

**Minutes of the Fermoy Municipal District Meeting  
held on Tuesday, 15th May 2018**

**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. Pdraig Barrett SEO, Karina Cremin SEO Housing Directorate; Eileen O'Brien, A/County Librarian.

**1. MINUTES**

**1. Minutes of Fermoy MD Special meeting held (in committee) on Tuesday, 17th April 2018.**

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

**2. Minutes of Fermoy MD April 2018 meeting held on Tuesday, 17th April 2018.**

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

**2. PRESENTATION BY HOUSING DEPARTMENT**

**1. Proposed development of Halting Site at Ballydineen, Doneraile**

Pdraig Barrett SEO, Karina Cremin SEO and Joanne Crossland Executive Architect were in attendance to make this presentation and Ms. Crossland circulated lay-out maps and drawings of the proposed development which provides for a seven family facility at this site.

Mr. Barrett advised the Members that, with the Members approval, this proposal will be sent for Departmental sanction and then to public consultation with a view to progressing this development. He said the Traveller Consultation Group have worked hard to progress this plan to this stage and the time to move it forward is now. He answered any questions the Member had and on the proposition of Cllr. Ian Doyle, seconded by Cllr. June Murphy and agreed by all the Members, the proposed development was accepted and adopted.

Cllr. Ian Doyle enquired on the timeline for the two villages included in this years Town and Village Renewal Scheme, to which Pauline Moriarty MDO replied that plans are currently with the Architect's Department and will be circulated to the Members when available.

**3. PRESENTATION BY COUNTY LIBRARIAN**

**1. Presentation to MD Members by Eileen O' Brien, County Librarian.**

Eileen distributed a selection of documents to support her presentation in relation to the comprehensive range of services available in the Council's Libraries throughout the county. The number of events and activities organised in the three libraries in the district was evident, showing the extent of the interaction between Library staff and the public they serve. Eileen spoke with particular reference to the preparation of an Age-Friendly Strategy currently being developed by Bernie Wallace. She said another endeavour being undertaken by library personnel, in response to the results of recent surveys, is the organisation of a promotional drive to educate Members about the on-line resources that are now available. Library personnel are currently involved with fifty-six events in relation to 'Healthy Ireland'. Eileen answered any queries the Members had which included plans for Bliain na Gaelige and the provision of a public toilet in Fermoy library. The Members thanked Eileen for her attendance and her presentation. They acknowledged with gratitude her work and that of all the Library Service personnel, saying the libraries are indeed a fantastic facility in the three towns of Fermoy MD and Cork county in general.

**4. TAKING IN CHARGE**

**1. Taking In Charge Process - Kingston Close, Mitchelstown**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that for a Taking-In-Charge to proceed the two required elements are (i) that a public right-of-way exists and (ii) that there is no financial burden on the Local Authority. In this case, a public right of way exists but there is a financial burden on the council, and Brendan is liaising with the residents here to have the required works, which will be paid for by them, carried out in order to advance the taking-in-charge process. He will keep the Members updated on any progress.

## **5. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **1. REPORT MDO April 2018 Report**

Pauline Moriarty MDO went through her report, uploaded for the Members information, which included replies received for three recent motions, updates on numerous items and a report, previously requested, on the apportionment of funding over the past three years to the three towns. In relation to the provision of new planters Cllr. Noel McCarthy asked if these could be in place prior to the judging for Tidy Towns, which is due to take place at end June/early July. In relation to the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018 Pauline informed the Members that expressions of interest are currently being sought, with the closing date end of May. Pauline reminded the Members of the important meeting arranged (in Mallow) with the Divisional Manager for 21st May in relation to Fermoy Weir. The Members noted the contents of the report under other headings and thanked Pauline.

### **2. PROGRESS REPORT 2018 RI Programme**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that the programme for 2018 is progressing and is on schedule, saying a progress report is uploaded for the Members information.

### **3. PROGRESS REPORT 2018 Drainage Programme**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE said works on this programme are continuing and on schedule, and all works will be complete by November in conjunction with our resurfacing programmes. Brendan answered any queries the Members had and they thanked him for the report.

