

## Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District held Upstairs, Town Hall, Macroom, Co. Cork on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 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  
Mr. James Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Pat O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Catherine O'Shea, Assistant Staff Officer

**Apologies/Leath scéal:** Ms. Marie O'Leary, Municipal District Officer

### 1. **DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Lucey and seconded by Cllr. M. Creed the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020 having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Senior Executive Officer.

### 2. **NITHE AG ÉIRÍ AS NA MIONTUAIRISCÍ MATTERS ARISING**

#### **Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Kilumney Bridge - Update  
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that the RLRDO have appointed a consultant.
- (b) Pedestrian Crossing at Ovens  
J. Dwyer, SEE said they were still waiting for the ESB connection
- (c) Bridge in Macroom  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that Eircom are aware of the works that they need to carry out and that TII have reiterated that they are committed to completing the works.
- (d) Irish Water – Proposed plans Regarding Waste Water Treatment System  
No update

#### **Councillor Ted Lucey**

- (a) Bridge in Macroom – Update  
Ongoing
- (b) Briery Gap – Update  
N. Radley, SEO said that architects are in the process of preparing the necessary tender documents
- (c) Castleview Cross  
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that TII are investigating
- (d) Church of Ireland, Macroom

- (e) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom  
No update
- (f) Bus Depot, Macroom  
N. Radley, SEO informed the meeting that Bus Eireann has agreed with meet with the Members at a date to be agreed.
- (g) Bridge in Killumney

**Councillor Michael Creed**

- (a) Bus Depot, Macroom  
N. Radley, SEO confirmed that a meeting with Bus Eireann and the Members will be arranged at a date to be agreed and that a subsequent meeting will be held to discuss any other issues that the Members wish to raise.
- (b) Knocknagown Road, Rylane - Patcher

**Councillor Michael Looney**

- (a) Matehy School – Amber Lights  
P. O’Sullivan, EE confirmed that the lights would cost €1,500 each and that the school would have to provide one of the lights. In response to Cllr. Looney, he said there would be lead in time of 3 weeks.

**Councillor Martin Coughlan**

- (a) Spirit of Macroom – Footpath Sinking  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would arrange to carry out works.

**Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Lyons Terrace, Coachford - update  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said that work will be carried out next year as part of the footpath contract
- (b) Courtbrack – Access from Waterloo side  
P. O’Sullivan, EE confirmed that works are planned to be carried out in the next fortnight.
- (c) Speed Survey – Regional Road from Dripsey to Coachford  
P. O’Sullivan, EE confirmed that it is planned to carry out the survey.

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

- **Municipal District Officer Report**

Members noted the Report

## 2020 Paint Scheme

Cllr. Moynihan welcomed the Scheme. She queried the average cost being claimed for carrying out the painting works. N. Radley, SEO confirmed that each applicant claimed different amounts depending on whether they were carrying out the works themselves or hiring a painter. She said these details will be provided at the next meeting.

Cllr. Creed queried when the successful applicants will be notified. N. Radley, SEO confirmed that they will be notified once all the relevant documentation has been submitted.

- Age Friendly

Cllr. Moynihan welcomed the €10,000 allocated to Millstreet as part of the Age Friendly County Programme 2020 – 2021. In response to Cllr. Moynihan, N. Radley, SEO confirmed that this money is for Age Friendly minor works only i.e. carrying out a walk-ability survey to determine where the obstacles are for the end users.

- **Discretionary Grant Applications 2020**

<b>Group/Organisation</b>	<b>Brief Description of Request</b>
<b>Macroom Basketball</b> Macroom Community Leisure Centre, Castle Demense, Macroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scoreboard</li><li>• Sports Gear</li></ul>
	<b>€300</b>

Proposed/ Ar Moladh:  
Seconded/ Cuidithe:

Cllr. T. Lucey  
Cllr. M. Creed

#### **4. CHUN NA RUIN SEO LEANAS ÓN GCOMHAIRLEOIR A MHEAS: To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of:**

**Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) **Go gcruthóidh Comhairle Contae Chorcaí Plean Pailneoirí don Ceantar Bardasach seo, ag tosnú leis na dhá príomh-bailte Maigh Cromtha agus Sráid an Mhuliinn.**

**That Cork County Council would create a Pollinator Plan for this Municipal District, beginning with its two main towns Macroom and Millstreet.**

Tuarascáil

Tugann an Plean um Pailneoirí Uile-Éireann 2015-2020 a d'fhoilsigh an tIonad Náisiúnta Sonraí Bithéagsúlachta léargas ar na gníomhaíochtaí gur b'fhéidir le Comhairlí a chur i bhfeidhm chun pailneoirí a spreagadh. Cuirfidh Ceantar Bardasach Mhaigh Chromtha tús leis an bpróiseas chun plean den sórt sin a ullmhú do bhailte Mhaigh Chromtha agus Sráid an Mhulinn a bheidh bunaithe ar threoir a sholáthraíonn an tIonad Náisiúnta Sonraí Bithéagsúlachta.

*James Dwyer,  
Innealtóir Feidhmiúcháin Sinsearach*



## Report

The All Ireland Pollinator Plan (2015-2020) published by the National Biodiversity Data Centre outlines actions that Councils can implement to encourage pollinators. Macroom Municipal District will commence the process of preparing such a plan for the towns of Macroom and Millstreet based on the guidance provided by the National Biodiversity Data Centre.

