

**Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District Blended Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Floor 2, County Hall and virtually on MS Teams on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**

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

**Attendance/Tinreamh:** Ms. Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. Marie O'Leary, Municipal District Officer  
Mr. James Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Catherine O'Shea, Assistant Staff Officer

**Apologies/Leath scéal:** Mr. Pat O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer

**In Attendance for Part of the Meeting/ I láthair do chuid den chruinniú**  
Ms. Mary O'Brien, Executive Architect

**1. DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ  
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Lucey and seconded by Cllr. M. Coughlan the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021 having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Municipal District Officer.

**2. NITHE AG ÉIRÍ AS NA MIONTUAIRISCÍ  
MATTERS ARISING**

**Councillor Ted Lucey**

- (a) Briery Gap – Update  
N. Radley, SEO outlined an update will issue in due course.
- (b) Castlevew Cross  
No update
- (c) Dog Control Bylaws
- (d) Post Office, Macroom
- (e) Church of Ireland, Macroom
- (f) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom
- (g) Bus Depot, Macroom  
M. O'Leary, MDO outlined that a recent meeting had taken place with Bus Eireann whereby opportunities for the site and potential funding sources are being investigated.
- (h) Filter Light coming out of Masseytown heading towards Killarney
- (i) Bridge in Killumney

- (j) Bridge in Macroom - Update  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that works had started and would be carried out by night. Cllr. Creed Cllr. Lucey & Cllr. Moynihan requested that signage is looked at.
- (k) Raleigh – Wood Road – Trees need to be cut  
J. Dwyer, SEE said this will commence shortly
- (l) Main Street, Macroom – Water pooling  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that TII had no immediate plans to address this.

### **Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Footpath in Coachford – Time frame  
J. Dwyer, SEE said there was no timeframe at present.
- (b) Canopy in Millstreet  
M. O’Leary, MDO outlined that following a recent incident the canopy in the Square has been removed. In any event, it was due to be removed in the next week to facilitate the installation of the Christmas Lights feature at this location over the coming weeks. Following a query on the monument works, M. O’Leary, MDO outlined that works are intended to commence in February 2022.
- (c) Old Coach Avenue - Hedging growing out taking up footpath space – Health and Safety Issue  
Cllr. Moynihan complimented the work that was carried out.
- (d) Pedestrian Crossing – Church Street, Millstreet
- (h) Speed in Beal na Blath – in front of the Petrol Station  
No update
- (e) Floodlights not working at Carnegie Hall  
M. O’Leary, MDO said she has no update at the moment, however, she said that curtain lights were being installed for Christmas the same as Macroom and that would enhance the building.
- (f) Poor condition of the main road in Béal Átha’n Ghaorthaidh  
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that it would be included in the Local Roads Programme 2022.
- (g) Public Toilets – Sanitary Products  
Cllr. Moynihan said she was under the impression that Macroom MD would be providing sanitary products. N. Radley, SEO outlined that Macroom MD would not be doing anything different from the other areas, we would have to await a countywide decision.

### **Cllr. Martin Coughlan**

- (a) Biodiversity Talk at St Colman’s Park  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he is in the process of organizing to cut the areas.
- (b) Walkway on the Bridge, Macroom – Cyclists  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he is arranging to erect a standard sign requesting cyclists to dismount.
- (c) Belmont Tce, Crookstown – Field behind the Estate  
Cllr. Coughlan expressed his thanks for works carried out.

### **Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Coachford Footpath – pedestrian crossing
- (b) Flooding in Coachford – camera survey
- (c) Bridgetown, Cloghroe
- (d) Courtbrack to Killowen Road Drainage / Road edge repairs – any plans to replace the culvert
- (e) Lyons Tce, Coachford – wall
- (f) Inniscarra Dam – heading east – dangerous drop on the right.
- (g) Waterloo Speed Survey
- (h) Terelton National School – pedestrian crossing  
No update
- (i) Crookstown – Cliffords Bar to Béal na Bláth – Flooding Works  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that the design is not finalized – he said he is trying to get a timeline
- (j) Potholes – Strand Bar, Matehy
- (k) Potholes - Road from Matehy School – 1<sup>st</sup> right – Shournagh Line
- (l) Road at Inniscarra Community Centre – Ballyanly – Blairs Inn
- (m) Pipehouse Cross – beyond Courtbrack – Speed
- (n) Model Village – Back Road in Bad Condition

### **Councillor Michael Looney**

- (a) Speed at Inniscarra Boating Centre
- (b) Barracarra Line – Old Shop – Concealed Entrance sign
- (c) New Tipperary – Road Marking – Speed Signs

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

- (a) **Church of Ireland Building Macroom – Part VIII Proposal**  
M. O'Brien, Exec. Architect gave a detailed presentation to the Members outlining proposed plans.

