

**Minutes of the Fermoy Municipal District Meeting
held on 20th December 2022**

In Attendance: Cllrs. Kay Dawson, Noel McCarthy, Deirdre O' Brien, Frank O' Flynn, William O' Leary, Frank Roche;
Seán O' Callaghan SEO, Brendan O' Gorman SEE, Margaret O' Donoghue MDO, Lydia Kelly ASO.

1. MINUTES

a. Minutes of 'In Committee' Meeting held on 15th November 2022

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

b. Minutes of November 2022 Meeting held on 15th November 2022

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

2. DISPOSALS, GRANTS, LEASES ETC.

a. To Consider - Situation: Disposal of land at St. Bernard Place, Fermoy, Co Cork. Area: 0.0020 hectares/0.005 acres. From Whom Acquired: Record not available. To Whom It Is Proposed To Dispose: Noreen O'Hara & Patrick O'Hara, 21 St Bernard Place, Fermoy, Co Cork. Consideration: €1.

The Fermoy MD elected Members considered the information provided for this proposal and this Disposal of Property, as detailed above, was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. William O' Leary.

3. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

a. REPORT : MDO December 2022 Report

Margaret O' Donoghue MDO went through her report, which was uploaded to QuickMinutes and displayed onscreen.

- in relation to the proposed Mitchelstown RRDF Sean O' Callaghan SEO responded to elected Members queries that the plans are currently being finalised internally said an 'in committee' meeting / presentation will be arranged in early 2023 for the elected members information prior to the plans and proposals being made available to the public. He re-confirmed the commitment previously given that all interested stakeholders will be included from the outset in the information sharing process for this project, saying the more informed and engaged the public are, the better. In relation to the inclusion of a flagpole in the plans for New Square, Mitchelstown Seán undertook to request the design consultants to include this in the plans. The elected Members thanked Sean and said they will welcome the opportunity to see the plans and proposals for this exciting project.

b. RECOMMENDATION : Proposed 2023 ROADS PROGRAMMES - RI RM, Drainage

Brendan O' Gorman SEE circulated the proposed 2023 roads programmes maps and details to the elected Members and went through the contents thereof, saying he is basing the works on the same budget as 2022, acknowledging this budget may increase or decrease for 2023. The RI proposals include for 38 jobs over 34km of roadway utilising a budget of €3.646 million with two jobs deferred from 2022 included. These proposals include for numerous wetmix works which are carried out by the Council staff, this will provide for wages costs to be funded from these grant-aided works while being carried out. In reply to queries from the elected Members Brendan confirmed the following:

- that the portion of footpath on the R639 at Cloonlough is on the footpath programme and will be done.
- a pedestrian crossing on the Main Street in Glanworth will be included when 2023 VES plans for Glanworth are being devised.
- pothole repair works on the N73 diversion route will be organised and carried out.
- all resurfacing and associated lining work on Richmond Hill, Fermoy will be done.
- the extent of works in Springfield Estate, Fermoy will be determined by the funding available, with as much work as funding allows being done.

Brendan informed the elected Members that resurfacing plans planned for Glenville in 2024 will be presented to them at a later date to combine VES / Active Travel / Safety Improvement projects. The 2023 RI proposals were approved on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson.

Brendan O' Gorman SEE then introduced the RM proposals for 2023 saying there are 46.6km of roadway included in 25 jobs at a cost of €1.083 million, including one project deferred from 2022. Queries and replies in relation to the RM proposals included:

- that roads in Araglin that were badly damaged by recent weather events have been repaired with just a 'seal' remaining to be done. Any of these effected roads on the surface dressing programme will be done at the start of the programme, as a priority.
- works are included on the project for roads in Holyhill, Bartlemy.
- Brendan agreed that some re-instatement works carried out by Irish Water are not up to standard, this issue has been highlighted to them and it is hopeful that this situation will improve.

