

Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District held virtually on MS Teams on Friday 28th May 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

In Attendance for Part of the Meeting:

Mr. Raymond Higgins, Senior Executive Architect
Ms. Mary E. O'Brien, Executive Architect

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 23rd April 2021 having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Municipal District Officer.

Part 8 Planning Proposals – Presentation on:

3(a) Mill Dam, Masseytown Pedestrian and Car Park Improvements, and River Sullane Pathway Amenity Project

Mary E. O'Brien, EE gave a detailed presentation to the Members.

N. Radley, SEO said this was a unique proposal which could prove to make Macroom a major tourist destination for Cork County going forward.

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

3(b) South Square Public Realm Enhancement Project

Mary E. O'Brien, EE gave a detailed presentation to the Members.

N. Radley, SEO outlined the following key points:

- More pedestrian orientated
- Allow for festivals and gatherings
- Will apply for Town and Village funding if the proposals are put forward and works will be carried out in conjunction with the Briery Gap Project

Cllr. M. Creed

- Looks great
- Loss of 15 car parking spaces – big consideration for businesses

Cllr. T. Lucey

- Would support it but parking is a big issue in Macroom – need alternative car parking option

Cllr. M. Looney

- Outstanding plan for Macroom
- Parking space for buses are needed to encourage tourism, especially when the bypass is completed. He said that liners were coming into Bantry – important to get them to come through Macroom

Cllr. E. Lynch

- Good plan – modernise Macroom town
- In line with National planning - More people focused
- Vital to have alternative parking – what alternatives are proposed
- Support Cllr. Looney regarding providing parking spaces for buses

Cllr. G. Moynihan

- Proposal looks really well but not a runner with the loss of parking
- Agree that parking spaces for buses are needed
- Would support if the parking issue was resolved

Cllr. M. Coughlan

- Parking is a big issue
- Agreed that parking spaces for buses were needed

N. Radley, SEO said it is important to plan ahead before the bypass is completed. She said she understood the Members concerns regarding parking and that they are presently looking at other alternative areas for parking.

N. Radley, SEO agreed to meet the Members In Committee in the next few weeks regarding proposals for alternative parking.

It was proposed by Cllr. Coughlan and agreed by all the Members to defer their decision until after the In Committee meeting.

2. NITHE AG ÉIRÍ AS NA MIONTUAIRISCÍ MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Millstreet – Footpath Proposal - Drishane to Coole Cross - NTA Funding
M. O’Leary, MDO said that she has made put it forward as a potential project for consideration under Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORI)
- (b) Killumney – Response from Irish Water
M. O’Leary, MDO confirmed that she has received no response to date.
- (c) Carnegie Hall, Millstreet outdoor lights
P. O’Sullivan, EE said that it is proposed to install lights that can change colors as required and that they are presently working on getting them installed.
- (d) Dog fouling bins, Millstreet
P. O’Sullivan, EE said there are 3 no. bins in Millstreet as follows:
- Station Road
 - Drishane
 - Murphy Tce.

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Inniscarra Boating Centre – No Parking sign
P. O'Sullivan, EE understands that yellow lines can be installed without byelaws and he will check with the Roads Division in Skibbereen and the local Gardai if it is in order to install yellow lines.
- (b) Farran Wood – white lines – very dangerous
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is proposed to refresh the lines at Farran Wood
- (c) Barrahaaurin – Old Shop – Concealed Entrance sign
P. O'Sullivan, EE said that he will take a look at it

