

**Minutes of the Fermoy Municipal District Meeting
held on Tuesday, 18th December 2018**

In Attendance: Cllrs. Kay Dawson, Ian Doyle, Noel McCarthy, June Murphy, Deirdre O' Brien, Frank O' Flynn; Brendan O' Gorman SEE, Mary Hayes SEO, Pauline Moriarty MDO, Lydia Kelly ASO.

1. MINUTES

1. Minutes of Fermoy MD Meeting held (In Committee) at 1.00pm on 20th November 2018.

The Minutes were agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson.

2. Minutes of Fermoy MD Meeting held (In Committee) at 2.00pm on 20th November 2018.

The Minutes were agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien, seconded by Cllr. Ian Doyle.

3. Minutes of Fermoy MD December Meeting held on Tuesday, 20th November 2018.

The Minutes were agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. June Murphy.

2. COMMUNITY GRANT RE-ALLOCATION REQUESTS

1. KILDORRERY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Request to re-allocate 2018 Amenity Grant €3000.00.

'to dig out foundations and build a 4ft (or 5ft) concrete wall on this location instead of hedging'.

Reason: After much consultation with a number of landscapers and garden centres, advised that setting any sort of hedging in this location will not be productive as the ground underneath is full of rubble from the creamery yard site and will not hold sufficient water for the plants to grow, digging a trench would do severe damage to existing tarmac. Also another factor in coming to this decision is that the hedge from the school side is very tall and will overshadow the young hedging plants thus restricting light for their growth.

This re-allocation request was granted on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy and agreed by all the Members.

2. MARKET PLACE POETRY & PERFORMING ART GROUP

2015 Amenity Grant Re- Allocation: Computer/Printer to PA System, microphone stands and speaker stand.

This re-allocation request was granted on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien and agreed by all the Members.

3. REPORTS and RECOMMENDATIONS

1. UPDATE Fermoy Weir

Included with MDO December 2018 report.

2. REPORT MDO Report December 2018

Pauline Moriarty MDO went through her report, uploaded and circulated to the Members for their information and sought provisional approval for the draft allocations prepared for the 2018 Pay Parking Dividend. The Members expressed their satisfaction with the Painting Scheme in the district, saying it is a complete success, well worthwhile and should be continued. The support of and contribution to the Tourist Office in Fermoy was also strongly endorsed by the Members. Following a brief discussion the Members requested that funds be allocated for a speed detector (cost c.€3,000.00) from this dividend for Fermoy, which was agreed. Cllr. Frank O' Flynn asked that Abbey Street in Fermoy be considered for inclusion in the 2019 Christmas Lights scheme, which was noted by Cllr. Noel McCarthy, Fermoy Christmas Lights Committee. Pauline answered any queries the Members had and they, noting the full contents under other headings, thanked Pauline for the report.

The report, including the proposals for the 2018 Pay Parking Dividend, was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson.

4. NOTICES OF MOTION

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

1. "that Cork County Council erect directional signs indicating Gaelscoil, Fermoy in the interest of safety, at the following locations: Duntahane Road /Barry's Boreen Fermoy; Texaco Service Station/Cork Road junction".

It is a matter for the School Authorities to make a sign application request under the Planning Acts. Cost of signs and any new pole erection here will be a condition of any application. (BO'G)
This motion was supported by Cllr. Noel McCarthy.

Cllr. June Murphy

2. "request this Council to carry out works to make the footpath to Ballinwillian opposite Aldi wheelchair accessible".

Will be carried out in conjunction with our approved town renewal funding in connection with age friendly measures, scheduled for 2019. (BO'G)

Cllr. Murphy, acknowledging that this issue had previously been raised by Cllr. Dawson, said the problem persists at this location for wheelchair and other wheeled item users (e.g. pushchairs). Cllr. Dawson concurred, adding that this is more than an age-friendly issue, no-one should be required to step off a footpath. There is also an issue with cars parking on and blocking this footpath. Brendan confirmed that funding is now available and this locus will be treated when the tender contract is being prepared in January. Further to a discussion, it was agreed that Brendan would ask An Garda Síochána to monitor the parking situation in the meantime.

Cllr. Ian Doyle

3. "that having secured approval for funding, Cork County Council would re-advertise position of School Warden for Charleville CBS".

Recruitment process will commence in early January 2019. (PM)

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

4. "that this Committee would upgrade the road surface and repair the footpaths at Woodlawn Estate, Pike Road, Fermoy".

Request will be considered in future resurfacing and footpath programmes, subject to availability of suitable funding. (BO'G)

This motion was supported by Cllr. Frank O' Flynn.

Cllr. Kay Dawson

5. "call on Cork County Council, in the interest of safety, to reduce the speed limit on L-1412 approaching Árd na Gréine which is 80kph at present".

When the next speed limit review for the county is being undertaken under the national review scheduled in 2021/2022, the proposal will be put before the Gardaí / Public Consultation and the Members for approval. (BO'G)

This motion was supported by Cllrs. Frank O' Flynn and June Murphy; with Brendan O' Gorman SEE also supporting the proposal here.

