

**Minutes of the Fermoy Municipal District Meeting
held on Tuesday, 16th July 2019**

In Attendance: Cllrs. Kay Dawson, Noel McCarthy, Deirdre O' Brien, Frank O' Flynn, William O'Leary, Frank Roche; Pauline Moriarty MDO, Brendan O' Gorman SEE, Mary Hayes SEO

1. MINUTES

1. Minutes of Fermoy MD April Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th April 2019.

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

2. Minutes of Fermoy Annual Meeting held on Monday, 17th June 2019.

The Minutes were agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Frank Roche

3. Minutes of Fermoy MD "In Committee" Weir Meeting held on Monday, 17th June 2019.

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

2. DISPOSALS, GRANTS, LEASES ETC.

1. DISPOSAL OF LANDS at Gortnahown, Mitchelstown.

To consider disposal of 0.119 hectares of surplus lands from the N8 Fermoy Mitchelstown Scheme to Ger Hannon, Gortnahown, Mitchelstown for a consideration of €1,500.00

The Members considered the information provided in relation to the above proposal and this Disposal of Lands was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson

3. COMMUNITY GRANT RE-ALLOCATION REQUESTS

1. Kilworth Celtic FC Ltd

Capital Fund Scheme 2017 - €12,000

Request to re-allocate grant from car park works to clubhouse build project

The Members considered the information provided in relation to the above proposal and this Community Grant Re-allocation was approved on the proposition of Cllr. Kay Dawson, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy

2. Mitchelstown Town Hall

Community Grant 2019

Request to remove floor replacement and add work on sewers and tree removal

The Members considered the information provided in relation to the above proposal and this Community Grant Re-allocation was approved on the proposition of Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson

4. REPORTS and RECOMMENDATIONS

1. MDO July 2019 Report

Pauline Moriarty, MDO went through the report, uploaded for MinutePad for the Members information. Members complimented the new planters installed in Fermoy. Pauline explained the need for the MD to part fund T&V Scheme and this comes from the relevant Town Development Fund. Cllr William O'Leary, on behalf of the Rathcormac Community Council, expressed their thanks to the MD for choosing Rathcormac for village enhancement in 2019. Brendan O'Gorman outlined that works in Glanworth will be completed under the footpath programme if CLAR application is unsuccessful. Pauline confirmed that any under/over spends on the painting scheme will be examined and balanced where necessary.

2. Fermoy Weir

Pauline Moriarty, MDO went through the report, uploaded for MinutePad for the Members information. All members welcomed the governments committed to co-funding the design consultancy works.

3. 2019 Footpath Programme

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members the footpath contractor is presently working in Kildorrery and will then proceed on to Mitchelstown. As requested by Cllr Kay Dawson, no works will take place over the August bank holiday weekend on the main street, Mitchelstown.

4. 2019 Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing) RM Programme

A progress report for this programme has been uploaded for the Members' information and works on this programme are progressing well.

5. 2019 Restoration Improvement RI Programme

A progress report for this programme has been uploaded for the Members' information and works on this programme are progressing well. Cllr Noel McCarthy expressed his disappointment that works on Patrick Street, Fermoy did not extend to the whole street. Brendan O'Gorman explained this was not possible as there was a defined budget of €200,000 approved by the TII which allowed for patch repairs only. The worst sections were resurfaced.

6. 2019 Drainage Programme

A progress report for this programme has been uploaded for the Members' information and works on this programme are 90% complete.

7. 2019 CIS Scheme Update

A report for this programme has been uploaded for the Members' information. Brendan O'Gorman advised the members that the CIS scheme was recently advertised. Cllr O'Brien reiterated her request for the TII to re-examine side road in Ballyhooley and provide funding required.

8.2019 LIS

Priority and Secondary reports for this programme have been uploaded for the Members' information. Fermoy MD has 4 scheme approved and works will be undertaken in August/September.

9. 2019 Public Lighting Programme

A progress report for this programme has been uploaded for the Members' information and works on this programme are progressing well.

5. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

1. "that Cork County Council would receive a deputation from the residents of Rockmills".
Cllr O'Flynn confirmed that this deputation will attend the September MD meeting.

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

2. "that 'Children At Play' signs be put in place at the entrance to Crann Árd housing estate, Fermoy".

Private Estate and this is still a matter for the developer in conjunction with our estates section.

It is recommended that the Residents or Tidy Towns group approach the owner directly to ask if it is in order to put up sign as the estate is not Taken In Charge by the Council.

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

3. "that this Council erect Pedestrian Crossing on Cork Road, Fermoy and it be integrated into the traffic light signals etc".

Will be considered for inclusion under a safety improvement works project and we will seek a funding source in 2020.

Noted traffic island in place to narrow road at this location.

Cllr. William O' Leary

4. "that this Council would carry out repair works at the corner of Fitzgerald's Place Clondulane due to the fact that there are large volumes of water lodging there during the time of wet weather, as a result of the damaged kerbing on the nearby green, resulting in the water not draining correctly".

