

Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held in the Castle Hotel, Macroom on Tuesday 28th June 2022

- Present/I láthair:** Cllrs. Eileen Lynch (Cathaoirleach), Ted Lucey, Michael Looney, Michael Creed, Gobnait Moynihan & Martin Coughlan
- Attendance/Tinreamh:** Ms. Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Marie O'Leary, Municipal District Officer
Mr. Pat O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer
Mr. Denis O'Shea, Assistant Staff Officer
- Apologies/Leath scéal:** Mr. James Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer

1. DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Coughlan and seconded by Cllr. M. Creed the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 27th May 2022 having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Municipal District Officer.

2. TOGADH CATHAOIRLEACH AGUS LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH NUA ELECTION OF NEW CATHAOIRLEACH AND LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH

Outgoing Cathaoirleach Cllr. M Creed thanked the Municipal District staff and members for their help over the previous year. He said the Municipal District is doing very well. He was pleased to see great progress on the Macroom By-Pass which when opened will make a big difference to people living in the town, businesses and visitors. During the previous 12 month period funding has been made available for projects that will enhance Macroom and the Municipal District such as the Mill Dam, St Colman's Church and the Bus Depot. While virtual meetings helped business continue during Covid-19, it was great to see that physical and blended meetings are returning. He wished the new Cathaoirleach all the best for the coming year.

All of the Members congratulated Cllr. M Creed on the work he did over the year and thanked him for his kindness and courtesy.

Nicola Radley SEO commended Cllr. Creed for embracing new technology and for his professionalism in steering through transformative projects.

Cllr. T. Lucey proposed and Cllr M. Coughlan seconded Cllr. E. Lynch for the position of Cathaoirleach and her nomination was also supported by Cllr. M. Creed. No other member was nominated for the position and Cllr. E. Lynch was elected.

Cllr E. Lynch thanked the members and complimented the outgoing Cathaoirleach. She said she was honoured to be selected for the position for the centenary year and was looking forward to progression on public realm projects, St Colman's Church (former Church of Ireland) and Macroom By-Pass.

The other members all joined in, in wishing Cllr E. Lynch well for the forthcoming year.

Cllr. M. Creed proposed and Cllr. M. Coughlan seconded Cllr. T. Lucey for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach and he was elected unopposed. Cllr. Lucey thanked his proposer and seconder and said he was looking forward to assisting the members in any way he could during the forthcoming year.

3. NITHE AG ÉIRÍ AS NA MIONTUAIRISCÍ MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

(a) Footpath and Pedestrian Crossing heading up for the National and Secondary Schools, Coachford

Cllr. Moynihan asked for an update regarding buying a section of the land that is for sale in Coachford. P. O'Sullivan, EE said he has spoken to the Property Section about this issue.

(e) Bridge on the Millstreet Side of Carriganimna

P. O'Sullivan, EE said that the Contractor has come back with a price, but it is expensive for these works, which are of an aesthetic nature. Towards the end of the year, finances will be reviewed to see if the cost can be covered.

A bridge in Rylane was also struck over the weekend, for which a quotation will also be needed. Funding from the Bridge Rehabilitation Grant may need to be sought for repair work to the bridge in Rylane, as the cost is likely to be over €15,000.00 for that job. Because the damage to the bridge in Rylane is to the parapet, repair of this bridge will have to be prioritised.

(f) Tunnel on road L7417-0 - Road to the North of Ballyvourney (Top Road)

Cllr. Moynihan queried if the lay-by could be extended. P. O'Sullivan EE said that he has spoken with the TII contractor and they have agreed to extend the lay-by section to the face of the tunnel which will improve the sight line. A commitment has been given, but no date at the moment.

(g) Monument in Millstreet Town

P. O'Sullivan EE said that concrete for the plinth was poured the previous week. That needs to be allowed set and harden for ten days before the contractor comes back and does the limestone facing, after which point the canopy will be put in place.

(h) Lights outside Carnegie Hall

P. O'Sullivan EE told Cllr Moynihan that the Public Lighting section are waiting for Airtricity to come back to them, but that they have come to an agreement about the price. Cllr. Moynihan suggested that the project might benefit from a letter being sent to Airtricity from the Municipal District via the Public Lighting Section.

