

Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District Blended Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Floor 2, County Hall and virtually on MS Teams on Thursday 24th March 2022

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

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

(a) Ordinary Meeting held on Friday 28th January 2022

On the proposal of Cllr. Ted Lucey and seconded by Cllr. Michael Looney the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 28th January 2022 having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Municipal District Officer.

Cllr. Moynihan said she felt that the comments made at the January meeting regarding the renaming of the two estates Páirc uí Mhuirithe, Oakwood and Guirtín Rua, Gurteenroe were derogatory towards the Irish Language and wanted these comments noted.

Cllr. Moynihan said that she is opposed to the minutes being approved. However, Cllr. Creed confirmed that the minutes had already been approved

N. Radley, SEO said that the minutes reflect the decisions taken, they do not provide a full transcript of what was said.

Cllr. Moynihan requested that it is recorded that she is opposed to the minutes being approved. Cllr. Creed said that the minutes were 100% correct.

(b) Adjourned Meeting held on Friday 25th February

On the proposal of Cllr. Eileen Lynch and seconded by Cllr. Martin Coughlan the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 25th February 2022 having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Municipal District Officer.

Cllr. Michael Creed, Cathaoirleach advised that Cllr. Martin Coughlan and Cllr. Ted Lucey are seeking their own separate legal advice in relation to the press release issued subsequent to the January meeting but this matter is now outside of the business of this meeting.

2. NITHE AG ÉIRÍ AS NA MIONTUAIRISCÍ MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Briery Gap – Update
Cllr. Lucey said it was great to see that works were going well.

- (b) Castleview Cross
Cllr. Lucey said that works to this junction need to be urgently completed as it is dangerous and particularly in view of the fact that the bypass works will be completed in the very near future. He requested that the Co. Engineer is contacted seeking funding to carry out the works. All Members supported Cllr. Lucey.
- (c) Church of Ireland, Macroom
- (d) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom
- (e) Bus Depot, Macroom
- (f) Filter Light coming out of Masseytown heading towards Killarney
- (g) Bridge in Killumney
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that a contractor has been appointed and it is hoped to carry out works during the summer.
- (h) Macroom – Water pooling
- (i) Lights by the Roundabout at Fitzgerald’s Corner – very dull
- (j) Street Cleaning in Macroom Town
- (k) Pedestrian Crossing Masseytown - Speed Down the Hill
- (l) Install a crossing point at the roundabout at Kilnagurteen
- (m) Town Development Fund/General Municipal Allocation – Funding Granted to Macroom MD
In response to Cllr. Lucey, Cllr. Moynihan confirmed that she raised this issue at the last CPG meeting and details of what was discussed are contained in the CPG minutes.

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Coachford Footpath – pedestrian crossing
Cllr. Lynch expressed her frustration that there are no pedestrian crossings in Coachford despite the fact that it is one of the key villages in the Municipal District. P. O’Sullivan, EE said it is hoped to carry out a survey by end of April and then the Design Stage will follow after that. He confirmed that the Safe Route to School application for Coachford is unfortunately not part of the current stream of funding. However, he said that funding is still ringfenced from the NTA which will cover a footpath from the school cross to the Creche and the Creamery up to the School. In response to Cllr. Lynch, P. O’Sullivan, EE said there is a specific process to be followed once the Design process is complete with a Section 38 application to be put on display for public consultation.
- (b) Flooding in Coachford – camera survey
P. O’Sullivan, EE confirmed no funding was secured under The Climate Action Fund. However, he said that we plan to get a Flood Study carried out on the village and that priority will be given to the area by the GAA Pitch to alleviate the flooding there.
- (c) Bridgetown, Cloghroe
- (d) Courtbrack to Killowen Road Drainage / Road edge repairs – any plans to replace the culvert
No update

- (e) Lyons Tce, Coachford
P. O'Sullivan, EE said that a Contractor will look at what works need to be carried out
- (f) Terelton National School – pedestrian crossing
J. Dwyer, SEE said he had a meeting with the Principal and a Member of the Board to discuss the matter. A design is being progressed.
- (g) Crookstown – Cliffords Bar to Béal na Bláth – Flooding Works
No update
- (h) Pipehouse Cross – beyond Courtbrack – Speed
P. O'Sullivan, EE said that once the weather permits he would arrange to have the junction relined and change the junction signs.

