

## Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held virtually on MS Teams on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022

<b>Present/I láthair:</b>	Cllrs. Michael Creed (Cathaoirleach), Eileen Lynch, Ted Lucey, Gobnait Moynihan & Martin Coughlan
<b>Attendance/Tinreamh:</b>	Ms. Marie O'Leary, Municipal District Officer Mr. James Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer Mr. Pat O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer Ms. Catherine O'Shea, Assistant Staff Officer
<b>Apologies/Leath scéal:</b>	Cllr. Michael Looney Ms. Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer

### 1. DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. Ted Lucey and seconded by Cllr. Eileen Lynch the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 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) Footpath and Pedestrian Crossing at the GAA Pitch, Coachford  
In response to Cllr. Moynihan, P. O'Sullivan, EE said a surveying contractor has been appointed and will hopefully be on site in the next few weeks. They will survey the sections that we have received funding for first, and well as the section by the GAA pitch
- (b) Carriganimna Speed Survey  
No update
- (c) Killumney Bridge Works – Timeframe  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will endeavour to have an update for the next meeting.
- (d) N22 – Speed Through Ballyvourney at the Mills Inn  
No update.

#### Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Briery Gap – Update
- (b) Castleview Cross
- (c) Church of Ireland, Macroom
- (d) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom
- (e) Bus Depot, Macroom
- (f) Filter Light coming out of Masseytown heading towards Killarney

- (g) Bridge in Killumney
- (h) Macroom – Water pooling  
Cllr. Lucey said there are two specific areas that are getting flooded and would discuss them after the meeting with James Dwyer, SEE
- (i) Lights by the Roundabout at Fitzgerald’s Corner – very dull
- (j) Street Cleaning in Macroom Town
- (k) Pedestrian Crossing Masseytown - Speed Down the Hill  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he is looking at it to determine a basic solution that might work which could be forwarded to the Design Office.
- (l) Install a crossing point at the roundabout at Kilnagurteen
- (m) Town Development Fund/General Municipal Allocation – Funding Granted to Macroom MD
- (n) Proposed Pedestrian Crossing near the Boys School, Macroom  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that TII will not progress with this idea, however, he said it is something that can be looked at when the bypass is completed, and it reverts to a regional road.
- (o) Bypass at Killumney – Link Road to EMC roundabout – 3 lights missing

**Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Coachford Footpath – pedestrian crossing  
In response to Cllr. Lynch, P. O’Sullivan, EE said that a contractor has been appointed and are putting together a Programme of Works. He said is hoped to have a survey completed in the next 2-3 weeks.
- (b) Flooding in Coachford – camera survey  
No update
- (c) Courtbrack to Killowen Road Drainage / Road edge repairs – any plans to replace the culvert  
No update
- (d) Lyons Tce, Coachford  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he is waiting for the Contractor to come back with costings etc.
- (e) Terelton National School – pedestrian crossing
- (f) Crookstown – Cliffords Bar to Béal na Bláth – Flooding Works  
No update
- (g) Pipehouse Cross – beyond Courtbrack – Speed  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said there will be Lining Contractor on site next week.
- (h) Fr. Patrick Sheehan Place, Coachford (behind Coachford school) - lack of parking

- (i) Millstreet Secondary School – Footpath from the School towards the Town  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will look at it, he queried if the School had applied for the Safe Route to School Programme

Cllr. Moynihan queried if the road to the secondary school was public or private, P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will check it out. Cllr. Moynihan suggested continuing the footpath as far as the entrance to the school.

- (d) Toonsbridge - Safety works – Money Allocated

### **Councillor Michael Creed**

- (a) Low-Cost Scheme – Mount Cross - Update  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said hopefully the survey is completed in the next couple of weeks and once a design is in place, we can then talk to the landowners. We will look at funding for 2023 under the Low-Cost Accident Scheme
- (b) Outside Centra Shop, Ballyvourney – Issue with parking  
J. Dwyer, SE said he presently looking at different options.
- (c) L92206 - Slievareigh Road – Very Bad State  
J. Dwyer, SEE said that patching works are planned to be carried out in the next few weeks. He said the residents could apply for the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS).
- (d) Muinefliuch School heading for Millstreet Country Park – Bridge  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will put up 2 chevron signs with arrows to direct traffic.

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

### **Municipal District Officers Report**

Members noted the Report.

M. O’Leary, MDO gave the Members an overview of the report.

- Community Support Hubs – Ukrainian Crises  
Cllr. Moynihan said it was important that another meeting of the Macroom and Millstreet Community Support Hubs be held as soon as possible. M. O’Leary, MDO said they were awaiting direction as to when to convene the next meeting.

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

### **Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan**

- Ìarr ar an Comhairle iniúchadh sábháilteacht a dheanamh ar an droichead ar bothair R582-289, las muigh do Carriganima .

