

Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District Blended Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroom on Friday 31st March 2023

Present/I láthair: Cllrs. Eileen Lynch (Cathaoirleach), Michael Creed, Michael Looney, Ted Lucey, Gobnait Moynihan & 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
Mr. Catherine O'Shea, Assistant Staff Officer

1. DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. Michael Creed and seconded by Cllr. Ted Lucey the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 24th February 2023 having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Municipal District Officer.

2. NITHE AG ÉIRÍ AS NA MIONTUAIRISCÍ MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Briery Gap
- (b) Castleview Cross
- (c) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom
- (d) Bus Depot, Macroom
M. O'Leary, MDO said that works are continuing behind closed doors and are on target she understands.
- (e) Macroom – Water pooling
J. Dwyer, SEE said that TII has completed one section of the road. Cllr. Lucey expressed his thanks for the deep cleaning that was carried out on the main street
- (f) Lights by the Roundabout at Fitzgerald's Corner – very dull
- (g) Street Cleaning in Macroom Town
- (h) Pedestrian Crossing Masseytown - Speed Down the Hill
No update
- (i) Install a crossing point at the roundabout at Kilnagurteen
- (j) Proposed Pedestrian Crossing near the Boys School, Macroom
- (k) Bypass at Killumney – Link Road to EMC roundabout – 3 lights missing

- (l) Potential Bicycle Lane from 2 to 4 Mile Bridge Macroon
- (m) 21 Apartments over Dunnes Stores, Macroon - made available to address the housing need in the area
- (n) Chapel Hill, Macroon – Parking is a big issue
J. Dwyer, SEE said this would not be easy to solve but is looking into it.

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Ballyvourney Age Friendly Parking Spaces – outside the Chemist
No update
- (b) QR Code on the Murals in Macroon
M. O’Leary, MDO said she is liaising with the Tourism Section regarding the codes. She said once they are up and running it is planned to share them on the Explore Cork app and the (Lee Valley Enterprise Board) LVEP’s webpage www.macroom.ie if this is possible to do. Cllr. Moynihan said it was important that they give an outline of what the mural is about. M. O’Leary, MDO said the plaques would then be added at a later stage.
- (c) Millstreet Graveyard – Tap
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it is planned to carry out footpath works in the Summer and the tap will be installed at the same time. Cllr. Moynihan said she felt this was dragging on and was anxious to get the tap in place.
- (d) Drishane to Coole Cross – Footpath
M O’Leary, MDO outlined that an application for this project was submitted under the 2023 Community Recognition Fund and it is hoped that an announcement will be made by the Dept of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) in the coming weeks of the successful applicants.
- (e) Jimmys Cross Junction – not enough signage – who has the right of way
J. Dwyer, SEE said that the signage was sufficient but that he would arrange to update the road markings.
- (f) Ballinagree – outside the Church an extra light is needed
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will include it in the Public Lighting Programme for next year.

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Junction at Mount Cross – Update
J. Dwyer, SEE said he is endeavouring to get a design prepared for the junction before approaching the landowner. Cllr. Creed stressed that this a very dangerous cross.

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Cloghroe – Footpath to the Cork City Boundary needs Cleaning
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will arrange to get the briars cut.
- (b) Berrings – Wind Turned the Pole
- (c) Mathey to Shebeen – Road very poor
P. O’Sullivan, EE said the potholes on this section of road are being filled.

