

Minutes of First Meeting of the Macroom Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroom on 28th June 2024

Miontuairiscí an Chéad Chruinniú de Cheantar Bardasach Mhaigh Chromtha a tionóladh i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla an Bhaile, Maigh Chromtha ar an 28th Meitheamh 2024

Councillors Present/

Cllr.í i Láthair: Caothairleach Cllr. M. Creed
Cllr. M. Coughlan
Cllr. M. Looney
Cllr. T. Lucey
Cllr. E. Lynch
Cllr. G. Moynihan

Attendance/ Tinreamh:

Ms. P. Liddy, Director of Services
Mr. M. Murphy, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. M. O'Leary, Municipal District Officer
Mr. J. Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. P. O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer
Ms. G. Ní Mhuirthile, Assistant Staff Officer

1. M. O'Leary, MDO congratulated the Members on being re-elected.

Outgoing Cathaoirleach Cllr. T. Lucy thanked all his fellow Councillors and the staff of the Municipal District for all the support he received, he said it was a great honour to be elected Cathaoirleach and that in the last 5 years they achieved a lot for Macroom Town and the Municipal District, but that the next 5 years would bring even greater achievements.

M. O'Leary, MDO thanked Cllr. T. Lucey for his tenure as Cathaoirleach, all Members passed on their congratulations to Cllr. T. Lucey.

CATHAOIRLEACH A THOGHADH/ ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH

Ainmniúcháin do Cathaoirleach / Nominations for Cathaoirleach

M. O'Leary, MDO welcomed nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. T. Lucey proposed Cllr. M. Creed as Cathaoirleach, Cllr. M. Coughlan seconded this proposal.

As there were no further nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach, Cllr. M. Creed was elected as Cathaoirleach of Macroom Municipal District and took the chair.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. M. Creed thanked Municipal District Officer, M. O'Leary for starting the meeting, he also thanked his proposer and seconder and advised that he was looking forward to being Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District again. Cllr. M. Creed then proceeded to look for nominations for the position of Leas Cathaoirleach.

2. **LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH A THOGHADH/ ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH**

Ainmniúcháin do Leas-Cathaoirleach / Nominations for Leas-Cathaoirleach

Cllr. M. Coughlan proposed and Cllr. T. Lucey seconded the nomination of Cllr. M. Looney for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach.

There were no further nominations for the position, Cllr. M. Looney was elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. M. Looney thanked his proposed and seconder and advised that he was delighted to be elected as Leas-Cathaoirleach.

3. **BUAN-ORDUITHE/ STANDING ORDERS**

M. O'Leary, MDO outlined the Standing Orders and advised how they are the procedure that govern the process of the meetings, she advised that if any of the Cllr.í had a question on the Standing Orders to ask the Municipal District Office.

Cllr. G. Moynihan enquired if the Standing Orders could be changed to suit the Municipal District, she enquired if the date of the Meeting, 4th Friday of the Month, could be changed to suit the Municipal District Members on a permanent basis.

M. Murphy, SEO advised that timelines are set for Municipal District Meetings to enable content from the Municipal Districts to proceed to Full Council, he advised that there are statutory periods for Full Council Meetings and that the date currently set for Macroom Municipal District Meetings suits these statutory timelines.

Cllr. G. Moynihan advised that she was using the changing of the date as an example, that she was enquiring if it was possible to change the content of the Standing Orders to suit the Municipal District Members if required.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. M. Creed enquired if any Member had an issue with the date of the MD Meetings on the 4th Friday of the Month, no Member had an issue with the date.

M. Murphy advised that a review of the Standing Orders of all the Municipal Districts was carried out that the Macroom was not affected. That they will be standardising all the Standing Orders throughout the Municipal Districts.

M. O'Leary, MDO advised that she would check with Corporate Affairs and revert.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. M. Creed advised that per item 29 of Standing Orders that he will be implementing this with the time limit of 5 minutes being applied to Members.

4. **SCEIDEAL NA GCRUINNITHE/ SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

M. O'Leary, MDO advised that the Schedule of Meetings has been set, that the Municipal District Meetings are to take place on the 4th Friday of every month, that all the Municipal

District Meetings are to be blended meetings. M. O’Leary, MDO confirmed that an email will be sent out with the schedule attached.

5. **FEIDHMEANNA AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH/ MUNICIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONS**

M. O’Leary, MDO advised as each of the Members was re-elected that the functions of the of the Municipal District were the same as previously.

6. **AINMNIÚCHÁIN CHUIG AN GPC/ NOMINATION TO CPG**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Looney, seconded by Cllr. M. Coughlan, Cllr. G. Moynihan was nominated to the CPG.

There were no further nominations.

Cllr. G. Moynihan was elected to CPG.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr M Creed formally announced that this had concluded the AGM element of the meeting and now the meeting would progress to the June MD Meeting business.

