

**Minutes of Meeting of the Blarney/Macroon Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroon on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018**

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

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. Des O'Grady

**1. DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ  
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Cllr. Creed and seconded by Cllr. Ryan, the Minutes of the proceedings of the Blarney/Macroon Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018 having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Municipal District Officer.

**Request to Suspend the Standing Orders re: Waterloo Junction, Blarney**

It was proposed by Cllr. Ryan; seconded by Cllr. Conway and agreed by all the Members to suspend the Standing Orders in order to have a discussion regarding Waterloo junction. It was agreed to have the discussion under Any Other Business.

**ÁBHAIR A ÉIREOIDH  
MATTERS ARISING**

**Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Inchigeela – Vehicle Actuated Signs  
Cllr. Moynihan was pleased to see that the signs were in place and requested that a survey is carried out as soon as possible. She also wanted to acknowledge the fact that ESBI had committed to erecting signs in Coolea.
- (b) Roll out of Town Wifi  
Cllr. Moynihan requested an update on how it was progressing.
- (c) Section of the N22 between Coolcower and east of Coachford Cross  
J. Dwyer said that he had no update other than it was planned for 2019. Cllr. Moynihan requested that it is kept on the Agenda.

- (d) Foul Smell in the Square, Macroom – Update  
J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that drain cleaning and jetting works were carried out by Irish Water.

**Councillor Kevin Conway**

Leemount Cross Junction - Update

C. O'Neill, S/MDO confirmed that a report has been requested.

**Councillor Ted Lucey**

- (a) Road Widening, Sleaveen, Macroom  
Cllr. Lucey said he was pleased with the works being carried out.
- (b) Castleview Cross  
Ongoing
- (c) Cloghduv Gully  
Ongoing
- (d) Dog Control Bylaws  
Ongoing
- (e) Post Office, Macroom  
Ongoing
- (f) St. Colmans Graveyard, Macroom  
Ongoing
- (g) Lower Cork Street, Macroom  
Ongoing

**Councillor Michael Creed**

Raleigh – Junction of the N22

Cllr. Creed expressed his thanks for work completed.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (a) **Corrected Minutes**  
Proposed: Cllr. Moynihan  
Seconded: Cllr. Creed
- (b) **Draft Road Traffic 30 km/h Special Speed Limit Bye-laws for Housing Estates**  
Members noted the report.
- (c) **Review of Cork County Council Playground, Multi Use Play Area, Skate Park & Outdoor Gym Bye-Laws 2013**  
Cllr. Conway said there is a poor understanding of the way some playgrounds are designed. He said for instance that Blarney Playground is

part of an amenity walk which is used by all ages and therefore restricting access to the playground would not be feasible in this case. He requested clarification on this matter as part of the review of the byelaws.

**(d) Consideration of Notice of Motion from Social Inclusion and Community SPC**

It was proposed by Cllr Lucey, seconded by Cllr. Ryan and agreed by all the Members that both Rena Buckley and Briege Corkery's sporting successes should be acknowledged.

C. O'Neill, S/MDO welcomed Rena Buckley's mother Helen to the meeting. She said that the families would be consulted as regards any ideas they may have.

**(e) Discretionary Fund 2018 Applications**

<b>Group/Organisation</b>	<b>Brief Description of Request</b>
<b>Macroom Tidy Towns</b>	Develop and enhance Masseytown Riverside Park in conjunction with Macroom Men's Shed
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<b>Laochra Og</b>	Purchase of new equipment
<b>Scoil Rince Uí Tuama</b>	Assistance towards travel and costume costs
<b>Macroom Ladies GAA (Minor)</b>	Extra equipment
<b>Macroom Ladies GAA (Junior)</b>	Extra equipment

**Proposed:** Cllr. Creed

**Seconded:** Cllr. Conway

**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Members noted the correspondence received from Blarney & District Historical Society.

**4. DIOL TALÚN  
DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY**

(a) Section 183 Notice in respect of proposed disposal of Cork County Council's Freehold Interest in Property at No. 138 Lismahane, Dripsey, Co. Cork

(b) Section 183 Notice in respect of Disposal of former Radon Building at Macroom, Co. Cork for a consideration of €413,000.00

**Proposed:** Cllr. Creed

**Seconded:** Cllr. Ryan

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

**Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan**

Ag iarriadh ar an Comharlie tuairsc a chur ar fáil ar an "Rural Regeneration and Development Fund" agus Briary Gap. Dé réir an Rionn Forbatha Tuaithe agus Pobail, tá'd ag tnúth go mbeidh air aon iarrtas rathúil, tonsú a chuid oibre í 2019. Mar sin, iarriam ar an Comharlie soiléirú an ullúmhachán áta a dheanmh acu faoi lathair do íarrtas an Briary Gap".

