

**Minutes of the Fermoy Municipal District Meeting
held on 24th July 2024**

In Attendance: Cllrs. Nelius Cotter, Noel McCarthy, Deirdre O' Brien, Peter O'Donoghue, Frank O'Flynn, William O'Leary, Aidan Creagh SEO, Marie McMahon EE, Margaret O'Donoghue MDO, Lydia Kelly ASO.

1. MINUTES

a. Minutes of Fermoy MD May 2024 Meeting held on 21st May 2024

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

b. Minutes of Fermoy MD June 2024 AGM held on 28th June 2024

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

2. STANDING ORDERS

The *Fermoy Municipal District draft Standing Orders Regulating the Proceedings of the Municipal District Meetings* were agreed, as presented, on the proposition of Cllr. Peter O'Donoghue, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy.

3. PROPOSALS FOR DISABLED PARKING BAYS

a. adjacent to 19 Thomas Street (corner of Robert Street), Mitchelstown

The proposal for the provision of this DPB was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy.

b. John Roche, 22 Moher Crescent, Mitchelstown

The proposal for the provision of this DPB was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy.

4. SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL WORKS 2024

The Schedule of Municipal Works 2024, as presented, was unanimously adopted by the elected Members.

5. NOMINATION OF ELECTED MEMBER : CPG - LTACC COMMITTEE

a. Nomination of representative from the Municipal District for the Traveller Accommodation Committee

The elected Members agreed that the representative from Fermoy MD on the Traveller Accommodation Committee would be the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien, in line with usual practice.

6. TIC, DISPOSALS, GRANTS, LEASES ETC.

a. Disposal of Old Fire Station, Fermoy

“ to consider Disposal of Old Fire Station, Fermoy, Co. Cork - Area: as outlined on Folio CK125681F. From Whom Acquired: Unknown - predates Council records. To Whom It Is Proposed to Dispose: McCallum Investments Limited. Consideration: €61,000.”

The Fermoy MD elected Members considered the information provided for this proposal and this Disposal of Property, as detailed above, was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O'Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy.

b. Disposal of Land at Bridgetown Upper, Killavullen, Mallow

“to consider the Disposal of Land at Bridgetown Upper, Killavullen, Mallow, Co. Cork - Area: Land measuring (c.0.028 hectares/ 0.069 acres). From Whom Acquired: Coras Iompar Eireann (CIE). To Whom It Is Proposed To Dispose: Ian O’Gorman. Consideration: €2,500.”

The Fermoy MD elected Members considered the information provided for this proposal and this Disposal of Property, as detailed above, was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Deirdre O’Brien, seconded by Cllr. Frank O’Flynn.

7. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

a. REPORT : July 2024 MDO Report

Margaret O’ Donoghue MDO went through her report for the information of those present, the content of which was noted and welcomed by the elected Members. There was a request that any Painting Scheme grants which remain unclaimed by season end be re-allocated.

b. RECOMMENDATION : Town Development Fund 2024 - Allocation of Remaining Balance

Margaret O’ Donoghue MDO sought approval to use this fund remaining balance in the amount of €19,400 to facilitate nine new car parking spaces in Fermoy Town Park, this work to be undertaken by Council staff. This was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Peter O’Donoghue.

Cllr. Frank O’Flynn enquired if there was a reduction in running costs in Fermoy Leisure Centre as a result of the energy-efficient and environmental improvements carried out there, to which Margaret replied she would prepare a report for the September 2024 meeting.

c. FOR CONSIDERATION : Greenhill Estate, Fermoy change to green area - Elected Members comments

As there were no objections or issues raised by the public to the elected Members in relation to this proposed change to green area, it was agreed this could proceed on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. William O’Leary.

d. RECOMMENDATION : Section 38 Pike Road, Fermoy Final Report

Further to an enquiry from Cllr. O’Flynn, Marie McMahon EE confirmed that there would be adequate width for all traffic movements on this road. The Section 38 Final Report was adopted on the proposition of Cllr. William O’Leary, seconded by Cllr. Peter O’Donoghue.

Cllr. Noel McCarthy requested that the ‘top end’ of the Pike Road be kept in mind for future road safety works.

e. REPORT : Kilmagner National School Deputation Report (May 2024)

Marie McMahon EE advised that this report has not yet been received, but she undertook to forward this report directly to the elected Members as soon as it is available.

f. RECOMMENDATION : Glenville - Active Travel and Sustainable Travel Measures Section 38

These proposals were agreed on the proposition of Cllr. William O’Leary, seconded by Cllr. Frank O’Flynn.

g. RECOMMENDATION : R639 Dublin Road Fermoy to Downing Bridge Kilworth - proposed enhanced traffic calming and sustainable travel measures

The enhanced traffic calming and sustainable travel measures proposals for this location were unreservedly welcomed by the elected Members and were agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O’Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Peter O’Donoghue. Cllr. Noel McCarthy credited former member of Fermoy MD Kay Dawson who brought this proposal to the Chamber originally. Cllr. McCarthy also requested that ‘pedestrians crossing’ signs be incorporated into this works scheme.

