

Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held virtually on MS Teams on Friday 24th September 2021

Present/I láthair: Cllrs. Michael Creed (Cathaoirleach), Eileen Lynch, Ted Lucey, Gobnait Moynihan, Michael Looney & Martin Coughlan

Attendance/Tinreamh: 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

Apologies/Leath scéal: Ms. Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer

1. DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Lucey and seconded by Cllr. E. Lynch the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 9th July 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) Briery Gap – Update
M. O'Leary, MDO said that the successful tenderer is being notified.
- (b) Castleview Cross
No update
- (c) Dog Control Bylaws
- (d) Post Office, Macroom
- (e) Church of Ireland, Macroom
- (f) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom
- (g) Bus Depot, Macroom
M. O'Leary, MDO said that a meeting is being organised with Bus Eireann.
- (h) Filter Light coming out of Masseytown heading towards Killarney
J. Dwyer, SEE said that this would not be feasible as it would involve a lot of reorganising. He queried if it was necessary when the bypass was completed.
- (i) Bridge in Killumney
- (j) Bridge in Macroom - Update
J. Dwyer, SEE said a contractor has been appointed to carry out works at both Coolcower and on the bridge. He said works will be carried out by day in Coolcower and on the bridge by night.

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Coachford Footpath – pedestrian crossing
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he met with the Design Office who are organising to appoint Consultants to look at that junction and the footpath going towards the creche.
- (b) Flooding in Coachford – camera survey
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it is hoped to carry out the survey the following week and he would have an update for the next meeting.
- (c) Bridgetown, Cloghroe
P. O’Sullivan, EE said that works were commencing on 04/10/21 at Blairs Inn and Bridgetown.
- (d) Courtbrack to Killowen Road Drainage / Road edge repairs – any plans to replace the culvert
P. O’Sullivan, EE said no works were planned until the end of the year/start of next year.
- (e) Lyons Tce, Coachford – wall
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he is having difficulty getting a contractor to carry out work on the retaining wall. However, he said it will stay on the footpath programme and it is hoped to get the work done next year.
- (f) Inniscarra Dam – heading east – dangerous drop on the right.
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he is waiting to meet with the contractor to look at the installing of a crash barrier. He said it could possibly be included in the Low Cost Scheme 2022.
- (g) Waterloo Speed Survey
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it is hoped to carry out the survey towards the end of October.
- (h) Grange Manor Estate, Killumney – Meeting with Director of Services Planning & Water Services
M. O’Leary, MDO said she hopes to have a date in the next 2/3 weeks and will contact the Members when it is finalised.
- (i) Barracks Cross, Rusheen – poorly marked
Cllr. Lynch expressed her satisfaction at the works that were carried out.
- (j) Terelton National School – pedestrian crossing
J. Dwyer, SEE said it would be next year before a design would be ready.

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Footpath in Coachford
Cllr. Moynihan queried what the timeframe was to go out for tendering. P. O’Sullivan, EE said he hasn’t a timeframe at present but would hope to have more information for the next meeting.
- (b) Killumney – Response from Irish Water re WWTP for Killumney
M. O’Leary, MDO read out the response received from Irish Water which she said would be forwarded to the Members after the meeting.
- (c) Killumney Bridge – Update
J. Dwyer, SEE said a contractor had been appointed to carry out a number of projects including Killumney Bridge. He said no in-river works will commence at Killumney before May 2022, however, some minor out of river works may commence before then.

