

## **Minutes of Macroom Municipal District Blended Meeting, which was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroom on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 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. Michael Looney and seconded by Cllr. Ted Lucey, the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 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) Briery Gap – Ramp near Loading Bay  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he was looking at the possibility of putting 3 no. bollards at the square side of the junction box at Duggans Lane. In response to Cllr. Moynihan, he confirmed that this should not impede use of Loading Bay.
- (b) Johnstown Village - Signs  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he is waiting on delivery of the signs.
- (c) Ballyvourney – Bring Site removed from Church Yard – Can they be located elsewhere  
M. O'Leary, MDO outlined that the Environment Directorate are seeking an alternative suitable location that will accommodate both the public and the collection trucks. She asked if Members had any suggested locations to let her know and she will relay the information to Environment.

#### **Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Terelton School Signage and Pedestrian Crossing  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he was exploring another option.
- (b) Aghabullogue Graveyard – Gates in Poor Condition  
No update
- (c) Street Lights at Priests Cross, Millstreet  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he contacted the Public Lighting Section.
- (d) Bealnamorrive (Coachford side) and Aghabullogue - Speed Signs  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the sign on the Coachford side will be replaced.

- (e) Lead's Cross L7475 – potholes with grass in the middle of the Road  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will include this on the next 3-year Programme
- (f) Inisleena Walkway, Dripsey – Tarmac in bad condition  
M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed there was no update from ESB on it.
- (g) Rylane – By New Playground – Speed Survey Report  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he hopes to have the report for the next meeting.
- (h) Lack of Parking at Lyons Tce, and Fr. Sheehan Place in Coachford  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said that he understands that the Housing Department are responsible for parking in Council Estates. In response to Cllr. Creed's query regarding who owned the road that ran behind Lyons Tce. P. O'Sullivan, EE confirmed Cork County Council own the land. He said as this is a Cul de Sac, the residents could apply for the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS).

Cllr. Lynch queried where does the money come from for Parking – would it come from the Roads Budget. J. Dwyer, SEE said Roads do not have a budget for it, the CIS would be the best option.

#### Lee Valley Inn, Dripsey – Update

Cllr. Lynch expressed her disappointment at a recent article in The Corkman Newspaper which stated the owner of the Lee Valley, who purchased the property in June 2023, had not received any correspondence from Cork County Council regarding the Section 11 Notice that was issued in December 2023.

Cllr. Lynch said the Section 11 Notice was pinned in a conspicuous position on the property and, at the time of purchasing the property, the purchaser would have been notified of any Notices etc on the building, as standard practice. Cllr. Lynch said she checked the Land Registry and Registry of Deeds and there has been no application lodged to date, despite the fact that registration application paperwork must be submitted within 6 months after the purchase date. Cllr. Lynch said in the article the owner mentioned wishing to meet with her but has not made any contact to date. She said the owner lodged a planning application which was refused by Cork County Council due to the fact that the percolation and sewerage system proposals were not suitable for the proposed development. Cllr. Lynch questioned what advice the owner's agent provided at pre-planning stage.

Cllr. Lynch queried where Cork County Council stand at this point with regard to the dereliction process; how can this be expedited. Cllr. Creed said all the Members supported Cllr. Lynch.

M. Murphy, SEO said he was aware of the article and outlined that a Section 8 (2) Notice was issued in October 2020, Section 8 (7) Notice issued to a different owner in October 2021, Section 11 Notice issued to Owner, Occupier or Lessee in December 2023 and another Section 11 Notice issued to a 3<sup>rd</sup> owner on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024. He said that Cork County Council will be pursuing this Notice through the Legal Department.

He said that the planning application and dereliction were two separate matters and are not interdependent.

### **Councillor Ted Lucey**

- (a) Pedestrian Crossing, Masseytown  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he is examining the design proposal at present.
- (b) Back Square, Macroom – Lining requires refreshing  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he has arranged with the contractor to carry this out.
- (c) Sleaveen Hill, Macroom (Coming Down) – Open Gulley – Narrow Road  
Cllr. Lucey requested that that we pipe and fill in the open gully on the southern side of Sleaveen Hill in Macroom Town. J. Dwyer SEE said he will investigate.
- (d) Pedestrian Crossing at Boys School, Macroom
- (e) Killumney – Speed
- (f) Lios na Fé, Macroom – Wall needs to be Recapped.  
J. Dwyer, SEE said this is on the Programme of works.
- (g) Public Lighting Programme  
Cllr. Lucey expressed his dissatisfaction at the lack of action being taken as regards public lights and asked M. Murphy, SEO to follow up. M. Murphy, SEO said this had been discussed at Southern Committee and it appeared that progress was being made and it was agreed to monitor the situation over the next couple of months. He said he will relay Cllr. Lucey's comments.
- (h) Macroom Bridge – trees caught in 2 of the eyes  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will require permission to carry out works.