### **Councillor Martin Coughlan**

- Stone was agreed at the back of the church  
*M. O'Brien, Exec. Architect said she was not aware of the stone facing on the extension and said that this would be considered as the project enters detailed design stage.*

- Dome at the top of the tower – *looking into making it accessible to the public*

### **Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

- What is meant by flexible commercial community space?  
*N. Radley, SEO outlined that this space will be a flexible community and commercial space that could have many uses and we are reluctant to define it for any specific purpose as it will be for the community*
- Is this part of the Millstream project?  
*N. Radley, SEO confirmed that yes this project forms part of an RRDF application for both the Mill Dam Masseytown Project and this project.*
- Is there universal access?  
*M. O'Brien, Exec. Architect said that there will be universal access to the main space, but that the upper tower and rear extension are considered as semi-public spaces and not accessible by all building users.*
- Is there changing facilities for an adult – is the toilet big enough  
*M. O'Brien, Exec. Architect said there is an enlarged universally accessible WC and standard unisex WC. Given the intended use of the building, changing facilities wouldn't be seen as required.*
- Is there a lift - lift access would not be feasible within building's existing footprint
- Timeframe – what is the next step  
*M. O'Brien Exec. Architect said a timeline could not be given as funding is not yet in place. Consultants cannot be appointed to progress the project until funding has been secured.*
- Public Consultation – Christmas is a bad time  
*M. O'Brien, Exec. Architect said this can be submitted in January.  
N. Radley, SEO said she had no issue with that but that due process would be followed regardless of when it is published.*
- How will the construction traffic enter the site?  
*M. O'Brien, EA said the entrance will be through the main gates – she said there will be very limited material going through the gates.*

### **Councillor Ted Lucey**

- Is this part of the Mill Dam project?  
*N. Radley, SEO said this was part of the RRDF application – same project as the Mill Dam but a separate Part VIII planning application.*

### **(b) MDO Report**

Members noted the Report

- **Streetscape Enhancement Scheme under Town & Village Renewal 2021**  
*M. O'Leary, MDO said that some additional funding had been received from the Dept and the successful applicants will be notified if they have been granted an increase to their grant over the coming days.*

In response to Cllr. Creed, M. O'Leary, MDO said the closing date has been extended for completed claims to 31<sup>st</sup> December. She said that notifications on this extension date have already been sent out to applicants.

In response to Cllr. Moynihan, M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed that the original unsuccessful applicants are still not eligible.

- **Turning on Christmas Lights**

- Lee Valley Enterprise Board, Macroom – 26<sup>th</sup> November
- Millstreet – 19<sup>th</sup> November
- Macroom Christmas Market – 7<sup>th</sup> December

- **Macroom Playground Refurbishment - Update**

In response to Cllr. Moynihan, M. O'Leary, MDO said Browne Brothers were awarded the contract for the works.

- **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme**

N. Radley, SEO informed the Members that the following 2 applications were successful:

- Ballyvourney €15,000
- Ballingearry Trails €20,000

**(c) Speed Limit Review 2022 on Regional, Local & National Roads in Cork County**

Members noted the report.

Cllr. Ted Lucey

- N22 – Sreelane East, Macroom

In response to Cllr Lucey regarding appealing the decisions, J. Dwyer, SEE said that TII ultimately have the final say in the national routes. It was proposed by Cllr. Lucey and seconded by Cllr. Moynihan that the comments from the elected Members were noted in the return.

J Dwyer, SEE explained that it currently anticipated to keep the present speed limit at Coolcower (at present at 80 km) with the area being reviewed when the bypass works are complete and the road designation will change back to a regional road status.

- L-3409 - Clondrohid

Cllr. Lucey said this was a narrow road. J. Dwyer, SEE said he would raise this with the TII .

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

- In response to Cllr. Moynihan, J. Dwyer, SEE said that this was advertised publicly and submissions were received.
- Kilmurry – Speed Limit at the Macroom side – move a bit further

Cllr. Moynihan said that a lot of people are not obeying the speed limit and that the Speed Actuation Signs have made a difference. She said that installing ramps in villages should be investigated.

Cllr. Eileen Lynch

▪ R618 – Coachford

Cllr. Lynch queried the timeline for implementing the changes. J. Dwyer, SEE said once the proposals have been recommended by the MD, it can proceed to the next stage. He said it would roughly be the end of 2022 before the process is complete and signs put in place.

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

J. Dwyer, SEE said he will take back the Members comments.

**(d) Discretionary Fund Applications**

<b>(e) Group/Organisation</b>	<b>Brief Description of Request</b>
Los Zarcos FC, Millstreet	<b>Goalposts, Footballs &amp; kits</b>
Macroom Basketball Club	<b>Jersey kits &amp; bibs</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>€600</b>

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

**(f) Christmas 2021 Parking Arrangements**

2 Hours Free Parking in the town commencing from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.

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

**4. GNÓ A FHORORDÁITEAR LE REACHT**

Business prescribed by Statute

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: -

<b>ESTATE NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>LINEAR METRES</b>
Cluain Reidh (1-19 & 31-49)	Ballymakeera	506.6

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

**5. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS**  
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Cllr. Moynihan, along with all the Members sent their best wishes to Patricia Lehane, Assistant Engineer on the impending birth of her baby.

**6. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN**  
N/A

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

**Cllr. Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Pedestrian Crossing – Ballinagree  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the works will be carried out

Junction of L-2202 & L-2203 junction at Farran Wood – Relining – Better Signage  
J. Dwyer, SEE said this is included in the Low Cost Safety Scheme 2022.

**Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Ballinora Footpath & Crookstown  
Cllr. Moynihan expressed her thanks for works carried out.
- (b) Coolcower – Update on Resurfacing  
J. Dwyer, SEE said two projects will run concurrently – the bridge by night and Coolcower by day.

**Cllr. Martin Coughlan**

- (a) Cliffords Bar, Crookstown – Potholes

**Cllr. Michael Creed**

- (a) Terelton at National School – P12 D398 – Potholes
- (b) Enniskeane to Kilmurry – Sign to be erected

**Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú**

**This concluded the business of the meeting**

Michael Creed  
CATHAOIRLEACH

26-11-21  
DÁTA

Máire O'Leary  
OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH

26-11-'21  
DÁTA