

**Minutes of the Fermoy Municipal District Meeting  
held on Tuesday, 17th July 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.

**1. MINUTES**

**1. Minutes of Fermoy MD June 2018 Meeting held on Tuesday, 19th June 2018.**

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

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Presentation on Munster Vales by Triona O' Mahony, Destination and Marketing Manager, Munster Vales.**

Triona gave an informative and engaging presentation on the Munster Vales tourism incentive, supported by a power-point presentation and a promotional video. She explained this campaign originated in 2014 along the same lines as the 'Wild Atlantic Way', with the aim of promoting counties Cork, Waterford, Tipperary and Limerick. She said that the Fermoy area is well represented on the Munster Vales board with its membership including Rose Carroll (Cork County Council Tourism Officer), Heritage Specialist Christy Roche and Valerie Murphy (CEO Avondhu Blackwater Partnership). She is seeking the Members support going forward to endorse and promote this campaign.

The Members, in turn, welcomed Triona and thanked her for her presentation. They acknowledged that there are numerous tourist attractions across the region, saying the area can only benefit from this opportunity for promotion, leading to an increase in visitor numbers and the resultant economic benefits, and they wholly supported the Munster Vales concept and promotion.

**2. Presentation on Proposed Construction of 8 no. Social Housing Units at Brigown Road, Fermoy - Permission to go to Part 8 Planning by Keith Jones, Senior Engineer.**

Keith Jones SE presented the Members with the plans for a social housing scheme proposed for Mitchelstown. The scheme includes five one-bed and three two-bed units; cost is estimated at €1.8 million; the proposal is currently awaiting Departmental approval; with Members approval it will go to public consultation in early August and on to full Council in early October; and, subject to planning and barring no impediments, will then go to tender with an anticipated start date quarter one of 2019.

Keith answered all the Members queries. These included the reason for the cost being so high is the difficult topography of the site and the issue of knotweed on the site; the justification for the proposed house types being the high demand for one-bed units; and confirmation that these houses will be available on CBL (Choice Based Lettings). The Members wholeheartedly welcomed the provision of additional social housing in Mitchelstown and the approval sought to proceed to Part VIII was granted on the proposal of Cllr. June Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy and agreed by all the Members.

**3. RECTIFICATION OF BOUNDARIES**

**1. RECTIFICATION OF BOUNDARIES at Ballynoe, Kildorrery.**

**To consider the rectification of boundaries at Ballynoe, Kildorrery, Co. Cork (property registered to Cork County Council since 1949) to James Collins, Ballynoe, Kildorrery, Co. Cork for the consideration of €1.00.**

The Members noted the information submitted by the Property Section and this Rectification of Boundaries, as detailed above, was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O' Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson.

#### **4. REPORTS and RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

Pauline Moriarty MDO went through the items in her report, uploaded for the Members information, commencing with replies received for recent motions which include a comprehensive update in relation to the Ballyhooly Water Supply Scheme and the provision of EV charging points, amongst others. Pauline said there was a response due at the end of July in relation to the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018 submissions.

In relation to the provision of WiFi, Cllr. Frank O' Flynn voiced his disappointment that no town in Fermoy MD had been included among the towns proposed in the county. Mary Hayes SEO responded saying that the initial four towns are on a pilot scheme and WiFi will be rolled out to other towns in due course. She advised the Members they need to be mindful that this provision is expensive and the annual cost of WiFi is circa €4,000 which will need to be met from MD budgets. Cllr. O' Flynn proposed that the next town in the county selected for WiFi installation be in Fermoy MD, this was seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy.

Cllr. Noel McCarthy said that the Painting Scheme continues to be successful and that there was disappointment for applicants who were not granted funding this year. He proposed that, in light of the continuing take-up of the scheme, it should be expanded next year with additional funding provided. This was seconded by Cllr. June Murphy. All the Members agreed the Painting Scheme is worthwhile and very successful.

Cllr. Kay Dawson said she was delighted with the replies, especially that in relation to the provision of EV charging points. The Members noted the contents of the report under other headings and thanked Pauline.

##### **2. REPORT 2018 RI Progress Update**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE went through this report, uploaded for the Members consideration. He said the programme is now 50% done and will continue, to full completion, until the end of October. He informed the Members that Lagans (blacktop contractors) are due on site in five locations in August/September, as soon as 'road closures' are in place. He gave an up-to-date report on the LIS and CIS works proposed (and contributions paid) in the MD, saying the proposed start date for these works is late August 2018.

##### **3. REPORT 2018 RM Progress Update**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE went through this report, uploaded for the Members consideration. He informed the Members that works in this programme are 90% done on Regional roads and 45% on Local roads, with work progressing, weather permitting, towards a completion date in late August. He added these works are on target, on schedule and within budget.

##### **4. REPORT 2018 Drainage Progress Update**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE advised that works on this programme are now 90% complete, as drainage works are carried out prior to road repair/restructuring/resurfacing works at each location, and will continue until programme is complete.

