

Minutes of September Meeting of Cashel Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Cashel on Monday 5th September 2011 at 7.30pm.

Chair: Councillor Maribel Wood

Members Present: Councillor Eddie Bennett
Councillor Martin Browne (Non-Party)

Councillor Dan Dillon
Councillor Eoghan Lawrence
Councillor Sean McCarthy
Councillor Joe Moloney
Councillor PJ Quinlan

Officials Present: Mr. Sean Keating, Town Manager
Ms. Marie McGivern, Town Clerk
Ms. Mairead Ryan, Staff Officer
Mr. Willie Corby, Town Engineer

Councillor Joe Moloney proposed a vote of sympathy to the Mayor and her family on the recent death of her mother. This was echoed by the other members and the officials of the Town Council who extended their sincere sympathies to the Mayor on her loss. The Mayor thanked everyone for their kind words.

1. (a) Casual Vacancy – Co-option to fill vacancy in membership of Cashel Town Council

On the proposition of Councillor Sean McCarthy and seconded by Councillor Joe Moloney it was resolved

“That pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001, Mr. Martin Browne, Sinn Fein, be appointed to fill the casual vacancy which exists on Cashel Town Council”

The members and staff of the Town Council welcomed Councillor Martin Browne to Cashel Town Council and offered him their assistance and support. Councillor Martin Browne thanked his proposer and seconder. He said that it was an honour and a privilege to be stepping into this role as a Councillor for Cashel town. He said that his brother Michael would be a hard act to follow but that he would do his best for the town. His main aim is to work to improve Cashel locally and nationally.

(b) Filling of Vacancy on

**Joint Policing Committee
Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd
Joint Libraries Committee
Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland**

On the proposition of Councillor Joe Moloney and seconded by Councillor Eddie Bennett it was agreed that Councillor Martin Browne (S.F). would be nominated to the above four committees.

2. Minutes of July Meeting held on 4th July 2011

The minutes of the July Meeting held on 4th July 2011 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Joe Moloney and seconded by Councillor Eddie Bennett.

3. Minutes of Special Meeting held on Tuesday 12th July 2011

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 12th July 2011 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Sean McCarthy and seconded by Councillor Dan Dillon.

4. Cashel Town Council Proposed Variation Number 1 to Cashel Town and Environs Development Plan – Manager’s Report

It was agreed that item 5 would be taken as next item.

Ms. Sonja Reidy, Senior Executive Planner presented the Manager’s Report on the Proposed Variation Number 1 to Cashel Town and Environs Development Plan. She confirmed that 3 submissions had been received on this variation. She indicated that the manager’s recommendation was that no change is required the proposed variation number 1 as amended by the proposed material alteration.

On the proposition of Councillor Sean McCarthy and seconded by Councillor Joe Moloney, it was resolved

“That pursuant to the provisions of Section 13(6) of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 – 2010 and having considered the Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Cashel & Environs Development Plan 2009-2015, the Section 13(4) Manager’s Report, the resulting Members’ Directions and Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 1 and the Manager’s Report of August 2011 including the Manager’s Recommendations contained within, to the extent that it applies to the administrative area of Cashel Town Council hereby resolve that the Proposed Variation No. 1 as amended by the Proposed Material Alterations be made.”

5. South Tipperary – The Proven Name for Business – Presentation by Mr. Anthony Fitzgerald, Business Development Executive

It was agreed that item 4 would be taken as the next item.

Anthony Fitzgerald began his presentation by showing a new DVD produced by South Tipperary County Council in conjunction with Tipperary Institute to promote South Tipperary for Foreign Direct Investment and indigenous industry. He told the members that the DVD has been widely circulated in media packs for Royal and President Obama visits, included in EU Charter packs, presented to IDA in US in March along with being promoted by IDA and Enterprise Ireland.

Councillor Eoghan Lawrence congratulated Mr. Fitzgerald on his excellent DVD. However he suggested that it appeared to be very much a Clonmel based promotion and would have liked to have seen more promotion of the other towns in South Tipperary. This was echoed by the other members. Councillor Dan Dillon also mentioned that there was a difficulty with the sound in parts of the DVD.

In response Mr. Fitzgerald said that the DVD is 13 minutes long so it needed to include testimonials from leading industry figures in the area and these businesses are located in the Clonmel area. He conveyed his apologies about the sound of the DVD. He also said that his remit for his DVD was the South Tipperary area and said that it is on www.tipperary.ie to ensure that it reaches as wide an audience as possible.

6. Cashel Town Council Proposed Draft Parking By Laws

The Town Clerk referred to the Manager's Report circulated with the Agenda for the meeting. She indicated that the By Laws were placed on public display on 30th June 2011, were available for inspection until 27th July 2011 and submissions were invited to be received by 12th August 2011. The bylaws were sent to Superintendent, Cahir and Assistant Commissioner Traffic for their comments on 27th June 2011. There were no submissions received. She indicated that Manager's Report proposed the adoption of the Proposed Parking Places By Laws 2011.

On the proposition of Councillor Eoghan Lawrence and seconded by Councillor PJ Quinlan, it was resolved

“That Draft Parking Places Bye-laws 2011 be and is hereby adopted and the seal of Cashel Town be affixed thereto”

7. Cashel Town Council Proposed Draft Cemetery By Laws

The Town Clerk referred to the Manager's Report circulated with the Agenda. She indicated that it was agreed at a meeting on 1st September 2008 that the Draft Cemetery Byelaws for the Control and Management of Cormac's Cemetery would be put on public display. They were placed on public display from 8th September 2008 to 14th October 2008 with submissions to be made by 14th October 2008. Also in September 2008 there was a County at Large Working Group entitled Graveyard Working Group set up. Following considerable in-depth study the final draft By Laws (Revision No 8) was produced. There were 2 submissions received which are addressed in the Manager's Report. It was recommended that the Draft Cemetery By Laws 2011 be adopted.

