

Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District held virtually on MS Teams on Friday 26th March 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. M. Creed the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on 26th February 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) Bridge in Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE said that discussions were ongoing at present.
- (b) Church of Ireland, Macroom
- (c) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom
No update
- (d) Bus Depot, Macroom
No update
- (e) Castlevue Cross
No update
- (f) Bridge in Killumney
J. Dwyer, SEE said length restriction signs are to be erected.
- (g) Main Road from Macroom to Ballinagree – temporary barriers on the Road (part of N22 Bypass works)
J. Dwyer, SEE said that this matter is being reviewed at present.
- (a) General Municipal Allocation Fund (GMA) / Town Development Fund (TDF) Allocations
Cllr. Moynihan confirmed that she raised this at the last CPG meeting and said it is something that can be looked at for the 2022 budget.

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Bealafinnane Bridge Works – Update
J. Dwyer, SEE said he met with ESBI who confirmed that they have a contractor ready to start after Easter. In response to Cllr. Moynihan, J. Dwyer, SEE said the works should take 2-3 weeks and the bridge would remain open.
- (b) Millstreet – Footpath Proposal - Drishane to Coole Cross - NTA Funding
Cllr. Moynihan welcomed the fact that Coachford and Crookstown both got funding from the NTA but was disappointed that Millstreet was not approved. J. Dwyer, SEE said he has spoken to the NTA who said that more funding may be available later in the year.

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Clondrohid – Road half way between Clondrohid Village and the Bell Inn – very rough
P. O’Sullivan, EE outlined that works are due to be carried out in the next few weeks.
- (b) Mount Cross to Bell Inn – Gulley
P. O’Sullivan, EE said drainage works will be carried out when the works in Ardeen will be completed.
- (c) Flooding – Lynchs Bridge – Road to Kilnamartya at Inch na hAmhraí
J. Dwyer, SEE said this has been included in the 2021 Roads Programme.
- (d) Codrum, Macroom – Flooding
J. Dwyer, SEE to investigate
- (e) Tarelton to Lissarda – very bad state
J. Dwyer, SEE said this has been included in the 2021 Roads Programme.

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Speed Activation Signs - batteries being stolen
Cllr. Looney outlined that there are currently 6/7 signs that are not working. He said that the newly designed sign at Cloghroe is working perfect.
- (b) Matehy School – flashing light gone
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he has no update.
- (c) Kilmurry Graveyard – Bins
J. Dwyer, SEE said the bins have been emptied and he is open to relocating them to where suits best.

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Coachford Footpath – Pedestrian Crossing
Cllr. Lynch welcomed the funding received from the NTA for the footpath in Coachford and queried when the works would be starting. P. O’Sullivan, EE said it is planned to engage the services of a Consultant to put a plan together and then go back to the NTA with the proposals.
- (b) Flooding in Coachford – Main Street
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it is planned to carry out a camera survey of the culvert once Irish Water are finished in the village when conditions allow.

- (c) Bridgetown, Cloghroe
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it is hoped to start works as soon as restrictions are lifted and has applied for other funding sources.- Climate Action Funding and Normal Drainage work.
- (d) Courtbrack to Killowen Road - Flooding – any plans to replace the culvert
No Update
- (e) Lyons Tce, Coachford – Wall
No Update
- (f) Garrycloyne Graveyard – Illegal Dumping
P. O'Sullivan, EE said this is an ongoing issue and it is proposed to close the gates to stop the cars gaining access.

Cllr. Martin Coughlan

- (a) 3 no. Lanterns gone on the eastern side of the Bridge in Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE said the lantern casing is not waterproof and needs to be replaced. Cllr. Coughlan queried if the bridge could be power washed. J. Dwyer, SEE said that power washing itself would be straight forward but there would be an issue with access to the bridge as regards traffic management and the delays that it would cause. Cllr. Coughlan queried if a teleporter could be used. J. Dwyer, SEE said this would introduce risks but said he is open to suggestions and would have a look at it.
- (b) Road Sinkages from the turn off from Coachford to the centre of Macroom town
J. Dwyer, SEE said there are no local funds to deal with this issue.

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

(a) Community Fund Allocations 2021

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

(b) Municipal District Officer Report

Members noted the Report.