Brendan answered any queries the Members had in relation to these three programme updates. He added he is considering and making arrangements for a recycling contract (for road works) for Broghill, Charleville which re-uses existing road materials.

Further to a query from Cllr. Noel McCarthy in relation to Patrick Street, Fermoy Brendan replied that following representations and proposals from our office, the TII have sanctioned works here and our NRDO will be tendering the contract and overseeing construction (budget €190K - section repair; work to be done at night). This is one of nine schemes in the County from this budget stream which have been approved for works in 2018. Cllr. McCarthy welcomed this information.

The Members acknowledged and complimented the work done to date throughout all three programmes and thanked Brendan for the reports.

**5. RECOMMENDATION 30kph in Fermoy MD Estates: Proposed Locations - Ballinwillin, Mitchelstown including Ballinwillin Bungalows, Linden Hill / Ardmhuilinn. Barry's Court, Fermoy including Cluain Ard, Forest Glen and Hawthorn Crescent.**

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn welcomed these proposals and asked if there are any further estates being considered for this reduced speed limit, to which Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied yes.

Brendan explained that every MD estate will be examined with a view to introducing the 30kph limit, on a continuing pilot basis to see how it works. The new 2018 proposals here will go to public consultation and will come back before the Members by September 2018. Brendan answered all queries put to him and these proposed speed limit reductions were welcomed by the Members and agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Frank O' Flynn.

Cllr. Kay Dawson requested that the estates in which the speed limit is set at 30kph be highlighted to the JPC towards that committee recognising and advocating promotion of and adherence to the 30kph limit. This was agreed and a letter will issue from Fermoy MD to the JPC accordingly.

**6. James Street Car Park, Mitchelstown - Part VIII Planning.**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE went through the updated drawing and proposals in relation to the 56 space car park planned for James Street, Mitchelstown, now with some changes following submissions received during the pre public consultation process. These changes include increased and enhanced public lighting; an additional pedestrian crossing; installation of palisade fencing inside the existing boundary wall and improved provision to facilitate Fire Brigade training exercises. He reminded the Members that this car park is to be developed on Council owned property and funding is allocated and ring-fenced for the project.

A formal public consultation process will run from 26th July 2018 to 26th September 2018, following which a final report will be available at the October 2018 meeting for consideration and adoption by the Members before going to full Council for approval. Brendan answered any queries the Members had and they welcomed this latest plan (and the resolutions therein to concerns which had arisen in relation to this project), and the proposal was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson.

**7. Taking in Charge Executive Report - Pike Road, Fermoy.**

**Declaration of Road to be a Public Road : Road of Pike Road, Fermoy, L1513-0 : Linear length 42 metres.**

The Members considered the details of this proposal, as provided, and this Taking-In-Charge was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Frank O' Flynn.

**5. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien**

1. "that Cork County Council seek an update on the proposed works planned for Doneraile House".  
Cllr. O' Brien was advised that this property is under the authority of the OPW and, accordingly, this request will be forwarded to them for reply.

**Cllr. Ian Doyle**

2. "that Cork County Council would cut trees between Bishop Browne's Terrace and Holy Cross.  
Planned works are scheduled.

**Cllr. Frank O' Flynn**

3. "that Cork County Council would put traffic calming measures in place in Church View, Bartlemy in the interest of safety of all road users".

No dedicated funding for traffic calming in the district currently. The spur into this estate is so short with on street parking throughout, this would not be seen as a high priority. Residents should liaise with local Gardaí if speed issues continue.

This motion was supported by Cllr. Noel McCarthy. Brendan added to his reply saying there are now many requests for this type of work on hand, and Members will have to make financial provision through future budgets if they require these works to be done.

### **Cllr. Noel McCarthy**

4. “that the Members of the Fermoy Municipal District receive an up to date report on the legal advice secured by Cork County Council on a motion in my name at the March meeting to revoke Part 3 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1976”.
- Cllr. McCarthy re-iterated his call for Fermoy MD to revoke this Act as a matter of urgency, which was fully supported by Cllrs. June Murphy and Frank O’ Flynn. Cllr. McCarthy welcomed the fact that An Bórd Pleanála had upheld Cork County Council’s decision to refuse permission for the most recent application. Mary Hayes SEO responded saying legal advice and other information had been sought and received on this matter, but that the extent of the information available to date is not sufficient to make a final recommendation. She undertook to have a report prepared for the Members for the September 2108 meeting. Cllr. McCarthy agreed to await this report.

### **Cllr. Ian Doyle**

5. “that Cork County Council would look at putting rubbish bin in Plaza in Charleville”.
- An existing bin will be relocated.
6. “that Cork County Council would look at traffic calming measures at Old Cork Road, Charleville”.
- For future consideration and investigations.
- Brendan O’ Gorman SEE advised the funding provision for such works will need to be discussed with the Chief Executive at pre-Budget meetings. He undertook, in the meantime, to consider the relocation of the speed detector unit to this location.
7. “that Cork County Council would look at empty caravan in Batt Donegan Estate, Charleville”.
- For investigation.
- Cllr. Doyle was advised that this is a CCC Housing Department issue, and accordingly, this motion will be forwarded to that section for reply.

