

Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District held in Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroom, Co. Cork on Friday 28th February 2020

Present/I láthair: Cllrs. Michael Looney (Cathaoirleach), Martin Coughlan, Gobnait Moynihan, Eileen Lynch, Ted Lucey & Michael Creed

Attendance/Tinreámh: 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

REFURBISHMENT OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

Cllr. Looney welcomed all present to the newly refurbished Chamber and complimented the works that were carried out and all those involved in the revamp. He outlined that it has really brightened up the space and looked forward to working in this new space.

1. DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. E. Lynch and seconded by Cllr. G. Moynihan the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 24th January 2020 having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Municipal District Officer.

NITHE ATÁ TAGTHA CHUN CINN MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Ballyvourney to Killarney Road – lag on road
Cllr. Moynihan expressed her gratitude that the works have been completed.
- (b) Clara Road, Millstreet - infill section of footpath
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the Footpath Contract was going out for tender at the end of next month and that this section would be included.
- (c) Ovens School – pedestrian crossing – update
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is planned to carry out lining works and that the ESB connection is outstanding
- (d) Hermitage Estate, Macroom (*inadvertently referred to Ros Alainn at the January 2020 Meeting*) – path to water tank at top of estate is overgrown
J. Dwyer, SEE to investigate

Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Castleview Cross and Bridge in Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE said that these have already been raised with TII and that they are aware of the issues.

It was proposed by Cllr. Lucey and seconded by Cllr. Creed to write to TII.

- (b) Dog Control Bylaws
Ongoing
- (c) Post Office, Macroom
No update
- (d) Church of Ireland, Macroom
M. O'Leary, MDO said that at present The Briery Gap is taking priority.

Cllr. Coughlan suggested meeting with the Lee Valley Enterprise Board.
- (e) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom
- (f) Bus Depot, Macroom
M. O'Leary, MDO said that correspondence had been received from Bus Eireann where they confirmed they are proposing to undertake an urgent assessment of the required works and will revert when completed.
- (g) Filter Light coming out of Masseytown heading towards Killarney
J. Dwyer, SEE said he could not see this working as priority would be given to a side road off the N22. However, he said he would discuss same with the TII.

Cllr. Lucey queried if an area of the pedestrian crossings in Masseytown could be raised in order to slow down traffic. J. Dwyer, SEE said he would investigate.
- (h) Bridge in Killumney
J. Dwyer, SEE said there was no issue with the bridge but that length restrictions could be imposed on large vehicles.

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Briery Gap – Update
N. Radley, SEO said it is hoped to go to tender in April and once a Contactor is appointed work should begin in September.
- (b) Terelton – school speed warning signs
J. Dwyer, SEE said the signs have been ordered.
- (c) Ballingeary School – car park
No Update
- (d) Caherbarrine Road (coming onto main Macroom/Millstreet road) – bad state
No Update
- (e) Curragh Bridge, Ballingeary – blocks falling off the bridge
J. Dwyer, SEE said that this is not a straight forward job and there would be a considerable amount of work involved. He said it is something that will be considered for future works.

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Lee Valley Pub, Dripsey – update
M. O'Leary, MDO said she has written to the owners and was awaiting a reply.
- (b) Courtbrack Village – New Housing Development coming from Blarney – signage/road lining
No Update

- (c) Lyons Terrace, Coachford – walls crumbling
J. Dwyer, SEE said the block work will be restored
- Cllr. Lynch said at the back of the houses in Lyons Terrace, Coachford there was an access lane in poor condition queried ownership. J. Dwyer, SEE said he would investigate.
- (d) Fr. Patrick Sheehan Place, Coachford (behind Coachford school) - lack of parking
No Update
- (e) Dripsey Cross to Model Village at Feeneys Pub – gully on a height – water gathers at the cross
No Update

Councillor Martin Coughlan

- (a) Correction of January Minutes
Kilmurry Cemetery – overgrown branches
Cllr. Coughlan said that branches were growing over the walls into the cemetery. J. Dwyer, SEE to investigate.
- (b) O’Riadas Carpark, Macroom – bank falling into the river
Cllr. Coughlan said that the entrance needs to be upgraded as the trees at the entrance are breaking up the stonework. N. Radley, SEO said that it is planned to have a complete redesign for that area and that the entrance could be incorporated into the plan. J. Dwyer, SEE said that the tenders are due back at the end of March.
- (c) New Part of St. Colman’s Cemetery, Macroom – dumping of soil – unsightly
Cllr. Coughlan said that there are 10/12 sheets of plywood on the workmans hut and this looks unsightly and that one corner is holding water.
- (d) Coachford Junction, Macroom – cars coming from the city and turning right over the bridge – very dangerous
J. Dwyer, SEE said that a sign has been ordered.

