

**Minutes of the Fermoy Municipal District Meeting
held on Tuesday, 21st March 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 Fermoy MD Special Meeting (LAP Briefing) held on Friday, 17th February 2017.

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

2. Minutes of Fermoy MD February meeting held on Tuesday, 21st February 2017.

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

2. TAKING-IN-CHARGE Laneway off Thomas Street

Declaration of Lane to be a Public Road.

"Laneway to the east of Thomas Street, Mitchelstown, L-1432, length 46 metres".

The Members noted the information submitted and the taking-in-charge, as detailed above, was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Ian Doyle.

3. REPORTS and RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Estates not 'Taken In Charge' Fermoy MD MARCH 2017

The Members noted the email and attached list of estates from Sean O' Callaghan. Pauline Moriarty MDO confirmed, further to an enquiry from Cllr. Kay Dawson, that instead of the attendance at MD meetings of the relevant Engineer, queries in relation to the status of estates can be referred to the Estates Section and a response will issue. Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien enquired as to the status of Luí na Gréine estate, Mitchelstown and Pauline undertook to enquire from the Estates Section and have a reply for the next meeting.

2. Public Lighting 2016 Update

The update on the 2016 programme was noted by the Members and agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson. Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that the 2017 public lighting programme may be available for their consideration at the April 2017 meeting.

3. 2017 Drainage Programme and Progress Update

This progress report was noted by the Members and agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Noel McCarthy.

4. 2017 RI Progress Update

Brendan O' Gorman SEE went through the progress to date on the RI programme. He circulated an additional map and spreadsheet containing the list of regional and local roads projects to be funded from 2018/2019 RLR grants, which was noted by the Members.

5. New Beechfield Signalised Junction

Brendan O' Gorman SEE stated that the signalised junction was operating successfully since its introduction and, for the most part, vehicle and pedestrian manoeuvres were much improved. Any negative issues noted to date have been caused, for the most part, by poor driver behaviour. In relation to the (removed) bollards which were on the laneway adjacent to the shop, Cllr. June Murphy informed the meeting that she had met with the representatives of the petitioners and outlined the resolution options suggested and they had agreed to consider these and revert to Cllr. Murphy. It was agreed that a final decision on this issue would be deferred to the April 2017 meeting.

6. Derelict Sites Progress Report

Pauline Moriarty MDO went through the Derelict Sites report and advised the Members that any queries they have in relation to specific properties can be forwarded to her. Work on progressing the status of derelict sites in the district will be prioritised in April and an updated report will issue in due course. Further to an enquiry from Cllr. Ian Doyle, Pauline undertook to make enquiries in relation to identifying someone who could represent the owner of No. 4 Bishop Brown Terrace, Charleville with a view to treating the dereliction here. Cllr. Kay Dawson requested that proceedings be issued in relation to the property at No. 49 Lower Cork Street, Mitchelstown; and this was supported by Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien.

7. 2017 Community Grants

Pauline Moriarty MDO circulated documents containing a set of proposals for 2017 funding allocations, totalling €211k, under the following range of schemes: Capital Fund, General Municipal Fund, Amenity Grants and Community Contract Grants. She went through the draft proposals under each category, explaining the background to each of the proposed allocations. She advised that each village is recommended to formulate a three or five year plan to support future grant applications. The proposals, as presented, were adopted on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy and agreed by the Members. The Members in turn thanked Pauline and staff for their work in preparing the draft allocations and welcomed the funding to communities these grants represent, saying they are an important source of income for community groups carrying out work in their areas. Cllr. Kay Dawson added that she looks forward to the executive liaising with Mitchelstown Leisure Centre with a view to them securing funding in 2018.

8. 2017 Village Enhancement Scheme

Funding totalling €62,500 is available for village enhancement works and Castletownroche and Conna are proposed for schemes this year. These proposals were adopted on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson and agreed by the Members. Brendan O' Gorman SEE recommended that the Members encourage other villages to have plans made and 'shovel-ready' for funding from this programme in future years.

9. 2017 Town Development Fund

The 2017 fund available is €125k and this, added to the already allocated but as yet unspent 2016 funds, brings the total to €212,000. The details of the works proposed across the three towns are set out in the document which was circulated and include CCTV cameras, painting schemes, heritage projects such as maps and information boards and other public realm enhancement works. Two Solar Compactor bins are to be installed on a trial basis in Mitchelstown. Cllr. Frank O' Flynn enquired if the painting scheme could be extended to include villages and was advised that this would need to be discussed and agreed at SPC level. The proposals, as presented, were adopted on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy and agreed by the Members. The Members welcomed this fund and the works which will be carried out under this programme saying it is a vital source of funding and of great benefit to the three towns in the district.

