

**Minutes of the Fermoy Municipal District Meeting
held on Tuesday, 19th February 2019**

In Attendance: Cllrs. Kay Dawson, Ian Doyle, Noel McCarthy, June Murphy, Frank O' Flynn; Brendan O' Gorman SEE, Mary Hayes SEO, Lydia Kelly ASO.

Apologies: Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien; Pauline Moriarty MDO.

At the outset of the Meeting, a vote of sympathy was passed by the Members to Pauline Moriarty MDO on the death of her father, Mr. Timmy Moriarty. A moment's silence was observed as a mark of respect.
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

1. MINUTES

1. Minutes of Fermoy MD January 2019 Meeting held on Tuesday, 15th January 2019.

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

2. DISPOSALS, GRANTS, LEASES ETC.

1. DISPOSAL OF FREEHOLD INTEREST 13 St. Mary's Terrace, Fermoy.

To consider disposal of freehold interest in house and plot at 13 St. Mary's Terrace, Fermoy, Co. Cork to Margaret O' Hara for a consideration of €350.00 inclusive of administration charges.

The Members considered the information provided in relation to this proposal and the Disposal of Freehold Interest was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy.

3. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REPORTS:

**1. UPDATE Fermoy Weir
and**

Notice of Motion 5(6) Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

The Members agreed that as monthly updates in relation to Fermoy Weir will be included on the Agenda each month, there will be no further Notices of Motions pertaining to this item. Mary Hayes SEO outlined the current situation with regards to Fermoy Weir as per the update prepared and circulated to the Members. The Members welcomed the update and further to a discussion, it was agreed that the previously agreed meeting would be convened with the Manager immediately following the opening of Tenders and appointment of a Consultant. The source of funding for the works required is still to be identified and secured and to this end, the Members asked if Fermoy MD can do anything to progress this. Mary Hayes SEO replied that any political influence that can be brought to bear on this matter at this time to secure funding and expedite progress would be welcome.

2. REPORT February 2019 MDO Report

Deferred to March 2019 meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

**3. 2019 Footpath Programme including 'Town and Village' and 'Age Friendly Mitchelstown'.
and**

Notice of Motion 5(9) Cllr. June Murphy

Brendan O' Gorman SEE circulated the proposals for footpath works prepared for 2019 in both the Footpath Programme and the Age-Friendly Mitchelstown Programme and went through the details. The extent of budgets available are included on the programme documentation. Brendan advised that a contractor has been appointed and works will commence in the next few months. A *Section 38* will be prepared, as required, for the proposed zebra crossing works in Mitchelstown.

In relation to her motion Cllr. June Murphy acknowledged the work of the Age-Friendly Group in Mitchelstown and Brendan O' Gorman SEE on the extent and scope of the works being provided for under this scheme, saying Mitchelstown will benefit hugely as a result.

Brendan addressed any concerns and answered queries in relation to all the works proposed and the Members welcomed the proposed works and both programmes were adopted, as presented, on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, jointly seconded by Cllrs. Noel McCarthy and Kay Dawson.

4. 2019 Restoration Maintenance Programme (Surface Dressing) and

5. FINAL 2019 Restoration Improvement Programme & Progress Report

Brendan O' Gorman SEE introduced these programmes and went through the proposals therein. He informed the Members that there is a 12% increase in the RM budget for this year and works are planned for 52 kilometres of road under the RM programme and 31 kilometres of road under the RI programme. He said the Members can contact him directly at any time with any queries they may have. The programmes were welcomed by the Members and both were adopted on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy and Cllr. June Murphy.

6. 2019 Drainage Programme & Progress Report

Brendan O' Gorman SEE introduced this programme and advised the Members that works had commenced and progress updates will be prepared each month throughout the year. This programme was adopted on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy.