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Coachford Footpath – pedestrian crossing
P. O'Sullivan, EE said there was no update.
- (b) Flooding in Coachford – camera survey
P. O'Sullivan, EE said as it is hoped to carry out the survey in the next few weeks when the weather improves.
- (c) Bridgetown, Cloghroe
P. O'Sullivan, EE said there is no update on funding. He said it hoped that the works will begin in mid-September.
- (d) Courtback to Killowen Road - flooding – any plans to replace the culvert
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it planned to carry out the works later in the year.
- (e) Drainage Works Generally
In response to Cllr. Lynch, P. O'Sullivan, EE said once the Roads and Footpath Programmes were complete, drainage work can begin possibly around mid to late September.
- (f) Lyons Tce, Coachford – wall
No Update
- (g) Taking in charge of Grange Manor, Grange, Kilmuney - Update
M. O'Leary, MDO said she would contact planning to get a more comprehensive response to the what the Members already received.
- (h) Inniscarra Dam – heading east – dangerous drop on the right.
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he would look at installing a crash barrier under the Low Cost Scheme next year.
- (i) Rylane Speed Survey
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the no. of HGVs recorded were higher than normal. The survey was undertaken between the shop and the Terrace. He said 85% of the speed recorded was over 87 km/hour which confirms there is an issue with speed in the area. He said he is planning to carry out further surveys in Millstreet, Cloghboula, Carriganimma and New Tipperary.
- (j) Courtback/Killowen Road – road not wide enough – cars driving into the dykes
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will put tarmac along the edge of the road

Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Bridge in Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE said that the NRDO completed their survey and he should have a timeline next week when works will begin.
- (b) Church of Ireland, Macroom
- (c) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom
- (d) Bus Depot, Macroom
N. Radley, SEO said that a draft Framework Plan will be presented to the Members which includes this site.
- (e) Castleview Cross
- (f) Mens Shed – Pool of Water – extend the footpath.
J. Dwyer, SEE said the footpath will be extended.
- (g) Briery Gap – Change of Name
N. Radley, SEO said that a Tender Report should be issued to management by the end of June.
- (h) Antisocial Behaviour – Meeting between GAA, Cork County Council & Castle Demense
M. O’Leary, MDO said she had emailed all concerned and was waiting on a response
- (i) Grange Manor, Ovens
Cllr. Lucey requested a meeting be held with Michael Lynch, DOS, Planning. M. O’Leary, MDO said she would contact Mr. Lynch and arrange same.

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

(b) Municipal District Officer Report

Members noted the Report.

- Refurbishments to Macroom Playground – Update
Cllr. Lucey queried what was the Eircode for the playground. M. O’Leary, MDO said she would investigate.

In response to Cllr. Lynch & Cllr. Creed’s query regarding funding, N. Radley, SEO said that the funding is hugely welcomed. She said that the Director of Services and the Municipal District will support the majority of the balance needed for the upgrade of the playground. She said it will be put out to tender and funded centrally.

- Outdoor Dining
In response to Cllr. Lynch, J. Dwyer, SEE said that the Castle Hotel & T.P. Cotters had applied for a Section 254 license to put out tables and chairs outside their premises. He said 4 no. parking spaces outside the Castle Hotel will be closed off and 3 no. outside T.P. Cotters.

In response to Cllr. Moynihan regarding pedestrian access in front of the Castle Hotel and T.P. Cotters, J. Dwyer, SEE there will be ramps off the footpath onto

the parking spaces and there will be bollards between the pedestrians and the traffic.

Cllr. Moynihan said as regards the canopy being returned to Millstreet, she was of the impression that the works on the monument were going to be completed first. She requested a report on the planned works for the monument for the next meeting. M. O'Leary, MDO said it was agreed to put back the canopy for the summer to facilitate outdoor dining and that the contractor would be ready to start works on the monument in September/October.

- Murals
In response to Cllr. Moynihan's query regarding QR codes, M. O'Leary, MDO said that the plaques were nearly ready to go and the QR codes will then be added.
- CLÁR Fund 2021
In response to Cllr. Moynihan's query regarding when successful applicants will be notified, M. O'Leary, MDO said there is no specific timeline, it could take 6 weeks or more.

(c) Nomination of Member for Macroom Bypass Steering Committee for the provision of public art for the N22 Báile Mhuirne to Macroom Scheme.

