

**Minutes of the Fermoy Municipal District Meeting
held on Tuesday, 19th September 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.

1. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Fermoy MD Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, 18th July 2017.

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

2. Minutes of the Fermoy MD July Meeting held on Tuesday, 18th July 2017.

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

2. REQUEST for DISABLED PARKING BAY

1. Request approval for the installation of a disabled parking bay outside the residence of 24 Thomas St., Mitchelstown. Written request and Disabled Badge presented.

On to the proposition of Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien, seconded by Cllr. June Murphy, and agreed by the Member, the provision of this Disabled Parking Bay was approved.

3. DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

1. To consider the disposal of 0.2417 hectares of land and derelict property at Farran North, Fermoy to Ciaran McGann, 75 Glencullen, Fermoy, Co. Cork for a consideration of €67,000.

The Members noted the information submitted and the Disposal of Land and Property was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy.

DISPOSALS OF SURPLUS LANDS:

1. To consider the disposal of 4.0026 hectares at Turbeagh, Mitchelstown to John Mullins, Turbeagh, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork for a consideration of Part of Compensation Agreement for Lands acquired under N8 Fermoy Mitchelstown Road Scheme CPO.

The Members noted the information submitted and the Disposal of Surplus Lands was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson .

2. To consider the disposal of 0.0604 hectares at Gortnahown, Mitchelstown to John and Eimear Sheehy, Gortnahown, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork for a consideration of €1,500.

The Members noted the information submitted and the Disposal of Surplus Lands was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. June Murphy.

4. REPORTS and RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Ballinwillin Park Upgrade.

Pauline Moriarty MDO referred to the concept document for the proposed upgrade of Ballinwillin Park and the creation of a sensory garden there, prepared by the CCC Architects Department and uploaded for the Members information and consideration. Cllr. June Murphy said she was very pleased with the concept for the park as presented.

Cllr. Kay Dawson informed the meeting that the park in its current form was designed and developed over the years by those living in its vicinity and AROMA and that any proposed changes should be made available for their consideration, and in consultation with the public in general, before any works proceed. Cllr. Dawson added that while she is not against the proposal to upgrade Ballinwillin Park, she thinks the original park 'ideal' should be upheld.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE said that in order to seek and secure funding to develop the amenity here, a plan has to be formulated which will include provisions for car parking, seating, lighting and landscaping as well as the concept for the sensory garden. The Projects Department will be

contacted for their input; and the Members were asked for their ideas and feedback prior to a definite plan being formulated.

Mary Hayes SEO confirmed that further consultation with the Members will take place prior to the proposal going to Part VIII public consultation.

2. Conna Part VIII Manager's Report and Recommendations.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE circulated the Part VIII Manager's Report, maps and plans for the proposed three-part plan of works for Conna Village, two of which are being carried out the 2017 Village Enhancement Scheme /Clár 2016 funding. He noted there were some changes to the proposals circulated for the Members information in July 2017, as per requests made in the three submissions received during the public consultation phase of the project. He advised that while funding is not currently in place for the school car park proposal, now that permission is in place, if any other potential funding source (such as Clár 2018) becomes available, those works still outstanding will be ready to start.

The Members welcomed the proposed enhancement scheme for Conna and formally acknowledged the contribution of the Leahy family in ceding their land to facilitate the planning process. Mary Hayes SEO commended the Members on their procurement of this funding through the adoption at county level of such funding mechanisms and advised them to avail of the opportunity to secure similar funding in future through the county budget, when presented. On the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy and with the approval of all the Members, the Report and Recommendations, as presented, were agreed.

3. UPDATE on Request for Disabled Parking Bay (DPB) at 8 Moher Crescent, Mitchelstown.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that, having discussed this request with the applicant; a yellow box has been agreed at this location and the road-lining Contractor has been instructed to install same.

4. MDO REPORT on Charleville Parking Regulations Public Consultation.

Pauline Moriarty MDO went through this report. She informed the meeting that there were two submissions received during the public consultation process and these had been addressed. She is recommending adoption of the amendments proposed. On the proposition of Cllr. Ian Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy the amendments to the Charleville Traffic and Parking Regulations were agreed.