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

6. "that this Council would provide footpath, where non-existent, from Cross of the Groves to Mandeville Estate".

Until some front boundaries are setback there is insufficient width available to install a footpath here. In the interim, I will put down an edge line indicating the pedestrian desire line and indicate some pedestrian symbols also. (BO'G)

This motion was supported by Cllr. Frank O' Flynn.

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

7. "that Cork County Council put traffic calming measures in place including signage and table ramps from before the GAA Complex entrance through Kilworth village in the interest of safety of all road users".
Will be considered for future traffic calming proposals when funding is made available. (BO'G)
8. "that Cork County Council replenish the parking spaces in the vicinity of Araglin Community centre and the two disabled parking places at Araglin Church in the interest of safety".
Some relining works on public property will be undertaken. (BO'G)
9. "that Cork County Council reduce the speed limit from 80k to 50k in the vicinity of the Coolnanave Industrial Estate, Mitchelstown introducing traffic calming measures for the entrances to both industrial estates in the interest of safety of all road users, while incorporating reduction on number of trees or coppicing to improve visibility at the entrance to the industrial estate".
The National Road review undertaken in 2016/2017 by the TII and approved by full Council in late 2017 confirmed changes to the speed limits on the N73 here amongst others. It will be 2021/2022 before the next National Road and Countywide review is undertaken. Traffic Calming on this road is a matter for the TII/NRDO. I will look to lopping some branches at road edge to improve visibility here also. (BO'G)
This motion was supported by Cllrs. Noel McCarthy and Deirdre O' Brien.

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

10. "that this Committee would put yellow lines in place either side of the entrance at Innisfallen House opposite Larchwood Manor, Fermoy".
Will be done, when weather improves. (BO'G)
11. "that this Committee would paint the Age Friendly parking bay outside the Resource Centre at McCurtain Street, Fermoy to highlight this service".
When an agreed line painting policy is put in place the request will be entertained. Currently, lining of these bays is on a continuing trial basis only (e.g. in Upper Cork Street, Mitchelstown). (BO'G)
Cllr. Kay Dawson advised that a national colour scheme is to be devised/agreed for these parking bays. Further to a request, Brendan agreed that a second Age Friendly bay for Mitchelstown will be considered, adjacent to the re-located Post Office in New Square.
12. "that this Committee would receive an Engineer's report on the possibility of a loading bay being put in place outside O' Mahoney's Furniture Shop at O' Neill Crowley Quay, Fermoy".
A location to the east of the Mill Island Car Park entrance (serving Fitzgerald Place) is proposed only, which is only 80m east of the requested locus also. (BO'G)
Cllr. McCarthy will arrange for this business owner to contact Brendan O' Gorman SEE directly to discuss the options here. The location Brendan is proposing currently has double yellow lines so there will be no loss of parking spaces.
13. "that Cork County Council would carry out drainage works to alleviate flooding outside Broderick's, Ballyarthur, Fermoy".
Completed on the 13th December 2018. (BO'G)

Cllr. Kay Dawson

14. "call on Cork County Council, in the interest of safety, to place a temporary speed detector on the approach to Árd na Gréine".
We will make arrangements in early 2019 to move the sign allocated to the town, to this location. (BO'G)
This motion was supported by Cllr. June Murphy.
15. "call on Cork County Council to repair footpath outside No. 4 Thomas Street, Mitchelstown".
Will be done. (BO'G)

16. "to repair all pedestrian traffic lights at AIB Bank, New Square, Mitchelstown".
All completed on the 11th December 2018. (BO'G)

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

17. "that this Council call on TII to attend meeting to explain reason their refurbishment carried out on the N73, the road was raised over the entrances and yards of small dwellers, some OAPs, have flooded. While many reports have been sent no action taken".
I will forward the notice of motion to our NRDO who oversaw the resurfacing schemes on our National Roads and seek comment / reply from them with a view to them attending a future meeting.
(BO'G)
Brendan provided clarification on the works carried out at this location. He has forwarded this Notice of Motion to Bob O' Shea NRDO, CCC Design Office.
18. "that this Council would provide traffic calming measures in O'Neill Crowley Terrace, Mitchelstown".
Will be considered for future traffic calming proposals when funding is made available. Locus would be calmed by virtue of on street car parking and narrow access roads presently. (BO'G)
Further to a discussion, Brendan agreed to provide a warning sign here for the (sharp) bend here.
19. "that the footpaths in Moher Crescent, Mitchelstown be included in the foot path programme".
Will be considered in future footpath programmes. There are a number of older estates in the immediate vicinity that would require priority over this request. (BO'G)
20. "that this Council would investigate the provision of a continuous slow lane on the R639 from Kilbeheny to Mitchelstown in the interest of safety for cyclists".
The road from Kilbeheny to Mitchelstown in the main is a National Road (N73) and as such the request is outside our remit and unlikely to proceed based on the National Status of the road. There is a considerable length of this road with a hard shoulder already that provides safety to cyclists.
(BO'G)
Brendan confirmed that this roadway is due for resurfacing so re-lining may be done at that time; also that he will forward this request/proposal to the Design Section.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

1. ADVERTISEMENT Cork County Council MD Community Fund Scheme 2019.

Noted. Further to a query, Pauline Moriarty MDO confirmed that the application process is the same as in 2018; and that the closing date for applications is 15th February 2019.