### **4. REPORT 2018 Safety Improvement Scheme / Part VIII - Emmet Street, Fermoy**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE circulated a new preliminary drawing for this installation showing a proposed change of location for the pedestrian crossing. He informed the Members that he will seek to meet with the commercial owners on the street and will then prepare a final proposal for adoption at the June 2018 meeting. Brendan advised there will be fewer parking spaces 'lost' in this new proposal than in the lay-out in the original proposal. He told the Members that if this proposed revised layout and location does not meet with the general approval and acceptance of the commercial owners at this location there will be no proposal going ahead for a pedestrian crossing in Emmet Street. He will have the final report and recommendation for the Members consideration and adoption at the June meeting.

## **6. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **Cllr. Frank O' Flynn**

1. "that Cork County Council would repair and upgrade the footpath at Brian Boru Square, Fermoy which connects Rathealy Road to Kent Bridge, Fermoy and include this in the 2019 Footpath Funding Programme in the interest of safety".  
Minor and localised repairs are required here and will be carried out in due course. (BO'G)

### **Cllr. June Murphy**

2. "road safety signage and road marking be put in place at Liam Burke Terrace, Ballyhooly".  
Advanced warning sign (W142 - children crossing) will be installed here. Road Markings will be renewed as required. (BO'G)  
This motion was supported by Cllr. Noel McCarthy, who said there is a real concern here. Further to a brief discussion, Brendan O' Gorman SEE undertook to re-examine the location and revert to the Members with a possible solution.

### **Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien**

3. "that Cork County Council would erect "Yield right of way" sign at exit from Ard Cashel Estate, Watergrasshill on to road".  
A 'STOP' sign will be installed. (BO'G)

**Cllr. Noel McCarthy**

4. “that this Committee carry out road repairs and fill potholes on the Cullenagh to Ballylusky Road, Ballynoe, Co. Cork”.  
Will be done. (BO’G)

**Cllr. Kay Dawson**

5. “that potholes be filled in on the L-5693-0 road from Maun’s Cross to St. Michael’s Well, Araglin”.  
Will be done. (BO’G)

**Cllr. June Murphy**

6. “an electronic speedometer, proper speed signs on the way into Ballyhooly from the Fermoy side of Liam Burke Terrace be put in place”.  
Ballyhooly Community Council in partnership with Cork County Council have already purchased two speed alerter /driver feedback signs for this village. They are located on the N72 on both approaches to the village. Cork County Council can install an additional socket on the road in question if the Community Council wishes to relocate one sign to this location for a period. (BO’G)
7. “ask this Council to build a Skateboard Park in Mitchelstown”.  
Cllr. Murphy said parents had approached her requesting this facility, and she suggested two possible locations, in the grounds of Mitchelstown Leisure Centre or adjacent to Forrest Hall. The motion was supported by Cllrs. McCarthy and Dawson. Further to a discussion, during which the site adjacent to Forrest Hall was ruled out as it is in private ownership, Cllr. Murphy undertook to make further enquiries with a view to advancing this proposal.
8. “to call on Bus Eireann to provide a bus shelter in Mitchelstown”.  
This motion was supported by all the Members, who agreed in addition to Mitchelstown, bus shelters are needed at bus stops in all three of the main towns. Brendan O’ Gorman SEE reminded the Members that when this issue was communicated to Bus Eireann previously, they had referred it on to the National Transport Authority (NTA) who in turn indicated they did not have funding. Further to a discussion it was agreed that Brendan O’ Gorman SEE would write again to the NTA requesting the provision of bus shelters in the towns in Fermoy MD.

**Cllr. Frank O’ Flynn**

9. “that Cork County Council provide an extra public lighting on the Limerick Road entrance to Kildorrery in the interest of safety”.  
Will be considered under future Public Lighting Programmes in the district. LED upgrades on the Main Street the priority in 2018, subject to final TII approval. (BO’G)
10. “that Cork County Council remove trees and debris on the eyes of the bridges on the river Funcheon at Downing Bridge, Kilworth and Glanworth Bridge, Glanworth”.  
Already in hand. (BO’G)
11. “that Cork County Council would replace and repair the damaged pier and the damaged back wall at Oldcourt Cemetery, Doneraile”.  
Repairs to damaged pier will be carried out when staff resources allow. Damaged back wall is a heritage wall and we are liaising with the heritage unit currently. Funding for any repairs to this heritage wall is not in the 2018 revenue budget. (PM)  
Mary Hayes SEO told the Members she had asked the Architect’s Department to liaise with TÚS to see if any of their operatives could be trained to carry out this skilled work, and further to this, she undertook to revert to Pierangelo Cacciotti, Architect’s Department, for an update. Further to this, Cllr. Deirdre O’ Brien said Fermoy MD needs to emphasise to the Personnel Department the urgent need to recruit workers with the necessary skills, such as Stonemasons, to carry out works of this type.

**Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien**

12. "that Cork County Council would carry out a traffic survey on the junction at entry to Watergrasshill where traffic coming from Fermoy on the R639 is entering the village at high speed in avoiding oncoming traffic".  
Speed surveys have already taken place in the village and I will look at the specified issue more closely in the coming weeks. We have offered speed detector units to the Community Council under the shared cost arrangement. The stretch of road identified has been identified for additional traffic calming scheme/zebra crossing in 2019/2020. (BO'G)
13. "that this Council would erect 'No Dog Poo' signs in Glanworth Graveyard".  
Following a discussion it was agreed that this issue would be referred to Louis Duffy DOS, Environment Department.
14. "that this Council carry out drainage work to alleviate flooding at Drough, Mitchelstown (on the bend)".  
Will be done. (BO'G)
15. "that this Council would erect road directional signage for Kildorrery and Ballindangan at Rockmills (Funcheon Bar) and also for Kildorrery, Ballyhooley and Castletownroche at Nagles Cross".  
As already advised, all existing signage on our regional network is to the correct standard. There were signs for Kildorrery here. It is not advisable to direct to Ballindangan here owing to the narrow road infrastructure along this local secondary road. The finger post signs at Nagle's Cross were there previously and will be replaced. (BO'G)

**Cllr. Noel McCarthy**

16. "that this Committee consider the possibility of a Disabled Parking Bay outside the home of No. 48 St. Bernard's Place, Fermoy. Doctors letter enclosed".  
Can be investigated and recommendation issued at June meeting. (PM)  
Pauline Moriarty MDO informed the Members that doctors letters are not required to support the requests for these bays.
17. "that this Committee would write to the Housing Section of Cork County Council to get an update on when the housing development by Respond in Duntahane, Fermoy will commence".  
*This motion, and queries in relation to other housing issues, were dealt with by Housing Directorate personnel at the start of the meeting.*  
Padraig Barrett SEO replied that the start date for this project, which was April, had now been moved forward to June 2018.  
In relation to a query from Cllr. Frank O' Flynn in relation to Crann Árd, Fermoy Mr. Barrett undertook to check and revert to Cllr. O' Flynn, advising there are other agencies involved here. Cllr. McCarthy enquired as to the possibility of providing additional car parking in Council housing estates, an ongoing issue in the district, to which Mr. Barrett replied it is difficult and sometimes not feasible to retro-fit parking in older estates.
18. "that this Municipal District write to TII seeking a meeting to discuss what plans they have to resurface Patrick Street, Fermoy which is part of the N72 national road".  
I have sought clarity from our NRDO under the stewardship of Mr. Bob O' Shea to outline the TII plans for this stretch of road, which has admittedly dis-improved considerably over the past eighteen months. (BO'G)  
Brendan O' Gorman SEE explained that there is a TII GeoApp mechanism now in place to secure funding between €50K - €200K for resurfacing works required on national roads. He will provide updates in due course of works that may be done in the Fermoy MD.
19. "that road repairs be carried out and potholes be filled in on Ballyknock South road, Ballynoe".  
Will be done. (BO'G)

**Cllr. Kay Dawson**

20. “call on Cork County Council to include resurfacing of road from Maun’s Cross to St. Michael’s Well, Araglin, road number L-5693-0 on future resurfacing programme”.  
Under consideration for our 2019 RI Programme. (BO’G)
21. “that an update be provided on the plans for the two roundabouts on Mitchelstown ring road which were adjusted to allow for large, heavy loads to go through”.  
Final reinstatement works have been completed for both roundabouts. Both roundabouts were offered to nearby businesses for ‘adopt a roundabout’ Council landscape scheme but have not been progressed sufficiently by them. (BO’G)

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

*None*

**8. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**1. Cllr. Kay Dawson requested the following change to the Minutes.**

That “...with Cllr. Ian Doyle adding that it is regrettable that LEADER funding is no longer available” be changed to “with Cllr. Ian Doyle adding that it is regrettable that LEADER funding has been reduced”.

