

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF MACROOM TOWN
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, MACROOM
ON MONDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 2009 AT 7.45 P.M.**

PRESENT: The Mayor, Cllr. McSweeney, presided. Cllrs
Coughlan, Counihan, Cullinane-McCarthy, Foley,
Lucey, McCarthy, Melia and O'Connell

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

**1) MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 23RD NOVEMBER,
2009.**

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

2) MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

**a) Pedestrian Crossing at Masseytown & Right of
Way**

In response to Cllr Lucey the Town Engineer
stated that a condition had been imposed on
McInerneys planning to provide pedestrian
crossing prior to commencement of the
development.

b) Roundabout at Mart Area

In response to Cllr Coughlan the Town Engineer
stated that a footpath would be possible from
Fitzgeralds across to the Mart. It was agreed to
submit plan to the Members for approval.

c) Joint Policing Committees

In response to the Mayor the Town Clerk stated
that the three Oireachtas members had expressed
interest in being part of the JPC subject to work
permitting. She stated that five voluntary bodies
had expressed interest and that lots will be cast to
limit the number to 3.

d) Verge Cutting

In response to Cllr Counihan the Town Engineer
undertook to have the verge cutting attended to.

e) F.C.A. building

In response to Cllr Counihan the Town Clerk stated that she had requested the F.C.A. to carry out repairs to their building.

f) **Public Lighting**

The Town Engineer stated that he was waiting for the public light at the Car Park in Codrum to be connected by the E.S.B. Cllr Coughlan voiced his concern at the lack of follow up by the E.S.B. on matters in the town.

Arising out of this the Town Manager informed the Members that a new Deregulation Report has been published and it appears that the E.S.B. will no longer be responsible for public lights. It was agreed to put the matter on the Agenda for the January meeting.

g) **New Boys School at Railway View**

Cllr O'Connell stated that a new temporary tarmacked kerbed footpath from Railway View to the Boys School has been laid by the developer. A long discussion took place on the matter, the main points being:

- Misconception that it is the Town Council's responsibility to provide the road to the school.
- Board of Management's responsibility.
- Health and Safety issue not having proper roadway.
- Clarification on whether funding was received for playground – no playground in place.
- Department of Education to be written to on the matter.

h) **Bring site facility**

In response to Cllr Cullinane-McCarthy, the Manager stated that he was awaiting clarification on contents of letter received from Waste Management Section.

3) **ENGINEERING ISSUES**

a) **Ice on Fairgreen Car Park**

In response to Cllr Lucey the Town Engineer stated that he would arrange for that section of the car park to be salted.

b) **Kerb on Main St footpath**

Cllr O'Connell highlighted that, as a result of the resurfacing, some kerbs on Main Street are missing. The Town Engineer undertook to have them replaced.

c) **Parking at Barrett Place**

Cllrs Cullinane-McCarthy and Melia highlighted the issue of cars parking at both sides of roadway at Barrett Place thus impeding access of larger vehicles. It was agreed to contact the residents association on the matter.

d) **Entrance to Barrett Place**

Cllr Coughlan stated that cars exiting from Lucey's Lane to Main Street are not stopping and ignoring the painted footpath and putting pedestrians at risk and suggested a ramp to be placed ten feet from the junction in order to slow traffic. The Town Engineer to examine the issue and revert to Council with suggestion on improving the situation.

e) **Junction at Kelleher's Garage**

Cllr Foley highlighted the danger to pedestrians from cars exiting roadway at Kelleher's Garage onto N22. The Town Engineer to check the matter out and come back with improvement suggestions.

f) **Closing time of take-aways**

Cllr Foley stated that a take-away in town was now abiding by conditions of planning (closing at 11.00) and requested the Council to follow it up.

4) MANAGER'S ORDERS AND PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A list of Manager's Orders signed since the last meeting and planning applications received, were noted.

5) SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2008.

The Town Clerk circulated to the Members summary of total expenditure and income in respect of year ended 31st December, 2008 together with a detailed breakdown of where over-expenditure arose. The Town Manager informed the Members that water arrears for 2006 of €161,400 due to Cork County Council was the principal reason for over-expending, otherwise the Council would had a small saving. On the proposal of Cllr McCarthy, seconded by Cllr Lucey it was agreed that the over-expenditure in the sum of €143,783 be adopted.

6) CORRESPONDENCE

a) **Notice of Motions:**

- **Castlebar Town Council – adopted.**

- **Clones Town Council** – no longer applicable.
- b) **Upcoming Conferences**
Northern Tourism Conference.
Training Seminar on welfare of Children – Cllr McCarthy
And Foley to attend.
Planning seminar for Councillors – Cllr Melia to attend.

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) **Macroom Allotments**
Cllr Melia wished that it be recorded that he fully supports the Macroom Allotments as a recent press article appeared to indicate otherwise.
- b) **Civic Reception**
Cllr Melia stated that it had been agreed at a previous meeting to hold a Civic Reception for young people that represent their town and county and on his suggestion it was agreed to hold Civic Reception in February. Names of persons to be submitted at January meeting.
- c) **Vote of Sympathy**
The Mayor proposed a Vote of Sympathy to Mr. Gerry Gray on the sudden death of his brother.
- d) **Yearly NCT Testing**
Cllr McCarthy raised the issue of the government's intention to bring in yearly NCT testing and felt that it is unnecessary and another tax on households and suggested that a Motion be sent to all local authorities.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

TOWN MAYOR

TOWN CLERK

DATE