- (d) Carnegie Hall, Millstreet Painting
M. O'Leary, MDO said the works are complete.
- (e) Canopy in Millstreet
Cllr. Moynihan queried if the canopy will be removed for works to be carried out on the monument. P. O'Sullivan, EE said it will be removed while the work is going on.
- (f) Old Coach Avenue - Hedging growing out taking up footpath space – Health and Safety Issue
P. O'Sullivan, EE said there should be contactor in place by the end of next week.
- (g) Age Friendly Parking Space
Cllr. Moynihan expressed her thanks and said she has received a very positive feedback.
- (h) Disability Parking Spaces
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will ask the lining contractor to have a look at refreshing the space by the AIB.
- (i) Pedestrian Crossing – Church Street, Millstreet
P. O'Sullivan, EE said that temporary works were carried out to make it safer. Cllr. Moynihan expressed her dissatisfaction regarding the surface and the lighting. She said that it was inaccessible for both wheelchair users and buggies. P. O'Sullivan, EE said that it would be included in the 2022 Surfacing Works.
- (h) Speed in Beal na Blath – in front of the Petrol Station
J. Dwyer, SEE said the Road Design Office are examining the junction.
- (j) Floodlights not working at Carnegie Hall
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he had no update.
It was proposed by Cllr. Moynihan and seconded by Cllr. Looney to write to SSE Airtricity to request that the works are carried out.

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Speed at Inniscarra Boating Centre
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he has met with An Garda Síochána and that the lining contractor is due to come next week.
- (b) Barracarra Line – Old Shop – Concealed Entrance sign
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he has the signs and will arrange to have them erected.
- (c) New Tipperary – Road Marking – Speed Signs
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it is planned to carry out a speed survey and to refresh the line at the junction.

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Crossroad L2208 – between Enniskeane to Beal na Blath – coming from Enniskeane – signpost for Kilmurry facing the wrong way – make the sign more visible
J. Dwyer, SEE said he had no update.
- (b) Ballyvohig Road – Provision of Laybys
No update

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

(a) Municipal District Officer Report

Members noted the Report

- **Clár Funding**

In response to Cllr. Creed, M. O'Leary, MDO said that all unsuccessful applicants were notified. She said there were only 2 unsuccessful applications from Cork. She said no decision has been made as of yet regarding the Clár Innovation Measure – new category added in 2021. Macroom MD has 3 applications submitted under this new measure.

- **General Municipal Allocation/Town Development Fund**

Cllr. Lucey said that it was important that Macroom MD's allocation under the TDF be given due consideration and possibly an increase for 2022. Cllr. Moynihan said she has already raised this matter at CPG and will be raising it again at the October meeting. M. O'Leary, MDO outlined that Cobh and Macroom were the only towns to retain pay parking during the COVID-19 pandemic and could be in line for a pay parking dividend. Cllr. Moynihan said she also raised this at CPG but reiterated that it was for all Councillors to try and ensure that Macroom MD secures their fair share of the allocations.

In response to Cllr. Lynch regarding the unclaimed grants, M. O'Leary, MDO said that the MD are constantly in contact with the groups and delays to claims are notified immediately. Any unclaimed / lapsed grants are then brought forward to the next year's Community Fund and included in future allocations.

- **Streetscape Enhancement Scheme under Town & Village Renewal 2021**

In response to Cllr. Lynch, M. O'Leary, MDO said there was €320,000 in total allocated - €48,000 per town approx. She said 70 applications were received in Macroom MD and she was assessing the applications at present and identifying eligible applicants under the terms of the Scheme.

Cllr. Moynihan outlined the following issues with the Scheme:

- Timeframe for applications too tight
- Difficult to get quotes for painting
- Villages should have been included

M. O'Leary, MDO said that the Scheme is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and that Cork County Council is bound by the terms of the Scheme.

Cllr. Coughlan also expressed his frustration at the timeframe given. He requested that the Department are contacted outlining this.

- **Age Friendly – Millstreet**

Cllr. Lynch welcomed the age friendly parking space. She enquired what powers and funding the Age Friendly Committee has. M. O'Leary, MDO said that €10,000 has been allocated to Millstreet under this Fund. She said the Age Friendly Co-Ordinator will attend some of the meetings which will be held monthly with local representatives attending, including the MDO.

Mobility Survey - Millstreet

It was proposed by Cllr. Moynihan and seconded by Cllr. Looney to carry out a Mobility Survey for Millstreet as part of this Scheme. M O'Leary, MDO asked for a contact within the Disability Association and it will be passed onto the Committee.

