Town boundary of Cashel as agreed by the members at Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 was submitted to the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008.*

*I shall contact the Department to ascertain the current status.*

Councillor Wood accepted this response.

**Councillor Maribel Wood**

***“That Cashel Town Council update the chain of office by adding then names of office holders from the past 14 years.”***

A written response was issued as follows:

*Cashel Town Council will arrange to update the chain.*

Councillor Wood said that she had noticed this recently and wanted to see the chain updated as soon as possible.

**Councillor PJ Quinlan**

***“That the Town Clerk contact the OPW regarding promises made at our September meeting by Ms. Michelle O’Dea regarding scaffolding on the Rock and appropriate camouflaged finish i.e. image suitable for an historic site.”***

A written response was issued as follows:

*The Town Council will contact the OPW and request them to use an appropriate camouflaged whilst the scaffolding is erected at the Rock.*

Councillor Quinlan expressed his disappointment regarding the current scaffolding at the Rock of Cashel and wants it improved as soon as possible. Councillor Wood also expressed her concerns about the situation and indicated that she was disappointed with the lack of action by Minister Mansergh

## **Councillor PJ Quinlan**

***“That the Council should install street lights on Old Road outside Spafield Family Resource Centre.”***

A written response was issued as follows:

*Upgrading of street lights on Old Road will be discussed with Airtricity and considered as part of the 2010 Road Programme.*

Councillor Quinlan accepted this response.

## **Councillor PJ Quinlan**

A written response was issued as follows:

***“That the Cashel Town Engineer advise us as to the designating of bicycle parking that we hope to provide in Cashel, so people can park bicycles in a secure area and develop Cashel as a bicycle friendly and eco friendly town.”***

*Provision of cycle parking at a suitable and safe location will be considered as part of the 2010 Road Works Programme.*

Councillor Quinlan said that this is important for a tourist town. The Town Engineer indicated that he was available to meet the members regarding any suitable location for the bicycle parking. Councillor Wood supported the motion but expressed the view that the CCTV system is required in advance of arranging this parking area.

## **8. CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

The list of Conferences and Seminars were circulated.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was read.

Arising from the notices of motion from Bandon, Carrick-on-Suir and Wicklow, the Councillors expressed their concerns about the dangers of “Head Shops” which are operating in various parts of the country. They expressed the view that all necessary action should be taken to ensure such a premises does not open in Cashel.

## **10. VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

A vote of sympathy was extended to:

The Donovan Family, Boherclough Street on the death of their father Tom Delaney, Feehans Road on the death of his father

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Councillor Martin Browne enquired about when the cemetery Bye-Laws are due to come before the Council. The Town Engineer indicated that they are currently being finalised and will be presented to the members as soon as possible.
2. Councillor Martin Browne expressed his concerns about horses on Council land on the Clonmel Road. The Town Engineer indicated that he had made arrangements to have the horses removed and this; he understood had been done over this weekend.
3. The Town Manager referred to the ongoing industrial action being taken by the unions in the South Tipperary County Council Local Authorities. He indicated that this action is now being stepped up to include staff members not able to undertake other staff duties, it will be no longer possible to hold the Council meetings at night. He suggested that the next meeting be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Following discussion it was agreed to hold the meeting at 3pm. On the proposition of Councillor Michael Browne, seconded by Councillor Martin Browne, it was resolved that

“That this Council will hold the next Town Council meeting at 3pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010 and each subsequent meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 3pm, except where the first Monday is a Bank Holiday , the Town Council meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, this practice to continue during the current public sector industrial action”

The Town Manager also informed the members that as part of the industrial action staff will not deal with political representations from Government Party Councillors from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

There being no other business the meeting then concluded.

Signed/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Dated/ \_\_\_\_\_ March, 2010.

Signed/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk

Dated/ \_\_\_\_\_ March, 2010