**Minutes of the Fermoy Municipal District Meeting**

**held on 25th March 2025 in Fermoy Town Hall**

**In Attendance:** Cllrs. Nelius Cotter, Kay Dawson, Deirdre O’ Brien, Peter O’ Donoghue,

Frank O’ Flynn, William O’ Leary,

Seamus de Faoite A/DOS, Aidan Creagh SEO, Brendan O’ Gorman SEE, Margaret O’ Donoghue MDO, Lydia Kelly ASO, Catherine Price ASO, Ger Hyland CO.

**1. MINUTES  
 a. Minutes of Fermoy MD February 2025 Meeting held on 18th February 2025**

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

**2. DISPOSALS, GRANTS, LEASES, TAKING-IN-CHARGE ETC.  
 a. "That, being satisfied that a public right of way exists over it, and the road is of general public utility, Cork County Council hereby declares pursuant to Section 11(1) of the Roads Act, 1993 the following road to be a public road: - ESTATE NAME Sliabh Alainn LOCATION Mitchelstown LINEAR METRES 617".**

The Members noted the documentation and maps submitted in relation to this proposal, and it was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Kay Dawson, seconded by Cllr. Frank O’Flynn.

**b. "That, being satisfied that a public right of way exists over it, and the road is of general public utility, Cork County Council hereby declares pursuant to Section 11(1) of the Roads Act, 1993 the following road to be a public road: - ESTATE NAME An Clochar LOCATION Doneraile LINEAR METRES 198".**

The Members noted the documentation and maps submitted in relation to this proposal, and it was agreed on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O'Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Nelius Cotter.

**3. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
 a. REPORT : March 2025 MDO Report**

Margaret O'Donoghue MDO went through the indicative dates for the next three MD meetings, and requested the April 2025 meeting be changed to Thursday 17th April to facilitate other commitments. This was agreed.

Margaret introduced the draft 2025 Municipal Grant Allocations, informing those present of the proposed distribution of €242,670 to a variety of community groups across the municipal district. She proceeded to go through each individual funding proposal by recipient under the three grant scheme categories - Capital, Contract and Amenity.

The elected Members enthusiastically welcomed the announced proposals and thanked the staff involved for all the work undertaken to process the applications, deal with applicant group enquiries and prepare the presentation for the meeting today. They also commended all those who volunteer their time and make a commitment to their areas saying this is a great investment in local community and Fermoy MD can look forward to a great return for this investment. It was noted that Fermoy MD is the first MD in the county to present and adopt the community grants allocations this year. The 2025 Municipal Grant Allocations, as presented, were adopted on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O'Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson and agreed by all the Members.

**b. REPORT : Deputation Report - Scart, Kildorrery**

Brendan O'Gorman SEE went through the comprehensive report which was prepared in response to the deputation received at the February 2025 statutory meeting. The elected Members thanked Brendan for the report and wholly endorsed the proposals for remedial and safety works contained therein. Brendan advised that Phase 1 of these works will commence within the next few weeks and will be funded using Low Cost Scheme funding. Of the works proposed here, Phase 3 is planned for 2026 and will require public consultation prior to implementation.

**c. RECOMMENDATION : 2025 Surface Dressing RM Programme**

Brendan O'Gorman SEE introduced the proposals for the 2025 Surface Dressing Programme which was agreed by the Members on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O'Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Nelius Cotter.

**d. RECOMMENDATION : 2025 Restoration Improvement RI Programme**

Brendan O'Gorman SEE went through the proposals for the 2025 Restoration Improvement RI Programme which detail works to the value of €3,697,133 proposed to be undertaken throughout the district this year. Brendan answered any queries the Members had and they, in turn, welcomed the works proposed and associated increased funding. The 2025 Restoration Improvement RI Programme was adopted on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O'Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson.

**e. RECOMMENDATION : 2025 CIS Programme**

The five recommended CIS projects to be carried out in Fermoy MD this year were agreed, as presented, on the proposition of Cllr. Frank O'Flynn, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson.

