

**Minutes of Macroom Municipal District Blended Meeting, which was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroom on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**

**Present/I láthair:** Cllrs. Ted Lucey (Cathaoirleach), Michael Creed, Eileen Lynch, Martin Coughlan, Michael Looney & Gobnait Moynihan

**Attendance/Tinreamh:** Mr. Maurice Murphy, 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

**In Attendance for Part of the Meeting/I láthair do chuid den chruinniú**

Mr. Anthony Holmes, Regional Programme Manager South-West (Cork & Kerry) from Meath County Council  
Ms. Aisling O'Sullivan, Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator

**1. DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ  
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Cllr. Martin Coughlan and seconded by Cllr. Eileen Lynch the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 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 Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Lee Valley Inn, Dripsey – condition of building  
M. O'Leary, MDO said she hopes to have an update for the next meeting.
- (b) Coachford Village  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he hopes to have an update for the next meeting.
- (c) Proposed Pedestrian Crossing at Minor Row, Millstreet  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said there is a tender process in place at present to appoint Consultants to carry out a Safety Audit.
- (d) Tarelton Graveyard – Footpath in disrepair  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the footpath was very narrow in the upper section but in good condition. He said the footpath in the lower section was okay and asked what the specific complaint was.
- (e) Aqlish Graveyard – Footpath  
No update
- (f) Road in Clonmoyle – L6768-31 – dangerous drop – could it be looked at?  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it has been added to the Pothole List and that he will look at possibly carrying out drainage works during the year.
- (g) Speed Ramps, Millstreet  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said these were completed before Christmas.

- (h) Age Friendly Towns  
M. O'Leary, MDO said she has no immediate update on works due to the weather. In response to Cllr. Lynch regarding Age Friendly Funding, M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed that there is no time limit to use the funding.

### **Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Macroom Town Parking – Update  
M. O'Leary, MDO said that this matter is progressing, and she would hope to have an update for the next meeting possibly.
- (b) Signage - requesting a sign for Mallow and a sign for Killarney at Monument in Millstreet  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the sign has been ordered and it is hoped to erect it in the next couple of weeks.
- (c) Public sewerage pipe that is due to be replaced in Béal Átha nGhaorthaidh in the center of the village (R584-23).  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the 2024 Road Allocations have just been received and he will have update on the funding shortly and hopes to have this section included.
- (d) Castlemore Cross update on re-design of that junction  
No update
- (e) Bus Route No. 220 - No longer stopping at Grange Manor Ovens  
M. O'Leary, MDO said she spoke to Bus Eireann who confirmed they were not aware of any change to the current route. Cllr Moynihan asked that Bus Connects & NTA be contacted to see if the stops on this route will potentially change as part of proposals under Bus Connects Cork. M. O'Leary, MDO will write to the NTA and Bus Connects for an update.
- (f) Sleaveen Road – Traffic Congestion  
Cllr. Moynihan said she wanted to confirm that she supports the proposed traffic management system put forward by Cllr. Coughlan but does not support the suggestion by Cllr. Lucey to remove the huge wall owned by Convent.
- (g) Coolavokig National School – Humps & Hollows  
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that no funding has been received to carry out these works and will endeavour to source alternative funding.
- (h) Pedestrian Crossing, Millstreet near the Post Office  
P. O'Sullivan, EE outlined that bollards will be installed in front of the Malpasso Bar, either today or Monday.

### **Councillor Michael Creed**

- (a) Roadside slippage on the Millstreet side of Carriginimma  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said as no funding was received, he has arranged for the work to be carried out. He said they will put in rock armour and build up the bank on top of it to make it safe.
- (b) Further damage to Hanover Bridge after previous damage had been repaired.  
No update

- (c) Sign at Fitzies Corner in Macroom to indicate entrance to Cork Marts  
No update
- (d) Two holes have appeared on the Old Railway Bridge at the Four Mile Bridge  
No update
- (e) Trees Falling around Ballyanly  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he wrote to the landowner.
- (f) Pedestrian Crossing at Fitzgerald's Funeral Home, Macroom – People Driving through the Right of Way – Dangerous  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the area will be relined.
- (g) Baile Mhic Íre – Estates Taken in Charge by Irish Water  
No update
- (h) Baile Mhic Íre – Footpaths in a Poor State on the Eastern end coming from Macroom.  
J. Dwyer, SEE said these footpaths form part of the TII's Active Travel Measures and he is scheduled to have a meeting with them the following week and will raise this matter then.