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Coachford Flood Study
No update. Cllr. Lynch said the flooding at the pitch is ongoing.
- (b) Coachford Footpath and Pedestrian Crossing Design
In response to Cllr. Lynch regarding when the works are likely to be carried out, P. O'Sullivan, EE said there is no funding at present for this year, however, it is still on the list of works to be done as funding may come later in the year.
- P. O'Sullivan, EE said that the €60,000 allocated under Climate Action is for two separate projects - €30,000 each:
- Piping a drain to facilitate the Footpath to the grotto
 - Gullies by the GAA
- (c) Macroom EV Charging Points
M. O'Leary, MDO said she had no update but would follow up again.
- (d) Terelton National School – pedestrian crossing
- (e) Crookstown – Cliffords Bar to Béal na Bláth – Flooding Works
- (f) Toonsbridge – Pedestrian Footpath -Safety works – Money Allocated
- (g) Potholes between Shea's Cross and the turn off for St. Olans, Aghabullogue in the short term and request for this section to be tarred at a later stage.
- (h) Lee Valley Inn in a dangerous state.
- (i) Coopers Rock to the Pitch in Rusheen – road very bad
- (j) Barna Cross – Yield Sign
- (k) Millstreet Footpaths – Minor Row
- (l) Rylane School – Yellow box & lines
P. O'Sullivan, EE said that there is some signage that could be put down, such as "No parking. School exclusion Zone". He said a similar design was done in Banteer and he would have a look at it.
- (r) Aghabullogue – Speed Through Village
P. O'Sullivan, EE said there is a speed survey being carried out at present and he would have the results shortly.

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

- (a) **Community Fund Allocations and Town Development Fund Allocations for 2023**
- Community Fund Allocations

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

- Town Development Fund Allocations
Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. T. Lucey
Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. M. Creed

(b) Municipal District Officers Report

Members noted the Report.

- 2023 Village Enhancement Scheme
Cllr. E. Lynch welcomed the funding for Coachford
- 2023 Historic Towns Initiative – Stream 2 Application for Macroom
Cllr. E. Lynch welcomed the funding received saying it will be a huge benefit to the town
- WIFI4EU – Update
In response to Cllr. E. Lynch, M. O’Leary, MDO said this free WIFI is available in the libraries in Millstreet and Baile Bhuirne.

Cllr. G. Moynihan queried if WIFI will be rolled out to other parts of Millstreet and also if the WIFI in Macroom Town Square could be advertised more. M. O’Leary, MDO said there is a sign at the back of the Parking Meter outside the Town Hall but would look at advertising it more.

M. O’Leary, MDO outlined that funding for this WIFI project is limited but if future additional funding were to arise, the intention would be to make applications to extend the WIFI in Millstreet town and other parts of the MD, if suitable.

Cllr M. Creed said that most people were aware that there was free WIFI in Macroom Square and that it was working well.

(c) Discretionary Fund Applications

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Lauren O’Sullivan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising for Hope Foundation, going to Kolkata as part of a group from School and the grant will go towards the street and slum children of Kolkata.
Darren Sweeney Member of the Irish International Youth Fly Fishing Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miscellaneous expenses associated with travelling to Wales in July
Total	€600

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. G. Moynihan
Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. T. Lucey

(d) Pride of Place 2023

M. O’Leary, MDO said to the Members that if they knew of any groups that were interested in applying, details on the competition were available on www.prideofplace.ie with application forms available through the Town Hall office at 026-41545.

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

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) **Íarr ar an Comhairle ceoltoirí a fáiltù chun sheint, go dtì an Cearnóg ì Maigh Chromtha ì rith là margaidh.**

Ask Council to consider welcoming live music performances, to the Square in Macroom, during market day.

Chuirfeadh Ceantar Bardasach Mhaigh Chromtha fáilte mhór roimh thaibhithe ceoil bheo, faoi réir deimhnithe árachais & infhaighteacht spáis. Le blianta beaga anuas, sheinn ceoltóirí sráide sa Chearnóg ar roinnt ócáidí le linn an Mhargaidh Dé Máirt.

Macroom Municipal District would warmly welcome live music performances, subject to verification of insurances & space availability. In recent times, buskers have performed in the Square on a number of occasions during the Tuesday Market Days.

Máire Ní Laoghaire, Oifigeach Riarachain
Marie O'Leary, Municipal District Officer

Cllr. G. Moynihan said in order to encourage more tourism to the town the addition of live music in Macroom Town Square during the Summer months would bring more life to the area. She said there are lots of students who would love the opportunity to perform and they in turn would draw other people. M. O'Leary, MDO said that any group that are interested would be very welcome to come along. She said for the Christmas Market the schools are always contacted inviting groups to come and perform on the day. Cllr. G. Moynihan said it would give the youth a great platform.

Cllr. M. Looney said he supported Cllr. G. Moynihan, he said it was a brilliant idea and would form part of a framework for tourism in the town.

