

## **Minutes of Macroom Municipal District Blended Meeting, which was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroom on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

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

**Apologies/Leath scéal:** Cllr. Michael Looney

### **1. DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Cllr. Michael Creed and seconded by Cllr. Martin Coughlan the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Municipal District Officer.

Cllr. Ted Lucey welcomed Maurice Murphy, SEO to Macroom MD. M. Murphy, SEO said he was looking forward to working with the Members.

### **2. NITHE AG ÉIRÍ AS NA MIONTUAIRISCÍ MATTERS ARISING**

#### **Councillor Michael Creed**

- (a) Roadside slippage on the Millstreet side of Carriginimma  
P. O'Sullivan, EE outlined that there was no update on funding but they are keeping an eye on it & might have to intervene if it deteriorates & fund through own budget.
- (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  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will speak to Cork Marts again.
- (d) Two holes have appeared on the Old Railway Bridge at the Four Mile Bridge  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the bridge is under the ownership of the ESB who have committed to carry out the works, he said he will request an update from them.

#### **Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) QR Code on the Murals in Macroom  
M. O'Leary, MDO said that work is continuing on this.

- (b) Macroom Town Parking – Update  
M. O’Leary, MDO said work was continuing in the background and hopes to have an update very shortly.
- (c) Signage - requesting a sign for Mallow and a sign for Killarney at Monument in Millstreet  
No update
- (d) 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 works are due to commence by the end of April.
- (e) Speed Activated Sign in Renanairee not operating correctly and might not be working at all  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate.
- (f) Castlemore Cross update on re-designing that junction  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that the NRDO have submitted a design to TII for approval.
- (g) Installing Pedestrian Crossings in Cloghdub – connecting Ryecourt and Spreading Chestnut and the Church  
J. Dwyer, SEE said it would involve the removal of some parking spaces, but first thing is to get a design & he will request the RDO Team to prepare one.

#### **Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Lee Valley Inn, Dripsey – dangerous state  
M. O’Leary, MDO said a Section 11 Notice has been issued to the owners and that this Notice has a legal component to it. She said she is presently consulting with Cork County Council’s legal team.
- (b) Coachford Village  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he sent on details of the flooding by the GAA pitch to the Senior Engineer.  
  
P. O’Sullivan, EE recently met with the Consultants and Flooding Section on site to look at the catchment area. They are going to formulate a plan in relation to surveying the catchment.
- (c) Murphy’s Tce, Millstreet – on the Footpath List?  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said there is no funding this year but would keep it on the Footpath Programme.
- (d) Proposed Pedestrian Crossing at Super Valu, Minor Row, Millstreet  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said a Safety Audit needs to be completed before the Section 38 is applied for.

#### **Councillor Martin Coughlan**

- (a) Coolcower Picnic Area  
No update

- (b) Plaster to be removed from both sides of the bridge in Macroom Town  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he removed plaster from the side but it didn't give any conclusion so he hopes to remove plaster from a section in the middle of the bridge.
- (c) Pedestrian Lights at Super Valu, Macroom need to be synchronised  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the maintenance company confirmed that the pedestrian lights are working correctly. Members said they were very concerned as they were getting numerous complaints that the lights were not working correctly and were very concerned. Cllr. Coughlan asked if a sensor camera could be installed. J. Dwyer, SEE said he would relay the Members concerns to the maintenance company and would endeavour to see if there was a way around it.

### **Councillor Ted Lucey**

- (a) Macroom - Water Pooling on the Main Street  
No update
- (b) Fitzies Corner, Macroom – lining faded  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he spoke to the Lining Contractor who confirmed the lining would be re-done.
- (c) Bus Stop on the Millstreet Road, Macroom  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would chase up the matter.
- (d) Pedestrian Crossing in Masseytown / Kilnagurteen  
Cllr. Lucey expressed his disappointment on how slowly this issue has been moving. He asked about writing to NRDO team again about this matter. M Murphy, SEO outlined that he will follow up on it.
- (e) South Doc Out of Hours Service, Macroom  
A discussion took place among the Members who expressed their disappointment, anger and frustration at the lack of response and engagement from South Doc in relation to their concerns regarding the potential removal of South Doc services from Macroom. M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed correspondence had been issued on three separate occasions to South Doc with no response received.

It was agreed by all the Members to write to South Doc again but this time to request that a representative attend the next Municipal Meeting to outline the current and future plans for the South Doc service for Macroom. M. O'Leary, MDO said she would contact South Doc and request same. M. Murphy, SEO said this was a very important matter and will endeavour to see how it can be escalated.

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

- (a) **Draft Local Economic and Community Plan Framework and the Draft Implementation Plan**

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. T. Lucey  
Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. E. Lynch

(b) **Municipal District Officers Report**

Members noted the Report as detailed.

2024 Village Enhancement Scheme (VES)

Cllr. Lucey said it was important to include the Speed Signage. Cllr. Moynihan & Cllr. Lynch both concurred with Cllr. Lucey.

General Municipal Allocation (GMA) / Town Development Fund (TDF)

In response to Cllr. Moynihan, M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed that all funding will be drawn down.

2024 Community Monuments Fund

In response to Cllr. Creed, M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed that this fund would include older graveyards.