10. 2017 Presentation of Towns

Pauline Moriarty MDO went through the proposals for this scheme, which show allocations of €20,000 for Fermoy town and €15,000 each for Mitchelstown and Charleville towns. The proposals, as presented, were adopted on the proposition of Cllr. Kay Dawson, seconded by Cllr. Ian Doyle and agreed by the Members.

11. 2017 Dereliction Scheme

Works under the 2017 Dereliction Scheme are concentrated in Charleville town, with €12,500 proposed to be spent on a painting scheme for Main Street to be rolled out in conjunction with the Tidy Towns group. This scheme was welcomed by Cllr. Ian Doyle and agreed by the Members.

4. COMMUNITY GRANT RE-ALLOCATIONS

1. 2014 Amenity Grant of €200 to Elbow Lane Poetry Group from Computer to Foldable Display Wall (10 metres long).

Having considered this re-allocation, it was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy.

2. 2015 Amenity Grant for €800 to Doneraile Tidy Towns from Street Signage to Mural at town entrance to Doneraile Park (refurbishment of existing mural).

Having considered this re-allocation, it was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy.

3. 2015 Capital Grant for €15,000 from Castlelyons Community Council to Castlelyons Community Centre for alterations/renovations to Castlelyons Community Hall.

Having considered this re-allocation, it was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson.

5. Request for Monument in honour of Mike Meaney

Request for monument in honour of Mike Meaney who was buried alive 49 years ago. His daughter is requesting a monument be erected next year to mark "50 years".

Pauline Moriarty MDO said more information indicating the design and location of this commemorative monument would be requested before its installation in 2018, but asked for the Members 'agreement in principle' to this proposal at this stage. This was agreed, in principle, on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

1. "that Cork County Council would grass and reseed the Convent field Doneraile as a play and recreational amenity area for the many children and parents who live in the area and include facilities including recreational walk and seating areas".

"The Housing Directorate has committed to reseeding this area, which forms part of the Glenview Estate, in 2017. The provision of additional facilities such as a recreational walk way and seating will be considered in the context of available funding under the Estate Management Budget in the future". (P. O'Connor)

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

2. "that this committee call on the CEO and members of the Cork ETB to declare an interest to the Department of Education in the old Gaelscoil building in Fermoy, as this would be an ideal location to accommodate a permanent home for Fermoy Youthreach and Fermoy Literacy".
This motion was seconded by Cllr. Frank O' Flynn and agreed by the Members. Pauline Moriarty MDO undertook to contact Ted Owens, Cork ETB asking him to correspond with the Department of Education accordingly.

Cllr. Ian Doyle

3. "that Cork County Council in conjunction with TII would repaint pedestrian crossing at Ballysally Cross, Charleville after resurfacing works done".
These road markings have now been completed by the TII/NRDO, as part of their resurfacing contract. (BO'G)

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

4. "that this Council carry out essential repairs to the concrete post and railing across the road from the church at Shahaarla".
Private property. (BO'G)
Brendan O' Gorman SEE confirmed that this fence is the responsibility of the landowner.

Cllr. Ian Doyle

5. "that Cork County Council in conjunction with TII would look at relining all pedestrian crossings on N20 in Main Street, Charleville".
Will be requested of the TII via the NRA GeoApp and will be carried out during their annualised relining contract. (BO'G)
6. "that Cork County Council would look at footpath repair programme outside 26 to 31 Kennedy Place, Charleville".
Some localised repairs can be carried out in 2017. (BO'G)
7. "that Cork County Council would cut trees in Pike Farm Estate, Charleville as already agreed".
Trimming works have been carried out and further topping works will be progressed subject to availability of budgets later in the year. (BO'G)
Pauline Moriarty MDO said that, as this is a private estate, works here should be done by the Resident's Association, but agreed that if funding allowed later in the year, some work could be considered.
8. "that Cork County Council would look at resurfacing parts of roadway in Kennedy Place, Brendans Drive and Oliver Plunkett Place, Charleville which have gone in to disrepair".
Will be considered for 2018. (BO'G)