Cllr. Michael Creed, Cathaoirleach excused himself from the meeting as he had to leave early and in his absence Cllr. Michael Looney acted as Chairman.

### **Councillor Michael Looney**

- (a) Berrings School – Lining Works  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he was looking into it.
- (b) Firmount – Stuake Feedback Lights Not Working  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said this has been referred to the contractor.
- (c) Cloghroe Sign  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will arrange to have it erected.

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

- (a) **Municipal District Officer's Report**  
Members noted the Report as detailed.
- (b) **Discretionary Fund Applications**  
There were no applications for the November meeting.

In response to Cllr. Moynihan, M. O'Leary confirmed that €377 remains in the 2024 Discretionary Fund. Should any new applications come in between now and the end of the year, she would email the Members for their approval.

**4. CHUN NA RUIN SEO LEANAS ÓN GCOMHAIRLEOIR A MHEAS:  
To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of:**

**Cllr. Eileen Lynch**

- That further safety measures or a low-cost safety scheme for Pipehouse Cross, Courtbrack would be reviewed and the possibility of reverting the cross back to a four cross road of equal access in order to make the junction safer.

**Response**

I will look at the junction on the ground with the Road Design Team and will have a response for the next meeting.

Pat O'Sullivan  
Executive Engineer

**5. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS  
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

- Cllr. Lucey congratulated the Macroom Minor Team won the Division 1 County Minor Championship.

**6. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN  
VOTES OF CONDOLENCES**

N/A

**7. AON GHNÓ EILE  
ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Road from Milleeny to Dareena Ailín – West Section  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate.
- (b) Lisahan Road, Millstreet – Speed Survey  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he should have a report for the next meeting.
- (c) Green Flag - Millstreet Community School Meeting  
Cllr. Moynihan said An Taisce and the Councillors were invited to the meeting and a detailed discussion took place where it was agreed that the main priority was that a safe crossing point was needed. P. O'Sullivan, EE said the Community School had not applied for Safe Route to Schools funding. He said that the homeowners' agreement would be needed for a footpath extension towards the school's bus parking entrance. However, this can be discussed as part of the planning process.

- (d) Ballydaly near the Hall – public Lighting required  
Cllr. Moynihan requested lighting at Ballydaly Hall and also signage, if possible.  
P. O'Sullivan, EE will investigate.
- (e) Parking Spaces Blocked off Outside the Briery Gap, Macroom – Removal of Planters  
M. Murphy, SEO said these spaces are blocked off as part of the South Square Development, with various surveys being carried out at present with access needed. Cllr. Moynihan asked if the spaces could be opened up to the public on a short-term basis. Cllr. Lucey agreed with Cllr. Moynihan, and outlined that the planters could then be re-instated when needed. He asked for them to be removed as soon as possible, if possible, to assist during the busy Christmas period.

On foot of Cllrs. Moynihan & Lucey's request, M. Murphy, SEO made enquires from the relevant department and subsequently confirmed that these planters can be removed, and the spaces opened up on a temporary basis. He pointed out, however, that when the South Square Development project commences, these spaces may again be removed, and the Members were happy with that. In response to Cllr. Moynihan, J. Dwyer, SEE said the planters can be moved immediately.

### **Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Forge Cross, Clonmoyle
- (b) Knocknagowan Rylane – Behind the Anvil Bar – Signage and Road Markings needed – vehicles not stopping  
P. O'Sullivan, EE will investigate.
- (c) GAA Pitch, Coachford – Ramps – Update  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will talk to the GAA. Cllr. Moynihan also supported this.
- (d) Parkview, Millstreet – Parking Signage  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said as this area has been taken in charge no signage saying "residents parking only" can be installed. He outlined that the area in front of each house is a shared space, so parking would be similar to other town residences along streets.

### **Councillor Michael Looney**

- (a) Coachford Flood – Subsidence on the R619  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he is trying to secure funding under the Climate Action Fund to carry out works next year.
- (b) Creans Cross to Donoghmore Cross – Speed – SLOW Signs on Road  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he has arranged for the Lining Contractor to carry out the works.

### **Councillor Ted Lucey**

- (a) Top of Masseytown, Macroom – Speed Survey  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will arrange this.
- (b) GMA Funding for Macroom MD  
Cllr. Moynihan agreed to raise this issue at the next CPG meeting. M. Murphy, SEO said he has raised this with Finance.

**James Dwyer, SEE**

Cooleyhane leading to McSweeneys and O'Mahonys – Cul de Sac – Become a Public Road

J. Dwyer, SEE said that as part of the N22 Macroom Bypass works to this private lane at Cooleyhane leading to McSweeneys and O'Mahonys has been upgraded and it is now requested that this becomes a public road.

**December Meeting**

It was agreed by the Members that there would not be any meeting in December. M. O'Leary, MDO told the Members that if anything arose and if required, she would contact them for their approval.

**Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú**

**This concluded the business of the meeting**

Michael Creed  
CATHAOIRLEACH

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DÁTA

Maire O'Leary  
OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH

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