

Minutes of Meeting of the Blarney/Macroon Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroon on Friday 25th May 2018

Present: Cllrs Kevin Conway (Cathaoirleach), Bob Ryan, Ted Lucey, Des O'Grady, Gobnait Moynihan & Michael Creed

Attendance: Mr. Jim Molloy, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. James Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Claire O'Neill, S/Municipal District Officer
Mr. Andy O'Brien, Executive Engineer
Ms. Patricia Lehane, Assistant Engineer
Ms. Catherine O'Shea, Assistant Staff Officer

Apologies: Ms. Marie O'Leary, Municipal District Officer (*Maternity Leave*)

In Attendance for Part of the Meeting:

Mr. Maurice Manning, Director of Services, Housing Directorate
Mr. Pdraig Barrett, SEO, Housing Directorate
Mr. Reamonn Walsh, A/SEE, Housing Directorate

1. DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. Lucey, the Minutes of the proceedings of the Blarney/Macroon Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 27th April 2018 having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Municipal District Officer.

ÁBHAIR A ÉIREOIDH MATTERS ARISING

Councillor G. Moynihan

- (a) St. Olan's Place, Aghabullogue – Road into estate in Poor Condition
A O'Brien, EE said he will try and add it to the programme of works as the schedule of works is quite substantial at the moment.
- (b) Inchigeelagh Safety Measures
Cllr. Moynihan queried what Clár projects were forwarded from this Municipal District from Cork County Council. J. Molloy, SEO confirmed that the applications submitted by Blarney Macroon Municipal District had not been successful in progressing to the Department of Rural and Community Development but that Cork County Council had decided it would fund 2 projects through its own resources. These included the development of a Playground in Ballinagree and the provision of Vehicle Actuated Signs in Inchigeelagh.

- (c) Millstreet Cross, Macroom – Update
J. Dwyer, SEE said that the work would be commencing the following Monday and would be carried out at night. He said that there would be no traffic restrictions during daytime.

Councillor D. O’Grady

- (a) Grange Manor, Ovens
It was proposed by Cllr. O’Grady and seconded by Cllr. Moynihan and agreed by all the Members to send a delegation to meet the Director of Services, Planning

Councillor T. Lucey

- (a) Road Widening, Sleaveen, Macroom - Update
J. Dwyer, SEE said that the tenders were back and were being assessed.
- (b) Castleview Cross
Ongoing
- (c) Cloghduv -Gully
A O’Brien, EE said it will add it to the list of drainage works for later in the year.
- (d) Briery Gap
Ongoing
- (f) Dog Control Byelaws
Ongoing
- (g) Post Office, Macroom
On going
- (h) Dan Corkery place – Shore
Ongoing
- (i) St. Colmans Graveyard, Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE said that the tenders are being assessed.
- (j) Lights at the Bridge, Macroom
Ongoing

Councillor M. Creed

- (a) Ballingeary – River Cleaning
J. Dwyer, SEE said the works should commence in September.

Councillor K. Conway

- (a) Courtbrack -Update
A O'Brien, EE said that the contractor had put in place two additional road gullies. The road patches will be repaired in conjunction with the housing estate final road surfacing layer which will commence in November.
- (b) Hedge Road – Footpath
Ongoing
- (c) Station Road
Councillor Conway is to arrange a site meeting with A O' Brien to identify the locus in question.
- (d) Cork Direction Sign needed on N20
A O'Brien, SEE said it was the responsibility of TII.
- (e) Waterloo Road – Overhanging Trees
A O'Brien, EE said this will be listed for the tree cutting warning letters in September.

2. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) Part 8 Planning, Woodfield, Station Road, Blarney

The Committee noted the correspondence received from M. Manning, Director of Service, Housing which confirmed that Cork County Council does not intend to build social housing on the existing green area at Station Road, Blarney.

- (b) Development of 50 Social Housing Homes at Oakwood, Macroom under Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 – 2017.

The Members noted the Managers Report and associated Appendices.

