

**Minutes of the Fermoy Municipal District Meeting
held on 19th December 2017**

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.

Civic Reception for Recipients of SuperValu Tidy Towns 2017 Awards.

Prior to the commencement of the December meeting, a Civic Reception was held to acknowledge the success in the district of those communities who had won awards in the SuperValu 2017 Tidy Towns Competition. The following were presented with Cork County Council certificates in recognition of their achievements: Coolagown - Gold Medal Winners; Castletownroche - Bronze Medal Winners and Tom Ryan, Castletownroche - Highly Commended in Community Heroes Category; Charleville - Endeavour Award.

1. MINUTES

1. Minutes of Fermoy Municipal District meeting held on 28th November 2017.

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

2. KINGSTON CLOSE, MITCHELSTOWN

1. Taking-In-Charge Query re: Kingston Close, Mitchelstown.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE advised the Members that an enquiry had been made by a representative of the residents requesting this development be considered for taking-in-charge by Cork County Council. More than fifty-percent of the residents are in favour and Brendan recommends this process be initiated. The Members accepted Brendan's recommendation and he undertook to convey this to the residents in order for the taking-in-charge process to commence.

Whilst speaking of taking-in-charge applications, Brendan O' Gorman SEE advised that the location at Ryan's, off the N20 in Ballyhea, Charleville is to progress to extinguishment of public right of way procedures.

3. REPORTS and RECOMMENDATIONS

1. RECOMMENDATION: Conna Storm Sewer Part VIII - Final Report.

Considering the Final Report to hand, Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that the Conna Storm Sewer works are all in order to proceed and will be undertaken during Quarters 2 and 3 of 2018.

2. UPDATE: Fermoy MD Public Lighting 2017 Programme.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE gave the Members an update on progress to date in this programme. This included works at Curraghalla, Mitchelstown which are almost finished and works in Conna which are ongoing, amongst others. He said all works on the programme should be complete by early 2018 and he answered any queries the Members had.

3. Castletownroche - 2017 Village Enhancement Project.

Discussed *'in committee'* prior to meeting, see separate Minutes.

4. Clar 2016 - Castletownroche Pedestrian Crossing.

Discussed *'in committee'* prior to meeting, see separate Minutes.

5. Emmet Street, Fermoy: proposed Part VIII - Pedestrian Crossing.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that the Part VIII for this proposed pedestrian crossing will be available for their inspection and consideration at the January 2018 meeting. He further advised that it is planned to fund this project from the 'Safety Improvement Scheme', formerly known as the 'Low Cost Scheme'.

6. REPORT: MDO December 2017 Report.

Pauline Moriarty MDO highlighted some contents of her report, uploaded for the Members consideration. The Members noted the contents of the report under other headings.

4. NOTICES OF MOTION

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

1. "that road repairs be carried out and potholes be filled outside Cotter's house, Boherderogue, Fermoy".
Will be done. (BO'G)

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

2. "that this Council put in place measures to alleviate flooding on the road at Burke's Cross".
Further works may be required. (BO'G)
Brendan O' Gorman SEE said the relevant Landowner here may also be required to carry out some works; and that he would consider the feasibility of installing drainage channels on both sides of the road down to the bridge.

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

3. "that Cork County Council would provide public lights at Ashgrove, Ballyhooly in the interest of safety".
No funding currently available to entertain the said request. Will be kept on file. (BO'G)

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

4. "that potholes be filled in at Cullenagh, Fermoy".
Will be done. (BO'G)
5. "that road repairs be carried out and potholes filled in on the Mellifontstown Road, Bartlemy".
On a scheduled list. (BO'G)
6. "that road repairs and potholes be filled in from Garrycahera Cross to Ballyluskin Cross, Ballynoe, Co. Cork".
Will be done. (BO'G)
7. "that road repairs and potholes be filled in on the Coolmakee Road, Fermoy".
On a scheduled list. (BO'G)

