

Macroom Municipal District Officer's Report

24th March 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 - €131,792.55
- 2021 - € 65,402.00

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 - €54,700

3. 2022 Community Fund Scheme – Approval of Applications

A total of 77 applications were received by the Macroom MD in respect of the 2022 Community Fund Scheme. The total value of applications received was €1,406,625 while the overall budget for the Community Fund 2022 is €197,253.

A listing of all applications deemed eligible and recommended for approval by the elected members of the Macroom Municipal District is set out in a separate document as an appendix to this report and will be provided at the MD meeting on Thursday 24th March 2022.

4. Capital Projects – Updates

(a) Briery Gap Project

The contractor is continuing with the demolition works. Roof and timber floor removal continues. The shell of the building is now visible to the public. These works are due to be completed by early April. Temporary steels have been installed.

(b) Béal na mBláth Project

The Section 38 documents have been approved by the Director of Roads. The project is progressing well with the main works due to be carried out in the area during the months of May, June and July.

5. Historic Maps for Macroom & Millstreet

The historic maps for Macroom & Millstreet have both been completed and finalised. A launch of both maps will take place in the coming weeks. These maps will then be available locally from the Council offices, Macroom & Millstreet libraries, Millstreet museum etc.

These maps were commissioned through the County Archaeologist's Office with significant input from local volunteers & historians through Macroom Tidy Towns group & Millstreet Tidy Towns group. A big thank you to all involved in the preparation of these maps and we look forward to them being a very useful tool for those exploring the history of our two wonderful towns.

6. Clár 2022

The CLÁR Scheme for 2022 has been launched by the DRCD. This scheme makes provision for small scale infrastructural projects in rural areas. It promotes sustainable development and it aims to attract people to live and work in the areas it covers.

There is a 25% National increase in funding for 2022, bringing the allocation to €7m, and it covers the following measures:

Measure 1: Developing Community Facilities & Amenities

Measure 2: Mobility, Cancer Care & Community First Responders Transport

Measure 3: "Our Islands"

Measure 1 - administered through the local authority and can be applied for by the Council in consultation with groups in local communities.

Measures 2 & 3 - to be submitted directly to the Department by the applicant.

Measure 1 :

The updated Measure 1 will support a variety of capital interventions that contribute to the enhancement of existing, and/or the development of new, accessible Community Recreation Facilities. Applications can also include small scale renovation works to community facilities. A list of the types of interventions are included in the Scheme guidelines.

Forms & guidelines are available on the Council's website or on request by calling the office. The closing date for submission of expressions of interest is **4.00 pm on Friday 25th March 2022.**

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 is being undertaken in local media to highlight these additional pay parking zones.

8. Funding from The Heritage Council for St Colman's Church

Under the Historic Towns Initiative 2022, funding of €215,847 has been granted for works at St Colman's Church (former Church of Ireland Building) Macroom. This funding will cover the cost of emergency works to save the building from further deterioration and allow it to be developed as a resource for the town in the future. This project is one of 13 projects sharing a fund of €1.75 m in grant aid to heritage led regeneration initiatives as outlined by the Minister.

9. St Patrick's Day

Both Macroom Town Hall & Millstreet Carnegie Hall were greenlit for the period leading into the celebration of St Patrick's Day. In solidarity with Ukraine, the Town Hall has also been lit in blue & yellow as can be seen below.



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