

**Minutes of Macroom Municipal District Blended Meeting, which was held in
the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroom on Friday 26th July 2024**

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

Attendance/Tinreamh: Ms. Marie O'Leary, Municipal District Officer
Mr. Maurice Murphy, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. James Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Pat O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer
Ms. Catherine O'Shea, Assistant Staff Officer

Apologies/Leath scéal: Cllr. Martin Coughlan

**1. DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Cllr. Ted Lucey and seconded by Cllr. Michael Looney, the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 28th June 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 Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Canopy in Millstreet
P O'Sullivan, EE said that it is hoped to erect the canopy in August once the scaffolding works are completed.
- (b) Bridge at Carriganimna – Damage
P. O'Sullivan, EE confirmed that a contractor has been appointed and are presently putting a programme of works together.
- (c) Pedestrian Crossing, Minor Row, Millstreet
P. O'Sullivan, EE said that a Section 38 will be commencing in the next few weeks
- (d) Castlemore Cross update on re-design of that junction
No update
- (e) Macroom Town Parking – Lease of GAA Car Park
M. O'Leary, MDO said the legal department were in the process of preparing the necessary documentation.
- (f) Inchigeelagh Village – Repair of Bridge Wall
No update
- (g) Footpath from Drishane to Coole Cross, Millstreet
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it was hoped that contractors will be onsite to commence works in early to mid Sept. In response to Cllr. Moynihan, he confirmed that the ducting for the lighting will be installed.

Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Macroom - Water Pooling on the Main Street
No update
- (b) Pedestrian Crossing, Masseytown
J. Dwyer, SEE said the R&LRDO are currently preparing a design and should be available in the next couple of weeks.
- (c) Public Light in need of being upgraded at the Tanyard, Millstreet
No update
- (d) Rusheen Road – near the Sandpit – Road in Bad Condition
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is on the Programme of works
- (e) Back Square, Macroom – Lining needs to be updated
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is on the Programme of works
- (f) Level of Sewage spilling into the River from the Treatment Plant at St. Colman's Park, Macroom
M. Murphy, SEO said he will continue to follow up with on this matter with the Plant Operator.

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Berrings to Yellow House – road in quite poor condition and requires resurfacing.
No update
- (b) Berrings School – Lining Works
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the works will be carried out in the next couple of weeks.
- (c) Cloghroe Signs
P. O'Sullivan, EE advised that sign will be erected shortly.

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Lee Valley Inn, Dripsey – update
M. O'Leary, MDO said a Section 11 Notice was served on the owners and the legal department were preparing the follow up documentation.
- (b) Coachford Village
P. O'Sullivan, EE outlined that the topographical survey has been completed and a CCTV camera survey has been undertaken on the culvert. In response to Cllr. Lynch regarding Uisce Éireann carrying out a survey on the outflow, P. O'Sullivan, EE confirmed that the survey has not been carried out to date.
- (c) Convent Cross, Rylane – extra Signage
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he hopes to have an update for the next meeting
- (d) Terelton School Signage and Pedestrian Crossing
No update
- (e) Clondrohid Village – Speed Through Village
No update

- (f) High Street, Macroom – Very narrow
J. Dwyer, SEE outlined that he is working on a design.

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Carrigadrohid to Bealnamorrive Road – Sections in Bad Condition
P. O’Sullivan, EE said as extra funding has been received under the RI Programme, it is planned to carry out this work in late September.
- (b) Hollymount Bridge, Millstreet - in a poor state – has it gone for tender
P. O’Sullivan, EE confirmed that the Contractor is pricing the works at present.
- (c) Morrisons Bridge- in a poor state – has it gone for tender
No update
- (d) Carriganimna – Light outside the pub out of order
P. O’Sullivan, EE said the Public Lighting Section are aware of it.
- (e) Inchigeelagh to Reinaree Road – Road Sagging/Overhanging Trees
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will include this road on this year’s RI Programme. Cllr. Moynihan supported Cllr. Creed.
- (f) Ballymakeera Village – Walkway and Cycle Route to Village
No Update
- (g) Rylane Village – Speed Survey
P. O’Sullivan, EE confirmed that the survey has just been completed and he will have a look at the results and should have an update for the next meeting.
- (h) Taking in Charge of Road by the Health Centre and Dunnes Strores, Macroom - Disability Parking Space Needed Near the Health Centre.
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that there has been a Taking in Charge request made. He said there is a procedure to be followed and they are presently waiting on information from the applicant.

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

(a) Priorities for the MD

M. Murphy, SEO outlined the following to the Members

- Increased Funding under the RRDF
 - Starting with a detailed design of the South Square
- Decarbonisation Zone
 - As part of the Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 Macroom is Cork County Council’s first Decarbonisation Zone
 - Will be a big part of any project

In response to Cllr. Lucey regarding what was planned, M. Murphy, SEO said that any plan that is put in place will be guided by the Climate Action Plan.

In response to Cllr. Moynihan regarding funding for community projects, M. Murphy, SEO said the community element was very important and they will need to establish what is achievable. He said this will involve setting up a Town Team which would include the key stakeholders.