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

8. "that this Council ensure the Dromdeer Road L-13322 be prioritised for necessary repairs in the roads maintenance budget 2018"
I will be able to put 200m of the Doneraile side on a Discretionary RI programme for 2018 but the remainder can only be looked at in terms of the provision of a CIS on this local tertiary loop road.
(BO'G)
9. "that this Council repair street light (No. 46) at the entrance to Lui na Gréine".
Has been notified to Airtricity (1800 372 772). (BO'G)
Brendan O' Gorman SEE said that it may be possible for Cork County Council to take this one light in charge as it is on public ground at the periphery of the estate; he will examine accordingly in consultation with the public lighting section.
10. "that this Council would erect road sign L-5409 on the Bridgetown Road".
Any junction off a Regional /National road has a road number ID plate installed. Will be replaced if applicable. (BO'G)

11. “that this Council make safe the junction from Kiltrislane onto R639 at the Mitchelstown side”.
For discussion.
Brendan O’ Gorman SEE said that additional land would be needed (on the field side) to facilitate the works required here.

Cllr. Frank O’ Flynn

12. “that Cork County Council would refresh the paint on the pedestrian crossing on the road outside ALDI in Mitchelstown in the interest of safety”.
The permitted ALDI store redevelopment and associated entrance improvements, including the provision of a new and updated raised pedestrian crossing at this location, will be commencing by ALDI and their agents in early 2018. As advised previously, the markings will not be relined, as the current crossing is a courtesy crossing only and has no legal standing as it stands. (BO’G)
13. “that Cork County Council would provide a continuation of the footpath from St Dominic’s Cemetery to the houses at Johnstown, Glanworth in the interest of safety of road users”.
No funding currently available to entertain the said request, but request will be kept on file in the event of additional funding winging our way. Priority in 2018 for Glanworth will be new footpath link to GAA pitch. (BO’G)
Whilst discussing this motion, Cllr. O’ Flynn said that there are ongoing issues with dogs being exercised and left loose in graveyards, and fouling, which is unacceptable. Pauline Moriarty MDO replied that the Cemetery By-Laws state that guide dogs are allowed in cemeteries and that it is difficult to monitor and/or control this activity.
In relation to the provision of footpaths, Brendan O’ Gorman SEE informed the Members that the footpaths budget of €105,000 per year is divided equitably throughout the district.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Cllr. June Murphy - Request for public light on alleyway off Thomas Street, Mitchelstown
Brendan O’ Gorman SEE responded that this light is included in the current Public Lighting programme and will be installed.

(2) Cllr. June Murphy - Request to remove abandoned cars in Kingston College
Cllr. Murphy undertook to supply the registration numbers of these cars to Pauline Moriarty MDO to facilitate the process of having them removed.

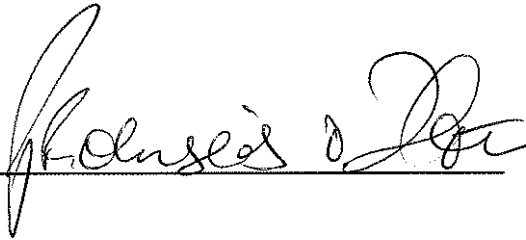
(3) Cllr. June Murphy - Request for public light on Canon’s Path, Mitchelstown
Brendan O’ Gorman SEE responded that this is private property and therefore cannot be considered for public lighting; however, Pauline Moriarty MDO said it may be feasible under a Community Grant application.

(4) Cllr. Frank O’ Flynn - Smell in Mitchelstown.
Cllr. O’ Flynn was informed that Irish Water Sewer Networks should be contacted in relation to concerns about odours in the town.

(5) Cllr. Frank O’ Flynn - Update on provision of WiFi.
Cllr. O’ Flynn was advised, further to his enquiry, that an update on the provision of WiFi in the district will not be forthcoming for a number of months, pending investigations and enquiries.

(6) Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - Update on provision of car park in James Street, Mitchelstown.
Brendan O' Gorman SEE responded that the Part VIII for this project will be presented to the Members for consideration during the first quarter of 2018 (possibly in February). He further advised that the drawings are almost complete and that funding is in place.

Before closing the meeting, the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Frank O' Flynn thanked the Members, the Executive, the Council staff and the Press for their cooperation and work throughout the year, and wished everyone a Happy Christmas 2017.

Signed:  Date: 16-01-2018