

**Minutes of the Fermoy Municipal District Meeting  
held on Tuesday, 18th April 2017**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. Ian Doyle

**1. MINUTES**

**(i) Minutes of Fermoy MD Special Meeting held (in Committee) on 21st March 2017.**

The Minutes were agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Kay Dawson, seconded by Cllr. June Murphy.

**(ii) Minutes of Fermoy MD March 2017 Meeting held on 21st March 2017.**

The Minutes were agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. June Murphy.

**2. DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY**

**Disposal of Surplus NRA Lands at Gortnahown, Kilphelan**

*"To consider disposal of surplus NRA lands at Gortnahown, Kilphelan (Area 0.6828 hectares) to William O'Brien, Cloonbane, Doneraile for the consideration of €5,500.00"*

The Members noted the correspondence submitted from the Property Section. This disposal of property, as detailed above, was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson.

**3. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CIVIC RECEPTIONS**

**Municipal District Civic Receptions 'Protocol' and sample 'Certificate'**

The protocol and sample certificate, as uploaded, was noted by the Members and agreed. Pauline Moriarty MDO reminded the Members that a Civic Reception for the Fermoy/Ploemur Twinning Group had been agreed at the February 2017 meeting; it is scheduled for 4th May 2017 and the invitations will issue in due course.

**4. REPORTS and RECOMMENDATIONS**

**1. Public Lighting 2016 update**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE advised the Members that the 2016 programme of works is now almost 100% complete although there may be some electrification of some new lights outstanding.

**2. Public Lighting 2017 Proposed Programme**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE advised the Members that the 2017 Public Lighting programme of works should be available for their consideration at the May 2017 meeting.

**3. 2017 Drainage Programme Progress Update**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE advised the Members that a full report will be available at the May 2017 meeting for their information.

**4. 2017 RI Progress Progress Update**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE went through the progress to date of the 2017 RI programme, uploaded for the Members information.

**5. 2017 Footpath Programme Progress Update**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE went through the progress to date of the 2017 Footpath programme, uploaded for the Members information.

## **6. New Beechfield Signalised Junction**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the meeting that the An Garda Síochána had recommended the closure of the laneway adjacent to the shop and they had suggested the provision of a loading bay or set-down area in the vicinity of the shop. In discussion with the shop owner, both he and Brendan agreed that neither a loading bay or set-down area is warranted here; and the closure of the lane to vehicles, as recommended by the Gardaí, was wholly accepted by the shop owner.

The closure of the lane to vehicular traffic, as per the recommendation of An Garda Síochána (and further to the comprehensive dialogue on the matter) was proposed by Cllr. June Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy and agreed unanimously.

The Members in turn thanked the executive for their input and co-operation on this matter, saying the health and safety concerns of those residing near and using the junction had been allayed and that this is the best possible resolution to the matter. The Members also agreed that, in future, there is an onus on them to fully comprehend and present all aspects of proposed schemes to the public during the public consultation stage.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE said that the new signalised junction is working very satisfactorily and had improved safety considerably for all road users. He agreed, further to an enquiry in relation to increased traffic volumes using the Pike Road and Rathealy Road, that this situation will continue to be monitored going forward.

## **7. Fermoy Leisure Centre draft Posters for Special Needs facilities**

Pauline Moriarty MDO introduced this initiative to the Members, which was noted and welcomed by them as these provisions will facilitate more people (with special needs) to avail of the Leisure Centre amenity.

## **5. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **Cllr. Noel McCarthy**

1. "that this Committee receives an up-to-date report on the provision of a pedestrian crossing at Emmet Street, Fermoy".

LCS 2017 - fourteen applications were made by Fermoy MD at the end of 2016 with an overall funding requirement of €295,000 - a substantial number of these were unsuccessful roll over schemes from previous years, including pedestrian crossings.

Of these fourteen, five received prioritisation with a funding requirement of €67,000. In the county as a whole there were 35 priority schemes advanced with a funding requirement of €918,000.

These did not include Emmet Street, Fermoy as one can see we have so many legacy schemes to get through. The Department whittled down the projects from 35 down to seventeen, with a countywide allocation of €492,500.00 made available to Cork County in 2017.

