

# Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroom on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 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  
Ms. Marie O'Leary, Municipal District Officer  
Mr. James Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Andrew O'Brien, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Catherine O'Shea, Assistant Staff Officer
- Apologies/Leath scéal:** Mr. Pat O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Patricia Lehane, Assistant Engineer

## 1. DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. Creed and seconded by Cllr. Moynihan, the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Municipal District Officer.

## NITHE ATÁ TAGTHA CHUN CINN MATTERS ARISING

### Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Disabled Parking Bay, Macroom  
Cllr. Moynihan said that a large Disabled parking space, possibly across from Matt Murphy's Chemist, Middle Square is required in order to facilitate the exiting of wheelchairs. J. Dwyer, SEE said he would investigate.

### Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Terelton – School Speed Warning Signs  
Cllr. Creed confirmed that the local community would be able to make a contribution. J. Dwyer, SEE said he would make contact with the community.
- (b) Incorrect Irish Spelling for Sign in Rusheen  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the sign was damaged and would be replaced. Cllr. Moynihan said the Irish spelling on the sign was incorrect and should be rectified. J. Dwyer, SEE said he would investigate.

### Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Castleview Cross  
No update
- (b) Dog Control Bylaws  
Ongoing
- (c) Post Office, Macroom  
J. Dwyer, SEE said they could look at replacing like for like. He said it would be better to lower the cover but this was a major job.

- (d) Bridge and New Street, Macroom – Bad condition  
J. Dwyer, SEE said some patching work was carried out.
- (e) Church of Ireland, Macroom  
Ongoing
- (f) Japanese Knotweed – Thady Inn Area  
A O'Brien, EE confirmed this was sprayed.
- (g) Aglish Cross  
A O'Brien, EE said works would be carried out in the next few weeks.
- (h) Killumney Village to Ovens – Speed Signs  
A O'Brien, EE said it was on the list of works to be done in the next few weeks.
- (i) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he is meeting with Bus Eireann.
- (j) Bus Depot, Macroom  
M. O'Leary, MDO said that she had requested consultants to carry out an inspection. She hopes she will have an update for the next meeting.
- (a) Drain at Crookstown Hall  
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is on the list of works.

#### **Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Ballygibbon Cross/Waterloo Junction – Camera Survey

Cllr. Lynch expressed her disappointment that according to P. Barrett, DOS Cork County Council were considering the closure of the N20 Waterloo Junction. She agreed that illegal manoeuvres were taking place and requested that Cork County Council write to T.I.I. seeking a U Turn at Ballygibbon Cross. She also asked that Members are kept up to date with developments.

Cllr. Moynihan said there was huge support from the community to prevent the closure. She said a U Turn sign was needed and that Cork County Council needs to work with the community and the Gardai.

N. Radley, SEO informed the Members that P. Barrett, Director of Services never stated that the junction will be closed.

The Members were informed that following the boundary alteration this area is no longer in Macroom Municipal District.

- (b) Lee Valley Pub, Dripsey – Derelict/Dangerous Building – Update  
A O'Brien, EE said that he would have a report for the next meeting.
- (c) Courtbrack Village – New Housing Development coming from Blarney – Signage/Road Lining  
A O'Brien, EE said that a survey is to be carried out by the NNRDO for a detailed design to be completed.

#### **Councillor Martin Coughlan**

- (a) Beal na Blath Crossroads  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that the NNRDO were carrying out traffic surveys but that he had no update.

- (b) O'Riadas Carpark, Macroom – Bank falling into the river  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that the Consultants report was nearly complete and it was hoped to go to tender by the end of the year. Cllr. Coughlan enquired if the surface could be looked at. J. Dwyer, SEE said that once the bank was repaired that would follow on.

### **Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Ballyvourney to Killarney Road – Lag on Road – Start Date  
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is hoped to have the works complete early next year.
- (b) Ballyvourney – Speed on the N22 coming down By the Mills Inn  
No update
- (c) Fáithin Estate in Tareltion re- "Taking In Charge" process.  
M. O'Leary, MDO said she wrote to NAMA's solicitor and there has been no response to date.

