

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF MACROOM TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, MACROOM ON
TUESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.**

PRESENT: The Mayor, Cllr. McSweeney, presided. Cllrs
Counihan, Cullinane-McCarthy, Foley, Lucey,
McCarthy 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 Cllrs. Coughlan and Melia whom were unable to attend).

1) **MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 18TH AUGUST, 2009.**

On the proposal of Cllr Counihan, seconded by Cllr Lucey the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 18th August, 2009 were adopted.

2) **MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

a) **Lios na Fea**

In response to Cllr Lucey the Town Clerk stated that trial holes had been dug and that it is hoped that work will commence in the coming week on the levelling the green area and setting grass seed.

b) **Verge cutting**

In response to Cllr Counihan the Town Engineer stated that there is no reason why the verge cutting cannot be done at this stage.

c) **Macroom Bridge**

In response to Cllr Foley the Town Engineer stated he had arranged for Darragh Quill of the N.R.A. to inspect the bridge, the outcome being that the surface is poor. The Town Engineer went onto say that Mr. Quill had informed him that some money will be made available to resurface the Bridge area only.

d) **Bottom of Sleaven Road**

In response to Cllr Counihan the Town Engineer stated that he will follow up the issue of getting the

developer in that area to resurface the corner of Sleaveen Road.

e) **Urban Road Grant**

The Town Engineer stated that it is hoped to resurface Dan Corkery Place in the first week of October.

He went onto say that work on the footpaths in St. Colman's Park and Barrett Place will also be done in the coming weeks. He further advised that the footpaths in O'Connor Park would be upgraded out of next year's allocation given the level of work required to be done in that estate. The Town Engineer suggested that possibly the Town Architect would look at O'Connor Park and do a design for same.

3) **MINUTES OF TRAFFIC SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2009.**

Item 2) In response to Cllr Foley the Town Engineer stated he was awaiting to hear back from Visioconnex regarding CCTV for Bank Area.

Item 3) On the proposal of Cllr Counihan, seconded by Cllr. O'Connell it was agreed to remove the jersey barriers in front of ex-Spar Shop at Railway View.

Item 4) In response to Cllr Lucey the Town Engineer stated that McInerneys have reapplied with a different layout for housing at Meadowlands and the issue of the Pedestrian Crossing will be followed up through that means. Cllr Lucey also stated that there is a great need for a new public light at Masseytown.

Item 9) It was agreed not to change the parking to disabled parking in front of telephone kiosks/pedestrian crossing on Main Street.

Item 11) Cllrs Foley and Lucey voiced their opinions that one-way in Coolyhane would not work as the road is not suitable and would cause too much inconvenience to the residents of the area. Arising out of this it was agreed to write to the Minister for Transport requesting him to meet with a delegation from Macroom regarding the Macroom By Pass.

4) **ENGINEERING ISSUES**

The Town Engineer was asked to check out the following:

- Potholes in Castle Court.
- Possible ramp from Main St to roundabout at Fairgreen .
- Manhole opposite Grotto – cover loose.
- Footpath in front of Castle Hotel – slabs loose.

5) 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.

6) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Jim Wall, HSE – response that the podiatry service will be covered when the current post holder goes on maternity leave was welcomed by the Members.
- b) Youghal Town Council 2 Notice of Motions regarding freezing the County Demand for 2010 was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr Lucey and seconded by Cllr Cullinane-McCarthy.
- c) Tuam Town Council – Notice of Motion regarding the withdrawal of recommendation in the McCarthy report to abolish Town Councils was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. McCarthy and seconded by Cllr. Counihan.
- d) Third Sector Forum – Seminar on Environmental Goods and Services in Killarney – noted.
- e) Trocaire – Notice of Motion on the Government's commitment to the world's poor was adopted on the proposal of Cllr Foley and seconded by Cllr McCarthy.
- f) Clare Tourist Council – It was agreed that Mayor McSweeney and Cllr Cullinane-McCarthy would attend.
- g) Ennis Town Council supporting Cllr. Foley's Notice of Motion on the reintroduction of royalties on oil and gas production.

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) **Immigration**
Cllr McCarthy empathised with the young people whom are well educated and qualified that have to immigrate to get employment.
- b) **Budget**
The Manager updated the Members on income received. He stated that parking receipts are done, however, that rates income had improved

during August, planning fees are quite low, whereas rent and rates are reasonably okay.

c) **Tidy Towns Report**

The Mayor proposed that consideration of the Report be deferred until the October Meeting when Cllr. Coughlan, whom is Chairman of the Tidy Towns Committee, will be in attendance.

d) **Vote of Sympathy**

The Mayor proposed a Vote of Sympathy to the wife and family of the late Michael McElroy. She went on to say that Michael played a major part in the Environment Sub-Committee. She informed the meeting that Michael had drawn up a proposal under the Neighbourhood Scheme that entailed a lot of work and dedication. All the Members wished to be associated with the Vote of Sympathy.

e) **Town Square Development Committee**

It was agreed on the request of Cllr Foley to hold a Town Square Development Committee meeting some time in the coming weeks.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

TOWN MAYOR

TOWN CLERK

DATE