

Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meeting of Bandon Town Council held at the Town Hall, Bandon at 6.30pm Tuesday Oct 13th 2009.

Present:

Cllr Gearoid Buckley	Mayor	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Margaret Murphy-O'Mahony	Deputy Mayor	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Rose Holland	Member	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Sean O'Donovan	Member	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Deirdre Lane	Member	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Rachel McCarthy	Member	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Andrew Coleman	Member	Bandon Town Council

In Attendance:

Mr Noel O'Keefe	Town Manager	Bandon Town Council
Mr Pat Moore	A/Town Clerk	Bandon Town Council
Mr Ray Crowley	Town Engineer	Bandon Town Council

Apologies:

Cllr Cindy McCarthy	Member	Bandon Town Council

1. CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE FOR Tuesday Sept 8th 2009

Proposed: Cllr Holland

Seconded: Cllr Coleman

2. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BANDON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON Tuesday Sept 8th 2009

Proposed: Cllr Murphy O'Mahony

Seconded: Cllr R McCarthy

3. MATTERS ARISING

The meeting was adjourned to the November monthly meeting on the proposal of Cllr Murphy-O'Mahony seconded by Cllr Coughlan due to the death of Senator Peter. Callanan. It was agreed to deal with statutory and urgent business.

4. Chair of the Joint Policing Committee.

The Town Clerk asked for this matter to be dealt with as this committee were meeting on the following Friday and it needed to be finalised. Cllr S O'Donovan was elected on the proposal of Cllr Coughlan which was seconded by Cllr Lane. Cllr C McCarthy was elected Deputy Chair on the proposal of Cllr Holland which was seconded by Cllr Coughlan.

6: Transfer of funds

The Town Clerk asked for the council to agree a transfer of funds, €10,972.00 from the investment fund to the current account in order to pay the bill of costs for the local elections. This was agreed on a proposal by Cllr Coleman which was seconded by Cllr Buckley.

5. Urgent Business.

- Cllr O'Donovan stated that there was a serious issue with the Mayor in the past week with his getting involved with national issues in his capacity as Mayor of Bandon without getting a prior mandate from the Town Council in relation to calling for the resignation of Deputy O'Donoghue as Ceann Comhairle and also in relation to an incident with the Minister for Education, Deputy Batt O'Keeffe. He objected very strenuously to the Mayors involvement in both of those matters.

Cllr Coughlan concurred and stated that Cllr Buckley was bringing the office of Mayor into disrepute.

Cllr Coleman referred to the 2001 Act and the terms of reference there in relation to conduct of councillors. He stated that there was a series of meetings with the Mayor and discussions in relation to other incidents where assurances were given that there would not be recurrences. He stated that he was unhappy with the mayor's performance in relation to recent instances.

Cllr Murphy-O'Mahony stated that while the mayor had two hats his principal one was as Mayor of Bandon and asked him to show caution in his future actions.

Cllr Buckley in response asked that the matter be discussed at the next meeting

- Cllr Holland in relation to the Festive Lighting stated that both Cllr McCarthy and she met with the ESB representatives and that Mr Crowley and Mr Moore were also present. She asked the Town Council for Funding towards the cost of erecting the lights from the revenue accrued from the pay parking. Cllr Coleman concurred and stated that this would be of benefit to the business of the town over the Christmas period.

Mr O'Keeffe, Town Manager, asked for Cllr Holland to prepare a submission which he would discuss with the Co Manager.

6. Senator Peter Callanan:

Cllr Murphy-O'Mahony led the tributes to Senator Callanan whom she described as a man of great values and faith. He was never afraid to speak about what he believed in and was a very honourable and loyal public servant who was held in very high esteem. She stated that his passing would be a great loss to the Fianna Fail organisation locally and to Bandon in general and extended sympathies to his wife Shelia and six children. She mentioned that Peter Callanan was a native of Castlefreke who was first elected to Cork County Council in 1979 a position he held until his resignation in 2004 with the introduction of the dual mandate.

Cllr Coleman spoke on behalf of Fine Gael and paid tribute to Senator Callanan describing him as as a man of principal and a very generous individual who was larger than life. He recalled their first meeting when he was running for the Town Council and peter was running for Cork County Council and the jovial banter between both. He said that Senator Callanan took an active interest in the Town council and was always very supportive and would be sorely missed.

Cllr Rose Holland thanked him for the work he performed in his role as chair of the friends of Bandon Community Hospital and said he would be a great loss to the patients.

The Mayor described him as a man of high principals and was a true reflection of what politicians should be.

Mr O’Keeffe, Town Manager expressed sympathy on behalf of the executive and recalled his first meeting when Peter tapped him on the shoulder with his pipe and addressed him as “Young Man” He mentioned that on the occasions when they did meet that he always enquired as to Bandon and described him as “The most civilised person in terms of politicians that he ever came across”

The Town Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Callanan and express sympathy on behalf of the Town Council. Mr McMahon on behalf of the press asked to be associated with the expression of sympathy.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 10th Nov 2009 at 7.00pm.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting

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