

Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held virtually on MS Teams on Friday 27th May 2022

Present/I láthair: Cllrs. Michael Creed (Cathaoirleach), Eileen Lynch, Ted Lucey, Gobnait Moynihan & Martin Coughlan

Attendance/Tinreamh: Ms. Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer
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

Apologies/Leath scéal: Cllr. Michael Looney

1. **DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Coughlan and seconded by Cllr. T. Lucey the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Thursday 21st April 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
No update

In response to Cllr. Moynihan’s suggestion regarding buying a section of the land that is for sale in Coachford, P. O’Sullivan, EE said he would talk to the Property Section.

- (b) Carriganimna Speed Survey
Prior to the meeting P. O’Sullivan, EE distributed the Speed Survey Results 2022 to the Members which were noted.

In response to Cllr. Moynihan’s query regarding Speed Activation Signs, M. O’Leary, MDO said that the locations are currently being finalized and will be brought to a future meeting for the Members approval.

At Cllr. Moynihan’s request, P. O’Sullivan, EE agreed to give the Speed Survey Results to An Garda Síochána.

- (c) Killumney Bridge Works – Timeframe
J. Dwyer, SEE said that there should be a contractor on site in July. In response to Cllr. Moynihan, J. Dwyer, SEE said he had no timescale as regards how long the works would take. He said the works will be off road, so traffic should not be an issue.

- (d) N22 – Speed Through Ballyvourney at the Mills Inn
No update.

- (e) Bridge on the Millstreet Side of Carriganimna
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he is waiting on a quotation from the contractor.
- (f) Tunnel on road L7417-0 - Road to the North of Ballyvourney (Top Road)
P. O'Sullivan, EE said TII are endeavouring to put a solution in place. Cllr. Moynihan queried if the lay-by could be extended.
- (g) Footpath – Coolea
J. Dwyer, SEE said it was included in the list circulated to the Members.

Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Briery Gap – Update
- (b) Castleview Cross
At the request of Cllr. Lucey, J. Dwyer, SEE said he would request a meeting with the Bypass Team or the NRDO to update the Members on progress. Cllr. Creed said that the local residents had contacted him regarding this junction.
- (c) Church of Ireland, Macroom
- (d) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom
- (e) Bus Depot, