

Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Floor 2, County Hall, Cork on Friday 30th October 2020

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. G. Moynihan and seconded by Cllr. E. Lynch the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 25th September, 2020 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
No Update
- (b) Church of Ireland, Macroom
- (c) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom
- (d) Bus Depot, Macroom
No update
- (e) Project ACT – NTA Funding €70,000 - Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE said that improvement works at the Crossing Point, Masseytown would commence the following week.
- (f) Manhole at Castle Street – issue ongoing
No update
- (g) Town Park Gates – Yellow Box
- (h) Macroom Bypass – Meeting Update
M. O'Leary, MDO said she would arrange a meeting.
- (i) Grange Manor Estate, Ovens – Taking in Charge
M. O'Leary, MDO read out the following update from the Planning Department:

Grange Manor estate is not Taken In Charge (TIC). A TIC application from the developer has been lodged. Public Lighting has been independently TIC by CCC. Irish Water as the Sanitary Authority is responsible for foul sewer and watermain in estates that are TIC. Their stated policy precludes consideration of estates that

are served by so-called Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPI) such as wastewater treatment plants. CCC is not in a position to progress TIC of the estate for that reason. We understand that Ruden Homes are in discussions with Irish Water regarding the matter. In the meantime, they remain responsible for roads and services other than public lighting.

Cllr. Lucey said that Cork County Council granted the planning so therefore they should be responsible.

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Macroon Bypass – Meeting Update
M. O’Leary, MDO confirmed that the presentation will be led by Padraig Barrett, Director of Roads
- (b) CLÁR Announcements
N. Radley, SEO confirmed that there has been no decisions made to date
- (c) Bridge in Ballymakeera – Kerbing Issue
M. O’Leary, MDO confirmed that this has been referred to Irish Water.
- (d) Aghabullogue – Lighting
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it has been referred to the Lighting Section.
- (e) Public Toilets, Ballingearry
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that a caretaker has been appointed.
- (f) Millstreet Graveyard – new tap required at the bottom of the graveyard
P. O’Sullivan, EE confirmed that the works would be carried out in the next few weeks.

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Morrison’s Bridge – Wall in a very bad state
P. O’Sullivan, EE said that the Contractor had started repair work on the bridge.
- (b) Litter Bin at Clondrohid Graveyard
P. O’Sullivan, EE said works would be carried out in November
- (c) Ballyvourney – Along by the Church – Blocked Gulley
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that the majority of work has been carried out.
- (d) Mount Cross, Millstreet Road, Macroon – dangerous – no view turning for Macroon – any works proposed
J. Dwyer, SEE said that a full design would need to be carried out on the junction. He said it could be included in a Low Cost Scheme in 2021
- (e) Terelton – L85140 – bad condition
J. Dwyer, SEE said that patching has been carried out
- (f) Upper Curragh, Ballingearry – Resurfacing
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that this was on the list of works to be carried out
- (g) Clondrohid – Road half way between Clondrohid Village and the Bell Inn – very rough
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will investigate

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Matehy School – Amber Lights
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the signs had been ordered and that a location must be agreed.

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Speed Survey – Regional Road from Dripsey to Coachford
P. O'Sullivan, EE outlined the following results of Speed Surveys carried out to the Members:

SPEED SURVEY RESULTS							
Location	Speed Limit (KPH)	Va (Average Speed)	Vmax (Max Speed)	V85	Violations	ADT	Traffic calming Assessment (Must be over 60 points)
Ballydaly	50	68	115	80	90%	2145	92
Dripsey	50	60	106	69	81%	2961	82.5
Stuake	50	41	77	52	15%	692	70
Ballinagree	50	41	81	55	24%	535	58.5
Murphy's Terrace	50	42	77	53	21%	769	51.5

In response to Cllr. Lynch, P. O'Sullivan, EE said that the speed survey in Stuake was carried out at the end of July. Cllr. Lynch queried the fact that the survey was carried then as she said there would not be a lot of cars around and therefore would not get an accurate reading. P. O'Sullivan, EE said he could look at repeating the survey during the school term.