#### **Councillor Martin Coughlan**

- (a) High Street, Sleaveen over to the Church - Fallen Wall – Weeds/Briars growing onto the Road  
Cllr. Coughlan said these require urgent attention as pedestrians have no footpath and cars have no place to pull in. J. Dwyer, SEE said it was the responsibility of the landowner to repair the wall. However, he said the Roads Department could cut back the briars.
- (b) New Lights on the Bridge in Macroom  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he is aware that the lights on the western side are not working and will arrange for the electrician to call out.

#### **Councillor Ted Lucey**

- (a) Macroom - Water Pooling on the Main Street  
Cllr. Lucey expressed his frustration about the serious state of disrepair the street is in. J. Dwyer, SEE said funding is available to carry out resurfacing works but said he has no definite timeline when the works will be carried out. Cllr. Coughlan supported Cllr. Lucey saying that poor drainage underneath the road was contributing to the problem.
- (b) Bus Stop on the Millstreet Road, Macroom  
No update
- (c) Pedestrian Crossing in Masseytown / Kilnagurteen  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he had a meeting with the RLRDO who confirmed that they will get the drawings done as soon as they can.
- (d) Footpath from New Bridge to Hartnetts Cross, Macroom & From the Old Triangle Pub back to the Graveyard – very mucky & requires cleaning.  
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that this area will be cleaned.

- (e) Barretts Place up to TP Cotter's Pub, Macroom – grit in the gullies & requires cleaning  
J. Dwyer, SEE said as far as he was aware this cleaning was carried out but will check.
- (f) Cloghduv Village – lining faded.  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will look at it.
- (g) Killumney Village – Lining Faded  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will also look at it.

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

- (a) **Presentation on Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme by Anthony Holmes, Regional Programme Manager South-West (Cork & Kerry) from Meath County Council**

A O'Sullivan, Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator gave a detailed presentation to the Members outlining that the programme is designed to support older people to live in their own homes with dignity and independence for as long as possible.

In response to the Members queries, the following were confirmed:

- A Co-Ordinator will call to every older person, if referred, regardless of whether they are living alone or with family.
- Aware that Home Help is in very short supply
- Information Gathering at present regarding rightsizing
- To arrange a visit from the local coordinator contact 046 924 8899  
[healthyagefriendlyhomes@meathcoco.ie](mailto:healthyagefriendlyhomes@meathcoco.ie) [www.agefriendlyireland.ie](http://www.agefriendlyireland.ie)

- (b) **Municipal District Officers Report**

Members noted the Report as detailed.

#### 2024 Village Enhancement Scheme (VES)

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

- (c) **Discretionary Fund Applications**

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Macroom Basketball Club	• Gear for Team Members
<b>Total</b>	€177

M. O'Leary, MDO informed the Members that there is a balance remaining of €177 from last year's allocation, hence the reason this group were allocated this amount. A discussion took place among the Members, and it was agreed to give Macroom Basketball Club €300 with the remainder coming from this year's Discretionary Fund when it is approved.

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

**4. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS**  
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Macroom native Bambie Thug who will represent Ireland in the 2024 Eurovision Song Contest being held in Sweden this year.

**5. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN**  
N/A

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

**Cllr. Ted Lucey**

- (a) 4 Mile Bridge – Why is Barrier Not Being Erected  
J. Dwyer, SEE said there is an issue with rock and TII are looking at an alternative design. He said he will contact them for an update.
- (b) Fitzgeralds Corner, Macoom – Very Dark  
J. Dwyer, SEE said Public Lighting Section have confirmed that this is on their Programme of Works.
- (c) Millstreet – Up by the Graveyard – Lights Out  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will contact the Public Lighting Section
- (d) Grotto in Millstreet – Speed  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will have a look at refreshing the lining by the grotto. He said the road is very narrow and there is not much room for two cars to pass. He said he has spoken to An Garda Síochána about this matter.
- (e) Briery Gap – Removal of Compound  
M. O’Leary, MDO confirmed that it will be removed once the construction has been completed.

**Cllr. Martin Coughlan**

- (a) Issue with Drains across the road from the Bull on the Cork Road, Macroom  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will arrange to carry out the necessary works.
- (b) Millstreet – Pedestrian Crossing at the Pub – Will there be permanent kerbing put down?  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said the current bollards are temporary, however, it is planned to carry out permanent works.
- (c) Millstreet – Some kerbs are loose/wobbly.  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will take a look at the paving slabs in the town.

**Cllr. Michael Looney**

- (a) Berrings Cross – Road Markings at the Stop Sign need Refreshing.  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said this is on the list of works to be carried out by the Lining Contractor.