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Clár 2021
In response to Cllr. Moynihan, N. Radley, SEO said that each Local Authority can submit 10 Clár applications to the Department of Rural and Community Development under Measure 1, 2 and 3. Cllr. Moynihan expressed her disappointment at the amount of applications that can be submitted based on the size of Cork County Council.
- (b) 2021 Paint Scheme
Cllr. Moynihan welcomed the fact that the funding has been spread out between a number of villages. In response to Cllr. Moynihan, M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed
 - Funding available is €15,000 from the Town Development Fund
 - If the works run over past the closing date, it can be looked at but applicants are encouraged to get the work completed as early as they can

- (c) St. Patrick's Day
Cllr. Moynihan complimented the lighting of Macroom Town Hall and enquired if there was an issue with lighting Carneige Hall, Millstreet . P. O'Sullivan, EE said it is hoped to have the problem with the outdoor lighting resolved in the next few weeks.
- (d) Rainbow Colors to mark LGBT+ Pride Festival
Cllr. Moynihan suggested lighting the Town Hall and Carnegie Hall with the rainbow colours similar to what was done for St. Patrick's Day. M. O'Leary, MDO said she will investigate this further.

Cllr. Ted Lucey

- (a) 2021 Paint Scheme
Cllr. Lucey said he was pleased to see that a Shopfront Improvement Scheme was available. He asked if Masseytown, Macroom could be considered for inclusion in the Paint Scheme for next year.

Cllr. Michael Creed

- (a) Clár 2021
In response to Cllr. Creed, N. Radley, SEO said they had no control over the amount of projects that can go to the Department of Rural and Community Development and on how many will be funded.
- (b) 2021 Paint Scheme
Cllr. Creed queried if there was enough funding available to cover all the villages for 2021. M. O'Leary, MDO said there has been a lot of interest and will wait to see how many applications are submitted by the closing date.

Cllr. Michael Looney

- (a) St. Patrick's Day
Cllr. Looney complimented the green lighting of the Town Hall.
- (b) 2021 Paint Scheme
Cllr. Looney said he was pleased that Berrings village has been included in the Paint Scheme.

Cllr. Eileen Lynch

- (a) Town Development Fund – unallocated Funds
M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed that full use will be made of unallocated funds.

(c) Pride of Place 2021

Members noted the Report.

(d) Correspondence from Irish Water re – Works on the N22 by Coolcower

M. O'Leary, MDO read out correspondence received from Irish Water where they confirmed that they were working with Cork County Council and TII regarding the best method of delivering the mains replacement.

Cllr. Moynihan said she was pleased with the work that has been carried out, however, she said that the whole section of the road needs to be resurfaced.

(e) Ballyvourney & Ballymakeera Flood Relief Scheme Interim Works

Members noted the report.

Cllr. Creed said he was delighted that this was progressing. However, he said they were given a commitment in 2019 that this was going ahead at that stage and queried what was the delay. M. O'Leary, MDO said she would contact the Water Capital Team.

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

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

Cllr. Eileen Lynch

That an update would be provided in relation to the taking in charge of Grange Manor, Grange, Kilmuney, Co Cork outlining:

- 1) The Status of the Taking in Charge Application which has been made to Cork County Council;
- 2) Any planning enforcement measures being taken by Cork County Council Planning Enforcement in relation to outstanding snagging issues which have not been resolved and indicate that the Developer Ruden Homes, are in breach of the planning permission S/00/4814. PL04.125942

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- 1) A valid, developer's (Ruden Homes) taking in charge application was received by the Estates Section on 13.05.2020 in respect of the development at Grange Manor. A pre taking in charge walkthrough with relevant Cork County Council personnel will take place once the current restrictions have been lifted to ensure that all relevant snags have been attended to and that the estate has been constructed in compliance with the relevant planning permission S/00/4814 PL04.125942.

Under the Memorandum of Understanding with Irish Water 'Residential estates that are served by stand-alone infrastructure such as wells, water treatment plants and wastewater treatment plants and associated pumping stations that were provided by developers as part of housing developments and where such infrastructure cannot be connected to the water and wastewater networks for which Irish Water is responsible' are excluded from being taken in charge; Grange Manor falls into this category.

Further progression of the taking in charge of Grange Manor is contingent upon either:

- (a) Irish Water altering its stance regarding estates served by standalone developer provided infrastructure or agreeing to 'alter' the status of a wastewater treatment plant to that of a Municipal Plant, or
- (b) alternative sewerage arrangements being put in place that connect sewerage in Grange Manor to existing IW infrastructure

We understand that Irish Water is exploring options at present.

