

Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Floor 2, County Hall, Cork on Friday 27th November 2020

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. E. Lynch and seconded by Cllr. M. Looney the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 30th October, 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
Cllr. Lucey expressed his frustration at the reluctance of Eir to carry out the necessary works on the bridge. He requested that the CEO of Eir is contacted for a timeline of when the work will be carried out. Cllr. Coughlan supported his request. Cllr. Moynihan suggested that TII should also be contacted. It was agreed to write to both Eir and TII.
- (b) Church of Ireland, Macroom
- (c) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom
- (d) Bus Depot, Macroom
No update
- (e) Town Park Gates – Yellow Box
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that the bollards would be going up during the week. Cllr. Coughlan suggested getting collapsible bollards. J. Dwyer, SEE said he would investigate
- (f) Castleview Cross
No update
- (g) Widening of Junction at Millstreet Cross, Macroom
- (h) Casey's Road – Speed Survey Carried out?
J. Dwyer, SEE said the speed survey was carried out and he had a meeting with the residents.

- (i) Bridge in Killumney
J. Dwyer, SEE said it was planned to put up signage
- (j) Pole at New Bridge – not lighting since January
J. Dwyer, SEE said that Airtricity have been requested to replace the lights
- (k) Teereeven, Lissarda – Trees need to be cut back
J. Dwyer, SEE said he was in the process of contacting the landowners

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Morrison’s Bridge – Wall in a very bad state
P. O’Sullivan, EE said there was a delay getting guard rails installed.
- (b) Terelton – L85140 – bad condition
J. Dwyer, SEE said that patching has been carried out
- (c) Clondrohid – Road half way between Clondrohid Village and the Bell Inn – very rough
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it was planned to send the velocity patcher there next week.
- (d) Mount Cross – Millstreet Road, Macroom - any works proposed
J. Dwyer, SEE it is on the Low Cost Safety Schemes list of proposals for 2021.
- (e) Carriganimna – Bridge Wall Falling
P. O’Sullivan, EE said we will look to get it included in the 2021 Bridge Contract
- (f) Road at Pike Cross – work not Finished
J. Dwyer, SEE said that Chevron signs are to be erected at this location.

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Matehy School – Amber Lights
P. O’Sullivan, EE said that retention sockets will need to be installed at an agreed location.

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) CLÁR Announcements – Dromleigh National School
In response to Cllr. Moynihan, M. O’Leary, MDO confirmed that they were unsuccessful.
- (b) Kilmicheal Junction
J. Dwyer, SEE said they were looking at other options.
- (c) Council Car Park at O’Riada’s Macroom – Stainless Steel Fence – Update
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would request an update from the RDO.
- (d) Project ACT – Installation of Wheelchair Access Seating
M. O’Leary, MDO confirmed that one such seat will be installed in the canopy Middle Square Macroom before Christmas with the other seat to be installed in the canopy at the Square Millstreet in the New Year.

- (e) Irish Water – Request to Attend Meeting
M. O’Leary, MDO said that Irish Water have confirmed that any meeting that would take place would be held on Teams but she had no date as of yet.
- (f) Resurfacing Works – Reinaree – when will they be finished
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that the works will be completed in the coming week.
- (g) Ballymakeera Interim Flood Mitigation Works – Part 8 Planning
M. O’Leary, MDO said she would have an update for the next meeting.

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Speed Survey – Signs for Dripsey
Cllr. Lynch mentioned that Dripsey had funding to cover half the cost of a driver feedback sign, and queried if the Council would provide the remaining funding? Pat O’Sullivan, EE said he would consider it
- (b) Age Friendly Town Programme
No update
- (c) Coachford Footpath – Pedestrian Crossing
Cllr. Lynch queried if temporary measures could be put in place and outlined that there is increased footfall in the area. P. O’Sullivan, EE said he would talk to the RDO.
- (d) Rylane East – Clonmoyle – could patching be carried out in the short term
P. O’Sullivan, EE said this is on the Programme of Works
- (e) Aghabullogue School – Gates open onto the Road – Possible to erect a barrier
P. O’Sullivan, EE agreed to meet with Cllr. Lynch & the School Principal at an agreed date in Aghabullogue to discuss

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

(a) Municipal District Officer Report

Members noted the Report

- Project ARCC – A Real Cork Christmas
Cllr. Moynihan suggested virtually switching on the Christmas lights in both Macroom and Millstreet. It was outlined that a recording of the turning on of Macroom’s Christmas lights is being organized by the LVEB & will be available on social media. N. Radley, SEO outlined that photos of Christmas trees & installations in the MD will be on our social media in recognition of all the hard work communities had put into them.
- Pop Up Arts & Crafts Exhibitions
Cllr. Moynihan said ‘pop up’ Arts and Crafts Exhibitions were being held in Mallow and queried if there were any planned for Macroom. M. O’Leary, MDO said they were not in place for this year but would be looked at for future years.

- Project ACT – Mural Project
Cllr. Moynihan suggested putting a QR Code Scanner under the mural which would give information about it and which would also direct you on to the Cork County Council website.
- Clár Fund 2020 – Ballinagree
Cllr. Moynihan welcomed the funding received from Clár.
- General Municipal Allocation
Cllr. Looney, on behalf of Donoghmore GAA & Inniscarra Community Council thanked Cork County Council for the funding they received.

(b) Part 8 Development – Lands at Knocknagoun, Rylane.