- **Nomination No. 1**

Cllr. Martin Coughlan

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

- **Nomination No. 2**

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

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

As there were 2 no. nominations, a vote took place as follows:

Member	Nominate
Cllr. M. Creed	Cllr. M. Coughlan
Cllr. T. Lucey	Cllr. M. Coughlan
Cllr. E. Lynch	Cllr. M. Coughlan
Cllr. G. Moynihan	Cllr. G. Moynihan
Cllr. M. Looney	Abstained

Cllr. M. Coughlan received 4 no. votes and Cllr. Moynihan 1 no. vote,

Cllr. M. Coughlan was nominated.

(d) **Discretionary Fund Application 2020**

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Ber Clifford, Member of a voluntary group in Crookstown	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purchase of flowers, flower pots/boxes, gardening equipment to enable them to brighten up and improve Crookstown Village
Berrings Community Assoc/Berrings Tidy Towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a wildflower area, plant trees and shrubs at the location where it is planned to unveil a plaque to honour Rena Buckley by Cork County Council
O'Mahoneys Tce./Radharc na Croise Residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Benches, seating, shrubs and plants in the seating area• Paint
Millstreet Pipe Band	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuition & workshops.
Total	€1,200

Proposed/ Ar Moladh:
Seconded/ Cuidithe:

Cllr. T. Lucey
Cllr. M. Looney

**4. DIÚSCAIRT TALÚN
Disposal of Property
Section 183 Notice/ Fógra Alt 183**

Grant of Wayleave at Finnow Grove, Killarney Road, Millstreet, Co. Cork to facilitate Council turnkey development to Irish Water for a consideration of €1.

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

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

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

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

1. Íarr ar an Comhairle tuarascáil a chur ar fáil faoi na trasrian coisithe í Scráid A'Mhuillinn

That this Council provide a report on zebra crossings in Millstreet town.

There are three pedestrian crossings in Millstreet Town. These are located on Church Street, Main Street and Coomlogane Street

Church Street/ Sráid na hEaglaise



Tá an crosaire seo suite gar d'acomhal na Cearnóige, le Sráid na hEaglaise agus Sráid Uí Éigearthaigh. Tá na soilse gealánacha rabhaidh go léir ag feidhmiú agus cé go ndearnadh na marcanna bóthair a athnuachan in 2020, caithfear iad a athdhéanamh arís i mbliana.

This crossing is located near the junction of the Square, Church Street and Hegarty Street. All flashing warning lights are operational and although the road markings were refreshed in 2020, they will need to be renewed again this year.

Main Street/ An Phríomhshráid



Tá an crosaire seo suite ar cheann thiar na Cearnóige, in aice le hOifig an Phoist agus Stáisiún na nGardaí. Tá na soilse gealánacha rabhaidh go léir ag feidhmiú, agus rinneadh na marcanna bóthair a athnuachan in 2020. Tá beagán den dromchla ag briseadh suas ar thaobh Oifig an Phoist den chrosaire a bheidh deisithe níos déanaí i mbliana.

This crossing is located on the western end of the Square, adjacent to the Post Office and Garda Station. All flashing warning lights are operational, and the road markings were refreshed in 2020. There is a small bit of surface breaking up on the Post Office side of the crossing which will be repaired later this year.

Main Street/ An Phríomhshráid



Tá an crosaire seo suite ar ar cheann thiar de Shráid Chom Logáin, in aice leis an Séipéal. Tá na soilse gealánacha rabhaidh go léir ag feidhmiú, agus tá na marcanna bóthair i riocht maith. Níl aon obair ag teastáil san áit seo fé láthair

This crossing is located on the western end of Coomlogane Street, adjacent to the Church. All flashing warning lights are operational, and the road markings are in good condition. There is a currently no work required at this location.

Pat O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer / Innealtóir Feidhmiúcháin,

Millstreet Office / Oifig Shráid an Mhuilinn

Cllr. Moynihan welcomed the report and said she was pleased to see so many pedestrian crossings in Millstreet. She enquired if there were plans to install lights overhead.