- 2) No planning enforcement measures are being taken by Cork County Council Planning Enforcement Section at present. Enforcement action is not considered appropriate in these circumstances. It is noted that a recent 'snag list' forwarded by residents included items that do not come within the scope of the permission granted for the development of the Grange Manor estate, e.g., traffic calming measures and alterations to the estate entrance.

It should be noted that residents have been informed of the issues regarding the wastewater treatment plant and its impact on taking in charge. The Estates Section has also corresponded with residents about the snag list and what does and does not fall within the scope of snagging.

Caitriona Ní Mhainnín, Senior Executive Officer
Planning and Development

Go gcuirfí nuashonrú ar fáil maidir le Mainéar na Gráinsí, an Ghráinseach, Cill na hOmnaí, Co Chorcaí a ghlacadh ar láimh:

- 1) Stádas an Iarratais um Ghlacadh ar láimh a rinneadh chuig Comhairle Contae Chorcaí;
- 2) Aon bhearta forfheidhmithe pleanála atá á nglacadh ag an Oifig Forfheidhmithe i Rannóg Pleanála na Comhairle maidir le saincheistanna liosta fabhtanna nár réitíodh agus a thugann le fios go bhfuil an Forbróir Ruden Homes ag sárú an cheada phleanála S / 00/4814. PL04.125942

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- 1) Fuair an Rannán Eastáit iarratas bailí ar an 13.05.2020, ón bhforbróir (Ruden Homes) a bhí i gceannas ar maidir leis an bhforbairt ag Mainéar na Gráinsí. Beidh siúl-tríd réamh-ghlacadh ar láimh le pearsanra ábhartha Chomhairle Contae Chorcaí nuair a bheidh na srianta reatha maolaithe chun a chinntiú go bhfreastalófar ar gach fabht ábhartha agus go bhfuil an t-eastát tógtha de réir an cheada phleanála ábhartha S / 00 / 4814 PL04.125942.

Faoin Meabhrán Tuisceana atá i bhfeidhm le hUisce Éireann 'I gcás Eastáit tithíochta ina bhfuil bonneagar neamhspleách acu mar thoibreacha, ghléasraí cóireála uisce agus gléasraí cóireála fuíolluisce agus stáisiúin chaidéalaithe gaolmhara a chuir forbróirí ar fáil mar chuid d'fhorbairtí tithíochta, agus nuair nach féidir nasc a dhéanamh leis na líonraí uisce agus fuíolluisce a bhfuil Uisce Éireann freagrach astu, beidh na hEastáit sin eisiata ó bheith glactha ar láimh'; Tá Mainéar na Gráinsí sa chatagóir seo.

Tá dul chun cinn breise maidir le Mainéar na Gráinsí a ghlacadh ar láimh ag brath ar cheachtar díobh:

- (a) Go n-athródh Uisce Éireann a sheasamh maidir le heastáit ina bhfuil bonneagar neamhspleách acu curtha ar fáil ag forbróir, nó go n-aontóidís stádas gléasra cóireála fuíolluisce a 'athrú' go stádas Gléasra Bardasach, nó
 - (b) socruithe séarachais malartacha á gcur i bhfeidhm a nascann séarachas i Mainéar na Gráinsí leis an mbonneagar Uisce Éireann atá ann cheana
- Tuigimid go bhfuil Uisce Éireann ag fiosrú roghanna faoi láthair.
- 2) Níl aon bhearta forfheidhmithe pleanála á nglacadh ag Rannán Forfheidhmithe Pleanála Chomhairle Contae Chorcaí faoi láthair. Ní mheastar go bhfuil gníomh forfheidhmithe oiriúnach sna himthosca seo. Tugtar faoi deara gur chuimsigh 'liosta fabhtanna' (snag) a chuir cónaitheoirí ar aghaidh le déanaí míreanna nach dtagann faoi raon feidhme an cheada a deonaíodh chun eastát Mhainistir na Gráinsí a fhorbairt, e.g., bearta maolaithe tráchtá agus athruithe ar bhealach isteach an eastáit srl

Ba chóir a thabhairt faoi deara chomh maith gur cuireadh cónaitheoirí ar an eolas faoi na saincheistanna maidir leis an ionad cóireála fuíolluisce agus a thionchar ar a bheith ar glacadh ar láimh an eastáit. Rinne an Rannán Eastáit comhfhreagras freisin le cónaitheoirí faoin liosta fabhtanna (snag) agus faoi na rudaí a thagann faoi raon feidhme an liosta snag.