Cllr. Lynch queried if a speed sign could be erected on the Cork side of Dripsey village as soon as possible. P. O'Sullivan, EE said that there is a funding issue but it could be looked at in 2021.

- (b) Age Friendly Town Programme
M. O'Leary, MDO said that Millstreet Community Council will look at the priorities for Millstreet and will consult with other local groups in the town to see what their main priorities will be and come back with a plan.

In response to Cllr. Lynch, M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed that it was a 2 year funding programme.

In response to Cllr. Moynihan, M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed that an Age Friendly Parking space will be allocated outside Reens Pharmacy.

- (c) Coachford Footpath – Pedestrian Crossing
No Update

- (d) Lee Valley Inn, Dripsey – update
M. O’Leary, MDO confirmed that a Notice under Section 8 (2) of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 has been issued to the owners.

3. BREITHNIÚ AR AN DRÉACHTPHLEAN BUISÉADACH DO CHEANTAR BARDASACH MHAIGH CHROMTHA

Consideration of the Draft Budgetary Plan for Macroom Municipal District

The Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan 2021 was noted by the Members.

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

Cllr. Moynihan rejected the budget expressing her dissatisfaction at the lack of funding available to carry out necessary works.

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

(a) Municipal District Officer Report

Members noted the Report

- Project ACT – Activating County Towns – Update

All Members complimented the canopies and agreed they looked very well.

Cllr. Lynch queried if a sanitization station could be provided in each canopy. M. O’Leary, MDO explained that this would not be possible for health and safety reasons as it would be potentially dangerous around children or potential leakage/slippery surface. Personal responsibility is required by those who use them.

Cllr. Moynihan queried when the wheelchair access seating would be installed. M. O’Leary, MDO confirmed that the order was due in the next few weeks.

Cllr. Lucey said the canopies are very dark at nighttime and queried if there could be lights installed. M. O’Leary, MDO said it was planned to put up Christmas lights into the canopies and suggested waiting to see how they work out.

- Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2020 – Accelerated Measures

Cllr. Moynihan queried when the painting would begin to Carnegie Hall in Millstreet. M. O’Leary, MDO confirmed that she had no start date at the minute. It will be weather dependent at this time of year.

- Council Car Park at O’Riada’s Macroom - Update

Cllr. Moynihan complimented the works carried out to date. In response to Cllr. Moynihan, J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that the fencing was temporary and that a stainless steel fence is being manufactured.

(b) Project ACT - Overview & Key Achievements

The Members noted the Report

(c) **Discretionary Grant Applications 2020**

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Dr. Con Kelleher Macroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Publication of a book which is a collection of articles on Macroom and District (People, businesses, clubs & matters of importance) mostly published in the Lee Valley Outlook.
Ballinora and District Community Association Ltd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purchase a bat detector which is a device used to detect the presence of bats which will assist their nature and biodiversity project.

Proposed/ Ar Moladh:
Seconded/ Cuidithe:

Cllr. T. Lucey
Cllr. M. Creed

**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. Go scaoileann an Comhairle tuairisc faoin na oibreacha séarchais (Uisce Éireann) í mBaile Mhíc Íre
That this Council would provide an update on the waste water treatment plant works carried out by Irish Water í mBaile Mhíc Íre**

Irish Water has reviewed the portfolio of projects and programmes in our Investment Plan to ensure we can deliver these in the most efficient and cost-effective way. As part of this review process we prioritised projects and programmes based on new and better information, updated timelines as projects progress and new and emerging needs in our water network to best serve our customers, support growth and meet the objectives under our Business Plan. Following this review, the delivery timelines for the **Ballingearry /Béal Átha nGaorthaidh WWTP** cannot yet be confirmed, works will not progress as part of this Capital Investment Plan.

