

Macroom Municipal District Officer's Report

22nd November 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 - €194,907.75
- 2022 - €197,689.50
- 2023 - €118,444.47

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 Macroom Mens Shed to add a trailer for use by members. This project was completed with assistance from the Community Fund.



3. 2023 Community Recognition Fund - Update

Under the 2023 Community Recognition Fund, €249,500 funding was granted to communities in Macroom Municipal District area who welcomed Ukrainians into their community and to provide facilities to their community as part of this Fund. Below is an update on the remaining two projects under being completed with the assistance of this Fund.

1. Pedestrian Corridor for Millstreet

€120,000 was granted to Millstreet Tidy Towns with Cork County Council to provide a pedestrian walkway from Drishane Castle to Coole Cross Millstreet. This project will fund the footpath to the graveyard and Cork County Council will provide the funding for the remainder of the footpath to bring it to Coole Cross as originally planned. This project is currently underway and it is planned to be substantially completed by end of year.





2. Pedestrian Enhancement for Millstreet Town Centre

€15,000 was granted to provide a pedestrian crossing at Minor Row Millstreet. Following a successful Section 38, this project has been tendered and it is anticipated that work will begin on this project shortly and it is expected that the project will be completed in Q1 2025.

4. Macroom Christmas Market

Macroom Municipal District will be holding our Christmas Market in Macroom Town Square this **Tuesday 10th December 2024 commencing at 9.00 am** which will be opened & launched by the Cathoirleach of Macroom MD, Cllr Michael Creed and everyone is welcome to attend and we encourage people to come out & enjoy this wonderful event that each year is increasing its visitors & the number of stalls too has increased year on year.

The road at the public toilets will be closed for the day. A marquee will be erected in the Square to accommodate 11 pitches. We expect to have an additional 16 traders to add to the usual 12 that trade every Tuesday. Upstairs in Town Hall will be opened up & there will 7 schools showcasing 20 mini companies as part of the Student Enterprise Programme that is run through the Local Enterprise Office (LEO). In addition, a free Christmas card making demonstrations by Macroom School of Art will be available in the Town Hall. We encourage everyone to come out to this free family event.

Just a reminder that there is 2 hour free car parking on all onstreet parking for the month of December and all car parks are free of charge & are only a short distance from the Square.



5. 2024 National Tidy Towns Awards

Under the 2024 Supervalu National Tidy Towns Awards I would like to congratulate the groups from Macroom Municipal District who participated in this competition and in particular to the successful groups, as follows:

- Macroom Tidy Towns Group on winning a Gold Medal for their fantastic work in the town. A super achievement by all the volunteers who contribute and come out every weekend for the betterment of the town
- Millstreet and Béal Átha n' Ghaorthaidh on winning Bronze Medals at this year's awards. Again, another great achievement for the great volunteerism that is evident in both locations.

Well done to all groups and all winning groups at this year's awards.

6. Town Centre First – Macroom Town Team

Under Town Centres First €10,000 has been granted to Macroom to establish a Town Team. As part of this, a survey on the facilities in the town is currently available for completion and we'd encourage people to complete this survey as this will be invaluable for this group in their future body of work.

The survey can be accessed online by clicking on links below

https://www.yourcouncil.ie/service/Town_Centre_First_Survey_Macroom

or

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Hard copy forms are also available from the Town Hall or the Library in town and completed surveys can be returned to either location. The survey is also available in both English and Irish.



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