

**Minutes of the Fermoy Municipal District Meeting
held on Tuesday, 16th October 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, Lydia Kelly ASO.

Apologies: Pauline Moriarty MDO

1. MINUTES

1. Minutes of Fermoy MD September 2018 Meeting held on Tuesday, 18th September 2018.
The Minutes were agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Ian Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson.

2. DISPOSALS, GRANTS ETC.

1. DISPOSAL OF LEASEHOLD INTEREST (CHARLEVILLE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE)
To consider disposal of leasehold interest of lands at Charleville Industrial Estate, Charleville, Co. Cork, proposed to lease to Flow Technology Ltd. for a consideration of €5,000.00 plus legal costs.

The Members considered the information provided in relation to this proposal and the Disposal of Leasehold Interest was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Ian Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien.

2. GRANT OF RIGHT OF WAY AT FERMOY, CO. CORK.

To consider grant of Right-of-Way measuring 0.3742 hectares (0.9246 acres), as coloured yellow on map, situate at Carrignagrohera, Fermoy to Martin Horan and David Horan for a consideration of €0.01 cent.

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

3. LEASE OF ROOM AT FERMOY LEISURE CENTRE, FERMOY

To consider the lease of a room at Fermoy Leisure Centre, Fermoy, Co. Cork to Fermoy Karate Club for the term four years (by way of lease) being backdated to June 2017 (also including an option to renew) for the consideration of €4,420.00 per annum.

The Members considered the information provided in relation to this proposal and the Lease was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson.

3. draft PLAYGROUND BYE-LAWS 2018

1. To consider draft PLAYGROUND BYE-LAWS 2018.

Mary Hayes SEO introduced and read out the draft amendments to Articles 21 and 25 of these Bye-Laws, which relate primarily to the ages of persons allowed to use the playground facilities. She answered any queries the Members had and clarified the wording in relation to the permission for authorised adults, including older siblings, to accompany children using the facilities. On the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson and agreed by all the Members the draft Playground Bye-Laws 2018 were approved.

4. REPORTS and RECOMMENDATIONS

1. REPORT MDO Monthly Report October 2018.

The MDO report was noted by the Members. Cllr. Ian Doyle welcomed and thanked Cork County Council for the €100k for Charleville to be used for town centre enhancement and the town park/playground. Cllr. Noel McCarthy welcomed the provision of new parking signs for Fermoy town and Cllr. Kay Dawson thanked Cork County Council for the provision of €164k towards the development of age-friendly features in Mitchelstown.

2. UPDATE Fermoy Weir October 2018.

Mary Hayes SEO read a Press Release which she had prepared subsequent to the Members meeting with Minister Kyne earlier in the day. Following a brief discussion the wording was amended and the agreed final statement read as follows:

The Elected Members and Executive of Cork County Council met today with Sean Kyne T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment and other Department Officials regarding the above project. A constructive meeting took place during which Cork County Council outlined its full commitment to the delivery of this project and its undertaking to deliver the full project should capital funding be made available to support the full delivery of the overall project. Cork County Council outlined that it has committed €300,000 towards the project, this will enable the completion of preliminary design work; allow the Council to seek necessary planning permissions and the follow on completion of detailed design which will bring the project to build stage. However, the Council outlined that it requires a commitment to and certainty from Central Government regarding the overall capital cost.

It was agreed arising from the meeting that Cork County Council would issue correspondence to the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment setting out the overall capital cost of the budget, which it is estimated will cost in the region of €3.2m and the timelines for same. The Minister provided clear assurances to the Elected Members, that he will ensure through his offices as Minister of State, that this request for capital funding will be fully supported by his Department. Mary Hayes SEO assured the Members that the letter referred to in the Press release would be sent to the Department immediately.

3. RECOMMENDATION Christmas Parking Arrangements, Fermoy.

The Members noted the recommendation in relation to parking arrangements for Fermoy town for the Christmas 2018 period. Cllr. Noel McCarthy asked if the date of commencement for the Christmas parking be moved back to November 23rd, as this is the day the Christmas lights will be switched on and also it is 'Black Friday'. He was advised that this is not possible as the parking arrangements are per a county-wide policy with an agreed start date of 1st December, however, Brendan O' Gorman SEE said that management will be liaising with Traffic Warden personnel in relation to traffic and parking throughout the festive shopping season, commencing around that date.

4. RECOMMENDATION Creative Communities Scheme 2018 Fermoy MD.

This recommendation, as presented, was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson.

5. REPORT Fermoy MD Housing Report October 2018

The report was noted by the Members with Mary Hayes SEO advising them that any queries could be raised with Housing Directorate personnel.

