

Minutes of Meeting of the Blarney/Macroon Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroon on Friday 27th July 2018

Present: Cllrs Ted Lucey (Cathaoirleach), Kevin Conway, Bob Ryan, Des O'Grady, Gobnait Moynihan & Michael Creed

Attendance: Mr. Jim Molloy, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. James Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Andy O'Brien, Executive Engineer
Ms. Patricia Lehane, Assistant Engineer
Ms. Catherine O'Shea, Assistant Staff Officer

Apologies: Ms. Claire O'Neill, S/Municipal District Officer
Ms. Marie O'Leary, Municipal District Officer (*Maternity Leave*)

In Attendance for Part of the Meeting:

Mr. Keith Jones, Senior Engineer, Housing

1. DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Municipal District Meeting held on 27th April 2018 (Amended)

On the proposal of Cllr. Conway and seconded by Cllr. Moynihan, the amended Minutes of the proceedings of Blarney/Macroon Municipal District held on Friday 27th April were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Senior Executive Officer.

Minutes of Municipal District Meeting held on 25th May 2018 (Amended)

On the proposal of Cllr. Moynihan and seconded by Cllr. O'Grady, the amended Minutes of the proceedings of the Blarney/Macroon Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 25th May 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Senior Executive Officer.

Minutes of Municipal District Meeting held on 29th June 2018

On the proposal of Cllr. Conway and seconded by Cllr. Creed, the Minutes of the proceedings of the Blarney/Macroon Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 29th June 2018 having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Senior Executive Officer.

Amended Minutes

The Members requested a report for the next meeting detailing what corrections were made to the minutes.

ÁBHAIR A ÉIREOIDH MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Ted Lucey

Briery Gap

Cllr. Lucey said that a meeting had taken place with the Briery Gap management and it was agreed that a breakdown of all costs was sought.

Cllr. Lucey proposed that a meeting is requested with Minister Ml. Creed, TD and Tim Lucey, CEO, Cork County Council.

Cllr. Moynihan seconded the proposal to approach Cork County Council but said that support from Government was also needed. She suggested writing to Minister Josepha Madigan T.D., Minister for Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht. She said the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund had recently been announced and was worth looking at.

J. Molloy, SEO explained to the Members that the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Scheme have just been launched. He said that this scheme is suitable for larger projects and villages can combine together to put in an application and that the deadline for Expressions of Interest was the end of August. He said that the Briery Gap could potentially be included. Cllr. Moynihan suggested working with the Briery Gap in putting a proposal forward and applying as soon as possible.

Cllr. O'Grady queried when was the cut off point for decisions as he was concerned that the boundary changes would affect funding being secured. J. Molloy, SEO confirmed that the boundary changes would not affect funding as Blarney is still classed as Rural, i.e. population < 10,000 as opposed to Urban where the population would be >10,000 and would therefore be applying under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Scheme.

All Members agreed that funding for the Briery Gap needed to be secured as soon as possible.

Cllrs. O'Grady, Cllr. Conway & Cllr. Ryan expressed their disappointment at not being invited to attend the meeting and requested a report of proceedings.

Cllr. Lucey said he would relay their comments back to the Briery Gap management.

Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Road Widening, Sleeveen, Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE said the Contractor should be on site at the end of next week.

- (b) Castleview Cross
J. Dwyer, SEE said that TII have not yet responded on whether or not they are in a position to carry out junction widening and re-surfacing. He said a repair will be completed at Castleview Cross.
- (c) Cloghduv Gully
A O'Brien, EE confirmed that the works would be carried out in September/October.
- (d) Dog Control Bylaws
Ongoing
- (e) Post Office, Macroom
Ongoing
- (f) St. Colmans Graveyard, Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that a contract has been awarded and confirmed that all the new section is being done. He said that works should commence in approx. 6-8 weeks.
- (g) Lights at the Bridge, Macroom
Ongoing
- (h) Lower Cork Street, Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that funding of €35k has been approved for Lower Cork Street and €35K for the junction at Dunisky.