(k) Driver Feedback Sign sign in Ballydaly not working

P. O'Sullivan EE told Cllr Moynihan that the contractor was coming to inspect the electrics in mid August.

Cllr. Moynihan asked that the Macroom related matters remain on the agenda for the next time:

Mons Road – roadside drain in need of attention

Killumney Bridge Works – Timeframe

Installing another handrail on Church Hill Road, Macroom.

Suitability of the N22 road infrastructure presently in place in the Village of Lissarda

N22 – Speed Through Ballyvourney at the Mills Inn

Councillor Ted Lucey

Cllr. T. Lucey asked that all his Macroon related requests remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

- (a) Briery Gap – Update
- (b) Castleview Cross
- (c) Church of Ireland, Macroon
- (d) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroon
- (e) Bus Depot, Macroon
- (f) Bridge in Killumney
- (g) Macroon – Water pooling
- (h) Lights by the Roundabout at Fitzgerald’s Corner – very dull
- (i) Street Cleaning in Macroon Town
- (j) Pedestrian Crossing Masseytown - Speed Down the Hill
- (k) Install a crossing point at the roundabout at Kilnagurteen
- (l) Town Development Fund/General Municipal Allocation – Funding Granted to Macroon MD
- (m) Proposed Pedestrian Crossing near the Boys School, Macroon
- (n) Bypass at Killumney – Link Road to EMC roundabout – 3 lights missing

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Coachford Footpath – pedestrian crossing
Cllr Lynch asked to see if this project was at the design stage and if work could be done while the schools were off. P. O’Sullivan, EE said that the preliminary stage process has begun and the Property Section are going to talk to the relevant landowner.
- (b) Lyons Tce, Coachford
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he is finding it very hard to secure a Contractor to carry out the work but he will endeavour to progress it as far as he can.
- (c) Pipehouse Cross – beyond Courtbrack – Speed
P. O’Sullivan, EE said new signage has been got for this location and would be erected in due course.

Cllr Lynch asked that the Macroon related matters remain on the agenda for the next time:

- (d) Terelton National School – pedestrian crossing
- (e) Crookstown – Cliffords Bar to Béal na Bláth – Flooding Works
- (f) Toonsbridge - Safety works – Money Allocated
- (g) Toons Bridge – Pedestrian Footpath

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Morrisons Bridge update
P. O’Sullivan EE told Cllr Creed that he has met with the Design section, who will speak with the landowner on the Rusheen side to see if they can acquire some ground in order to strengthen the approach to the bridge. Funding is in place from the Bridge Rehabilitation Programme this year. In response to Cllr Creed and Cllr Lucey asking if anything could be done in the short term, P. O’ Sullivan EE said he will have a word with the Design Office to see if anything can be done.
- (b) Muinefliuch School heading for Millstreet Country Park – Bridge
P. O’Sullivan, EE said the signs have been delivered and will be erected in due course.

Cllr Creed asked that asked that the Macroom related matters remain on the agenda for the next time:

- (c) L92206 – Slieverieigh Road – Very Bad State

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Verge Cutting at dangerous junctions
P. O’ Sullivan EE told Cllr Looney that verge cutting at dangerous junctions was underway.
- (b) Ballyshoneen Speeding
Cllr Looney said that driver behaviour was the problem, but he asked whether anything further could be done about speeding at this location. P. O’ Sullivan EE said No Overtaking signs are in place. Cllr. Looney asked to see if the Municipal District could write to An Garda Síochána about this issue.
- (c) Ballyshoneen Bridge
Cllr Looney expressed gratitude for the work done on Ballyshoneen, which he said put the area on the map again.
- (d) Coachford Yard
Cllr Looney asked when the yard in Coachford was being assigned to Cork County Council. P. O’ Sullivan EE said that issue was ongoing, but that the yards in Ballycunningham and Aghavrin served as depots for Council workers working on the eastern side of the Millstreet Area at the moment.

