

## Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroom on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 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  
Mr. Pat O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Patricia Lehane, Assistant Engineer  
Ms. Catherine O'Shea, Assistant Staff Officer

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

On the proposal of Cllr. Creed and seconded by Cllr. Lucey, the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 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) Ballyvourney to Killarney Road – Lag on Road – Start Date  
J. Dwyer, SEE said TII were going to tender shortly which will also include New St., Macroom. He said they were hoping to have Contractor in place by the end of the year.

(b) Ballyvourney – Speed on the N22 coming down By the Mills Inn  
No update

(c) Carrigadrohid Speed Survey  
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that motorists were driving well above the speed limit coming into Carrigadrohid on the Macroom side of the village. He said Vehicle Actuated Signs would cost in the region of €7,000 and that if funding was available one sign could be installed and that a second sign could be installed at a later date.

A O'Brien, EE suggested that the gardai should be approached about the possibility of providing a speed van.

Cllr. Lucey proposed that funding should be sought to install a Vehicle Actuated Sign on the Macroom side of Carrigadrohid. Cllr. Creed suggested that funding could be sought by the local community.

A discussion took place among the Members and the following was agreed:

- One sign to be installed on the Macroom side of the village
- Local Community to apply for Community Grants for a second sign

(d) Fáithin Estate in Tareltion re- "Taking In Charge" process.  
M. O'Leary, MDO said a property search was carried out and a Receiver has been appointed on behalf of NAMA. Cllr. Creed said as this was not a Ghost Estate he

requested that NAMA is written to. M. O'Leary, MDO said she would contact NAMA to establish what plans they have for this Estate.

- (e) From Codrum to Bell Inn – Signage – Narrow Road  
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is planned to put up the signs in the next few weeks.

### **Councillor Ted Lucey**

- (a) Castleview Cross  
No update
- (b) Dog Control Bylaws  
Ongoing
- (c) Post Office, Macroom  
No Update
- (d) Bridge and New Street, Macroom – Bad condition  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he had made an application for funding but was unsuccessful. He said he will arrange to carry out some works.
- (e) Church of Ireland, Macroom  
Ongoing
- (f) Japanese Knotweed – Thady Inn Area
- (g) Aglish Cross  
A O'Brien, EE said it will form part of the works with the Killumney/Ovens work.
- (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  
No update
- (j) Bus Depot, Macroom  
Ongoing

### **Councillor Michael Creed**

- (a) Coachford Village – Speed Signs  
A O'Brien, EE said they have been ordered
- (b) Terelton – School Warning Signs – CLÁR Funding  
J. Dwyer, SEE said they were not successful under CLÁR Funding. He queried if they could contribute locally. Cllr. Creed said he would investigate
- (c) Travelling from the Dunmanway Road to Toonsbridge the Stop Sign is not clear  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he was meeting with the NNRDO office to discuss any improvements that can be made. Cllr. Coughlan agreed that this was a dangerous junction, especially for tourists.
- (d) Incorrect Irish Spelling for a Sign in Rusheen  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the spelling on the sign was the official spelling as and it was correct as per the Official Language Act. Cllr. Moynihan expressed her disappointment that the English spelling on Signs are in block letters and the Irish spelling in italics.

- (e) Ceimantantorbh – Deep Verges  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the main roads take priority but that it was planned to carry out works here as soon as resources become available.
- (f) Clondrohid – Road to Pike Cross – Signage  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would order any signs that were needed.

**Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Ballygibbon Cross/Waterloo – Camera Survey  
A O'Brien, EE said the survey was complete and was being assessed at present.
- (b) Lee Valley Pub, Dripsey – Derelict/Dangerous Building – Update  
A O'Brien, EE said he will have a report for the next meeting

**Councillor Martin Coughlan**

- (a) Derelict Sites, Macroom  
M. O'Leary, MDO said Consultants had been engaged to look at a number of properties.
- (b) Beal na Blath Crossroads  
J. Dwyer, SEE said there was no easy solution but he would be meeting with the Road Design Office and would have an update for the next meeting.
- (a) Taking in Charge – Orchard Estate, Macroom – Grass not Cut  
Cllr. Coughlan said that if the Council cut the grass once, that the Tidy Towns could add it to their list of Estates for Grass Cutting. N. Radley, SEO said she would find out if it was possibility but that it was important not to set a precedent.
- (b) O'Riadas Carpark, Macroom – Bank falling into the river  
No update

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

- (a) **Mill Dam Update**  
N. Radley, SEO requested that this item is deferred to the next meeting. All Members agreed.
- (b) **Discretionary Fund Applications 2019/ Iarratais ar ciste lánroghnach 2019**

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
<b>Béal na Bláth N.S. Commemoration Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A book on the history of the School and surrounding areas has been written. The funding is sought to assist in the cost of publishing this book for distribution in local shops.</li> </ul>

**Proposed/ Ar Moladh:** Cllr. T. Lucey  
**Seconded/ Cuidithe:** Cllr. E. Lynch

- (c) **Community Environment Action Fund (Local Agenda 21)**  
M. O'Leary, MDO reminded Members that the closing date was 5.00 p.m. on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

(d) **Update on 2018 Town and Village Renewal Scheme Projects**

M. O'Leary, MDO outlined the following:

Coachford

Due to proposed works to be carried out by Irish Water, the Coachford project will not go ahead. However, a new application will be resubmitted when all works are complete.