7. **DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ/ CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Cllr. T. Lucey, seconded by Cllr. M. Coughlan, the minutes of the meeting of Macroom Municipal District held on 24th May, 2024 were approved.

8. **NITHE AG ÉIRÍ AS NA MIONTUAIRISCÍ/ MATTERS ARISING**

8.1 **Cllr. M. Coughlan**

High Street, Sleaven over to the Church – Fallen Wall – Weeds/ Briars growing onto the Road

Cllr. M. Coughlan wished to acknowledge the works that were done on High Street.

8.1.2 Macroom Playground – shrubbery and trees overgrown

J. Dwyer advised that he is due to meet with contractors regarding this area.

8.1.3 Lights on Macroom Bridge

J. Dwyer advised that it is a trip switch that is blowing and that an electrician is due to look at it.

8.1.4 Road markings for two right hand turns between the 2 mile and 4 mile bridges between Macroom and Lissarda

J. Dwyer advised that it is the TII have responsibility for road markings on National Roads.

8.1.5 Flagpoles at the Town Hall, Macrooom – Require Replacing

J. Dwyer advised that he met with architects and that the flag poles will feed into their report.

8.2 **Cllr. T. Lucey**

8.2.1 Macrooom – Water Pooling on the Main Street

J. Dwyer advised that TII are committed to resurface from Hartnetts Cross to the Bull and through the town.

Cllr. T. Lucey enquired if this is to be a full resurface. J. Dwyer advised that there is a limited budget, but that it would be a complete resurface from Hartnetts Cross to the Bull.

8.2.2 Cloghdub Village/ Killumney Village – Lining faded

J. Dwyer to look at this.

8.2.3 Public Light in need of being upgraded at the Tanyard, Millstreet

P. O’Sullivan advised he will keep on top of this.

8.2.4 Rusheen Road – near the Sandpit – Road in Bad conditions

J. Dwyer advised that he has no update.

8.2.5 Pedestrian Crossing, Masseytown

Cllr. T. Lucey advised that a previous update mentioned documents would be completed in May but they haven’t come before them and requested an update.

Cllr. G. Moynihan supported this item. M. Murphy advised that he will contact the R&LRDO to escalate this item.

8.3 **Cllr. E. Lynch**

8.3.1 Lee Valley Inn, Dripsey

M. O’Leary, MDO advised that legal are working on it, that it is a very slow process with legal matters and that there has been no engagement from owners.

8.3.2 Coachford Village

P. O’Sullivan advised that the Topographical Survey is completed and that CCTV is being taken on the culvert through village, he would then anticipate a draft report within 6 weeks once all data has been collected.

Cllr. E. Lynch enquired about a water issue at the pitch, P. O’Sullivan advised that Irish water are carrying out a survey on outflow and it would be 4 weeks for survey to be

completed. Cllr. E. Lynch enquired about the funding for the surveys being carried out. P. O'Sullivan advised that it was complete separate funding for that survey from OPW.

8.3.3 Dripsey Bridge – Mortar on Bridge crumbling

No update.

8.3.4 Convent Cross, Rylane – Extra Signage

P. O'Sullivan advised that the signage hasn't gone up yet, that he is waiting for a team to be available to erect the signage.

8.3.5 L6802 – Past Ballyshonnen towards Rea

No update.

8.3.6 Newcastle Road – flooding

P. O'Sullivan advised that there has been no contact with the landowner.

8.3.7 Land outside GAA Pitch in Coachford

P. O'Sullivan advised that he will try to organise a crew to clean up the area.

8.3.8 Terelton School Signage and Pedestrian Crossing

J. Dwyer advised that the NRDO resources are limited, that the design that was put forward was not accepted locally and that it could be a while before we receive reviewed drawings.

8.4 **Cllr. G. Moynihan**

8.4.1 Canopy in Millstreet

P. O'Sullivan advised that he has a contractor to commence in fixing the damaged leg. He advised that they will try to have it re-erected very shortly.

8.4.2 Bridge at Carriganimna

P. O'Sullivan advised that the tenders should be returned in the coming weeks.

Cllr. G. Moynahan enquired if crash barriers were included in the works to be carried out, P. O'Sullivan advised that these would be covered under a Low Cost Scheme and would be put forward for funding next year.

8.4.3 Pedestrian Cross, Minor Row, Millstreet

P. O'Sullivan advised that the safety audit is complete. That the Section 38 can now be progressed and that he hopes to have an update for the next meeting.

8.4.4 Casetlemore Cross

No update, this is still with TII.

8.4.5 Macroom Town Parking

Cllr. G. Moynihan enquired was there any update on Macroom Town Parking.