Councillor Bob Ryan

- (a) Tower Playground
J. Molloy, SEO confirmed that there was a total of €46k available. Cllr. Ryan said that a commitment had been made previously to upgrade the public lighting as it is not up to standard. A O'Brien, EE said he would investigate.
- (b) Lights at Inniscarra Bridge
J. Dwyer, SEE said he contacted Peter O' Donoghue, Traffic and Transportation Section and he confirmed that the project will go to construction stage before the end of the year. Cllr. Conway said that a commitment had been made at the Southern Committee Meeting that funding had been ringfenced for the works.
- (c) Resurfacing at Vicorstown Cross
A O'Brien, EE confirmed that works would be carried out in September/October.
- (d) Public Lighting at Victorstown Cross
A O'Brien, EE said they will be reviewed by the Public Lighting Section.
- (e) Wilsons Bridge
A O'Brien, EE said surfacing will be carried out in August.

Councillor Kevin Conway

(a) Leemount Cross Junction

A discussion took place among the Members. Cllr. Ryan said a report was never received despite a motion being brought to Full Council. It was proposed by Cllr. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. Conway and agreed by all the Members to write to John Slattery, SE requesting a report.

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

(a) Bohill Bridge, Ballyvourney

Cllr. Moynihan said that TII have said that they have not received any application for funding and requested that an application is submitted. J. Dwyer, SEE said he has already applied but that he would redo his submission for resurfacing. He said the two main issues were resurfacing and realignment.

(b) Incheigeelagh Safety Measures

J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that the units are ready for delivery and planned to have them up and running before the schools return after the summer holidays. Cllr. Moynihan requested that a survey is then carried out to determine how effective they are.

(c) Grass Cutting Contract – Old Graveyard

J. Dwyer, SEE said he was not happy with the work that was carried out by the Contractors and was looking at alternative ways to get the grass cut in the future.

(d) Housing Report

Cllr. Moynihan requested clarification on how do they decide who gets a house will it go by their address

Councillor Michael Creed

(a) Boundary Changes – Transition Period

The Members noted the correspondence received from N. Healy, Director of Services.

Cllr. Creed said the correspondence did not address his concerns.

J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that until such time as the boundary extension is finalised Members will need to go to the relevant office where the complaint or representation is received. J. Molloy, SEO confirmed that the changes will occur from 1st June 2019.

A discussion took place among the Members regarding how compensation is being put in place. They agreed that the potential lack of funding would be very serious for the areas being transferred.

It was proposed by Cllr. Lucey and Seconded by Cllr. O'Grady and agreed by the Members to submit a motion to Full Council requesting that a cost analysis is carried out.

- (b) Clondrohid Graveyard
Cllr. Creed expressed his dissatisfaction at the grass cutting work carried out in the graveyard.

2. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) Proposed Construction of 8 No. Social Units at Sleaven East, Macroom – Permission to go to Part 8 Planning.

K. Jones, SE outlined the following to the Members:

- 5 no. 2 bed units
- 3 no. 1 bed units
- Suitable for both elderly and single people
- 2 Blocks of Apartments
- 2 no. Ground Floor units wheelchair accessible (not feasible to have all the units wheelchair accessible)
- Central courtyard
- Own Balcony

He confirmed if the Part 8 was approved construction could commence next year.

All Members welcomed the proposed development.

It was proposed by Cllr. Creed and seconded by Cllr. O'Grady and agreed by all the Members to proceed to Part 8.

- (b) 2018 Discretionary Fund Applications

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Crookstown Karate Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for uniforms and travelling expenses
Denis O'Riordan/Cormac Sheil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Addition to the Macroom Murals Series
Macroom Tidy Towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Painting of a Mural on the main Cork to Killarney Route
Total of 3 Applications seeking funding in Amount of:	€900.00

Proposed: Cllr. Moynihan
Seconded: Cllr. O'Grady

3. CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

**4. DIOL TALÚN
DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY**

**5. CHUN NA RUIN SEO LEANAS ÓN GCOMHAIRLEOIR A MHEAS:
TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION:**

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

"Íarr ar an Comhairle Contae Chorcaí tuaracáil a chur ar fail ag leag amach cumas WIFI a thabhairt go dtí Maighchromatha, í dtros ardú an meid dhaoine atá ag teacht isteach sa baile mór." Council report on the possibility of bringing public WIFI to Macroom town."

Tuarascáil:

Tá ceithre bhaile roghnaithe ag Comhairle Chontae Chorcaí mar Bailte phíolótaí le haghaidh húsáid Wi-Fi poiblí . Tá Maigh Chromtha mar ceann de na ceithre bailte roghnaithe. Rinneadh measúnú ar na ceithre bhailte agus tá meastacháin faighte le haghaidh suiteáil agus tacaíocht.

