

**Minutes of the Fermoy Municipal District Meeting
held on 18th October 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, Margaret O' Donoghue MDO, Lydia Kelly ASO.

At the start of the Meeting, An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Noel McCarthy thanked Pauline Moriarty MDO for all her work in Fermoy MD and wished her the very best of luck in her new position in County Hall. All the elected Members concurred with these sentiments and expressed their good wishes to Pauline in her new role. Cllr. McCarthy and the elected Members welcomed Margaret O' Donoghue wishing her good luck on her appointment as MDO to Fermoy MD.

1. MINUTES

a. Minutes of 'In Committee' meeting held at 9.30am on 27th September 2022.

The Minutes were agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Kay Dawson, seconded by Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien.

b. Minutes of Fermoy MD September 2022 meeting held on 27th September 2022.

The Minutes were agreed on the proposition of Cllr. William O' Leary, seconded by Cllr. Frank Roche.

2. REQUEST FOR DISABLED PARKING BAYS

a. "that this Committee would remove the yellow box outside No. 30 Uplands, Fermoy and replace with a 'Disabled Parking' parking bay".

Agreed

b. "that this Committee relocate the existing Disabled Parking Bay on Devlin Street outside House 1B and replace to No. 3 Devlin Street".

Brendan O' Gorman SEE said that this request could be facilitated and this was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Frank O' Flynn.

c. "that a Disabled Parking Bay be provided on Robert Street, Mitchelstown".

Agreed

d. "request for a loading bay in Castletownroche".

Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that further information is required in relation to this request and recommended this item be deferred to the November 2022 meeting for update and reply.

3. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**a. REPORT : MDO October 2022 Report
and**

b. UPDATE : Fermoy MD Derelict Sites Update

Pauline Moriarty MDO went through the MDO report which included the update on Derelict Sites in Fermoy MD. She highlighted the importance of interaction with site owners to progress works to prevent sites going on the Derelict Sites Register. Issues and queries in relation to these reports included the following:

- Pauline answered, further to a query from Cllr. William O' Leary, that sites have been removed from the register because works have now been carried out on them to render them non-derelict, which is a positive result.
- Cllr. Frank O' Flynn sought an update on No. 59 Patrick Street, Fermoy to which Pauline replied this is a high priority case. A statutory notice has been issued/served to the proprietors.

- Cllr. Frank O' Flynn sought an update in relation to the proposed RRDF project for Fermoy town centre, the other elected Members concurred with this saying it is important all stakeholders are included at every stage of this process. Pauline undertook to convey this request to the Director of Services for reply.
- Further to a query from Cllr. Kay Dawson, Pauline confirmed that some derelict sites files will now progress to levy stage.
- In reply to Cllr. Dawson's enquiry in relation to the collapsed building on Upper Cork Street Pauline confirmed legal proceedings are ongoing, saying this case is high priority for Fermoy MD. Pauline confirmed to the elected Members that derelict sites are now being prioritised by Cork County Council throughout the county and will be included as an item on the Agenda for update and discussion every three months.

c. PROGRESS REPORT : 2022 RI / CIS Programme (*verbal update*)

Brendan O' Gorman SEE gave an update to those present saying the RI programme for 2022 is now complete; the work on the R639 project is continuing to finish no later than next week and that five of the six CIS jobs are now done with the L-56871 Kylebeg/Kilmurry project ongoing this week. Brendan noted to the elected Members that an extreme rain event at the weekend had necessitated all outdoor staff being diverted to drainage and flood alleviation works from the programme works.

d. PROGRESS REPORT : 2022 Footpath Programme (*verbal update*)

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed those present that he had successfully secured additional NTA funding of €165,000 for Fermoy MD and this will be utilised for footpaths, 'dishing' of footpaths, ramps and other works at a number of locations including the Promenade and White Wall, Fermoy; Kent Terrace, Castlelyons and Cork Road and School Road, Rathcormac. All these works will be complete by late November to meet grant drawdown requirements. Works on the (original) footpath and CA&R programme are ongoing by the Contractor and will continue in Clondulane, College Road and Patrick Street, Fermoy and Beechwood Grove and Ballinwillin, Mitchelstown. The elected Members welcomed this additional funding and thanked Brendan for this and the works carried out to date, which they say are of a very high standard.

