

## Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held virtually on MS Teams on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**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

On the proposal of Cllr. Ted Lucey and seconded by Cllr. Eileen Lynch the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Municipal District Officer.

Cllr. Lynch requested that an amendment is recorded for the following item that was raised under Any Other Business

Pedestrian Crossing – Ballinagree – Masseytown

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

#### Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Briery Gap – Update  
M. O'Leary, MDO said that Members should be sent an update early next week
- (b) Castleview Cross  
No update
- (c) Dog Control Bylaws
- (d) Post Office, Macroom
- (e) Church of Ireland, Macroom
- (f) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom
- (g) Bus Depot, Macroom  
M. O'Leary, MDO outlined that it is being pursued under the Derelict Sites Legislation and there are also discussions ongoing with Bus Eireann regarding potential project.
- (h) Filter Light coming out of Masseytown heading towards Killarney
- (i) Bridge in Killumney

- (j) Bridge in Macroom - Update  
Cllr. Lucey queried what was the update with the footpath  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he is aware of the water pooling issue.
- (l) Main Street, Macroom – Water pooling  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that he is also aware of this issue
- (m) Speed Limit Review 2022 – Srelane East, Macroom – Update  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that TII have confirmed that they are not in favour of changing the speed limit.

### **Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Coachford Footpath – pedestrian crossing  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it is still at the design stage
- (b) Flooding in Coachford – camera survey  
P. O’Sullivan EE said the camera survey has been completed and he is in the process of examining it. He said he has applied for funding of €150,000 under Climate Action Fund for Coachford and as part of that he hopes to replace the storm sewer at the GAA Pitch. He said it is also planned to carry out trial holes in the centre of the village to see what can be done.

In response to Cllr. Lynch regarding the Climate Action Fund, P. O’Sullivan, EE said he applied for it in October of this year and if successful is hoping to be notified early in the new year.

- (c) Bridgetown, Cloghroe
- (d) Courtbrack to Killowen Road Drainage / Road edge repairs – any plans to replace the culvert  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said funding had been sought to replace the culverts, it is hoped to carry out routine maintenance work at the start of the year.
- (e) Lyons Tce, Coachford – wall  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will have to get a costing from the contractor
- (f) Inniscarra Dam – heading east – dangerous drop on the right.  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it is hoped to install a crash barrier under the Low Cost Scheme.
- (g) Terelton National School – pedestrian crossing  
No update
- (h) Crookstown – Cliffords Bar to Béal na Bláth – Flooding Works  
No update
- (i) Road at Innsicarra Community Centre – Ballyanly – Blairs Inn  
No Update
- (j) Pipehouse Cross – beyond Courtbrack – Speed
- (k) Model Village – Back Road in Bad Condition  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will put this forward for funding for 2022.

- (l) Pedestrian Crossing – Masseytown  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the lines have been repainted and it is hoped to put in raised crossing under the Low Cost Safety Scheme 2022.

### **Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Footpath and Pedestrian Crossing at the GAA Pitch, Coachford  
Cllr. Moynihan queried if the footpath going from Dairygold towards the Creche and a pedestrian crossing outside the GAA club were included in the plans that were being drawn up. P. O'Sullivan, EE confirmed that the footpath was but there were no plans to include the pedestrian crossing at this point. In response to Cllr. Moynihan, P. O'Sullivan, EE said it could be included as a separate project under a Low-Cost Scheme but it would not happen until 2023 at the earliest.
- (b) Pedestrian Crossing – Church Street, Millstreet  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the lining has been replaced. He said he has spoken with the Public Lighting section in Mallow and they are retrofitting all existing lights and they hope to be on site in January/February next year. He said there will be a public light put directly over the crossing. He said that the surfacing has been included in the 2022 RI Programme - which will include a slightly raised crossing which will make it more visible.
- (c) Commemoration Monument Works Millstreet  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it is hoped to commence the works once the Christmas lights are taken down. He said it is hoped to have the works completed by Easter. In response to Cllr Moynihan, he said a contractor has been appointed.
- (d) Free Parking in Macroom for Christmas  
M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed that there will be 2 hours free parking in Macroom commencing from 1<sup>st</sup> December to 31<sup>st</sup> December which will be advertised in the Lee Valley Outlook and also through Cork County Council's Comms Section for social media outlets.