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) New Tipperary – Road Marking – Speed Signs
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he is going to repeat the speed survey as he is not happy with the results. Cllr. Looney suggested creating an island to make the junction look narrower. P. O'Sullivan, EE said he would need to speak to the owner of the public house as the entrance is into the back of his premises.
- (b) Firmount – Speeding
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the speed survey has been carried out and he will speak to the Design office. Cllr. Looney suggested moving the driver feedback sign on the Donoughmore side of the village. P O'Sullivan agreed that the sign should be moved to a better location
- (c) Donoughmore – L6777-28 from Mallow – needs to be resurfaced
- (d) Ballyvodane L6829– Road in very bad condition
P. O'Sullivan, EE confirmed that this is on the Roads Programme
- (e) Foxes Bridge to Vicarstown School
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it is planned to carry out works here in the Summer.
- (f) Upper Cloghroe
P. O'Sullivan, EE said there is a section starting at Cloghroe to the first cross roads is on this years programme

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Footpath and Pedestrian Crossing at the GAA Pitch, Coachford
In response to Cllr. Moynihan, P. O'Sullivan, EE said this will form part of the survey but not part of the current funding. He said the funding is for footpaths from the School Cross to the Creche and the Creamery to the School. Cllr. Moynihan queried if there will be a Design carried out as well for that area – P. O'Sullivan, EE said it depended on the Design Office having capacity.
- (b) Pedestrian Crossing – Church Street, Millstreet - Update
In response to Cllr. Moynihan, P. O'Sullivan, EE said it is planned to resurface the road, hopefully in the next couple of months. He said they were limited in what can be done.

- (c) Carriganimna Speed Survey
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he has repeated the survey as he was not happy with the first results. He said he should have the findings in the next few days. Cllr. Moynihan asked if this survey result as well as the other survey results carried out could be forwarded to her. Cllr. Creed requested that they be forwarded to all the Members.
- (d) Commemoration Monument Works Millstreet
Cllr. Moynihan queried when the works to the monument were commencing. P. O'Sullivan, EE said the contactor would be site on 23 April 2022. Cllr. Moynihan thanked M. O'Leary, MDO for a provision in the 2022 TDF to allow for any additional costs in completing this project.
- (e) Killumney Bridge Works – Timeframe
No update.
- (d) N22 – Speed Through Ballyvourney at the Mills Inn
No update.

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Low-Cost Scheme – Mount Cross
P. O'Sullivan, EE said they were not successful this year but would progress with the survey and design. Cllr. Creed said he was under the impression that there was funding of €50k allocated to the job. J. Dwyer, SEE said they would check it out and update the Members.
- (b) Springville, Ovens
J. Dwyer, SEE said that works have been carried out, but the landowners are still concerned about water on the roadway. He said he was unsure what extra works can be carried out but will have another look at it.

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

(a) Community Fund Allocations (GMA) 2022

Proposed/ Ar Moladh:	Cllr. Michael Creed
Seconded/ Cuidithe:	Cllr. Ted Lucey

Town Development Fund (TDF) 2022

Proposed/ Ar Moladh:	Cllr. Michael Creed
Seconded/ Cuidithe:	Cllr. Michael Looney

(b) Municipal District Officer's Reports for February & March 2022

Members noted both reports.

Cllr. Michael Creed

- Expressed his satisfaction at the amount of funding available
- Pleased to see that the Ukrainian colours are displayed outside the Town Hall in solidarity with the people of Ukraine

Cllr. Ted Lucey

- New Pay Parking Zones – Chapel Hill & Fair Green
Cllr. Lucey queried if signs would be erected to alert the public of the new locations. M. O’Leary, MDO said that it has been advertised in local media and also this area would only be monitored for the first month, there would not be any parking fines issued, but offenders will be informed that parking fines will issue from start of May.

In response to Cllr. Lucey, M. O’Leary, MDO confirmed that residents in Chapel Hill would be entitled to parking permits (1 per household).