2. BREITHNIÚCHÁIN AR THUAIRISCÍ AGUS MOLTAÍ CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Municipal District Officer Report**
Members noted the Report
- **Village Enhancement Scheme (VES)**
It was proposed by Cllr. Lynch, seconded by Cllr. Moynihan and agreed by all the Members that the VES allocation for 2020 is allocated to Rylane.
- **Pride of Place**
Members noted the Report

3. DÍOL TALÚN DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

Disposal of land as contained in Folio CK9533 (Property no. 2) at Cooleclevane, Kilmichael, Macroom, Co Cork.

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

**4. VOTA COMBHRÓIN
VOTES OF CONDOLENCES**

Bill Barry, RIP formally of Macroom Tidy Towns

Cllr. Coughlan offered his condolences to the Barry family. He said that Bill was a great community man and he would be very much missed.

**5. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

Irish Planning Institute - 2019/2020 Irish Planning Awards

Cllr. Moynihan congratulated Cork County Council on winning the national "Planning and Economic Development" Award for their Heritage Plan for the Múscaí Gaeltacht region, Plean Oidhreachta Mhúscaí.

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

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Bridge in Aubane
P. O'Sullivan, EE said that an inspection was carried out and confirmed that the bridge is structurally sound.
- (b) Monument in the Square, Millstreet
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it was proving difficult to get quotations. He said that the Monument Committee could apply to the Heritage Unit for a grant. Signage to removed and new sign to be erected.
- (c) Dromcarra to GAA ground – Bog Road – Very bad
- (d) Foyle Road – Top of Coom
J. Dwyer, SEE said the commencement date of the works was dependant on the weather and that once started should take two weeks approximately to complete.
- (e) Kilnagurteen – Speed Signs

Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Coolehane Road, Macroom - Road Closure
J. Dwyer, SEE said the road closure has been withdrawn – has been delayed for 4-5 weeks.
- (b) Japanese Knotweed
J. Dwyer, SEE asked the Members to contact him if they were aware of any areas that needed attention.
- (c) GAA Pitch, Coachford – Water backing up
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he would raise this issue with Irish Water

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Cllr. Creed outlined the following roads which need immediate attention:
- Bog Road
 - Toon Road – Toonsbridge
 - Inchigeelagh – Gorthurtig to Johnstown
 - Dromcarra Road
 - Deshure, Terelton
 - Roovesbridge, Coachford
 - Carrigadoura, Ballingearry
 - Liscahane, Millstreet
 - Shanballyshane, Kilnamartyra
- (b) Cul de Sacs – Road Repairs
J. Dwyer, SEE said the residents of a Cul de Sac can apply for the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) if on a public road
- (c) Morrissons Bridge – Dangerous
J. Dwyer, SEE said he was hoping to appoint a Contractor to repair the bridge

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Bog Road – very bad condition
- (b) Station Road, Dripsey – bad condition
J. Dwyer, SEE said this road was on the Programme of Works
- (c) Gollicks Cross, Cloghroe – Footpath
P. O’Sullivan, EE to investigate
- (d) Main Street Coachford – Flooding works
Cllr. Lynch queried if these works could be amalgamated with the works being carried out by Irish Water
J. Dwyer, SEE said this could be difficult as the Irish Water contract was already in place.
- (e) Four Mile Bridge – Update on Works
J. Dwyer, SEE said the works were finishing that evening.

Councillor Martin Coughlan

- (a) L8521 – L8522 – Shanacashel – very bad condition
- (b) Bog Road – Bad condition
- (c) Kilmichael – Collins Pub – Signage
J. Dwyer, SEE said he felt the only real solution was to enhance the lining and erect a sign, however, he said he would talk to the NRDO.
- (d) Loose galvanised sheets hanging down from the closed Garden Centre in Macroom. – very dangerous and unsightly
- (e) Dangerous buildings - Two houses sold on Main Street, Macroom - slates coming off the roofs

- (f) Town Park, Macroom – Loose Dogs
Cllr. Coughlan said that part of the Town Park is leased by the Council and queried if the dog warden could patrol that area. M. O’Leary, MDO said she would investigate.
- (g) Outside Castle Gates, Macroom
• Cobble Stones holding moss – very slippery
• Lights not working
N. Radley, SEO said a meeting was being arranged with the Trustees and she would raise these issues with them
- (h) Playground, Sleaveen Road – Shrubbery overgrown
M. O’Leary, MDO said she would investigate

James Dwyer, SEE

Restoration Improvement (Grading) Programme 2020


J. Dwyer, SEE circulated the 2020 allocations for Macroom Municipal District which was noted by the Members

**Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú
This concluded the business of the meeting**


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