

**Minutes of the Fermoy Municipal District Meeting  
held on Tuesday, 20th February 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.

At the outset of the Meeting, on the proposition of Cllr. Ian Doyle and agreed by all the Members, votes of sympathy were passed to Ms. Eileen Heffernan, Charleville Area office on the death of her father Jeremiah Heffernan and to Mr. Donal O' Carroll, Charleville Area Office on the death of his father Mr. Dan Carroll.  
*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anam.*

**1. MINUTES**

**1. Minutes of Fermoy MD Meeting held on 16th January 2018.**

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

**2. RESPOND! Project Update on Duntahane Housing Scheme**

**Update on Cork County Council / Respond Housing Development at 'Duntahane, Fermoy' (46 units and a Community Building)**

Séamus de Faoite SEO, Cork County Council and Clara O'Neill, Respond! were in attendance to update the Members on progress to date on this proposed development. Clara O' Neill firstly thanked the Members and Cork County Council executive for their adoption of the scheme, allowing it to proceed. The plan has since been developed for the scheme and it is currently at second tender stage with a shortlist of contractors established. Everything is progressing on schedule and according to plan and the timescale is for construction to commence in late April 2018 with a fourteen-to-sixteen month construction programme. If possible, units that are complete will be allocated for use prior to the entire scheme being completed, but the feasibility of this remains to be determined. Clara answered any queries the Members had, one of which was in relation to boundary landscaping and tree planting between the site and Gaelscoil de h'Ide. She said she would arrange to meet with school representatives of Gaelscoil de h'Ide to discuss the matter further and devise a resolution. The Members in turn thanked Séamus and Clara and wholeheartedly welcomed the project and the additional, much needed, housing in Fermoy.

**3. LEASE OF LAND**

***1. To consider the lease of 1.182 hectares of land (term 4 years, 11 months) at Killavullen, Mallow, Co. Cork to Bernard Looney for the following consideration (1) tenant will install stock-proof fence at own expense, (2) tenant will have two years rent-free to recover cost of fence and (3) annual rent of €150.00 for years 3, 4 and 5.***

Having noted the information submitted, the Lease of Land, as detailed above, was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy.

**4. DISPOSAL OF FREEHOLD INTEREST**

***1. To consider the proposed disposal of freehold interest in house and plot at Macronee, Kibworth, Co. Cork to Mark Kenny for the consideration of €350.00 inclusive of administration charges.***

Having noted the information submitted, the Disposal of Freehold Interest, as detailed above, was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Frank O' Flynn.

**5. PRIDE OF PLACE 2018**

Referring to the information uploaded for the Members information, Pauline Moriarty MDO requested the Members contact her with any locations or projects they may wish to propose for this competition, which will then be relayed to the Director for consideration.

**6. REPORTS and RECOMMENDATIONS**

**1. REPORT MDO Monthly Report**

**and**

**2. UPDATE Fermoy Weir**

Pauline Moriarty MDO went through her report, uploaded for the Members consideration, highlighting some of contents therein for particular attention. In relation to grass-cutting operations, the Members agreed to liaise with residents groups in estates to remove the grass after the first cut this year; with Brendan O' Gorman SEE suggesting that in future years the Contractor would remove grass from the first cut and cut a reduced number of times thereafter (keeping costs the same). Further to a request from Cllr. Ian Doyle, Pauline agreed to supply bark mulch for the playground in Charleville. The update in relation to Fermoy Weir was discussed *in committee* earlier, see separate minutes. The Members also noted the contents of the report under other headings.

### **3. UPDATE Fermoy MD Unfinished Estates**

Mary Hayes SEO addressed the Members in relation to the unfinished estates in the district and went through the report. She said that the recent upturn in the economy has brought about an increased demand for housing resulting in a re-commencement in construction works on these unfinished estates, which is to be welcomed. Cllr. Kay Dawson's motion No. 7(15) was dealt with at this time, Mary Hayes SEO undertook to make the relevant enquiries and revert to Cllr. Dawson. Mary answered any queries the Members had and they welcomed the report and the progress shown therein.

### **4. 2018 RI PROGRAMME Proposals**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE spoke in relation to the 2018 RI programme proposals, which he circulated to the Members for their information. He said budgets for this year at up 23% on the previous year equalling €1,912,543. 00. He went through the proposals as listed and advised the final schedule of works will be circulated at the March 2018 meeting. The wetmix programme is to commence in Charleville this year with works starting on or around 5th March. The discretionary RI programme proposed for 2018 includes nine projects, costing €335 thousand and totalling almost 3km of work. Brendan advised the Members that works desired on cul-de-sac and some tertiary roads may be carried out by CIS (15% local contribution), and said the CIS and LIS schemes are to be officially announced in two weeks. He answered any queries put to him by the Members and they welcomed the programme as presented. The 2018 RI programme, as proposed, was adopted on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, jointly seconded by Cllrs. Deirdre O' Brien and Noel McCarthy, and agreed by all the Members.