- Cllr. William O' Leary requested Berry Hill, Castlelyons be considered for work in 2023, to which Brendan replied NTA funding has not been sanctioned for this location but it may be funded out of CCC own funds.
- Cllr. Kay Dawson asked if Baldwin Street could be considered for work as the northern footpath on this street is in need of repair / restoration.
- Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien queried if there is another funding stream, other than CLÁR, for schools to which Brendan replied Ronnie Barry, Planning Department County Hall is the key contact person for the schools scheme and recommended the elected Members make contact with Ronnie directly.
- Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien enquired if a third party can apply for CLÁR funding other than a school (e.g. Kildorrery GAA car park being used by the school). Brendan replied that this is not feasible when Cork County Council are making the application.
- Cllr. William O' Leary welcomed the provision of footpath from Duntaheen to Glenabo and Brendan replied, further to his query, that there is adequate width for a concrete footpath here except at the bridge, where road markings will apply.

e. PROGRESS REPORT : 2022 Safety Improvement Scheme (*verbal update*)

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the meeting that works on this scheme are ongoing and will be complete by mid-November 2022 to meet funding requirements and deadlines.

f. PROGRESS REPORT : 2022 CA&R Scheme (*verbal update*)

Again, Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the meeting that works on this scheme are ongoing and will be complete by mid-November 2022 to meet funding requirements and deadlines.

g. PROGRESS REPORT : NTA Works update

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed those present that all these original planned works are now complete, works from the additional grant will be done in time to meet grant drawdown deadlines.

4. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

1. “that this Committee would receive an Engineer’s report on the possibility of a cycle lane and footpath on the R639 from Coolcarron, Fermoy to Corrin Woods”.

There is no opportunity at present to advance this project in the absence of a funding source. It may be considered under future active travel projects but there would be little demand observed currently. (BO’G)

Further to a query from Cllr. McCarthy Brendan confirmed that there would be adequate width on the R639 for a footpath/cycle lane out to the junction but on the local road L-5770-0 up to Corrin the width would not be adequate. Brendan also stated it would be very expensive to retrofit this amenity on the R639.

Cllr. Frank O’ Flynn

2. “that Cork County Council put in place extra lighting and improve the existing lighting at Coolcain Estate, Duntaheen, Fermoy in the interest of safety”.

The estate and issues raised have already been raised with our public lighting section and will be considered by them and us in road operations in the preparation of a future public lighting programme in 2023. The existing lights will be replaced regardless with LEDs under the countywide PLEEP project. (BO’G)

Brendan O’ Gorman SEE said he fully accepts there are black spots within this estate and said he would hope the elected Members will approve funding for this next March when the 2023 proposed public lighting programme is before them.

Cllr. William O’ Leary

3. “that this Council would consider installing an extra tap for water supply (at the back wall) in Kilcrumper new cemetery”.

Will add to list of works and existing tap can be extended to back wall. (PM)

Cllr. Deirdre O’ Brien

4. “that this Council would call on Eir to take deal with issue of fallen lines in many parts of the county, satisfactorily for safety”.

Further to a discussion it was agreed that Fermoy MD would request EIR to remove any non-operational phone wires, and carry out inspections to ensure all working phone wires are properly connected and not causing a danger or obstruction for road users throughout the district.

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

5. “that road repairs and drainage works be carried out on the Ballynamuddagh Road, Ballyhooly”.

This is a local tertiary road but is also a through road and is scheduled for a full wetmix overlay in 2024. We will carry out improvements in due course when resources allow. (BO’G)

6. “that drainage works and road repairs be carried out in Strawhall outside the home of P61 DK85 as water is entering this driveway from the road”.

Repairs work will be carried out in due course. (B’O’G)

Cllr. Frank O’ Flynn

7. “that Cork County Council put in place extra traffic calming measures on the Mitchelstown and Glanworth approach roads to Kildorrery to reduce the speed of vehicles in the interest of safety”.

The Mitchelstown approach to the village is on the N73 and is a matter for the TII / NRO. I will convey the request to them. The Glanworth R512 approach is already a proposal to the Department for a safety improvement scheme in 2023. (BO’G)

Brendan O’ Gorman SEE confirmed that the school road is currently being surveyed and designed for an SIS and the elected Members will be updated in due course.

8. “that Cork County Council put in place extra traffic calming measures in Glanworth consisting of soft ramps and move the speed detector further out on the Kildorrery approach road to Glanworth village in the interest of safety”.
- There is no further proposal or budget for ramps in the village save for a speed table proposal that could be incorporated into a future VES in the vicinity of the church / shop. Moving out the speed detector sign will reduce its effectiveness as its current position is helping the school junction and reducing speeds approaching same. (BO’G).
- Further to a discussion, Brendan undertook to request An Garda Síochána to monitor speed in Glanworth village and to move the speed detector sign on a trial basis to gauge its effectiveness. Cllr. Kay Dawson commented that the provision of ramps is not always warranted as some motorists find them too high to navigate. Cllr. Frank Roche agreed with Cllr. Dawson saying ramps are not suitable for those in the haulage business/hauliers. Cllr. Frank O’ Flynn noted that the ramps in the village are absolutely serving their purpose and welcomed same.

