

BOOK REVIEW: An Engineer Remembers by Canice O'Mahony

Former Dundalk Town Council Engineer Canice O'Mahony has just published a history of the town called *An Engineer Remembers*. Mr. O'Mahony presented copies of his book, which has been thirty years in the making, to members of Dundalk Town Council at their monthly meeting.

"I hope what I've written will help people understand how the council's services have been evolved," Mr. O'Mahony said. "This has been a family affair. My wife Eilish made sure I stuck at it and my daughter Ann designed the cover."

The book is a brilliant history of Dundalk. One chapter covers the history of the Dundalk UDC power station and how it operated before the emergence of the ESB. Another chapter gives a comprehensive breakdown of council housing in the 20th century, which includes a table of all the estates in the town and the origins of their names.

The history of the fire fighting service, the Rampart river, and the planning and development of Cox's Demesne has also been uncovered. There is also a chapter on Dundalk cinemas. Park Street Cinema started in 1912 and continued until it was burnt down in 1961.

An Engineer Remembers by Canice O'Mahony is printed by Dundalk Book Binding, Wolfe Tone Terrace, Dundalk, and is available in local bookshops.

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