Two of these seventeen were in the Fermoy M.D. and sanctioned for funding in 2017 by the TII:

- Convert existing raised ramp to zebra crossing opposite CBS schools, Church Hill, Mitchelstown - €12,000
- anti skid resurfacing approaching bend, large format warning signage approaching from south, Johnstown R512- €13,000

We are all in general agreement that there is a requirement for a pedestrian crossing on Emmet Street and I will continue to seek a funding mechanism under the LCS in future year's allocations. Any pedestrian crossing here will involve the removal of valuable car parking spaces for homeowners/local businesses and any project here would require a Part VIII Planning Application.

This motion was seconded by Cllr. Frank O' Flynn. Cllr. McCarthy emphasised the urgent need for this pedestrian crossing in light of a recent accident and in view of the large number of pedestrians crossing Emmet Street every day. He presented the meeting with a petition which had been instigated by Mr. Mark Keohane, Manager of the supermarket there and with almost 120 signatures. Brendan O' Gorman SEE further informed the Members that the remainder of 2017 will see the design phase and public consultation of this proposed crossing with a view to works being carried out in 2018 subject to a suitable funding stream being identified; this update being welcomed by all the Members. Cllr. McCarthy thanked Brendan for his response to this motion.

**Cllr. Frank O' Flynn**

2. "that Cork County Council would put in place a seat on the footpath adjacent to the green area and litter bin at Captain Keane's Grove, Mitchelstown for the benefit of the residents".  
Will be considered later in the year.  
Cllr. Kay Dawson requested that the nameplate for this estate, which has gone missing, be replaced.

**Cllr. Noel McCarthy**

3. "that this Council put road markings in place at the entrance to Elm Place, Kilworth".  
Will be done.
4. "that this Committee would repair the pillar at the entrance to the Old Court Cemetery, Doneraile, Co. Cork".  
Will be done.  
Cllr. McCarthy complimented the grass cutting and maintenance work carried out in this Cemetery.
5. "that this Committee would carry out footpath repairs on the Duntaheen Road near the Forge Restaurant, Fermoy".  
Localised repairs can be carried out during the summer months.
6. "that road markings be reinstated at Lower Kilbarry Cross, Fermoy".  
Will be renewed.  
Brendan O' Gorman SEE further advised that the overgrown hedges at this location will also be cut back.

**Cllr. Frank O' Flynn**

7. "that Cork County Council would liaise with Kilbehenny Tidy Towns Committee in putting a feature in place at the Kilbehenny roundabout under the Adopt a Roundabout Scheme as this is the gateway to Cork County and to highlight the significance of the Galtee Mountains as a tourist attraction".  
It will be up to Kilbehenny Tidy Towns to advance a proposal in this regard but yes of course we will support them but subject also to agreement from the TII.  
Brendan O' Gorman SEE will arrange for an 'Adopt-A-Roundabout' scheme application form to be sent to this group.
8. "that Cork County Council would put in place a programme to sweep the streets of Doneraile on a regular basis as Doneraile is a national tourist attraction".  
Will be put in place over the tourist season.  
Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that while there is no permanent County Council staff resource currently available in Doneraile, he would offer full co-operation to any other group who may be in a position to undertake sweeping and road cleansing works. He also agreed to send the CCC mechanical sweeper to Doneraile more frequently, on the understanding that traders and residents will clear the streets of parked vehicles to facilitate the sweeper.
9. "that Cork County Council would put in place a public light on the Limerick Road entrance to Kildorrery".  
For consideration under our future public lighting programmes.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. LETTER TII 30.3.2017 RE: N72 Mallow Road (Fermoy) Footpath Replacement**

Cllr. Noel McCarthy said that the delay in undertaking this essential work is unacceptable and that a meeting is still being sought with the TII to make the case for this project, arrangements for which are being undertaken by Tom Stritch DoS further to representations at Northern Committee level.

**2. Correspondence RE: IBAL Anti Litter League 2017**

Noted.

### **3. Photo of Painting Streetscape Signage and Improvement Scheme Launch in Charleville**

Pauline Moriarty MDO informed the Members that applications forms for the 2017 painting scheme are now available and that the closing date for receipt of applications is 12th May 2017. The executive will be working in conjunction with Tidy Towns groups to achieve optimum results this year. Mary Hayes SEO advised the Members that a 'whole-street' approach is being taken where possible and grants of up to 60% are available for these applicants. Improved signage and floral installations are also being encouraged this year and the hope is that traders will engage with commercial providers for such services to ensure best results.