Will be carried out in Q4 2019.

Cllr. Kay Dawson

5. "call on Cork County Council to replace the missing tiles on the ramps at (i) Ballinwillin, (ii) approach to Árd Mhuilleann".

Damaged ramps will be replaced in Q3 2019.

Brendan O'Gorman will replace with a tarmac ramp at this location.

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

6. "that Cork County Council would extend the 50 Km. speed limit on the road number LP-1519 from Leary's Cross to Bridesbridge, Castlelyons in the interest of safety". **For consideration under the next local / regional speed limit review 2021/2022. It would not be our intention to extend the speed limit further out the village here.**

7. "that Cork County Council would repair the wall near the stile between Killavullen Bridge and Nicolas Roche's residence on LP-1228".

Protected structure. Will be repaired in Q4 2019.

8. "that Cork County Council would put traffic calming measures on the Ballyduff road (LP-1533) entrance to Clondulane in the interest of safety".

As soon as funding is provided for traffic calming in the division and district, we can look more closely at the proposal. Some localised calming was carried out on this approach to the village in the past 2 years.

9. "that Cork County Council would replace the ditch and fence on the LP-1533 road at Ballydorgan, Fermoy on the right hand side on the road towards Clondulane in the interest of safety of all road users".

Private landowner removed the ditch. Will be followed up.

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

10. "that this Committee receives an update from the IDA on its progress in finding a tenant for the long-vacant IDA site along the Dublin Road, Fermoy". **Will be requested from IDA following meeting subject to Members approval.**

Following a discussion on the importance of this site for the town, Members agreed to write to the IDA and request they attend the September meeting of the MD to outline their plans for the site.

11. "that Cork County Council provides funding to install a footpath in Curraghlass Village for the benefit of residents and on health and safety grounds".

A proposal was put forward in 2018 under Clar scheme specifics (requiring a 5% local contribution from the school authorities) to install a new footpath from the school eastwards for a distance of 575m. The school refused to contribute to this mandatory contribution. The overall cost here will be in the order of €60,000 and whenever there is a call for Clar funding, we will again propose the locus.

Cork County Council will support this project whereby work is carried out jointly by community and Cork County Council.

12. "that this Committee would consider putting a ramp in place at the entrance to Cilldarragh housing estate, Kilworth on health and safety grounds". **Estate is known as Oakwood (L5726-0). Estate is**

already included in one of our recommendations for a 30kph pilot site in Q3 2019. We would encourage additional Garda Enforcement thereafter.

13. “that this Council provides a wheelchair parking space outside Scoil Mhuire in Ballyhooly in time for the new school year in early September”.

Already agreed and approved via correspondence with Cllr. Frank O’ Flynn last May.

Cllr. Deirdre O’ Brien

14. “that Cork County Council release into the public domain the consultancy report carried out on Fermoy Weir by TJ O’ Connor Consultants”. **For discussion**

This motion was discussed under Item 4(2)

15. “that further traffic calming measures be put in place on Barrack Road, Mitchelstown”.

As soon as funding is provided for traffic calming in the division and district, we can look more closely at the proposal. There is already 1 ramp on this road.

16. “that this Council carry out traffic calming measures at Fermoy Road, Kildorrery in interest of safety of pedestrian users of the new footpath which is part of walkway”.

The new footpath currently under construction as funded under a 2019 CIS grant is actually forming a calming effect by default – it is narrowing down the roadway. There is already an extended 50kph speed zone for the majority of this new footpath length and we will look at extending the zone to include the junction in the next regional road review in 2021/2022. Additional public lighting is been installed here also in the coming quarter.

17. “that traffic study be carried out on the junction at Church of Ireland, Fermoy”. **Reply and updated report sought from our NRDO.**

Motion supported by members and options for roundabout or traffic lights at this junction were briefly raised.

Cllr. William O’ Leary

18. “that this Council would carry out repair works on the section of footpath between the front and back of Fitzgerald Place in Clondulane”.

Will be carried out in Q4 2019.

Cllr O’Leary also requested the Council remove debris from this location and install a “No Dumping Sign”. MDO to examine and revert.

19. “that this Council would make provisions to put in place a restriction on heavy goods vehicles passing through Ballyglissane Bridge Rathcormac until such a time that the council are in a position to carry out full rehabilitation works on the bridge”.

There is no requirement to remove any traffic from Ballyglissane Bridge, Rathcormac pending scheduled repairs. The bridge has been structurally assessed and the required repairs proposed are minor. We will arrange for an updated Primary inspection to allay fears.

Brendan O’Gorman confirmed bridge assessed in 2015 and 2019. Repairs carried out in 2015 including tree removal. Council to cordon off margin and continue to monitor.

