

Minutes of Meeting of the Blarney/Macroom Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroom on Friday 23rd March 2018

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

Attendance: Mr. Jim Molloy, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. James Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Claire O'Neill, S/Municipal District Officer
Mr. Andy O'Brien, Executive Engineer
Mr. Conor Shannon, Assistant Engineer
Ms. Catherine O'Shea, Assistant Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllr. Des O'Grady
Ms. Marie O'Leary, Municipal District Officer (*Maternity Leave*)

C. O'Neill, S/MDO informed the Members that Mr. Martin Walsh, Bus Eireann was unable to attend the meeting and sent his apologies. He requested that the Members submit any issues that they may have.

All Members agreed that Mr. Walsh should be invited to attend the next meeting.

1. **DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ** **Confirmation of Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. Lucey, the Minutes of the proceedings of the Blarney/Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 26th February 2018 having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the A/Municipal District Officer.

ÁBHAIR A ÉIREOIDH **MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Public Lighting Programme 2017 - Update
J. Dwyer, SEE said that the 2017 works are ongoing. A O'Brien, EE said that a new light has to be installed at the community Hall in Aghabullogue.
- (b) Grange Manor Estate, Ovens – Taking in Charge
C. O'Neill, S/MDO said she had not received an update from the Planning Department.
- (c) Signage of the Graveyard in Coachford and Aghabullogue and the Church in Rylane.
A O'Brien, EE said he would arrange to erect signs.

Councillor T. Lucey

- (a) Castleview Cross – Up to Nutricia
J. Dwyer, SEE said there was no update at present

- (b) Road Widening, Sleaveen, Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE said that he was preparing the drawings and was hoping to have it out to tender shortly.
- (c) Crookstown – Update
A O’Brien, EE has made contact with Irish Water about reinstatement of patch repairs.
- (d) Briery Gap
J. Molloy, SEO presented Members with an update and confirmed that it is planned to go to Part 8 in the next couple of weeks.
- (e) Bridge to Millstreet Cross – Resurfacing
J. Dwyer, SEE said that the work should be commencing shortly.
- (f) Dog Control Byelaws
J. Molloy, SEO said this was ongoing.
- (g) Post Office, Macroom – Crossing
Ongoing

2. **CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (a) Paint Scheme
The Members noted the Report.

C. O’Neill, S/MDO informed the Members that there would be launch of the Scheme following the meeting in the Pitch and Putt Clubhouse.

On the proposal of Cllr. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. Moynihan, the following was agreed by all the Members:

- Extending the Scheme to include New Street, Castle Street and Cork St, Macroom.
- Review the progress of the Scheme later in the year

- (b) Derelict Sites Act
The Members noted the Report.

On the proposal of Cllr. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. Conway it was agreed by all the Members to submit the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the next Full Council Meeting:

That Blarney Macroom Municipal District calls on the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to initiate an immediate review of the Derelict Sites Act 1990 with a view to ensuring that the Act can effectively deal with the issue of derelict sites and provides adequate penalties on the owners of derelict sites.

Furthermore that the review should investigate the following specific issues:

(i) Improvements to Section 29 of the Act and in particular a mechanism to require Financial Institutions to provide information to local authorities to assist in the location of property owners

(ii) where a financial institution has obtained a judgment mortgage on a derelict site and is the de facto owner of said derelict site, placing the responsibility for removing dereliction under the Act with them.

(iii) inclusion of a Section to provide for an offence by a body corporate, similar to Section 158 of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

(c) Proposed 2018 Non National Roads Programme for BMMD

The Members noted the report.

The following observations were made:

- Roovesbridge, Coachford
Cllr. Creed queried what role the ESB had in maintaining the bridge. J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that the ESB maintained the structure and the maintenance of the road was the responsibility of the Local Authority.
- Fergus/Cronody
Cllr. Lucey queried where exactly the works would be carried out. A O'Brien, EE confirmed that the road from the Ambush through to Coachford would be resurfaced.
- Road from Killumney Village to the Church
Cllr. Lucey said this road was in a very bad condition. A O'Brien, EE said that drainage works needed to be carried out that road would be kept under review with the velocity patcher as there is currently no funding to carry out road resurfacing works here.
- Yellow House through to Vicarstown Cross
Cllr. Ryan said this road was in a shocking condition.
- Dripsey Cross towards Model Village
Cllr. Moynihan enquired what road this was referring to. A O'Brien, EE confirmed that it was up from the pub to the Model Village.
- Knocknagoun, Rylane
Cllr. Moynihan queried if the footpath works could be done at the same time as the lights. A O'Brien, EE said that the work would have to be carried out in stages as follows:
 1. Resurfacing Works
 2. Footpath
 3. Lights
- Scarrif to Carrigeen
In response to Cllr. Moynihan, A O'Brien, EE confirmed that the Council would carry out as much work as is possible themselves.

- Cabracht Road
Cllr. Creed said this road was in an appalling state. C. Shannon, AE said that work would be carried out this year on the Cabracht Road as per the 2018 Surface Dressing Programme and also patching work as required
- Road outside the Garda Station in Blarney
In response to Cllr. Conway, A O'Brien, EE said this was going to tender in the coming months.
- Shronagh Line Junction
In response to Cllr. Conway, A O'Brien, EE said that it was going to tender in the coming months.
- Junction beside the Playground
Cllr. Conway said this junction was getting worse. A O'Brien, EE said that this will be reviewed along with the tender for Blarney village.