As regards the Pedestrian Crossing in Church Street, she made the following observations:

- is there adequate signage?
- very little visibility where it is located
- road surface very poor

Cllr. Moynihan queried if there were any plans to upgrade the crossing

P. O'Sullivan, EE responded as follows:

- Will have a look at the signage
- if the pedestrian crossing is relocated, people won't use it.
- there is a lot of work going on nearby but it is planned to include this area as part of the surfacing contract next year

As regards the lights overhead, J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that there is lighting that can be installed over the pedestrian lights and an application has been made to the NTA to retrofit a no. of pedestrian crossings around the county. J. Dwyer, SEE said he would find out which pedestrian crossings are being retrofitted.

2. **Go scaoileann an Comhairle tuairisc faoin tionscadal forgnáocht cónaithe í Sliabhín Maigh Cromtha.**

That the Council would provide an update on its residential construction project on Sleaven Macroom

Tá an tionscadal seo ag céim na tairisceana fé láthair. Is é an 26ú Bealtaine an spriocdháta le haghaidh tairiscintí le haghaidh Céim 1 -Réamhcháiliú. Tar éis gearrliostú agus tréimhse ré aithrí, táthar ag súil go bhfógrófar Oibreacha Céim 2 ag deireadh mhí an Mheithimh. Táthar ag súil, tar éis iomaíocht rathúil, go mbeidh Comhairle Contae Chorcaí in ann conraitheoir a cheapadh i mí Lúnasa 2021 chun tús a chur le hobair ar an tionscadal seo.

This project is currently at tender stage. The deadline for tenders for Stage 1 Prequalification is 26th May. Following shortlisting and standstill periods, it is anticipated that Stage 2 Works will be advertised end of June. It is expected, following a successful competition, that Cork County Council will be in a position to appoint a Contractor in August 2021 to commence work on this project.

Maurice Manning, Director of Services/ Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí

Housing/Tithíocht

Cllr. Moynihan welcomed the report and queried if there were any plans to circulate a Housing Report for Macroom as was issued previously. M. O'Leary, MDO said she would contact the Housing Department.

3. Íarr ar an Comhairle Contae Chorcaí tuarascáil a chur ar fáil maidir leis an obair atá le deanamh ar an mbóthair N22 ag an Comhairle and ag Uisce Éireann, ag Coolcower í Maigh Chromtha

That the Council would provide an update on the upcoming works by Cork County Council and Uisce Éireann on the N22 road at Coolcower, Macroom.

Mar nuashonrú agus mar fhreagairt ar rún an Chomhairleora Ní Mhuineacháin maidir le hoibreacha atá le teacht ar an N22 ag Cúil Chomhair, Maigh Chromtha, tabhair fé ndeara gur cuireadh in iúl do Chomhairle Contae Chorcaí go bhfuil Conraitheoirí atá ag gníomhú thar ceann Uisce Éireann (IW) sceidealta chun príomhphíobán uisce fodhromchla a athsholáthar, ag tosnú ag Crois Uí Airnéada, agus ag dul soir ar lána bóthair den N22 go Corcaigh ag Cúil Chomhair, thar fhad thart ar. 570m. Chuir Uisce Éireann in iúl do Chomhairle Contae Chorcaí go bhfuil sé beartaithe go dtosnóidh na hoibreacha seo ar 01.06.2021 agus go bhfuiltear ag súil go mbeidh siad críochnaithe i mí Lúnasa 2021.

Tar éis an méid thuas a bheith críochnaithe, tá sé beartaithe ag Comhairle Contae Chorcaí conraitheoir a chur chuig an láthair chun forleagan pábhála agus oibreacha feabhsúcháin a dhéanamh

By way of update and in response to Cllr Moynihan's motion regarding upcoming works on the N22 road at Coolcour, Macroom, please note that Cork County Council has been informed that Contractors acting on behalf of Irish Water (IW) are scheduled to replace a subsurface watermain starting at Hartnett's Cross, and working east on the Cork bound lane of the N22 at Coolcour, over a distance of approx. 570m. IW have further advised Cork County Council that these works are scheduled to commence on 01.06.2021 and are expected to be completed in August 2021.

