

## Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroom on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Present/I láthair:** Cllrs. Michael Looney (Cathaoirleach), Martin Coughlan, Gobnait Moynihan, Eileen Lynch, Ted Lucey & Michael Creed

**Attendance/Tinreamh:** Ms. Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. Jim Molloy, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. James Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Catherine O'Shea, Assistant Staff Officer

**Apologies/Leath scéal:** Ms. Marie O'Leary, Municipal District Officer  
Mr. Andrew O'Brien, Executive Engineer

**In Attendance for part of the Meeting:**  
Ms. Mary O'Brien, Executive Architect

J. Molloy, SEO welcomed N. Radley, SEO to the Municipal District and wished her well in her new role.

### 1. **DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Cllr. Lucey and seconded by Cllr. Coughlan, the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Senior Executive Officer.

### **NITHE ATÁ TAGTHA CHUN CINN MATTERS ARISING**

#### **Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Ballyvourney to Killarney Road – Lag on Road – Start Date  
No update
- (b) Ballyvourney – Speed on the N22 coming down By the Mills Inn  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that TII plan to carry out a speed survey.
- (c) Air Ambulance, Rathcoole  
Cllr. Moynihan welcomed the new service.

#### **Councillor Ted Lucey**

- (a) Castleview Cross  
No update
- (b) Dog Control Bylaws  
Ongoing
- (c) Post Office, Macroom  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he had no update but would review again
- (d) Bridge and New Street, Macroom – Bad condition  
J. Dwyer, SEE said there is no funding to carry out works at present

- (e) Church of Ireland, Macroom  
Ongoing
- (f) Road Behind Thady Inn in Bad Condition  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he spoke to Water Services and that they were waiting for a start date from their Contractor.
- (g) Aqlish Cross – Sign needed
- (h) Masseytown, Macroom – Drains Blocked
- (i) Marion Terrace – Narrow Road in front of the houses – unsuitable for ambulance
- (j) Shores Blocked
  - a. Tatlers Jacks
  - b. Killumney towards Ovens Church
- (k) Killumney Village – Speed Signs  
A O'Brien, EE said it was on the list of works to be completed.

#### **Councillor Michael Creed**

- (a) Ballyvourney – Pedestrian Crossing Outside the Church – More Signs needed  
J. Dwyer, SEE said TII are willing to fund an upgrade but a survey will need to be carried out.
- (b) Coachford Village – Speed Signs  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that speed signs have been ordered.
- (c) Terelton – Signs on the Road outside the School  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he had no update on the CLAR funding
- (d) Travelling from the Dunmanway Road to Toonsbridge the Stop Sign is not clear  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the road lining would be refreshed and would examine the area.

#### **Councillor Martin Coughlan**

- (a) Fountains outside Town Hall Building, Macroom – not working
- (b) Entrance into Castle Demense – Weeds, slates hanging down  
J. Dwyer, SEE said it was unclear who owned it.
- (c) Derelict Sites, Macroom  
Cllr. Coughlan said that action needs to be taken. J. Molloy, SEO said it was proposed to tender for Consultants.
- (d) Coolkisha Cross  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that the junction had been relined.
- (e) Beal na Blath Crossroads  
Cllr. Coughlan, along with all the Members agreed that speed was a big issue at the junction and that something needs to be done about it. J. Dwyer, SEE said that Road Design Office were examining a number of different layouts and he would have an update for the next meeting.

## 2. BREITHNIÚCHÁIN AR THUAIRISCÍ AGUS MOLTAÍ CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### (a) Briery Gap Update

M. O'Brien, Ex. Architect gave a detailed presentation to the Members outlining the following:

- Construction works packages to be advertised on E-Tenders in November
- On Site January 2020 - bonds and insurances pending
- Works predicted to take 12-16 months to complete subject to Contractors tendered programme
- Draft proposal of site compound to facilitate works was shared and discussed
- Pedestrian access will be maintained around the site compound
- Pedestrian and Forklift access to be maintained on Duggan's lane – no other vehicle access
- All businesses will be consulted

A discussion took place among the Members where they agreed that the works should go ahead but that it was important to talk to the businesses and take their observations on board.

### (b) Traveller Consultative Committee – Filling of Vacancy

**Cllr. Ted Lucey** was proposed by Cllr. M. Creed and seconded by Cllr. M. Coughlan.

### (c) Discretionary Fund Applications 2019/ Iarratais ar ciste lánroghnach 2019

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
<b>Carriganima Community Development Group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highlight the historical significance of the area – maintenance and purchasing of Signage</li> </ul>
<b>Tanyard Wood Residents Association, Millstreet</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remedial work to be carried out to the grass and shrub areas in the estate</li> </ul>
<b>Cornelius (Con) Kelleher</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studying in UCC – Masters in Local History. Publishing of Research on Macroom Union Workhouse (1843 – 1921)</li> </ul>
<b>Total of 3 Applications seeking funding in Amount of:</b>	<b>€900</b>

**Proposed/ Ar Moladh:** Cllr. G. Moynihan

**Seconded/ Cuidithe:** Cllr. M. Creed

## 3. Comhfhreagras/Correspondence

Correspondence from Pieta House re "Darkness Into Light" Fundraiser Noted.

