

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

**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.

**1. MINUTES**

**1. Minutes of Fermoy MD March 2019 Meeting held on Tuesday, 19th March 2019.**

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

**2. DISPOSALS, GRANTS, LEASES ETC.**

**1. To consider Lease of Room on second floor of Fermoy Town Hall for two years (by way of lease) plus right of way over general areas in Fermoy Town Hall to Bantry Rural Transport Partnership Ltd. (NTA) for a consideration of €6,000.00 per annum.**

The Members considered the information provided and this Lease of Room was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Frank O' Flynn.

**3. COMMUNITY GRANT RE-ALLOCATION REQUEST**

**1. COOLAGOWN DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

**Request by Coolagown Development Group (ref: John Feeney) to re-allocate Amenity Grant 2018 of €5000.00 from "the creation of a wetland/water feature in Coolagown" to "creation of a pollinator friendly enhancement, landscaping project in Coolagown". The project will cost in excess of €6000. The project will be completed using local voluntary labour.**

**REASON: The original project is not now going ahead because of difficulties outside of our control.**

This re-allocation request was granted on the proposition of Cllr. Kay Dawson, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy and agreed by all the Members.

**4. ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING**

**1. Additional COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING - draft allocations.**

Pauline Moriarty MDO explained to the Members that from 2008 to 2014 inclusive there were a number of grant allocations (countywide) which remained unclaimed, and following a discussion and decision by the Corporate Policy Group, the re-distribution of these funds was agreed. Fermoy MD has been given an additional €56,000 and Pauline went through her allocation recommendations, a list of which was circulated. A discussion followed in relation to proposed expenditure on signs during which Pauline confirmed this fund would be used for additional new signage only.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE said he would consider the repair and maintenance works required on existing signage at year end subject to availability of area funds.

The proposed allocations, as recommended by Pauline, were adopted on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Ian Doyle and agreed by all the Members.

**5. REPORTS and RECOMMENDATIONS**

**1. UPDATE Fermoy Weir**

The Members noted the update on Fermoy Weir included with the MDO report. A lengthy discussion ensued during which the importance and serious nature of this issue was repeatedly highlighted. The following are items of note from that discussion:

- Pauline Moriarty MDO confirmed that any information that had been sought by the Department had been forwarded to them promptly, e.g. details of land acquisition.
- Can temporary works be carried out in the interim? The answer is no, that temporary works are not feasible and it is more prudent to continue with the process for long-term, permanent works.
- On the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. June Murphy and approved by all the Members it was agreed that Fermoy MD would write to Inland Fisheries Ireland to request them to expedite their reaction to the works required.

- On the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. June Murphy and approved by all the Members it was agreed that Fermoy MD would write to the relevant Minister and to An Bórd Pleanála seeking support for the appointment of a Consulting Engineer to commence work on this project and for the urgent works which are required to the weir in Fermoy.

## **2. REPORT MDO Monthly Report April 2019**

- The Members noted that there will be no Fermoy MD May 2019 meeting.
- The provision of an additional seat at Clancy Street Playground was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy.
- The date for the launch of the Mitchelstown Heritage Map was agreed for 25th April 2019. (This event was subsequently re-scheduled to 13th May 2019).
- The date for the Civic Reception for the Fermoy-Ploemeur Twinning Association was noted by the Members.

## **3. UPDATE (VERBAL) 2019 Footpath Programme**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that this Contractor is currently working in Kilworth, will be proceeding onto Mitchelstown and then continuing through the programme to completion.

## **4. UPDATE (VERBAL) 2019 Restoration Maintenance Programme (Surface Dressing)**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that works on this programme will be starting on 27th May 2019.

## **5. PROGRESS REPORT 2019 Restoration Improvement Programme**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that three locations on this programme are now complete, the wet mix works are 25% done and works are continuing on schedule and within budget.

## **6. PROGRESS REPORT 2019 Drainage Programme**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that outdoor crews are continuing work on the drainage programme. Drainage works are carried out in advance at locations listed for RI and RM works, as well as at other locations.

## **7. UPDATE 2019 CIS**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that three CIS schemes have been sanctioned and local contributions for these have been paid. Arrangements for work on these schemes will now be planned. Brendan added that there are a further nine schemes on waiting list/standby for this scheme.

