

## Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District held virtually on MS Teams on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

**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. T. Lucey and seconded by Cllr. G. Moynihan the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 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 outlined that he had received correspondence from Eir and now wishes to progress this matter as quickly as possible. J. Dwyer, SEE said that this is a complex job but added that TII and Eir are working together to find a solution but that it will take time to resolve.
- (b) Church of Ireland, Macroom
- (c) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom
- (d) Bus Depot, Macroom  
No update
- (e) Castlevue Cross  
No update
- (f) Widening of Junction at Millstreet Cross, Macroom
- (g) Bridge in Killumney  
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed signs will be erected in the coming weeks.
- (h) N22 Coolcower, Macroom – Road Condition  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that €50,000 has been allocated by TII to carry out emergency repair works. He said that it is hoped that works will begin within two weeks commencing at the filling station.

### **Councillor Michael Creed**

- (a) Morrison's Bridge – Wall in a very bad state  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he had no update at present. However, he outlined that the bridge is safe, with uprights and temporary hoarding in place.
- (b) Terelton – L85140 – bad condition  
J. Dwyer, SEE to investigate
- (c) Clondrohid – Road half way between Clondrohid Village and the Bell Inn – very rough  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said velocity patcher is due there in the next week or so.
- (d) Road at Pike Cross – work not Finished  
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is planned to erect chevron signs at this location.
- (e) Barrier in Carrigaphooca  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he has no update
- (f) Road in Ardeen – down by Dangansillagh – collapsing on both sides  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he would investigate

### **Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Kilmichael Junction  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he is putting together proposals but was finding it challenging coming up with a solution.
- (b) Council Car Park at O'Riada's Macroom – Stainless Steel Fence – Update  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the fence was being manufactured but there is a hold up due to current COVID19 restrictions.
- (c) Project ACT – Installation of Wheelchair Access Seating  
Cllr. Moynihan queried when the seating would be installed in Millstreet. P. O'Sullivan, EE said it was proposed to install the seating at the monument but postpone this until the works due to be carried out on the monument are completed later in the year. In response to Cllr. Moynihan's query regarding an update on the monument works, he said due to current COVID 19 restrictions it was not possible to meet the Contractor.
- (d) N22 Section at Coolcower, Macroom  
Cllr. Moynihan said she welcomed the funding from TII to carry out the temporary works.  
  
Regarding the watermain works due to be carried out by Irish Water, it was proposed by Cllr. Moynihan and seconded by Cllr. Lucey to write to Irish Water for clarification on when works will begin.
- (e) Bealafinnane Bridge Works  
J. Dwyer, SEE outlined that he understood from the last contact with ESBI that a contractor has been appointed but doesn't have any more detail on it.  
  
It was proposed by Cllr. Moynihan and seconded by Cllr. Lynch to write to ESBI for an update on works.
- (f) Briery Gap Project – Update on Tenders  
N. Radley, SEO outlined that the Briery Gap Project is currently advertised on eTenders since 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

### **Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Age Friendly Town Programme  
M. O'Leary, MDO said that Millstreet Community Council, in consultation with other local groups are presently looking at priorities for Millstreet.
- (b) Coachford Footpath – Pedestrian Crossing  
No update
- (c) Rylane East – Clonmoyle – could patching be carried out in the short term  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it is hoped to carry out works next week
- (d) Drishane Road, Millstreet – Overhanging Trees  
No update
- (e) Ovens – Overgrown grass on the verge  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that a footpath can be put in from the Link Road to the Garage and then from the Garage towards Beverley. However, a footpath from Beverley to Grange Manor could prove challenging. An NTA application for funding is currently being prepared.
- (f) Flooding in Coachford – Main Street  
Cllr. Lynch queried if there were any plans to resolve the flooding problem in the main street. P. O'Sullivan, EE said there was a historic problem with flooding. He said there is no quick fix but that he plans to meet with Irish Water to discuss the works that are currently being undertaken in the village.

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

#### **(a) Municipal District Officer Report**

Members noted the Report

#### **Councillor Michael Creed**

- 2021 Village Enhancement Scheme (VES)  
Cllr Creed welcomed the allocation of €68,750 towards the Scheme.

