

**Minutes of the Fermoy Municipal District Meeting
held on Tuesday, 15th January 2019**

In Attendance: Cllrs. Kay Dawson, Ian Doyle, Noel McCarthy, Deirdre O' Brien; Brendan O' Gorman SEE, Mary Hayes SEO, Pauline Moriarty MDO, Lydia Kelly ASO.

Apologies: An Cathaoirleach Cllr. June Murphy, Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

In the absence of An Cathaoirleach the meeting was chaired by Cllr. Kay Dawson. Cllr. Dawson welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished them well for the New Year.

On the proposition of Cllr. Ian Doyle, a Vote of Sympathy was passed by the Members to Cllr. Gearóid Murphy on the death of his father, Gerald (Gerry) Murphy. *Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.*

1. MINUTES

1. Minutes of Fermoy MD December Meeting held on Tuesday, 18th December 2018.

The Minutes were agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Ian Doyle.

2. COMMUNITY GRANT RE-ALLOCATION REQUEST

1. BALLYHOOLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Request by Ballyhooly Community Council (Contact: Kay Magner) to re-allocate 2018 Amenity Grant of €1000 for lawnmower to 'strimmer and leaf-blower'.

Reason: Member of community is now cutting the grass and they wish to re-allocate to buy strimmer and leaf blower.

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

3. REQUEST FOR DISABLED PARKING BAY

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

*"That this Council would consider grant of Disabled Parking Bay at 23 Hillside, Castlelyons".
(Supporting documentation provided).*

Brendan O' Gorman SEE is recommending a yellow box be provided here to ease and facilitate parking and resolve the issue. He added there is no enforcement at this location to ensure the success of a DPB.

4. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. UPDATE Fermoy Weir

and

2. REPORT January 2019 MDO Report

Pauline went through the contents of her report, uploaded to MinutePad for the Members consideration. She emphasised that applications for Community Grants this year are to be made online and will only be considered in paper format as a last resort.

Pauline took the opportunity to congratulate all stakeholders in Fermoy involved in winning the IBAL (Irish Business Against Litter) national competition and being named *Ireland's Cleanest Town 2018*. Cllr. Noel McCarthy, Chairperson of both 'Fermoy Tidy Towns' and 'Fermoy A Cleaner Town' group responded saying how delighted they all are with their achievement and thanking all who had played a part in making this happen. He said they had set three goals over a five year plan and all that now remained was to win a Tidy Towns medal, hopefully in 2019, year five of the plan. He now has two requests on foot of the win (i) could Fermoy MD write to IBAL enquiring if part of the €40k allocated for a winning sculpture could be channelled towards other expenditure and (ii) if signs could be erected, as soon as possible, on all Fermoy approach roads advising motorists they are entering Ireland's cleanest town. This was agreed by the executive.

The Members in turn congratulated and complimented all who had worked so hard to achieve this accolade, which has brought great pride to Fermoy town, Fermoy MD and Cork county. Mary Hayes SEO, on behalf of Cork County Council, endorsed all the Members comments and said it is a great testament to the town of Fermoy to see what can be achieved when all groups work together.

3. REPORT Derelict Sites Progress Report

Pauline Moriarty MDO introduced this report, uploaded for the Members information, and said if there were any queries in relation to items included therein, the Members were welcome to contact her at any time. She undertook to arrange an Engineer's report on the roof of 1 Smith's Lane in Charleville on foot of Cllr. Ian Doyle's representation. Pauline answered any other queries the Members had in relation to the report.

5. NOTICES OF MOTION

Cllr. Ian Doyle

1. "that Cork Council would look at the high levels of storm water flowing from development in Love Lane, Charleville effecting houses on Limerick Road N20".

Issue is under constant review by local Roads Office in Charleville. (BO'G)

Brendan O' Gorman SEE advised that the Design Section is liaising with Charleville Engineer in an attempt to provide a resolution to this problem, and he will arrange for an updated report for the next meeting.

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

2. "that footpath repairs be carried out at St. Bernard's Estate opposite Neligan's Funeral Home, Fermoy".

Will be considered for inclusion in our 2019 Footpath Schedule and Programme. (BO'G)

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

3. "that this Council resurface the recently cleared roadway servicing the rear entrances to O' Neill Crowley Terrace, Mitchelstown".

The Council will undertake a survey of this roadway to determine the condition of the existing hardstand. This roadway is not in the charge of Cork County Council and any resurfacing works would require a contribution from private householders adjoining the laneway. (Keith Jones SE, Housing Directorate)

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

4. "that Cork County Council would alleviate water ponding at the Mallow road entrance to Castletownroche at Hunter's Park in the interest of road safety".

