

Macroom Municipal District Officer's Report

28th January 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 - €102,780.67
- 2021 - €22,800.00

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 - €27,000

Some images below of improvement works carried out to Crookstown Grotto with the assistance of the Community Fund.





3. Capital Projects – Updates

(a) Briery Gap Project

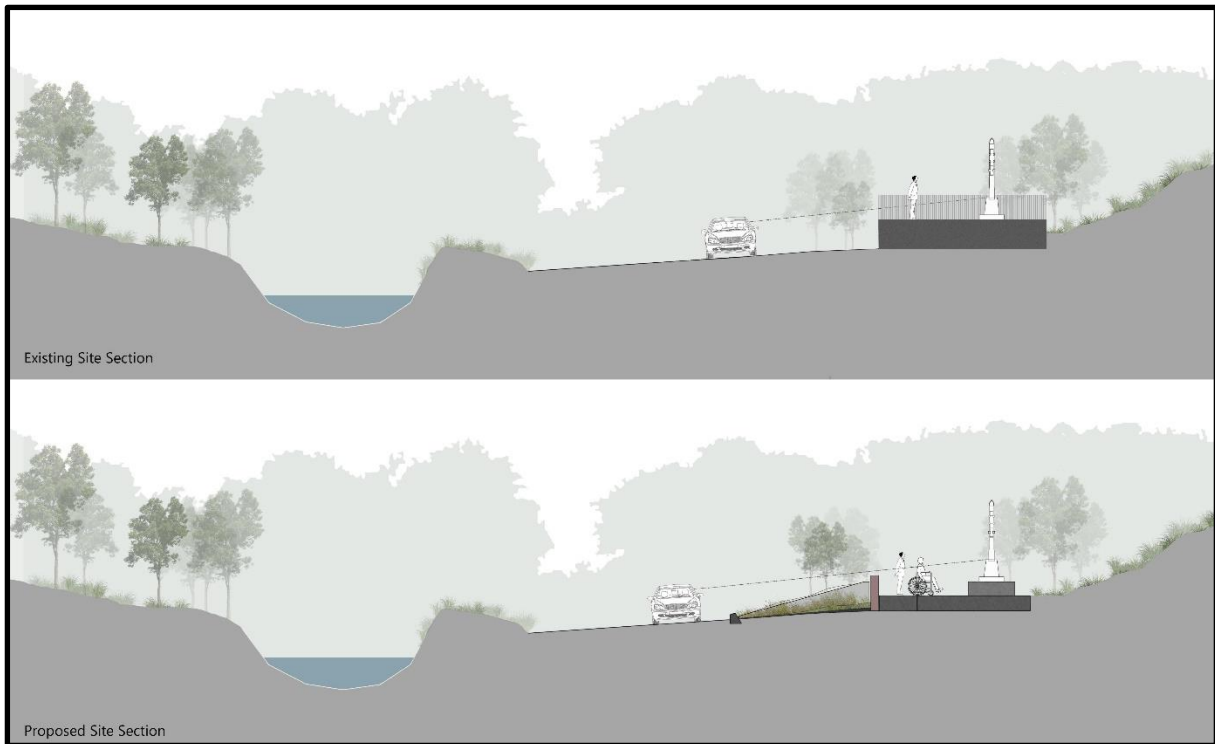
The Briery Gap Project has commenced with Cumnor Construction erecting a site compound with hoarding to be erected in the coming weeks.

- Interior demolition works continue
- The main construction activity will be strip out and demolition until the end of February
- The parking spaces in front of this area will be removed to facilitate the realignment of the road to ensure that the road at South Square remains open.
- The street canopy in this area has been removed and will be relocated at North Square in front of PTSB.
- As the loading bay has also been removed, a temporary one will be placed adjacent in front of the Pet Shop.



(b) Béal na mBláth Project

The closing date for receipt of submissions & observations on the Section 38 under the Roads Act 1993 is today Friday 28th January 2022. Following the closing date any submissions received will be assessed and a report compiled.