### **Councillor Michael Creed**

- (a) Terelton at National School – P12 D398 – Potholes  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will add them to the list of works
- (b) Enniskeane to Kilmurry – Sign to be erected  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the signs have been ordered

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

### **(a) MDO Report**

Members noted the Report

- **Town Development fund**

- Re - €36,978 in claims submitted under the GMA for 2020

- In response to Cllr. Moynihan's query regarding the remaining funds M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed that there was a plan for remainder. Cllr. Moynihan queried would there be any unspent monies left at the end of the year. M. O'Leary, MDO said any unclaimed / lapsed grants are brought forward to the following year's Community Fund and included in future allocations.

- **Christmas Lights in Millstreet**

Cllrs. Moynihan, Lucey & Lynch complimented everyone for all the work that went in the turning on of the Christmas Lights event in Millstreet on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 and said it was a great success.

- **Macroom Christmas Market – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

In response to Cllr. Moynihan, M. O’Leary, MDO said that due to COVID-19 there will be a smaller number of stalls than in previous years. She said that traders and schools who would have attended the Christmas market in previous years and those who expressed an interest were contacted. She said there will be a COVID-19 Compliance Officer on site for the day.

- **Pay Parking Dividend, Macroom**

Cllrs. Creed, Moynihan & Lucey said they was delighted with the allocation for Macroom.

- **Béal na Bláth Project**

As regards the Section 38, Cllr. Moynihan queried if the drawings and particulars of the project were available online and also if submissions could be made online. M. O’Leary, MDO said she will confirm this and let the Members know.

- **Carnegie Hall, Millstreet**

Signage – Cllr. Moynihan queried if braille was included in the new signage. M. O’Leary, MDO confirmed that it was.

- **Macroom Playground Refurbishment**

Cllr. Lucey queried when the playground would be opened. M. O’Leary, MDO said that once it has passed all the safety inspections, it should be opened this afternoon or Saturday. She said it is hoped that the Co. Mayor would officially open it in the coming weeks.

**(b) Discretionary Fund Applications**

<b>Group/Organisation</b>	<b>Brief Description of Request</b>
Aherla Active Community Group	Christmas Lights for Aherla Village
St. Olan’s Well, Aghabullogue	Install solar lights
Dr. Con Kelleher, Macroom	Contribution towards the publication of his book entitled “Sport in Macroom 1900 to 1999: A history of nine sports”.
<b>Total</b>	<b>€900</b>

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. T. Lucey  
 Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. E. Lynch

**(c) Part VIII Planning Application for Mill Dam Masseytown Project – CE Report**

M. O’Leary, MDO outlined the following to the Members:

- CE Report has been prepared and will be presented for approval at the next Full Council meeting to be held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021
- CE Report will be sent to all Members in advance of the Full Council meeting

Cllr. Moynihan queried if the people who made submissions will get a copy of the CE Report. M. O’Leary, MDO said that each submission will be acknowledged after the Full Council meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2021.

Cllr. Lucey welcomed the planned works – he said it was great to see it happening.

**(d) Part VIII Planning Application for Church of Ireland Building Macroom**

M. O’Leary, MDO outlined that it is intended to advertise the Part VIII application in mid December and all plans and drawings will be available will be on public display in Macroom Town Hall when advertised. Due to the Christmas holiday period, the public display period will be extended to 5 weeks with a further 2 weeks to submit observations. She said she will confirm the date of advertisement as soon as she receives it.

Cllr. Lucey welcomed the planned works.