## **2. Consideration of the Draft Budgetary Plan for Macroom Municipal District**

Members noted the Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan for 2020

M. O'Leary, MDO explained that this was a draft budget for Macroom Municipal District and that Members would be voting on the overall budget at the Full Council Meeting.

N. Radley, SEO said that this was the first budget for Macroom Municipal District. She said the budget had been increased in most of the areas and this was very positive.

All Members welcomed the budget.

The following issues were raised:

#### Cllr. G. Moynihan

- Reduction in Litter Management - N. Radley SEO said figures are determined by per head of population.
- Street Cleaning – disappointing to see a reduction – villages need cleaning, not just the town.
- Town Development Fund – rules can be strict – no leeway for towns to develop themselves

#### Cllr. M. Coughlan

- Disappointed with the lack of staff available to carry out street cleaning in Macroom. N. Radley, SEO said that staff issues were an Executive function and could not be discussed at Municipal District meetings but she would progress his request of additional staff.

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

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

### **(a) Appointment of Members to the Rural Water Committee**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Creed and seconded by Cllr. T. Lucey, Cllr. E. Lynch was appointed as Macroom Municipal District representative to the Rural Water Committee.



**(b) Municipal District Officer Report**

Members noted the Report.

**4. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS  
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

Bypass, Macroom

Cllr. Creed, together with Cllr. Lucey welcomed the €280M project for Macroom bypass which will have a significant impact on Macroom and its environs. This substantial project was welcomed by all the Members who noted that works would be commencing shortly on Macroom Bypass.

While Cllr. Moynihan welcomed the bypass, she said it was more important than ever to encourage tourists to come to Macroom by promoting the local amenities e.g. Fairy Garden etc. N. Radley, SEO said she had a meeting with Pure Cork regarding the tourism potential for Macroom.

**5. VOTA COMBHRÓIN  
VOTES OF CONDOLENCES**

Cllr. Moynihan – Council have an Annual Ecumenical Service for Deceased Members and Staff of Cork County Council. N. Radley, SEO said that all family members of the deceased are invited to attend.

**6. AON GHNÓ EILE  
ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Councillor Michael Creed**

- (a) Top of Coom – Road completed for the Tourist season next year.  
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is hoped to have works completed in the first quarter of 2020.
- (b) Car Park, Ballingeary School  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will talk to the School Principal
- (c) Footpath, Reinaree Road, Ballingeary – Update  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he met with the site owner and was waiting on him to clear the front of the site. Ducting works were then to follow.

**Councillor Martin Coughlan**

- (a) Coachford Cross on New Bridge, Macroom - limestone slab loose on the right hand side of the bridge. J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate.
- (b) Old Part of St. Colman's New Cemetery, Macroom – Badly Maintained  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he is looking at options
- (c) New Part of St. Colman's Cemetery, Macroom – Dumping of soil – unsightly  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate

### **Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Litter Management Strategy for Macroom Municipal District  
N. Radley, SEO said a template strategy is currently being produced which will then be rolled out and considered by the other Municipal Districts.
- (b) Berrings Cross – Speed Sign coming from the Cloghroe Side
- (c) Pedestrian Crossing at the School in Ovens  
A O'Brien, EE said this is going for Contract

### **Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Barracks Cross, Kilmurry – very bad condition  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate
- (b) Millstreet - Speed Survey – Old Court and Murphys Terrace
- (c) Killumney Village up to Ovens  
A O'Brien, EE said works to be completed by Contractor in the coming weeks.

### **Councillor Michael Looney**

- (a) Matehy School – Amber School Crossing Lights
- (b) Stuake to Donoughmore – Traffic Calming Lights  
A O'Brien, EE said Traffic Calming Lights to be reviewed and will depend on funding available.

### **Marie O'Leary, MDO**

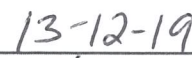
- (a) Christmas Parking – 2 hours free parking from 1<sup>st</sup> December to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019

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

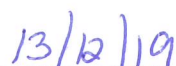
- (b) Macroom Christmas Market – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019
- (c) 2020 Desktop Calendar

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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**DÁTA**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**DÁTA**