P. Barrett, SEO outlined the proposals for the Part 8 to the Members.

A lengthy discussion took place among the Members where they all agreed that:

- Social Housing is a priority for Macroom
- Residents are not against the housing but have genuine fears
- Entrance to the Estate dangerous and needs to be addressed before construction
- Construction Traffic Plan needs to be put in place especially for the elderly and people with disabilities.

P. Barrett, SEO told the Members that there will be specific requirements put in place for the elderly and people with disabilities and will also ensure that the entrance is in place at the start of construction.

A further discussion took place among the Members with regard to reducing the number of houses proposed.

M. Manning, Director of Services, Housing confirmed to Members that they could accept, reject or amend the proposal before them. He stated that should they decide to amend the number of units a Report would be prepared for Full Council on the impact of such an amendment.

Subsequently, there were two proposals put forward:

1. Reduce the Number of Houses by Four

Proposed: Cllr. Ted Lucey
 Seconded: Cllr. Michael Creed

2. Recommendation of Acceptance of Development of 50 Social Housing Homes at Oakwood, Macroom under Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 – 2017.

Proposed: Cllr. Des O’Grady

- (c) Nomination of Member to be a Member of the Corporate Policy Group
 Councillor Ryan proposed the nomination of Councillor Moynihan and Councillor Lucey seconded.

Councillor Moynihan was declared to be the nominee to the County Council Corporate Policy Group.

(d) 2018 Discretionary Fund Applications

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Macroom Men’s Shed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allotment in Masseytown – Gardening and tunnel 2. Power hosing, cleaning, painting at Macroom Grotto 3. Supply and fill flower tubs for COPE in Dan Corkery Place
Macroom Golf Club	Clubs, Balls and Equipment for the coaching of the Juvenile Club
Serena Pierce	Funding requested towards travel to the World Power Lifting Championships being held from 1 st to 3 rd June 2018.
Coiste Gairdín na Spraioi	Use a local artist to paint a colourful wall using Irish words to inspire/encourage children to speak more Irish in the Playground.

Proposed: Cllr. Lucey
Seconded: Cllr. Creed

- (e) Love Your Local Market Campaign 2018
C. O'Neill, A/MDO outlined the details of the upcoming event being held on 29th May 2018 and asked that Members and the public would show their support on the day.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

**4. DIOL TALÚN
DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY**

Grant of Wayleave at Gurteenroe, Macroom, Co. Cork to Michelle Hickey, Toames West, Macroom, Co. Cork for a consideration of €1 plus Council's costs.

Proposed: Cllr. Creed

Seconded: Cllr. Lucey

**5. CHUN NA RUIN SEO LEANAS ÓN GCOMHAIRLEOIR A MHEAS:
TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION**

Cllr. Ted Lucey

It is extremely disappointing to learn of the shortfall of approximately €1.5/2M for the refurbishment of the Briery Gap. It has now been closed for the past 2 years due to the fire.

It is absolutely essential that the funding shortfall is found. Its closure is a huge loss to local businesses, schools, drama and musical groups from the surrounding areas. As I have highlighted in the past it was the heartbeat of Macroom & the greater Lee Valley area.

Huge praise must be given to the board members who continue to work tirelessly to keep a lot of the events going. It's becoming next to impossible and financially challenging to keep these shows going in the Riverside Park Hotel which is approximately 1.5kms from the town centre.

I therefore request that Cork County Council explores all avenues to address the funding shortfall, to ensure that this fine facility, which encompasses the theatre, cinema and library, is restored for the people of Macroom and the greater Lee Valley area.

Report

Cork County Council understands the importance of the Briery Gap to the whole community of Macroom and the greater Lee Valley. The council is currently examining how the funding short fall can be addressed. This is being done by examining what schemes that various Government Departments are currently running as well as those that they intend to run. Potential sources from European Union programmes are also being examined.

The council is also reviewing the design requirements for the Briery Gap to determine what if any potential cost reduction measures are available.

Jim Molloy, Senior Executive Officer

A discussion took place whereby all Members agreed that they were disappointed with the shortfall of money and queried how the shortfall could be addressed.

