

**Minutes of the Fermoy Municipal District Meeting
held on Tuesday, 19th March 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, Lydia Kelly ASO; Eileen Heffernan CO.

Apologies: Pauline Moriarty MDO

1. MINUTES

1. Minutes of Fermoy MD February 2019 Meeting held on Tuesday, 26th February 2019.

The Minutes were agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Kay Dawson, seconded by Cllr. Ian Doyle.

2. COMMUNITY GRANT RE-ALLOCATION REQUESTS

BALLYHOOLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

1. Request by Ballyhooly Community Council (ref: Kay Magner) to re-allocate Amenity Grant 2018 of €1000 from "*strimmer and leaf-blower*" to "*painting of the Community Centre*".

This re-allocation request was granted on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy and agreed by all the Members.

2. Request by Ballyhooly Community Council (ref: Kay Magner) to re-allocate Amenity Grant 2018 of €1000 from "*refurbish toilet*" to "*painting of the Community Centre*".

This re-allocation request was granted on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson and agreed by all the Members.

SHANBALLYMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE

3. Request for partial re-allocation of grant (2015 Capital Grant) from "*removal and purchasing of new flooring, windows and doors, construct stage and purchase furnishings*" to "*removal and purchasing of new flooring, windows and doors, purchase furnishings, roof repairs and paint for hall*". **REASON: unexpected emergency repairs to roof.**

This re-allocation request was granted on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson and agreed by all the Members.

3. 2019 MD SCHEMES / FUNDS

1. 2019 Community Grant Draft Allocations

Mary Hayes SEO introduced the draft provisions under the various headings for the 2019 MD funding schemes and grants. Capital Funding in the amount of €110,000; Community Contracts of almost €40,000 and Amenity Grants totalling €46,100 were proposed for allocation. Further to a brief discussion and with Mary answering any queries the Members had, the proposed allocations, as presented under this heading, were adopted on the proposition of Cllr. Kay Dawson, seconded by Cllr. Ian Doyle and agreed by all the Members.

2. 2019 Village Enhancement Scheme

Having being proposed, discussed and agreed in principle at the February 2019 meeting of Fermoy MD, the allocation of €62,500 to Rathcormac village for the 2019 VES was formally adopted on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy and agreed by all the Members.

3. 2019 Town Development Fund

Mary Hayes SEO introduced the draft provisions under the Town Development Fund and answered any queries the Members had in relation to these proposals. It was agreed, following a discussion, that funding would be provided for Christmas lights as in previous years and this allocation will be shown. The Town Development Fund (with the agreed adjustment to provide for Christmas lights), was adopted on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson and agreed by all the Members.

4. 2019 Pay Parking Dividend

Mary Hayes SEO introduced the draft provisions under the Fermoy Pay Parking Dividend and the proposals, as presented, were adopted on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. June Murphy.

5. 2019 Dereliction Fund

On examination of the 2019 Dereliction Scheme proposals, Cllr. Ian Doyle proposed allocating some of this fund towards painting work in Newtownshandrum, work which will be undertaken there by the Tidy Towns group. This was agreed following discussion. This fund (adjusted allocation as follows - Doneraile €6,250 / Kilworth €5,000 / Newtownshandrum €1,250) was then adopted on the proposition of Cllr. Ian Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson and agreed by the Members.

6. Launch of 2019 Painting Scheme

Mary Hayes SEO introduced the draft provisions under the 2019 Painting Scheme and, with the agreed adjustment that Newtownshandrum will get €1,250 from the Dereliction Fund (the Dereliction fund being included within this fund), the scheme was adopted on the proposition of Cllr. Kay Dawson, seconded by Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien.

4. REPORTS and RECOMMENDATIONS

1. UPDATE Fermoy Weir

Mary Hayes SEO went through this updated, uploaded to MinutePad for the Members information. She informed the Members that Tenders had been opened on 11th March and are currently being assessed internally, and she will keep the Members informed of any progress on this matter.

2. 2019 Footpath Programme

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members the footpath contractor is presently working in Kilworth and will then proceed on to Glanworth and Mitchelstown. The contractor will be operating in Fermoy MD for approximately four months towards completion of all works on the programme.

3. 2019 Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing) RM Programme

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that, to date, works on this programme continue, are on schedule and within budget.

4. 2019 Restoration Improvement RI Programme

A progress report for this programme has been uploaded for the Members' information and works on this programme continue, on schedule and within budget.

5. 2019 Drainage Programme

A progress report for this programme has been uploaded for the Members' information and works on this programme continue, on schedule and within budget.

6. 2019 CIS

Brendan O' Gorman SEE gave a verbal update to the Members on the CIS proposals for 2019, saying the works will be planned following payment of local contributions, which are pending. Brendan added that if contributions for these schemes are not forthcoming, other applications on file can be offered a CIS this year in their stead.