The building, repair and upgrading of Irish Water's water treatment plants, wastewater treatment plants, water and sewer network will require a multi-billion euro investment programme over many years. Irish Water is committed to providing a safe and reliable water supply, protecting the environment and supporting the growth of homes and businesses. We continuously review and update our portfolio of projects and assess based on the available funding. We will provide further information on this project when it becomes available.

Tá athbhreithniú déanta ag Uisce Éireann ar réimse na dtionscadal agus na gclár inár bPlean Infheistíochta lena chinntiú go bhféadfaimis iad seo a sheachadadh ar an mbealach is éifeachtaí agus is cost-éifeachtúil. Mar chuid den phróiseas athbhreithnithe seo thugamar tosaíocht do thionscadail agus do chlár bunaithe ar fhaisnéis nua agus faisnéis níos fearr, amlínte nuashonraithe de réir mar a théann tionscadail chun cinn, riachtanais nua agus riachtanais atá ag teacht chun cinn inár líonra uisce chun freastal is fearr ar ár gcustaiméirí, ag tacú le fás agus na cuspóirí féinár bPlean Gnó a bhaint amach. Tar éis an athbhreithnithe seo, ní féidir na hamlínte seachadta don Ionad Cóireála Fuíolluisce Bhéal Átha nGaorthaidh a dhearbhu fós, ní rachaidh na hoibreacha seo chun cinn mar chuid den Phlean Infheistíochta Caipitil.

Teastóidh clár infheistíochta ilbhiliún euro thar bhlianta fada chun ionaid chóireála uisce, ionaid chóireála fuíolluisce, líonra uisce agus séarachais Uisce

Éireann a thógáil, a dheisiú agus a uasghrádú. Tá Uisce Éireann tiomanta do sholáthar uisce sábháilte, folláin agus iontaofa a sholáthar, an comhshaol a chosaint agus tacaíocht a thabhairt do bhorradh tithíochta agus gnólachtaí. Déanaimid athbhreithniú agus nuashonrú leanúnach ar ár dtionscadal agus déanaimid measúnú bunaithe ar an maoiniú atá ar fáil. Cuirfimid tuilleadh faisnéise ar fáil fén tionscadal seo nuair a bheidh sé ar fáil.

A discussion took place where Members expressed their frustration and exasperation they felt at the lack of progress by Irish Water.

It was proposed by Cllr. Moynihan, seconded by Cllr. Creed and agreed by all the Members to request a meeting with Irish Water.

**2. Scrúdaigh a deanamh maidir leis na deiseanna chun AIRES campáil a bheith ar fáil sa gceantar sa.
That this Council would examine the option of implementing AIRES Camping facilities in this Municipal District.**

A feasibility study will be carried out to establish if there is a need for such a facility in this Municipal District.

Déanfar staidéar féidearthachta le fiosrú an bhfuil gá le saoráid den sórt sin sa Cheantar Bardasach seo.

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

Cllr. Moynihan explained that these camping facilities were very basic and were totally self-sufficient. She said that all is required is a designated parking space for motor homes, no water services needed.

She said they would draw people off the main tourist routes into the local areas and raise awareness of what is available. N. Radley, SEO said a countywide focus was needed and said there are spaces in Cobh which is pay and display and Castletownbere where there is no charge.

It was proposed by Cllr. Moynihan and seconded by Cllr. Looney to request that such a study be carried out by the MD initially with a view to the matter then being referred to the Tourism SPC.