## 4. Vota Comhghairdis/Votes of Congratulations

- Cllr. T. Lucey congratulated Megan Sheehan on getting a soccer scholarship to Daytona State College in Florida and wished her all the best.
- Cllr. M. Creed, together with all the Members, congratulated Nicola Radley, SEO on her new position in Macroom Municipal District and thanked Jim Molloy, SEO for all his help and support over the years and wished him well for the future.



**5. Chun na Ruin seo leanas ón gComhairleoir a mheas:  
To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of:**

Cllr. G. Moynihan

**Dá bharr na leibhéil ard luas atá le fháil ins an baile do Cluain Droichead, táim ag iarraidh ar an comhairle chun suirbhé luas a dhéanamh ar an baile.**

*Due to the high level of speed in the village of Carrigadrohid, I am asking this Council to carry out a speed survey of the village.*

Tuarascáil

*Socrófar Suirbhé Luais don sráidbhaile chomh luaithe agus is féidir*

Report

Speed Survey will be arranged for the village as soon as possible.

*J. Dwyer, SEE*

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All Members agreed that some form of traffic calming was required and requested that a Speed Survey is carried out. J. Dwyer, SEE said he would arrange same.

**2. Ag thógaint na oibleagáidí atá aige faoi Combhinsiún den Náisiún Aontaithe um Cearta do Daoine le Míchumais, táim ag iarraidh air Comhairle Contae Chorcaí chun rannpháirtíocht poball a láidriú ins na háiteanna oscailte san Ceantar Bardasach seo.**

*Considering its obligations under the UN Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, I am asking Cork County Council to strengthen community participation in its open spaces in this Municipal District.*

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Cllr. Moynihan stressed that it was important that Cork County Council continue to be aware that open spaces should be made available for everyone i.e. keep the focus on disability access and on the elderly, people should be able to get around without being obstructed.

In response to Cllr. Moynihan's query re – Make Way Day on 26<sup>th</sup> September next, N. Radley, SEO confirmed that Cork County Council have committed to taking part in this event.

**3. Ba mhaith iarraidh ar an Comhairle chun tuairisc chun dáta a cur ar fháil faoin eastáit Fathín í dTír Eiltín faoin phróséis "Taking the charge".**

*Asking this Council for an update on the Fáithin Estate in Tareltion in regards o the "Taking In Charge" process.*

Tuairisc

- Tá Uisce Éireann, mar Údarás Sláintíochta, freagrach as séaraigh bréan agus príomhlíonra uisce in eastáit a glactar ar láimh agus - faoi meabhrán tuisceana agus Prótacail atá i bhfeidhm idir Uisce Éireann agus gach Údarás Áitiúil - is é a gcomhaontú chun freagracht a ghlacadh as na seirbhísí atá riachtanach mar chuid den phróiseas Glacadh ar láimh
- Ghlac Comhairle Contae Chorcaí leis an soláthar uisce ar bhonn éigeandála i 2013, sular bunaíodh Uisce Éireann. Féach ar Ordú an Stiúrthóra atá faoi iamh ina leith seo
- Cuireann polasaí reatha Uisce Éireann cosc ar eastáit le "Bonneagar a Sholáthraítear Forbróirí" a ghlacadh ar láimh, M.Sh. Gléasraí Cóireála Fuíolluisce

- Tá Ionad Cóireála Fuíolluisce ag freastal ar An Faithin. Go dtí go n-athraíonn Uisce Éireann a bpolasaí, nílimid in ann dul chun cinn a dhéanamh ar an Faithin

#### Report

- Irish Water, as Sanitary Authority, is responsible for foul sewers and water mains in estates that are taken in charge and - under a Memorandum of Understanding and Protocol in place between them and all Local Authorities - their agreement to take responsibility for these services is necessarily required as part of the Taking In Charge process
- The water supply was taken over by Cork County Council on an emergency basis in 2013 i.e. before the setting up of Irish Water. See attached Director's Order in this respect
- Irish Water's current policy precludes the taking in charge of estates with so-called Developer Provided Infrastructure", e.g. Waste Water Treatment Plants An Faithin is served by a Waste Water Treatment Plant. Until Irish Water alters their policy, we are not in a position to progress the taking in charge of An Faithin

*Liam Murphy, Cork County Council Estates Section*

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Cllr. Moynihan welcomed the report. However, she said that there are 20 houses in the estate and 5 houses remain unoccupied and are not maintained. She said this was unfair on people living in the Estate.

Cllr. Creed agreed and said it was important to find out who owned the unoccupied houses.

