

Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District held Upstairs, Town Hall, Macroom, Co. Cork on Monday 29th June 2020

Present/I láthair: Cllrs. Michael Looney (Cathaoirleach), Martin Coughlan, 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. CATHAOIRLEACH A THOGHADH ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

Cllr. Looney thanked the Members and staff for all their assistance during the year. He said he was new to politics and it was a huge honour for both himself and his family to have served as Cathaoirleach for Macroom Municipal District.

All Members thanked Cllr. Looney for his leadership and professionalism and agreed that he was very fair in his dealings with everyone.

Cllr. Looney then invited nominations for election of Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Martin Coughlan was proposed by Cllr. T. Lucey and seconded by Cllr. M. Creed. As there were no other nominations, Cllr. Coughlan was duly elected Cathaoirleach of the Macroom Municipal District for the ensuing year.

Cllr. Coughlan took the Chair.

2. LEAS-CHATHAOIRLEACH A THOGHADH ELECTION OF LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH

Nominations for/ Ainmniúcháin do Leas-Cathaoirleach

Cllr. Coughlan invited Nominations for the election of Leas Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Michael Creed was proposed by Cllr. E. Lynch and seconded by Cllr. T. Lucey. As there were no other nominations, Cllr. Creed was duly elected Leas Cathaoirleach of the Macroom Municipal District for the ensuing year.

3. 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 Friday 29th May, 2020 having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Municipal District Officer.

4. NITHE AG ÉIRÍ AS NA MIONTUAIRISCÍ MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Bridge in Macroom - Update
J. Dwyer, SEE said he has spoken to TII who confirmed there was an issue with an underground service but that they were committed to carrying out the works. Cllr. Lucey requested that TII are contacted with a view to getting the works completed as soon as possible.
- (b) Briery Gap – Update
None
- (c) Castlevue Cross
Cllr. Lucey requested that Padraig Barrett, Director of Services, Roads is contacted regarding getting this matter resolved. M. O’Leary, MDO agreed to contact Mr. Barrett.
- (d) Dog Control Bylaws
M. O’Leary, MDO informed the meeting that the Dog Warden has patrolled in the Town Park. Also, the Town Ambassador has given out mutt mitt bags both in Macroom and Millstreet to encourage use of dispensers.
- (e) Post Office, Macroom
No update
- (f) Church of Ireland, Macroom
- (g) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom
No update
- (h) Bus Depot, Macroom
All Members expressed their exasperation at the lack of action being taken by Bus Eireann to carry out the necessary works that are badly needed. They requested a meeting with the management of Bus Eireann to discuss what plans, if any, they had to carry out such works.
- (i) Filter Light coming out of Masseytown heading towards Killarney
- (j) Bridge in Killumney
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that the RLRDO were in the process of appointing a consultant to survey the bridge.
- (k) Coolehane Road, Macroom - Road Closure
- (l) GAA Pitch, Coachford – Water backing up

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Killumney – Bridge – wall falling away – any plan in place to carry out works
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that the bridge is safe at the moment. He said the issue with flooding is beyond the scope of repairs that need to be done. Cllr. Moynihan said that the local residents feel that the river is being blocked up by trees. J. Dwyer, SEE said he would talk to the landowners.

- (b) Pedestrian Crossing at Ovens
No update – still waiting for ESB connection
- (c) Millstreet - Speed Survey – Old Court and Murphys Terrace
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he was not fully satisfied with the location of the original survey and will be undertaking a new survey shortly.
- (d) Street Sweeping
Following Cllr. Moynihan's query on street cleaning in villages, J. Dwyer, SEE outlined that they are done on a regular basis having regard to the machine's availability.
- (e) Bridge in Macroom
Following Cllr. Moynihan's query J. Dwyer, SEE outlined that TII have raised the matter with Eircom in relation to the ducts that require diverting.

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) River Cleaning
Cllr. Creed outlined issues with river cleaning and felt that if a lot of it was done, there wouldn't be as much problems with flooding. He said this was the responsibility of the landowners & OPW.
- (b) Coolyhane Road, Macroom – when is it re-opening – traffic backing up
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is hoped to have it open on 10th July.

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Matehy School – Amber Light
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he was getting quotations

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Speed Survey, Donoughmore
P. O'Sullivan, EE – waiting for RLRDO to revert
- (b) Speed Survey, Ballinagree
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he would add it to the list

Councillor Martin Coughlan

- (a) O'Riadas, Macroom – bank of the River
J. Dwyer, SEE said that a contractor has been appointed and is currently preparing a Programme of Works
- (b) New Cemetery, Macroom – Workmans Hut
J. Dwyer, SEE said he has identified a suitable area and will arrange to have it relocated.

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

- **Municipal District Officer Report**
Members noted the Report

- **Millstreet Mural Project**

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. T. Lucey
 Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. G. Moynihan

- **Discretionary Grant Applications 2020**

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Ballinora Cardiac First Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballinora CFR group have 8 AEDs and the funding will be used to replace AED pads and upgrade the units by replacing the AED batteries
	€300

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. G. Moynihan
 Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. T. Lucey

M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed that Ballinora Cardiac First Response Group also got €100 through the 2020 Amenity Fund.