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**(1) DISPOSAL OF LAND.**

**To consider the disposal of land at Orchard Estate, Castlelyons Co. Cork, area 0.002 hectares / 0.005 acres, to Virginia Cantillon, Park View, Castlelyons, Co. Cork for a consideration of €1.00.**

The Members noted the information submitted by the Property Section, and the disposal of land, as detailed above, was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy.

**(2) Cllr. Frank O' Flynn - Closure of Community Council carpark, Castlelyons**

Cllr. O' Flynn said Castlelyons Community Council had to close the car park as there were insurance implications for them, and he requested the MD reconsider the allocation of funding to carry out works here. Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that this is in private ownership and therefore not eligible for local road operations funds. Pauline Moriarty MDO then replied that all funds available under Community Grants have now been allocated and the allocations agreed and formally adopted and there is no other funding available.

**(3) Cllr. Ian Doyle - Recruitment of School Warden for Charleville**

Pauline Moriarty MDO replied, further to Cllr. Doyle's enquiry, that should the Chief Executive make financial provision for an additional school warden in the MD, Charleville has top priority for this appointment.

**(4) Cllr. Ian Doyle - Sign at 50kph on Smyth's Road, Charleville.**

Cllr. Doyle said there had been very positive feedback to this sign, which is proving very effective at this location and he thanked Brendan for its installation.

**(5) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Update on removal of obsolete phoneboxes.**

Further to Cllr. Dawson's query, it was decided that Fermoy MD would write to Eir advising them that Fermoy MD would make arrangements for these obsolete phoneboxes to be removed in the event of Eir failing to do so.

**(6) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Public light out at St. Fanahan's, Mitchelstown**

Cllr. Dawson said she would revert to Brendan O' Gorman with a pole number for this light, which he will pass on to Airtricity for repair.

**(7) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Age Friendly parking spaces, Mitchelstown**

Further to a query, Cllr. Dawson was informed that these spaces are now in place in Mitchelstown.

**(8) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Congratulations on cleanliness of Mitchelstown**

Cllr. Dawson congratulated and thanked the Cork County Council personnel involved in street cleaning in Mitchelstown, saying the town had never looked so well.

**(9) Cllr. Ian Doyle - Additional Cork County Council staff required.**

Cllr. Doyle said the urgency of recruiting staff for street cleaning and other works needs to be highlighted to the Personnel Department, as volunteers in Charleville are now out litter picking at 6.30am as there are no Local Authority staff available.

**(10) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Signs at Kenny's Cross.**

Cllr. McCarthy requested signs at Kenny's Cross, which are loose, be tightened. Brendan O' Gorman SEE undertook to arrange for this to be done.

**(11) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Hag's Cross**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed Cllr. McCarthy that overlay is required at this location. It is not the cross itself but the mouth of the cul-de-sac to the river off it.

**(12) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Potholes at Ballyclough, Kilworth**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE will arrange for these to be filled.

**(13) Cllr. Ian Doyle - Grasscutting**

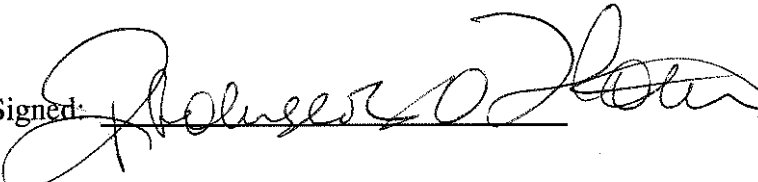
Cllr. Doyle enquired about the grass cutting contract for 2018, saying some areas had only been cut once so far this year. Cllr. Kay Dawson added that this also applies for the Limerick Road in Mitchelstown. Pauline Moriarty MDO undertook to make enquiries in this regard.

**(14) Brendan O' Gorman SEE - Footpath request at Glenabo Bridge**

Brendan advised the Members, further to this request and his enquiries, that the land required here is not in the ownership of Coillte, but privately owned by three landowners, thus rendering this proposal unfeasible.

**(15) Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - Repainting of courtesy crossing on Lower Cork Street.**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that he will arrange for this to be done.

Signed:  Date: 17-06-2018