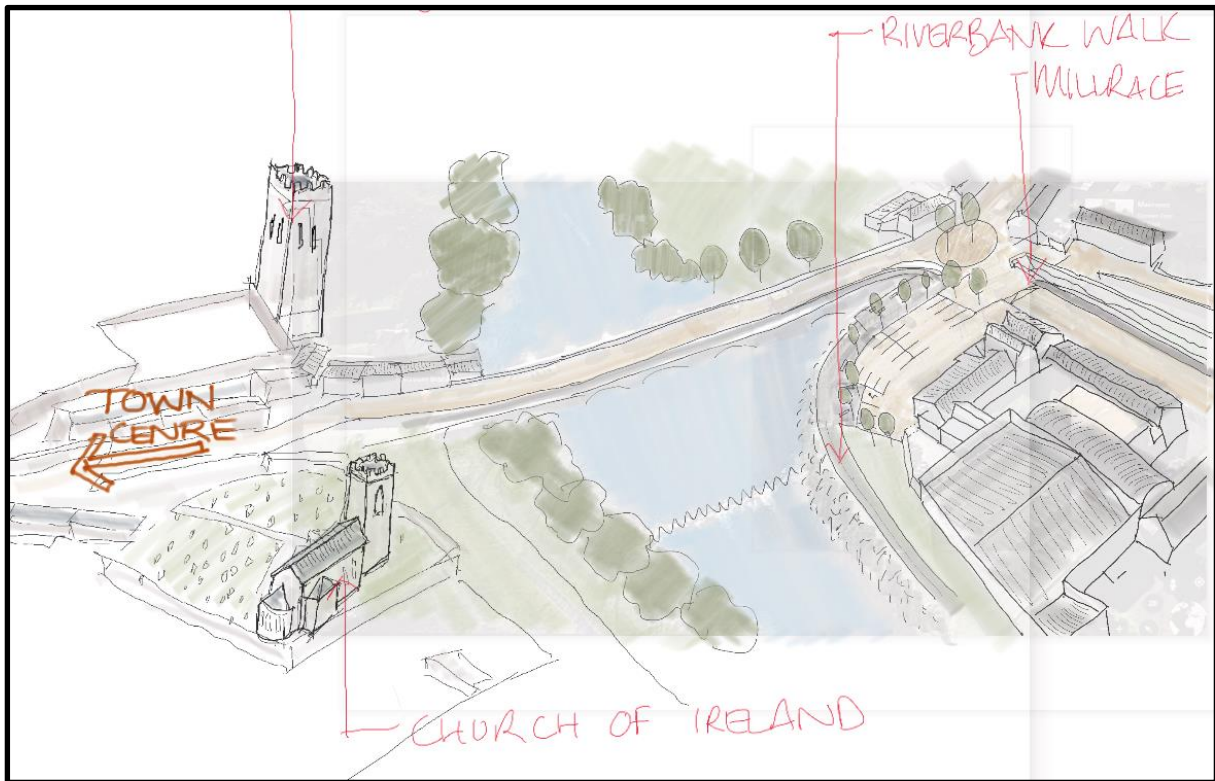
(c) Mill Dam Masseytown & Church of Ireland Project

On 6th January 2022 the Department of Rural & Community Development announced funding under the Rural Regeneration Development Programme (RRDF). This funding, under the RRDF, is being invested in projects that will rejuvenate town centres, drive economic growth and footfall, combat dereliction, develop pedestrian zones and outdoor spaces and boost tourism in Rural Ireland.

Funding of €395,000 has been granted to the development project for Macroom which will support employment and careers in rural areas and revitalise the town.

Cork County Council will lead the delivery of this project for Macroom extending from the Church of Ireland Building Castle Street to Mill Dam / Masseytown through public realm renewal and the development of a future vision for the disused vacant former Church of Ireland Building. The project will incorporate the repurposing and development of the vacant, unused prominent Church of Ireland building, Castle Street Macroom back into a flexible community, heritage & commercial outlet, together with the sustainable regeneration of key public realm area to revitalise Macroom Town Centre.

This project will develop plans to revitalize the centre of Macroom, including the public realm interventions that will enhance footfall and improve accessibility and the development of a future vision for a prominent derelict heritage property in the centre of the town.