Cllr. Moynihan asked that any community groups that receive AED funding be asked to ensure that they register with the National Ambulance Service. M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed that they would this request would be included in future correspondence to such groups.

- **Pay Parking Macroom**

Retention of Pay Parking in Macroom for July and August

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

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

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

(a) ***Iarr ar an Comhairle Contae Chorcaí tuarascáil a chur ar fail maidir leis an togra WIFI í Maighchromatha,***

That Cork County Council furnish a report on WIFI roll out in Macroom town.

Report

In 2018 the Director of Service, Municipal District Operations & Rural Development chose 4 no locations in Cork County to roll out public WiFi. The locations are:

- Bantry Square – Markets
- Macroom Square – Markets
- Mallow Castle – Events
- Youghal – Iron Man

Macroon Square was chosen as a location to enable the casual traders to facilitate card payments if they so wish.

ICT Department assisted in the roll-out of the WiFi by commissioning it. This public WiFi is active in the Square. If a member of public wishes to connect to it, they choose "CountyHall_WiFi" as their WiFi connection and are presented with a homescreen / splashscreen whereby the user chooses how to access the WiFi either through Facebook or Twitter. The ICT Department pro-actively monitor the access points in the Square and if any faults are recorded, they are notified. Attached is data that the ICT Department have provided regarding the usage and uptake of the WiFi.

Signage to advertise the availability of public WiFi has been ordered and will be placed in the Square.

The public WiFi is active in the Square Macroon and also in the other locations as outlined above. This WiFi is available automatically at each location once a user has signed up to it in a one of the locations.

There are no current plans for a further rollout of this public WiFi.

**Marie O'Leary,
Municipal District Officer**

Tuarascáil:

I 2018 roghnaigh an Stiúrthóir Seirbhíse, Oibríochtaí Ceantair Bardasach & Forbairt Tuaithe 4 láthair i gContae Chorcaí chun WiFi poiblí a rolladh amach. Is iad na láithreacha sin ná:

- Cearnóg Bheanntaí - Margáí
- Cearnóg Mhaigh Chromtha - Margáí
- Caisleán Mhala - Imeachtaí
- Eochail - Iron Man

Roghnaíodh Cearnóg Mhaigh Chromtha mar shuíomh chun a chur ar chumas na gCorrtrádálaithe íocaíochtaí le cárta a éascú más mian leo.

Chabhraigh an Roinn TFC le rolladh amach an WiFi trína choimisiúnú. Tá an WiFi poiblí seo gníomhach sa Cearnóg. Más mian le ball den phobal ceangal a dhéanamh leis, roghnaíonn siad "CountyHall_WiFi" mar a nasc wifi agus tugtar scáileán baile / splancscáileán dóibh trína roghnaíonn an t-úsáideoir conas an WiFi a rochtain trí Facebook nó Twitter. Déanann an Roinn TFC faireachán réamhghníomhach ar na pointí rochtana sa Cearnóg agus má thairfeadtar aon lochtanna, tugtar fógra dóibh. Ceangailte tá sonraí a chuir an Roinn TFC ar fáil maidir le húsáid de agus glacadh leis an WiFi.

Ordaíodh comharthaí chun WiFi poiblí a fhógairt agus cuirfear sa Cearnóg iad.

Tá an WiFi poiblí gníomhach sa Cearnóg Mhaigh Chromtha agus sna háiteanna eile mar atá mínithe thuas. Tá an WiFi seo ar fáil go huathoibríoch i ngach láthair nuair a chláraíonn úsáideoir dó i gceann de na suíomhanna.

Níl aon phleananna ann fé láthair chun an WiFi poiblí seo a rolladh amach níos leithne.

**Marie O'Leary,
Oifigeach Ceantair Bardasach**

Cllr. Moynihan outlined that it is important to get the message out to the public that free Wifi is available.

- (b) ***Íarr ar an Comhairle Contae Chorcaí tuarascáil a chur ar fail maidir leis an oibreacha séarachais í gCíll na hOmnaí.***

That Cork County Council furnish a report on the Water Treatment Plant in Kimumney Ovens (incl Plants present status as well as any future plans to increase capacity)

Report

Irish Water is currently engaged with a number of developers who are looking to progress housing developments in the Killumney area.

Currently the existing public wastewater treatment system is constrained and requires upgrading in order to cater for the level of development anticipated in the area. Irish Water is in the process of developing a strategy to provide the required capacity in the wastewater system to cater for this projected growth. Once this strategy has been finalised and further discussions have taken place with prospective developers, it is hoped to advance detailed design and construction of the preferred solution. Timelines will be dependent on the scale of the works involved and also on any applicable statutory requirements such as planning permission.

Further information, if required, can be obtained by contacting Irish Water's elected representative support desk.

Kevin Morey, Co. Engineer, Water Services, Coastal/Flood Management

Tuarascáil

Tá Uisce Éireann i dteagmháil fé láthair le roinnt forbróirí atá ag iarraidh forbairtí tithíochta i gceantar Chill na hOmnaí a chur chun cinn.