Requesting an update report on the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund application in regards to the Briary Gap. According to the Department of Rural and Community Development successful applications/projects should be in a position to commence works in 2019. Therefore I am looking for the report to include preparatory works underway in anticipation of the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund application.

**Report**

J. Molloy, SEO outlined that there has been an application submitted under the Rural Generation Fund Scheme and he has also written to the Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht on the matter. Once a breakdown of all costs has been completed he will submit this to the Department. It has been recommended that design works are carried out in order to proceed to Part 8 and that the Chief Executive and Minister Michael Creed have met on the issue.

A discussion took place among the Members where they welcomed the progress being made to date but stressed that the funding is urgently required.

In response to Cllr. Moynihan, J. Molloy, SEO said it is hoped to lodge Part 8 before Christmas.

**6. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

Claire O'Neill, S/MDO

All Members complimented Claire for her hard work and wished her well for the future

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

**(a) October Meeting – Change of Date**

It was agreed to hold the October meeting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2018 at 6.15 p.m.

**(b) Civic Reception to honour the achievements of local sporting groups in the Municipal District**

It was agreed to hold a Civic Reception after the October monthly meeting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018.

**(c) Waterloo Junction**

The Members expressed the following concerns:

- Junction has been closed for 3 months with no end in sight
- Managers Order signed up to the 30<sup>th</sup> November
- Appreciate that safety is paramount and there have been issues with satnavs.
- Received correspondence from Waterloo Junction Committee whereby they are giving notice of Judicial Review being brought re: closure of the junction.
- What are the Members powers when the motion is defeated
- Local community forced to use alternative route which they claim is unfit for volume of traffic.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. Conway and agreed by all the Members to contact the Chief Executive requesting him to arrange to have the Waterloo junction opened immediately.

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

A O'Brien, EE advised the Members that Section 38 has been completed and works will be starting shortly.

**Tower Playground**

C. O'Neill, S/MDO outlined that the works on Tower Playground should be commencing in the next few weeks. Cllr. Ryan welcomed this and queried if the lighting works would be carried out.

**3 Year Non National Roads Programme**

J. Dwyer, SEE asked the Members to submit any suggestions for inclusion on this Programme as the Programme needs to be completed by the end of October.

Cllr. Ryan expressed his frustration that last year's budget was reduced. In response to Cllr. Lucey, J. Dwyer, SEE said the Programme would be put together based on our current area.

**Councillor Michael Creed**

- (a) Bridge at Newcestown – Stonework falling down  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would investigate

- (b) Light (PD 30) in Clontead, Coachford
- (c) Barracks Cross to Bealnamorrive – Tree Cutting being organised

### **Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Road to Ballingearry from Reinaree Direction - Pavement update  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he sent the drawings to the ESB detailing what needs to be done. He said it would cost €6,000 to alter the existing network and that the talks with Public Lighting are ongoing. He said once the ESB and public Lighting has been sorted, it can then go for tender.
- (b) Farrivane Lights  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the costs are high, a lot of ducting works to be done. Cllr. Moynihan queried if one light could be installed. J. Dwyer, SEE said he would talk to the Public Lighting Section.
- (c) Ballyvourney – By the Mills coming down to the N22 – Dangerous  
Cllr. Moynihan said it was hard to exit at this junction and also the traffic travel at high speed by the Mills. J. Dwyer, SEE said he would contact the T.I.I. and ask them to have a look at it. Cllr. Moynihan enquired if speed could be analysed at both junctions. J. Dwyer, SEE said he would raise this with the Traffic Safety Officer and with the Gardai.
- (d) N22 towards Cork at the Cloghduv Junction – arrows removed – sign knocked over  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would contact the T.I.I.

### **Councillor Kevin Conway**

- (a) Blarney Playground – Fencing Tilting Out  
A O'Brien, EE said he would investigate

### **Councillor Ted Lucey**

- (a) Lights at the Bridge, Macroom  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would investigate
- (b) Yellow Box at Millstreet Cross to Keep Traffic Flowing  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would contact the T.I.I.
- (c) Kilnagurteen Road – Signs  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the signs were ready to go up
- (d) Bus Depot, Macroom  
J. Dwyer, SEE said Bus Eireann received a Declaration of Exemption for widening the entrance.

- (e) Bus Stop – Auld Triangle  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would follow up.

**This concluded the business of the meeting**

  
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**CATHAOIRLEACH**

22/10/18  
**DATE**

  
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**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OFFICER**

22-10-2018  
**DATE**

