

**Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District held in the
Heritage Room, Kilmurry Museum, Kilmurry P14 R940
Friday 25th September 2020 at 2.00 p.m.**

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. M. Creed and seconded by Cllr. G. Moynihan the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 24th July 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 – Update
J. Dwyer, SEE said they were still waiting on a proposal from Eir. Cllr. Lucey proposed writing to Eir which was agreed by all the Members.
- (b) Briery Gap – Update
N. Radley, SEO said that discussions were ongoing and that once an agreement has been reached, it can progress to tender stage.
- (c) Castlevew Cross
No Update
- (d) Church of Ireland, Macroom
- (e) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom
- (f) Bus Depot, Macroom
N Radley, SEO outlined that several proposals were being examined in terms of feasibility but that lack of funding is the main issue. She said that the Chief Executive has established a group to identify and examine options in terms of how Cork County Council could tackle prominent derelict/vacant sites in town centres and has requested details of the number of derelict buildings in all the towns.

Cllr. Creed queried if the funding would come from Cork County Council or Bus Eireann. N. Radley, SEO confirmed that funding would come from both as Bus Eireann would expect that it would be brought back to a more functional use and the Council's plan is that it would benefit the town. She said they are presently looking at different funding streams.

- (g) Project ACT – NTA Funding €70,000 - Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE said he was putting together a programme of works for the following:
- Improvement works at Crossing Point Masseytown
 - New Crossing Point at Fitzgerald St. Near Bus Depot
 - Works at Post Office
- (h) Manhole at Castle Street – issue ongoing
J. Dwyer, SEE he would investigate

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Morrison's Bridge – Wall in a very bad state
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he met with the contractor and hoped to have a proposal next week. He said carrying out of temporary works could still be complicated and that it would be next year before any work would commence. Cllr. Creed suggested approaching the landowners if carrying out permanent work.
- (b) Litter Bin at Clondrohid Graveyard
P. O'Sullivan, EE said works were planned to be carried out the following week.
- (c) Ballyvourney – St. Gobnait's – by the Church – Gulley
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed this has been added to the list of works

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Irish Water – Proposed plans Regarding Waste Water Treatment System – Killumney / Ovens
M. O'Leary, MDO said she had written to Irish Water and had gotten no reply to date. She said she would send a reminder.
- (b) Pedestrian Crossing at Ovens
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that the lights are now working and it was planned to install bollards.

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Courtbrack – Access from Waterloo side
P. O'Sullivan, EE confirmed that it is planned to carry out the works the 2nd week in October.
- (b) Speed Survey – Regional Road from Dripsey to Coachford
P. O'Sullivan, EE confirmed that this survey is being carried out at present. He said that there are 3 surveys completed and 2 in the process, which includes this one. Cllr. Moynihan requested details to be forwarded on the average speed.
- (c) Millstreet – Can the Disabled Parking space across the road from Reens Pharmacy be moved across the road
M. O'Leary, MDO outlined that this possibility will be explored in the context of Age Friendly Programme for Millstreet to installing an age friendly parking space as this can be more widely used by the public. A meeting is due to be held next week on the Age Friendly funding. Cllr. Moynihan said that there are a number of footpaths in Millstreet that are need of repair.

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Matehy School – Amber Lights
Cllr. Looney confirmed that the Principal can fund the light. P. O’Sullivan, EE said that once they submit the cheque to Millstreet we can order the signs. There is usually a 6 week lead in time.
- (b) Porters Cross
P. O’Sullivan, EE said this was on the Programme of Works

Councillor Martin Coughlan

- (a) Spirit of Macroom – Footpath Sinking
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would arrange to carry out works.

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

- **Municipal District Officer Report**

Members noted the Report

- (a) Project ACT – Activating County Towns – Update

In response to Cllr. Moynihan, M. O’Leary, MDO confirmed that there were 5 picnic benches ordered for Macroom, which includes one disability accessible bench and 1 picnic bench for Millstreet. She said it was planned to decorate each canopy with planters and artificial grass.

Cllr. Lynch suggested putting Cork County Council/Town crest on the canopies to acknowledge Project ACT.

In response to Cllr. Coughlan, M. O’Leary, MDO said she got very positive feedback about the canopies in Millstreet and also about the new mural in the town.

Cllr. Coughlan said he had received some very negative reactions to the canopies in Macroom. N. Radley, SEO outlined that a public consultation process had been done and this was an agreed approach by the local stakeholders i.e. business representatives, tidy towns and community groups. She said due to COVID19 there was a delay in getting the materials to finish the canopies.

Cllr. Creed said he got both positive and negative feedback and that it would take people time to get used to them.

Cllr. Moynihan said they will be very useful, especially for the market on a Tuesday.

Cllr. Looney said he had gotten positive feedback and that they will be a great asset to the town

N. Radley, SEO said that other towns are now looking at Macroom, she said there is also queries coming in from other Local Authorities.

- (b) 2020 Paint Scheme
M. O'Leary, MDO said there was €13,000 allocated towards the Scheme.
- (c) Pollinator Plan
Cllr. Moynihan said the Council and the Tidy Towns were carrying out a lot of work and this plan will pull it all together.
- (d) CLÁR
In response to Cllr. Moynihan, N. Radley, SEO outlined that CCC submitted a total of 10 CLÁR applications to DRCD for funding. At present, the unsuccessful applicants are being contacted and being offered an opportunity to meet and discuss their application and are also being given guidance as to what they need to do for any future applications.

• **Discretionary Grant Applications 2020**

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Laoghra Óg, Clondrohid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of a Development Plan for a playing pitch an Environmental Impact Study was carried out.
Cór Chill na Martra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many of the tracks performed at a concert in 2019 were recorded on the night. They would like to have those tracks digitally remastered to make a Christmas CD of their work
Total	€600

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

**4. DÍOL TALÚN
Disposal of Property**

Disposal of leasehold interest in lands at Gurteenroe, Macroom, Co Cork for the purpose of a building for De La Salle College Secondary School, Macroom from Christopher Cronin, Colm Cronin and Colman Corrigan to Christopher Cronin, Colm Cronin and Colman Corrigan for a consideration of €1.00

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. M. Creed
Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. E. Lynch

**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 Mhíic Íre***

That this Council would provide an update on the waste water treatment plant works carried out by Irish Water í mBaile Mhíic Íre

Is fo-thionscadal é an t-ionad cóireála nua agus na hoibreacha gaolmhara atá san áireamh i mbeartán de cheithre scéim séarchais dar teideal Beartán Meániarthar Chorcaí (Áth an Chóiste, An Druipseach agus Inis Eonáin san áireamh freisin).

Tá na ceithre thionscadal cosúil le chéile go ginearálta agus baineann siad le dearadh agus tógáil Ionad Cóireála Fuíolluisce nua i ngach ceann de na ceithre

shuíomh mar aon le hoibreacha áitiúla eile a bhaineann le séarachas. Tá an próiseas OCÉ (ordú ceannaigh éigeantaigh) / éadála talún críochnaithe do na ceithre shuíomh. Cuireadh tús leis an tógáil i mí Eanáir 2020 agus tógfaidh sé dhá bhliain don bheartán. Chomh maith leis na ceithre shuíomh ionad cóireála tá codanna éagsúla de leagan píopaí agus bainistíocht tráchta ar siúl chun an chuid líonraí den tionscadal a chur i gcrích. Bhí an dul chun cinn tógála ó Eanáir 2020 go maith ach tháinig deireadh leis an obair go léir i ndeireadh mhí an Mhárta 2020 mar gheall ar phaindeim Covid-19, áfach, cuireadh tús arís den chuid is mó leis na hoibreacha ag deireadh mí na Bealtaine 2020.

I gcás Baile Mhic Íre go háirithe, is é seo an ceann is forbartha de na ceithre fhotionscadal agus tá dul chun cinn ana-mhaith ann, in ainneoin gur chuir Covid-19 isteach air, agus táthar ag súil go dtógfaidh an t-ionad cóireála na chéad sreafaí i R1 2021, cé nach mbeidh gach saothar críochnaithe go hiomlán fén am san. Ag an bpointe seo i mBaile Mhic Íre tá an leagan píopaí agus an t-athshlánú bóthair gaolmhar críochnaithe den chuid is mó agus tá dul chun cinn maith déanta sa chomhthéacs seo. Tá obair ar an ionad cóireála ag dul ar aghaidh fé láthair.

The new plant and associated works are a sub-project included in a bundle of four sewerage schemes entitled the Cork Mid-West Bundle (Coachford, Dripsey and Innishannon also included).

The four projects are broadly similar and involve the design and construction of a new WWTP in all four locations along with other localised sewerage related works. The CPO/land acquisition process is complete for all four locations. Construction commenced in January 2020 and will take two years for the bundle. In addition to the four treatment plant sites various sections of pipe laying and traffic management are taking place to complete the networks part of the project. Construction progress since January 2020 was good but all work ceased in late March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, however, the works were largely recommenced in late May 2020.

In the particular case of Baile Mhic Íre, this is the most advanced of the four sub-projects and progress is very good, even taking account of Covid interruption, with the plant expected to take first flows in Q1 2021, although all works will not be quite complete by then. At this stage in Baile Mhic Íre the associated pipelaying and road reinstatement are largely complete and progress has also been good in this context. Works on the plant are currently progressing.

***Michael Tierney, Senior Executive Officer
Water Services***

Cllr. Moynihan outlined a number of issues regarding recent road closure in the area and indicated that locals were unhappy with the signage in the area. She also mentioned that the kerbing on the bridge is unsuitable.

Cllr. Creed while acknowledging that there were some problems, complimented the work that was carried out and said that this new treatment plant will be of huge benefit to Ballyvourney.

It was proposed by Cllr. Moynihan and seconded by Cllr. Looney that Cork County Council write to Irish Water to request that the kerbing be removed.

2. *Go gcuirfidh an Comhairle seo a dhóthain soilse poiblí ar fáil ag an acomhal eadar L2753 agus L2757-0 í Adhadh Bolg*

That this council would provide sufficient public lighting at the junction of L2753-38 and L2757-0 in Aghabullogue village.

Iarrfaimid ar an Rannóg Soilsithe Phoiblí measúnú a dhéanamh ag an Acomha

We will ask the Public Lighting Section to carry out an assessment at the Junction

***Pat O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer
Millstreet Office***

3. *Íarr ar an Comhairle Contae Corcaí tuarascáil a chur ar fail maidir leis Árdan Tanyard Wood agus maidir leis an Comhairle á thogaint i gceannas*

That this Council would furnish a report on Tanyard Wood Estate, Millstreet and the Council taking it in charge

Is eastáit de 125 tigh é Tanyard Wood i Sráid an Mhuilinn. Fuair Carraig Beag Developments cead pleanála faoi 03/6478, 04/4523 & 05/4319. Cuireadh deireadh leis an gcomhlacht sin i 2017 agus ní bhfuarthas aon iarratas an eastáit a glacadh ar láimh go dtí gur dhein na áitritheoirí iarratas i Mí na Samhna 2017. Togadh an soilsiú poiblí i gcúram cheana féin.

Chuireadh éileamh ar an banna i 2014 ach ní go dtí le déanaí a fuaireamar an airgead.

Tá fadhb leis an stáisiún caidéalaithe ar an eastáit agus tá an Roinn Pleanála ag obair leis an Roinn Seirbhísí Uisce faoi láthair chun cúrsaí a leigheas. Úsáidfear cuid don airgead ón mbanna don obair seo. De réir John Aherne tá roinnt mionrudaí eile le réiteach chomh maith.

Más eoil dhaoibh ón láithreachas a deineadh ag Development Committee le déanaí tá an Roinn Pleanála ag tosú ar clár oibre chun mór chuid eastáit a chríochnú chun go bhféadfaí an próiseas glacadh ar láimh a thosnú. Mar a dúirt sa láithreachas deinfear beart d'eastáit atá gar go leor le chéile; níl Tanyard Wood sa chéad beart i gCorcaigh Thuaidh ach beidh sé san áirithe níos déanaí. Ar an gcéad dul síos leigheasfar an fadhb is práinní, sé sin an stáisiún caidéalaithe.

Tanyard Wood, Millstreet is a residential housing estate of 125 houses built on foot of Planning Reg. Nos. 03/6478, 04/4523 & 05/4319 by Carraig Beag Developments, which was dissolved in 2017. The developer did not submit a Taking in Charge application, but a valid Taking in Charge application was submitted by home-owners on 21/11/2017. Public lighting was independently taken in charge by the Council's Public Lighting Section.

The bond provider (AIB) settled a bond claim in recent months having previously indicated that the Receiver would complete the estate.

There are ongoing issues with the Pump Station serving the development and Planning is currently engaging with Water Services with a view to resolving matters using some of the bond monies. John Aherne has indicated that there are a number of other relatively minor issues in the estate that need to be resolved.

As you are aware from the recent presentation made at Development Committee the Estates' Section is commencing a programme of works to utilise funds raised through bond settlements to progress the finishing of estates to a Taking in Charge Standard. Works will be arranged such that a number of proximate estates are grouped together for completion. The first North Cork bundle does not include Tanyard Wood; however, it is intended that it will form part of a later bundle. In the first instance we will attend to the most urgent issue which is resolving the pump station issue.

***Caitríona Ní Mhainnín, Oifigeach Riaracháin
Pleanáil agus Forbairt***

Cllr. Moynihan welcomed the fact that the bond was followed up which is great news for the residents.

6. Vóta Comghairdeas
Votes of Congratulations

Cllr. Lucey wished Dennis Linehan, Traffic Warden well in his new role in Mallow.