**4. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**Cllr. Kay Dawson (seconded by Cllr. Frank O'Flynn)**

1. "call on this Committee for an update on any traffic management plans for Fermoy to alleviate any traffic congestion when the new Tesco store opens".

As soon as we have an update from the TII towards the funding of this plan, we will advise the members. Traffic studies undertaken as part of the planning process under the governing permission and ratified by ABP indicate that the opening of Tesco here will have no major impacts on traffic congestion in the town. (BO’G)

The elected Members voiced their concerns in relation to potential and detrimental increased traffic congestion in Fermoy when this store opens for business, irrespective of these traffic studies undertaken and An Bórd Pleanála. Brendan O'Gorman SEE assured the Members that the proposed Fermoy MD traffic study, funding for which has been sought from the TII, will examine every part of Fermoy and all factors which impact on traffic movements throughout the town.

**Cllr. Frank O’ Flynn (seconded by Cllr. Nelius Cotter)**

2. "that Cork County Council would replenish and repair Castlepooke Bridge, Doneraile in the interest of safety".

Repairs will be carried out by local staff once resources have been freed up. (BO’G)

**Cllr. William O’ Leary (seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson)**

3. "that this Council install a disabled parking bay at 28 Clancy Street, Fermoy (Eircode P61EV18) and, if feasible, include this work as part of the scheduled resurfacing and improvement works taking place later this year".

Could be carried out in conjunction with scheduled resurfacing, if approved. (BO’G)

**Cllr. Nelius Cotter (seconded by Cllr. Peter O'Donoghue)**

4. "to ask the MD office to strongly consider a new Bus Shelter outside Teagasc in Moorepark, Fermoy which is being sought by the employees of the facility, many of whom who travel by public transport on a daily basis".

Will be referred to Countywide Roads & Transportation for consideration. Not a local roads/area services function. (BO’G)

This motion was also supported by Cllrs. O'Flynn and Dawson. It was agreed that a bus stop at this location would be a beneficial amenity for present and future employees and visitors to Moorepark. It would also help ensure the future retention of employment and staff numbers going forward.

**Cllr. Deirdre O’ Brien (seconded by Cllr. Frank O'Flynn)**

5. "that this Council would install signage to help identify the turnoff to slip road Kiltrishlane in the interest of safety for motorists".

Already in place. (BO’G)

Following a discussion it was agreed that Fermoy MD would refer this motion to full Council with a view to changing policy to allow 'green and white junction bollards' be used on junctions other than junctions on National roads. Brendan also undertook to refer this request to CCC Roads Safety Section, whilst confirming that there are currently sufficient warning signs in place.

**Cllr. Peter O’ Donoghue (seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson)**

6. "that this Council would eliminate the stone wall kickouts at the two western corners of New Square, Mitchelstown".

Removal of the areas in question cannot be done in isolation and would only be considered as part of a larger project looking at redesign of the square. (AC/BO’G)

A discussion ensued in relation to potential measures which could be considered for installation in New Square, Mitchelstown to improve traffic flow (some of which were proposed under the RRDF project e.g. one-way traffic around the periphery of the square). Aidan Creagh SEO informed the elected Members that a Town Team is being set up for Mitchelstown town which will include representation from across the Mitchelstown community. Proposals and any issues of concern will be up for discussion and resolution under the remit of this Town Team, following its inception.

**Cllr. Kay Dawson (seconded by Cllr. Frank O'Flynn)**

7. "call on Cork County Council to install 15 minute parking bays outside Batavia on Rathealy Road".

I propose two spaces here, to encourage turnover of spaces for customers. (BO’G)

**(seconded by Cllr. William O'Leary)**

8. "call on Cork County Council to seek solution to water pooling outside second house in Abbey Farm, Mitchelstown".