J. Molloy, SEO said he would investigate same.

#### **6. DIÚSCAIRT TALÚN DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY Section 183 Notice/ Fógra Alt 183**

Lease of Land at Flats, Ballyvourney, Co. Cork to Susan Morton, Brid O'Donoghue, Maura Cronin and Samantha Morton as Trustees of Ballyvourney/Ballymakeera Tidy Towns for a term of 7 years for a consideration of €10 per annum.

**Proposed/ Ar Moladh:** Cllr. G. Moynihan  
**Seconded/ Cuidithe :** Cllr. T. Lucey

#### **7. AON GHNÓ EILE ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- Ballygibbon Cross/Waterloo  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that there was a camera survey in place to monitor the effectiveness of the new traffic arrangements at the junction
- Local Roads Office in Coachford – Update  
J. Molloy, SEO said there were no plans to have an office in Coachford.

A discussion took place where Members expressed their disappointment as they felt that people in the eastern side of the Municipal District were not being looked after. J. Molloy, SEO said he would refer the views of the Members back to Management.



- (c) Lee Valley Pub, Dripsey – Derelict/Dangerous Building  
J. Molloy, SEO said he would investigate.

### **Councillor Ted Lucey**

- (a) Free Market Event, Macroom – 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019  
Cllr. Lucey felt that the road closure that necessitated the event was in place for too long. Local businesses weren't happy with the road closure. While he outlined that the event presented good ideas for the town, he felt that the road shouldn't have been closed.

A discussion took place in relation to the event and to the road closure. They agreed that the "Free Market" team put forward some very good proposals for Macroom and overall it was a positive initiative for the town.

- (b) Bus Stop at Millstreet Cross  
J. Dwyer, SEE said there was a submission made last year and he would follow up and revert back.

- (c) Mill Dam, Macroom  
Cllr. Lucey proposed that work is carried out on the Mill Dam in stages, possibly over a 3 year period. He said road widening works should be made a priority at the narrow section. J. Molloy, SEO agreed with Cllr. Lucey that work should be carried out in stages.

Cllr. Moynihan disagreed and said there should be an overall plan drawn up as it has huge potential for tourism. She said that C.I.T. and U.C.C. students should be approached to see what ideas they may have.

Cllr. Coughlan agreed with Cllr. Moynihan. However, he said there should be a plan for the whole of Masseytown as there is a lot of dereliction there. J. Molloy, SEO said this would be included on Agenda for the September meeting.

### **Councillor Michael Creed**

- (a) Incorrect Irish Spelling for a Sign in Rusheen  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the Council were legally obliged to use the spellings as set out on an official website. Cllr. Creed enquired if it was possible to put up a different version. J. Dwyer, SEE said he could check same.
- (b) In Kilmichael at the turn right for Dunmanway – Sign Needed  
Cllr. Creed said the speed limit was not being adhered to and enquired if there was some funding available to erect a sign. He said he was aware that it is in the Dunmanway area. J. Dwyer, SEE said he would check.
- (c) Road at Clohina, Kilnamartyra – Open Drain – Cars getting stuck
- (d) Pike Cross, Clondrohid – narrow road – very dangerous – Stop sign turned  
J. Dwyer, SEE to check
- (e) Ceimantarbh – Deep Verges  
Cllr. Creed said there is one patch on the road that needs attention.
- (f) Junction at Caherberane Cross, Millstreet Road – Surface Uneven
- (g) Hedge Cutting  
J. Dwyer, SEE said there is no hedge cutting permitted between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> August, however, there is an exception for Local Authorities if there is a safety issue on a road.

### **Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Shamrock Bridge to Rathduane Bridge, Millstreet – Add to Resurfacing Programme
- (a) From Codrum to Bell Inn – Signage – Narrow Road  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the signs should be erected in the next few weeks.

### **Councillor Martin Coughlan**

- (a) Taking in Charge – Orchard Estate, Macroom – Grass not Cut  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would talk to the Estates Department
- (b) O’Riadas Carpark, Macroom – Bank falling into the river  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that a Consultant has been appointed and he is waiting on their report.
- (c) Entrance to Castle Court Estate – Drains/Gullies to be checked
- (d) Cork County Council Outdoor staff  
Cllr. Coughlan, together with the other Members, spoke about the shortage of staff available for Macroom town.
- (e) Water Fountains in the Square – Not working

### **Councillor Michael Looney**

- (a) Driver Feedback Signs Cloghroe Village  
J. Dwyer, SEE said they have been ordered.
- (b) Waterloo to Whitechurch – Continuous White Line needed  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate
- (c) Bus Stop at Petrol Station in Killumney  
Cllr. Looney said there is no footpath between the Petrol Station in Grange at Killumney.

### **James Dwyer, SEE**

J. Dwyer, SEE circulated a drawing of the proposed Pedestrian Crossing at Killumney School to the Members for their approval to go to Section 38.

**Proposed/ Ar Moladh:** Cllr. T. Lucey  
**Seconded/ Cuidithe:** Cllr. M. Creed

**Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú**  
**This concluded the business of the meeting**

  
CATHAOIRLEACH

24-09-2019  
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OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH

27-09-2019  
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