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

9. "that Cork County Council would put a white line in place on the road leading up to St. Joseph's National School, Fermoy, indicating the walkway for pupils in the interest of safety".
A white line indicating the pedestrian walkway can be installed. (BO'G)
This motion was supported by Cllr. Noel McCarthy.
10. "that Cork County Council would outline its plans for putting in place a permanent fish pass on the River Blackwater in Fermoy".
Negotiations to acquire the land to facilitate the fish bypass channel are ongoing. In parallel to this process discussions are ongoing with the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources to provide funding to facilitate the construction of the fish bypass channel. (PM)
This motion was supported by Cllrs. Deirdre O' Brien and Noel McCarthy. Pauline Moriarty MDO informed those present that Inland Fisheries Ireland, the Department and Cork County Council have agreed a plan; and an estimate of costs has been prepared and submitted to the Department. The land acquisition must be complete before a planning application can be made and funding provided, and this (land acquisition) is currently being arranged. David Keane, CCC Coastal Management Section will manage this project for Fermoy MD. Pauline will revert to the Members with the plan and a timescale when available and the Members will be kept informed of all progress on the project. Mary Hayes SEO informed the Members that capital funding has been sought for the repairs to the weir and, when funding available, these works can progress separately to the fish bypass channel works.
11. "that Cork County Council would consider relocating the recently erected twelve metre boat art sculpture to a place where it would be more visible to the public and where it would better reflect the strong association of Fermoy with rowing and the River Blackwater such as Pearse Square or another suitable location within the town".
The location in the triangular field has been approved by the OPW, Executive of Cork County Council, The National Sculpture Factory and the artist himself. We did look initially at putting it immediately adjacent to the river on the Barnane Walk but this was ruled out on additional engineering costs / foundation and hydrology reasons. Its current location is probably the most visible location in the town owing to its proximity to the N72/Town Centre and river side location. (BO'G)

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

12. “that this Committee receive an Engineer’s report on the possibility of the cycling lane on Cork Road being extended to the Duntaheen Road and the Duntaheen Relief Road”.
When funds for cycle lanes become available for rural towns, we will not be found wanting in seeking schemes, but obviously we are constrained by engineering limitations in Fermoy i.e. unsuitable road widths in many locations. (BO’G)
This motion was seconded by Cllr. Frank O’ Flynn.
13. “that road works be undertaken to alleviate flooding on the Boherderrogue road outside Cotter’s house, Fermoy”.
Will be investigated further as works were carried out here previously. (BO’G)
14. “that this Committee receive an Engineer’s report on the possibility of slip lane be put in place on the R639 road turning left to the L-5770 road at Corrin, Fermoy”.
Not recommended in current design standards and no funds available to do same regardless. Also traffic volumes turning left heading north would be low. (BO’G)
15. “that potholes be filled on the Kilamurrin road, Hightown, Bartlemy”.
Will be done. (BO’G)

Cllr. Deirdre O’ Brien

16. “that this Council have trees taken out of the graveyard at Killesane, Castletownroche and hedging be set. Also dog fouling bins be erected”.
For further discussion and investigation. No dogs should ideally be allowed in the graveyard.
(BO’G)
Brendan O’ Gorman SEE advised the Members that this is a civil issue between landowners and reiterated that dogs ideally should not be allowed into graveyards, either to roam freely or to be exercised by owners. Following a discussion it was agreed that this issue should be raised at SPC level with a view to a county-wide policy being adopted on forbidding dogs in burial grounds. The executive do not consider a change in the boundary here would make a difference to the unwanted access and would not recommend the provision of a dog fouling bin.
17. “that this Council would look at having traffic calming measures installed at Ashgrove, Ballyhooley”.
For discussion. (BO’G)
Brendan advised the Members that traffic calming provisions are not allowed on rural sections of National Roads, where the maximum speed limit applies.
18. “that this Council carry out essential repairs on road from Ballinvoher to Macronev Upper”.
Already on this year’s RI approved programme - our wetmix resurfacing programme has already commenced and is scheduled across the municipal district over the next five-six months. (BO’G)
Brendan clarified that this reply refers to the public road here. The motion actually refers to the private breen in the same location which would have to be funded by a LIS.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

1. EMAIL Niall Healy 21.2.2017 RE: LECP Update

Noted.

2. EMAIL J. Galvin Coillte 24.2.2017 RE: Glansheskin Wood, Kilworth

Noted. Brendan O’ Gorman SEE advised that Cork County Council may have some input to these works, which were welcomed by the Members.

8. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Ref: Item 4 (4) Notice of Motion - Cllr. Frank O' Flynn RE: Glenahulla

Cllr. O' Flynn enquired if any reply had been received from the TII in relation to the proposed changes to speed limits at Glenahulla N.S., to which Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied meetings have been scheduled in early April to discuss this issue and updates on these meetings will be forthcoming in due course.

2. Ref: Item 4 (19) Notice of Motion - Cllr. Frank O' Flynn RE: Cornahinch Cross, Doneraile

Further to Cllr. O' Flynn's enquiry, Pauline Moriarty MDO said this reply had been issued and she would forward it to Cllr. O' Flynn.

3. Ref: Item 4 (19) Notice of Motion - Cllr. Frank O' Flynn RE: St Dominic's Cemetery and Killisane Cemetery Crosses

Cllr. O' Flynn enquired if cleaning works had been carried out on these crosses, to which Pauline Moriarty MDO replied she would check and revert to him.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Brendan O' Gorman SEE - Community Involvement Schemes etc.

