

## **Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held virtually on MS Teams on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 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

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Cllr. Martin Coughlan and seconded by Cllr. Ted Lucey, Cllr. Michael Creed, Cathaoirleach agreed to suspend the Standing Orders to discuss the following item raised by Cllr. Coughlan at the January 2022 Meeting under Any Other Business:

- Naming of new Estates in Macroom

Cllr. Coughlan said there was a Press Release issued after the January meeting which stated that both he and Cllr. Lucey wanted the Irish names removed from Páirc uí Mhuirithe, Oakwood and An Guirtín Rua, Gurteenroe. He said this was totally untrue. He said he outlined at the January meeting that he would like the English version of the name to be included and never stated that he wanted the Irish name to be removed. He said he queried if a plaque could be erected in Páirc uí Mhuirithe, Oakwood to explain that the estate was named after TC Murray who wrote a play that The Briery Gap Theatre was named after. He outlined that An Guirtín Rua, Gurteenroe is very similar to its townland and suggested that another name be considered, maybe naming it after another historic figure associated with Macroom. He said he has read the draft Minutes of the January meeting which reflect accurately what he said.

Cllr Coughlan demanded that the Press Release is withdrawn.

Cllr. Lucey also demanded that the Press Release is withdrawn. He said he had nothing against the Irish language and that he had agreed with Cllr. Coughlan that consideration should be given to having the estate names in both in Irish and English.

Cllr. Creed said he had a copy of the Press Release which was issued by Cllr. Moynihan and asked for her comments.

Cllr. Moynihan said she wanted the January minutes corrected as it was her suggestion that a plaque or information board would be erected. Cllr. Creed agreed that the minutes would be amended to include this.

Cllr. Creed asked Cllr. Moynihan if she would withdraw the Press Release.

Cllr. Moynihan said she felt that the Irish language was being attacked at the January meeting and that she had nothing to withdraw.

Cllr. Creed asked Cllr. Moynihan to reflect on her obligations under the Code of Conduct and asked her again to withdraw the Press Release.

Cllr. Moynihan again stated that she had nothing to withdraw.

N. Radley, SEO outlined that the minutes are a record of decisions taken and she is happy to stand over the January minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr. Creed and seconded by Cllr. Coughlan to adjourn the February meeting to seek legal advice on the matter.

**Cuireadh an Cruinniú ar Athló**

**The Meeting was Adjourned**

Michael Creed  
CATHAOIRLEACH

24-3-22  
DÁTA

Marie Shanley  
OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH

24-03-22  
DÁTA