Works are scheduled in Q1 2019 to address this long standing issue. (BO'G)

Cllr. Ian Doyle

5. "that Cork County Council would look at safety feature of current crossing at school time. Look at the possibility of moving closer to shop".

For discussion. (BO'G)

This motion refers to the crossing at Newtownshandrum National School. Cllr. Doyle explained that parents driving children are 'flying through' the lay-by and it is dangerous. Brendan O'Gorman SEE replied that, further to a Safety Section examination, it is not feasible to move the crossing here but a ramp could be provided in the lay-by to slow down traffic. He will request An Garda Síochána to monitor the speeding situation here in an effort to slow drivers down.

6. "that Cork County Council would write to Bus Eireann for the provision of Bus Shelters in Charleville".

Was raised under 'Any Other Business' at December 2018 meeting. I have sought an update on the 7th January 2019 for new bus shelters in Charleville, Mitchelstown and Fermoy from

Cormac O' Sullivan's Traffic Section in County Hall who were liaising with the NTA in these matters. (BO'G)

Cllr. Doyle is further requesting that Cork County Council consider purchasing the old Christian Brothers School site with a view to providing space to accommodate a bus shelter and much-needed additional car-parking. Mary Hayes SEO replied that Cork County Council could look at the option of purchasing this property.

This motion was supported by Cllrs. Noel McCarthy and Kay Dawson, both saying the provision of bus shelters is now essential in the MD towns; and that the bus shelters provided will need to be accessible from car parking areas, have some form of seat/support, and be roofed.

7. "that Cork County Council would resurface outside Ballyhea old graveyard and look at the safety of old trees in graveyard".
Surfacing will be considered in 2019 as advised at our November 2018 meeting. Tree issues in the graveyard will be looked at by our MDO. (BO'G)

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

8. "that Cork County Council would put a speed detector in place on the approach road on the N72 between SuperValu and the Council buildings in the interest of safety".
N72 National Road. New unit could be provided once funding is provided from 2019 Pay Parking Dividend, subject to Member's approval. (BO'G)
Cllr. McCarthy informed the meeting that business owners in this vicinity have offered to contribute towards the cost of this unit and he will speak with them again and revert to the February 2019 meeting with an update. Brendan confirmed the total cost of one of these units is €2,540.00.
9. "that potholes repairs be carried out on the Barranahash Road, Rathcormac".
Will be done. (BO'G)
10. "that this Council would repaint the hazard yellow lines on the approach road to Sean Shinnick's cottage, Corrin, Fermoy".
Will be done once weather conditions improve for lining. (BO'G)
11. "that this Committee would receive an up to date report on when work will commence on the road surface in Patrick Street (on the N72) in Fermoy".
The Tender Report has been approved by Cork County Council. We are awaiting on the TII final approval which I understand is imminent. (BO'G)

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

12. "that this Council would provide further public lighting in the car park of Ballygiblin Church".
Private Property. (BO'G)
Brendan O' Gorman SEE advised that if Church patrons could contribute towards the capital cost of the lighting required here, it could be connected to the public scheme, the running costs of which are borne by the Council.
13. "that this Council fill the potholes on the back lane (entry from Church Hill) at the rear of premises on Lower Cork Street".
Will be done. (BO'G)
14. "that this Council make request to An Post to site a collection box on Upper Cork Street to service the people of northern side of Mitchelstown".
Was raised under 'Any Other Business' at December 2018 meeting. Letter and Email issued to An Post on 9th January 2019. (PM)
15. "that this Council carry out drainage works on the road at Gurrane, Fermoy".
Routine Drainage Maintenance will be carried out. (BO'G)

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

16. "that Cork County Council would inspect and clear the gullies throughout Castletownroche".
Done. (BO'G)
17. "that Cork County Council would cut back the overgrown shrubbery at Fanahan Court, Stag Park, Mitchelstown".
The Council Gardener will be engaged to examine the shrubbery in this estate with a view to undertaking any necessary pruning of the shrubbery. (Keith Jones SE, Housing Directorate)
18. "that Cork County Council would pipe the water in the dangerous drain and cover in the drain on the roadside at Coolnakilla, Fermoy in the interest of road safety".
These open drains cannot be piped as in extreme flooding events the pipe would get damaged / clogged and would lead to unreasonable costs for the Council. Rural open drains by their nature should not be piped except in extreme circumstances. (BO'G)
Brendan O' Gorman SEE suggested that delineators could be provided here.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Mary Hayes SEO - Compliments to *Blackwater Valley Makers*

Mary Hayes commended *Blackwater Valley Makers* on their initiative, in the run up to Christmas, opening and successfully running their pop-up craft shop/business on Pearse Square, Fermoy saying it was very worthwhile venture and is now a model for all such groups in Cork county going forward. Her comments were fully endorsed by the Members.