## **8. UPDATE 2019 LIS**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that there are four LIS projects formally approved and paid up to date this year, these works to start in September 2019. There are a further eleven applications on a waiting list pending the availability of funding before year end.

## **9. RECOMMENDATION Section 38 Watergrasshill - New Pedestrian Crossing**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE went through the details of this proposed new pedestrian crossing. He advised that the 'civils' have been completed and the file is now with the Garda Superintendent. The scheme is currently out to public consideration until 17th May 2019.

The Members were provided with a copy of the report for their information and Brendan said if they had any queries to contact him directly. The proposal was adopted on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy and agreed by all the Members.

## 6. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

### Cllr. June Murphy

1. “ask this Council to top the trees lining the boundary between Ballinwillin and Linden Hill”.  
Works can be progressed outside the bird nesting season - post 31st August. (BO’G)  
This motion was supported by Cllr. Deirdre O’ Brien.

### Cllr. Ian Doyle

2. “that Cork County Council would look at traffic calming measures at the Turrets side of Charleville Parish Church”.  
Traffic speed surveys will be undertaken in the first instance. (BO’G)  
Brendan added that further to these traffic speed surveys, a Safety Improvement Scheme could be introduced here in 2020.

### Cllr. Noel McCarthy

3. “that this Committee receive an update report from the Housing Department in Mallow on when the wall at the entrance to Cúl Móna housing estate, Fermoy will be repaired”.  
Referred to DOS Housing for response. (PM)  
Pauline advised the Members she had not yet received a reply but will forward this to the Members when received from the Housing Department. Brendan O’ Gorman SEE said that these repairs are the responsibility of the Estates Management Section of the Housing Department operations, adding that if the necessary funds are made available to him, he can arrange for these works to be done.

### Cllr. Frank O’ Flynn

4. “that Cork County Council would consider providing a playground in Clondulane”.  
This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy and Cllr. Ian Doyle. Cllr. O’ Flynn said that a Playground Capital Grant is to be announced on 13th May with a closing date of 21st June 2019 and is requesting Fermoy MD submit an application for this Clondulane playground and one at Castletownroche (as per motion No. 5(3) March 2019 meeting). Cllr. Ian Doyle requested Newtownshandrum be included on this list for funding consideration.  
Pauline Moriarty MDO advised that Cork County Council does not have a specific playground grant and advised that any community seeking a playground needs to have a suitable site, planning and funding in place and Fermoy MD will fully support their endeavours. She undertook to investigate this proposed Playground Capital Grant. Mary Hayes SEO said many CLÁR funding applications are for the refurbishment of existing playgrounds.

### Cllr. June Murphy

5. “as a matter of the utmost urgency I ask this Council to begin works to the footpaths on the main street Mitchelstown immediately due to the number of elderly who have fallen and tripped on the uneven paths over the past number of weeks”.  
Works have already commenced on foot of our various footpath programmes in the Fermoy district to include substantial improvements in Mitchelstown. As regards the problem areas on Lower Cork Street, we attended to this locus immediately upon notification and we are actively sourcing a new slurry mix product that would resolve the other problem slabs here. (BO’G)  
This motion was supported by Cllr. Kay Dawson. Brendan O’ Gorman SEE confirmed that any location of concern that is notified to him is dealt with promptly, adding that he will seek an additional source of funding going forward for these required footpath works.
6. “I ask this Council to ensure the grass in Brigown Cemetery, Mitchelstown is cut and maintained”.  
Caretaker in place maintaining this cemetery. (PM)  
Pauline confirmed that she will arrange for the cemetery to be examined and the situation will be monitored going forward.

7. “request this Council to implement road traffic calming measure on the Mulberry Road, Mitchelstown”.  
For future consideration, when a funding stream is made available. Road is scheduled for full resurfacing in 2022, so ramps are likely to be included in this resurfacing contract at that time.  
(BO’G)  
Cllr. Murphy asked if the speed radar sign could be re-located to this location, with Brendan agreeing that this could be arranged.
8. “request this Council to construct a memorial wall in Mulberry Graveyard”. (Brigown Cemetery).  
This motion was supported by Cllrs. Kay Dawson and Noel McCarthy. Mary Hayes SEO said she would make enquiries as to the existence of a Cork County Council policy or guidelines in relation to this issue and will revert to the Members in due course.