J. Molloy, SEO said the insurance money only covered the restoring of the building back to its original condition. However, he said the building needs to be upgraded to meet the Building standards but that the Council were in the process of looking into to the different EU Programmes available.

In response to Cllr. Lucey, J. Molloy, SEO confirmed that the insurance was covering the cost of renting the new library building.

J. Molloy, SEO confirmed that a report would be provided to the Committee each month.

6. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Cllr. Lucey congratulated the Macroom Girls Under 12 Soccer Team who won the Signalton Super Valu Cup and the Division 1 League.

7. AON GHNÓ EILE ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

(a) Bohill Bridge, Ballyvourney

Cllr. Moynihan said the centre line of the road over the bridge was in very bad condition.

Cllr. Creed agreed with Cllr. Moynihan and said the footpath was also in very bad condition and was it possible to get the road widened to get a footpath inside the wall.

J. Dwyer, SEE said he had applied to the TII for funding to do the works and was waiting for a response.

In response to Cllr. Moynihan, J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that the National Primary Budget available to Blarney Macroom Municipal District was €56,000 for 2018. Cllr. Moynihan expressed her disappointment with the lack of funding from TII.

(b) Grass Cutting Contract

J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that a Contractor had been appointed and the works should be commencing shortly. He said that weed killing works are ongoing around the town.

- (c) Inchigeelagh Sewerage Scheme – Information Night
Cllr. Moynihan said that she received an email from Irish Water informing her of an Information Night which was due to be held in Inchigeelagh with only a few days notice and she was disappointed that the notification was sent out so late.

Cllr. Ted Lucey

- (a) Lower Cork Street, Macroom – Track after sinking
J. Dwyer, SEE said he raised this issue with the TII and was waiting for a response.

Cllr. Des O’Grady

- (a) L2756 – Aghabullogue - Potholes
- (b) N22 Junction at Lower Farran – No Advanced Yellow Signs Signalling 2 Junctions ahead. These will be listed for works when main roads programme is completed later on in the year.
- (c) Kilcrea – Verges Overgrown and stones falling into the river at the Bridge. A O’ Brien, EE said he will list this for verge cutting.
- (d) Potholes at Bottom of Turnoff at Aherla before Bad Bend
- (e) 2 No. Direction Signs Missing at Kilcrea – Poles but no Signs.
These will be listed for works when main roads programme is completed later on in the year.
- (f) Cloghduv – No Advanced warning signs towards Pounds Cross.
These will be listed for works when main roads programme is completed later on in the year.
- (g) No Signs at Road at Cliffords Bar in Crookstown.
These will be listed for works when main roads programme is completed later on in the year.
- (h) Macroom Bypass
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would arrange to give Members a copy of the maps for their information.

Cllr. Michael Creed

- (a) Graveyard, Macroom
Cllr. Creed queried if there was some Scheme that could carry out work in the old graveyards. J. Dwyer, SEE said he would look into it.
- (b) Road marking gone on the junction from L6800 on to the R619.
A O’ Brien, EE will list these for lining works when contractor starts lining works later in the year.

Cllr. Kevin Conway

- (a) Footpath at Kerry Road towards Tower in bad condition.
A O' Brien, EE said that this is listed for works on this year's footpath programme.
- (b) Who is responsible for the collection of trees at Station Road Blarney
A O Brien, EE said that Cork County Council would be responsible if causing potential flooding concerns.

Town And Village Renewal Scheme

J. Molloy, SEO confirmed that all applications for funding must be submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development by 30th June 2018.

Public Lighting Proposal for Blarney Macroom Municipal District 2018

J. Dwyer, SEE circulated a document outlining the proposals to the Members for discussion at the next meeting.

Proposed Footpath Program 2018 – Blarney Macroom Municipal District

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June Monthly Meeting

It was agreed by all the Members that the June meeting will take place on Friday, 29th June 2018 as the Annual General Meeting of Cork County Council is taking place on Friday, 22 June, 2018.

This concluded the business of the meeting



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