The alteration to the existing cottage and construction of an extension to provide a four bedroom dwelling

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. T. Lucey
Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. E. Lynch

(c) Christmas Parking Arrangements for Macroom

M. O’Leary, MDO recommended the following:

2 Hours Free Parking from 1st December to 31st December 2020
Normal Restrictions Apply

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. T. Lucey
Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. M. Creed

(d) Discretionary Grant Applications 2020

| Group/Organisation | Brief Description of Request |
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| Students of Youth Reach Macroom | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of materials for the painting of local shop fronts |
| Total | €300 |

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

**4. DÍOL TALÚN
Disposal of Property**

Disposal of freehold title at Curraghwaddra, Coachford, Co Cork to Alan Hart and Pauline Hart, Curraghwaddra, Coachford, Co Cork (leaseholders of land subject of disposal) for a consideration of €1 plus discharge of Council’s costs.

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

Iarr ar an Comharlie Contae Chrocaí tuarascáil a chur ar fáil maidir le cruth an mbothair ag Coolcower í Maigh Chromtha and an plean tatá ag an Ofig Bothair Chorcaí do.

That Cork County Council (Cork Roads Office) would furnish a report on the present status of the N22 road by Coolcower Macroom. (Including present status and future plans for resurfacing this section of road).

D'aithin an Bonneagar Iompair Éireann (TII) an mhír den N22 i gCúil Chomhair mar áit a n-éilíonn neartú agus athdhromchlú pábhála. Thug Uisce Éireann le fios go raibh gá leis na hoibreacha phríomhphóbán uisce agus go gcuirfí i gcrích iad in 2019 i gceantar Chúil Chomhair.

Níos luaithe i mbliana, thug Uisce Éireann le fios dúinn go raibh maoiniú ana-íseal ina mBuiséad Caipitil agus nach rachadh go leor tionscadal mar an ceann sin i gCúil Chomhair chun cinn in 2020. Ní dócha go leanfar le neartú agus athdhromchlú na gcosán mura réitítear an tsaincheist seo in Uisce Éireann.

Bob O'Shea, Innealtóir Sinsearach
Oifig Náisiúnta na mBóithre

The Coolcower Section of the N22 was identified by TII as requiring pavement strengthening and resurfacing. Irish Water indicated that the watermain works were required and would be completed in 2019 in the Coolcower area.

Earlier this year, Irish Water indicated to us that their Capital Budget was very low in funding and that many projects like Coolcower would not progress in 2020. The pavement strengthening and resurfacing is unlikely to proceed unless the Irish Water issue is resolved.

Bob O'Shea, S/Senior Engineer
National Roads Office

Cllr. Moynihan expressed her frustration at the lack of clarity by Irish Water as regards their plans for works to be carried out from Coolcower to Coachford Cross, Macroom. She outlined its very bad state of repair and requested that Bob O'Shea S/Senior Engineer be asked for more definite clarification on what their plans for 2021 as this issue needs to be resolved as soon as possible.

Following a query from Cllr. Moynihan on costs of temporary repairs, J. Dwyer, SEE outlined that such costs could be considerable. Following another query from Cllr. Coughlan, J. Dwyer, SEE said that TII allocate funding for general maintenance repairs.

It was agreed by all the Members to write to Bob O'Shea, S/Senior Engineer.

6. Vóta Comhgairdeas
Votes of Congratulations
N/A

7. Vóta Combhróin
Votes of Condolences

- Niall Healy, Director of Services, M.D. Ops. & Rural Development on the recent bereavement of his parents, Con and Nora Healy, RIP
- Sharon Corcoran, Director of Services, Economic Dev., Ent. & Tourism on the recent bereavement of her mother Eithne Corcoran, RIP

8. AON GHNÓ EILE
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Toames - up the hill by the old creamery – road in bad state
J. Dwyer, SEE said this is on the programme of works for 2021
- (b) Barrier in Carrigaphooca
J. Dwyer, SEE said he has no date as of yet when it will be repaired
- (c) Road in Ardeen – down by Dangansillagh – collapsing on both sides

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Inniscarra – GAA Pitch down to Community Centre – Signage
P. O’Sullivan, EE to investigate
- (b) Ballygirriha Cross – Kerry Road – Dangerous Junction
- (c) Bridgestown – Drainage Problem
P. O’Sullivan, EE said that temporary drainage works were carried out
- (d) Berrings towards yellow house towards Ballyanly - Drainage

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Drishane Road, Millstreet – Overhanging Trees – Whose responsibility is it?
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will investigate
- (b) The Lawn Housing Estate, Macroom – Are the lights Taken in Charge?
M. O’Leary, MDO said she would check with Airtricity
- (c) Ovens – Overgrown grass on the verge
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is hoped to put in a footpath in that area next year
- (d) Flooding in Coachford – O’Callaghans Pub
P. O’Sullivan, EE outlined that there is an issue with a culvert. An open drain was created and this seems to be working well.

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Works on the Monument in Millstreet
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will be meeting with the contractor and will put a programme in place.

- (b) Water Treatment Plant in Kimumney Ovens – Update from Irish Water
M. O’Leary, MDO said she has had no response to date but will issue a reminder.
- (c) Bealafinnane Bridge Works – Update
J. Dwyer, SEE said that works have not started yet but will get an update for the next meeting.
- (d) Farran – Speed Limit Sign –Eastern side of Village
- (e) Briery Gap – Update on Tenders
N. Radley, SEO said she would email the Members once she had an update.

Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Carpark by the Council Yard – Put a higher ramp by Kellehers Garage
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would investigate

Councillor Martin Coughlan

- (a) Lighting at the Bridge in Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE said that there is a problem with the LED system and that Airtricity were sourcing replacement parts

Marie O’Leary, MDO

- (a) Date of December 2020 Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. Creed, seconded by Cllr. Looney and agreed by all the Members not to hold a meeting in December.

Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú

This concluded the business of the meeting

Martin Coughlan
CATHAÓIRLEACH

22/01/2021
DÁTA

Marie O’Leary
OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH

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