h. RECOMMENDATION : Kilworth Traffic Calming Measures - Low Cost Safety - Section 38 Initial Report

These traffic calming measures for Kilworth were wholeheartedly welcomed by the elected Members. Marie McMahon EE confirmed that there would only be a change to the layout of parking spaces with no reduction in the number of parking spaces; and advised, further to a query, that it is planned to have these works complete the end of the financial working year, which is the end of November. The Section 38 proposals were adopted on the proposition of Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. Frank O'Flynn.

i. REPORT : 2024 Footpath Programme / NTA Sustainable Travel Update

Marie McMahon EE informed those in attendance that the appointed Contractor is currently working in Mitchelstown and will then move on to Rathcormac. Works will continue on the agreed programme of footpath works throughout the MD to completion.

j. REPORT : 2024 RI Programme Progress Update including Supplementary Scheme (Turnpike Cross, Doneraile) and

k. REPORT : 2024 RM Programme Progress Update

The progress updates for these two works programmes are uploaded to QuickMinutes and noted by the elected Members.

l. REPORT : Storm Babet Resurfacing Update

Marie McMahon EE informed those in attendance that works are substantially complete on this programme, with snags only to be done at this stage.

m. REPORT : 2024 Drainage Programme Progress Update

Marie McMahon EE advised that works on this programme are up to date and in line with other work programmes requirements.

n. REPORT : 2024 CA&R Programme (verbal update)

Marie McMahon EE informed the meeting that works on this programme are being carried out by both a contracted company and Cork County Council staff. Cllr. Noel McCarthy pointed out that the lamp on the ramp in Curraglass is still pending 'light-up'.

The elected Members welcomed all the works carried out under these 2024 programmes and complimented the executive, the Council crews and the contractors who are carrying out these works throughout the municipal district this year.

Cllrs. O'Leary and McCarthy enquired what the plans are in relation to the continuation of work in Rathcormac to which Marie McMahon EE replied that the plan is to complete as much of the proposed work here as is feasible before financial end of year.

o. REPORT : 2024 LCS Programme (verbal update)

Marie McMahon EE said works under this programme are ongoing in Dispensary Lane, Rathcormac; Kilworth and at Kenny's Cross. Works are progressing according to plan and on schedule.

8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Cllr. Peter O' Donoghue

1. "that this Council would write to Uisce Eireann and Cork County Council regarding the water supply problem in Ballyhooly which is having an extremely detrimental effect on the quality of life for the people living in the village and ask the Council and Uisce Eireann to provide a date for when the water supply issue in the village will be rectified".

For Discussion. (MMcM)

The elected Members unanimously supported this notice of motion and it was agreed that Fermoy MD would write to both Uisce Eireann and CCC Water Services as proposed.

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

2. "that Cork County Council would put traffic calming in place on Convent Road, Doneraile including soft ramps in the interest of safety of the residents and all road users".
There is no traffic calming budget for this district approved by councillors. The road can be assessed for speed to see if any measures may be required. There is a raised table in place at the end of the road already. (MMcM)

Cllr. William O' Leary

3. "that this Council would consider installing a couple of family spaces in the library car park in Fermoy particularly for families who are using the medical centre".
For Discussion. (MO'D)
Margaret O'Donoghue MDO undertook to examine the feasibility of installing two such designated spaces in this car park. It was acknowledged that there may be a difficulty with enforcement of correct use of these spaces, if so designated, and that the optimum use of these spaces would be dependent on goodwill.

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

4. "that this Committee received an Engineer's report for the possibility of a Disabled Parking Bay outside the home of No. 28 Clancy Street, Fermoy".
For Discussion. (MMcM)
Marie McMahon EE undertook to examine the feasibility of this location for the provision of a DPB and will revert with an update for the September 2024 Fermoy MD meeting.

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

5. "that this Council would request Uisce Eireann to carry necessary measures at Furrow, Mitchelstown to help alleviate the low water pressure being endured by residents and farmers in this and the wider area".
For Discussion. (MMcM)
This motion was discussed with Notion of Motion 8(1) and, being unanimously supported by the elected Members, it was agreed that correspondence would be sent to Uisce Eireann as proposed.