20. “that this Council would take appropriate measures to reduce/calm the speed of vehicles on the L29570, Doonpeter Glenville”.

The road No. is the L-2957-0, on the western approach to the GAA pitch junction. The default speed limit is 80kph. In the absence of footpaths / public lighting / speed limit zone, traffic calming measures cannot be undertaken. As soon as funding is provided for traffic calming in the division and district, we can look more closely at this village.

Members requested the installation of “Children at Play” signs.

21. “that this council would consider the possibility of removing a section of the green area in the Orchard Estate Castlelyons, to make provisions for extra car parking”. **Referred to Housing**

Directorate.

Members have received commitment from the Housing Directorate in relation to this motion and it was recommended that it be followed up directly with the Housing Directorate.

Mary Hayes SEO referred to policy brought before Full Council in October 2018 needs to be reviewed to ensure correct compliance across all MD's.

Following a general discussion, Mary Hayes agreed to discuss a “Planned programme for Council Estates” with the Housing Directorate .

Cllr. Kay Dawson

22. “cut and remove trees and grass on Council land at the railings of the COPE residence in Ballinwillin”. **Will be done by Contractor in coming weeks.**

23. “update on bus shelters for Mitchelstown”. **I have sought an update from our Traffic and Transport Section in County Hall.**

Mary Hayes SEO outlined that in 2019 all funding was allocated to East Cork for value for money / economy of scale reasons. Brendan O’Gorman confirmed Fermoy, Mitchelstown and Watergrasshill have been audited. Members requested that 2020 funding be allocated to the towns of Fermoy and Mitchelstown in the Fermoy MD. Mary Hayes to follow up on same.

24. “in the interest of public safety look at the steep incline from the footpath to the car park of Supervalu.”

The footpath is following the gradient of the adjacent road. We will look to providing some level bays on this incline when we are upgrading footpaths in this area, done in conjunction with the redevelopment of the convent lands.

Will be prioritised.

25. “call on Cork County Council to replace bollards on Market Square in Mitchelstown as the plaza is being used as a car park”.

Will be done in Q3 2019.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Cllr. Noel McCarthy – Unauthorised Caravans at 4 locations in Fermoy

Cllr McCarthy requested updates on unauthorised caravans at Rathcarrig Estate, Cork Road Picnic Area, Kilcrumper Cemetery and Brian Boru Square.

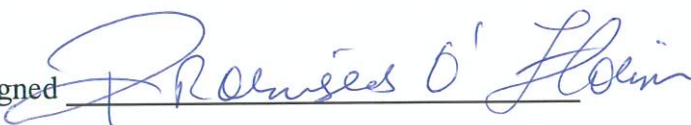
Discussion took place on the above matters and it was outlined to Members that it is not the responsibility of the MD alone to resolve these matter e.g. planning and housing departments also have responsibility.

2. Cllr Deirdre O’Brien – Kilcrumper Rose Garden

Cllr O’Brien requested update on proposed Rose Garden.

Pauline Moriarty MDO stated new policy and procedures required in relation to this matter. Mary Hayes SEO to follow up with Niall Healy DOS.

3. **Cllr William O'Leary – Speed detector on Courthouse Road, Fermoy**
Cllr O'Leary enquired about the possibility for a speed detector unit for the Courthouse Road, Fermoy.
Brendan O'Gorman approved 1 speed detector unit for this location and is a matter solely for local business to fund in the absence of matching funding. i.e. pay parking dividend.
 4. **Cllr Deirdre O'Brien – List of Defibrillators**
Cllr O'Brien requested update on list of defibrillators.
Pauline Moriarty MDO to provide update for next meeting.
 5. **Cllr Deirdre O'Brien – Church Hill Playground, Mitchelstown**
Cllr O'Brien stated piece of equipment broken and requested sign for "No dogs allowed"
Pauline Moriarty MDO to provide update for next meeting.
 6. **Cllr Deirdre O'Brien – Mitchelstown Community Council**
Cllr O'Brien enquired on community grant payment for Forest Hall.
Pauline Moriarty MDO outlined that community council should submit request for payment to the MD in order to claim grant.
 7. **Cllr. Noel McCarthy – various issues**
Cllr McCarthy stated Coole cemetery needs attention, playground equipment units in Ballyhooley closed off and bad visability at Ballyarthur Cross, Fermoy.
Pauline Moriarty MDO to provide update on issues for next meeting. Brendan O'Gorman outlined that Ballyarthur cross suitable for Safety Improvement Scheme subject to landowners agreement.
 8. **Cllr. Kay Dawson – various issues**
Brigown Cemetery needs attention and requested update on Electric Charging points
Pauline Moriarty MDO to provide update on issues for next meeting.
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8. **Brendan O'Gorman – Flags on Kent Bridge, Fermoy**
Concerns raised re flags on public lighting columns. Columns designed for light only. No new requests will be facilitated.

Signed 

Date 17/9/18