Inchigeelagh

M. O'Leary, MDO said there was good progress being made in Inchigeelagh with works being carried out on the Slipway, pavements and bridges. She said it is hoped to have all works completed by the end of the year.

As regards the Coachford project, Members expressed their disappointment and frustration that it was not going ahead because of Irish Water.

**3. Comhfhreagras/Correspondence**

None

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

- (a) Grant of Right-of-Way at Crookstown, Co. Cork to Barna Wind Energy Limited for a consideration of €1 plus discharge of Council's costs.

**Proposed/ Ar Moladh:** Cllr. G. Moynihan  
**Seconded/ Cuidithe :** Cllr. M. Coughlan

- (b) Disposal of land to rectify boundaries at Bengour West, Newcestown, Co Cork to Tom Foreman and Shirley Foreman, Bengour West, Newcestown, Co. Cork for a consideration of €1 plus discharge of Council's costs.

Following the boundary alteration this does not fall under the remit of Macroon Municipal District.

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

"In light of the continuous issue of illegal dumping at litter bring sites, can the Council outline the following:

- 1) The number of Bring Sites in the Macroon Municipal District;
- 2) The number of these bring sites wherein there is active CCTV in place;
- 3) An outline of the number of charges brought by Cork County Council in relation to illegal dumping at bring sites and the amount of convictions arising from same in the last five years."

Response

- 1) The number of Bring Sites in the Macroon Municipal District;  
*There are 22 bring sites in the Macroon Municipal District*
- 2) The number of these bring sites wherein there is active CCTV in place;  
*The Environment Directorate provides mobile temporary CCTV only. Mobile temporary CCTV was deployed at Ballyvourney and Coachford Bring Sites in 2018 and 2019. The dates of deployment are not made available for operational reasons i.e. to obtain the full benefit from the same.*

*Not all sites are suitable for CCTV, we have installed CCTV onsite where persistent dumping was taking place and where dumping occurred when the CCTV was in place and evidence suitable to issue a fine or bring a prosecution was not obtained. To install CCTV at a site then there would have to regular dumping over a small area with suitable locations to install the camera, CCTV is usually installed for 1 or 2 week period.*

- 3) An outline of the number of charges brought by Cork County Council in relation to illegal dumping at bring sites and the amount of convictions arising from same in the last five years.”  
*Macroon MD Fines issued at bring sites: 2019= 1; 2018=1; 2017=0; 2016=0; 2015=0. It should be noted that all incidents of littering and dumping are inspected. Enforcement action (€150 fine) can only be taken where there is sufficient evidence to identify the person(s) from whom the waste emanated. Where the person(s) cannot be identified no action can be taken.*

*Liam Singleton, S.E., Waste and Climate Change, Environment Directorate.  
25th September, 2019*

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Cllr. Lynch made the following observations:

- How many sets of temporary mobile CCTV cameras were available
- Out of the 22 bring sites, why was there only cameras placed at 2 no. sites
- Despite the fact that the CCTV cameras were in place for two weeks, illegal dumping still remains a problem – more cameras are needed
- Disappointed at the lack of enforcement - only 1 no. fine issued in 2018 and 1 no. in 2019
- Queried how the fines were issued – on the basis of CCTV or by reporting

Cllr. Moynihan made the following observations:

- Need to be careful what information is made available to the public as regards the location of CCTV cameras
- The bins are not being emptied enough, especially over a bank holiday weekend and the rubbish builds up – does not want the service to be lost
- Write to Cork County Council and ask them to review their Collection Service
- Talk to the Tidy Towns Groups about the possibility of them emptying the bins
- 2 no. Stickers placed on all the bins with the following text:
  - Ring if the bin is full
  - Pointing out where the next closest bin is

Cllr. Looney said he felt the fines should be in the region of €500 to €1,000.

N. Radley, SEO said as it affects the county at large, it could possibly be included on the Agenda for the next Environment SPC. M. O’Leary, MDO to write to ask that this item be considered at this SPC.

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

## **6. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

- Cllr. M. Looney congratulated Berrings Tidy Towns on coming second in the Villages County Final in Cork County Council’s 2019 Litter League
- Cllr. Moynihan congratulated Millstreet Tidy Towns on coming second in Category A Towns County Final in Cork County Council’s 2019 Litter League

- Cllr. Lynch congratulated Macroom Tidy Towns on their achievements in this 2019 Litter League.

## 7. **VOTA COMBHRÓIN** **VOTES OF CONDOLENCES**

Members offered their sincere condolences to the families of the following:

- Tommy O'Connell, RIP – Former Member of Macroom UDC  
Members acknowledged the huge amount of work carried out by Mr. O'Connell and his commitment to Macroom town. He was a former Chair person of Macroom UDC in 1974 and 1980.
- Martin Murphy, RIP- Blarney Area Office Staff Member  
M. O'Leary, MDO, on behalf of herself and the staff offered condolences to Mr. Murphy's family.
- Jim Savage, RIP – Local Artist  
Jim had previously exhibited his work in Macroom Town Hall over a number of years. He was a well respected Artist and also lectured in Limerick School of Art. Condolences to Mr. Savage's family.

