

# Macroom Municipal District Officer's Report

28<sup>th</sup> February 2025



## 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.

- 2022 - €202,514.50
- 2023 - €135,471.31
- 2024 - € 22,776.48

## 2. Town Development Fund

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

- 2022 - €89,514.86
- 2023 - €52,853.32
- 2024 - €36,543.39

Below are some images from Ballinagree Vintage Club who held an event which was supported with assistance from the Community Fund.





### **3. 2025 General Municipal Allocation & Town Development Fund**

#### 2025 Community Fund

The GMA allocation for 2025 is €197,253. The Community Fund applications will be funded through this allocation. The closing date for receipt of these applications was Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025. A total of **78** applications have been received and these will now be reviewed over the coming weeks and we hope to have proposed allocations to be tabled for approval by the elected members at the March meeting of Macroom Municipal District, if possible.

Please note that reminders are also being sent to groups who have not made a claim under the previous years' Community Fund Allocations.

#### 2025 Town Development Fund

The 2025 TDF allocation is €98,000. Some applications under the 2025 Community Fund could be allocated from this fund. It is also planned to present a proposal for the allocation of this Fund to the elected members at the March meeting of Macroom Municipal District, if possible.

### **4. The Heritage Council – Grants Update – Macroom Castle Gate Lodge**

Under the Historic Towns Initiative 2025, the Council has approved an application with for essential conservation works to Macroom Castle Gate Lodge. This is a joint application with the Trustees of the Castle Demesne. It is hoped that a decision on this application will be announced shortly, over the next number of weeks as this grant

has a tight timeline with works to be completed and grant claimed by mid November 2025. The grant being sought for this project is €267,889.82 with an additional 20% required in match funding, giving a total project value of €334,874.77.

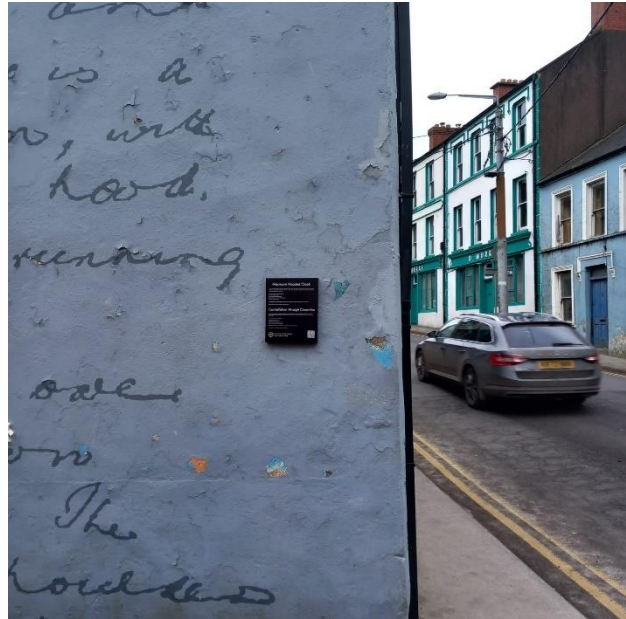
Macroom has had previous success under this Initiative and in 2022 was granted €215,847 towards essential works to St Colman's Church of Ireland Building Macroom. In 2023 Macroom was granted €40,000 towards a Heritage Led Regeneration Plan for the town.



## 5. Macroom Murals – Plaques

Macroom Town has benefitted for a number of attractive murals which have significantly enhanced the appearance of the town and provide some worthy historic and heritage value to the town and its people. As part of this project, we have been preparing plaques with QR codes to accompany the mural image. The QR code is link to Cork County Council's website and provides useful information on the background of the plaques. The plaques are dual language as is the accompanying information on the website. These plaques are being rolled out at all the murals in the town.





## 6. 2024 Community Recognition Fund – Update

Nationally over €14m was granted to 163 projects under Window 2 of the 2024 Community Recognition Fund. Cork County Council was successful in receiving funding of over €688k towards 11 projects of which Macroom is one of the recipients of funding. This success builds on Macroom MD's success under Window 1 of the Fund. Below is an outline of the approved projects to date under the 2024 CRF:

### Window 1 Successful Projects

No	Group	Project	Grant Amount
1	Macroom Tidy Towns	Coolcower Picnic Area Refurbishment & Footpath to Coolcower House	€100,000
2	Millstreet Community School	Upgrade of the Changing Rooms	€72,000

### Window 2 Successful Projects

No	Group	Project	Grant Amount
1	Macroom Football Club	Refurbishment of shower areas at clubhouse and tarmacadam of car park	€60,000

## 7. 2024 Village Enhancement Scheme Update

### Ballinora Village Enhancements Update

As part of the 2024 Village Enhancement Fund Ballinora Village was granted funding of €25,374 towards village enhancements. The local community groups have a number of projects underway as part of this Scheme. One of their priority projects was the rejuvenation of an unused piece of ground as you enter the village. They removed trees and vegetation and opened up this area entirely as a public realm space with planting, biodiversity measures and some seating. This project almost fully completed has seen the entry to the village transformed with this attractive new space to the delight of the locals. This space is being enjoyed by all.

Some other smaller projects in the village will be completed over the coming months. Below are some images of this new tranquil space.





## **Cill na Martra Village Enhancements Update**

Following a recent meeting with the community group in Cill na Martra Village they are preparing to undertake their projects for which they were also granted €25,374 under the 2024 VES. Further updates on the projects will issue in due course.

## **Speed Safety Signage Update**

Also under the 2024 VES speed safety signs for the locations below have been ordered and we'd hope that they will be installed over the coming weeks. The poles for them are in place.

### **2024 Speed Activated Signs:**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Number of Signs</b>	<b>Area covered by</b>
Farran	1	James
Kilmurry	1	James
Clondrohid	1	Pat
Ballyanly	1	Pat
Aghabullogue	1	Pat
Béalnamorrive	1	Pat
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	

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