(b) **Discretionary Fund Applications**

| Group/Organisation | Brief Description of Request |
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| Dan Corkery Residents Association | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purchase new lawnmower |
| Clondrohid Community Hall C.L.G. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decoration of a Meeting Room |
| Total | €600 |

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

**4. AINMNIÚCHÁIN CHUIG AN CHOISTE CÓIRÍOCHTA DON LUCHT SIÚIL
NOMINATION TO TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION COMMITTEE**

Cllr. Michael Looney was proposed by Cllr. G. Moynihan and seconded by Cllr. M. Creed.

**5. 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 Chomhairle chúir dromhchla úr ar bothar L7405 í gCúil Aodha

That this Council would resurface road L7405 in Cúil Aodha.

Níl an L-7405 ar an liosta athdhromchlaithithe do 2024. Tá an chuid is mó den bhóthar oiriúnach do chóiriú dromhchla cé go bhfuil cuid den bhóthar ar a bhfuil athghrádánú de dhíth. Déanfaidh mé mo dhícheall an bóthar a chur san áireamh leis an gclár athdhromchlaithithe do 2025.

The L-7405 is not on the resurfacing list for 2024. The majority of the road is suitable for surface dressing however there is a section that would need to be regraded. I will endeavour to include the road in the 2025 resurfacing programme.

James Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer

(b) Íarr ar an Chomhairle í dhómhain comharthaí; dhá bhealach, a chuir ar an mbohair ag an mbealach isteach go dtí Dan Corkery Place.

Ask this Council to install the suitable signage required at the entrance of Dan Corkery Place, to warn traffic it's a two-way system.

Nílím cinnte faoin iarratas áirithe seo ach má tá marcanna bóthair sa bhreis ag teastáil, déanfaidh mé a leithéid a eagrú.

I am not certain of the particular request here but if additional road marking is required then I will organise to have it put in place.

James Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer

Cllr. Moynihan said that traffic coming from Dunnes Stores is not aware there is an entrance into Dan Corkery Place. J. Dwyer, SEE said that the road markings could be improved, arrows could be painted on the ground which would hopefully improve the situation.

6. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

N/A

7. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN
VOTES OF CONDOLENCES

N/A

8. AON GHNÓ EILE
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Cutting Grass along Footpath at Firmount
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it is hoped to have the works completed in the next few weeks.

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Béal Átha nGhaorthaidh Works
Cllr. Moynihan queried if there was any flexibility regarding the works being carried out in September. Cllr. Creed followed saying it is short notice for a road Closure and asked if it could be deferred. J. Dwyer, SEE outlined that the Road Closure application hasn't been finalised and to wait the outcome of that application process first. He outlined that the works will be beneficial for the entire community, but the issue was just to how to get these necessary works done in a way that is suitable for everyone. He noted the Members concerns on this matter.
- (b) Curragbeg, Ovens – River Cleaning – Damage to the Road
J. Dwyer, SEE said €100,000 has been received for repairs to the embankment and the RDO currently preparing tender documents. He said the money has to be spent this year.
- (c) Ballyvourney Flood Relief Works – Update
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would get an update and circulate it to the Members. Cllr. Creed said it was very disappointing that nothing has happened, he said the works should have been done 3 years ago. Cllr. Lucey concurred and said he would welcome an update.

Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Pedestrian Crossing, Millstreet Road, Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE said the contract has been awarded.
- (b) Oakwood Estate, Macroom – No stop sign as you come down from the new development.
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate.
- (c) Sleaveen Hill, Macroom (Coming Down) – Open Gully – Narrow Road
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate.
- (d) Good News Stories for Macroom
 - Macroom Tidy Town Group has received funding of €100,000 towards cycle and walkways in Macroom GAA grounds / Macroom Town Park
 - New Garda Barracks, Macroom

Councillor Ted Lucey (on behalf of Cllr. Martin Coughlan)

Cllr. Coughlan asked Cllr. Lucey to raise the following issue:

- (a) New Bridge to Hartnetts Cross, Macroom – Weeds
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate.

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Aghabullogue Graveyard – Gates in Poor Condition
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will ask the Contractor to look at the gates and possibly replace them.
- (b) Street Lights at Priests Cross, Millstreet
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the Public Lighting Section are aware of them and will carry out the works.
- (c) Model Village, Dripsey
 - Up to the Model village – the surface of the road is damaged
 - Speed is an issue
 - Bus Stop – Overhanging Trees and overgrown hedgesP. O'Sullivan, EE said he will investigate.

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Briery Gap – Official Opening
M. O'Leary, MDO said it will be officially opened in mid-September. She said she will confirm the date nearer the time.
- (b) Footpath by the Old Triangle, Macroom – in urgent need of works
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is on the Programme of Works
- (c) Flooding in Inchigeelagh – Properties Damaged
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will speak to the Flooding Engineer.
- (d) Toames – Open Gully
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is planned to put up barriers in front of it.

- (e) Bridge at the 4 Mile Bridge, Macroom – requires necessary works
J. Dwyer, SEE said ESB confirmed that engineer has assessed the bridge. He will seek an update on it.

Pat O’Sullivan, EE

Section 38 – Proposed Traffic Calming Works on the R583 Millstreet, Co. Cork

P. O’Sullivan, EE circulated the Section 38 documents to the Members for their information.

James Dwyer, SEE

Public Lighting Programme

J. Dwyer, SEE asked the Members to email him with any suggestions/proposals.

Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú

This concluded the business of the meeting

Michael Creed

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27-9-24

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27.09.2024

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