2. EMAIL J. O' Brien SEE Env. Dept. 28.11.2018 RE: Bring Bank Beechfield, Fermoy.

The Members noted the response from J.O' Brien SEE and following a discussion they agreed to investigate a potential new location for the bring site and revert to Pauline in due course.

6. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

RE: 5(19) Joint Motion - Cllr. Noel McCarthy and Cllr. Kay Dawson

"that this Committee receive an up to date report on why work has not being carried out at the rear laneway at O' Neill Crowley Terrace, Mitchelstown, numbers 30 to 34 inclusive".

Cllrs. McCarthy and Dawson sought an update on the situation here and it was confirmed to them by Mary Hayes SEO that the clearing work had been done and the rubbish removed from this location. However, the Housing Directorate do not have the funds required to resurface the roadway.

Cllr. Dawson said that it was not acceptable that one Councillor had had an update from the Housing Section on this matter, when the other Members had not been contacted, and wanted this duly noted. Mary Hayes SEO said she would revert to the relevant personnel accordingly.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Cllr. Frank O' Flynn - Water flowing into properties from Clonmel Road.

Cllr. O' Flynn said some residents had reported water flowing off the Clonmel Road towards their properties. Brendan O' Gorman SEE said he would have this investigated.

(2) Cllr. Frank O' Flynn - Seeking update re: caravans (still) in situ at Kilcrumper Cemetery.

In reply to this query, Brendan O' Gorman SEE said that a multi-departmental resolution is required for this issue, which is ongoing.

(3) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Seeking update re: Bus Shelters in MD.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE said Peter O' Donoghue's Traffic and Transportation Section in Cork County Council were liaising with the NTA on this project previously and he will seek an update from him for the Members.

(4) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Footpath work on George's Street, Mitchelstown.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE confirmed this work would be completed in 2019.

(5) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Congestion on Convent Hill, Mitchelstown.

Cllr. Dawson said that since the relocation of the Post Office to New Square, there is congestion on Convent Hill with cars parking on both sides causing obstruction. Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that this issue will be looked at with in conjunction with the planning application for the convent, possibly reducing parking to one side, which should resolve the situation.

(6) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Potholes on Station Road, Ballyhooly.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE will arrange for these potholes to be filled.

(7) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Disabled Parking Bay St. Bernard's Place, Fermoy.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE said work required to provide this bay lining is weather dependant, and confirmed it will be installed as soon as conditions allow.

(8) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Seeking update re: rescinding of the Gambling Act.

Pauline Moriarty MDO confirmed that legal advice has been received; the wording for this motion has now been agreed and that this will be on the January 2019 agenda for discussion and decision. She is to email the wording of the motion to the Members, in the meantime, for their information.

(9) Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - Removal of post box from Upper Cork Street, Mitchelstown.

Cllr. O' Brien said there are concerns from businesses and residents since the removal of the post box from Upper Cork Street, Mitchelstown (since the relocation of the Post Office). Further to a discussion, it was agreed that Pauline Moriarty MDO would write to An Post requesting the provision of a post box in this part of the town.

(10) Mary Hayes SEO - Various

(i) Mary Hayes SEO complimented those involved in the VES work in Conna, saying it is a job very well done.

(ii) Mary advised the Members that training for festival organisers is to be provided in January 2019 and sought nominations from the organisers of Fermoy Festival to attend.

(iii) Mary advised the Members that €100k is now available for works in Charleville under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, initial draft proposals have been prepared and she asked that Members contact her with any suggestions or observations they have in this regard.

(iv) The availability of funding for large-scale sports infrastructure projects is to be advertised imminently and Mary informed the Members that joint applications are now being sought between the Municipal District/Local Authority and other stakeholders, the closing date for which is mid February 2019.

(11) Cllr. Ian Doyle - Thank You to Fermoy MD

Cllr. Doyle expressed his thanks for works carried out in Charleville Town Park and for the VES works carried out in Newtownshandrum.

(12) Cllr. Frank O' Flynn - Seeking update re: Fermoy Viaduct.

Mary Hayes SEO replied that she and the newly appointed MD Engineer will be considering options for this project as there will be significant funding required.

(13) Cllr. June Murphy - Items for Attention of MD Manager.

Cllr. Murphy informed the Members she will be attending a meeting with the MD Manager and they can advise her of any issues they want raised.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Murphy, thanked the Members, the Executive and the Press for all their work and co-operation throughout 2018 and wished everyone present, and their families, a Happy Christmas.

Signed:

KAY DAVISON
(Dea Chairperson)

Date:

15/1/2019