M. O'Leary, MDO advised that it was currently with the Legal Department, that it is in final stages and that she hopes the agreement will be in place for the next Municipal District Meeting.

Cllr. G. Moynihan enquired if there were any other areas to be included in the parking plan, that there still wasn't any increase in parking in the town. M. O'Leary, MDO advised that currently the GAA Grounds is not lined and that once completed, the Council will line it to maximise the potential spaces. M. O'Leary, MDO also outlined that they have investigated another 3-4 sites but that they were deemed to be unsuitable for parking, she also advised that if any Member was aware of a site available to let her know and it would be investigated for site suitability.

8.5 **Cllr. M. Looney**

8.5.1 Berrings to Yellow House

Cllr. M. Looney enquired if this area can be smoothed off. P. O'Sullivan advised that he will try to get patching done.

8.5.2 Berrings School

P. O'Sullivan advised that a lining contractor will carry out the works shortly.

8.5.3 Cloghroe Signs

Mr. P. O'Sullivan advised that he is waiting on the availability of a crew to erect the signs.

8.6 **Cllr. M. Creed**

8.6.1 Hollymount Bridge, Millstreet

P. O'Sullivan advised that this has not gone to Tender as part of the Carriganimma Bridge Tender. He further advised that once a crew was available that the Council would repair the bridge themselves.

8.6.2 Morrison's Bridge

Cllr. M. Creed enquired what was the update with regard to the bridge.

P. O'Sullivan advised that the contractor has concerns regarding that there is nothing to tie into, he further advised that he will take a look at it and revert.

8.6.3 Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

J. Dwyer advised that under the new criteria that 6 schemes are on the final stages for approval.

8.6.3 Carrigadrohid to Bealnamorrive

P. O'Sullivan is to take a look at this road.

9. BREITHNIÚCHÁIN AR THUAIRISCÍ AND MOLTAÍ / CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 Municipal District Officer's Report

M O'Leary, MDO outlined this month's MDO Report and Members considered the report in depth and thanked M. O'Leary, MDO for her report.

9.1 Discretionary Fund Applications

The following Discretionary Fund Application was considered by the Members.

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Tim Sweeney	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Funding towards travelling to the Super Cup in Northern Ireland to promote soccer for young people
Total	€300

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Looney, seconded by Cllr. M. Creed it was approved.

10. Vóta Comhghairdeas/ Votes of Congratulations

- Cllr. M. Looney wished to pass on congratulations and best wishes to Cllr. M. Coughlan on becoming Cork County Council Deputy Mayor for the coming year. Comhairleir T. Lucey wished to be associated with this.
- Cllr T. Lucey wished to congratulate Comhairleopir M. Creed on becoming Cathaoirleach for the coming year. Cllr. M. Looney wished to be associated with this.
- Cllr. E. Lynch wished to congratulate Coachford soccer club on winning the Mossie Linnane League Cup Final and the AOH Cup.

11. Vóta Combhróin/ Votes of Condolences

There were no votes of Condolences.

12. **Aon Ghnó Eile/ Any other Business**

- 12.1 Cllr. T. Lucey expressed his concern at the level of sewage that has been spilled into the river from the treatment plant recently at St. Colmans Park Macroom. He outlined that Uisce Éireann have advised that it is currently being upgraded and that the developer has charge of it. Cllr. T. Lucey advised that there has to be some accountability over the amount of leaks into the river, that it is unacceptable.

Cllr. M. Coughlan and M. Creed wished to be associated with this advising that it was a public health issue and that residents within 50m of the plant can't open their windows with the foul odour.

M. Murphy, SEO advised that he will look into this in detail and contact the appropriate agencies to prioritise this and request a report back.

- 12.2 Cllr. T. Lucey asked that the line in the back square needs to be updated. J. Dwyer advised that he will have a look at it.

- 12.3 Cllr. M. Coughlan asked if the weeds on Town Hall could be treated and removed again and also asked if the canopies could be power washed with the fake grass removed.

M. O'Leary, MDO advised that these works are planned and hopes to complete them as soon as possible.

- 12.4 Cllr. G. Moynihan requested that update on the QR Code for the murals. M. O'Leary, MDO outlined that the plaques are being finalised and they will have the QR codes on them. She will follow up on this.

12.5 **Inchigeela Village**

Cllr. G. Moynihan acknowledged and thanked the Council for all the work done and still being done in Inchigeela post the flooding incident. She requested an update on the wall that fell into the river in Inchigeela, will this bridge wall be repaired? J. Dwyer advised that he will come back with a timeframe.

Cllr. M. Creed wished to concur with the support for the Council on the works carried out in Inchigeela to date.

- 12.6 Cllr. G. Moynihan requested an update on the footpath project from Drishane to Coole Cross Millstreet. P. O'Sullivan advised it has been advertised for tenders with a closing date mid July.