- (b) Berrings School – Erecting Bollards for Safety  
P. O’ Sullivan, EE said he will investigate.
- (c) Inniscarra Playground – Needs a Deep Clean – Gone Green  
M. Murphy, SEO said it will be investigated to see what’s involved in carrying out this work.
- (d) Road from Berrings to the Yellow House – issue with Drain  
P. O’ Sullivan, EE said he will investigate.
- (e) Cloghroe – Signs  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he has ordered them.
- (f) Ballyshoneen – “Children at Play” Sign  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will order them.
- (g) Coachford – Across from the Post Office – Issue with Drain  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will contact Uisce Éireann.
- (h) Donoughmore Cross to Creans Cross – continuous line  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it is on the list.

**Cllr. Michael Creed**

- (a) Millstreet - Pedestrian Crossing at the Centra Shop  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said there were two issues with this 1) proximity to existing pedestrian crossing 2) Nearly all the parking spaces will have to be taken away.
- (b) Verge Cleaning on the Road at Drishane  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said this work will be carried out later in the year.
- (c) Bridge at Carriganimna  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he has ordered a larger “Slow” sign to be erected on approach. He said he spoke to the Bridge Engineer who is commencing the tender process.
- (d) Coolcreasig/Carrigaphooka – Very Bad Potholes from Kelleher’s Oil to the Mons Bar
- (e) Footpath from the Old Triangle up towards the Civic Amenity Site on the Killarney Road – Only Room for one Person -Verge Growing Out  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate.
- (f) Pedestrian Crossing – Tarelton School  
J. Dwyer, SEE said there were two alternative designs put forward by the RDO that have not been accepted, one the school had an issue with and the other the residents had an issue with. The locals themselves have put forward a third design but the RDO have confirmed that this would not be a safe option. Cllr. Lynch said the pedestrian crossing was needed and queried what was the issue with the third design. J. Dwyer, SEE said the sight lines do not comply with planning regulations. He said the funding is not an issue, it’s just to come up with a suitable design.
- (g) Briery Gap – Completion Date  
M. O’Leary, MDO said the Briery Gap was on track to open in Q3 2024, probably in September.

- (h) New Speed Limits – When are they Commencing.  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he has received no direction at the moment but will update Members when he has more information.
- (i) Extra Staff in Macroom  
J. Dwyer, SEE said some positions have been promoted and Macroom has been approved to get 3 more staff members. Cllr. Coughlan said he welcomed this.
- J. Dwyer, SEE informed the Members that the old Urban Yard in Bowl Road has been taken over by Uisce Éireann who are developing the site and the Council staff have been moved up to the yard near Dunnes Stores.
- (j) Mount Cross – Low Cost Scheme  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he met with the RLRDO and they committed to progressing the design as soon as possible.

### **Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Ballyvourney – Pedestrian Crossing  
Cllr. Moynihan said that TII have allocated funding towards the pedestrian crossing. J. Dwyer, SEE said he was not aware of this but was meeting TII and would raise it with them.
- (b) Bridge at Carriganimna – Damage  
Cllr. Moynihan said the following was required:
- New Signage
  - Crash Barriers
  - Speed Activated Signs
- P. O’Sullivan, EE said the crash barriers on the village side were very old. He said funding was an issue but would endeavour to see if he can secure funding under the Low Cost Scheme. He said he has one Speed Activated Sign and the community have been fundraising to secure the second sign.
- (c) From the Millstreet Road onto the Bypass – lorry drivers cannot see the traffic coming from the right heading east due to the height of the signage.  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will raise this issue with the TII
- (d) Ballydaly – Install Public Lighting from the village out to the Community Hall  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said there is no public footpath between the village and the community hall. However, he said he will speak to the public lighting section.

### **Cllr. Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Dripsey Bridge – Morter on bridge crumbling  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will refer it to the Bridge Engineer
- (b) Magoola Road in Dripsey – Grass is High  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said hedge cutting cannot be carried out until September.
- (c) Convent Cross, Rylane – extra Signage  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said extra signage has been ordered. He said he is also arranging to refresh the lining on the road.

(d) Active Travel Allocation

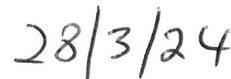
Cllr. Lynch said that there is €250k allocated for Macroom and Ballyvourney and queried what it will be used for. J. Dwyer, SEE said he had no details as it was TII funding.

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**This concluded the business of the meeting**



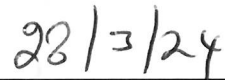
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