### **Cllr. Frank O’ Flynn**

8. “that Cork County Council would put traffic calming measures in place in An Cuan, Ballyhooly in the interest of safety of all road users”.
- No dedicated funding for traffic calming in the district currently. Again this is a very short spur into an estate and local Gardaí should be contacted if dangerous driving is witnessed.
9. “that Cork County Council would put traffic calming measures in place on the R512 entrance to Glanworth by St Dominic’s Cemetery and Arbour Mews, Glanworth in the interest of safety of all road users”.
- The existing speed detector unit serving the road near the church will be rotated between there and the section of the road by the Arbour Mews estate.
- Brendan added to his reply saying these speed detector units can be moved around every six weeks, if required.
10. “that Cork County Council would undertake an audit on the workings of the traffic lights in Pearse Square, Fermoy in the interest of safety of all road users”.
- The junction is working as per current design criteria. Any defect issues with the signals at the junction are immediately routed to our repair technicians.
11. “that Cork County Council would assist Mitchelstown Community Council to acquire the former Military Barracks and FCA Hall in Mitchelstown for the benefit of the community of Mitchelstown and the surrounding areas”.
- Following a discussion in relation to this proposal, Pauline Moriarty MDO undertook to liaise with Mitchelstown Community Council and revert to the Members accordingly in due course.

**Cllr. Noel McCarthy**

12. "that this Committee receive an Engineer's report on the possibility of a disabled parking bay outside No. 17 Captains Keane's Grove, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork".  
For discussion. Existing vacant disabled parking bay adjacent to No. 22 nearby.  
Brendan O' Gorman SEE advised that it is not feasible to provide a DPB at No. 17 as it would block the entrance, but the DPB at No. 22, which is across the road, could be used.
13. "that this committee would contact the service provider with reference to securing the manhole cover adjacent to the Fermoy Co-Op Stores, Dublin Road, Fermoy".  
Cllr. McCarthy was advised that this cover is Irish Water owned, and accordingly, this matter will be highlighted to them for repair.
14. "that this Committee would receive a report on what steps will be taken to remove mobile homes illegally parked at the Picnic Area, Cork Road, Fermoy and on the road outside Kilcrumper New Cemetery Fermoy".  
Pauline Moriarty MDO responded to this motion saying that in relation to the Picnic Area, Cork Road, Fermoy legal advice has been received and a course of action is to commence imminently. In relation to the situation at Kilcrumper Cemetery, as this is on a public road, Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied saying that An Garda Síochána have been instructed to take action here. Brendan added that the Gardaí have various measures under the Roads Acts and Housing Acts which can be used. Cllr. McCarthy said that it is unacceptable that caravans are parked in these locations and this should be prevented and not allowed to continue. Cllr. Frank O' Flynn said that members of the public visiting their graves are upset at the situation in Kilcrumper and that immediate action must be taken by the Gardaí.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. EMAIL Barry Collins 2.7.2018 RE: Repairs to Mitchelstown Fire Station update.**  
Noted.

**2. Letter dated 26 June 2018 from NTA regarding bus shelters in the Fermoy MD**  
The Members noted the contents of this letter, saying it is good news as a plan may now be put in place for the provision of bus shelters.

**3. Email dated 15 May 2018 from LVA regarding "Ask for Angela" Campaign.**  
Noted.

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

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn said he was delighted with the update received from CCC Water Services/Irish Water in relation to the water supply situation in Ballyhooley, which was in reply to his motion at the June 2018 meeting.

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**(1) Cllr. Ian Doyle - School Warden appointment for Charleville**

Cllr. Doyle looked for an update on the recruitment of a School Warden for Charleville, citing a relevant report presented to full Council in May 2018. Pauline Moriarty MDO undertook to make enquiries and revert to the Members accordingly.

**(2) Cllr. Noel McCarthy - Request for bins at Ashe Quay/Barnane, Fermoy**

Cllr. McCarthy is requesting the provision of additional litter bins at the above location. Pauline Moriarty MDO agreed to consider this request and will revert in due course.

**(3) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Dog Fouling Signs**

Cllr. Dawson requested that signs in relation to dog fouling can be put in place when the bin is being installed. Brendan O' Gorman SEE replied that the bin and signs are due to be installed in September 2018.

**(4) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Limerick Road, Mitchelstown**

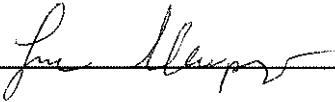
Cllr. Dawson thanked those involved for doing a great job at this location.

**(5) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Kilgullane Cemetery Wall**

Cllr. Dawson said part of this wall has caved in on top of a grave and is requesting remedial work be carried out. Pauline Moriarty MDO undertook to investigate.

**(6) Cllr. Kay Dawson - Update in relation to removal of obsolete street furniture**

Brendan O' Gorman SEE said he will now arrange for Cork County Council personnel to remove these items, as the agencies responsible for them have failed to respond or take any action thus far.

Signed: 

Date: 18-9-18