7. VES Castletownroche (and other Village Enhancement Schemes)

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that consensus had been achieved and planned works agreed for Castletownroche under the (delayed) 2016 VES scheme, the works and location agreed for outside the Community Centre. Other works proposed for near the Church will be deferred until a later date, pending funding. Of the two drawings circulated and on Brendan's recommendation, Option 2 was selected by the Members and on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. June Murphy and agreed by the Members this project and these works were agreed. All the Members welcomed the progress here and the news that Castletownroche community will now benefit from the 2016 VES. The overall allocation is c. €31,250 and Brendan will now arrange for works to progress adjacent to the Community Centre and if funds remain work on undergrounding services outside the Church.

Cllr. Ian Doyle took this opportunity to say that works under the 2018 VES for Newtownshandrum are all complete, and complimented and thanked Cork County Council saying these works are a great improvement to the area. Brendan added that 2018VES works for Kilworth village are also currently in hand.

Under 2019 VES works, on behalf of Rathcormac Community Council, drawings were circulated. The local Community Council have launched their own socio-economic project for the village and the VES is one element of the overall plan for a new village park on the grounds of the old school. Brendan informed the Members there are technical issues to be dealt with and resolved here. Brendan answered any queries the Members had and the provisional 2019 Rathcormac VES proposal involving the widening of the laneway, new footpath, planting, stream side seating was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson with all the Members in support. Following a brief discussion, the executive and elected Members were in agreement that Fermoy MD would support this current Rathcormac VES and, in principle, plans for future, additional projects.

8. 2019 Community Involvement Scheme (CIS)

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that there are three CIS's approved in the district, these are: footpath in Scart, Kildorrery; cul-de-sac in Gortore, Mitchelstown and Ballydoyle, Castletownroche. Public contribution payments are pending but works will be scheduled when contributions are paid and any other requirements have been met. Works under the 2019 CIS were agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. June Murphy.

RE: Local Involvement Schemes

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that there will be four LIS jobs completed by end March 2019, two in Fermoy (already done) and two in Mitchelstown. (These are late 2018 schemes rolled over).

In relation to 2019 LIS's, Brendan informed the Members that he is waiting for confirmation of proposed changes by the Minister to this scheme. Brendan has twelve applications for LIS schemes on file, of which three or four are likely to be sanctioned this year. An update will be provided in due course.

9. 2019 Public Lighting Programme

The 2019 public lighting programme was uploaded and circulated to the Members. The budget available for 2019 totals €74,500 which includes our 2019 Public Lighting budget, Clár, VES and Town and Village funding. Brendan went through the proposals here which will cost more than the allocated PL budget; however, he is hopeful that further Clár /own funding will be made available to make up the shortfall. Brendan informed the Members that Michael Cotter SEE is managing an LED upgrade programme, parallel to this works programme, which will improve lighting in Charleville.

On the subject of public lighting, Cllr. Noel McCarthy asked if the public lighting at the pedestrian crossing near the Post Office in Fermoy could be improved as this is a dark spot. Brendan agreed to highlight this to Michael Cotter's department.

In relation to the public light near the pump in Kingston College, Brendan agreed to arrange a night review with a view to identifying the issue here.

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn asked if there could be any improvement to the level of lighting on McCurtain Street, Fermoy; to which Brendan replied there were no upgrade works planned at this time for this location.

4. 2019 PRIDE OF PLACE

1. 2019 Pride of Place Nominations.

Noted.

5. NOTICES OF MOTION

Cllr. June Murphy

1. "request an update on the upgrade and refurbishment of Ballinwillan Park, Mitchelstown".
A review of proposals for the upgrade and refurbishment of Ballinwillan Park will be undertaken in order to establish costs and possible funding streams for same. A further update will be provided following this review. (MH)
Mary Hayes SEO added that an update will be prepared for the March meeting.

Cllr. Kay Dawson

2. "call on Cork County Council to resurface road near footpath adjacent to Spar Supermarket in Upper Cork Street, Mitchelstown".
Is scheduled in conjunction with Age Friendly upgrades to the footpath nearby. (BO'G)
Brendan O' Gorman SEE advised that these works are scheduled to commence in mid 2019.