7. Vóta Combhróin
Votes of Condolences

- Kevin Conway, RIP – former County Councillor and Cathaoirleach of Blarney Macroom Municipal District

All Members paid tribute to Kevin and expressed their deep sadness at his untimely death. They conveyed their sympathies to his wife and family.

8. AON GHNÓ EILE
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Michael Looney

- Inniscarra Boating Centre – Parking on Road
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he would investigate
- Spenser's Bridge, North Kilmurry – water lodging before bridge – could there be a drain put in
- Ballyshoneen – Speeding
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he would investigate
- Courtbrack – Drain blocked across from the Church
- Coachford –Footpath from the School down to the village – Historic issue with landowner
- New Tipperary Cross – R619
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the Design Office will look at what improvements can be made and we will look at including it as part of a low cost safety improvement scheme.
- Blarney – Station Road – Road in bad condition
P. O'Sullivan, EE to investigate to see if it is within the City or County boundary

Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Footpath at School in Coachford
J. Dwyer, SEE said a footpath needs to be installed up to the Creche in Coachford and that all this work would be done together.
- (b) Town Park Gates – Yellow Box
J. Dwyer, SEE to follow up
- (c) Macroom Bypass
Cllr. Lucey said he is getting lots of questions from the public on how work is progressing and queried if an update could be provided at the next meeting. N. Radley, SEO said she spoke to the Director of Roads who confirmed that an update can be provided.
- (d) Caseys Road – Speed Survey
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would investigate
- (e) Project ACT – Could bike Parking be provided
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate
- (f) Grange Manor Estate, Ovens – Residents have requested that this estate is taken in charge
N. Radley, SEO confirmed that an update will be provided at the next meeting.

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Traffic Situation in Macroom Town
Cllr. Creed requested that the Gardai are contacted regarding the traffic through Macroom town. He said the pedestrian crossings are slowing the traffic down. M. O’Leary, MDO said she would contact the Superintendent.

Cllr. Lucey agreed with Cllr. Creed and said the traffic lights are not synchronised. J. Dwyer, SEE said the Coolyhane Road would be opened to traffic in the next two weeks which should help alleviate the situation.
- (b) Public Toilets, Ballingeary – Closed
J. Dwyer, SEE said that the caretaker retired and a replacement is currently being sought.
- (c) Mount Cross, Millstreet Road, Macroom – dangerous – no view turning for Macroom
- (d) Terelton – L85140 – bad condition
- (e) Upper Curragh, Ballingeary – Resurfacing
- (f) Clondrohid – Cllr. Creed complimented the Council on the resurfacing works carried out on the Clondrohid/Ballyvourney Road.
- (g) Clondrohid – Road half way between Clondrohid Village and the Bell Inn – very rough
- (h) Ballyvourney Flood Relief – Temporary works to be carried out – Update

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Public Toilets, Ballingeary
Cllr. Moynihan said that these toilets can be very busy and queried if a caretaker could be temporarily assigned.
- (b) Coachford Footpath – Pedestrian Crossing
Cllr. Moynihan said the morning is the busiest time and queried if some traffic management system could be put in place. P. O’Sullivan, EE said that the school will be applying for Planning Permission and when that goes through it can be investigated at that stage.
- (c) Grange Manor Estate– Speed Ramps
- (d) Millstreet Graveyard – new tap required at the bottom of the graveyard

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Coachford Footpath – Pedestrian Crossing
P. O’Sullivan, EE said that funding is an issue but he will investigate
- (b) Coachford – Dog Fouling Signage
P. O’Sullivan, EE said that signs have been delivered and will be put up shortly.
- (c) Lee Valley Inn, Dripsey – update
M. O’Leary, MDO said no response has been received from the last correspondence issued so she confirmed that it would be moved onto the next stage of the Derelict Sites Act.
- (d) Road by Inniscarra Dam
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it is planned to continue the surface dressing of this road in 2021.
- (e) Matehy – Footpath required between the School and Church
P. O’Sullivan, EE said there are no plans at present.

Councillor Martin Coughlan

- (a) One lamp gone on the western side of the Bridge in Macroom
- (b) Kilmichael Bar – Traffic Survey Update
J. Dwyer, SEE said this is part of a CLAR application
- (c) O’Riadas, Macroom – welcome the works being carried out
- (d) Masseytown Plan – Update
N. Radley, SEO confirmed that this is on hold due to the Briery Gap project.
- (e) Briery Gap, Macroom
Cllr. Coughlan expressed his dissatisfaction at the slow progress of this project and requested that it be brought to tender as soon as possible.

Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú
This concluded the business of the meeting

Martin Coughlan
CATHAOIRLEACH

30/10/2020
DÁTA

Marie O'Keary
OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BARDASAIGH

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