

c) F.C.A. building

In response to Cllr Counihan the Town Clerk stated that she had not received any response from the F.C.A. in relation to her request that the building be attended to.

d) Junction at Barrett Place

Cllr Coughlan requested that the Town Engineer look at the possibility of placing a ramp near the exit of Barrett Place in order to slow traffic.

e) Civic Reception

Cllrs Foley and Melia put forward names for Civic Reception. It was agreed that any other names for consideration should be handed into the Town Clerk. It was agreed to hold the reception after the February Monthly Meeting.

f) Take away at South Square

In response to Cllr Foley the Town Clerk that enforcement proceedings will be taken against the tenant of this premises.

4) ENGINEERING ISSUES

a) Road from Council Yard to Car Park

Cllr Foley stated that elderly people were living in this area and were concerned for their safety due to car speeding on this roadway and suggested that ramps be installed. The Town Manager requested the Town Engineer to do a report and costing on the matter.

b) Kerb on Main St footpath

In response to Cllr Foley the Town Engineer stated that the Council will be reinstating the missing kerbs from Main Street.

c) Pot holes at Coolyhane

In response to Cllr O'Connell the Town Engineer stated that these would be attended to.

d) Water onto N22 at Railway View

Cllr Coughlan expressed his disappointment at water continuing to be allowed flow onto the public road from the site at Railway View. The Town Engineer undertook to serve another notice on the developer under the Roads Act. The Town Manager undertook to look at the matter.

e) Town Park footpath

Cllrs. Coughlan and Counihan highlighted the damage to the Town Park footpath due the recent flooding and urged that it be repaired immediately.

5) MANAGER'S ORDERS AND PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

5) ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2008

The Town Clerk referred to the Annual Financial Statement that was circulated to the Members on the 11th of January, 2010 for their information and perusal. She pointed out that the Annual Financial Statement should have been circulated immediately after its preparation. The Town Clerk went through the contents and indicated that there had been a deficit of €43,415 in 2008 and this balance had deteriorated further due to the transfer to reserves of a sum of €100,370 giving a total deficit for the year of €143,785. She pointed out to the Members that the Supplementary Budget in respect of the over expenditure had already been approved by the Members at their December Meeting.

Arising out of this the Manager updated the Members on the outcome of the different income streams for 2009. He stated that rents were good, planning income had collapsed and the two areas of concern were rates that were down by 10% and that out of an estimated parking fees income of €146,000 only €110,000 was received.

6) 2 NOMINATIONS FROM MACROOM TOWN COUNCIL TO CORK COUNTY COUNCIL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

On the proposal of Cllr Lucey, seconded by Cllr Cullinane McCarthy, it was agreed that Cllr Counihan be nominated.

On the proposal of Cllr McCarthy, seconded by Cllr Coughlan, it was agreed that Cllr Melia be nominated.

7) NOMINATION FOR COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

On the proposal of Cllr McCarthy seconded by Cllr Lucey it was agreed that Cllr O'Connell be nominated.

8) GROUP PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE SCHEME A & B – ELECTED MEMBERS.

The above Scheme had been circulated to the Members on the 11th January, 2010. It was agreed that Plan B cover be put in place.

9) THREE YEAR BUILDING PROGRAMME 2008 – 2010

The Town Clerk informed the Members that the Local Government Auditor had pointed out that Management should submit to the Elected Members a 3 Year Building/Capital Programme. She outlined to the Members that the Tender Analysis had been forwarded to the Department of the Environment for approval in respect of the building of 7 houses in Fairfield. She also stated that the Council were awaiting a proposal from the Town Architect in respect of the demolition of Pat Murphys house and adjoining house to allow for road

widening and possibly infill of 2 houses. She stated that in 2011 it is hoped to build 1 or 2 chalets in the garden of No. 44 Barrett Place. She indicated that land had been secured from McInerneys as part of their Part V Agreement, however no proposal has been prepared in respect of same. She stated that the Members would be informed on a regular basis going forward.

6) CORRESPONDENCE

a) **Notice of Motions**

- Castlebar Town Council regarding “politicians and bankers who were grossly responsible for the undermining of the economy over the past 10 years” was adopted on the proposition of Cllr Foley and seconded by Cllr Coughlan.
- Ballybay Town Council regarding “ formation of one national body to oversee the upkeep and maintenance of rivers/lakes and Plans be put in place to deal with future flooding disasters.

b) **Conferences**

- **Atlantic Corridor Science Conference** – It was agreed that Cllr Foley attend.
- **Media 2010 Training & Communications** for Cllrs
It was agreed that Cllrs Counihan, Coughlan and Foley would attend.
- **Alcohol and Drug Abuse** – Noted.
- **AMAI Annual Conference** - It was agreed that besides the appointed delegates i.e. Cllrs. Counihan & O’Connell, that Mayor McSweeney and Cllrs. Cullinane-McCarthy, Foley, Lucey and McCarthy attend.
- **Colmcille Spring Conference** – It was agreed that Cllr McCarthy would attend.

c) **Mayor of Marcallo Con Casone**

Arising out of correspondence from the above it was agreed to write to the Mayor congratulating on his new position.

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) **Expansion of Macroom E**

The Town Manager informed the Members of plans to expand Macroom E to provide additional space and improved training and other facilities at Macroom Industrial Park. He stated that Cork County Council, Enterprise Ireland and South Cork Enterprise Board have agreed to contribute to the cost. He went onto say that Macroom E is looking for a contribution of €75,000 from Macroom Town Council and outlined to the Members. He stated that shareholdings be will be increased proportionate to investment in the centre. The Members welcomed this development and on the proposal of Cllr McCarthy seconded by Cllr Melia it was

agreed to contribute €75,000 from the Council's accumulated Development Contributions Amenity Fund. Cllr Foley wished that his reservations on this project be noted on the Minutes.

b) **103FM Facility**

The Mayor complimented 103FM facility on the service provided to the communities of West Cork and stated that the service should be restored.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

TOWN MAYOR

TOWN CLERK

DATE