

Macroom Municipal District Officer's Report

27th September 2024



1. General Municipal Allocation

To date, the following claims have been submitted in relation to the Amenity, Capital and Community Contract allocations under the GMA.

- 2021 - €193,907.75
- 2022 - €197,689.50
- 2023 - €115,044.47

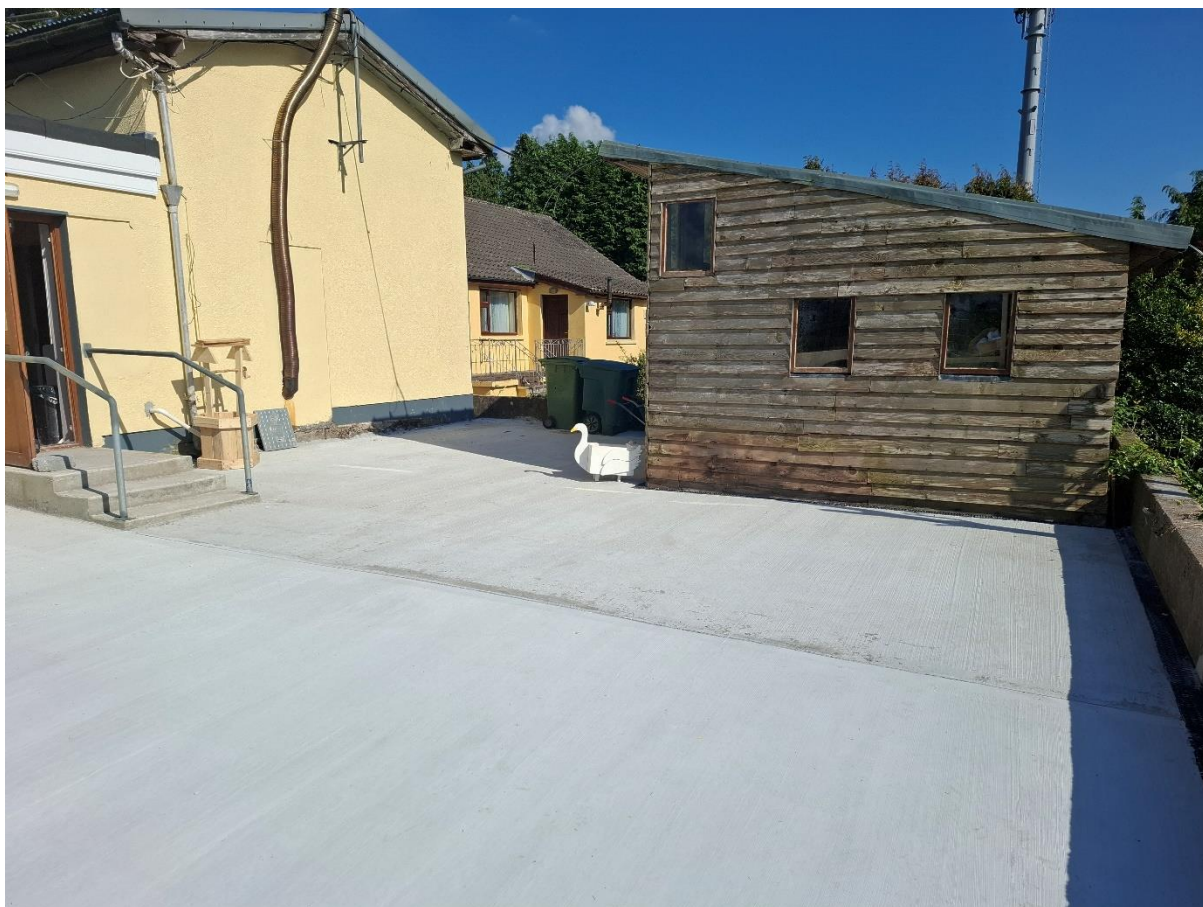
2. Town Development Fund

To date, the following claims have been submitted in relation to the Town Development Fund under the GMA.

- 2021 - €54,967
- 2022 - €86,218
- 2023 - €21,391

Below are some images of recently completed project by Millstreet Mens Shed to carry out improvement works to their building and to make it more accessible to members. This project was completed with assistance from the Community Fund.





3. Macroom Library and Briery Gap Theatre Official Opening

On Saturday 21st September 2024, the County Mayo, Cllr Joe Carroll together with Minister of State, Colm Burke TD and Chief Executive, Moira Murrell cut the ribbon for the official opening of The Briery Gap Theatre and Library.

The site, which is positioned in the heart of the town, was home to the Palace Cinema for more than 30 years, until it was purchased by Cork County Council in 1987 and underwent a major refurbishment before re-opening as a library, theatre and cinema in 2000. However, the building was closed following a fire in May 2016.

The €9 million project, which was funded by Cork County Council together with grants from the Department of Community and Rural Development and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media, was completed by Cumnor Construction in May of this year.

The building's façade is modern in its design and construction, incorporating natural buff clay bricks, high quality stone and bronze aluminium windows. It consists of a library at ground floor level, a 215-seater auditorium, bar and upgraded backstage support facilities. A state-of-the-art audio-visual system as well as energy efficient I

lighting, heating and cooling systems form part of the contemporary theatre and library complex.

The new library is a bright, vibrant and accessible space with comfortable seating and ample study space as well as a large collection of books, audiobooks and DVDs. The library features a woodland themed children's area with a treehouse reading nook and an expanded shared events space upstairs to host library groups and activities.

Below are some images taken at the opening on Saturday.





4. Painting of alley in Duggan's Lane

To coincide with the official opening of the Briery Gap Theatre and Library, Duggan's Lane alleyway has also been given a facelift with the area being refreshed and painted in a contemporary palate to compliment the Theatre. Below is image of newly painted area.



5. Lease of Car Park for Macroom

Cork County Council and Macroom Municipal District has entered into a lease agreement to lease the car park from Macroom GAA in the Castle Demesne grounds. This car park will now be lined to maximise its potential for parking and parking will be offered to all, free of charge. Signage and wayfinding signage is being prepared and will be installed shortly.

6. Macroom Food Festival & Culture Night Events

Macroom Food Festival Committee held another very successful event in the town over the weekend of 21st September 2024. This annual event, supported by Macroom Municipal District's Town Development Fund showcases the best of Macroom and what it has to offer in local artisan produce. This, now multicultural event held a parade through the town to celebrate Macroom's diversity and inclusion.

Culture Night was also held in Macroom on Friday 20th September, supported by Cork County Council. Events took place in both Macroom and Baile Bhuirne and included a walking tour of the new Briery Gap Theatre.

7. Clár 2023 Fund Update

Three projects were granted funding under 2023 Clár Fund.

The project by Muinefliuch National School to develop a family nature trail project has been completed. This project, granted funding of €14,097 involved the creation of an accessible family walking trail which utilised a part of the school field that was waterlogged and unused. This community space is open and used by locals and school children throughout the year. An official opening of this new amenity space for this community will take place when the school hold their annual Grandparents Day event.

This project involved the following works:

- Installation of nature trail with tarmacadam surface
- Knocking a ditch and preparation of ground for the path

Below are some images of this newest amenity in Muinefliuch.





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