7. 2018/2019 LIS

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that the total LIS allocation for Cork county is €900k this year; of which the original funding available to Fermoy MD will pay for three or four schemes. These will be selected from the sixteen LIS applications currently on file and will be sanctioned for completion. The four late 2018 roll-over schemes are substantially complete at this stage, with only second sealing required to finish them by the end of March.

5. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Cllr. Ian Doyle

1. “that Cork County Council would look at putting yellow box outside Scout Hall in carpark, Charleville”.
Will be done. (BO’G)

Cllr. June Murphy

2. “request this MD and Councillors to formulate an action plan to tackle the serious problem of dog fouling in the Mitchelstown area”.
Will be referred to the Environment Department. (PM)
This motion was fully supported by all the Members. Following a discussion, and on the proposition of Cllr. Murphy seconded by Cllr. Ian Doyle, it was agreed that a meeting would be sought between the elected Members of Fermoy MD and Environment Department personnel with a view to examining a resolution to this ongoing problem.

Cllr. Frank O’ Flynn

3. “that Cork County Council would make available its playground grant towards providing a community playground in Castletownroche”.

Cllr. O’ Flynn informed the meeting that a site for the provision of a playground has been identified and the transfer of ownership to Castletownroche Community Council is in process. Mary Hayes SEO suggested that future Clár funding could be considered for this project and undertook to discuss this request with the Director of Services and revert back to the Members. In the meantime, she is recommending that the Castletownroche community commence fundraising for this project and that they explore any alternative and other sources of potential funding. The motion was supported by all the Members.

Cllr. Noel MCCarthy

4. “that this Council would carry out further road works at Ballyarra, Castlelyons”.
Further blacktop works and additional drainage have already been carried out here last week and the final second seal on the wetmix and surface dressing adjacent is scheduled for week commencing 27th May 2019. (BO’G)

Cllr. Kay Dawson

5. “call on Cork County Council, in the interest of safety, to have more prominent road and pedestrian lines drawn at the junction from Bridesbridge to Kent Terrace, Castlelyons”.
The footpath here is on an elevated section away from the public road. (BO’G)
Further to a brief discussion, Brendan O’ Gorman SEE undertook to examine the feasibility of lining a pedestrian walkway at this location and, furthermore, said he would contact Glanbia with a view to highlighting the situation to them for their consideration and possible resolution.

Cllr. Deirdre O’ Brien

6. “that this Council extend footpath from Castletownroche National School to the GAA Pitch”.
A 1.3m-1.5m wide footpath could be accommodated on the same side as the recently installed public lighting, subject to some localised road widening on the other side also. There is a pinch point however closer to the school bend. I will seek funding from Clár in 2019 and failing that will include the request for consideration from our own Public Footpath Programme in 2020/2021.
(BO’G)

Cllr. Ian Doyle

7. “that Cork County Council would give update on Town Park, Charleville”.
Mary Hayes SEO informed Cllr. Doyle, and the Members, that a meeting about this project had been convened for the following day.

8. "that Cork County Council would give timeline on Broghill Road resurfacing, which was damaged badly last year having been resurfaced twice".
Will be included under a recycling contract over the summer months. Damage was initially caused by surface water pouring out from private fields and subsequently boiling tar damage over the summer months. (BO'G)
9. "that Cork County Council would give update on work still to be carried out in Orchard Estate, Charleville".
Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied to this motion that while the estate has been taken into the charge of Cork County Council, there are insufficient funds remaining in the bond to cover the cost of the works required here.

Cllr. June Murphy

10. "request this Council to write to Irish Water to carry out an investigation into the constant issue of sewerage overflowing from manholes in Árd Mhuilinn Estate and to remedy the problem once and for all".
This motion was supported by all the Members and it was agreed that Fermoy MD would write to Irish Water seeking a response on this issue.
11. "I am asking Councillors to enter into a voluntary agreement to NOT erect any election posters during this election. To show leadership on the issue of single-use plastics, and a greener environment, and listening to wish of the public and Tidy Town groups in our communities".

In relation to this motion the Members, while acknowledging the potential environmental and litter effect of election posters, concluded that posters were a traditional and beneficial part of the election process, especially for new candidates whose faces are unknown. Further to a discussion, Cllr. Murphy agreed to amend her proposal to say that posters would be prohibited only within the speed limit areas of towns and villages, while stating that she herself will go completely poster free.
It was agreed that the Members would only erect posters outside the speed limits, would keep the number of posters to a minimum, and would ensure posters were put up and taken down in a proper and responsible manner. It was further agreed that this decision would be conveyed to the media, the political parties and to all candidates contesting the forthcoming election.
12. "request this Council to monitor fly-tipping along the Kilworth Road to the Mountains Barracks and clean up the rubbish that has been dumped, also ask that a recycling bin could be put at the Mountain Barracks car park".
Will be referred to the Environment Department. (PM)
Brendan O' Gorman SEE advised that he had referred this issue to the Environment Department but had, as yet, received no reply. He added that the location for the requested recycling bin is on private property.