Cllr. M. Coughlan also supported Cllr. G. Moynihan. He suggested a designated area could be assigned where a stage could be erected for the performances, where people could gather around.

Cllr. M. Creed also supported Cllr. G. Moynihan, he suggested that the performances should be free.

Cllr. T. Lucey also supported Cllr. G. Moynihan, he said it was a good idea.

Cllr. E. Lynch said she also supported Cllr. G. Moynihan, she suggested advertising through Social Media platforms which could potentially attract more people, she said that there are lots of positives to this.

Cllr. G. Moynihan said as regards equipment that during the COVID-19 Pandemic Cork County Council applied for funding for Marquee/PA/Stage equipment. N. Radley, SEO confirmed that this equipment was available and included 2 stages, 2 marquees & PA system & equipment.

Cllr. E. Lynch queried if any community group could request the equipment. N. Radley, SEO said they would have to request it through the West Cork Municipal District.

- (b) Ìarr ar an Comhairle ì dhòthain comharthaí bòithre a chur ar fàil do tràcht ag teacht anuas as an seachtbhòthair ì Maigh Chromtha, ag dul ì dtreo gCill na Martra.

Ask Council to install sufficient signage, in order to guide traffic coming off the N22 bypass, at Gurteenroe roundabout, for Cill na Martra.

Tá sé leagtha amach ag BIÉ nach mbeadh suiteáil de chomharthaí breise ar Bhóthar Shráid an Mhuilinn (R582) i dtreo Chill na Martra ag teacht leis an Lámhleabhar Comharthaí Tráchta, atá ina doiciméad de chuid na Roinne Iompair. Mar sin, níl sé ar intinn ag BIÉ comharthaíocht threorach do Chill na Martra a chur ar Bhóthar Shráid an Mhuilinn (R582).

TII has outlined that installing additional signage on the Millstreet Road (R582) for Cill na Martra would not be in keeping with the Traffic Signs Manual which is a Department of Transport document. Therefore, it is not TII's intention to add directional signage for Cill na Martra on the Millstreet Road (R582).

Cole Stephens
Innealtóir Idirchaidrimh Tionscadal N22
N22 Project Liaison Engineer

Cllr. G. Moynihan said that there was a lack of signage when coming onto the new road, she said there is a need for 1 or 2 additional signs at the Millstreet Cross.

Cllr. M. Creed said he has written to the TII looking for signage for Cill na Martra and was disappointed with the response he received.

Cllr. T. Lucey queried if the Millstreet Cross Junction will be downgraded. J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that it will and once this happens he will then be in a position to consider additional signage, if required, at this junction.

5. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Paul Kingston, former Town Councillor recently retired from An Post following 48 years of service as local postman in Macroom Town.

6. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN
VOTES OF CONDOLENCES.

N/A

7. AON GHNÓ EILE
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

James Dwyer, SEE

- Restoration Improvement (Grading) Programme 2023
- Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing) Programme 2023

J. Dwyer, SEE outlined the allocations for Macroom and Millstreet which were much welcomed by the Members.

Cllr. Ted Lucey

- (a) Litter Bins – Emptying at Weekends in Macroom
N. Radley, SEO said they are currently looking into this and hopes to have an update on it shortly.
- (b) Large Pothole by the Mills – Turn up for Coolea
J. Dwyer, SEE said they will keep filling it until a proper job can be carried out.
- (c) Canovee School – Lining
J. Dwyer, SEE said that surface dressing has been completed and the road will be lined shortly.
- (d) Bus Parking Space, Macroom
Following a suggestion by Cllr. T. Lucey to allocate a bus parking space near the Town Square, a discussion ensued around potential suitable locations for such a parking space. J. Dwyer, SEE said that he will consider the suggestions & revert with some options shortly.
- (e) Crash Barriers installed on the Main Cork Road at Farnanes
Cllr. T. Lucey queried the installation of the crash barriers at this location. J. Dwyer, SEE outlined that this measure is to comply with current safety standards.

