

**Minutes of the Fermoy Municipal District Meeting
held on 19th April 2022**

In Attendance: Cllrs. Kay Dawson, Noel McCarthy, Deirdre O' Brien, Frank O' Flynn, William O' Leary, Frank Roche; Brendan O' Gorman SEE, Pauline Moriarty MDO, Lydia Kelly ASO.

Apologies: Mary Hayes SEO

1. MINUTES

a. Minutes of 'In Committee' Meeting held on 15th March 2022 (Community Grants).

The Minutes were agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson.

b. Minutes of Fermoy MD March 2022 Meeting held on 15th March 2022.

The Minutes were agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson.

2. DISPOSALS, GRANTS, LEASES ETC.

a. To consider Discharge of Right of Way and Wayleave registered in favour of Cork County Council as Burdens No. 1 and No. 2, Part 3, Folio CK117831F, over property at No. 7 Bearna Deara, Kildorrery, Co Cork. Area: N/A. From Whom Acquired: Record not available. Easements were acquired in 1969. To Whom It Is Proposed To Dispose: current owner of affected property is Denis McGrath. Consideration: N/A

The Members considered the information provided for this proposal and the Discharge of Right of Way and Wayleave, as detailed above, was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy.

b. To consider Disposal of ESB substation site and grant of wayleave at Lana Chill Na Mallac, Doneraile, Co. Cork. Area: Disposal of land measuring 0.003 hectares/0.007 acres and grant of wayleave measuring 6m x 5m wide. From Whom Acquired: Presentation Sisters. To Whom It Is Proposed To Dispose: ESB Networks. Consideration: €1

The Members considered the information provided for this proposal and the Disposal and Grant of Wayleave, as detailed above, was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson.

3. PROPOSED FARMERS MARKET

a. Proposed Farmer's Market, Mill Island, Fermoy

Pauline Moriarty MDO went through this proposal, details of which are included in the MDO report. The proposed establishment of the Farmer's Market in Mill Island (relocating from private property) was welcomed by the elected Members. On the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Frank O' Flynn and agreed by all the elected Members, this proposal was sanctioned.

4. DERELICT SITES

Pauline Moriarty MDO informed the elected Members that there is now a countywide increased impetus on tackling the issue of dereliction. Referring to the Derelict Sites report and data included in the MDO report she said each of the Fermoy MD derelict sites had been examined with a view to identifying the best possible course of action to progress them to non-derelict status. The elected Members welcomed this information and agreed that, with the current shortage of available housing, the necessity of returning derelict properties to a habitable condition is greater than ever. Further to a query from Cllr. Noel McCarthy in relation to 'The 59 Club' in Fermoy, Pauline Moriarty MDO replied that this site is being continually monitored and that there are no issues of concern here (other than the ongoing dereliction).

5. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

a. REPORT : MDO April 2022 Report

Pauline Moriarty MDO went through the contents of her report. The following issues were raised and discussed.

- the Fermoy MD May meeting will convene on 24th May instead of 17th May, this will be an online meeting.
- referring to the MDO report and Cllr. O' Leary's Notice of Motion Item 6(12) in relation to ASD boards, Pauline sought approval to use €8,400 from the Town Development Fund to fund their provision. Accordingly this was proposed by Cllr. William O' Leary, seconded by Cllr. Frank O' Flynn and agreed by the Members.
- in relation to potential CLÁR funding and projects, further to a request from Cllr. Noel McCarthy, Pauline agreed to investigate the availability of a suitable site for a skatepark in the MD.
- further to a request for clarity on the potential areas for CLÁR funding from Cllr. Kay Dawson, Brendan O' Gorman SEE emailed a Cork County Council CLÁR map to the elected Members,.

b. PROGRESS REPORT : 2022 RI Programme

Brendan O' Gorman SEE went through the report, displayed on screen for the Members information, informing those present that the RI crew will alternate between Fermoy and Mitchelstown throughout the season until completion of all the works on the programme. Brendan cautioned that increasing prices may result in the curtailing of the extent of some areas included on the RI and RM programmes, but all wetmix roads will still have work carried out but some extents shortened. As soon as the required contributions are paid for projects on the CIS list, these jobs will be confirmed for completion at the end of the season, around Q3/2022. In reply to a query from Cllr. Kay Dawson, Brendan confirmed that footpath work on Lower Cork Street, Mitchelstown is on the programme and will be done.

c. PROGRESS REPORT : 2022 Drainage Programme

Brendan O' Gorman SEE said that drainage work is ongoing and progressing according to plan in advance of RI, RM and other programme works throughout the district. Any additional drainage required in locations other than those in the works programmes can be requested in the area offices.

d. FINAL REPORT : Proposed Extinguishment at Rathcormac, Co. Cork L-5787-0

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed those present that the statutory process has started for this proposed extinguishment, which is part of the masterplan for the entire area created in collaboration with Rathcormac Community Council. Planning permission was sought in late 2021 followed by an extensive public consultation. Brendan went through the submissions received, which have now been considered and the appropriate actions taken to resolve the issues raised. This process now formalises this required extinguishment. He is satisfied that all statutory requirements are in place and confirmed, further to a query, that the road will not actually be closed until such time as the works on the project are due to commence. He assured the elected Members that there will be ongoing liaison with the community and continual monitoring of the works in Rathcormac throughout the duration of the project. On the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson the proposed extinguishment, as detailed above, was agreed.

6. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

1. "that Cork County Council would remove the three tree stumps left on the green area and repair the damaged footpaths at Canon Sheehan Place, Convent Road, Doneraile in the interest of safety".
These works are in hand presently. (BO'G)
Brendan confirmed, further to a query from Cllr. O' Flynn, that these works will be done over the next number of weeks.

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

2. "that this Council would improve signage at the junction of King Street and New Square to make safe and eliminate the confusion as to the yield right of way".
This is a T junction and should not involve any confusion as a Yield plate is in-situ facing traffic on King Street, approaching the junction. We will renew the road lining also. (BO'G)

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

3. "that this Committee would carry out resurfacing work on sections of Springfield Estate, Fermoy".
Is on a preliminary schedule for R1 in 2023, subject to final funding confirmation closer to the time. (BO'G)

Cllr. William O' Leary

4. "that this Council would consider painting a walking line for pedestrians on the approach to Rathcormac from Castlelyons on the L-1520-11, the request here would be to put in a walking line for pedestrians from the 50KM/PHR speed signs in as far as the village".
This section of road is already falling under a permitted traffic calming project which will be brought through under licence by the developer of the adjacent Private Housing Project. (BO'G)
Brendan confirmed, further to a query from Cllr. O' Leary, that this is a condition of the planning permission and this work must be completed before any other site works commence.

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

5. "that Cork County Council would extend the footpath on the Mallow road entrance to Kildorrery out as far as Nagle's House junction in the interest of safety".
No TII funds available to do this presently but request will be kept on file for future consideration. (BO'G)
6. "that Cork County Council would call on the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to make the necessary funding available to improve the road surface at Patrick Street and Brian Boru Square, Fermoy in the interest of safety".
A discussion took place in relation to this badly needed resurfacing work at these locations. On the recommendation of Brendan O' Gorman SEE it was agreed that Brian Boru Square would be deferred pending inclusion with the NTA and capital funding scheme works proposed at the Mallow Road junction which will extend to Kent Bridge under different phases. Brendan said two other sections of the national routes in Fermoy MD are prioritised for resurfacing by the TII, the N72 at the Waterford county bounds and the N73 at Ballyenahan, Kildorrery (currently out to tender). Brendan will update the elected Members on these works in due course. In the meantime, with the elected Members agreement, he will apply for interim GeoApp funding (projected value €50k) for essential emergency resurfacing work on some smaller trench sections at Lower Patrick Street, Fermoy.

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

7. "that this Council make available the register of derelict sites and vacant sites in the Fermoy Municipal District".
The Derelict Site Register is a public document and is available on request. I will refer your query regarding vacant sites to the planning department and revert to Members in due course. (PM)
See also minutes of MDO Report Item 5(a).
8. "that this Council would provide update on Columbarium Wall/Rose Garden to be piloted for Kilcrumper Cemetery".
Awaiting on policy for columbarium walls currently in development. I have asked that Kilcrumper be used as a pilot in the roll out of this policy once adopted by Council. I will seek an update and revert to Members. (PM)
Cllr. Noel McCarthy's Notice of Motion No. 6(10) was also discussed at this time. Cllr. O' Brien said that there is an increasing demand for burial spaces for cremated remains, now more so than ever before. Both these motions received the support of Cllr. Kay Dawson who said she sits on the

Social Inclusion SPC and advised that it is to this SPC this proposal should be forwarded for consideration and a reply. It was agreed that Pauline Moriarty MDO would forward this request accordingly. Pauline cautioned the elected Members that the MD would be a required to provide the funding for this facility if it were to proceed.

