

Macroom Municipal District Officer's Report

25th February 2022



1. General Municipal Allocation

To date, the following claims have been submitted in relation to the Amenity, Capital and Community Contract allocations under the GMA.

- 2019 - €204,446.74
- 2020 - €122,492.55
- 2021 - € 31,102.00

2. Town Development Fund

To date, the following claims have been submitted in relation to the Town Development Fund under the GMA.

- 2019 - €97,024
- 2020 - €71,000
- 2021 - €37,700

3. General Municipal Allocation & Town Development Fund

2022 Community Fund

The GMA allocation for 2022 is €197,253. The Community Fund applications will be funded through this allocation. The closing date for receipt of applications under the 2022 Community Fund Scheme was Friday February 19th at 4pm. A total of 77 applications have been received and these will now be reviewed over the coming weeks and proposed allocations will be tabled for approval by the elected members at the March meeting of Macroom Municipal District.

Reminders are also being sent to groups who have not made a claim under the previous years' funds.

2022 Town Development Fund

The 2022 TDF allocation is €98,000. Some applications under the 2022 Community Fund could be allocated from this fund. A proposal for the allocation of this Fund will be presented to the elected members at the March meeting of Macroom Municipal District.

4. Capital Projects – Updates

(a) Briery Gap Project

The contractor is progressing with demolition works. Roof and timber floor removal is ongoing. Temporary steels have been installed.

(b) Béal na mBláth Project

The closing date for receipt of submissions & observations on the Section 38 under the Roads Act 1993 was Friday 28th January 2022. No submissions or observations were received on this application. The Section 38 Report is now being finalised for approval by the Director of Roads.

5. Village Enhancement Scheme 2022

It was agreed by the elected members at the January Municipal District Meeting for the allocation under the Village Enhancement Scheme 2022 to be split as follows:

➤ Installation of Speed Safety Measures -	€18,000
➤ Village Enhancements to Aherla Village -	€50,750
Total Village Enhancement Allocation for 2022:	<u>€68,750</u>

Proposals on locations for the speed safety measures this will be brought to the March meeting for approval.

A meeting will be held in Aherla in the coming weeks to agree the enhancements for the village under this Scheme.

6. Macroom Playground Refurbishment

The Cork County Mayor, Cllr Gillian Coughlan officially launched the newly refurbished playground at Sleaveen Macroom on Tuesday 8th February.

The updated playground makes use of several original features which were renovated and repainted. New equipment suitable for younger and older children has been installed including a new spacenet as well as junior and senior mega multiplay units. A mother & child swing, together with a universal swing forms part of the features which is huge addition to the playground facility.

The Cork County Council project saw the surface of the playground replaced. The seating areas have been renovated and new signs, together with a Communications Board have been added to the facility.





7. Pay Parking Zones

Under the Macroom Parking Control Byelaws it was agreed to extend the pay parking zones to include Chapel Hill and Fair Green (to Fitzgerald's Funeral Home). However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic these new zones were not enforced.

It is now planned to enforce pay parking in these areas commencing on Monday 4th April 2022. Additional pay parking machines have been installed in these locations. The Traffic Warden will commence monitoring these areas from this date.

An advertising campaign will also be undertaken in local media to highlight these additional pay parking zones.

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