Cllr. Moynihan said she was pleased to see that the Part VIII application was being extended out after Christmas as she said with holidays people may not see it. She queried if the drawings were available online and if submissions can be made online. M. O’Leary MDO said will confirm this and let the Members know.

**4. CHUN NA RUIN SEO LEANAS ÓN GCOMHAIRLEOIR A MHEAS:  
TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF:**

**Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan**

- Íarr ar an Comhairle Contae Chorcaí staidéar a dhéanamh ar an luas atá a dheanamh ag gluaiostain agus feithicilí bhothair atá ag dul tríd, scráidbhaile Carriganinima go laethúil. Le béim ar leith leagtha ar an mbothair las muigh don scoil náisiúnta.

Ask Cork County Council to do a study on the daily speed carried out by car and vehicles passing through the village of Carriginima.

Déanfar suirbhé luais sa sráidbhaile go luath san Athbhliain

*A speed survey in the village will be carried out early in the New Year*

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Cllr. Moynihan said that the speed is a big issue in Carriganinma especially as regards the location of the school, she said drivers are at the school before they realise it. She queried if signage would be erected.

Cllr. Creed supported Cllr. Moynihan and agreed that as the school is located on the main road it is very dangerous. He said he welcomed a review being carried out.

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- Íarr ar an Comhairle Contae Chorcaí comharthai boithre is oiriúiní a lonnú in Ardán ó Murchú, chun stop a chur le gluasteain ag dul róthapaidh trí ardán ina bhfuil leanaí ag imirt.

Ask Cork County Council to install the relevant signage to deter cars speeding through an estate that has children out playing regularly; in Murphy's Terrace Millstreet.

Lorgaíodh maoiniú chun Ardán Uí Mhurchú a áireamh i gclár crios mall 2022, leis a bhfuil comharthaíocht nua agus luasteorainn de 30 kph molta.

*Funding has been sought to include the Murphy's Terrace in the 2022 slow zone programme, where signage and a new speed limit of 30 kph is proposed.*

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Cllr. Moynihan said that needs to be looked at as people are driving too fast through the estate. P. O'Sullivan, EE said he is hoping if funding is made available that signage displaying 30km and Children at Play can be erected at both entrances. In response to Cllr. Moynihan, P. O'Sullivan, EE confirmed that only signage is being installed, not speed bumps. Cllr. Moynihan requested that while waiting for the funding if normal Children at Play signs could be installed temporarily. P. O'Sullivan, EE agreed.

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- Íarr ar an Comhairle Contae Chorcaí staidéar a dhéanamh ar an infreastruchtúr coistihe atá le fáil faoi lathair ar bothair (R582)

Ask Cork County Council to do a study on the present pedestrian infrastructure on the Millstreet Road (R582) Macroom.

Ullmhófar tuarascáil don chéad chruinniú eile

*A report will be prepared for the next meeting*

Pat O'Sullivan  
Innealtóir Feidhmiúcháin / Executive Engineer

## **5. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS** VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

### **Cllr. Ted Lucey**

- Erica O'Shea, Macroom on her great achievement of receiving an All-Star Award.
- Macroom Ladies Football team who recently won the County Junior F title

### **Cllr. Eileen Lynch**

- Aghinagh GAA on winning Muskerry Junior A football championship for the first time in their history

### **Cllr. Michael Creed**

- Macroom and Millstreet Tidy Towns Groups on achieving bronze medals in recent the Tidy Towns national Competition. A great achievement by both groups in the Municipal District.

**6. VÓTA COMHRÓIN**  
VOTES OF CONDOLENCES.

**Cllr. Ted Lucey**

Niall Cronin, former water curator based in Macroom on the recent death of his sister Anne Cronin, RIP

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

**Councillor Michael Looney**

- (a) Speed at Inniscarra Boating Centre  
Cllr. Looney expressed his thanks for works carried out.
- (b) Barracarra Line – Old Shop – Concealed Entrance sign  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he hopes to have a sign erected before Christmas
- (c) New Tipperary – Road Marking – Speed Signs  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said that works are ongoing - it is hoped to carry out road surfacing around the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in December. He said he will look at the feasibility of installing speed ramps at a later stage.