*James Dwyer,  
Senior Executive Engineer*

Cllr. Moynihan welcomed the report. She said the All Ireland Pollinator Plan gives good guidance to everyone and we need to identify what can be done in Macroom MD i.e. what plans are there around grass cutting, cutting hedges, use of pesticides etc. She said there is one in place in Midleton MD and is worth looking at.

N. Radley, SEO said funding is available through the Ecology Officer, Planning Directive to develop Pollinator Plans for 3 towns for 2020. She proposed contacting the Ecology Officer with a view to developing a Plan for Macroom MD for 2021. She said if funding permits work to progress before then, we will try to facilitate same.

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

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**(b) Go scaoileann an Comhairle tuairisc faoin tionscadal forgnáocht cónaithe do 8 aonaid árasáin i Sliabhín Maigh Cromtha.**

**That the Council would provide an update on the residential construction project of 8 apartment units on Sleeveen Macroom**

### Tuarascáil

“Tá taisceadh chéim 3 á cur chuig an Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil an tseachtain seo, a lorgaíonn cead chun tairiscint don tionscadal seo a fhógairt. Nuair a bheidh an ceadú sin faighte, táthar ag súil go bhfógrófar an tairiscint i mí Mheán Fómhair agus ansin táthar ag súil go dtosnóidh na hoibreacha tógála i R1 2021”

*Keith Jones, Beng, Ba, MIEI,  
Innealtóir Sinsearach, Stiúrthóireacht Tithíochta,*

## Report

“A stage 3 submission to the DHPLG is being made this week, which seeks approval to advertise a tender for this project. Once this approval is place, a tender is expected to be advertised in September with construction works hoped to commence in Q1 2021”

*Keith Jones, B<sub>eng</sub>, B<sub>a</sub>, MIEI,  
Senior Engineer, Housing Directorate*

Cllr. Moynihan welcomed the report. She said there is an urgent need for 1 and 2 bed apartments and to ensure that the 1 bed apartments for older people are wheelchair accessible as much as possible.

Cllr. Creed said he has spoken to K. Jones, SE, who has confirmed that there is no delay in the project.

All Members welcomed the proposed apartment units in Sleaveen Macroom.

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

**Councillor Ted Lucey**

- (a) Project ACT – NTA Funding €70,000 - Macroom  
J. Dwyer, SEE said an application has been submitted for:
- Improvement works at Crossing Point Masseytown
  - New Crossing Point at Fitzgerald St. Near Bus Depot
  - Works at Post Office
- (b) Manhole at Castle Street  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that Eircom had replaced the cover recently
- (c) Manhole Opposite Aldi Stores.

**Councillor Michael Creed**

- (a) Litter Bin at Clondrohid Graveyard  
P. O'Sullivan, EE to investigate
- (b) Ballyvourney – St. Gobnait's – by the Church – Gulley  
J. Dwyer, SEE to investigate
- (c) Morrisons Bridge – Wall in a very bad state – very dangerous for people walking, could potentially fall. Cllr. Coughlan supported Cllr. Creed.  
J. Dwyer, SEE to investigate

**Councillor Michael Looney**

- (a) Porters Cross Road – marking is unclear  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it has been added to the road marking contract
- (b) Station Road, Dripsey
- (c) P. O'Sullivan, EE said this would be included in the next 3 year programme
- (d) R585 – Beal na Blath – Road Closure  
Cllr. Looney queried if the road needed to be closed, if another alternative could be found. J. Dwyer, SEE said the Contractor will need to close the road for some of the works for 4/5 days. He said businesses will be facilitated as far as possible.

### **Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Inchigeelagh heading towards Reinaree - Road in very bad condition  
J. Dwyer, SEE to investigate
- (b) L7444 – off the Millstreet Road – Patcher Required
- (c) Dromleigh Junction – Clár  
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that an application for Clár funding is being prepared at present. However, he said there is no simple solution.
- (d) Road Near Monafluich – bad condition

### **Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Millstreet – Can the Disabled Parking space across the road from Reens Pharmacy be moved across the road  
P O’Sullivan, EE said an Older Age Parking Space would be more appropriate as only people with permits can park in disabled parking spaces
- (b) Killumney – Grangecarney Road – hollows in the Road  
J. Dwyer, SEE said there is a temporary reinstatement in place at the moment but that a permanent reinstatement is due to happen before the end of the summer.
- (c) Cloghroe – Gollicks Cross to Blairs Inn  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said works will be carried out in September.
- (d) Cope Services, Macroom – Closed due to COVID 19  
Cllr. Lynch said it is vital that the support services provided by Cope Foundation in Macroom are reinstated as the continued closure is having a negative effect on the people they support and on their families. She requested that Macroom Municipal District write to the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly requesting him to restore this crucial service in Macroom. Cllr. Moynihan supported Cllr. Lynch.

### **Councillor Martin Coughlan**

- (a) Painting Works  
Cllr. Coughlan complimented the painting works being carried out around Macroom town and requested that the handrail going up towards the church is included.

### **James Dwyer, SEE**

J. Dwyer, SEE circulated the following documents to the Members:

- (a) Proposed Footpath Program 2020
- (b) 2020 New Works Programme – Public Lighting

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

Martin Coughlan  
**CATHAÓIRLEACH**

25/09/2020  
**DÁTA**

Mairead Healy  
**OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH**

25-09-2020  
**DÁTA**