Caitriona Ní Mhainnín, Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin Sinsearach
Pleanáil agus Forbairt

Cllr. Lynch requested that the conditions of planning be made available to them. Cllr. Lynch remarked that there was a massive drop at the north western side of the estate and there was no boundary and it is the responsibility of the developer for the maintenance of the estate.

Cllr. Moynihan said the residents were very concerned about the speed through the estate and are looking for speed ramps to be installed. She said she is still waiting for a response from Irish Water for an update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant. M. O'Leary, MDO said she will send another reminder.

Cllr. Lucey said he would like to support the motion. He said that Cork County Council granted the permission but it was now Irish Water's problem. He said that 90% of the work has been completed but that the Water Treatment plant was not being maintained.

Cllr. Creed said he would also like to support the motion. He said there is a huge problem with Irish Water with estates not being able to be taken over by Cork County Council.

Cllr. Coughlan said this is an ongoing problem and Irish Water need to be contacted to determine what they intend to do.

5. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

N/A

6. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN
VOTES OF CONDOLENCES

N/A

7. AON GHNÓ EILE
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Flooding at Blairs Inn at Cloghroe
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it is planned to replace the outfall to the river when restrictions ease
- (b) Ballyshoneen – Speeding – cars overtaking – very dangerous
P. O'Sullivan, EE said that it is planned to refresh the road lining and erect signage when it is resurfaced.
- (c) Courtbrack Junction – No Road Markings
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will have an update for the next meeting.
- (d) Ballygirriha Cross - Junction to the Kerry Road – poor sight lines
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the signage will be refreshed.
- (e) Dog Fouling on the Roads – Signage erected
M. O'Leary, MDO said she will speak to the Warden. N. Radley, SEO said it is possible to make bags available to the Tidy Towns Groups.

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Dog Fouling, Littering and Dumping is getting Worse
Cllr. Moynihan suggested that an awareness campaign could be run – keeping your own 5k clean. N. Radley, SEO said she would speak to the Environment Department.
- (b) Tourism Workshop with groups from the Gaeltacht/Ballyvourney area
N. Radley, SEO said the Tourism section are currently finalising the Explore Cork App which they hope to launch in the coming weeks. An additional feature of this app will be a Gaeltacht section which will feature information on what's to do there. Following the launch of this it is intended then to organise an online workshop with speakers with speakers from Failte Ireland, Visit Cork etc.
- (c) Signage on the Bypass – Tourism
Cllr. Moynihan said it was important that signage was erected at the turn off for Ballyvourney indicating that it was a Gaeltacht area. She also queried what exit to take to go to Gouane Barra and the Toy Soldier Factory. She requested that a letter is sent from the Municipal District requesting signage is put in place at the appropriate exits.

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Teerbeg – Main Exit – Signage needed
- (b) Flood Relief Crookstown – OPW Works
J. Dwyer, SEE said there are plans being drawn up at present for Crookstown. Cllr. Creed queried if there was any involvement by the Municipal District, J. Dwyer, SEE said it was being done through the Flooding Section and contracted out.

Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Oakwood Estate, Macroom
Cllr. Lucey said the top half of the main road in the estate is all torn up and needs to be resurfaced. He requested that the developer is contacted regarding this issue.
- (b) Ovens – Litter Collections
Cllr. Lucey said asked about local group in Ovens looking to do monthly litter picks of their area. Cllr. Lucey requested that Louis Duffy, Director Services, Environment Department is contacted regarding possible Fund for such collections. Cllr. Lynch also supported Cllr. Lucey.
- (c) Mens Shed – Pool of Water – extend the footpath.
Cllr. Coughlan supported Cllr. Lynch. J. Dwyer, SEE will investigate.

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Inniscarra Dam – Heading East – Dangerous drop on the right.
Cllr. Lynch queried if the ESB could be contacted. P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will investigate.
- (b) Funding Measure - €5M Outdoor Live Performance Fund for 2021
Cllr. Lynch said she would like to nominate Macroom and/or Millstreet. N. Radley, SEO said she will contact the Arts Office and will pass on the nomination.

Councillor Martin Coughlan

- (a) Carpark at Fairgreen - Gully getting blocked at the Sculpture.

James Dwyer, SEE

J. Dwyer, SEE informed the Members that he emailed details of Restoration Improvement (Grading) Programme 2021 & Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme 2021 and if they had any queries to contact him.

Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú

This concluded the business of the meeting

Martin Coughlan
CATHAOIRLEACH

23/04/2021
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Máire Sheary
OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH

23-04-2021
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