**Cllr. Ted Lucey**

- (a) Lights by the Roundabout at Fitzgerald’s Corner – very dull  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will check it out
- (b) Footpath at Cooleyhane  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will arrange to have work carried out
- (c) Bridge in Macroom – Stop works for Turning on of Christmas Lights – 26 Nov 2021  
Cllr. Lucey said it was important that no works would take place on the bridge on Friday night for the turning on of the Christmas Lights to help reduce traffic congestion

**Cllr. Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Curraleigh Road Potholes – Opposite Environment Department, Inniscarra  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said this is not a public road, it is owned by the ESB. He said it was never officially taken in charge.
- (b) Coachford Greenway – Reduce Speed  
Cllr. Lynch queried if signage could be erected asking drivers to reduce their speed to 30 km/h as there are cars parked outside the greenway. P. O’Sullivan, EE said that because of the rural location it is not possible to put a speed limit there, but we can look at installing cautionary signs
- (c) Cross by the Shebeen, Matehy – visibility from the Tower side very poor  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he may be able to include it in the 2022 Low Cost Scheme.
- (d) Firmount Cross – Traffic Calming – Signage  
P. O’Sullivan, EE suggested moving the current driver feedback signs and this might help things.

### **Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) New Driver Feedback Signs – Ballydaly and Dripsey  
Cllr. Moynihan expressed her satisfaction and said they were most welcome
- (b) Speed Activation Signs – Allocation of €10,000 put aside  
It was proposed by Cllr. Moynihan and seconded by Cllr. Looney to make €10,000 available from the budget for Speed Activation Signs in 2022.
- (c) Sleaveen, Macroom – Fallen Wall at the Junction  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that the rubble has been removed and it is planned to fix the wall in the new year.
- (d) Aires Camping – Update  
Cllr. Moynihan suggested writing to the Tourism SPC for guidance. N. Radley, SEO outlined that they are looking at putting a new policy in place on Aires Camping.
- (e) Slow – Junction Signage on the Ballinagree to Macroom Road  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said this will be in place before Christmas

### **Cllr. Martin Coughlan**

- (a) Biodiversity  
Cllr. Coughlan expressed his thanks for works carried out.
- (b) Walkway on the Bridge in Macroom – Signage for Cyclists  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he is waiting on the delivery of the signs
- (c) Cap missing from a water cover outside Chinese Restaurant, Castle Street, Macroom  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will check it out
- (d) Turning on the Christmas Lights – Macroom – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
Cllr. Coughlan invited all to attend.

### **Cllr. Michael Creed**

- (a) Apsley Court, Ovens - tree growing up through the footpath  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will have a look
- (b) Mount Cross – Low Cost Scheme  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it is gone to the Design Office.
- (c) Bridges at Clondrohid & Near Pike House - Update  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he is hoping to secure funding to carry out works
- (d) Hanover Hall – Railing damaged again.
- (e) Toilets in Inchigeelagh – Who is responsible for Maintaining them?  
J. Dwyer, SEE said they are community-based toilets. M. O'Leary, MDO said she would look at the possibility of having them deep cleaned. Cllr. Creed queried if it was possible to appoint a caretaker. M. O'Leary, MDO said she will investigate.



**Marie O'Leary, MDO**

Date of December 2021 Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. Creed, seconded by Cllr. Looney and agreed by all the Members not to hold a meeting in December.

**Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú**

**This concluded the business of the meeting**

Michael Creed  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**

28-1-2022  
**DÁTA**

Marie O'Leary  
**OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH**

28-01-2022  
**DÁTA**