5. PROGRESS REPORT 2017 RI Programme

6. PROGRESS REPORT 2017 RM (Surface Dressing) Programme

7. PROGRESS REPORT 2017 Drainage Programme

8. PROGRESS REPORT 2017 Footpath Programme

Brendan O' Gorman SEE went through the progress reports as presented. He said that CCC staff are continuing work on these programmes and making steady progress; work is on schedule and within budget to date. Cllr. Ian Doyle sought confirmation that all works, particularly the roads in the Charleville area, would be completed by the end of the season and Brendan assured him that the plan is to complete the programme as presented. Budgetary factors may curtail the completion of every item on the list, this will not be evident until later in the year.

9. PROGRESS REPORT 2017 Public Lighting Programme

Brendan O' Gorman SEE circulated an update of the scheduled works for this programme, which was noted by the Members.

5. MITCHELSTOWN AGE-FRIENDLY TOWN

1. Mitchelstown Age-Friendly Town.

Pauline Moriarty MDO informed those present that a very successful 'walkability study' had been completed in Mitchelstown in August 2017 involving over forty participants over four routes, feedback from whom was very interesting and informative. It is planned to hold a workshop on September 29th 2017 and an update will be prepared for the Members following this.

Cllr. Kay Dawson added that this project has been very positive experience to date and that it is hoped to have the entire county of Cork designated 'age friendly' in due course. Further 'age friendly' locations are planned within the MD, and any suggestions for same can be communicated to Brendan O' Gorman SEE.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

Cllr. June Murphy

1. "to provide children at play/speed signage and speed ramps in Ard Mhuillian estate, Mitchelstown". Will be looked at to see what additional measures can be put in place. (BO'G)
This motion was seconded by Cllr. Frank O' Flynn. Brendan O' Gorman SEE undertook to liaise with Pat O' Connor, Housing Department who may provide funding.

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

2. "that Cork County Council would put in place a water supply in Killathy cemetery Ballyhooly and alleviate water ponding at the car parking area outside the cemetery". Will be investigated with IW/Water Services. Not advisable however. The water ponding will be looked at with a view to resolving same. (BO'G)

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

3. "that this Council carry out repairs to Goat's Bridge, Quitrent, Kildorrery which has fallen into disrepair with stones continually falling from it into the river". Works planned in Q4, 2017. (BO'G)

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

4. "that this Committee receive a report as to when the position of full-time Caretaker for Kilcrumper Cemeteries, old and new, will be appointed".
When new outdoor staff can be recruited back into the Fermoy MD upon the relaxation of the recruitment ban and completion of the ongoing workforce planning exercise for the county; one staff member could be appointed to look after both cemeteries on a whole time basis. (BO'G)
Cllr. McCarthy complimented the work being done by the part-time Caretaker and by the newly formed volunteer group; but said a full-time Caretaker to look after both Kilcrumper cemeteries would be the preferred option to ensure the continuation of a high standard of maintenance. This motion was supported by all the Members; who acknowledged and commended the work carried out in Kilcrumper Old Cemetery since the attendance of the Deputation in June 2017.

Cllr. Ian Doyle

5. "that Cork County Council would give update on Footpath Repair Programme for Charleville, Holy Cross and Kennedy Place".
All footpaths on our approved programme and those extra repairs to be carried out under discretionary maintenance funding will be completed by the middle of November. (BO'G)

Cllr. June Murphy

6. "a time frame set out for the reseeded of the green area next to Glenview Estate as promised".
This issue is a matter for the Housing Directorate. (BO'G)
Pat O' Connor, Housing Department has been contacted in relation to this issue and he will inform Pauline Moriarty MDO when this reseeded work has been done. Pauline will pass this information onto Cllr. Murphy when received.
7. "request an arrow road marking be put in place at the new junction by Beechfield to allow traffic coming from the Dublin / Amber side to cross the junction and turn right in towards Faber Castell and not have to sit in the box junction holding up traffic that wish to drive straight into town".
The use of arrows on our roads must be in accordance with Chapter 7 of the Department of Transport Traffic Signs Manual. Two arrows may be used side by side in a single lane where that lane is locally widened to permit nearside passing of right-turning traffic, but there is insufficient width to

delineate two lanes. Unfortunately, at this junction, the available width is just not there to cede to the request before us. Drivers who wish to turn right towards Faber Castell are relying on the courtesy of drivers heading north to allow them across but we also have included additional green time on the cycle for this leg to facilitate this turning action. (BO'G)

8. "update on the proposed meeting with Director of Housing in relation to parking in council housing estates".