- **Outdoor Dining Macroom**

Cllr. Moynihan said the outdoor dining in Macroom was a great success and suggested that next year it should be located near the toilets in the square. M. O'Leary, MDO said it may be considered if funding is available and if there is agreement there for a dedicated outdoor dining space again.

(b) CE Report on Part VIII Application for Middle Square, Macroom

M. O'Leary, MDO explained that the CE Report has been prepared and will go before the Members for approval at the Full Council meeting in October. She said the CE Report will be circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

Cllr. Moynihan said she welcomed the design but expressed the following concerns:

- No submissions were submitted from the public – she said she was aware that people had opinions on this and suggested going back out for public consultation
- Will there be adequate parking spaces available

M. O'Leary, MDO said the Part VIII planning was widely publicized and that people were aware of it. She added that a lease is almost in place to secure an additional 20 temporary parking spaces while work continues to secure a permanent parking solution for the area.

Cllr. Creed said that all the Members were concerned about parking.

Cllr. Lucey said that while he supports the project, his main concern was the loss of 17/18 car parking spaces.

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) **Go dtógfar faoi ndeara droch-chaoi an dromchla ar príomhbhóthar sráid bhaile Beal Átha nGhaorthaidh, agus an Comhairle ag cur le cheile Scéim Na Boithre Aitiúil 2022.**

That this Council take into consideration the poor condition of the main road in Beal Átha na nGhaorthaidh, when finalizing the Local Roads Programme 2022

Tá Clár um Fheabhsú Athchóirithe do 2022 - 2024 á ullmhú ag Comhairle Contae Chorcaí fé láthair. Glactar leis go gcaithfear dromchla nua a chur ar chodanna den R-584 trí shráidbhaile Bhéal Átha an Ghaorthaidh agus áireofar na codanna seo sa chlár. Ag an bpointe seo ní féidir liom a dhearbhú go mbeidh siad críochnaithe in 2022 ach déanfaidh mé mo dhícheall iad a áireamh chomh luath agus is féidir sa chlár.

Cork County Council is currently preparing the Restoration Improvement Programme for 2022 ~ 2024. It is accepted that sections of the R-584 through Beal Átha nGhaorthaidh village need to be resurfaced and these will be included in the programme. At this stage I cannot

confirm that they will be completed in 2022 however I will do my best to include them as early as possible in the programme.

Cllr. Moynihan requested that this road is prioritized and included in the Programme for 2022. She said as you are passing through the village on the way to Gougane Barra the buildings look really well and that the road surface lets the village down.

(b) **Íarr ar an Comhairle Contae Chorcaí spás páirceála a chur ar fáil do dhaoine aosta i mBaile Mhíc Íre, lasmuigh don poitigéar**

That this Council would install an age friendly parking space í mBaile Mhíc Íre outside the pharmacy.

Ag brath ar chomhaontú ón ngnó lena mbaineann, saineoidh an Chomhairle an limistéar sin mar spás páirceála aoisbháúla.

Subject to agreement from the business involved the Council will designate the area as an age friendly parking space.

Cllr. Moynihan said the addition of an age friendly parking space would make the village more accessible. She queried if the footpath could be lowered to meet the space. J. Dwyer, SEE said he will have a look at it.

5. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS
N/A

6. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN
N/A

7. AON GHNÓ EILE
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Martin Coughlan

- (a) Biodiversity Talk at St Colman's Park
Cllr. Coughlan said they were told that the grass should be removed at the end of the season in St. Colman's Park, however, this hasn't happened. He queried if there was any funds available to get these areas cut. J. Dwyer, SEE said he is not aware of any fund but that he would see if it was possible to fund it out of the current budget.
- (b) Walkway on the Bridge, Macroom – Cyclists
Cllr. Coughlan said that cyclists should not be using the walkway and queried if signage could be erected. J. Dwyer, SEE said he would speak to the guards on the matter. Cllr. Creed said that he assumed that the cyclists were using the walkway due to the state of the bridge.
- (c) Belmont Tce, Crookstown – Field behind the Estate
Cllr. Coughlan said that the trees are growing through the fence and fears that this will damage the fencing. He queried if it was possible to get them cut back. J. Dwyer, SEE said it was a big area and maybe it could be carried out on a phased basis.