On query from Councillor Moloney, the Town Clerk indicated that the By-Laws would become effective not less than 30 days after their meeting

On the proposition of Councillor Joe Moloney and seconded by Councillor Martin Browne (Non-Party) it was resolved

“That Draft Cemetery Bye-laws be and are hereby adopted and the seal of Cashel Town be affixed thereto”

The Mayor together with Councillor Dillon welcomed the adoption of these By Laws.

8. Rent Collection

The Town Clerk informed the members that the rent arrears at the end of August amounted to €13,104.

9. Managers Orders

On a query from Councillor Eoghan Lawrence, the Town Clerk indicated that a query had been received relation to the water disconnection notice at Halla na Feile.

10. Notices of Motion

Councillor Maribel Wood

“That the Council seek an update from Minister Hogan on the proposed extension to the town boundary in view of his recent announcement on the reunification of North and South Councils”

A written response was issued as follows

The Town Council will, with the agreement of the members, arrange to write to Minister Hogan seeking his response to this Notice of Motion.

Councillor Maribel Wood

“That the HSE clarify the situation relating to the services provided at Our Lady’s Hospital”

A written response was issued as follows

The Town Council will with the agreement of the Members write to the Area Manager of the HSE seeking their response to this notice of motion.

It was agreed that the Council would write to the above.

Councillor PJ Quinlan

“I am asking Town Clerk to write to the Minister of Environment, Mr. Phil Hogan and the head of Implementation Team, Mr. Joe McGrath to propose Cashel as capital of the new amalgamated North and South Tipperary County Councils. Cashel is the natural geographical location, being central to both Nenagh and Clonmel and historically is recognised as the seat of the Kings of Munster”

A written response was issued as follows

The Town Council will with the agreement of the Members, arrange to write to the Minister of the Environment and Mr. Joe McGrath regarding this notice of motion.

It was agreed that the Council would write to Minister Hogan and Mr. Joe McGrath.

Councillor PJ Quinlan

“I am asking the Cashel Town Council to put a plan together to erect bicycle lanes and parking in Cashel town and environs. As you are aware Minister Alan Kelly has allocated money to Nenagh Town Council to erect similar facilities. This will improve tourism and provide catalyst for visitors to stay longer when they visit Rock of Cashel, safety for children to go to school.”

A written response was issued as follows

Section 8.1.5 of the Cashel & Environs Development Plan 2009-2015 sets out the Council’s policy in relation to Cycle Routes. Policy INF5 states that “the Council will seek to improve and create additional facilities for pedestrians and cyclists as opportunities arise as part of new developments”.

A Sustainable Transportation Strategy for the County is currently being drafted by Planning Section and will be on public display in October 2011. It is understood that the Strategy will recommend that each urban area undertakes a local transport study to develop a co-ordinated framework for cycling, walking and other sustainable transportation modes.

The provision of cycle lanes on various routes over the next few years will be subject to the necessary funding being made available as currently the grants for maintaining roads, footpaths and public lighting are significantly reduced. Public consultation will also be required with regard to possible loss of on-street parking to provide cycle lanes. The provision of cycle stands at suitable locations in Cashel will be considered as part of the 2012 Roadworks programme.

Councillor PJ Quinlan

“That Cashel Town Council take immediate measures to implement traffic calming and provision of ramps on Lower Gate and Canopy Street to slow down traffic so that people on Lower Gate can cross road safely.”

A written response was issued as follows

It is understood that the reference to Canopy Street should be Camus Road. Following previous Notices of Motion in relation to Speeding Traffic, a Speed Survey was undertaken on Camus Road (Circular Rd –Mart) in June 2011. The average speed detected was approx 10-15kph over the limit of 50kph.

The provision of ramps on Regional Roads is not recommended. Therefore, consideration will be given to the installation of electronic signage to inform road-users of their speed and act as a deterrent. An Garda Siochana will be requested to keep this location under review.

The Capita Symonds Accessibility Audit recommended that a pedestrian crossing be installed on Lowergate St at Golden Road junction. Subject to funds being available and a suitable location being identified, this matter will be progressed in 2012.

11. Seminars and Conferences

The list of Seminars/Conferences were circulated to the members

12. Correspondence

The correspondence was noted and supported.

13. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

A vote of Congratulations was extended to

Tidy Towns Committee on their excellent result in Tidy Towns Competition 2011

Councillor PJ Quinlan informed the meeting that they had improved their marks from 264 to 285 in the current year which he said was an incredible achievement. The other members joined with their congratulations.

Councillor Eoghan Lawrence raised the following

- The absence of signage to the Rock
- New NRA sign outside Cordis appears excessive in size
- Over use of new street signage

Councillor Eddie Bennett raised the issue of noxious weeds and ragwort on council lands

The Town Engineer agreed to look at the issues raised by both Councillors.

The Mayor asked that a meeting be arrange with the Tidy Towns Committee, the Town Engineer confirmed that meetings are held on a regular basis with the Tidy Towns Committee.

14. Other Matters Raised

Councillor Sean McCarthy requested the Town Clerk to write to Minister Richard Bruton requesting an update on progress for a replacement company

to locate in Cashel since the announcement of the closure of Cordis. This was agreed.

Councillor Joe Moloney requested the Town Engineer to look at the traffic problem in Abbeyside/McCann Street/Cathal Brugha Street area urgently. This was agreed.

The Mayor proposed a Civic Reception for the Girl Guides who celebrated their 100 year anniversary. This was agreed.

There being no other business the meeting then concluded.

Signed/ _____
Mayor

Dated/ _____ October 2011

Signed/ _____
Town Clerk

Dated/ _____ October 2011