Cllr. Eileen Lynch

- Funding from The Heritage Council for St. Colman’s Church
Cllr. Lynch welcomed the funding

(c) Pride of Place 2022

M. O’Leary, MDO confirmed that the closing date for applications is 4th April 2022

(d) 2021 Discretionary Fund Applications

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Brian ÓTuama Fund	Finish the fence around the Brian Ó Tuama walkway
Total	€300

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. Ted Lucey
Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. Michael Looney

4. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- 2022 Community Fund Allocations (GMA) /Town Development Fund (TDF)
All Members expressed thanks to the staff, especially Nicola Radley, SEO, Marie O’Leary, MDO and Siobhain Hartnett, CO for all their hard work in the distribution of this year’s Community Fund allocations.

Nicola Radley, SEO said she would like to acknowledge all the work the Members did in securing the allocation of €320,000 approx funding for local groups.

- Cllr. Eileen Lynch congratulated the Coachford College Senior Ladies Football Team on becoming Munster Champions.

5. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN
VOTES OF CONDOLENCES.

N/A

6. AON GHNÓ EILE
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Ted Lucey

- (a) Proposed Pedestrian Crossing near the Boys School, Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE said that TII are not in favour, however, he agreed that there was a need to look at this matter once the bypass has opened.
- (b) Millstreet Road – Resurfacing
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is included in the Non-National Roads Programme 2022.
- (c) Bypass at Killumney – Ramp onto the Road – 3 lights missing
J. Dwyer, SEE said the Council do maintain that road but there is no allocation for public lighting. He said he will have a look to see if something can be done.

Cllr. Michael Looney

- (a) Yellow House to Berrings – Resurfacing Work
P. O’Sullivan, EE said there are no plans this year to carry out resurfacing works from Berrings to the Yellow House, but we will be continuing the section from the Haunted House to Berrings which was started last year.
- (b) Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) – update
J. Dwyer, SEE said there were 3 schemes completed last year and have not received the 2022 allocation as of yet. He said in the interest of fairness, the schemes are carried out by date applied and there are normally 3-4 schemes carried out every year depending on the allocation.

Cllr. Eileen Lynch

- (a) Fr. Patrick Sheehan Place, Coachford (behind Coachford school) - lack of parking
P. O’Sullivan, EE said there is no funding available to put in parking in existing housing estates. J. Dwyer, SEE agreed, he said maybe funding could be provided under the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS).
- (b) Millstreet Secondary School – Footpath from the School towards the Town
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will have a look at it.
- (c) Forge Cross – On a list for Resurfacing
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it is not on the 3 year programme currently in place but that he will look to add it to next programme
- (d) Toonsbridge - Safety works – Money Allocated
J. Dwyer, SEE said the junction from the Dromcarra side into the village has a history of accidents and the focus is to improve the signage. He said the Design office is looking at it at the moment.

Cllr. Michael Creed

- (a) Outside Centra Shop Ballyvourney – Issue with parking
J. Dwyer, SE said footpath works were carried out there 3 years ago, he said he will check to see if bollards need to be installed.

- (b) L92206 - Slieveireigh Road – Very Bad State
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will have a look
- (c) Coolmakee Road – road very narrow – hedges need to be cut
J. Dwyer, SEE said the season for hedge cutting is now closed but that he will write to the landowner later in the year.
- (d) Muinefliuch School heading for Millstreet Country Park – Bridge
Cllr. Creed said that there is an opening on the right-hand side of the bridge into the river on the Muinefliuch side and a number of cars have driven into it. He said it was very dangerous and asked if signage could be erected. P O’Sullivan, EE to look at it.
- (e) Kilmichael
 - o Barna Cross – Up the Hill – Road in very bad repair
 - o Gully above Terelton Village – Water flowing out of it
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate
- (f) Bridges – Number of them in a very bad state of Repair
J. Dwyer, SEE said there was a Bridge Repair Programme and any bridges in disrepair are added to it.

James Dwyer, SEE

Non National Roads Programme 2022

J. Dwyer, SEE said he would circulate details to the Members after the meeting.

April 2022 Meeting

Cllr. Creed advised that the April meeting, which will be blended will be held on Thursday 21st April 2022

Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú

This concluded the business of the meeting

Michael Creed
CATHAOIRLEACH

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DÁTA

Maire Sheany
OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH

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