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

### **Councillor Martin Coughlan**

- Castle Grounds, Macroom – Overgrown Shrubbery  
Cllr. Coughlan said the grounds are overgrown with laurel shrubs and Rhododendrons and that they needed to be removed, especially for security reasons. He requested that a meeting is set up with the Castle Demesne Trustees.
- Clondrohid Village – lag on the Road on the Eastern side of Village  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate
- Castlemore Cross East, Crookstown – Huge Hole on the Road
- Kilmichael Bar – Junction  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would look at the road lining with a view to additional lining, possibly within the 50 km speed limit. Cllr. Creed requested that speed signs are erected.
- Drains –Cork Side of Hartnetts Cross, Macroom
- Wood Road to Kilmamartyra – Cutting Hedges/Trees  
J. Dwyer, SEE said it was the land owners responsibility

### **Councillor Ted Lucey**

- Killumney Village – Bridge up to the Church  
A O'Brien, EE said there are currently no weight restrictions in place but will discuss with the NNRDO.
- Drain at Crookstown Hall  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate

- (c) Good News Stories
- Garda Regional and Divisional HQ to be located in Macroom
  - Macroom Hospital to be extended
  - Macroom Bypass to be Signed off in near future

#### **Councillor Michael Creed**

- (a) Road at the top of Coom - Update  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that plans are progressing and that works should take approximately 2-3 weeks to complete.
- (b) Road at Knocknagowen, Rylane – Velocity Patcher
- (c) Blocked Gully in Coachford  
A O'Brien, EE said he will list for works for this year's Drainage Programme
- (d) Carrigaphooka – Potholes - grass growing in the middle of the road  
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is on the Programme of Works
- (e) Blocked Gully - Millstreet Road, Macroom
- (f) Bog Road, Kilmichael – Bad Dip
- (g) Car Park outside the School in Ballingearry – Road Markings  
J. Dwyer, SEE said this was the responsibility of the School. He said he would speak to the Principal.

#### **Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Carriganimna (across from the Church) – Gully Blocked  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would arrange to have it cleared
- (b) Toames – Past the Terelton Junction – Road condition very poor  
J. Dwyer, SEE said this road was on the Roads Programme to be resurfaced
- (c) Sign Turned - Ballingearry going towards Inchigeelagh
- (d) Millstreet Car Park  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it is planned to carry out works on the car park and the adjacent junction during the mid-term break, but are awaiting confirmation of the exact start date from the Contractor.
- (e) Make Way Day – 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2019  
Cllr. Moynihan said that Disabled parking space at Matt Murphy's Chemist, Macroom needs to be made bigger

#### **Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Radharc na Croise, Model Village, Dripsey – Block Gullies  
A O'Brien, EE - on the Drainage Programme
- (b) O'Mahony Tce., Model Village, Dripsey (Older Part) – Footpaths  
A O'Brien, EE said he would review the footpath for next years Programme.
- (c) Courtbrack Village – New Housing Development coming from Blarney – Signage/Road Lining  
A O'Brien, EE said he is currently in discussions with Developer re road surfacing works and once these are complete lining and road signage can be reviewed.

**Councillor Michael Looney**

- (a) Sub Office, Coachford (Item Raised under Votes of Congratulations)
- (b) Foxes Bridge – volume of traffic up to the school in Matehy.
- (c) Road from Coachford to Haunted House  
A O'Brien, EE said he will review it and if funding is available will list it for works under this year's road programme.
- (d) Berrings Cross – Sign for Coachford Required outside the Church
- (e) Rylane Cross  
A O'Brien, EE said there is a CPO design being carried out
- (f) Hedge cutting not high enough – lorry mirrors getting broken on narrow roads


**Marie O'Leary, MDO**

- (a) Proposed Material Contravention – Planning File 19/4856 – Milaqua Ltd.  
The report from Pio Treacy, AO, Planning Department was noted by the Members.
- (b) CLÁR 2019  
M O'Leary, MD confirmed the following allocations:
  - a. Measure 3B  
Carriganimna Community Association - Mobility and Cancer Care Transport - €45,815.00
  - b. Measure 3C  
Ballymakeera Tidy Towns - Sensory Gardens - €24,557.00
- (c) Rena Buckley commemorative Plaque  
M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed that a commemorative plaque will be unveiled to recognise Rena's outstanding sporting achievements on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in Berrings Car Park at Garden of Remembrance commencing at 6.00pm and will be followed by a reception.
- (c) Briery Gap Compound – feedback positive
- (d) Macroom Tidy Towns  
M. O'Leary, MDO informed the Members that Macroom Tidy Towns had requested permission to erect a sign and put a yellow box at the entrance to the Town Park in order to prevent illegal parking. All Members agreed.

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

  
**CATHAÓIRLEACH**

  
**DÁTA**

  
**OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH**

  
**DÁTA**