Brendan gave an update on the CIS's planned for the district for 2017, saying that two schemes are fully paid up. There is one Local Improvement Scheme due to commence on 23rd March on the road to Kartworld, near Watergrasshill, the County Council commitment of which will be part financed from the 1007 allocation for the year. In addition, there are two Low Cost Schemes planned, one in Chapel Hill, Mitchelstown and one at Johnstown, Glanworth. There are also five projects being carried out using 2016 Clár funding, the locations for these being Curraglass, Glanworth, Castletownroche and two in Conna. Three of these are already installed and up and running.

2. Cllr. Ian Doyle - School Warden vacancy, Newtownshandrum

Cllr. Doyle enquired if a substitute School Warden could be appointed in Newtownshandrum, as the current School Warden is absent long term on sick leave, resulting in a potentially dangerous situation for school-goers. Pauline Moriarty acknowledged that she is aware of the situation here and undertook to make enquiries of the Personnel Department as to what options are available here. Mary Hayes SEO said the shortage of School Wardens in the district and the issue of appointing additional wardens may be an issue for the Transport SPC to consider.

3. Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Speed Radar signs.

Cllr. McCarthy enquired if a speed radar sign could be installed on the Tallow Road, Fermoy. This was seconded by Cllr. Frank O' Flynn. Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that he will arrange for the sign to be moved to this location and reminded the Members that the 50% off (these signs) offer is still available for any interested parties.

4. Pauline Moriarty MDO - I.D.A./Enterprise Ireland Presentation, 31st March 2017

Pauline invited the Members to attend the I.D.A./Enterprise Ireland presentation on 31st March 2017 at 2.00pm and asked if they would be present. All except Cllr. Doyle, who is unavailable on that day, confirmed they would be in attendance.

5. Cllr. Kay Dawson - Trees in St. Fanahan's Court, Stag Park

Further to Cllr. Dawson's query, Brendan O' Gorman SEE agreed to check if these trees were on the list to be cut back.

6. Cllr. Kay Dawson - Pedestrian Crossing at Aldi, Mitchelstown

Brendan O' Gorman SEE assured Cllr. Dawson that pedestrian facilities here would be upgraded as part of the works for which Aldi has received planning permission.

7. Cllr. Kay Dawson - Library building cleanup

Cllr. Dawson enquired in relation to the clearing of the vacant sections at the Library building, Mitchelstown to which Pauline Moriarty MDO replied there was no update available yet.

8. Cllr. Kay Dawson - Street cleaning, Mitchelstown

Further to Cllr. Dawson's enquiry, Brendan O' Gorman SEE confirmed that there was now one employee full-time on street cleaning duties in Mitchelstown.

9. Cllr. Kay Dawson - School Warden at Bunscoil na Torbithe, Mitchelstown

Further to Cllr. Dawson's enquiry, Pauline Moriarty MDO replied that the recruitment of this School Warden has been initiated but the process could take up to two months.

10. Cllr. Kay Dawson - Mitchelstown awarded Age Friendly Town status

Cllr. Dawson informed the meeting that Mitchelstown had been successful in being awarded Age Friendly town status and requested that any further seating being installed in the town be chosen appropriate to age friendly needs.

11. Cllr. Noel McCarthy - new Texaco station, Cork Road, Fermoy

Cllr. McCarthy enquired if there were any plans for additional traffic management measures here, to which Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied the situation will be monitored and this location may warrant a future roundabout in due course, which has been factored into the layout of the petrol station/public road interface.

12. Pauline Moriarty MDO - Pride of Place competition

Pauline asked the Members to revert to her with their suggested nominations for this competition.

13. Pauline Moriarty MDO - MD 2017 Annual Contracts

(i) **Grasscutting:** This contract has been awarded to the same Contractor as 2016 and works have already commenced.

(ii) **Tree Pruning:** This contract has been awarded to Casey McCowen.

(iii) **Weed Control:** Tenders for this Contract have been received, are currently being opened and processed.

Cllr. Noel McCarthy asked why part of Barry's Court is being cut by the residents of Forest Glen, and Pauline Moriarty MDO requested Cllr. McCarthy to convey this enquiry to her in writing for further investigation.

14. Mary Hayes SEO - Future Reports to Meetings

Mary Hayes SEO, further to a query from Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien, informed the Members that, in future, reports in relation to such matters as Planning, Housing, Economic Development and Tourism will issue for the Members information instead of the attendance at meetings of personnel from these directorates.

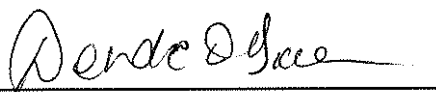
15. Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Works on Mallow Road, Fermoy

Cllr. McCarthy complimented all those involved in the improvement works on the Mallow approach road to Fermoy, saying it is a very good job.

16. Cllr. June Murphy - Public Lighting installation in Castlelyons

Cllr. Murphy complimented the new public lighting installed in Castlelyons, saying it is a stunning job.

Signed: _____



Date: _____