Tá measúnú ar siúl faoi lathair ar úsáid Wi-Fi i Mala chun fháil amach cén samhail a bhfuil oiriúnaach chun chur i bhfeidhm.

"Council report on the possibility of bringing public WIFI to Macroom town."

Report:

Cork County Council has selected four towns as pilots for the roll-out of town Wi-Fi. Macroom is one of the selected pilot towns. The four towns have been assessed and quotes have been received for installation and support. An assessment of usage of Wi-Fi in Mallow is underway to determine the most appropriate model to implement.

*Jim Molloy,
Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin Sinsearach
Oibríochtaí Ceantair Bardasacha & Forbairt Tuaithe*

Cllr. Moynihan welcomed the report. She spoke about the potential that Wi Fi will bring to Macroom in terms of Tourism and to the local businesses. She suggested setting up an integrated webpage similar to one set up by Brand Blarney www.aloadofblarney.ie and getting the local businesses on board. She said the webpage could create a good platform for advertising.

All Members supported the motion with Cllr. Ryan emphasising the need for the rollout of Rural Broadband.

It was proposed by Cllr. Moynihan and seconded by Cllr. Conway to set up a meeting with the local businesses and anyone involved in the Tourism Industry.

6. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

N/A

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

Section 38: Ballymorisheen Cross & Cross of Four Winds, Grenagh Junction Upgrade

A O'Brien, EE circulated drawings which were noted by the Members.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. Conway to proceed with the advertisement of the Section 38.

Councillor Kevin Conway

(a) Outdoor Staff, Blarney

Cllr. Conway queried if there were plans to recruit extra staff

A O'Brien, EE said that a General Operative Panel has been set up and offers are being made at present.

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

(a) Coolcower – east of Petrol Station

Cllr. Moynihan said the Section of the N22 between Coolcower and east of Coachford Cross was on the Pavement Programme for 2019 but said it will not last this winter. She requested that T.I.I. are written to request that the surfacing be completed in 2018 and extended all the way to Coachford Cross.

J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that the money has been allocated for Stage Cross for 2018.

(b) Foul Smell in the Square, Macroom

Cllr. Moynihan said the foul smell is affecting businesses and requested that Irish Water be contacted. Cllr. Lucey said that Irish Water had come a few weeks ago but agreed that they needed to be contacted again.

(c) Inchigeelagh to Reinaree - Resurfacing

J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that the works will commence in September.

(d) ESBi Coolea

Cllr. Moynihan said that lorries were travelling at high speed through the village and were very dangerous. J. Dwyer, SEE said he has already written to ESBi expressing his concerns and they have confirmed they have spoken to their drivers and were taking the issue seriously.

Councillor Des O'Grady

- (a) Grass Cutting – Graveyards
Cllr. O'Grady said that both Ovens and Inniscarra Graveyards were overgrown. A O'Brien, EE said he will contact the Contractor re cutting the area in question.
- (b) Grange Manor, Ovens
Cllr. O'Grady requested a meeting with the new Director of Services, Planning.

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Hedges at Derryvane
J. Dwyer, SEE said that he met with one of the concerned residents and the hedges in question would be cut as part of roadworks in the area.
- (b) Blocked Gully, Clontead, Coachford
A O'Brien, EE said he will add it to the list of gully cleaning works in October/November.
- (c) Irish Water – Firmount
A O'Brien, EE said that Irish Water were looking at upgrading the mains but this is not the case anymore. He said the section of the road in question will be put on the new 3 year programme of road works.
- (d) Toames East, Potholes

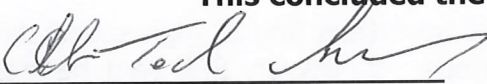
Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Extra Public Lights – Dripsey to Inniscarra
A O'Brien, EE said that he will review this on site.
- (b) Town and Village Renewal Programme – Works in the Square, Macroom
J. Molloy, SEO said it has planned to have the works finalised by the end of the year.

Retirement of John O'Neill, Director of Services and Tom Stritch, Director of Services

Members requested that a letter is sent to both Directors wishing them well in their retirement.

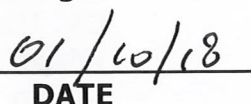
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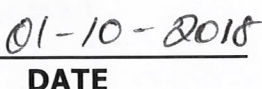


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