6. REPORT James Street Car Park - Part VIII Final Report.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE circulated the final report for the Members information and went through the observations in relation to the submissions received. He advised that the number of spaces to be provided has been reduced from 56 to 51 to facilitate a requirement in relation to the Cork County Fire Services submission. Brendan answered any queries the Members had, which included in relation to parking for James Street residents; public lighting proposals; the provision of a crossing place for pedestrians and the possibility of introducing two-hour parking on James Street from its junction with Upper Cork Street to the new car park entrance. Brendan replied that he will endeavour to have the bye-law changed to facilitate two-hour parking on this stretch of James Street as it is a logical recommendation. He advised that funding is in place and, on grant of approval by full Council, works should commence in Q2/2019.

Cllr. June Murphy enquired if there was any further news on the refurbishment works required on the Fire Station, saying these works are long overdue and have been promised. Brendan O' Gorman SEE undertook to seek an update on this for the Members.

Having considered the Part 8 Managers Report provided in relation to this proposed car park, it was agreed it on the proposition of Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson.

7. REPORT 2018 RI Progress Update.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE went through this report, uploaded for the Members consideration. He said works on this RI programme are now substantially complete, with the last wet-mix road being done this week. A second seal, required on some roads, will be done in due course, and the one remaining blacktop job (Clogher Cross) will be done by Lagans Contractors in the coming week. Brendan advised that the new 2019 RI Programme is currently being prepared and will be presented to the Members for their consideration at the November 2018 meeting.

8. REPORT 2018 RM Progress Update.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE went through this report, advising the Members that works on this programme are also now substantially complete. Resurfacing and road marking works on Patrick Street, Fermoy are due to commence shortly, these works are being arranged by NRDO.

The Members complimented Brendan and staff on all the road works carried out throughout the district this year.

Cllr. June Murphy took this opportunity to congratulate Fermoy Tidy Towns on their achievement in being named Ireland's Tidiest Town in the 2018 IBAL competition, saying it was a well-deserved award. Cllr. Noel McCarthy, on behalf of the Tidy Towns Committee, thanked Cllr. Murphy and acknowledged her comments saying thanks were due to everyone involved in keeping Fermoy clean including volunteers, Fermoy MD and Cork County Council staff (indoor and outdoor), Fermoy Tidy Towns personnel and others. All the Members agreed it was a great achievement and praised all whose endeavours had brought this to pass.

Mary Hayes SEO, on behalf of the executive, expressed her congratulations to Fermoy Tidy Towns and commended all who had been involved in this achievement, highlighting the IBAL comment in relation to Fermoy Town Park as especially notable.

9. REPORT 2018 Drainage Progress Update.

All works on this Programme are complete.

10. REPORT 2018 Footpath Programme Update.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that the contractor for the footpath programme is due to commence in Fermoy imminently and all works in Fermoy should be complete by early 2019.

11. REPORT 2018 Public Lighting Programme (Including New Works) Progress Report.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the Members that works are ongoing in Conna with lighting-up by the ESB pending. Further to a query from Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien in relation to Ballyhooly, Brendan replied that public lighting here could be provided initially from our own PL programme and continue in due course thereafter.

5. NOTICES OF MOTION

Cllr. Ian Doyle

1. "that Cork County Council would write to Bus Eireann to look at the early morning schedule from Charleville to Limerick. The earliest bus is 8.30am which is too late for the many students attending all third level institutions in Limerick".

Cllr. Doyle explained that there are now numerous students living at home in Charleville travelling to colleges in both Cork and Limerick for whom the bus schedule is unfeasible (service not early enough). This motion was supported by all the Members and it was agreed that Fermoy MD would write to Bus Eireann accordingly.

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

2. "that this Committee increase the amount of time to enable pedestrians to cross in safety at traffic lights at Cork Road, Fermoy".

We have advised our traffic light contractors of the issue and request. (BO'G)

Brendan updated the Members that an additional four seconds crossing time has now been provided.

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

3. "that Cork County Council would erect a sign indicating Fermoy and Ballyhooly at the grotto in Castletownroche".

There is an advance National Road ADS sign on the straight before the Mill indicating Fermoy and Ballyhooly on the N72 ahead. I will route the request to the TII Signs and Lining Section to see if an additional finger post sign(s) at the Grotto is warranted. It strictly would not comply with their current signage policy on National road but I can see merit in the proposal noting the alignment of the junction here. (BO'G)

Brendan O' Gorman SEE undertook to write to Kerry RDO National Roads requesting that the request be looked at further.

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

4. "that this Council would request utility poles to be set back on the Ballylough - Glenahulla Road (left side from Foxes to Walshes) as now too far onto road following ribbon development".