JOINT MOTION - Cllr. Noel McCarthy and Cllr. Kay Dawson

3. "that this Committee would receive an up-to-date report on when funding would be made available on the proposed new cycle lane from Fermoy to Mitchelstown".
For discussion. (MH)
Further to discussion the desirability, timing and suitability of this proposed cycle lane was agreed by the Members and executive and Mary Hayes SEO undertook to investigate if the *Healthy Ireland* initiative could be investigated as a potential funding stream for this project.

At this time, the potential for a footpath between the Kilcrumper junction and Moorepark was raised, and Brendan O' Gorman SEE advised that he is making enquiries as to the feasibility and potential funding for this footpath.

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

4. “that this Committee would receive an up-to-date report on when the caravan on the road outside Kilcrumper Graveyard and the the mobile home in the picnic area Cork Road will be removed”.
This matter is under review in order to agree what steps need to be taken to resolve the matter and a further update will be provided on progress at the next Municipal District meeting. (MH)

Cllr. Deirdre O’ Brien

5. “over the years, this Municipal District has successfully assisted voluntary and community groups purchase and install defibrillators around the area. I ask now that this Municipal District compile a list of the locations of these defibrillators found locally, in the hopes of promoting their locations locally”.
Report to be compiled and circulated at the next Municipal District meeting. (MH)
** This motion was deferred to the March 2019 meeting in Cllr. O’ Brien’s absence.*

Cllr. Frank O’ Flynn

6. “that Cork County Council provide an up to date progress report on the proposed refurbishment and repair of the Fermoy weir and fish pass”.
See Item 3(1): UPDATE Fermoy Weir

Cllr. June Murphy

7. “request resurfacing works on the road at the traffic lights Lower Cork Street, Mitchelstown and to also improve accessibility at the lights for older people and individuals with disabilities”.
Is scheduled in conjunction with Age Friendly upgrades to the lights at the junction. (BO’G)
8. “request this Council, as a matter of Health and Safety, to write to the TII and the HSE to request the wall at the entrance of Fermoy Community Hospital be moved back to improve visibility accessing and leaving the hospital”.
The wall at the entrance to the Community Hospital is private property and is a matter for the HSE to undertake this work on behalf of its employees, patients and visitors if it is deemed a traffic hazard. Cork County Council or the TII cannot get involved here in seeking any work to a private entrance but we will provide engineering advice to any parties that seek same. (BO’G)
Following a brief discussion, it was agreed Fermoy MD would again write to the HSE requesting these works be done.
9. “request the programme of works under the Cork Age Friendly Strategy for Mitchelstown and to include costing of said works”.
See Agenda item. (BO’G)
10. “to request this Council to facilitate and mentor the establishment of a Tidy Towns committee/ group for Mitchelstown”.
For discussion. (MH)
Following a brief discussion, Mary Hayes SEO advised that this is not an issue for Cork County Council to comment on as it is a local community issue; and she confirmed that Cork County Council will work with and support any community groups who seek help.

Cllr. Kay Dawson

11. “that Cork County Council would look at measures to reduce speed on the approach to Mitchelstown on the L-1418-0 Brigown Road”.
A small number of tarmac ramps can be provided on this road when it is being resurfaced in 2020 under Planned RI Programme resurfacing works. (BO’G)
12. “call on Cork County Council to repair and paint seat on the Kildorrery Road between Liam Lynch Park and Stag Park”.
Will be done. (BO’G)

13. "call on Cork County Council to repair and re-instate 'Welcome to Mitchelstown' sign on the Limerick Road".
Will be done. (BO'G)

