

**Minutes of the Fermoy Municipal District Meeting
held on 19th December 2023**

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

1. MINUTES

a. Minutes of Fermoy MD Budget 2024 Meeting 7.11. 2023

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

b. Minutes of Fermoy MD 'In Committee' Derelict Sites Meeting 21.11. 2023

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

c. Minutes of Fermoy MD November Meeting 21.11. 2023

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

d. Minutes of Fermoy MD 'In Committee' Painting Scheme Funds Meeting 21.11. 2023

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

2. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

a. REPORT : December 2023 MDO Report

Noted.

b. RECOMMENDATION : Disabled Parking, Cork Road

Brendan O’ Gorman SEE is seeking approval for a disabled parking space outside Parnell Place, Cork Road, Fermoy. This was approved on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Frank O’ Flynn.

c. RECOMMENDATION : Removal of urban tree - N72, Patrick Street, Fermoy

Brendan O’ Gorman SEE sought the approval of the elected Members for the removal of a tree situated at the junction of Kent Street with Patrick Street near Fermoy Credit Union as the shallow roots of this tree are bursting up and damaging the footpath. This tree removal was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson.

d. RECOMMENDATION : Traffic Calming, R628 Curraglass

Brendan O’ Gorman SEE advised the elected members that a third ramp is to be installed in Curraglass village before the end of 2023. This third ramp was to be installed when the existing two were put in but was omitted on foot of an objection received, but the new owner of the nearby property has now requested and agreed the installation of the third ramp. Brendan advised the plan is to ‘soften’ all these ramps when road resurfacing works are carried out in 2024. It was acknowledged by the elected Members that the existing ramps have served their purpose, that is to reduce speed and increase safety, but they have proved problematic for some motorists. The proposals as outlined by Brendan were welcomed by the elected Members and agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O’ Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Noel McCarthy.

Cllr. Noel McCarthy

1. “that yellow boxes be re-painted below ‘The Butcher’s Bar’ and opposite the same premises on Main Street, Kilworth. Also, that the footpath be repaired outside the home of P61H763 where one of the yellow boxes are”.

Will be done early in the New Year. (BO’G)

Cllr. Frank O' Flynn

2. "that Cork County Council extend the 50km speed limit on the Ballyhooly road (L-5646-0) entrance to Glanworth in the interest of safety of all road users".

There is no warrant to extend the urban 50kph speed limit here. The default speed limit on local and regional roads is 80kph and we will await clear instructions and guidance from the DoT in relation to alternations and changes to speed limits on our local road network in 2024. (BO'G)

Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien

3. "that this Council would support the installation of public lighting from the village of Doneraile to the GAA Pitch".

The only possible solution for this stretch of road is to install solar lighting on low columns. We can attempt to do this over a number of years from a combination of funding sources, including our public lighting programme. A contribution from the local GAA club (the ultimate benefactor here) should be encouraged also. We will arrange for a revised quotation for the works and revert in due course. (BO'G)

This motion was agreed and supported by all the elected Members. Cllr. O' Brien undertook to liaise with Doneraile GAA when the updated cost is known. Replying to a query as to whether the provision of this lighting had been agreed previously, Brendan said the request to provide lighting was discussed previously but as no financial contribution had been forthcoming, no progress had been made. Cllr. Kay Dawson enquired if match funding could be provided by the MD, Brendan agreed to enquire accordingly and revert.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

a. EMAIL TII 22.11.2023 RE: Access N72 to M8 in Fermoy near Hospital entrance

Noted.

b. EMAIL Bus Eireann 13.12.2023 RE: Additional Services on Fermoy Cork bus route

This reply and update with news of improvements on this service was welcomed by the elected Members.

c. EMAIL Bus Eireann 13.12.2023 RE: Request for Bus Stop at Glocca Maura

This reply was welcomed by the elected Members who are hopeful this request will be successful in the provision of this bus stop.

5. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Brendan O' Gorman SEE - essential works at Knockananig Reservoir

Brendan O' Gorman SEE explained there is an essential requirement to remove trees and vegetation from a five metre critical zone around and at the Knockananig reservoir embankment. This work is required for flood safety reasons and to ensure the structural integrity of the embankment. In total the removal of thirteen trees and the lopping of a further nine trees is required. This proposed work was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Noel McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson.

2. Brendan O' Gorman SEE - change of location of Bring Site in Kilworth

Brendan O' Gorman SEE advised those present of the recommendation to relocate the bring site in Kilworth from its current location to a new site on the road to Molly Barry's Cross. Brendan is working with the Environment Department on this re-location and will request them to communicate with Kilworth Community Council advising of the changes and progress. Brendan informed the Members that there will be five receptacles all for glass recycling and he advised the proposed new site meets all the required criteria. The plan is to trial the new location for a period of three to six months with daily inspections to ensure there is no illegal dumping or mis-use of the facility. The proposed new location was agreed, on a trial basis, on the proposition of Cllr. Kay Dawson, seconded by Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien.

3. Cllr. Frank Roche - deer on road in the Glenanaar / Skehanagh area

Cllr. Roche said there are deer jumping onto the road in this area and requested a road sign be installed to warn motorists of this potential danger when driving.

4. Cllr. Noel McCarthy - request to contact schools re: students parking

Cllr. McCarthy asked if correspondence could be sent to the second level schools in Fermoy requesting students to desist from parking on residential streets in the vicinity of the schools, as by parking there they are blocking residents parking. This was agreed.

5. Cllr. Deirdre O' Brien - request adjustment to ramp on Mulberry Road

Cllr. O' Brien highlighted the danger to pedestrians exiting the stile from St. Fanahan's Well onto Mulberry Road from motorists swerving to avoid the ramp adjacent to the stile on the road. Brendan replied he will inspect this with a view to providing a resolution.

At the end of the meeting, An Cathaoirleach Cllr. William O' Leary thanked the elected Members, the executive and the media for their work and contribution during the year and wished everyone a Happy Christmas and all the best for 2024. These festive good wishes were reciprocated by all present.

Signed _____

Date _____