

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF MACROOM TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, MACROOM ON
TUESDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 2009 AT 7.45 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor McSweeney, Cllrs Counihan, Cullinane-McCarthy,
Foley, Lucey, Melia and O'Connell

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. John O'Neill, Town Manager
Mr. Brendan Fehily, Town Engineer, and
Ms. Breda Duggan, Town Clerk

1) **MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 23RD JUNE,
2009**

On the proposal of Cllr Foley, seconded by Cllr O'Connell the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 23rd June, 2009 were unanimously adopted.

2) **MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

a) **Verge Cutting**

In response to Cllr Lucey the Manager stated that the Area Office has agreed to undertake the verge cutting in the coming days.

b) **Development at Railway View**

The Members were informed that a formal process has been commenced and costings together with a programme of works are being prepared for submission to the developer with a view to the work being commenced immediately.

c) **Lios na Feá**

The Town Clerk updated the Members on the above. Cllr Melia stated that residents had been in touch with him and are anxious to have a copy of the programme of works.

d) **Macroom Bridge**

In response to Cllr Foley the Town Engineer stated that he had arranged for Darragh Quill from the N.R.A. to examine the Bridge.

e) **Changing location of Traffic Lights at Chapel Hill**

In response to Cllr Counihan the Town Engineer outlined reasons why it was not a good idea to change the location of the crossing.

f) **Performance of the Budget**

The Manager updated the Members on the performance of the Budget. He indicated that the same trends were evident as in June with parking income and rates being below target.

He stated he will update the Members again at the September Meeting.

3) **MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 17TH AUGUST, 2009**

- i) **Mill Race** – The Town Engineer stated that the Pitch & Putt Clubhouse cannot sustain water coming in as a result of the mill race leaking. It was agreed that possible solutions should be sought.

4) **ENGINEERING ISSUES**

a) **Road resurfacing**

In response to Cllr Lucey the Town Engineer stated direct labour is not an option now due to Council's work schedule. He went onto say that a Contractor has been appointed to carry out the resurfacing work at Dan Corkery Place that will commence in the coming week.

b) **Trial "no parking" at Railway View**

Cllr O'Connell suggested to the Town Engineer and it was agreed, due to the Garda Cones and Council cones being moved, to install jersey barrier at this location.

c) **Resurfacing and double yellow lines at Sleaveen Rd**

In response to Cllr Counihan the Town Engineer stated that the area at the end of Sleaveen Road needed to be resurfaced and that double yellow lines would be painted there also.

5) **MANAGER'S ORDERS & PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

A list of Manager's Orders signed and Planning Applications received since the last Meeting, as circulated, were noted.

6) **TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT MACROOM TOWN DEVELOPMENT PLAN, 2009**

The Town Manager stated that the Council has reached the stage to decide on the last number of amendments to the Draft Development Plan. He stated that the formal review began in October, 2007. This review provided for an extensive public consultation process and quite a number of submissions were received at each stage and that all observations were dealt with. He stated that the Plan when adopted will be in force for six years. Four years after the making of the plan the Town Council will commence the formal review once more.

The Manager indicated that in the 3rd Manager's Report the Conservation Officer had recommended that the Protected Structure RPS 40 (Cronins, Chapel Hill) remain as a Protected Structure and that dwellings No. 6 and 8 (Healys, Gurteenroe, and Purcells, Coolyhane) be added to the Protected Structures. The Manager informed the Members that the Department of the Environment are undertaking a

countrywide survey and it is likely that these will be included in that survey at that time.

On the proposal of Cllr Counihan, seconded by Cllr Lucey it was agreed to remove RPS 40 from the Protected Structures and not to add No. 6 and 8 (Healys, Gurteenroe and Purcells, Coolyhane) to the Protected Structures List.

On the proposal of Cllr Lucey, seconded by Cllr Counihan, it was agreed. “ that, in accordance with Section 12 (10) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), having considered the Draft Town Development Plan, the submissions thereon, the material amendment made on foot of these submissions at the meeting of Council held on 28th April, 2009, the further submissions made thereon, the Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment of the Material Amendment and submissions made thereon, and the modifications to the material amendment made at the meeting of Council held on 18th August, 2009 Macroom Town Council hereby resolves that the Macroom Town Development Plan 2009-2015 shall be :

the Draft Town Development Plan agreed on 25th August, 2008
the amendment to the Draft plan agreed on 28th April, 2009
the modifications to the amendment agreed on 18th August 2009.”

The Manager went onto say that the Plan shall have effect four weeks from today i.e. 15th September, 2009. He thanked the Members for their time and input in the process of developing a Town Plan for Macroom.

6) **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **Cork2Kerry Gateway Action Group**

A request from Cork2Kerry Gateway Action Group to have a member on the Traffic Sub-Committee was considered and agreed by the Council. The Manager stated that the formation of any committees is carried out at the A.G.M. and this is for the lifetime of the Council.

b) **Department of the Taoiseach**

Correspondence was noted regarding Taoiseach’s Public Service Excellence Awards, 2010.

c) **Notice of Motion – Clare County Council**

On the proposal of Cllr Lucey, seconded by Cllr Cullinane-McCarthy the Notice of Motion from Clare County Council was adopted i.e. “to call on the HSE’s Medical Card Section to take into account the statutory pension levy deduction imposed on public sector workers when assessing medical card applications.”

- d) **Seminar “A Journey of Remembering” and Launch of Book of Honour – Mt. Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny 16.09.09**
It was agreed that Cllr Foley would attend.
- e) **Support for Cllr Foley’s Notice of Motion received from Balbriggan, Monaghan , Ballina and Passage West Town Councils.**
- f) **Macroom Allotments Community**
A request for funding from the above Group was received. It was agreed that the Council fully supports this initiative, however, the Amenity Grants Scheme in respect of 2009 was already expended. In response to Cllr Foley the Town Manager indicated that the above request would not qualify under the Amenity Fund.

7) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- i) **Playground Opening Times**
In response to Cllr Counihan the Town Clerk stated that the opening times of the playground were approximately at 9.00 a.m.
- ii) **Dumping of Rubbish**
Cllr Foley highlighted that dumping is occurring at Bowl Road. The Town Clerk undertook to have it cleared up.
- iii) **Chutes at FCA Hall**
It was agreed that the FCA be contacted regarding blocked chutes.
- iv) **Use of Water Development levies Contributions**
The Town Clerk stated that Cork County Council had outlined that a number of the pumphouses within the Town area required modifications and required to be upgraded in line with E.P.A. requirements. She said that the estimated cost of these works is €75,000. On the proposal of Cllr Counihan, seconded by Cllr Lucey it was agreed to the expenditure of this sum from the Water Development Levies Contributions.
- v) **Lughnasa Festival**
Cllr Foley complimented the above Festival Committee on their initiative and hoped that the Festival would be supported. This was agreed by all.
- vi) **Presentation of Amenity Grants**
It was agreed to present the above Grants after the September Monthly Meeting, meeting to commence at 7.30 p.m.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK

DATE