

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF MACROOM TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, MACROOM ON
TUESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 2009 AT 7.45 P.M.**

PRESENT: The Mayor, Cllr. McSweeney, presided. Cllrs Coughlan, 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

(Apologies were received from Cllr McCarthy whom were unable to attend).

**1) MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 22ND
SEPTEMBER, 2009.**

On the proposal of Foley, seconded by Cllr Coughlan the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 22nd September, 2009 were adopted.

2) MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

a) Lios na Fea

In response to Cllr Lucey the Town Clerk stated that the green area has been levelled and grassed and that enforcement proceedings are being taken against the developer for unauthorised use of the adjoining site.

b) Verge cutting

In response to Cllr Counihan the Town Engineer stated that the verge cutting contract had been awarded so will check if the work is carried out.

c) Macroom Bridge

Cllr Foley complimented the Town Engineer on the recent resurfacing of the Bridge.

d) Urban Road Grant

Cllr Foley complimented the Town Engineer on the recent resurfacing of Dan Corkery Place that was very much welcomed by the residents.

Cllr Coughlan complimented the Town Engineer on the footpath replacement being undertaken at St. Colman's Park.

Cllr Melia asked that the footpath replacement work at Barrett Place be prioritised in order to assist wheelchair bound resident of that area.

e) **Coolyhane Road**

A long discussion took place on this subject. The Town Manager suggested that a proposal be drawn up, formulate it and progress it from there. It was agreed that Cork County Council should re-apply for funding again this year for this road.

f) **Pedestrian Crossing at Masseytown**

Cllr Lucey raised this matter. The Town Engineer stated that he will contact McInerneys to agree the local of the pedestrian crossing.

Arising out of this Cllr Lucey mentioned that a right of way had existed through the Rock but was now closed up. McInerneys to be contacted regarding same.

3) MINUTES OF TOWN SQUARE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Minutes, as circulated, were reviewed. The Town Clerk read correspondence from Mr. Mark Cronin regarding Margadh na Nollaig. The Members welcomed the proposals set out in the letter. However, it was noted that the Casual Trading Bye-laws restrict trading between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. The Town Clerk stated that the procedure to amend the Bye-laws would not be completed in time for Christmas. The Manager stated that the Bye-laws may be amended in the coming year to facilitate the other suggestion in the Minutes and could include proposal to allow evening trading at Christmas in future.

Cllr Counihan welcomed the information on floodlighting the Town Hall.

4) ENGINEERING ISSUES

- a) Cllr Coughlan stated that the footpath at Castle St from Quills to Gay Girl Boutique is in an appalling condition.
- b) Cllr Cullinane-McCarthy raised the issue of the gulleys from Matt Murphys to Cork Street not being able to take the rainwater with the result that pedestrians are being drenched by splashes. Cllr. Foley requested that extra gulleys be put in place in the foregoing location.
- c) Cllr Counihan requested that the work to the Car Park at Codrum Crossroads be completed as soon as possible.

- d) Correspondence received by the Mayor from individual giving no address or contact details was deemed inappropriate for consideration.
- e) Cllr Foley asked the Town Engineer to give consideration to ramp on roadway from Main Street to roundabout at Fairgreen.
- f) Cllr Melia raised the issue of double yellow lines having been placed at the entrance to Sally Gardens and queried the placing of these lines. The Town Engineer stated parking is not allowed within 5 metres of a junction and that this was continuously being breached at this location. He stated the lines were painted in the interests of road safety. Cllr Melia stated that he was disappointed that residents associations are not informed of matters that directly effect their estate.
- g) On the proposal of Cllr Cullinane-McCarthy, seconded by Cllr O'Connell it was agreed to place a mirror on the Coolyhane Road at the junction with the northern Coolyhane/Keel road. The Town Manager stated that liability should be checked out first.

6) MANAGER'S ORDERS AND PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

7) MACROOM TOWN COUNCIL'S NOMINATION TO THE BOARD OF THE MACROOM INDUSTRIAL PARK

On the proposal of Cllr Coughlan, seconded by Cllr Cullinane-McCarthy it was agreed that Cllr O'Connell would be the Council's Nomination to the board of the Macroom Industrial Park.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Macroom Community Leisure Centre Board**
Cllr Lucey proposed and it was agreed that, in view of the level of funding given to the above Centre for the past number of years, the above Board be written outlining our request to have two Members on the Board.
- b) **L.A.M.A.** – details of Annual Seminar. Cllrs. Counihan and O'Connell to attend.
- c) **Training Seminars** – Ace Training “Time Management, Media & IT Skills Conference – noted.
Kadenza “H.& S. Drugs & Alcohol Abuse – Cllr. Counihan to attend.
Kadenza “ Finance Budgets for 2010. Noted.

Arising out of this the Manager suggested that these training providers be written requesting confirmation that they liaise with the representative bodies.

d) Notice of Motions:

- **Listowel Town Council** – adopted.
- **Shannon Town Council** – adopted.
- **Clonmel Borough Council** – adopted.
- **South Tipperary County Council** – adopted.
- **Granard Town Council** – adopted.

e) Macroom Feis Society

Correspondence noted thanking the Council for their support over the years. It was noted that the Feis will not be run this year.

9) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Tidy Towns Report

The Mayor asked Cllr Coughlan, Chairman of the Tidy Towns Committee to say a few words. Cllr Coughlan thanked all that helped out during the year, stating that it was an amazing achievement to increase marks by 8 and the work done over the last number of years was recognised in this Report. He went on to thank the local community, Fas for work done throughout the town, the Lee Valley Enterprise Board for the Hanging Baskets that are greatly admired, both Town and County Council Staff. He stated that a co-ordinated effort is required in the future and more bodies needed on the street. He hoped that all the town would come on board i.e. local businesses, housing estates, private and Council residences and that everyone would look after their own area. The Mayor complimented the Tidy Towns Committee on their fantastic work and gave credit to all involved.

b) Vote of Sympathy

The Mayor proposed a Vote of Sympathy to Cllr Cullinane-McCarthy on the death of her uncle – a great Macrompian.

c) Christmas Lighting

Cllr Coughlan asked the Manager if the Christmas Lights would go ahead this year. The Manager outlined that a number of options have to be looked and will give the matter priority but reassured the Members that the lights will be erected.

d) Taxi Rank

Cllr Melia raised this matter and suggested that the loading bay in front of the Library would possibly be a good location for a Taxi Rank as there is a Taxi in the Town and the onus is on the local authority to provide space for same. The Manager stated that a report will be done for the next Meeting. Cllr Melia requested, as this matter has been raised at three different meetings, that it be placed on the Agenda for the November Meeting.

e) **Joint Policing Committee**

Cllr O'Connell requested that this matter be prioritised and progressed immediately.

f) **Report on Income**

The Manager updated the Members and stated that it is a difficult trading year, rates, planning fees and parking receipts are down. He stated that rents are on target and was a good reflection on tenants.

g) **Development contributions**

In response to Cllr Coughlan the Manager stated that he will be updating the Members at the Budget Meeting on Development Contributions.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

TOWN MAYOR

TOWN CLERK

DATE