Councillor Martin Coughlan

Cllr. Coughlan requested that the four items he had rose at the previous meeting be retained on the agenda for the next meeting.

- (a) Bridge at Bealick -Potholes

- (b) Drain at Hartnetts Cross, Macroom on the Right Hand side – ditch falling into the drain
- (c) Bridge in Macroom – Loose Cobblestones on both sides
- (d) Compensation from TII

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

(a) Municipal District Officers Report

Members noted the Report.

M. O’Leary, MDO gave the Members an overview of the report.

All of the Members expressed gratitude to Marie O’ Leary MDO for the comprehensive nature of the report.

Councillor Eileen Lynch

Cllr Lynch asked when an update might be available for Clár 2022 – an update will be available by the end of August.

Cllr Lynch also enquired about Coachford Village application under a previous Town & Village Renewal Scheme, the previous application having been successful. Marie O’ Leary MDO said she would contact the Department about that funding as a separate matter to the current Scheme that is open, pointing out that the Coachford Village application had previously been approved. As yet this is a bit premature as the works in the village haven’t been completed but will contact the Dept in due course.

Councillor Ted Lucey

Cllr Lucey raised a concern he has about the provision of a toilet at the Bus Depot. Marie O’ Leary MDO will discuss the matter with James Dywer SEE in conjunction with Disability Accessibility works.

Councillor Michael Creed

Cllr Creed made the point that 11 Town & Village Renewal Scheme applications will be put forward by Cork County Council to the Department and the MD will be lucky if it gets one or two projects amongst that number.

Nicola Radley SEO said that the Divisional Management team decides on the final list, but contact will be made with the unsuccessful community groups in order to assist them in improving their submissions in the future.

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

Cllr Moynihan said that it was great that the preservation works at St Colman’s Church were going ahead, while the RRDF application for more substantial works was going through for consideration.

Cllr Moynihan thanked the MDO for following up her request to have the Historic Towns Map to be translated into Irish.

Councillor Michael Looney

Cllr Looney praised the amount of work that is going on and said that the town of Macroom is going well.

Councillor Martin Coughlan

Cllr Coughlan expressed satisfaction with the progress at the Bus Depot but asked the MD to keep on top of this issue, which is one that he has been raising with 40 years. The Depot needs to be brought to the same acceptable condition at other Bus Depots around the country. Marie O' Leary MDO said that the MD is hoping that this is the beginning of a long-term partnership with Bus Eireann with regards to the Bus Depot.

Cllr Coughlan said it is great to see St Colmans being preserved for future generations. He paid tribute to the Lee Valley Enterprise Board who secured funding for roof works 20 years ago, and to all those who helped over the years in saving the 3 windows at the front for example. Nicola Radley SEO said it is the intention to keep all the stakeholders who made an input to St Colmans Church over the years involved. The Municipal District, in conjunction with the County Architects Dept will run a workshop on site during Heritage Work, on repointing work and related skills. This will be publicised beforehand.

(b) Discretionary Fund Applications

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Glen Park Residents Assoc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provision of Christmas Tree• Maintain beds and trees
Total	€300

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. M. Creed
Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. M. Coughlan

5. PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO SPEED LIMIT BYE-LAWA UNDER 2022 REVIEW FOR REGIONAL & LOCAL ROADS – JULY 2022 – DRAFT B

P. O' Sullivan EE told the meeting that the public consultation phase following on from an earlier Draft A of the Proposals in 2020 had not resulted in any objections from the public.

These proposals only covered Local and Regional roads in the Area as the TII hadn't come back in relation to the National roads. In response to a query from Cllr.M. Coughlan, he said that if the proposals are approved by the full Council in September, they could become operational in October.

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

**6. DÍOL TALÚN/DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY
SECTION 183 NOTICE**

- Discharge of wayleave registered in favour of Macroom UDC on Folio CK169212F, Part 3, No. 2, overlands at Bawnmore..