Cllr. Peter O' Donoghue

6. "that this Committee would remove the existing unofficial crossing on Patrick's Street, Fermoy as much confusion is being caused between pedestrians and motorists with regards to who has the right of way at the crossing"
There has been a number of previous councillor representations with regards to this crossing point, requesting that a zebra crossing be put in place at this location. This is a National Road and any Safety Improvement Scheme here will be advanced by NRO/TII. We have asked that this project be advanced. (MMcM)
This notice of motion was supported by Cllrs. McCarthy, O'Flynn and O'Brien. Marie McMahon EE referred to her reply saying the decision here lies with the NRO/TII who are aware of the need for a resolution to this issue.
7. "that this Council would write to the Department of Finance and to Cork County Council regarding the weir in Fermoy and request a date be given for when the necessary funding required to rebuild the weir and install the fish pass will be released for the project".
The appointed Consultant is progressing the detailed design and procurement stage for the Fermoy Weir Remediation and Fish Bypass Project. The tender for the site investigation contract to inform the detailed design was issued last week. Cork County Council is currently investigating funding sources for the project. Potential avenues of funding would include Conservation Grants, IFI Programmes and other sources. Cork Council have commenced discussions with some stakeholders in relation to funding sources for the project but are at the very early stage of this process. (MO'D)
This notice of motion was supported by Cllrs. McCarthy and O'Flynn. Margaret O' Donoghue MDO informed the elected Members that this project is being managed by Cork County Council County Engineer's Department. The elected Members will be kept updated on any progress.

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

8. "that Cork County Council would call on the TII to offset the present pedestrian crossing in Main Street Kildorrery on the N72 away from the junction in the interest of safety of all road users".
This has been referred recently to the NRO for investigation and assessment. Reports are with the TII awaiting further reports. (MMcM)
9. "that Cork County Council would put traffic calming measures in place including soft ramps throughout Ballynoe village in the interest of safety of residents and all road users".
There are plans to install raised tables (calming devices) across the village when we are resurfacing here under 2025 RI. (MMcM)

Cllr. William O' Leary

10. "that this Council would consider the provision of a footpath, funding permitted, from the School Cross in Castlelyons out as far as Aghnagearagh Bridge, Deerpark, Castlelyons".
We will assess the stretch of road for suitability and viability of a footpath here. The road is narrow at this location. If suitable it may be considered for future footpath contracts. (MMcM)
This notice of motion was supported by Cllrs. O'Flynn, O'Donoghue and McCarthy. Marie McMahan EE said she would discuss this request with Brendan O' Gorman SEE but cautioned that the footpath works programme for years 2025 and 2026 has already been compiled.
11. "that this Council would consider the provision of traffic calming measures on the Rathealy Road, Fermoy funding permitting".
There is no traffic calming budget for this district approved by councillors. Proposals for narrowing of the wide stretch of the road by the Sub Aqua Club area were discussed under previous notions of motion, as a traffic calming measure. We are awaiting funding for the same. (MMcM)

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

12. "that this Committee would give permission to the home owner of 6A Clancy Street, Fermoy to remove the hedge boundary the playground at Clancy Street, Fermoy".
No issues with this. (MMcM)
Marie McMahan EE advised that conditions attached to the removal of this hedge have already been conveyed to the homeowner by Brendan O' Gorman SEE. Cllr. McCarthy replied that he will liaise with the property owner accordingly.
13. "that this Committee would receive an Engineer's report on the possibility of a one way system being put in place on Devlin Street, Fermoy".
For Discussion. (MMcM)
Marie McMahan EE said that a full assessment and report will be prepared on this proposal taking into consideration the feasibility and viability of a one way system here. The effect on school and other traffic and also safety implications will need to be examined.

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

14. "that this Council would write to the HSE to identify all the idle derelict owned buildings, many former dispensaries, in the towns and villages of Fermoy Municipal District and outline future plans for these buildings".
For Discussion. (MO'D)
Margaret O' Donoghue MDO informed those present that a list of these buildings has been prepared and submitted to the Cork County Council Housing Directorate and she will revert to the elected Members in due course with an update.
15. "that this Council have hedging cut back to enable better visibility for motorists at the entrance/exit to Kiltrilane on Mitchelstown side from the R639".
There is an existing maintained grass margin in place at this junction. Sightlines will be investigated and if works deemed necessary under health and safety, will be carried out. (MMcM)

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Cllr. Peter O' Donoghue -

That this Council would liaise with the Local Link bus service to implement a strategy to raise awareness of the fantastic service provided by the local link, which is under utilised in the area at this time.

2. Cllr. William O' Leary -

That this Council would afford a civic reception to Mr. Pat Cody Fermoy to mark the 60th anniversary of him winning the All Ireland Minor Handball Championship.

and

3. Cllr. Frank O' Flynn -

That Cork County Council would give a civic reception to Pat Cody to honour his achievements and contribution to handball.

Margaret O' Donoghue MDO will revert to the elected Members with a response to this request.

4. Cllr. Noel McCarthy

That this Committee would consider carrying out work on the speed ramp on McCurtain Street, Fermoy opposite the Avondhu office.

5. Cllr. Noel McCarthy

That this Committee would receive a report on funding being made available and a location being found for a skate park in Fermoy.

Margaret O'Donoghue MDO replied Fermoy MD executive are continuing to examine the feasibility of sites and funding sources for the provision of a skate park in Fermoy.

6. Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

Request drains to be cleaned in Mitchelstown.

Marie McMahon EE replied that drainage works are ongoing across the municipal district, including the Mitchelstown area and network.

Signed _____

Date _____