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

13. "that Cork County Council would put a public light in place at Riverview, Old Doneraile Road, Castletownroche in the interest of public safety of residents and road users".
For future consideration under our annual Public Lighting Programme. (BO'G)
14. "that Cork County Council would put a public light in place at Ballygiblin Church car park and replace the existing light with new LED lighting in the interest of safety".
Existing light here will be replaced with LED in due course. Any new lights here will have to be privately funded as the car park here is not public. (BO'G)

15. “that Cork County Council would clean and replenish the Mill Island, Fermoy walk and put in place a tarmacadam walkway there to provide a much needed amenity facility for Fermoy which would lead to an improvement in health and quality of life of users”.
Private property. (PM)
This motion was supported by Cllr. Noel McCarthy. Brendan O’ Gorman SEE advised the Members that this pathway is being examined with a view to increasing its amenity in conjunction with access to the Viaduct. This will be a mid-to-long term project and the Members will be kept informed of any progress.
16. “that Cork County Council would put a safety barrier in place where the footpath from Arbour Mews Estate, Glanworth joins the R512, in the interest of safety of children and consider putting a hedge there to mark the boundary of the open green area adjoining the R512 road”.
A safety barrier placed at road edge/footpath edge here is at high risk of damage from passing traffic as the roadway narrows down at this point. The estate green area has been designed as open plan but I would support an application for an amenity grant toward the provision of a timber post and rail adjacent to and bounding the green. (BO’G)
This motion was supported by Cllr. Noel McCarthy. Brendan O’ Gorman SEE added that he will investigate the possibility of providing some measure here to protect vulnerable users of the green (e.g. young children) from exiting directly onto the road, but cautioned that the available space at this location is limited.

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

17. “that potholes be filled on the Gurrane Road, Grange, Fermoy”.
Will be done. (BO’G)
18. “that this Committee receive an up-to-date report on then this Local Authority will revoke Part 3 of the Gaming and Lottery Act”.
It is recommended deferring any discussion on this matter until the outcome of the Mitchelstown licence application is known. (PM)
19. “that potholes be filled in on the Glenreigh road, Ballymonteen, Ballynoe”.
Will be done. (BO’G)
20. “that this Committee would get an up-to-date report from Estates Engineer John Ahern on when Lios Árd housing estate, Ballyhooly will be taken in charge”.
* See most recent status report on this estate, uploaded as separate document.
Cllr. McCarthy expressed his gratitude to John Ahern for the report.

Cllr. Kay Dawson

21. “call on Cork County Council, in the interest of safety, to cut back and remove some of the old shrubs on the green in Kent Terrace, Castlelyons”.
Brendan O’ Gorman SEE agreed that this work would be beneficial at this location and recommended that the residents apply for an Amenity Grant for landscaping works here.

Cllr. Deirdre O’ Brien

22. “that this Council carry out traffic management survey on road from Grange National School to Ballyarthur L-5867-0 owing to increased volume of traffic using this road as an access to motorway”.
It is acknowledged that traffic volumes are increasing on this road as a lot of traffic to/from Glanworth village now uses this road to get access to/from the M8 slipway at Moorepark. The roadway can in the main facilitate passing traffic but there is one pinch point where the road width is generally 4.8m so care is needed. As already advised at our February meeting, the road is down for strengthening and resurfacing commencing 25th March (subject to road closure) which will locally widen the road also. Additional signage will be provided on this route also. (BO’G)

23. "that this Council provide yellow box at the Kildorrery Cemetery entrance".
Will be done. (BO'G)
24. "that this Council provide road markings on R-517 at Gortroe".
Any new resurfacing/resealing on a regional road will have centreline and edge marking completed.
(BO'G)

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. LETTER Minister Michael Ring 25.2.2019 RE: Project Ireland 2040 Rural Regeneration Programme

Noted.

2. LETTER Department of Rural and Community Development March 2019 RE: Clár

Noted.

7. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Cllr. Frank O' Flynn - speed issue at junction 13 off M8

Cllr. O' Flynn said vehicles exiting the M8 at Junction 13 are finding the slip road too short resulting in their merging with traffic at the roundabout at high speed. Brendan O' Gorman SEE said this is not an issue for Fermoy MD but further to the proposition of Cllr. O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson it was agreed to contact the TII for a response.

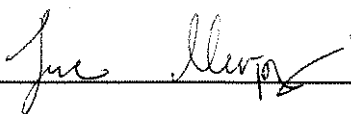
2. Cllr. Kay Dawson - Update on list of EV charging points

Cllr. Dawson enquired if a list of EV charging points in the district was available, to which Mary Hayes SEO replied that no response had yet been received to this request.

3. Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - List of Defibrillators in Fermoy MD

Further to a previous request, Cllr. O' Brien enquired if this list was compiled, the reply to which was that this list will be available at the next meeting.

Signed



Date

16.4.2019