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. M. Coughlan
Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. M. Looney

7. GNÓ A FHORORDAÍTEAR LE REACHT
Business prescribed by Statute

TAKING IN CHARGE OF AN GOIRTÍN RUA HOUSING ESTATE

Marie O' Leary MDO told the meeting that this proposal had come through for the Councillors approval. The proposal involved the Council taking in charge the services, road, footpath and public lighting as outlined in the map which had presented to the Councillors. However, the Council will not be looking after the maintenance of the green area. Cllr. T. Lucey asked that residents in the new housing estates on the Millstreet Road in Macroom be informed that the green areas are their responsibility to maintain.

That, being satisfied that a public right of way exists over it, and the road is of general public utility, Cork County Council hereby declares pursuant to Section 11(1) of the Roads Act, 1993 the following road to be a public road: -

ESTATE NAME	LOCATION	LINEAR METRES
AN GOIRTÍN RUA	Macroom	165

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

8. 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, an t-eolas is déanaí a thabhairt faoi Maigh Chromtha agus an "Decarbonisation Zone"

That Council would furnish an update on Macroom as a Cork County Councils designated Decarbonisation Zone.

Tá ainmiúchán Mhaigh Chromtha mar Chríos Dícharbónaithe leis an Roinn fé láthair agus táthar ag fanacht lena cheadú. Táthar ag fanacht ar fhaomhadh náisiúnta ní fadhb í ainmiúchán Chorcaí. Táthar ag súil go bhféadfar é a cheadú nuair a chríochnóidh an Bille um Gheilleagar Ciorclach a rith trí Thithe an Oireachtais.

The nomination of Macroom as the Decarbonisation Zone is with the department and approval of same is awaited. Approval nationally is awaited it is not an issue with the Cork nomination. It is hoped that approval may follow when the Circular Economy Bill completes its passage through the Oireachtas. Liam Singleton, Senior Engineer, Waste and Climate Change, Environment Directorate.

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Cllr. Moynihan outlined the background to the Notice of Motion. Arising from the Climate Action Plan, Macroom was chosen as a Decarbonisation Zone last year, but what prompted the Notice of Motion is the fact that there has been no action on it yet. The town has a chance of benefiting greatly from the designation in a way that would make a big difference to a lot of people. There is the prospect retrofitting all the houses on an estate at the one time. Cycle paths along the Lee Valley could be developed, such as Coachford to Macroom, and Macroom to the Gearagh. The Gearagh itself could be safeguarded. Cllr. Moynihan asked that the Municipal District write to the Department and request that the MD be given guidelines, which remain forthcoming from the Oireachtas issue.

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- Iarr ar an gComhairle a dtuairimí a thabhairt faoin mbreithniú a dhéanann sí do bhóithre ar a bhfuil an-tóir orthu do bhabhláil bóthair agus an clár bliantúil athdhromchlú bóithre á dhéanamh ag an gComhairle.

Ask Council to comment on the consideration it gives to popular road bowling roads when carrying out Councils annual resurfacing road programme

Is eol do Chomhairle Contae Chorcaí na riachtanais ar leith atá ag Ból Chumann na hÉireann maidir le huigeacht chríochnaithe na mbóithre a úsáidtear le haghaidh babhlála. Ar bhóithre a bhfuil cóiriú dromchla orthu, ar chúiseanna soiléire sábháilteachta, ní féidir bailchríoch mhín a bheith acu. Is é an comhréiteach a nglactar leis ná bailchríoch a chur ar fáil i sliseanna cóiriú dromchla 10mm. Soláthraíonn sé seo greim leordhóthanach don úsáideoir bóthair agus coimeádann sé an bóthar oiriúnach do bhabhláil bóthair chomh maith. I gcásanna áirithe ní féidir an bhailchríoch sliseanna 10mm a chur i bhfeidhm láithreach agus ina ionad sin féadfar 14mm a úsáid ar dtús. Mar sin féin, téann an Chomhairle thar n-ais chuig na bóithre seo níos déanaí sa séasúr le sliseanna 10mm a chur orthu.