(d) Blarney Macroom Municipal District – Proposed Drainage Program 2018

- Kerry Road – Footpaths
A O'Brien said that it will be listed for the footpath programme this year.
- In response to Cllr. Moynihan, J. Dwyer, SEE said there was an allocation of approx. €80,00 for Drainage works between Blarney and Macroom
- Relief Road on Eastern Side of Blarney
In response to Cllr. Conway, A O'Brien, EE said he would investigate same.
- In response to Cllr. Moynihan, J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that the TII were contributing to the drainage works on the N22.

J. Dwyer, SEE asked the Members to let him know if they are aware of any problem areas.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Public Lighting Response
The Members noted the correspondence.

Cllr. Ryan said the Airtricity system did not contain details of all public lights. C. O'Neill, S/MDO said she had relayed this to the Public Lighting Section but would raise the issue with them again.

4. DIOL TALÚN Disposal of Property N/A

**5. Chun na Ruin seo leanas ón gComhairleoir a mheas:
To consider the following Notices of Motion**

Cllr Des O Grady

To seek a report on the dispersal of the €400,000 funding remaining from the Gateway Scheme in County Cork from 2017. The report to contain the amount granted to the Blarney/Macroon Municipal District and to where it has been allocated in the budget. The report to also contain the amounts awarded to the other Municipal Districts in the County.

As Cllr. O'Grady was unable to attend the meeting, the motion was deferred to the April meeting.

**6. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS
N/A**

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

2018 General Municipal Allocation & Town Development Fund

2018 Amenity Grants

Proposed: Cllr. Lucey

Seconded: Cllr. Ryan

2018 Community Grants

Proposed: Cllr. Ryan

Seconded: Cllr. Moynihan

2018 Capital Grants

Proposed: Cllr. Creed

Seconded: Cllr. Lucey

Town Development Fund

Proposed: Cllr. Lucey

Seconded: Cllr. Conway

Cllr. Ted Lucey

(a) Dan Corkery Place, Macroon – Gully Flooding
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would investigate same

(b) St. Colmans Graveyard, Macroon
J. Dwyer, SEE said the closing date for tenders is 16th April and he should have a report for the next meeting.

- (c) Cloughduv – Drain
A O'Brien, EE said he would investigate same.
- (d) Newcestown – Traffic Calming Signs
J. Dwyer, SEE said he had a meeting with the School Principal and he was presently preparing a plan.

Cllr. Michael Creed

- (a) Inchigeelagh Bridge
C. Shannon, AE said that work is ongoing at present.
- (b) River Cleaning, Ballingearry
J. Dwyer, SEE said he had received no correspondence to date from the OPW.
- (c) Lining Contract – Kilmurry Junction near Enniskeane
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would arrange to get the works done.
- (d) Carrigaphoka Road - Potholes

Cllr. Bob Ryan

- (a) Cloghroe Village - Speed
Cllr. Ryan said that there was a huge volume of traffic passing through the village and that speed was of major concern. Cllr. Conway suggested using Vehicle Actuated Signs which can be transferred from one location to another and queried if there was any funding available to have a sign permanently on the road from Cloghroe to Blarney. J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed there was special funding available under CLÁR but that only applied to the CLÁR areas.

- (b) New Tipperary Cross – Huge Volume of Trucks Passing Through
Cllr. Ryan requested that an investigation is carried out to see what can be done.

J. Dwyer, SEE said that a Speed Survey gives a good indication of the pattern of speed and that he will arrange same at both locations.

Cllr. Moynihan said that speed through villages was also a big issue and that the Vehicle Actuated Signs would be effective. She said that Kilmurry would ideally like to have one of those signs but that they should be common to all villages.

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Inchigeelagh Bridge – When will the works be completed
C. Shannon, AE said it will take a few more weeks to complete.
- (b) Ballyvourney to Clondrohid Road – Potholes
- (c) Millstreet Cross – When will it be resurfaced
J. Dwyer, SEE said the works will be carried out shortly and should take about two weeks to complete. He said there will be traffic disruption but that the

Contractor will have a Traffic Management Plan in place. In response to Cllr. Lucey, J. Dwyer, SE said he did not know if the works would be carried out by night.

(d) Millstream Dam, Macroom – Update

J. Dwyer, SEE said that the money that has been allocated will not cover the works and an extra €20,000 was needed. The possibility of funding the shortfall from the Pay Parking Dividend was discussed. C. O'Neill, S/MDO said she would clarify if the dividend could be used for this type of works.

Cllr. Kevin Conway

(a) Courtbrack – Update

A O'Brien, EE said will arrange to contact the Contractor to meet on site re these finished road reinstatements.

(b) Overhanging branches and trees on the Waterloo Road between the Knocknasubh junction and the Waterloo Inn require cutting

A O'Brien, EE said the landowners have been written to. He said it should also be note that it is currently out of cutting season.

(c) Footpath outside no. 3 Waterloo Road needs attention

(d) Proposed footpath on Hedge Road, Blarney

Cllr. Conway queried if a survey could be carried out.

(e) Widening of road and footpath remedial work on Station Road, Blarney north of Woodville

A O'Brien, EE said he would investigate same.

(f) Substantial Cork direction sign needed on the Blarney roundabout

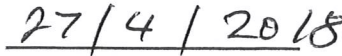
A O'Brien, EE said this was not within the remit of Cork County Council.

2018 Footpath Programme

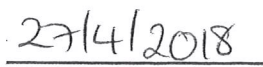
J. Dwyer, SEE said that the Footpath Programme was being prepared at present and asked the Members if they had any proposals to contact the office.

This concluded the business of the meeting


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S/MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OFFICER


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