4. Village Enhancement Scheme 2021 – Update

The 2021 Village Enhancement Scheme was divided into 2 projects:

- Installation of Speed Safety Measures
- Village Enhancements to Clondrohid Village

The installation of the speed safety measures have been completed and installed in the following locations:

- 1) **Kilmichael** - one sign on each approach along the R-587 – total of 2 signs
- 2) **Kilumney** – one sign on western approach - total of 1 sign
- 3) **Crookstown** – one sign on the R585 approach from Beal na Blath towards the village and one sign on the R-585 when travelling west between the Bandon junction and the grotto.
- 4) **Ballydaly** – R582 - 2 no. signs
- 5) **Stuake** – L-2759 - 2 no signs
- 6) **Dripsey** – R618 - 1 no. Sign (eastern approach to the Village)



Completed speed safety signage at Ballydaly

The village enhancements to Clondrohid were agreed with the local groups and are continuing.

Improvement works include the following:

- Improvement works to area adjacent to community creche / GAA pitches – drainage, tarmac, lining
- Planting & seating throughout the village

Works to the set down area has been almost completed with the remainder of the project due to be completed in Q1 2022.



5. Macroom Playground Refurbishment

The newly refurbished playground at Sleaven Macroom has been highly commended and is a great asset to the town. The Cork County Mayor, Cllr Gillian Coughlan will officially launch this playground with soft launch on Tuesday 8th February 2022.

6. 2022 Community Fund

We are currently accepting applications for the 2022 Community Fund. Applications for the Fund can be made through the Council's website at www.corkcoco.ie or www.yourcouncil.ie. Guidelines, maps of the MDs and forms are all available on the online portal.

Budget 2022 has allocated Macroom Municipal District a General Municipal Allocation of €197,253 which is maintaining the 2021 allocation.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to make their applications online through either of the above portals.

The closing date for applications is **4.00 pm on Tuesday 15th February 2022.**

7. 2022 Town Development Fund

Budget 2022 allocated €98,000 to Macroom Municipal District for the Town Development Fund which is also maintaining 2021 allocation.

The overriding purpose of the TDF is to support initiatives which are targeted at assisting with the economic development of the main towns in the MD i.e. Macroom and Millstreet.

Applications under this Fund will be considered as part of the 2022 Community Fund.

8. 2022 Village Enhancement Scheme (VES)

Budget 2022 has allocated €68,750 to the Village Enhancement Scheme (formerly Village Enhancement Fund) which is the same amount as the 2021 allocation.

Under this Scheme the following villages can now be considered :

Ballingeary	Inchigeelagh
Ballymakeera / Ballyvourney	Kilnamatyra
Coachford	Kilmurry
Killumney / Ovens	Model Village (Dripsey)
Aherla	Rylane / Seiscne
Aghabullogue	Stuake / Donoughmore
Cloughduv	Ballinora
Clondrohid	Aubane
Crookstown	Coppeen
Dripsey	Kilmichael

Since this Scheme was introduced the following villages has benefitted from it:

2017 Ballingeary + Ballinora/Waterfall (under Ballincollig/Carrigaline MD)

2018 Grenagh (now under Kanturk/Mallow MD)

2019 Killumney

2020 Rylane

2021 Clondrohid + Speed Safety Measures

Members will now decide on the village to be allocated funding through this Scheme. Accordingly, proposals for the 2022 allocation will be brought before the Members at a future Municipal District Meeting for consideration.

9. Dereliction Programme

As of 31 December 2021, the following properties in the Macroom Municipal District are currently placed on the Derelict Sites Register:

- Property at Bridewell Lane, Macroom
- Property at Duggan's Lane, Macroom
- Site at Lios na Fe, Gurteenroe, Macroom
- Property at New Street, Macroom
- Property at Cloughoula, Millstreet
- Property at Mill Lane, Millstreet
- Lee Valley Inn, Dripsey

Following site inspections in Macroom and Millstreet, a number of additional properties have been identified for consideration as derelict sites under the Dereliction Programme. Over the next period of time, it is intended to engage with the owners of these properties, where this can be established.

Updates on this programme will issue quarterly.

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