The 2023 RM programme was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson.

c. UPDATE : Fermoy MD PL Capital Works Update

Brendan O' Gorman SEE informed those present that there is one additional job in Conna to be finished in the current Public Lighting programme and that a new programme will be compiled for 2023 with a similar budget to that of 2022. Further to a query from Cllr. Frank O' Flynn in relation to the retrofitting of the public lighting network, Sean O' Callaghan SEO undertook to convey the request for an update to be given to the elected Members at Northern Committee level as this is a county-wide retrofitting programme.

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien asked if the recently trialled solar lighting would be an option for private locations such as TO Park to which Brendan replied he would support the use of these solar lights at such a location, saying it may be an option to apply for same through the Amenity Grant process. Further to a query from Cllr. Noel McCarthy, Brendan confirmed he had raised the situation of the lights that are not working on Kent Bridge, Fermoy on numerous occasions with the relevant section and is awaiting their response/resolution.

4. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

None

5. CORRESPONDENCE

In relation to recent correspondence between Cork County Council Northern Committee and Direct Route, it was agreed that a meeting would be convened on the morning of 17th January 2023 (same date as the monthly meeting) between FMMD elected members and representatives of Direct Route. Details will be confirmed in due course.

6. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Cllr. Noel McCarthy RE: Notice of Motion 6 (6) - safety barrier at Canon Sheehan Primary School, Turnpike, Doneraile.

Cllr. McCarthy looked for an update to which Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that a safety audit has been carried out; Caroline Casey, CCC Roads Safety Officer had called to the school; the new pedestrian crossing is now in use and a School Warden is in situ, all of which measures have greatly improved the safety situation at the school. Brendan added that a railing on the footpath, if deemed a valid option, may be provided in 2023.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - Water flowing down road at Brigown, Mitchelstown.

Cllr. O' Brien enquired if anything can be done to alleviate this ongoing issue of water on this road as it is a safety hazard, especially during icy weather. Brendan O' Gorman SEE undertook to investigate and monitor the situation here with a view to identifying a resolution.

(2) Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - Canon Sheehan National School, Doneraile safety barrier

Cllr. O' Brien enquired if a public information event could be arranged to show users how to use this pedestrian crossing, saying there are a number of varying types of crossings throughout the district. Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that the Roads Safety Officer had attended at this school and carried out an information briefing. For reference, Brendan said a controlled crossing is a legally required stopping point for vehicles while an uncontrolled crossing is a 'suggested' stopping point for vehicles. Going forward, newly installed pedestrian crossings may warrant information campaigns around their usage.

(3) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - sought information on the use of the crossing at Hanna's, Fermoy

Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that while excessive signage is not advised in urban settings he will monitor the situation to determine if the installation of a sign at this crossing would be beneficial.

(4) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - issue with cars parking at corner of Kent Street, Fermoy

Brendan O' Gorman SEE undertook to examine this situation to determine what may be required to prevent these motorists parking at the Credit Union corner of Kent Street, despite there being double yellow lines in place here.

(5) Cllr. Kay Dawson - query re: access to St. Fanahan's Well, Mitchelstown

Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that this entrance is private property which precludes Cork County Council from being able to carry out any alterations or improvement works but, further to previous discussions, Brendan will re-visit this situation to see if a resolution can be arrived at and will revert to the elected Members accordingly.

(6) Cllr. Frank O' Flynn - request to lower Irish flag during funeral of Private Seán Rooney

In reply to Cllr. O' Flynn's request Margaret O' Donoghue MDO confirmed that arrangements are in place to have the national flag flown at half-mast during the funeral of Private Rooney, RIP.

(7) Cllr. Frank O' Flynn - request to fly the flag of Ukraine in Fermoy and Mitchelstown

Further to this request, Margaret O' Donoghue MDO undertook to examine the protocol and procedures for the flying of flags and revert to the elected Members in due course.

(8) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Vote of Sympathy to family of Michael Cremin RIP

On the proposal of Cllr. McCarthy, the elected Members agreed that a Vote of Sympathy be conveyed to the family of Michael Cremin, ex Fermoy Town Clerk and Cork County Council SEO.
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Noel McCarthy, thanked the elected Members, the executive and all staff for their work throughout the year and wished everyone a Happy Christmas and all the best for 2023.

Signed _____

Date _____