Request that this Council carry out a safety audit on the bridge on road R582-289 , just outside Carriganima village

Déanfar an cheist a fhiosrú agus beidh tuairisc curtha ar fáil don chéad Chruinniú Ceantar Bardasach eile.

The matter will be investigated with a report to be furnished for the next Municipal District Meeting.

Pat O'Sullivan  
Innealtóir Feidhmiúcháin

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- Bridge on the Millstreet Side of Carriganimna  
Cllr. Moynihan said that some of the wall was broken off and she was worried about the safety of the bridge. P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will get the damaged capping repaired and replace the missing chevron sign
  - Cabragh Road Bridge  
Cllr. Creed asked that this bridge is looked at. P. O'Sullivan, EE said a contractor has been appointed and they will be on site shortly

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- Íarr ar an Comhairle brath na h-Úcráine a chrochadh thar a h-oifigí.  
Request that Council fly the Ukrainian flag over the Municipal buildings.

I mí na Samhna 2016, d'aontaigh an Grúpa Polasaí Corparáideach ar pholasaí de chuid Chomhairle Contae Chorcaí maidir le bratacha a crochadh ar foluain. Tá an polasaí leagtha amach mar seo a leanas:

Is féidir bratacha a bhfuil Tábhacht Náisiúnta leo a chur ar foluain nuair is cuí nó nuair a bhíonn an Chomhairle Contae ina óstach ar thoscaireacht cuairte. Sa chás sin, chuirfí ar foluain an 2 Bhratach Náisiúnta (Bratach na hÉireann agus Bratach Náisiúnta na Toscaireachta Cuairte) mar aon le Bratach Chomhairle Contae Chorcaí.

Aithnítear chomh maith go n-eascraíonn imeachtaí eisceachtúla nó ócáidí speisialta ó am go chéile ar a mbeadh sé oiriúnach do Chomhairle Contae Chorcaí aitheantas agus tacaíocht infheicthe a léiriú. Go hiondúil bheadh spéis agus sainchúram contae iontu seo, agus chuimseoidís imeachtaí comórtha náisiúnta/áitiúla, feidhmeanna searmanais, imeachtaí/tionscnaimh charthanachta/ionchuimsitheach sóisialta.

I ngach cás, ba chóir an t-iarratas ar bhratach ar leith a chur ar foluain a ardú leis an Méara Contae agus/nó leis an Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí Corparáideacha, a bhreithneoidh an t-iarratas agus a fhionnfaidh an oiriúnacht don Chomhairle a tacaíocht a thabhairt don tionscnamh tríd an bhratach chuí a bheith ar foluain ag Halla an Chontae agus/nó foirgnimh ábhartha eile de chuid na Comhairle.

Bunaithe ar an doiciméad beartais thuas, is faoi gach foirgneamh bardasach iarratas a dhéanamh dóibh féin chuig Seirbhísí Corparáideacha chun bratach a iarraidh a chur ar foluain.

Marie O'Leary  
Oifigeach Ceantair Bhardasaigh  
Ceantar Bardasach Mhaigh Chromtha

In November 2016, Corporate Policy Group approved a Cork County Council flag flying policy which is outlined as follows:

Flags of National Significance may be flown when appropriate or when the County Council is hosting a visiting delegation. In that instance, the 2 National Flags (Irish Flag and the National Flag of the visiting Delegation) along with the Cork County Council Flag would be flown.

It is also recognised that from time-to-time events of an exceptional nature or special occasions arise whereby it would be appropriate for Cork County Council to demonstrate its visible recognition and support. These would typically be of countywide interest and remit, and would include national / local commemorative events, ceremonial functions, charitable / socially inclusive events/initiatives.

In all cases, the request for the flying of a specific flag should be raised with the County Mayor and/or Director of Corporate Services, who will consider the request and ascertain if it is appropriate for the Council to lend its support to the initiative via the flying of the appropriate flag at County Hall and/or other relevant Council buildings.

Based on the above policy document, it is a matter for each municipal building to apply to Corporate Services to request a flag to be flown.

Marie O'Leary, Municipal District Officer  
Macroom Municipal District

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Cllr. Moynihan said as there are a huge number of Ukrainians in this MD it is important that the Ukrainian flags are flying on both Macroom and Millstreet MD Buildings. All Members agreed. M. O'Leary, MDO said that the Town Hall in Macroom is lit up at night with the Ukrainian national colours and is also lit up in green at the side of the building. She said she would follow up with Corporate Affairs.

Cllr. Creed requested that Members are given an update at the next meeting.

Cllr. Moynihan queried if the Millstreet MD office could be lit up similar to Macroom. P. O'Sullivan said they could light up the windows upstairs similar St. Patrick's Day.