Further to completion of the above, Cork County Council intend to mobilise a Contractor to the location to carry out pavement overlay and improvement works.

Sean Callery Chartered Engineer FIEI / Innealltóir Cairte

Innealtóir Sinsearach | A/Senior Engineer

Cllr. Moynihan said that the planned works will take three months and questioned what effect this would have on traffic coming into Macroom town. She queried if there was a Traffic Management Report available from Irish Water and if a road opening licence had been applied for. J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that he was not aware if this process had started yet. Cllr. Moynihan requested that Irish Water are contacted to look for more details. J. Dwyer, SEE he will follow up with Irish Water and T.I.I.

6. VÓTA COMHGHAIRDEAS
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

N/A

7. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN
VOTES OF CONDOLENCES

N/A

8. AON GHNÓ EILE
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Michael Creed

1. Bridge at Coolderrihy, across from the Pub – very dangerous
2. Bridge at Carriganimna – Update
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he had no update
3. Bridge at Hanover Hall – Update
P. O’Sullivan, EE said the damage which occurred last year has been repaired, but it has been struck again lately. Signage restricting the length of vehicles will be put up
4. Dreshure, Terelton – Byroad – Pothole Filling
5. Crash Barrier on the road from Carriganimna to Millstreet beyond Pike Cross – Damaged
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will investigate
7. Codrum
J. Dwyer, SEE said works are planned
8. Grass Cutting in Cemeteries
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that a contractor has been appointed.

Cllr. Michael Looney

1. Ballyshoneen Road – on the Cork Side – speeding
Cllr. Looney queried if ramps would be a solution
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it is planned to renew all the road lining and signage as part of the surfacing works in the village.
2. New Tipperary Cross – Signage for Speed
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it is planned to carry out a speed survey there.

3. North Kilmurry Graveyard – Overgrown
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will investigate
4. Speed Lights (Driver Feedback signs) – Stuake
P. O’Sullivan, EE confirmed they were ordered

Cllr. Eileen Lynch

1. Storm Drain Blocked, Church View, Aghabullogue
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will investigate
2. Malones Lane, Farran – Potholes
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate
3. Waterloo – Speed back to the Glen Road - Speed Survey, Lighting and potential footpath
P O’Sullivan said he will investigate
4. Town and Village Renewal Funding 2021 – Any proposals to include Coachford as one of the applications from this MD.
M. O’Leary, MDO said that when Irish Water have completed their works that Coachford would be in stronger position for 2022. Cllr. Lynch said she hoped that when the works begin on the School in Coachford that the funding will not be deferred again.

Cllr. Ted Lucey

1. Farran Road – Potholes
2. Main Street, Macroom – Curve on the Road – water lodging there
J. Dwyer, SEE said he has raised this with the TII

Cllr. Martin Coughlan

1. L3603 – Farnanes – old Cork Road – a lot of subsidence – is this included on any programme
J. Dwyer, SEE said patching work will be carried out and will be included in a future RI programme

Marie O’Leary, MDO

M. O’Leary, MDO informed the Members that the June meeting will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Friday 18th June and the July meeting will be held on 9th July at 11.00 a.m

James Dwyer, SEE

1. Proposed Double Yellow lines at Gougane Barra
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would email the sketch to the Members
2. Section 38 – Pedestrian Crossing at Grange Road Killumney
As there were no submissions from the public, work can commence.

3. Proposed Footpath Programme & Proposed Lighting Programme 2021
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would email the proposals to the Members for their observations to be finalised at the next meeting.

Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú

This concluded the business of the meeting

Michael Creed

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18-06-2021

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