Cllr. Creed said that as Carriganimna was not eligible under this Scheme he enquired how they could get funding to carry out works. M. O'Leary, MDO said if there was any local group interested they could apply under the Community Fund Scheme 2021. The closing date for receipt of applications is 4.00 pm on Friday 19th February 2020.

#### **Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- General Municipal Allocation  
Cllr. Lynch queried how long groups had to draw down their money  
M. O'Leary, MDO outlined that if any groups were having difficulty getting their project finished an extension of time can be applied for to enable them to complete the works.

- NeighbourWood Scheme  
In response to Cllr. Lynch's query regarding 85% funding received from the Dept of Agriculture, Food & the Marine, M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed that Tidy Towns will contribute the remainder of the funding.

**Nicola Radley, SEO**

- Mill Dam, Masseytown  
N. Radley, SEO outlined that following consultation with the Architects' Department, an architect will be assigned to create an overall plan for that area.

**Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

- NeighbourWood Scheme  
In response to Cllr. Moynihan, M. O'Leary, MDO acknowledged that even though the funding is small it is very welcome and outlined that it is proposed to use it for signage and planting in the area.
- Pollinator Plan - Update  
M. O'Leary, MDO said she was waiting on a draft plan, which would include the Fairy Garden and that she hopes to have an update for the next meeting.
- 2021 Village Enhancement Scheme (VES)  
Following a query from Cllr. Moynihan on villages such as Renairee not being included in the listing, M. O'Leary outlined that the villages included in list come from the County Development Plan & Local Area Plan which has a listing of "key villages" & "villages" for each area.

M. O'Leary, MDO outlined that it has been agreed by all Members to assign a portion of the 2021 Village Enhancement Fund for speed safety measures to a number of villages throughout the Municipal District.

**(b) Discretionary Grant Applications 2020**

<b>Group/Organisation</b>	<b>Brief Description of Request</b>
<b>Inniscarra Active Retired Group</b>	In order to extend the range of activities offered , the following are required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music Centre</li> <li>• Cooking Utensils</li> <li>• PE Equipment</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>€300</b>

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. E. Lynch  
 Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. M. Looney

#### 4. CHUN NA RUIN SEO LEANAS ÓN GCOMHAIRLEOIR A MHEAS:

To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of:

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

1. **Íarr ar an Comhairle Contae Chorcaí tuarascáil a chur ar fail maidir le crut an mbothair ag an crois í dTuaim bothair L3421.**

**That Cork County Council would furnish a report on the present status of the road surface at the junction L3421 Toames (Horgans Yard).**

*Tá Comhairle Contae Chorcaí ag fanacht fé láthair ar na leithdháiltí bóithre neamhnáisiúnta do 2021. Ag brath ar mhaoiniú a bheith ar fáil tá sé beartaithe go gcuirfear an t-acomhal thuasluaite san áireamh i gclár athdhromchlú 2021.*

*Cork County Council is currently awaiting the non-national road allocations for 2021. Subject to funding being made available it is intended that the above junction will be included in the 2021 resurfacing programme.*

James Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer, Macroom Area Office

Cllr. Moynihan welcomed the report and said she hoped that the funding will be provided.

2. **Go scoileann an Comhairle an tuairisc is deanaí faoin uasghrádu atá le tarlú ar an transrian síogach í mBaile Mhíc Íre**

**That this Council will furnish an update on the zebra crossing upgrade due at Baile Mhíc Íre.**

*Tuairiscíonn oifig shábháilteachta tráchta BIÉ gur iarr siad ar chruinniú le hInnealtóir Sábháilteachta ar Bhóithre Réigiúnacha BIÉ chun leithdháiltí agus tosaíochtaí don bhliain a leagan amach agus gur cheart go dtarlódh sé sin an tseachtain seo chugainn nó mar sin. Tá dul chun cinn na n-oibreacha sin ag brath ar an maoiniú agus na hacmhainní atá ar fáil.*

*TII's traffic safety office reports that they have requested a meeting with TII's Regional Road Safety Engineer to set out allocations and priorities for the year and that should happen over the next week or so. The progression of those works are dependent on available funding and resources.*

James Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer, Macroom Area Office

Cllr. Moynihan said that at present approaching vehicles do not realise that there is a pedestrian crossing. She suggested raising the pedestrian crossing (ramp version) and moving it closer to the village. J. Dwyer, SEE said he is not aware of the design details but would pass on Cllr. Moynihan's suggestions.