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

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Carriganimna – Bridge Wall Falling
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it is safe at the moment but will need to investigate what needs to be done.
- (b) Road at Pike Cross – work not Finished - dangerous cross
J. Dwyer, SEE to investigate

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Rylane East – Clonmoyle – could patching be carried out in the short term
P. O’Sullivan, EE said this is on the Road Repairs Programme for next year. Cllr. Lynch to send on Eircode.
- (b) Road in St. Olan’s Tce., Aghabullogue – dangerous for buggies/wheelchairs
P. O’Sullivan, EE said there is no immediate plans to carry out works here but will be looked at in the future.
- (c) Model Village, Dripsey – Roads torn up after works carried out by Irish Water
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it is the responsibility of Irish Water to replace the trenches they dug. He said that the road repairs will have to be looked at in the long term.
- (d) Aghabullogue School – Gates open onto the Road – Possible to erect a barrier
P. O’Sullivan, EE to investigate
- (e) Ballinagree Playground – Lighting not working
J. Dwyer, SEE said this is the responsibility of the Community Association
- (f) Community Park, Rylane – Lighting
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he did not think this was part of Cork County Council’s Programme but would ask the Lighting Section to find out.
- (g) Lighting for Macroom and Millstreet Town Parks
Cllr. Lynch said that the parks are very dark at night and suggested that if any schemes/initiatives become available from central government that these areas be considered for such applications. M. O’Leary, MDO to consider.

Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Castleview Cross
No Update
- (b) Widening of Junction at Millstreet Cross, Macroom
Cllr. Lucey said that there is a very sharp turn left onto the Millstreet road for trucks coming from the Killarney Road into Macroom and that this will become a real issue when the bypass is completed. J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate.
- (c) Casey’s Road – Speed Survey Carried out?
J. Dwyer, SEE gave the following report:
- Average daily count of 790 vehicles
 - Speed ranged from 83-85 km per hour
- (d) Bridge in Killumney
J. Dwyer, SEE said there were no weight restrictions on the bridge, but that alignment is the issue. He said the RDO are seeking tenders for the appointment of a consultant to examine the bridge.
- (e) Pole at New Bridge – not lighting since January
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is not ESB but an Airtricity issue – he said he will look into it.
- (f) Teereeven, Lissarda – Trees need to be cut back
J. Dwyer, SEE outlined that he would write to the landowner

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Inniscarra Boating Centre – Parking on Road
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he would look at it for next Summer
- (b) Spenser’s Bridge, North Kilmurry – water lodging before bridge – could there be a drain put in
- (c) Ballyshoneen – Speeding
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he would carry out a speed survey
- (d) Courtbrack – Drain blocked across from the Church
- (e) New Tipperary Cross – R619
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he would get a design carried out
- (f) Stoneview/ Blarney – Station Road – Road in bad condition
P. O’Sullivan, EE said that this is in the Glanmire area.

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Resurfacing works - leaving Ballingearry – going to Reinaree –will the road be closed?
J. Dwyer, SEE said the contractor is due to start the following week and the road will be closed daily from 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. with local access being maintained. He said the locals will be informed.

Councillor Martin Coughlan

- (a) Lighting on the Bridge in Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE said they were still waiting for Eir to relocate the ducts.
Cllr. Lucey expressed his frustration at the lack of progress and requested that the Co. Engineer is contacted to determine how this can be dealt with.
- (b) Masseytown Project
No update

Marie O’Leary, MDO

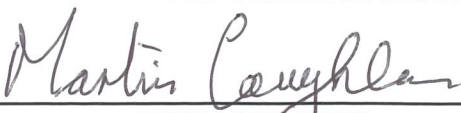
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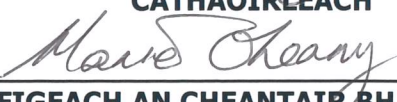
- Presented to Macroom MD Meeting in November 2019
- Formally advertised 6 December 2019
- Planning process was halted due to COVID 19
- Will be re-advertised in November 2020

Cllr. Creed queried why the planning was halted. M. O’Leary, MD said she would check it out.

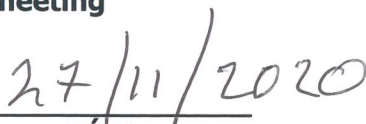
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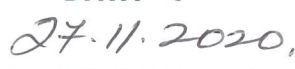
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