(2) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Drainage issue on N72 Ballyhooly road

Brendan O' Gorman SEE said this issue and concurrent issue of an unauthorised new entrance adjacent may be subject to future legal proceedings and, as such, he is unable to comment or respond.

(3) Cllr. Ian Doyle - Updated on plans for Charleville Town Park

Cllr. Doyle was informed that a *Part VIII* is now pending for works planned for the Town Park.

(4) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Enquiry re: Public Lighting for Ashgrove, Ballyhooly

Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that a new application for this had been submitted by CCC Public Lighting Section to the TII.

(5) Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - Enquiry re: Public Lighting in Carrigane

Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that a second phase of public lighting is to be provided in Carrigane; and he informed the Members that the full 2019 Public Lighting Programme will be presented to them in due course.

(6) Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - Enquiry re: Footpath works at Upper Cork Street, Mitchelstown

Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that these works will be done as part of the Age-Friendly works proposed for Mitchelstown. He added that a full works programme proposed under the Age-Friendly funding will be presented to the Members (and to the Age-Friendly Committee) for their information and consideration. On approval, these works will be incorporated into the various 2019 works programmes (e.g. Footpaths Programme) and carried out in conjunction with these programmes throughout Q1 / Q2 of 2019.

(7) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Mitchelstown designation as 'Age Friendly Town'

Cllr. Dawson informed the Members that there were a number of national trial programmes to be introduced in Mitchelstown on foot of it being designated an Age Friendly Town. Examples of these trials are alarm signals operation and use of panic buttons. She acknowledged the initiative of Cork County Council in promoting Mitchelstown for this designation, saying it will be positive for the town in enhancing its profile on a national basis.

(8) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Potholes in Curraghorm, Mitchelstown

Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied saying these will be filled, and also that this road may be included on a future RI/RM programme in due course.

(9) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - New footpath Casement Row, Fermoy

Cllr. McCarthy complimented the Council and the Contractor on the new footpath in Casement Row, Fermoy saying everyone is delighted with the end result and the quality finish. Brendan O' Gorman SEE confirmed that works to the steps onto the road and adjacent to the GAA entrance are also to be carried out in due course under this funding.

(10) Brendan O' Gorman SEE - 2019 Works Programmes

Brendan informed the Members that 2019 RI (Restoration Improvement) Programme works are due to commence on 4th February 2019, first location Ballymacoy, Killavullen.

He further informed the Members that late 2018 funding for LIS works has been made available for four schemes which must be completed by end March 2019. These schemes are sanctioned for Ballykeating, Glanworth; Kildinan; Cappagh, Ballyhooly and Railway Road, Mitchelstown. Closing date for payment of public contributions is 25th January 2019.

(11) Mary Hayes SEO - Funding for Fermoy Weir works

Mary Hayes SEO requested the Members use any influence they may have to secure the much-needed funding required for works to Fermoy Weir.

(12) Mary Hayes SEO - Upcoming Training for Organisers of Festivals

Mary informed the Members that training is arranged in Oriel House, Ballincollig on 22nd January 2019 for anyone involved in the organisation of festivals, and to let her know if they know of anyone who is interested in attending same.

(13) Cllr. Kay Dawson - 'Fit Up Theatre' coming to Fermoy MD

Cllr. Dawson said she is delighted with the coming of the 'Fit Up Theatre' programme to the district, saying it is a great incentive, very worthwhile and a welcome addition to local Arts.

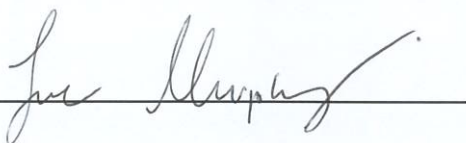
(14) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Enquiry re: repainting/provision of Disabled Parking Bays

Brendan O' Gorman SEE confirmed this work is weather dependant and will be carried out in due course.

(15) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Update on provision of car parking in Council housing estates

Pauline Moriarty MDO replied that this issue came before the Members at a previous meeting, their comments on same were conveyed to the Director of Municipal Services and an update will be provided to them in due course.

Signed



Date

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