### **5. PROGRESS REPORT 2017 Public Lighting**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE went through this report, uploaded for the Members consideration. He said there are a number of locations/lamps now with the ESB Networks for lighting-up. He advised the 2018 programme should be available at the March 2018 meeting, and forewarned the Members that the budget for 2018 is less than 2017.

### **6. SECTION 38 : Pedestrian Crossing R639 Main Street, Watergrasshill**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that the Developer of the apartments at the top of Watergrasshill village, as per the grant of their planning permission, would be providing traffic management measures. Brendan has consulted with the Community Council and the three adjacent business owners, all of whom are in favour of the proposals. The closing date for submissions, in the public consultation process, is 5th March 2018 and this item will be on the March 2018 agenda for the Members consideration and adoption.

## **7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **Cllr. June Murphy**

1. "to make provision in the By Laws to prohibit Gambling Casinos in our small towns". This motion was discussed in conjunction with Cllr. McCarthy's motion (at No. 17). In relation to recent planning applications for gambling arcades in Fermoy and Mitchelstown, Cllr. Murphy now wants the appropriate measure taken (Fermoy MD rescinding Part 3 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956) to prevent planning being attainable. This has been done in Mitchelstown (in 1984) and in Fermoy town, in the time of the UDC/Town Council therefore only for the town centre area contained within the then urban boundary; but needs to be done for the entire municipal district.

Further to a discussion, it was agreed that Mary Hayes SEO and Pauline Moriarty MDO would seek legal advice and make enquiries of the Planning Department to ascertain what exactly needs to be done to achieve this objective, and revert to the Members in due course.

**Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien**

2. "that this Council provide a report on the number of dog fouling fines and litter fines issued in the Fermoy Municipal Area during 2017".  
Dog Fouling Fines issued in 2017 = 0.  
Litter Fines issued in 2017 = 3 of which 1 was paid. (PM)  
Cllr. O' Brien said she was disappointed with the response here as dog fouling is a persistent problem throughout the district and she thinks enforcement, by way of fine, is the key to tackling this issue. All the Members supported Cllr. O' Brien on this motion. Pauline Moriarty MDO responded that there are two wardens working in the district, whose duties include both traffic and litter, with traffic duties commanding 80% of their time. She said this is a very difficult activity to fully monitor and police. Further to a discussion it was agreed by the Members that awareness of the issue would be increased through the media and the recent launch of the *Green Dog Walking Initiative 2018*. Also, Mary Hayes SEO suggested putting restrictions on certain areas prohibiting dog-walking, and undertook to make enquiries from the Legal Department as to the feasibility of this course of action.

**Cllr. Frank O' Flynn**

3. "that Cork County Council would rectify the sign indicating Fermoy at Grange Cross from 5km to 1km".  
Issue has been referred to TII. (BO'G)

**Cllr. Kay Dawson**

4. "call on Cork County Council, in the interest of safety, to secure paving on Lower Cork Street, Mitchelstown".  
Whenever loose slabs are reported to us, we repair immediately with a mortar/cement base. (BO'G)  
This motion was supported by Cllrs. Frank O' Flynn and Deirdre O' Brien. Brendan O' Gorman SEE requested the Members to contact him directly with specific locations where this issue occurs.

**Cllr. Noel McCarthy**

5. "that this Committee carry out road repairs and fill in potholes on the Glentane Road, Ballynoe, Co. Cork".  
Will be done. (BO'G)

**Cllr. Ian Doyle**

6. "that Cork County Council with TII would repair road at Charleville Graveyard towards Railway".  
Not a matter for the TII as this is a local primary road in charge of Cork County Council. Some minor repairs will be carried out by us in Q1/Q2 2018. (BO'G)

**Cllr. June Murphy**

7. "to request the Housing Department of Cork County Council and the agreement of residents in Stagpark to put the Community House back into its housing stock".  
Further to a discussion, it was agreed that this would be referred to the Housing Department, under whose remit this estate lies, to ascertain if the above suggestion is a feasible option for this property.
8. "request a traffic management/health and safety report to be carried out at the Cluide apartments and traffic lights at the top of Clonmel road".  
For discussion. (BO'G)  
Cllr. Murphy explained that there are problems at this housing complex with access and exiting the car park, also there are issues with traffic and parking in the vicinity. Brendan O' Gorman SEE undertook to examine the situation with a view towards providing a resolution.

**Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien**

9. "that this Council approve a request for a Disabled Car Parking space at 2 Main Street, Glanworth, written request and copy of Disabled Pass submitted".  
For discussion. (PM)  
Pauline Moriarty MDO advised Cllr. O' Brien that this application would be investigated but that a DPB cannot be enforced at this location as there are no Bye-Laws in Glanworth governing parking. Brendan O' Gorman SEE recommended deferral on this decision as the process of applying for a DPB needs to be examined vis-a-vis data protection protocols and requirements.

**Cllr. Frank O' Flynn**

10. "that Cork County Council would provide public lighting in the vicinity of the Village Arts Centre in the Square, Kilworth in the interest of public safety".  
For consideration under our 2018 Public Lighting Programme. (BO'G)
11. "that Cork County Council would repair the damaged surround fencing at Rathcormac playground".  
Will be carried out as soon as possible, currently awaiting quotes. (PM)
12. "that Cork County Council would clean away the grass and debris adjacent to the footpath on the Mitchelstown approach to Glenahulla Cross roads, Mitchelstown".  
Will be done. (BO'G)
13. "that Cork County Council would put fencing and hedging in place on the boundary of Kilquane Cemetery, Castletownroche".  
For discussion. Boundary consists of trees on two sides, wall on one side and ditch on another. The Council has no plans to alter this boundary. (PM)

**Cllr. Kay Dawson**

14. "call on Cork County Council to repair pot holes in the Demesne (near Finn house)".  
Will be done. (BO'G)
15. "call on Cork County Council to progress the taking in charge of Carrigroe Estate, Mitchelstown".  
*See Minutes at Item 6(3)Report on unfinished estates.*

**Cllr. Noel McCarthy**

16. "that this Committee carry out drainage works outside O'Donovan's house, Kilcor South, Castlelyons to alleviate flooding".  
Will be done. (BO'G)
17. "that Fermoy Municipal District Authority rescind Part 3 of the Gaming and Lottery Act 1956".  
For discussion in conjunction with NOM No. 1 above. (PM)
18. "that drainage work be carried out to alleviate flooding outside the home of Oliver Beausang, Ballyhampshire, Castlelyons".  
Will be done. (BO'G)
19. "that this Committee would get an Engineer's report on the possibility of the speed detector being put in place on the Duntaheen Road, Fermoy".  
The sign is currently located on Rathealy Road. In about four weeks time it is due to go on Duntaheen Road, and six weeks after that onto the Pike Road, Fermoy as discussed previously.  
(BO'G)

**Cllr. Ian Doyle**

20. "that Cork Council with TII would look at signage of N20 south into MABS offices, Charleville".  
For discussion. (BO'G)  
Brendan O' Gorman SEE will bring this to the attention of the TII for their examination.

21. "that Cork County Council would ask Airtricity to replace orange lights with modern LED lights between Kennedy Place and Holy Cross, Charleville".  
Request will be logged with our own public lighting section first for their consideration. (BO'G)

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. EMAIL Communications Officer 31.1.2018 RE: Positive Stories**

Pauline Moriarty MDO requested the Members contact her with any items of public interest, which may meet the above criteria, which she can relay to the Communications Officer. The Members agreed to comply with the request here and be aware of any opportunities to promote positive stories from the district.

**9. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**(1) Cllr. June Murphy - Lack of pedestrian crossing at CBS, Mitchelstown**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that pre-planning discussions are ongoing with CBS Board of Management and an upgraded crossing is to be incorporated into the works here.

**(2) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Missing pillar in Oldcourt Cemetery, Doneraile**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE undertook to have this matter rectified.

**(3) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Blocked drains on Duntaheen Road, Fermoy**

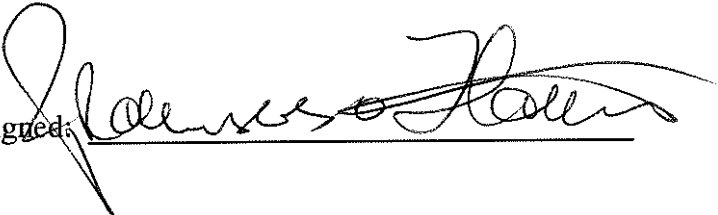
Brendan O' Gorman SEE undertook to have drain clearance works undertaken here.

**(4) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Update enquiry re: lane to rear of O' Neill-Crowley Tce.**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that no further information has been received from the Housing Department, under whose remit this falls; and Pauline Moriarty MDO undertook to contact the Housing Department for an update.

**(4) Cllr. Ian Doyle - School Warden appointment for Charleville**

Pauline Moriarty MDO replied that the situation remains unchanged since her last update, and undertook to make enquiries for any progress on the matter and revert to the Members.

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