Cllr. Martin Coughlan

- (a) Public Light Out of Order – St. Colmans Park, Macroom
Cllr. M. Coughlan said the cable under the footpath is broken, he said the manhole cover is lifted and there are 3 cones inside. He said a wire has been brought up at the manhole cover and is concerned that it may be live. He said this needs to be looked at.

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Extra Handrail at Chapel Hill – Update
J. Dwyer, SEE said he is examining this at present.
- (b) Pedestrian Crossing at Millstreet – Footpath
P. O’Sullivan, EE said we are waiting for the contractor to return to install the raised crossing
- (c) Ballyvourney – Deep potholes at the Mills
- (d) Coolea – Outside the Speed Limit at De Roiste Foods, Water Flowing onto the Road
J. Dwyer, SEE outlined that their focus at present is the RI / RN Programme but he would keep this in mind to be completed if resources become available at some point.
- (e) Bus Shelter by the Mills in Ballyvourney – clarity as to where the responsibility lies to put one in
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that Cork County Council don’t provide bus shelters and it is his understanding that the responsibility for them lies with the National Transport Agency (NTA) as they provide the funding.
- (f) Ballinora – Footpath Extended – Road not Finished to meet it
J. Dwyer, SEE said the road edging needs to be completed.

- (g) Graveyard Millstreet - Bench
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the bench has been purchased and a location just needs to be agreed.
- (h) Minor Road, Millstreet – Cars Parking on the Road
P. O'Sullivan, EE will discuss this issue with the An Garda Siochana.
- (i) Naming of Roundabout at Coolcower after Cumann na mBan
Cllr. Moynihan outlined her understanding from the Full Council meeting of 12th December 2022 was that the Members of Macroom Municipal District could decide on the name of this roundabout. M. O'Leary, MDO said that it is on a national route & TII having guidance around naming of roundabout having reference to the geographic location for satellite navigation systems, she feels that they would have to be consulted on it.

She suggested that something could be done at the picnic area in Coolcower to commemorate Cumann na mBan, such as a plaque, if the Members agreed. She also understands that there could be a plan to do a mural to Cumann na mBan in the town at some point.

A general discussion then took place with the Members regarding the Municipal District's role in naming the roundabout. In response to Cllr. Moynihan, N. Radley, SEO said they would get clarification for the next meeting.

Cllr. Michael Creed

- (a) Gougane Cross to Keimanagh
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is planned to resurface from Keimanagh on the Programme
- (b) Reinaree to Inchigeelagh – Velocity Patcher
J. Dwyer, SEE said he understands that they were there this week.
- (c) Tarelton to Kings Cross – Road Very bad
- (d) Kilcrea Cross – Sightlines need to be improved

Cllr. Michael Looney

- (a) Foxes Bridge to Courbrack – from the Cross – Lag on the Road
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will have a look
- (b) Ballyanly Traffic Calming at Community Centre – Narrow road in very Bad Condition, large Volume of Traffic – very dangerous
Cllr. Looney said that at a recent public meeting serious concerns were raised about this section of road being dangerous. In support of Cllr. Looney, Cllr. E. Lynch said that as this is a busy area the locals would welcome a meeting with the Council to look at any alternative measures that can be put in place. P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will arrange to carry out a speed survey of the area.
- (c) Pipehouse from T. Junction, go left, heading for Bweeng – lag on the Road
P. O'Sullivan, EE said this was a long running issue.
- (d) Traffic Calming Firmount – update
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he has asked the Road Design Office to carry out a survey.
- (e) Courtbrack – Road very Rough

Cllr. Eileen Lynch

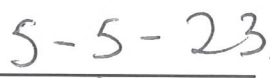
- (a) Tomaes – More Speed Signage Needed on the Inchigeelagh to Dunmanway to Kilmichael side
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate
- (b) Farran School towards Farran Woods – Road in very bad Condition
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is on the list of works. In response to Cllr. Lynch, J. Dwyer, SEE said the works would start from the Church side of the Cross and work north to the next road junction (L2204)
- (c) Rusheen School / Church - Potholes
- (d) Coopers Rock – potential CIS
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will cost the scheme

Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú

This concluded the business of the meeting



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OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH



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