

# Macroom Municipal District Officer's Report

28<sup>th</sup> June 2022



## 1. General Municipal Allocation

To date, the following claims have been submitted in relation to the Amenity, Capital and Community Contract allocations under the GMA.

- 2019 - €204,446.74
- 2020 - €142,851.94
- 2021 - € 98,902.00

## 2. Town Development Fund

To date, the following claims have been submitted in relation to the Town Development Fund under the GMA.

- 2019 - €97,024
- 2020 - €72,000
- 2021 - €54,700

Below are some images of completed projects in Inniscarra and Millstreet funded with assistance from the Community Fund.



Improvements to the pitch & hedges by Inniscarra Camogie Club



Refurbishment of Toilets at Aubane Social Club

### **3. Clár Fund 2021 Update**

Millstreet Tidy Towns, together with Macroom Municipal District received funding under Clár 2021 to do works to Millstreet Pollinator Park. Work on this project is due to commence in the coming weeks with the installation of a timber Pagoda as a centre piece & focal point in this area. There will be a number of paths laid, together with hedging & biodiversity planting to be installed. Seating will also be included in this space. Further updates will issue in due course.

### **4. Launch of Historic Town Maps for Macroom & Millstreet**

The Cathaoirleach of Macroom Municipal District officially launched the Historic Town Maps in Macroom & Millstreet on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The maps were launched in each town and included the volunteers who put such great work into these maps. Below are some images from the launch.





## **5. Bus Depot Macroom Update**

Bus Éireann has confirmed that it has commenced structural works to the Bus Depot building in Macroom. Scaffolding has been erected around the building which will facilitate contractors to repair the roof, supporting structures and associated works. This is the first phase of the planned works, which commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 and are planned to be completed by end of August 2022. On completion of Phase 1, Bus Éireann intends to commence a 2<sup>nd</sup> phase which will replace windows and doors in order to protect the integrity of the structure.

## **6. Historic Towns Initiative 2022 – Update on St Colman’s Church**

The following is an update on the current position of the St. Colman’s, Former Church of Ireland Building Macroom Co. Cork - Emergency Conservation & Investigative Works.

In March 2022, The Heritage Council granted funding to Cork County Council as part of the Historic Towns Initiative 2022. The project is led by Cork County Council’s Architects’ Department together with their team of consultants, Conservation Architects’ Design Forum and Archaeologist, Dan Noonan.

The project will safeguard this building from falling into further disrepair. Works will include structural repairs to the tower and consolidation and repair to the external envelope, removal of vegetations, repair of rainwater goods and removal of cement pointing and repointing of external stonework in an appropriate lime mortar and protection of stained glass windows. As this project is not a project of scale, a small team of tradesmen will work onsite this project.

Cork County Council have now identified a preferred tenderer for the construction contract, and it is anticipated that work on this project will begin on the first week of July 2022. The main thrust of the project is planned to commence after the August bank holiday weekend and expected completion of the project is hoped to be mid-November 2022.

## 7. 2022 Town & Village Renewal Scheme

The Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) supports small to medium capital projects which enhance the environment of town or village centres. Grant funding for projects will range from €20,000 to €500,000.

The 2022 Scheme will place particular emphasis on ***projects that bring vacant and derelict buildings and sites back into use as multi-purpose spaces in line with the objectives of "Our Rural Future – Ireland's Rural Development Policy 2021-2025"***. The Town and Village Scheme will support these objectives and will encourage more people to return confidently to town and village centres to work, shop and socialise.

Local Authorities are invited to submit up to 11 applications (up to €2.1 million per authority) under the 2022 Scheme as follows:

- 5 applications funding €20,000 to €250,000
- 1 application funding €20,000 to €500,000
- 2 applications funding up to €50,000 (Project Development Measure)
- 1 application funding up to €50,000 (New Marketing Scheme Measure)
- 2 applications combined funding up to €400,000 (New Building Acquisition Measure)

Details on the Scheme, together with the necessary application forms are available on the Council's website or by contacting this office.

The closing date for expressions of interest to Cork County Council for the main TVR Scheme is 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 to allow assessment internally with the final closing date for applications by Cork County Council being 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.

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