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

14. "that this Committee would remove the barrier on the footpath between St. Bernard's and the Industrial Estate, Fermoy for health and safety reasons.
This barrier is private property and we were advised by the owner that he was willing to remove same a number of months ago when we approached him with our concerns. On speaking to him again, he will arrange to remove same without further delay. (BO'G)
Brendan O' Gorman SEE advised that this barrier has now been removed.
15. "that road repairs be carried out on the Cork Road opposite St. Patrick's Avenue, Fermoy".
Some discretionary patch repairs are scheduled in Q2/Q3 2019. (BO'G)

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

16. "that this Council remove branches which are blocking lighting at Granary Place, Glanworth".
For discussion. (BO'G)
** This motion was deferred to the March 2019 meeting in Cllr. O' Brien's absence.*
17. "that this Council repair potholes on the entrance to Pairc na gCrann, Glanworth".
Estate not taken in charge. (BO'G)
** This motion was deferred to the March 2019 meeting in Cllr. O' Brien's absence.*
18. "that this Council would include L-1418-0 from Brigown Road to Ballinamona in the most immediate Road Restoration Programme".
Is included on our 2020 RI Programme. (BO'G)
** This motion was deferred to the March 2019 meeting in Cllr. O' Brien's absence.*
19. "that this Council would investigate the new kerb in place in Sunnyside, Main Street, Rathcormac on health and safety grounds".
The raised kerb at road edge was placed three years ago at the behest of the nearby house owner to reduce the risk of flooding and will not be removed. (BO'G)
** This motion was deferred to the March 2019 meeting in Cllr. O' Brien's absence.*

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

20. "that Cork County Council put in place traffic calming measures and car parking in the interest of safety at Church View Estate, Bartlemy".
There is no budget for traffic calming in estates in the district and this repeat notice of motion will again be filed away for future consideration. Agreed to include estate in draft 30kph zone proposal. (BO'G)
21. "that Cork County Council would remove the dangerous trees and resurface the road from Keam bridge to Ardour bridge, Glenville".
As previously advised, road is on this year's RI Overlay Programme and works have already commenced on foot of preparatory drainage / ditch retaining works. Trees on private property are not the maintenance responsibility of the Council but we have already lopped offending branches encroaching on our said works. Coillte have previously been advised of their legal maintenance responsibilities under the 1993 Roads Act with respect to these trees. (BO'G)
22. "that Cork County Council put in place directional signs indicating Ballard Waterfall, Araglin at Mountain Barracks junction and at Lyreen, Araglin".
Tourism Directional signs are erected on foot of applications made to our planning Department under Section 254 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Acts, 2000-2010. (BO'G)
Brendan O' Gorman SEE advised that an Amenity Grant may be sought to fund these signs.

23. "that Cork County Council would liaise with the HSE in relation to improving the sight distance on the Tallow side for motorists when exiting St. Patrick's Community Hospital, Fermoy in the interest of safety of all road users, and consider a speed activated road detection sign on the Tallow side of the hospital entrance".

We will liaise with the HSE if they seek planning and engineering advice on future proposals to improve sightlines. If the HSE want to purchase a speed detector sign for this location, and as it is a private entrance, they must do so on their own account but I will agree to install and maintain same. (BO'G)

6. REQUEST for CIVIC RECEPTION

1. Request for Civic Reception.

Agreed.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Cllr. Noel McCarty - Update on resurfacing to Patrick Street, Fermoy

Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that a final plan for this work is not yet available, but will be furnished to the elected Members as soon as it is prepared and ready for circulation.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Cllr. Kay Dawson - Update on List of Electric Vehicle charging points.


The Strategic Policy Committee has been requested for this list, but this has not yet been supplied. Brendan O' Gorman SEE informally informed the Members that (to his knowledge) there is one private EV charging point in Supervalu, Fermoy and a public one available in Charleville, within the municipal district.

2. Cllr. Kay Dawson - Update on provision of Bus Shelters in Municipal District

Brendan O' Gorman SEE advised that a report is being prepared and will be circulated to the Members in due course.

The March 2019 meeting was confirmed for 19th March 2019, with a start time of 3.00pm.

Signed



Date

19-3-19.