- 12.7 Following a query from Cllr. G. Moynihan regarding the Beal na Fiadhán Bridge in Cúil Aodha, J. Dwyer advised that they are pricing for the damage to the bridge and the reflective signage that was also damaged. The Council hopes to replace what was there.

- 12.8 Old N22 – Ballyvourney to Macroom Road Resurfacing. J. Dwyer advised that TII have committed to funding this. A timeframe for these works to be sought. Cllr. T. Lucey wished to be associated with this.

- 12.9 Barriers at Ballytrasna. J. Dwyer advised that there is no update on this.

- 12.10 Cllr. M. Looney enquired about the footpath to Cloghroe and the state of the hedge, he enquired if it was possible to have the hedge cut back. P. O'Sullivan advised that the hedge cutting contractor will do it.
- 12.11 Comahirleoir M. Looney advised that the hedge at Blairs Inn are also in need of cutting also, and that the landowner is not in a position to do it.
- 12.12 Cllr. E. Lynch asked what could be done with High Street, that this area was very narrow and a hazard. She enquired if it was possible to make High Street one way. J. Dwyer advised that there has been €10,000 allocated for the Safe Routes to Schools study. J. Dwyer advised that he will look into a footpath for High Street. J. Dwyer advised that this was money for report stage and that depending on the report, possibility of additional funding.
- 12.13 Clondrohid Village
Cllr. E. Lynch enquired for the date of the last speed survey and advised that it was necessary for a pedestrian crossing to be put by the shop as this is where most of the pedestrian footfall was with the creche, school, sport grounds. P. O'Sullivan will check this, but advised that it would be best to carry out a new speed survey in that area.
- Comahirleoiri M. Creed, T. Lucey and G. Moynihan also supported this issue, advising that speed in the village was a big problem and that a pedestrian crossing from the priests house to the shop was required and enquiring about the possibility of an external design team being procured to carry out this work due to its urgency.
- 12.14 Cllr. E. Lynch also enquired if additional street lights could be added between Minor Row and Fairfield car park in Millstreet. P O'Sullivan to look into at.
- 12.15 Rylane Village
Cllr. M. Creed requested that an up to date speed survey be carried out, and enquired about having Driver feedback signs installed. P. O'Sullivan advised that a speed survey is due to be done.
- 12.16 Ballymakeera Village – Walkway and Cycle route to village
Comahirleoir M. Creed requested that a meeting would take place between designers, Council and Local stakeholders prior to works being carried out. J. Dwyer advised that it was not at that stage yet.
- 12.17 Following a query from Cllr. M. Creed on the 5 derelict houses in Terelton Estate, M. O'Leary, MDO advised that these houses have Section 8 (7) Notices issued on them placing them on the Derelict Sites Register. She will speak with the Town Regeneration Office on next steps with them.
- 12.18 Comhaoirleoir M. Creed enquired was it possible to have a disability parking space allocated near the Health Centre Macroom. J. Dwyer advised that the road there by the Health Centre and Dunnes Stores is in private ownership and not taken in charge and therefore a private matter.

12.19 Inchigeela to Reinaree Road

Cllr. M. Creed advised that this road was sagging and that there were many over hanging trees on it. J. Dwyer advised that he hopes to add it to resurfacing plan.

12.20 Carriganimma

Cllr. M. Creed enquired if the light outside the pub in Carriganimma could be fixed. P. O'sullivan advised that he will follow this up with Public Lighting Section.

12.21 **J. Dwyer wished to raise the following items:-**

12.21.1 Section 38 - Barnagore Pedestrian Crossing

J. Dwyer circulated a drawing of the proposed Pedestrian Crossing on the L6400 at Barnagore.

Members considered the drawing and approved the design of same, which will now proceed to construction.

12.21.2 Killumney Pedestrian Crossing

J. Dwyer circulated a drawing of the proposed Pedestrian Crossing on the L2216. J. Dwyer advised that the crossing point is opposite the pub. Cllr. G. Moynihan enquired if it was to be a raised crossing point with lights.

J. Dwyer advised that it would be a raised crossing and that it was not directly outside the pub as it had to be at the best location for sightlines. Cllr. M. Looney said he welcomed the proposed pedestrian crossing.

12.22 M. Murphy, SEO addressed the items being raised under AOB and advised the Members that per Standing Orders, Notices of Motions were not being used and that to help to escalate matters and to have their items included in work programmes, that they should utilise the Notices of Motions process, he further advised that this was part of the standardising of the Standing Orders across all 8 Municipal Districts.

Cllr. T. Lucey asked if they submit a motion under Notices of Motion can they still bring up an item under AOB. M. Murphy advised that yes an urgent item can be brought up under AOB.

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This concluded the business of the meeting

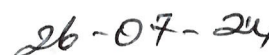


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