(c) **Discretionary Fund Applications**

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Muay Thai, Macroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Funding towards purchasing equipment</li></ul>
Honor Fight Night, Macroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Re: Amateur Fight Night in Macroom on 2/3/24 Funding towards the purchase of boxing gloves and medals</li></ul>
Cork Limousin Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Funding towards the purchase of trophies and rosettes and other items for their shows</li></ul>
Macroom Juvenile Golf Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Training Equipment, Golf Balls &amp; Golf Clubs</li></ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,200</b>

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. M. Coughlan

Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. E. Lynch

**4. VÓTA COMHGHAIRDEAS**  
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- N/A

**5. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN**

- John O'Farrell, RIP
- Micheál Ó Lionáird, RIP

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

**Cllr. Michael Creed**

- (a) Dangerous Trees Falling around Ballyanly  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he would write to the landowner
- (b) Scrahanard Road, Clondrohid – Potholes
- (c) Pedestrian Crossing at Fitzgerald's Funeral Home, Macroom – People Driving through the Right of Way – Dangerous
- (d) Baile Mhic Íre – Estates Taken in Charge by Irish Water  
Cllr. Creed said that there is a new treatment plant in Baile Mhic Íre and if an estate is not taken in charge they must get permission from the Developer to connect to the treatment plant and if they don't have permission from the Developer, Irish Water will not connect them. J. Dwyer, SEE said he was not aware of this and would investigate.
- (e) Baile Mhic Íre – Footpaths in a Poor State on the Eastern end coming from Macroom

**Cllr. Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Tarelton Graveyard – Footpath  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would investigate.
- (b) Aqlish Graveyard – Footpath  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the Contractor had been appointed to carry out the work but had bene delayed. He said he would chase up the matter.
- (c) Road in Clonmoyle – L6768-31 – dangerous drop – could it be looked at?
- (d) Speed Ramps, Millstreet  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said these were completed before Christmas
- (e) Age Friendly Towns  
M. O'Leary, MDO said she would liaise with the group and will request an update from them.

**Cllr. Martin Coughlan**

- (a) High Street – Sleaveen over to the Church
  - a. Gullies Blocked
  - b. Wall Fell down – weeds growing onto the road – needs maintenance.
- (b) Sleaveen Road – Traffic Congestion  
Cllr. Coughlan said there is no room for manoeuvring at the top of Sleaveen Road and suggested installing a mini roundabout. He suggested putting in place a one way system up Sleaveen Road turning left onto New Road past St. Mary Secondary's school and down left Chapel Hill to the Main Street. Cllr. Lucey concurred and suggested that possibly the huge wall owned by Convent could be taken away. Cllr.

Moynihan said she also supported this as it was a huge safety issue and needs to be looked at. J. Dwyer SEE said he will investigate.

- (c) Pedestrian Crossings, Macroom – Lines Worn Off
- (d) Lights needed at the Mini Roundabout near Dunnes Stores – Very Dark
- (e) Pole No. 18 out of Order – St. Colmans Park, Macroom

#### **Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Reinaree – Footpath from the National School to the Shop  
Cllr. Moynihan queried if this could be included on the Footpath Programme for 2024. J. Dwyer, SEE said no allocations have been received yet.
- (b) Bus Eireann Route No. 220 - No longer stopping at Grange Manor Ovens  
Cllr. Moynihan said it is proposed that this bus will now be stopping at DELL/EMC as opposed to Grange Manor. She requested that Bus Eireann are contacted outlining to them that this should be a service for all and requesting them to reverse this decision. All Members agreed and it was decided that a representative from Bus Eireann should be asked to attend the next meeting to outline their plans for this bus route.
- (c) Millstreet Community College No update
- (d) Coolavokig National School – Humps & Hollows  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he applied for funding last year and is waiting on a response.
- (e) Footpath outside Ballinora School  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he applied to the NTA to include the footpath
- (f) Pedestrian Crossing, Millstreet near the Post Office  
Cllr. Moynihan raised concerns about visibility as you come into this pedestrian crossing from Rathmore side, particularly if there is a large vehicle parked close to the crossing it can hinder visibility. She suggested either moving a planter to outside the pub to prohibiting parking there.

P. O'Sullivan, EE said it is planned to do some work on the existing pedestrian crossing and he would speak to the pub owner.

#### **Cllr. Ted Lucey**

- (a) Footpath from New Bridge to Hartnetts Cross, Macroom & From the Old Triangle Pub back to the Graveyard – very mucky & requires cleaning  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate
- (b) Barretts Place up to TP Cotter's Pub, Macroom – grit in the gullies & requires cleaning
- (c) Pedestrian Crossing at Barretts Place, Macroom – can it be changed to raised crossing
- (d) Cloghdub Village – lining faded

- (e) Killumney Village – Lining Faded
- (f) Civic Reception to honour Sporting Awards won by Juveniles in Macroom MD  
Cllr. Lucey outlined that he intends to hold a Civic Reception to honour the awards won by various winning teams & individuals at underage (under 18) throughout Macroom Municipal District. He said this reception won't be limited to clubs, any individuals who have won can also be included (e.g. angling, boxing, athletics, bowling etc). M. O'Leary, MDO said it is hoped to hold the civic reception in April.

**James Dwyer, SEE**

**Section 38**


- (1) Proposed Traffic Calming on Public Road R-582 at Gurteenroe, Millstreet Road, Macroom, Co. Cork.


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

- (2) Raised Crossing Point, Barnagore  
J. Dwyer, SEE informed the Members that he will be commencing the Section 38 process.

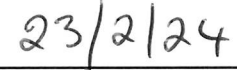
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**This concluded the business of the meeting**

  
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