

Macroom Municipal District Officer's Report

31st March 2023



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.

- 2020 - €180,219.51
- 2021 - €152,704.80
- 2022 - € 93,133.50

2. Town Development Fund

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

- 2020 - €84,300
- 2021 - €54,700
- 2022 - €49,152

Below are images of the recently completed project by Kilmichael GAA Club who completed a renovation programme for their pitches. This project was completed with assistance from the Community Fund.



- Installation of Speed Safety Measures - €18,000
- Village Enhancements to Coachford Village - €50,750
- Total Village Enhancement Allocation for 2023: €68,750**

The locations for the speed safety measures for 2023 were agreed last year and will be provided at the locations listed below:

2023 Locations for Speed Activated Signs:

Area	No of Signs	Area covered by
Cloughduv	1	James
Cloughoula	2	Pat
Ballyshoneen	1	Pat
Rylane	1	Pat
Total	5	

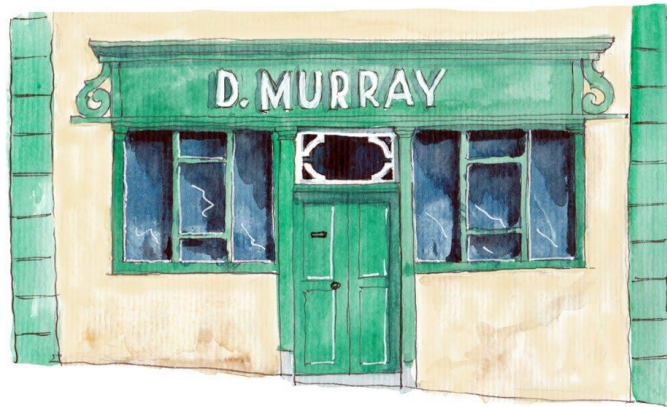
A meeting will be held in Coachford in the coming weeks to agree the enhancements for the village under this Scheme.

5. 2023 Historic Towns Initiative – Stream 2 Application for Macroom

Under the 2023 Historic Towns Initiative Stream 2 Macroom Municipal District made an application for funding towards a Heritage Led Regeneration Plan for New Street & Castle Street in Macroom. I am pleased to inform you that this application has been successful and has been awarded funding of €40,000 to develop this plan.

This plan will highlight the current assets in the area & will aim enhance the natural beauty of these streets in a planned & measured manner. Streets like New Street and Castle Street have been unable to develop to their potential because of the sustained traffic. This is now an opportune time to look at these streets, assess the heritage & historic value of them & develop a plan which could be replicated in any other town in the Municipal District, in Cork County or even nationally. Macroom town is similar to other towns of its size but it has some lovely unique historic features and natural assets already, so the plan is to highlight current assets in the area & to enhance its natural beauty in a planned & measured manner.

Updates on progress with this plan will issue over the coming months. This project will be due for completed by mid-November 2023.



6. 2023 Paint Scheme

It is planned to offer The Paint Scheme for 2023 in the Municipal District. Full details of the locations, together with the application form will be outlined at the April MD Meeting.

7. Funding Streams from Dept of Rural & Community Development

The table below sets out details in relation to the main Department of Rural and Community Development investment supports available in 2023. It is intended that this calendar will assist stakeholders by providing timeframes in which to develop highquality and impactful funding proposals. Stakeholders should assess the suite of supports as a whole and plan their applications on that basis. Visit www.gov.ie/drcd for further information.

January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• €50m Community Recognition Fund open for applications
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial allocations under 2023 Local Improvement Scheme announced• Walks Scheme expansion process opened
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2023 Building Acquisition Measure to open for applications under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme• 2023 CLÁR Programme to open for applications• Community Centre Investment Fund to open for applications for new build centres• Call for proposals to open under Community Services Programme
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call for proposals under the Libraries Capital Programme 2023-2027• Libraries Measure Call under Dormant Accounts Fund to open
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call for Local Authority Action Plans under PEACE Plus• Call for applications under the PEACE Plus Reimagining Communities Investment Area – Large Capital Spaces.• 2023 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme to open for applications
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Town and Village Renewal Scheme to open for applications – main scheme and Project Development Measure
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Category 1 call for applications to open under 2023 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund

8. WiFi4EU – Update

The European Commission, under the WiFi4EU initiative, is keen to promote free Wi-Fi connectivity for citizens and visitors in public spaces such as parks, squares, public building, libraries, health centres, and museums across Europe through the installation of state-of-the-art Wi-Fi equipment in the centres of community life.

The Council has made arrangements to roll out free public WiFi in various towns throughout the county and consequently Wifi4EU connectivity is now available in key areas in the following towns:-

Baile Bhuirne	Charleville	Midleton
Bandon	Clonakilty	Millstreet
Bantry	Cobh	Mitchelstown
Camden Fort Meagher	Doneraile	Passage West
Cape Clear	Dunmanway	Skibbereen
Carrigaline	Fermoy	Youghal
Castletownbere	Kanturk	

9. Anti-Dumping Initiative 2023

Funding is being made available again this year for projects to be undertaken in 2023 under the Anti-Dumping Initiative.

Any projects involving prevention, abatement, education or enforcement can be considered.

- Project areas must be located on publicly accessible land or in any place that is visible to any extent from a public place.
- Project activities must be completed during 2023

For application & further details please contact the office at Macroom Town Hall. The closing date for submission of applications is Friday 7th April 2023.

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