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TO: Each Member of the Macroom Municipal District

A Chara,

Please take note that a blended meeting of Macroom Municipal District will take place in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroom on **Friday 27th September 2024** commencing at 11.00 a.m. for the transaction of the following business:

- 1. DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ**
Confirmation of Minutes
To consider the confirmation and signing of the Ordinary Meeting held on Friday 26th July 2024.
- 2. NITHE AG ÉIRÍ AS NA MIONTUAIRISCÍ**
Matters arising from the Minutes.
- 3. BREITHNIÚCHÁIN AR THUAIRISCÍ AGUS MOLTAÍ**
Consideration of Reports and Recommendations
 - (a) Municipal District Officer's Report
 - (b) Discretionary Fund Applications
 - (c) Correspondence re Response from the NTA re Bus No 220
- 4. FÓGRA ALT 183**
Section 183 Notice
 - Lease of 2 no Lock Up Units at Duggans Lane, Macroom to Briery Gap Cultural Centre Ltd for a consideration of €5 per annum.
- 5. ALT 38**
Section 38
 - Pedestrian crossing in The Square, Millstreet
- 6. CHUN NA RUIN SEO LEANAS ÓN GCOMHAIRLEOIR A MHEAS:**
To consider the following Notice of Motions in the name of:

Councillor Ted Lucey

(a) Public Toilets

To ask what are the plans for the upgrade of our public toilets.

Macroom is a vibrant and prosperous town and especially with the bypass open it is much busier, with a lot more people coming back into the town to do business.

We have a Public toilet in the town square with one cubicle for Ladies & one cubicle for Men, while they are kept in good working order and clean, they are well under capacity for the demand from the public.

If a tourist bus stops in the square and sometimes 2 buses could be there at the same time you can see queues out on the street and I believe that some buses don't come to Macroom because of the toilet facilities.

We also have a big problem down the other side of town with no public toilet facilities, we have one bus stop in Macroom known as the bus depot where all passengers get on and off, and all school buses use the depot as well, there is approximately (1,000 people a day) going through this depot without any toilet facilities.

Would it be possible that the council could make contact with C I E and look at a joint venture for that side of town.

As I mentioned the opening of the new bypass has given the town an opportunity to develop to its full potential, the opening of the new Briery Gap, new street realm, renovation of the Old Church of Ireland, work on the Milldam in Masseytown, riverside walk to the Fairy Garden and the Active Travel - a lot of good work about to happen in Macroom.

But Our Public Toilets have to be looked at Very seriously.

(b) What are the future plans for upgrading buses & coaches parking in Macroom Since the opening of the Macroom bypass the town has got much busier.

For a number of years we have one designated bus parking bay in which 2 buses can park in. This is completely inadequate especially in the Summer months.

It has been indicated to a number of Councillors that a lot more buses would stop if there were more parking bays provided in town. The town is loosing out hugely on tourism because of this. There have been 94 cruise ships docked in Cork in the last year bringing 180,000 passengers to the region (as per a recent article in the Cork Examiner newspaper) with a lot of these visitors avail of the opportunity to go a coach tour of the region but unfortunately due to the lack of bus parking facilities they avoid coming to Macroom.

With the street realm and active travel I think now is a good time to plan ahead to provide more bus parking.

Councillor Eileen Lynch

(a) "That a comprehensive update would be provided on flooding, footpath and general safety works in Coachford, particularly in relation to flooding and the Safe Routes to school programme."

(b) "That Cork County Council would review the implementation of road safety measures, including but not limited to Low Cost Safety Schemes in relation to Derry Cross, Derry, Berrings due to poor visibility and recent accidents on this crossing. (Where the R579 and the L2751 (Kerry Road) intersect)."

(c) "That Cork County Council would provide an up-to-date report in relation to legal measures being progressed regarding vacant and derelict building, Lee Valley Inn, Dripsey."

- 7. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS**
Votes of Congratulations.
- 8. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN**
Votes of Condolences.
- 9. AON GHNÓ EILE**
Any other business



Marie O'Leary
Municipal District Officer