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

9. “that this Committee would consider a third ramp being put in place on the Pike Road before the entrance to Crann Árd Housing Estate”.
- Any further traffic calming on Pike Road will be by formal public consultation and regardless we have no further discretionary funds to do additional ramps at this time. As you know two were installed approaching the bad bend in the past month. A speed detector sign is in place here also. Planned new housing on Pike Road will be the driver for additional calming here. Ramps must generally be located within 100m of each other and standalone ramps are ill advised. (BO’G). This motion was supported by Cllr. Frank O’ Flynn. Cllr. McCarthy added to this request, enquiring if HGVs could be stopped from using this road. Brendan replied that it is not feasible to ban HGVs from using the road as there is an industrial estate at the end of Beechfield Estate and also this action would prevent oil and other such household deliveries to properties. Brendan did agree to relocate the speed detector sign, and will do so to alternative locations every two to three months, which should enhance driver awareness and behaviour and help to reduce vehicle speed. He added that additional planning for more housing here will work towards more traffic movement management measures, if and when required.
10. “that this Committee would receive an up to date report on the possibility of a Columbarium wall for Kilcrumper New Graveyard as discussed at previous meetings”.
- See NOM No. 8. (PM)

Cllr. William O’ Leary

11. “that this Council would investigate the issue around surface water in Castlelyons. There has been longstanding issues with water in times of rainfall at the northern end of the village particularly surface water coming from the L-1518-0 Berry Hill side into the village and if this Council would keep this area in consideration for Climate Adaptation and Resilience Grants for upgrade of drainage in the area”.
- We sought funding from Climate Adaptation and Resilience Grants for this and wider flooding issues right through the village but did not get approval in 2022. We will continue to seek same. (BO’G) This motion was supported by Cllrs. Noel McCarthy and Frank O’ Flynn.
12. “that this Council would once again provide an update with respect to a roll out of ASD Communications Boards in playgrounds”.
- Proposal put before Members for approval. Refer to MDO Report for details. (PM)

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **EMAIL : Liam O’ Murchú 4.4.2022 RE: Taking in Charge of Estate.**
Noted.

8. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. RE: NOM 4(5) - Cllr. Noel McCarthy - one way system at Clarke Street, Fermoy

The change to one-way system at Clarke Street, Fermoy was agreed in principle at the March 2022 meeting and subsequent to this, Brendan O’ Gorman SEE now requires official sanction in order to proceed with the required changes. Accordingly, as this was originally his notice of motion, this was proposed by Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. William O’ Leary and agreed by the Members.

2. RE: February Notice of Motion 4(6) - Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, Rathowen Estate

Cllr. O' Flynn enquired if there had been any reply in relation to Rathowen Estate, Fermoy yet to which Pauline Moriarty MDO responded this update will be provided at the meeting to be held with Fermoy MD elected Members and Planning & Estates section personnel, now scheduled to take place on 24th May 2022.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Damaged ramp at Bishop Murphy School, Fermoy

Further to Cllr. McCarthy's request for repairs here, Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that this would be examined and necessary repair works undertaken.

2. Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Unused bus stop at McDonagh Terrace, Fermoy

Cllr. McCarthy enquired if the bollards and lining could now be removed from this location as they are not required for the bus stop. Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied it is advantageous, for traffic safety reasons, to leave this as is to narrow the wide approach lane on the bend towards the Cork Road junction.

3. Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - Update on Kilworth School safety measures

Brendan O' Gorman SEE advised that ramps will be incorporated with resurfacing works planned for near the entrance to the tennis courts in Kilworth and these should hopefully have the desired traffic calming effect on this approach.

4. Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - Query re: new pedestrian crossing at CBS, Mitchelstown

Cllr. O' Brien said children and adults are confused and are crossing here on the pink ramp, which is possibly not the correct crossing point. Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied he will examine the crossing to ascertain if additional marking / signing is required here to clarify the situation for users.

5. Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - suggested Cork County Council purchase site adjoining Town Park, Fermoy

Pauline Moriarty MDO replied she will take this suggestion back to the Director for consideration and revert to the elected Members in due course. Cllr. O' Brien said this is an ideal opportunity to expand and enhance Fermoy Town Park.

6. Cllr. William O' Leary - Waiting lists for swimming lessons at Fermoy Leisure Centre

Cllr. O' Leary said he had received numerous enquiries in relation to this issue and is seeking an update. Pauline Moriarty MDO explained that as a legacy of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions and the resultant closure of the leisure centre there had been no lessons for two years, with a backlog of numbers seeking this service. With the recent re-introduction of lessons, and camps held at Easter, these numbers have now been significantly reduced and it is hoped with the proposed summer camps and ongoing lessons all those on waiting lists will be facilitated within the coming few months.

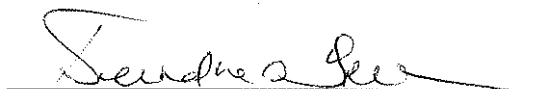
7. Cllr. Kay Dawson - Bicycle Stands

Cllr. Dawson thanked Brendan and the staff involved in the installation of the bicycle stands throughout the municipal district.

8. Cllr. Kay Dawson - Request for road markings reinstatement at R-513 / L-5632 junction

Brendan O' Gorman SEE agreed to arrange for this road marking reinstatement at the junction of the Demesne road off the R-513 Limerick Road.

Signed



Date

25/5/2022