Cllr. William O’ Leary

9. “that this Council would assess residence P61 C838 Bridgelands West, Rathcormac to see what improvements / maintenance can be made owing to a legacy of water entering the vicinity of this property”.
- I have met with the homeowner / landowner in the past week and further investigations are scheduled and more works will be carried out to alleviate difficulties here. (BO’G)
- Brendan O’ Gorman SEE added to his reply that works just finished at the Ballyglissane junction on the R639 should improve this situation for the property in question.
10. “that this Council would make further road verge improvements on the road from the T-junction up to Britway School travelling from Castlelyons L-1527-20”.
- These are scheduled over the next 4 - 6 weeks. (BO’G))

Cllr. Deirdre O’ Brien

11. “that this Council provide footpath from Ballynoe junction on N73 to Kildorrery village in the interest of pedestrian safety”.
- Repeat request and still no budget from the TII to address same. Footpaths in rural locations is unlikely to get TII approval on their National Roads. (BO’G)
12. “that this Council erect signs indicating bad bends and speed limit on road at the Ballynacarriga, Kilworth in the interest of safety”.
- It is not feasible / practical to install numerous warning signs on bends on our local road network as invariably they would be required everywhere. Common sense and driver awareness one would expect would be key. There is a default 80kph speed on our local and regional road network but this is not a target and one must drive at a responsible speed to reflect and respect the varying road environment. (BO’G)
- Brendan O’ Gorman SEE undertook to investigate if the statutorily required 80kph sign is in place here and to replace it if missing. He will also ascertain if a ‘bend’ warning sign is warranted on this local road.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a. EMAIL Frances McCarthy, Bus Eireann 7.10.2022 RE: Route 245 passenger capacity

On consideration of this email, and further to a discussion, it was agreed that Fermoy MD would again write to Bus Eireann requesting an update when the survey indicated in this correspondence has been carried out. Also, Pauline Moriarty MDO undertook to contact Jonathon Cahill EE for a reply in relation to the bus stop on Cork Road, Fermoy being brought into use.

6. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

RE: Item 9(1) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Public Lighting on Kent Bridge, Fermoy.

Cllr. McCarthy asked if there was any update on this to which Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied he will carry out a night-time survey of lighting on Fermoy Bridge to ascertain exact deficiencies here towards seeking a resolution from the CCC Public Lighting Section.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a. Proposed extinguishment of Public Right of Way : Section of L-15334-0

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed the elected Members of the details pertaining to this proposed extinguishment of public right of way, which is the end section of a cul-de-sac serving only one property. This will be on the November 2022 Agenda for formal approval.

b. Cllr. Noel McCarthy - request for Bus Eireann bus stop at Moorepark, Fermoy

Further to a brief discussion it was agreed that Fermoy MD would request Bus Eireann to install a bus stop at Moorepark, Fermoy to facilitate all those travelling to/from there to work each day.

c. Cllr. Noel McCarthy - update on holding of Civic Receptions post Covid-19

Further to this query, Pauline Moriarty MDO undertook to check if Civic Receptions can now be held locally in Fermoy, further to their being suspended during the Covid-19 pandemic.

d. Cllr. Frank O' Flynn - request for bollard at Downing Bridge, Kilworth

Further to this request Brendan O' Gorman SEE said he does not recommend a replacement green/white bollard here but will undertake a night-time inspection and determine what may be required.

e. Cllr. Frank O' Flynn - request for additional signage for Fermoy Farmer's Market

Cllr. O' Flynn is requesting additional signage for the market, saying attendance is low as the public do not seem to know of its existence. Alternatively, a more prominent location may be required for this market going forward.

f. Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - public lighting faults

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien advised that there is an *app* available for members of the public to log public lighting faults. She highlighted the poor quality lighting at Ashe Quay and Kent Bridge, Fermoy and also in Ballinwillin, Mitchelstown.

g. Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Clarke Street, Fermoy one way system

Cllr. McCarthy requested that this newly introduced one way system now be advertised and asked the media, in attendance at the meeting, to highlight this to the public.

h. Cllr. William O' Leary - Query re: works required as a response to recent adverse weather

Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied to this query that an audit is being done on the cost of remedial works required to deal with the aftermath of the heavy rainfall. He is hopeful the required funding will be made available to rectify the damage.

i. Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Date for elected Members diaries

Cllr. McCarthy informed those present that the turning on of the Christmas lights in Fermoy is scheduled for Friday, 25th November 2022 and invited them to be present on the occasion.

Pauline Moriarty MDO reminded those present that the Fermoy MD Budget 2023 Meeting will convene on 15th November 2022. She then thanked the elected Members, the executive and the media for their help and cooperation throughout her tenure as MDO in Fermoy MD.

Signed _____

Date _____