- (d) Lighting on the Bridge – Lamps out
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will get it checked out, he said the issue is that the lanterns are not weather proof.

Cllr. Michael Looney

- (a) Dripsey, Model Village – down to the Mill Road – overgrown hedges on both sides
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he would contact the landowner
- (b) Dripsey Ambush Committee
Invitation to the Members and Staff to the Centenary Anniversary Parade and Ceremony on 3rd October 2021.

Cllr Ted Lucey

- (a) Raleigh – Wood Road – Trees need to be cut
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will have a look at it.
- (b) The Orchard Estate, Macroom – Grass needs to be cut
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will contact the developer. Cllr. Coughlan confirmed that the developer has cut it.
- (c) Main Street, Macroom – Water pooling
J. Dwyer, SEE said he has already raised this with TII.
- (d) St. Colmans Park/Bowl Road – Lining
J. Dwyer, SEE outlined that he will include this area when the liners are next around.

Cllr. Eileen Lynch

- (a) Crookstown – Cliffords Bar to Béal na Bláth – Flooding Works
J. Dwyer, SEE said that a design has been prepared for the pumping station which when finalized will go to tender.
- (b) Potholes – Strand Bar, Matehy
P O'Sullivan, EE said the potholes will be filled. He said this road is under consideration for inclusion in the new 3 year programme.
- (c) Potholes - Road from Matehy School – 1st right – Shournagh Line
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the potholes will be filled.
- (d) Road at Innsicarra Community Centre – Ballyanly – Blairs Inn
Cllr. Lynch said there is a huge issue with speed on this road and requested that the road signage is improved. P. O'Sullivan, EE said that the wall is a big issue on this road, he said he wasn't sure if signage will improve it as it is down to driver behaviour. He said he will have a look at it. Cllr. Lynch queried if a structural review of the wall could be carried out.
- (e) Pipehouse Cross – beyond Courtbrack – Speed
Cllr. Lynch queried if more signage could be erected. In response to Cllr. Lynch, P. O'Sullivan, EE confirmed that the speed on that road is 80km/hr. He said he will have a look at the signage approaching the junction.
- (f) Model Village – Back Road in Bad Condition
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it is under consideration for the 3 year Roads Programme.

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Walkway on the Bridge
Cllr. Moynihan said she supports Cllr. Coughlan regarding getting signage erected.
- (b) Public Toilets – Sanitary Products
It was proposed by Cllr. Moynihan and seconded by Cllr. Looney to request the installation of sanitary products in all public toilets and libraries in Macroom MD once the national guidelines are finalized and a decision is made by Cork County Council on the matter.
- (c) ESB Charging Points – Parking Space Too Narrow
J. Dwyer, SEE said the size of the parking space is the standard national layout, however, he said he will check again to confirm it is the correct size.
- (d) Discretionary Fund – Guidelines on how the funds are being spent
M. O’Leary, MDO outlined that this application form and guidelines are based on guidelines from the Community Fund. The purpose of this Fund as she outlined is to assist small projects. Cllr. Moynihan requested that the guidelines are looked at again and should be made clearer. M. O’Leary, MDO said she will look at the guidelines in this context and when completed will email a copy to the Members for their consideration.

Cllr. Michael Creed

- (a) Barrack Cross, Rusheen – More Signage Needed
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he is waiting on the signage to be delivered
- (b) Pike House Carriganimma + Bridge in Clondrohid
P. O’Sullivan, EE said there is no funding to complete these works at present.
- (c) Kilbarry, Inchineill – Works being done beyond the pub in Dromcarra
Cllr. Creed said he would talk to the engineer on this matter directly.

Marie O’Leary, MDO

Upgrade of Macroom Playground

- Tender has been awarded
- Hoped to have works completed towards the end of November
- Playground will be closed for the duration of the works


Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú

This concluded the business of the meeting


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