Cllr. Creed agreed that it was a dangerous crossing and suggested installing signage.

**5. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS**  
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Cllr. Moynihan congratulated the Baile Mhuirne knitting & crafting group who have knit blankets & hats and donated them to the CUMH neo natal unit. She asked that a letter of congratulations be sent to them.

**6. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN**  
VOTES OF CONDOLENCES

- Pat Crowley, District Supervisor, Macroom Area Office on the recent bereavement of his mother Sheila, RIP

**7. AON GHNÓ EILE**  
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Footpaths – Model Village Dripsey  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it is planned to carry out footpath repairs in Millview and O’Mahony Tce. In response to Cllr. Lynch regarding when the works will be carried out, he said it was impossible to give an exact time at the minute.
- (b) Priests Cross, Millstreet – Lights - Update  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he would check with Public Lighting
- (c) Aghabullogue – L67703 – Road Condition  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will investigate
- (d) Lee Valley Inn, Dripsey – Update  
M. O’Leary, MDO said she will check on this.
- (e) Station Road, Dripsey  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said that temporary works will be carried out with the hope of it being put in the 2023 Roads Programme.
- (f) Bridgetown, Cloghroe  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said there is a lot of surface water in the area and there is no quick solution to the problem. It will cost in the region of €40,000 to lay a pipe to the City Boundary. We will need to agree the outfall with the City Engineer and he is aware of the issue.

**Councillor Michael Creed**

- (a) Terelton – L8502-3 – Road Condition
- (b) Clondrohid to the Bell Inn  
P. O’Sullivan, EE confirmed that this road will be included on this year’s Surface Dressing Programme.
- (c) Kellehers Oil to the Clondrohid Village – Potholes  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he was aware of them

- (d) Cushloura into Carriganimna – Drain cutting away the Road – Trucks getting stuck  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will investigate.
- (e) Mount Cross to Bell Inn  
Cllr. Creed said after heavy rain there is a lot of water on the road and queried if gullies could be opened. P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will investigate.

**Councillor Ted Lucey**

- (a) Playground, Sleaveen, Macroom  
Cllr. Lucey said the playground is getting old and queried if it could be modernised.
- (b) Main Road from Macroom to Ballinagree – temporary barriers on the Road (part of N22 Bypass works)  
Cllr. Lucey said the temporary barriers on the road are making it very narrow. He outlined that there is very little room for cars to pass and two trucks meeting would have difficulty passing each other.
- (c) Ballyvarrane Road – Very Narrow
- (d) New Bridge that was constructed as part of the N22 Bypass over the bridge coming from Coachford to Macroom  
Cllr. Lucey said as a result of the newly built bridge the area has become very dark when approaching it and enquired if signage could be erected to alert people.
- (e) Crookstown – Bandon Road – Trees on the left-hand side  
J. Dwyer, SEE to investigate

**Councillor Michael Looney**

- (a) Speed Actuation Signs- Batteries being Stolen  
Cllr. Looney queried if there was any way of hiding the batteries. He said the theft of these batteries is becoming a huge problem.
- (b) Flooding at Blairs Inn & Bridgetown – from the Grotto to Ballyanly, past Berrings
- (c) Ballygirriha Cross from Donoughmore – Dangerous Junction  
P. O'Sullivan, EE to investigate
- (d) Inniscara Boating Centre -Yellow Line to stop parking  
P. O'Sullivan, EE to investigate
- (e) Inniscarra Community Centre – Road Marking at entry

**James Dwyer, SEE**

Proposed Section 38 for Pedestrian Crossing at Grange Road, Kilmoney, Co. Cork

Members noted the report.

Cllr. Moynihan queried if this was available online and will the public be able to make a submission. J. Dwyer, SEE replied that he will look into this.

Following a query from Cllr. Moynihan J. Dwyer outlined that they were looking at cycling routes.

In response to Cllr. Lucey, J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that there were bus stops on both sides of the road.

**Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú**

**This concluded the business of the meeting**

Martin Coughlan  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**

26/02/2021  
**DÁTA**

Maura Sheany  
**OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH**

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