“Cork County Council is aware of the particular requirements of Ból Chumann na hÉireann in relation to the finished texture on roads used for bowling. On roads that are surfaced dressed, for obvious safety reasons, it is not possible to have a smooth finish. The accepted compromise is to provide a finish in a 10mm surface dressing chip. This provides adequate grip to the road user whilst also keeping the road suitable for road bowling. In certain situations, it is not possible to apply the finished 10mm chip immediately and instead a 14mm may be used initially. However, the Council do go back a finish out these”

James Dwyer. Innealtóir Feidhmiúcháin Sinsearach/ Senior Executive Engineer

Cllr. Moynihan said that this was not so much an issue within the Macroom MD, and more of an issue outside the MD. The finished texture of the road after surface dressing affects the bowl hop on the road and could potentially be dangerous. Cllr. Moynihan suggested informal meetings between Area Offices and Bowling Cumainn in order to identify:

1. Roads that are being re-surfaced.
2. Competitions that are being held.

Cllr. Creed said that the issue is being examined by the Roads and Transportation SPC and agreed that communication with local Engineers is very important. Cllr. Looney agreed with the previous speakers and said that it was important that the channel of communication between the Council and the Bol Cumainn be kept open, especially in light of the recent success of local bowlers in European competition. Cllr. Lynch said it that the SPC is giving consideration to the issue at the moment and Cllr. Looney said he was pleased to say it was getting good support on the SPC.

9. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Cllr Lucey congratulated Erika O' Shea on her recent move to North Melbourne AFWL.
- Cllr Moynihan and Cllr Looney paid tribute to Denis Kelleher and Ber Kearney.
- Cllr Looney congratulated Seamus Sexton on his victory in the European Bowling Championships.

10. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN
VOTES OF CONDOLENCES.

- Cllr. Lucey and Cllr. Coughlan expressed condolences to the family of Mary McCarthy, RIP, Gurteenroe, widow of the late former Councillor Martin McCarthy.

11. AON GHNÓ EILE
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Enquired as to when road coming into Millstreet from the Macroom side will be resurfaced
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he had no date as yet, but that the contract documents are being prepared.

Cllr. Ted Lucey

- (a) Asked to see if there was an update on Macroom By-Pass
Marie O' Leary MDO., said that the By-Pass liaison person, Jonathon Noonan, has left that position and a request made to the contractor enquiring as to who the new contact person is.
- (b) Debris from grave digging being dumped by two existing graves in St. Marys
This is an upsetting situation for the two families involved.
Cllr. Coughlan suggested that a far-off corner be chosen for this material.
Marie O' Leary MDO said that she will follow up on this matter.
- (c) Briery Gap Project
Nicola Radley, SEO, said huge progress had recently been made with the steel work phase nearly completed. Block work is the next step. The concrete roof slab looks set to be put in place in the July/August period.
Cllr. Coughlan commended the contractors for minimising disruption to the public.

Cllr. Michael Creed

- (a) Local Improvement Scheme update for the MD
P. O' Sullivan EE told Cllr Creed that an LIS in Gortavehy, Ballydaly has been approved and a code grant is in place for that job. If extra funding comes in place, a second LIS may come on stream on the Millstreet side in Rylane, however, that particular LIS application has not been approved yet.
- (b) Public Toilets in Macroom Square
Cllr. Creed enquired as to how were the public toilets being maintained at present. Marie O' Leary, MDO, said that a Council employee was opening them in the morning and closing them in the evening, and that contract cleaners were in place. She regretted to

inform the meeting that the toilets were the subject of some serious anti-social activity at the moment and that a lot of destruction is occurring there at weekends in particular. This has resulted in the toilets having to be closed at times for a period. The vandalism has been reported to the Gardai and the MD is looking at all measures to see what can be done about this problem.

All the Councillors expressed their disappointment on this matter and all indicated their willingness to work with the MD to come up with potential solutions.

Cllr. Eileen Lynch

(a) Strand bar to Vicarstown School.

P. O'Sullivan, EE told Cllr Lynch that this road will be on the 2024 programme.

From the speed limit to Foxes Bridge is being done this year, and from the Shebeen crossroads to the school will be done next year.

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

Eileen Lynch
CATHAOIRLEACH

28-7-22.
DÁTA

Mamie O'Leary
OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH

28-07-22
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