The request has major funding implications. Can only be considered in 2019 if some discretionary funds available. Planning permissions will be checked also regarding condition compliance. (BO'G)

Cllr. Ian Doyle

5. "that Cork County Council would put in place School Warden for Charleville CBS, Baker's Road".
Awaiting confirmation in annual budget. (PM)

Cllr. Doyle stated that a School Warden had previously been promised for Charleville and was now more than warranted with 450 students attending CBS Charleville, St. Joseph's Foundation being adjacent to the school and with the shopping centre opposite. He presented a petition with 1,020 signatures supporting the necessity of a School Warden here. Mary Hayes SEO responded that this request has gone forward for consideration by the Chief Executive and the Finance Department (in conjunction with county budget preparation) and this need will be highlighted to them. The motion was fully supported by all the Members and it was agreed that they would back this proposal at full Council budget meeting and that Cllr. Doyle would present a copy of the petition to that meeting.

6. "that Cork County Council would secure boundary fence at Pastures Estate, Charleville".
Private Estate. (BO'G)

Cllr. Doyle explained that despite this being a private estate, Cork County Council has taken twelve houses here for social housing and the issue with the boundary fence is close to them. Cllr. Doyle said there is a site resolution plan in place and Keith Jones, Senior Engineer has said he will look at the situation. Cllr. Doyle is now requesting Brendan follow up with Keith to progress a resolution here.

7. "that Cork County Council would look into resurfacing road entrance to Kennedy Place/Brendan's Drive".

Will be considered for some discretionary spending in early 2019. (BO'G)

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

8. "that this Committee will carry out footpath repairs outside Rogan House, Corrinview, Fermoy".
Localised repairs can be carried out later in the year. (BO'G)

9. "that Cork County Council will carry out drainage works across the road from Tom Pierce's house, Ballyvolock, Kilworth to prevent flooding at this location".

Will be done. (BO'G)

10. "that Cork County Council would consider putting street lighting on their 2019 Programme at Griffin's Cross, Ballynoe towards Ballynoe village, Co. Cork".

For future consideration. (BO'G)

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

11. "that this Committee receive an up-to-date report on funding being made available for the proposed new cycle lane on the R639 road between Fermoy and Mitchelstown".

For discussion, no funding currently available. (PM)

Cllr. Noel McCarthy said that there had been a positive reaction to this proposal when first put forward and there are now many employees/students in Teagasc, Moorepark cycling from Fermoy for whom this cycle lane would be very beneficial. Cllr. Kay Dawson added that with enthusiastic cycling clubs in both Fermoy and Mitchelstown, the provision of this dedicated cycle lane would be a great facility and would offer protection to both cyclists and motorists alike on this route. Mary Hayes SEO responded that the Members now need to look at all future funding streams with a view to selecting projects to put forward for progression. One funding option may be the *Outdoor Recreation Scheme* which allows for one large and four small projects. It may be an option to get the initial design work prepared on this cycle route proposal so as to have it 'shovel-ready' should funding become available.

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

12. "that Cork County Council would put in place advance signage and replenish the road markings at Ballyarthur cross roads, Fermoy in the interest of safety".

All regulatory signage is in place. All advance warning signage has been provided on three of the four legs. One sign removed recently by a passing high vehicle will be replaced. The road markings, to be fair, are in reasonable condition but I will agree to the request noting the importance of this local road junction. (BO'G)

13. "that Cork County Council would replenish the white lines and roundabout at the Devlin Street and St. Colman's College junction, Fermoy".

The markings at this junction are not worn. (BO'G)

14. "that Cork County Council would improve the signage and road markings in the interest of safety at Burke's Cross, Ballynoe".

Regulatory signage and stop markings will be provided. (BO'G)

Brendan O' Gorman SEE confirmed with Cllr. O' Flynn that this location should read 'Griffin's Cross' and said he will examine this location to ascertain the requirement here. He will also arrange for improved road markings at Burke's Cross, Ballynoe.

15. "that Cork County Council would undertake a traffic safety audit to address the traffic issues at the bottom of Oliver Plunkett Hill and Mallow road entrance to Fermoy at the Church of Ireland junction".

The NRO Road Safety Officer will examine the junction in due course. (BO'G)

This motion was supported by Cllr. Noel McCarthy. Brendan O' Gorman SEE confirmed that this junction was the focus of previous scrutiny by the NRO/TII and the potential for improvements being made at this busy junction would now gather momentum with this motion.

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

16. "that this Council would consider the Ballylucky Road at Ballynoe under the Road Resurfacing Programme".

The Ballyluskey/Cullenagh Road will be considered for inclusion under the new 3 year RI programme. (BO'G)

17. "that this Council would consider L-1412-0 at Flemingstown under the Road Resurfacing Programme".

