

**Minutes of the Fermoy Municipal District Meeting
held on 17th December 2024**

In Attendance: Cllrs. Nelius Cotter, Deirdre O’ Brien, Peter O’ Donoghue, Frank O’ Flynn, William O’ Leary.
Aidan Creagh SEO, Brendan O’ Gorman SEE, Margaret O’ Donoghue MDO, Lydia Kelly ASO.

1. MINUTES

a. Minutes of Fermoy MD 'Budget 2025' Meeting held on 12th November 2024

These Minutes were agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Nelius, seconded by Cllr. William O’Leary.

b. Minutes of 'In Committee' Christchurch Junction Part 8 Update Meeting held 19th November 2024

These Minutes were agreed on the proposition of Cllr. William O’Leary, seconded by Cllr. Nelius Cotter.

c. Minutes of Fermoy MD November 2024 Meeting held on 19th November 2024

These Minutes were agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Peter O’Donoghue, seconded by Cllr. William O’Leary.

2. TIC, DISPOSALS, GRANTS, LEASES ETC.

a. Wayleave to Uisce Eireann at Uplands, Fermoy NLD 17/24

“to consider the proposed grant of wayleave ~ Situation: Grant of Wayleave at Uplands, Fermoy, Co. Cork measuring 153m linear distance. From Whom Acquired: Registered to Cork County Council since 2018. To Whom It Is Proposed To Grant: Uisce Eireann. Consideration: €1.00”.

The elected Members considered this proposal and this grant of wayleave, as detailed above, was approved on the proposition of Cllr. William O’Leary, seconded by Cllr. Nelius Cotter.

3. REQUEST FOR RE-ALLOCATION OF GRANT

a. Fermoy GAA 2021 Capital Fund Grant €10,000

FROM: contribution to carpark alongside all-weather pitch TO: to extend line of trees along the end of Pitch 2.

This re-allocation request was considered by the elected Members and approved on the proposition of Cllr. Peter O’Donoghue, seconded by Cllr. Deirdre O’Brien.

4. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

a. REPORT : December 2024 MDO Report (verbal update)

At the conclusion of her report, Margaret O’Donoghue MDO expressed her congratulations to ex-Fermoy MD Councillor Noel McCarthy on his success in the recent Dáil elections. She thanked everyone for their help and work throughout the year and wished all a happy Christmas and best wishes for 2025. The elected Members concurred with the congratulations and good wishes to Deputy McCarthy, saying it is great to now have a TD in the Fermoy area.

5. NOTICES OF MOTIONS - None

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a. EMAIL 13.12.2024 NTA RE NOM 4(8) - Bus Service Kilworth Village

The elected Members noted the response received from the NTA in relation to this bus service. They all agreed that improvements are required on this bus route serving the population of Kilworth, especially the students, who are dependant on this bus for transport. They welcome the proposed review and are hopeful of a positive resolution.

7. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Cllr. F. O’Flynn NOM 4(2) re: newly installed LED public lighting in Kildorrery village.

Cllr. O’ Flynn enquired if there had been any update received on this public lighting, to which Brendan O’Gorman SEE replied that an inspection here, and at some other locations with new lights, had been requested and he would revert to the elected Members in due course.

2. Cllr. P. O’Donoghue NOM 4(5) re: commemorative piece for Tom and Marie Cavanagh.

It was agreed to defer this item to the January 2025 meeting of Fermoy MD.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Brendan O’Gorman SEE - Rathcormac and the ‘Hanging Trees’

Brendan referred to the report which had already been sent to the elected Members. He said that there is a huge historic and heritage value to these trees. However, an inspection of the trees had shown that one of the trees was severely rotted from root to crown and had to be removed immediately on safety grounds. There are two trees remaining with no such risks, however, local residents have requested their removal citing health and safety, and other, concerns. To this end, Rathcormac Community Council have been consulted and have come up with a proposal which involves the planting of a seedling from these trees in a more suitable location and the installation of an information plaque with the history the ‘Hanging Trees’. It now remains for full consensus to be achieved to progress with this plan. Brendan said Conor Neligan, Heritage Officer for Cork County Council is now involved, and there is a good story to be told here with the potential for a positive outcome for Rathcormac community and Fermoy MD. Furthermore, Brendan is recommending that Fermoy MD consider supporting the provision of the information plaque, pending confirmation of funding availability.

The elected Members thanked Brendan for the update and accepted the proposal as outlined by him agreeing that this matter needs to be dealt with as these trees are no longer suited to their present location. The suggested implementation date for the works proposed by Rathcormac Community Council is 19th January 2025, if agreement is reached. Margaret O’Donoghue MDO advised that the Fermoy MD January 2025 meeting will take place on 21st January 2025 and that this item should be raised again at that meeting for final ratification prior to any works commencing. This was agreed.

Before the conclusion of the meeting, An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Deirdre O’Brien wished all present a very happy Christmas and good wishes for the coming new year.

Signed _____

Date _____