

Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District held virtually on MS Teams on Friday 23rd April 2021

Present/I láthair: Cllrs. Martin Coughlan (Cathaoirleach), Michael Looney, 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. Pat O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer
Ms. Catherine O'Shea, Assistant Staff Officer

1. DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Lucey and seconded by Cllr. G. Moynihan the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on 26th March 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 Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Millstreet – Footpath Proposal - Drishane to Coole Cross - NTA Funding
Cllr. Moynihan requested that if other funding became available to keep this in mind.
- (b) 2021 Paint Scheme
In response to Cllr. Moynihan regarding the number of applications, M. O'Leary, MDO said the closing date was the 30th April and she would have a clearer picture after that and would have an update for the next meeting.
- (c) Coolcower Resurfacing
J. Dwyer, SEE said he had no update
- (d) Killumney – Response from Irish Water
M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed that no response has been received to date
- (e) Tourism Workshop with groups from the Gaeltacht/Ballyvourney area
N. Radley, SEO said it was hoped to launch the Explore Cork App in early May and to hold a local workshop with Macroom MD subsequent to that.

Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Bridge in Macroom
No Update
- (b) Church of Ireland, Macroom
- (c) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom

- (d) Bus Depot, Macroom
- (e) Castleview Cross
Cllr. Lucey requested that a meeting is organised with the N22 Bypass Project Team. N. Radley, SEO informed the Members that an update meeting will be arranged and any specific issues to be addressed should be forwarded to M O'Leary, MDO.
- (f) Oakwood Estate, Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE said the road would be kept & returned back to the condition it was prior to the works being carried out.
- (g) Mens Shed – Pool of Water – extend the footpath.
J. Dwyer, SEE said the footpath will be extended.
- (h) Ovens – Litter Collections
N. Radley, SEO said that Cork County Council fully support the groups and the work they carry out. She said a Motion is being brought to the Full Council next Monday regarding Waste Management and advised waiting for the outcome of the Motion.

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Coachford Footpath – Pedestrian Crossing
P. O'Sullivan, EE said there was no update.
- (b) Flooding in Coachford – Main Street
P. O'Sullivan, EE said there was no update on the camera survey.
- (c) Bridgetown, Cloghroe
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it is planned to start works as soon as restrictions are lifted.
- (d) Courtbrack to Killowen Road - Flooding – any plans to replace the culvert
No Update
- (e) Lyons Tce, Coachford – Wall
No Update
- (f) Notice of Motion re update in relation to the taking in charge of Grange Manor, Grange, Killumney
M. O'Leary, MDO said she emailed Planning regarding the queries raised at the last meeting and is waiting on a response.
- (g) Funding Measure - €5M Outdoor Live Performance Fund for 2021 - Update
M. O'Leary, MDO outlined that this fund is geared towards tourism towns. A request for Macroom and/or Millstreet to be considered under the fund has been sent to the Arts Office who are co-ordinating the Fund.
- (h) Inniscarra Dam – Heading East – Dangerous drop on the right.
No Update

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Flooding in Coachford – Main Street
In response to Cllr. Creed, P. O'Sullivan, EE said when the camera survey is completed a report will be made available.

- (b) Clondrohid – Road half way between Clondrohid Village and the Bell Inn – very rough
P. O’Sullivan, EE said this will be surfaced dressed in June.
- (c) Flooding – Lynchs Bridge – Road to Kilnamartya at Inch na hAmhraí
In response to Cllr. Creed, J. Dwyer, SEE said the Roads Programme is proceeding as planned.

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

(a) **Macroom Pollinator Plan**

The Members noted the report

Sharon Casey, Exec. Ecologist gave an overview of the plan to the Members. She said there was a Workshop being held the following week in St. Colmans Estate, Macroom and everyone was welcome to attend.

M. O’Leary, MDO said it was planned to produce signage within the estates to identify the areas which are being allowed to grow. She said that Macroom Tidy Towns intend to put a piece in the Lee Valley Outlook to make people aware of it.

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

Cllr. Moynihan welcomed the plan, she said it was very informative and easy to understand. She queried the following:

- Could the plan be uploaded on the Cork County Council website
S. Casey agreed that they should be on the website.
- Any funding available for a Plan for Millstreet
S. Casey said there is no funding available at present. However, she said there are training workshops being held which are open to all Tidy Towns groups where it could assist them to write their own Pollinator Plan
- Can the bypass be included in the Pollinator Plan – should it be sent to TII & Jons
S. Casey said the plan focuses only on spaces that CCC have control of. She said the plan can be expanded to include other areas.

Cllr. Ted Lucey

Cllr. Lucey said that the residents should be consulted. S. Casey, E. Ecologist agreed.

Cllr. Martin Coughlan

Cllr. Coughlan queried if there was funding available from Cork County Council or nationally to purchase grass cutting machinery. S. Casey said that Midleton bought a machine at local level.

(b) **Municipal District Officer Report**

Members noted the Report.

Cllr. Eileen Lynch

- Framework Plan – Update
M. O’Leary, MDO outlined that the Framework Plan is at draft stage with amendments being made to it. Once this has been finalized it is hoped that an update on the plan will be presented to the Members in the very near future.

(c) Discretionary Fund Application 2020

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
C.O.P.D Support Group Cork	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cover the cost of a Trainer/Facilitator carrying out an exercise programme online which enables participants to slow the progression of their C.O.P.D.
Total	€300

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. E. Lynch
Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. G. Moynihan

4. CHUN NA RUIN SEO LEANAS ÓN GCOMHAIRLEOIR A MHEAS:

To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of:

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Íarr an Comhairle seo, lasadh suas Halla an Bhaile, MaighCromtha and Halla Carnegie chun ceiliúradh a dheanamh ar Bród na nAerach PRIDE.

Ask the council to light up the Town Hall, Macroom and Carnegie Hall to celebrate the upcoming PRIDE festival

Tá Ceantar Bardasach Mhaigh Chromtha i mbun socruithe go ndéanfar Halla an Bhaile Mhaigh Chromtha agus Halla Carnegie Shráid an Mhuilinn a lasadh do thréimhse na Féile PRIDE i ndathanna an tuar ceatha.

Macroom Municipal District is in the process of arranging that both Macroom Town Hall & Carnegie Hall Millstreet will be lit for the period PRIDE festival in the rainbow colours.

*Marie O'Leary, Municipal District Officer
Macroom Municipal District*

P. O'Sullivan, EE said he had no update on the lights in Millstreet but would follow up on it.

- (b) "Íarr ar an Comhairle tuarascáil a chur ar fáil leis na serbhisí atá ar fáil chun cosc a chur le bruscar and dumpáil ins an baradash séo.

That this Council provide a report on litter/illegal dumping management for this municipal district."

Maidir le bruscar i bhfoirm chupáin caife, málaí criospaí, pacáistiú sceallóga, srl ar thaobh an bhóthair a ghlanadh suas, is ceist don oifig bóithre áitiúil é. Tá sé ana-dheacair fianaise a bhailiú maidir leis an gcineál caitheamh bruscair seo ar mhaithe le fíneáil / ionchúiseamh a eisiúint agus de ghnáth tarlaíonn sé nuair a bhíonn duine éigin ina finné ar an eachtra.

Maidir le dumpáil mhídhleathach agus dumpáil ar scála níos mó, tugtar fógra don chomhairle de ghnáth tríd an líne ghutháin frith-bhruscair (021) 4285518 nó trí r-phost antilitterunit@corkcoco.ie. Leithdháilfí na cásanna seo ar an maor bruscair nó ar an oifigeach forfheidhmithe dramhaíola cúí. Má aimsítear fianaise le linn an imscrúdaithe

d'eiseofaí an fhíneáil nó an t-ionchúiseamh cuí. Ar chríochnú an imscrúdaithe cuirfear an cás ar aghaidh chuig an trucail frith-dhumpáil mhídhleathach, má tá sé ar fáil, nó chuig an oifig bóithre áitiúil lena ghlanadh.