Localised improvements will be carried out in due course. (BO’G)

**Cllr. Frank O’ Flynn (seconded by Cllr. Nelius Cotter)**

9. "that Cork County Council replace the missing stones and replenish the stonework at Flucken Bridge, Doneraile".

Masonry repairs will be carried out. (BO’G)

**(seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson)**

10. "that Cork County Council would investigate and rectify water ponding from the entrance into the estate at Abbey Farm, Mitchelstown".

Localised improvements will be carried out in due course. (BO’G)

**Cllr. William O’ Leary (seconded by Cllr. Peter O'Donoghue)**

11. "that this Council consider the provision of a footpath in Clondulane from Careysville House on the Ballyduff Road back to the village, subject to the availability of future funding streams".

There is a future plan here on foot of a development site to install a footpath here under agreed conditions. This planning site was refused under 21/5601 but we expect will come back for

re-consideration. (BO’G)

**(seconded by Cllr. Peter O'Donoghue)**

12. "that this Council consider resurfacing the L-5775 (Glannagaul/Kildinan) under future Regional and Local Road Improvement (RI) programs".

Will be reconsidered for surface resealing in 2026. (BO’G)

**Cllr. Nelius Cotter (seconded by Cllr. William O'Leary)**

13. "to provide an update on the Community Involvement Scheme for L-53241".

It is No. 9 of 15 for overlay works in 2027/2028. (BO’G)

**(seconded by Cllr. William O'Leary)**

14. "that Cork County Council would consider ramps or raised table in Cois Coillte Housing Estate, Kilworth".

No traffic calming funds available in estates currently. (BO’G)

**Cllr. Deirdre O’ Brien (seconded by Cllr. William O'Leary)**

15. "that this Council would provide update with regard to sunken road surface on outside new housing development at Fior Uisce,  Mitchelstown".

These are temporary road surfaces awaiting final UÉ trench reinstatement. (BO’G)

Brendan O' Gorman SEE added to this reply that there is a requirement to relocate an asbestos watermain here to allow final works by the Developer to proceed.

**Cllr. Peter O’ Donoghue (seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson)**

16. "that this Council will look to install a pedestrian crossing in Ballyhooly between the Community Centre and the Grove Estate".

We have already raised this request with our NRO who will discuss funding of same with TII. (BO’G)

This motion was also supported by Cllrs. O'Leary and Cotter as there is an issue with speeding traffic here. Cllr. O'Donoghue commented that a pedestrian crossing at this location could also serve as a 'traffic calming' installation.

**(seconded by Cllr. Frank O'Flynn)**

17. "that this Council would facilitate the erection of a plaque by the local community of Conna, in memory of Tom Cotter on the Coltrum Bridge at Clashaganniv, Conna".

For discussion. (BO’G)

This motion was supported by all the elected Members, who wholly agreed that Mr. Tom Cotter is a very deserving recipient of this memorial. Brendan O'Gorman SEE said that with the elected Members endorsement there is no objection in principle to the installation of this commemorative plaque. He recommends meeting be convened onsite to further discuss and agree arrangements.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

None

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Cllr. Frank O'Flynn - that Cork County Council would provide an update on the issue of the very poor quality of the recently installed public lighting throughout Kildorrery, in the interest of safety.**

Brendan O'Gorman SEE undertook to highlight this issue again with the Public Lighting section.

**2. Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien - rear lane at McDermott Place, council  to maintain, repair potholes, flowing rain water etc.**

Brendan O'Gorman SEE advised that this location is in the charge of the Housing Directorate and can be referred to them for consideration.

**3. Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien - speed signs on road from Ballygibln Pitch to new line, also signs at Ballygiblin cross at N73 (previous request).**

Brendan O'Gorman SEE advised that this signage is already in place.

**4. Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien - drainage at Ballybeg after turning left at junction coming from Brigown Road, matter was raised previously and works were to be carried out over winter 2024.**

Brendan O'Gorman SEE responded that this will be done in conjunction with the drainage works at Park Utd.

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