**Cllr. Ian Doyle**

9. “that Cork County Council would remove dangerous tree in Brindle Hill estate, Charleville”.  
Estate not yet taken in charge. Matter will be investigated and tree removed if deemed necessary.  
(PM)
10. “that Cork County Council would give update on Pastures and Lios na Rí estates in Charleville”.  
The Pastures - The issue with Part 5 Housing in this estate has yet to be resolved.  
Lios Na Rí - Recommended Taking In Charge made. Part of negotiations with CCC in relation to overall settlement of all AIB Bonds.

**Cllr. Noel McCarthy**

11. “that this Committee would put hoods or caps on the flashing lights at the pedestrian crossing at the entrance to Springfield housing estate, Fermoy similar to the ones that are in place at Emmet Street, Fermoy”.  
For consideration in late Q4 of 2019 if discretionary funds still available. (BO’G)  
This motion was seconded by Cllr. Frank O’ Flynn.
12. “that this Committee receive a full report on how many parking permits have been issued to residents living on the main streets in Fermoy - Patrick Street, McCurtain Street, Kent Street, the Square etc. and the regulations and conditions associated with permit”.  
The administration of Residents Parking Permits is outlined in the current Fermoy Town Council (Parking Places) Bye-Laws 2014, a copy of which can be provided if necessary. To date in 2019 a total of 22 permits have issued in the following areas - Ashe Quay (4), Patrick Street (4), McCurtain Street (3), Connolly Street (3), Kent Street (2), Market Square (2) and Courthouse Road, O’Neill Crowley Quay, Store Lane and Fitzgerald Place all with one each. (PM)  
Further to this motion, Pauline Moriarty MDO agreed to forward a copy of the relevant Regulations to the Members. She explained that these permits are available where there is paid parking and paid parking by-laws. A resident has an entitlement to a parking permit and no restriction applies. There are legal requirements to be met before a permit is issued.  
Acknowledging this information, Cllr. McCarthy is requesting residents be mindful when parking with a view to the availability of spaces for shoppers, where possible.
13. “that potholes be filled in Garrycaheragh road, Ballynoe, Co. Cork”.  
Will be done. (BO’G)
14. “that this Committee would get an up-to-date report from Estates Engineer John Ahern on when Shanowen housing estate, Rathcormac will be taken in charge”.  
Recommended Taking In Charge made. Part of negotiations with CCC in relation to overall settlement of all AIB Bonds.

## **Cllr. Frank O' Flynn**

15. "that Cork County Council would give an up to date progress report on the taking in charge of the following estates: Mullvale estate, Castletownroche and Berry Hill estate, Castlelyons and include in the report when the six lights (numbers 6 to 13) which are not working in the Berry Hill estate will be repaired, in the interest of safety".

Mullvale Estate - The first phase of this estate has been completed fully and recommended for TIC. However there is a pumping station on site which will have to be transferred to IW. There are no issues on site that I am aware of. (Estates Engineer)

Berry Hill - The bond money has been claimed and received by CCC. There is a new developer on site with a new planning permission pending. CCC will contract him to complete the outstanding snags on the legacy estate.

This motion was supported by Cllr. Noel McCarthy. Cllr. O' Flynn said the main problem in Berry Hill Estate is the public lights not working.

16. "that Cork County Council would upgrade and improve the lighting in St Bernard's estate, Fermoy and put traffic calming in place at the entrance to Fermoy Industrial Estate near St. Bernard's estate in the interest of safety".

Lighting will be upgraded to LED in due course. No additional calming proposed here as new footpath installed. (BO'G)

Brendan O' Gorman SEE will forward the request in relation to public lighting to Michael Cotter, Public Lighting Engineer for his attention; and will monitor the situation at the entrance to the industrial estate with a view towards providing a resolution.

17. "that Cork County Council would call on the TII to resurface Patrick Street and McCurtain Street, Pearse Square at the lights in Fermoy as a matter of urgency in the interest of safety of all road users".