Sa chás go bhfuil dumpáil leanúnach ag tarlúint in áit ar leith dhéanfaimis an láithreán a mheas féachaint an mbeadh CCTV oiriúnach ar an láithreán, ach níl an rogha seo ar fáil dúinn fé láthair mar cheistigh an Coimisinéir Cosanta Sonraí dlíthiúlacht an cur chuige sin féin reachtaíocht. Tá aghaidh á tabhairt ar an gceist seo go náisiúnta agus nuair a chuirtear réiteach i bhfeidhm úsáidfear an rogha CCTV arís.

Liam Singleton, Innealtóir Sinsearach,
Dramhail agus Athrú Aeráide, an Stiúrthóireacht Comhshaoil.

In relation to littering in the form of coffee cups, crisp bag, chipper packaging, etc on the side of the road clean up of the is a matter for the local roads office. Trying to gather evidence for this type of littering to issue a fine/prosecution is very difficult and usually occurs when there is a witness to the event.

In relation to fly-tipping and larger scale dumping this is normally notified to the council via the anti-litter phone line (021) 4285518 or by email antilitterunit@corkcoco.ie. These cases would be allocated to the appropriate litter warden or waste enforcement officer. If evidence is found during the investigation then the appropriate fine or prosecution would be issued. On completion of the investigation the case will be allocated to the anti-flytipping truck, if it is available, or the local roads office for cleanup.

Where persistent fly-tipping/dumping is taking place at a location we would assess the site to see if CCTV is appropriate at the site, however this option is not currently available to us as the Data Protection Commissioner has questioned the legality of this under the legislation. This issue is being addressed nationally and when a solution is put in place the option of CCTV will be used again.

Liam Singleton, Senior Engineer,
Waste and Climate Change, Environment Directorate.

I mBaile Mhaigh Chromtha folaítear na boscaí bruscair gach Luan, Céadaoin agus Aoine agus ar an Satharn de dheireadh seachtaine Saoire Bainc. In éineacht leis seo, folmhaítear boscaí bruscair ag na reiligí. Éascaímid Píocanna Bruscair Pobail freisin le bailiúcháin málaí bruscair.

Go dtí seo in 2021 i Maigh Chromtha chabhraigh an Ceantar Bardasach le 7 bpiocadh bruscair pobail ar a laghad trí bhailiú an bhruscair a éascú. Chomh maith leis sin, bhailigh baill fhoirne an bhruscair a raibh piotha go háitiúil ó 8 mbailiúchán bruscair pobail eile.

James Dwyer, Innealtóir Feidhmiúcháin Sinsearach
Oifig Cheantair Mhaigh Chromtha

In Macroom Town the litter bins are emptied every Monday, Wednesday & Friday and on a Saturday of a Bank Holiday weekend. Together with this, litter bins are also emptied at the burial grounds. We also facilitate Community Litter Picks with collections of rubbish bags.

To date in 2021 in Macroom Municipal District have assisted in at least 7 large Community Litter Picks by facilitating the collection of the rubbish. Also, another 8 smaller community litter picks were collected by staff locally.

*James Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer
Macroom Area Office*

Cllr. Moynihan said that the litter was getting worse and suggested there should be a combined strategy between Cork County Council and the Tidy Towns. She said that there should be an awareness campaign run encouraging people to pick up after themselves, to bring their own litter home. She queried how many litter wardens there were in the Municipal District and were they based solely in the town or were they responsible for the villages as well. She said litter was becoming an issue in Millstreet also. In response to Cllr. Moynihan, N. Radley, SEO said that the Traffic Warden also had responsibility for litter and was based in the towns. She said if there was concern over any particular village to make the MD aware of it.