To be discussed. (BO'G)

This motion was supported by all the Members who say this issue is causing ongoing problems in estates. Mary Hayes SEO said this matter has been raised at Northern Committee meetings and a meeting will be convened with the Housing Directorate to discuss the issue and consider proposals and funding resources for a possible resolution.

9. "that this Council support and write to the CEO of CCC to provide much needed funding and extra personnel in housing estate management, and to further support my call at a recent social inclusion SPC for the establishment of a sub-group to liaise with Estate Management, Housing, the Joint Policing SPC and Social Inclusion SPC on specific serious antisocial behaviour issues in our estates".

To be discussed. (BO'G)

Cllr. Murphy further explained her motion saying that local estate management officers should not be required to deal with specific dangerous situations in estates throughout the county and is seeking the support of Fermoy MD to seek/provide funding for the endeavours outlined in the motion. Further to a discussion, during which Cllr. Ian Doyle said he thinks progress is being made in this regard with existing agencies, services and personnel, it was agreed that Fermoy MD would support 'the additional funding' element of the motion but not 'the establishment of a sub-group' part thereof. Pauline Moriarty MDO will convey this to the CEO.

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

10. "that Cork County Council would put in place a sign indicating Rockmills Kildorrery at Charlie Burke's Cross at Carrigdownane in the existing pole in the interest of safety".

All signage on our regional roads has been updated and installed to meet current standards and requirements and any additional changes are not recommended at this time. (BO'G)

Brendan O' Gorman SEE added to this reply saying the request will be kept on file and a graveyard sign may be installed at this location, as a compromise.

11. "that Cork County Council would erect a sign at Coole Cross, Carrigdownane indicating Kildorrery, Glanworth and Ballyhooly".

Will be done in due course. (BO'G)

12. "that Cork County Council would indicate when the walkway by the Blackwater commencing at Mill Road, Fermoy to the Viaduct will be open to the public".

To be discussed. (BO'G)

It was confirmed that this walkway is currently already open to the public. Mary Hayes SEO informed the meeting that there is a plan for an overall Blueway amenity along the River Blackwater and Fermoy will be a key location on this route, which will incorporate the Viaduct. Cllr. Noel McCarthy supported this motion and is also in support of the proposed Blueway.

13. "that Cork County Council would put traffic calming measures, including road markings, speed detector monitors, and advance signage in place on the approach roads to the recently amalgamated Canon Sheehan Primary and also Nagle Rice Secondary schools in Doneraile in the interest of safety".

Road markings / advance signage is in place. No funds available in 2017 to carry out the requested additional measures but request will be kept on file. The speed detector units will be offered to the Board of Management at a 50:50 cost share, as per other schools / villages. (BO'G)

This motion was supported by Cllr. Noel McCarthy.

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

14. "that this Council would clean of debris all the drains at Cúlcairn, Fermoy and carry out necessary drainage works to alleviate the potential flooding in times of heavy rainfall".
Routine maintenance of the drains in this estate is already carried out. (BO'G)
Cllr. O' Brien said that there are six houses effected by rainwater flowing into their entrances and flooding their properties. Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that he will re-examine this to see if anything further can be done. He assured the Members that gullies will be checked and drain clearance work will be undertaken throughout the district before the onset of winter.
15. "that this Council remove the dead tree from the green area in St Joseph's Square, Fermoy".
Will be done. (BO'G)
16. "that this Council put in place traffic calming measures on approaching the pedestrian crossing at CBS Primary and Secondary Schools, Mitchelstown in the interest of safety of the children".
No funds available in 2017 to carry out the requested additional measures but request will be kept on file. Road markings / advance signage all in place. (BO'G)
Brendan O' Gorman SEE that if a budget becomes available at any stage, priority will be given to this request.
17. "that this Council would consider for a Car Park, the site of the old outdoor swimming pool at Clonmel Road, Mitchelstown".
Land ownership issues will be investigated. For discussion also. (BO'G)
This site is in private ownership, but Brendan O' Gorman SEE will investigate if the land could be leased by Cork County Council and used as an option to provide additional car parking. On the subject of the Clonmel Road, Cllr. Kay Dawson said that drivers are still experiencing problems and damaging cars at the recently installed pedestrian crossing, as it is not adequately visible at night. Brendan said he would check this out and revert in due course.