The TII have already provided funding for this N72 project (€200k). Our own National Roads Office under Bob O' Shea is managing this resurfacing project and has indicated that the night time works proposed will not commence before mid April due to product delays and is more likely now during mid - late May. The funding does not include for resurfacing on McCurtain Street (regional road). (BO'G)

Cllr. McCarthy re-iterated his request that these works be undertaken as night-works to facilitate movement of traffic and business in Fermoy during the days. Brendan O' Gorman SEE agreed that this will be his recommendation in the traffic management plan.

18. "that Cork County Council would call on Irish Water to improve the water supply and quality to the residents of Wolfe Tone Park, Fermoy".

Will be referred to Irish Water. (BO'G)

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

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

None.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **(1) Cllr. June Murphy - Pension Scheme for retiring CE Scheme Supervisor**

Further to a proposal by Cllr. June Murphy it was agreed that Fermoy MD would write to the Minister for Finance in support of a pension scheme for Supervisors retiring from CE schemes. This was seconded by Cllr. Frank O' Flynn and agreed by all the Members.

**(2) Cllr. Ian Doyle - Pedestrian Crossing on N20**

Cllr. Doyle requested the flashing lights system on the pedestrian crossing (at the cemetery) be replaced with a push-button operation as cars are ignoring the flashing lights.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that this change would require TII approval. He will arrange to have the situation here monitored and make a recommendation accordingly.

**(3) Cllr. Ian Doyle - Speed Detector Sign for Newtownshandrum.**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE confirmed to Cllr. Doyle that the option for a 'buy one get on free' on speed detector signs is still available to which Cllr. Doyle responded that Newtownshandrum has the finance arranged for this purchase to now go ahead.

**(4) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Update on request for list of EV charging points in MD.**

Pauline Moriarty MDO replied that this list has not yet been provided and she undertook to make further enquiries in this regard.

**(5) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Update on request for provision of Bus Shelters in MD.**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that the list of bus shelters required for the county has now gone to the NTA for their consideration and any response will be communicated to the Members in due course.

**(6) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Road works on Clonmel Road, Mitchelstown.**

Cllr. Dawson asked if the works on Clonmel Road could be finished before 12th May 2019 as this is the date for the 'Darkness Into Light' walk, with Clonmel Road being part of the route. Brendan O' Gorman SEE confirmed these works would be complete by then.

**(7) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Hag's Cross, Castlelyons.**

Cllr. McCarthy requested additional works be done on an extra 100 yards at this location. This will be considered by Brendan O' Gorman SEE for completion.

**(8) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Thank You.**

Cllr. McCarthy took the opportunity, as the last meeting of this MD, to thank fellow Members, executive, staff and press personnel for their work and assistance in the past five years. He also thanked Cllr. Ian Doyle for hosting the farewell lunch.

**(9) Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - RE: Fermoy Weir**

Further to the earlier discussion in relation to Fermoy Weir, Cllr. O' Brien recommended that Fermoy MD write to Minister Eoghan Murphy at the Department of Housing for support.

**(10) Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - Update on request re: post-box Upper Cork Street, Mitchelstown**

This request was supported by Cllr. Frank O' Flynn and Cllr. Kay Dawson. Pauline Moriarty MDO replied that she had written to An Post but received no reply and she undertook to make further enquiries in this regard.

**(11) Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - Update on request re: list of defibrillators in Mitchelstown**

Pauline Moriarty MDO replied that this list has not yet been provided and she undertook to make further enquiries in this regard.

**(12) Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - Update on works required at Kilgullane Cemetery wall.**

Pauline Moriarty MDO undertook to make further enquiries in this regard.

**(13) Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - Steps up to McDonagh Terrace, Fermoy.**

Cllr. O' Brien asked if works could be carried out to these steps, to which Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied he will inspect this location with a view to carrying out works, if required, but that these steps are a protected structure and any works here will require all advance NHA approvals to be in place which could be problematic.

**(14) Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - Update on Mick Meaney memorial.**

Pauline Moriarty MDO replied that she will check on progress on this memorial and will update the Members is due course.

As this was the last meeting of the current Fermoy MD Committee, each of the Councillors in turn thanked the staff, executive and press for their work, cooperation and commitment over the past five years; and wished everyone well for the future.

Signed Deirdre O'Brien

Date 16/7/19