Tá an córas cóireála fuíolluisce poiblí atá ann cheana srianta agus is gá é a uasghrádú chun freastal ar an leibhéal forbartha a bhfuiltear ag súil leis sa cheantar. Tá Uisce Éireann i mbun straitéise a fhorbairt chun an acmhainn riachtanach a sholáthar sa chóras fuíolluisce chun freastal ar an bhfás réamh-mheasta seo. Nuair a bheidh an straitéis seo tugtha chun críche agus tuilleadh plé ar siúl le forbróirí ionchasacha, táthar ag súil le dearadh mionsonraithe agus tógáil don réiteach is fearr a chur chun cinn. Braithfidh amlínthe ar scála na n-oibreacha lena mbaineann agus ar aon cheanglais reachtúla is infheidhme mar chhead pleanála.

Is féidir tuilleadh faisnéise, más gá, a fháil trí theagmháil a dhéanamh le deasc thacaíochta ionadaíoch tofa Uisce Éireann.

Kevin Morey, Innealtóir Contae , Seirbhísí Uisce, Bainistíocht Cóna/Tuilte

A discussion took place and all Members agreed that Irish Water should be contacted to ascertain what plans they are proposing to put in place regarding the waste water treatment system.

7. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN
VOTES OF CONDOLENCES

Máire MacSuibhne, RIP, Bothair Cill Áirne, Máigh Chromtha

Members expressed their condolences to the MacSuibhne family.

8. AON GHNÓ EILE
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Speed Survey – Dripsey
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he would organise same
- (b) Knockanowen, Coachford – Signs
P. O Sullivan, EE said he would get them put up
- (c) Lyons Terrace, Coachford - update
P. O'Sullivan, EE said that ownership may be an issue but he would investigate same
- (d) Courtbrack – Access from Waterloo side
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the junction will be re-lined this year
- (e) Foxes Bridge to Mathey – Narrow Road
P. O'Sullivan, EE said this is not included on the 3 year programme but that he would speak to the local landowners regarding the possibility of taking away a ditch when the time comes.
- (f) Footpath Programme 2020
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would have details for the next meeting
- (g) Ballinagree – Rahilisk – Bad Condition
P. O'Sullivan, EE said this was on the Roads Programme for next year, but potholes will be filled in the meantime.

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Footpaths in Ballingearry – update
J. Dwyer, SEE said works are due to be carried out in August. In response to Cllr. Creed, J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that the ducting works will be carried out in-house and the surfacing work will be carried out by a Contractor.
- (b) Macroom South Doc – Opened in July
- (c) Cork LGBT + Pride Festival 19th – 26th September 2020
In response to Cllr. Moynihan M. O Leary, MDO confirmed that the Pride flag would be put up outside the Town Hall during the Pride Festival in September.

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Bell Inn, Clondrohid – Right of Way sign falling off
- (b) Toonsbridge Road – Taking away ditches – making room for cars
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate
- (c) Knocknagown Road, Rylane
P. O'Sullivan, EE confirmed that the Patcher would be there the following week
- (d) Carrigaphooka Road – Resurfaced
P. O'Sullivan, EE confirmed that works were being carried out the following week.

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Porters Cross Road – marking is unclear
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will investigate
- (b) Station Road, Dripsey
P. O'Sullivan, EE said this is not included on the current 3 year programme
- (c) Driver Feedback Signs in Stuake
P. O'Sullivan, EE said we are undertaking a speed survey there shortly
- (d) Grenagh – stretch of the hill needs to be addressed
P. O'Sullivan, EE to investigate
- (e) Waterloo to Newcastle – White Line
P. O Sullivan, EE to investigate

Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Noisy Manhole at top of Castle Street, Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE said this is an Eir manhole and they are aware of it.
- (b) New Public Toilets
Cllr. Lucey queried if it was possible to source a new location for the public toilets.
- (c) Marion Tce., Coolcower Widening – Update
J. Dwyer, SEE said there was no funding at present to carry out any works.

Councillor Martin Coughlan

- (a) Cllr. Coughlan expressed his satisfaction at works that were carried out on the Cobbles at the Castle Gates and also the cleaning of the Castle gates in Castle Demesne.
- (b) Footpath in Front of Spirit of Macroom Fountain outside Town Hall – disrepair
- (c) Elected to Cathaoirleach for 2020/2021
Cllr. Coughlan thanked his proposer and seconder and said he was looking forward to working with all the Councillors. He outlined the following areas that he hoped to progress during his term:
 1. Bus Station
 2. Upgrading of the Public Toilets

Marie O'Leary, MDO

Capital Fund Scheme - Donoughmore Hurling and Football Club - €10,000

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

It was agreed by all that the above funding would come from the 2020 Community Fund Allocations under the General Municipal Allocation.

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

Martin Coughlan
CATHAOÍRLEACH

24/07/2020
DÁTA

Radley
OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH

24/7/20
DÁTA