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

18. "that this Committee put traffic calming measures in place between Thomas Street and Brian Boru Square, Fermoy".
No traffic calming is warranted between these two streets due to on street car parking but calming is required between Thomas Street and Rathealy road. No funds available in 2017 to carry out the requested additional measures but request will be kept on file. A speed detector unit have been offered to the Sub Aqua club on a 50:50 cost share. (BO'G)
Cllr. McCarthy said the Sub Aqua Club are very limited in their funding, being a voluntary group, and have difficulty funding their current activities. Brendan said he would arrange for the CCC speed radar unit to be moved to this location within the coming weeks for a short period as we have one particular unit that moves to problem roads around the district.
19. "that this Committee consider the introduction of CCTV in the Town Park, Fermoy with immediate effect".
Cllr. McCarthy thanked Fermoy MD management and staff who had arranged for the re-painting of the park bandstand immediately prior to Fermoy festival, necessitated due to it being covered in graffiti. As the playground equipment has also been badly damaged on more than one occasion, Cllr. McCarthy now thinks a CCTV system would act as a deterrent, and a detection tool in the event of future acts of vandalism. Pauline Moriarty MDO replied there is currently no funding available for this, but advised quotations can be sought for an extension to the CCTV system, and provision could be made in the 2018 budgets. This suggestion was welcomed and agreed by all the Members.
20. "that the footpath opposite the Manor Housing Estate at Clondulane, Fermoy be extended to Bettysville".
No funds available currently to cede to the request but request will be kept on file for future consideration. (BO'G) Brendan O' Gorman SEE said this request could be considered as a combined voluntary scheme with the Community Council for 2018.

21. "that this Committee carry out drainage works outside the home of the Browns, Castlewidenham, Castletownroche, Co. Cork".
To be investigated. (BO'G)

Cllr. Ian Doyle

22. "that Cork County Council would give update on cutting the trees in Pike Farm estate".
Some limbing work has already been done and others will be lopped in the coming weeks. (BO'G)
23. "that Cork County Council would give update on road resurfacing and speed ramps at Turrets and Broghil road, Charleville".
Due to commence in the coming weeks. (BO'G)
24. "that Cork County Council would give update on road surface dressing at Coolasmuttane, Newtown".
We are hopeful of concluding some holding repairs here in October. (BO'G)

7. REQUEST for CIVIC RECEPTION

This request was dealt with at the Special Meeting held prior to the monthly meeting.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

1. EMAIL Ian McDonagh, CCC Arts Officer 24.7.2017 RE: Creative Communities Scheme.
Noted.

2. EMAIL Keith Jones, Housing Directorate 8.9.2017 RE: Estate Management issues.
Noted.

9. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Pillar at Oldcourt Cemetery

Brendan O' Gorman SEE advised that damage to this pillar was caused by being hit by a car, and repair works will be done.

(2) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Yellow box at McCarthy's, College Road, Fermoy

Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that new yellow boxes will be installed for all entrances at this location.

(3) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Repainting of DPB (disabled parking bay) in Watergrasshill.

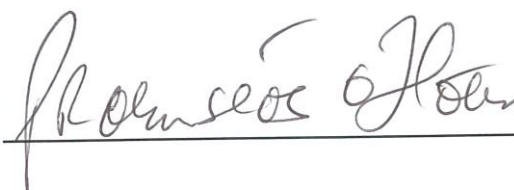
Brendan O' Gorman SEE confirmed he will arrange for this to be re-painted.

(4) Brendan O' Gorman - Poplar Trees at Ailesbury Court, Mitchelstown

Brendan informed the Members that there was an issue with thirty poplar trees at the above location which require attention. This is an estate recently taken over. He said quotations had been sought and the options were to remove the trees (at a cost of €4,100) or 'crown' them i.e. reduce height by half (at a cost of €3,600).

The Executive recommendation and Members decision was to crown the trees and Brendan undertook to instruct the Contractor accordingly. Following this work, the trees will be maintained correctly going forward.

Signed:



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