P. O'Sullivan, EE said as regards Millstreet the bins are emptied three times a week, some bins more often if needed.

Cllr. Lucey agreed with the motion. He said that businesses have a role to play too & a responsibility to pick up litter outside their premises

Cllr. Coughlan said that pizza boxes were a huge problem & people were not using the bins provided.

N. Radley, SEO said that litter will be discussed at the next Full Council meeting and to await the outcome of that.

5. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

N/A

6. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN
VOTES OF CONDOLENCES

- Tom Meany (former TD & County Councilor) the death of his wife Joan, R.I.P.

7. AON GHNÓ EILE
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Re- design of Kilcrea Cross, Ovens – Killumney/Aherla Road
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate.
- (b) Killumney Village – Improve Signage – White Line Re-Instated
J. Dwyer, SEE said line marking and signage works are planned
- (c) Speed Limit Review
J. Dwyer, SEE said a countywide review will be carried out in 2022.

- (d) Rylane Speed Survey
P. O'Sullivan, EE it is planned to carry out the survey once the restrictions are eased
- (e) 2021 Lighting Programme
J. Dwyer, SEE said he is in the process of putting a Programme together. He asked the Members if they had any suggestions to contact him.
- (f) Courtbrack
 - i. Courtbrack/Killowen Road
Road Breaking away all along the road. P. O'Sullivan, EE will investigate.
 - ii. Courbrack Lining – Signage at the Junction
P. O'Sullivan, EE said that the lining works will be completed next week.

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Knockanure Road, Toonlawn, Ballyvourney
P. O'Sullivan, EE said that they will be added to the list
- (b) Potholes on the Lisacreasig Road - Mons Cross
P. O'Sullivan, EE said that they will be added to the list

Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Bridge at Barrack Lane – Re-instate the yellow box
J. Dwyer, SEE to investigate
- (b) Coachford to Donoughmore Road – Ragworth – land to widen the road
P. O'Sullivan, EE said there was no plans to straighten the bends
- (c) Thady Inn – Knotweed
J. Dwyer, SEE said this will be sprayed at the end of August/September
- (d) Caseys Road – Speed Limit
J. Dwyer, SEE said the average speed is less than the previous survey. He said it is planned to add road markings.
- (e) Briery Gap – Change of Name
Cllr. Lucey said he would not be in favour of changing the name. N. Radley, SEO confirmed that there were no current considerations for any name change.
- (f) Antisocial Behaviour
Cllr. Lucey queried if there could be a meeting organised between the GAA, Cork County Council & Castle Demesne regarding what measures could be taken to tackle the serious anti-social behaviour in the grounds. M. O'Leary, MDO said she would arrange a meeting.
- (g) Paint Scheme
Cllr. Lucey said that all businesses who apply for the scheme should be accommodated, he said it is important that they get all the help they can. N. Radley, SEO said that any eligible business that applies under the Scheme we will try to facilitate.

- (h) Awnings – Waiver for Planning
N. Radley, SEO outlined that any free-standing canopies do not require planning, however, awnings fixed to the exterior of the building do have a planning requirement.

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Writing on the road at Reananirree
Cllr. Moynihan said she was pleased to see that the writing on the road was in Irish

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Inniscarra Boating Centre – No Parking Sign
P. O’Sullivan, EE said that a sign cannot be erected as there are no Parking Bylaws there.
- (b) Farran Wood – White Lines – Very Dangerous
- (c) Barrahaaurin – Old Shop – Concealed Entrance Sign
P. O’Sullivan, EE said that he will take a look at it
- (d) Ballygirriha Cross - Junction to the Kerry Road – poor sight lines
P. O’Sullivan, EE said that a lining contractor will be on site next week.

James Dwyer, SEE

Footpath Allocation

J. Dwyer, SEE said he would have a list for the next meeting and asked the Members to let him know if they had areas they wanted included.

Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú

This concluded the business of the meeting

Martin Cougillan
CATHAOIRLEACH

28/05/2021
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Mairéad Sheehy
OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR, BHARDASAIGH

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