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- Íarr ar an Comhairle imscrudú a dheanamh ar an tollán ar bhothair L7417-0 ce comh is atá sé ag obair

That this Council would investigate the effectiveness of the tunnel on road L7417-0, traffic wise.

Déanfar an cheist a fhiosrú agus beidh tuairisc curtha ar fáil don chéad Chruinniú Ceantar Bardasach eile.

The matter will be investigated with a report to be furnished for the next Municipal District Meeting.

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P. O'Sullivan, EE said that there is an issue with sight lines when approaching from the Macroom side of the tunnel – He said that he will discuss the issue with the Bye-pass team. Cllr. Moynihan said a small job would make a big difference – extending the passing bay would make a huge difference

## 5. GNÓ A FHORORDAÍTEAR LE REACHT

Business prescribed by Statute

That, being satisfied that a public right of way exists over it, and the road is of general public utility, Cork County Council hereby declares pursuant to Section 11(1) of the Roads Act, 1993 the following road to be a public road: -

ESTATE NAME	LOCATION	LINEAR METRES
The Orchard (nos. 1-18 & 21-26)	Macroon	266

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. M. Creed  
Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. T. Lucey

## 6. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Mayors Community Awards 2022

Cllr. Eileen Lynch congratulated the following on their success:

Southern Division Group

- Macroon St. Patrick's Day Virtual Celebration 2021 – Group Winner
- Con O'Leary – Individual Winner

## 7. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN VOTES OF CONDOLENCES.

- Joe Cunningham, RIP

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Michael Creed, together with the Members expressed their condolences to Joe's family on his untimely death. They spoke about his long number of years of dedicated service and all agreed that he will be a huge loss to the town of Macroon.

James Dwyer SEE and Marie O'Leary, MDO on behalf of all the staff also wanted to be associated with the sentiments expressed.

- Billy Kinsella, RIP – (Wexford County Council Employee who died tragically during Storm Eunice)

Cllr. G Moynihan, together with Cathaoirleach Cllr M Creed and the Members expressed their condolences to Mr. Kinsella's family on his untimely death.

- Bernie Carroll, RIP

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Michael Creed, together with the Members expressed their condolences to Dick Carroll on death of his wife Bernie.

**AON GHNÓ EILE**  
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**Cllr. Ted Lucey**

(a) Grass Cutting

Cllr. Lucey queried when the grass would be cut in the following locations:

- Marian Terrace, Macroom
- Dan Corkery Place

J. Dwyer, SEE said a contractor has been appointed to carry out the grass cutting, he said there are staff resource issues at present.

Following a query from Cllr. Lucey, J. Dwyer, SEE outlined that the resources to carry out the body of work aren't there at present.

(a) Install a Tap in St Mary's Graveyard, Millstreet

P. O'Sullivan said he will look into it.

**Cllr. Eileen Lynch**

(a) Upper Knocknagaun, Rylane – Forestry Road – Road in very bad condition with Potholes  
P. O'Sullivan, EE to look at this

(b) L67970 – Vickerstown - Bad Condition

Cllr. Lynch queried if work could be carried out in the short term and put on a future Roads List. P. O'Sullivan, EE said that a Community Improvement Scheme (CIS) could be an option but will investigate.

(c) Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) Backlog

P. O'Sullivan, EE said there is not a huge take up of the CIS.

(d) Footpath Programme

J. Dwyer, SEE said he will a report for the next meeting.

(e) Toons Bridge – Pedestrian Footpath

J. Dwyer, SEE said the Design Office carried out a safety scheme on the junction he will request a copy of the findings.

Cllr. Lucey queried if they went as far as the speed limit.

(f) Cloghdub Village to Farnanes – dykes & ditches overgrown

J. Dwyer, SEE said all resources at present are committed. However, he said he may have a look at it towards the end of the year.

**Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan**

(a) Monument, Millstreet

P. O'Sullivan, EE said the Contractor will be on site next week to commence the works.

(b) Footpath – Coolea School down to the Creche

J. Dwyer, SEE said it is very limited what can be done. Cllr. Moynihan requested that works are carried out on a section of it, if at all possible.

(c) Masseytown Junction to Kilnagurteen – Speed

J. Dwyer, SEE said he is looking at it at the moment.

- (d) An Gaeltacht Sign Missing at the Mons Bar – Coming from Cork  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will arrange to get a new one erected.

**Cllr. Michael Creed**

- (a) Main Street Millstreet – coming from Macroom – Surface very bad  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the road is on the 2022 surfacing programme

**Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú**

**This concluded the business of the meeting**

Michael Creed  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**

27-5-22  
**DÁTA**

Máire Sheary  
**OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH**

27-05-22  
**DÁTA**