Sections of the Glanworth /Mitchelstown road will be considered in the future 3 year RI programme. (BO'G)

8. “that this Council would clean up the rubbish in the field at junction to Moher Crescent which is causing rat infestation onto the residential area”.
This matter will be investigated and members will be provided with an update when investigations have taken place. (T. Murphy AO, Housing Directorate)
19. “that this Council would urgently carry out resurfacing works on the N73-237 (slow lane)”.
This is a National Road and any works here are funded by the TII. The full length of the road (4km) between the Firgrove Roundabout and the M8/N73 interchange at Kilbeheny is currently under strong consideration for funding in 2019 and the resurfacing intentions going forward will be notified to the County Council in a number of weeks. (BO’G)

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Replies to Notices of Motions from September 2018 meeting - Cllr. Frank O’ Flynn 7(6) and 7(9) .

A discussion took place and on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. June Murphy it was agreed that Fermoy MD would write to both Respond! and Cork County Council Housing Directorate seeking an update on start dates for the housing developments planned at Duntaheen Road and Crann Ard, Fermoy respectively. In relation to the Fire Station in Fermoy and proposed housing units here, it was also agreed to write to Cork County Council Housing Directorate seeking an update and highlighting the necessity for works here to commence as soon as possible.

7. ~~TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES~~

~~Referring to items from the September 2018 meeting and actions required, the Members were informed:~~

- ~~(i) the Engineer’s Report for the two derelict houses on Robert Street, Mitchelstown had been done.~~
- ~~(ii) the bark mulch required in the Town Park in Charleville had been provided.~~
- ~~(iii) An Garda Síochána will monitor Glenahulla and Curraghaghalla junctions for speeding, as requested.~~
- ~~(iv) In relation to the request for a Disabled Parking Bay at No. 19 Devlin Street, following a discussion, it was decided that the DPB on Devlin Street which is no longer required would be removed and the process required to provide a new DPB at the requested location would commence.~~

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Update on Bus Shelters from NTA (National Transport Authority)

Brendan O’ Gorman SEE informed the Members that a county-wide survey is currently being done on our requirements for bus shelters and our Traffic and Transportation Section in County Hall is liaising with Bus Eireann / NTA for their provision.

(2) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Removal of obsolete street fixtures

Cllr. Dawson thanked Cork County Council for removing these obsolete items from the main street.

(3) Cllr. Deirdre O’ Brien - Tesco delivery trucks blocking road.

Cllr. O’ Brien explained that trucks waiting to deliver to Tesco are blocking the Brigown Road near Tesco, causing obstruction for school traffic and others. Brendan O’ Gorman SEE replied that he would highlight this to Tesco management who had dealt with the situation previously.

(4) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Replacement of ‘Stop’ sign at Barry’s Court / Ardkeen, Fermoy

Brendan O’ Gorman SEE said this sign would be replaced by the Contractors.

(5) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Tidy Towns requesting extra litter bins in Fermoy

Brendan O’ Gorman SEE replied saying extra litter bins require extra staff to empty and maintain and that it is about achieving a balance which he feels is already in place. Public awareness needs to improve with regard to taking responsibility for litter.

(6) Cllr. Ian Doyle - Newtownshandrum Village Enhancement Scheme

Cllr. Doyle is seeking an update on this scheme for Newtownshandrum. This will be provided in due course.

(7) Cllr. Ian Doyle - Request for 'Children at Play' signs for Batt Donegan Place

Brendan O' Gorman SEE will consider this request with a view to providing this sign.

(8) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Trees causing concern at top of College Road near Uplands.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE will examine this situation with a view to seeking a resolution, possibly from the Housing Directorate also, as some trees here will be under their remit.

(9) Brendan O' Gorman SEE - Structural works at Town Park / N72 footpath, Fermoy

Brendan informed the Members that the start date for these works is 22nd October 2018 and the estimated duration is two months. The location will be cordoned off during works and disruption to traffic will be kept to a minimum.

(10) Brendan O' Gorman SEE - Request for tourist bus parking in Fermoy

Brendan informed the Members that he had been requested by Fermoy Enterprise to designate parking for tourist buses visiting Fermoy and the original proposition was for O' Rahilly Row alongside the Mart car park. Mill Road and the roadway adjacent to Fermoy Town Park were also mentioned as options. Further to a discussion, and noting the potential loss of car parking spaces at these locations, it was agreed that the Members would consider this further and it would be discussed again at the November 2018 meeting.

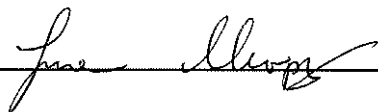
(11) Brendan O' Gorman SEE - Removal of dangerous tree in Shanballymore

Brendan informed the Members that there is a tree in Shanballymore village adjacent to a Council house which needs to be removed as it is dangerous and causing damage to the footpath, and on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. June Murpy, this tree removal was agreed.

(12) Cllr. Ian Doyle - Letter to be sent to Mr. Tom Stritch DoS

Further to the proposal of Cllr. Doyle it was agreed that a letter with good wishes be sent to Mr. Tom Stritch, Director of Services on his retirement from Cork County Council.

Signed



Date

20.11.2018