## **7. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **1. RE 9(13)(i) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Grasscutting at Barry's Court and Forest Glen, Fermoy.**

Cllr. McCarthy is looking for clarification on the situation where residents of Forest Glen Estate, Fermoy have been cutting grass within the site of Barry's Court, Fermoy. Pauline Moriarty MDO undertook, on receipt of further information from Cllr. McCarthy, to make enquiries of the appropriate CCC department and revert to him.

### **2. RE 9(8) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Street Cleaning, Mitchelstown.**

Cllr. Kay Dawson enquired if the rota for street cleaning in Mitchelstown by CCC staff could be forwarded to her in order to dovetail the cleaning being done by the AROMA group, to ensure optimum results. Brendan O' Gorman SEE agreed to forward this information, as requested. Pauline Moriarty MDO said she would arrange for the Litter Warden to call to premises in Mitchelstown where serial littering is occurring; while Mary Hayes SEO said businesses will have to be encouraged to commence cleaning outside their premises.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **(1) Pauline Moriarty MDO - Pride of Place nominations.**

Pauline informed the Members that, with no other suggestions forthcoming, Forrest Hall, Mitchelstown had been nominated by Fermoy MD for the Pride of Place 2017 competition under the 'Community Based Youth Initiative' category. This was supported by the Members and agreed.

### **(2) Pauline Moriarty MDO - Vandalism in Fermoy**

Pauline informed the Members that there had been a spate of vandalism in Fermoy at the public toilet/Tourist Office building on Ashe Quay, and to various items of the outdoor gym equipment in the Town Park. She said the matter had been reported to the Gardaí for investigation and requested the Members highlight their dissatisfaction at this situation and the unacceptability of this behaviour to the public and the press.

### **(3) Pauline Moriarty MDO - CLÁR 2017**

Pauline informed the Members that options for CLÁR are being considered and a submission will be made in due course. Brendan O' Gorman SEE added that a number of villages have works proposed using limited funding and there are twenty applications for the entire county under specific measures. Mary Hayes SEO further added that Cork County Council is liaising with LEADER to identify suitable projects.

### **(4) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Newly installed pedestrian crossing on Clonmel Road, Mitchelstown**

Further to a query from Cllr. Dawson in relation to experiences of motorists 'bouncing' off this ramp and damaging their cars, Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that excessive speed had been the contributory factor to these incidents; that the project is still a work-in-progress and that the crossing when finished (lined, signed and lit) will improve pedestrian safety and is completely justified at this location.

### **(5) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Timescale for work at Abbey Street, Fermoy**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied to Cllr. McCarthy's enquiry that works are scheduled to commence here within two/three weeks (of the date of the meeting) as soon as current works in Kilworth and Mitchelstown are complete.

**(6) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Proposed one-way system on Clarke Street, Fermoy**

Further to Cllr. McCarthy's enquiry, Brendan O' Gorman SEE said that the need to change Clarke Street to one-way traffic is not currently warranted as the traffic situation at the new Post Office location appears to have settled down, helped by the relocation of the Gaelscoil in the interim. He said the set-down area will be installed and agreed to the provision of a disabled parking space. He added he would be monitoring the situation on an ongoing basis to ensure no negative issues were being experienced.

**(7) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Update on bus stop and phone box removal.**

Further to Cllr. Dawson's enquiry, Pauline Moriarty MDO advised that despite the relevant companies being contacted, no response had been received in relation to this request. Mary Hayes SEO said that a more direct approach, such as Fermoy MD staff removing these items, could be undertaken.

**(8) Mary Hayes SEO - Meeting with Fermoy Tidy Towns**

Mary Hayes SEO informed the Members that a meeting is to be convened with Fermoy Tidy Towns to which they will be invited.

**(9) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Update from Cathaoirleachs meetings**

Cllr. Dawson requested if details and the discussions of 'Chair's' meetings could be notified to the Members for their information.

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Signed: *Pauline Moriarty* Date: *16-05-2017*

*Leas Cathaoirleach,*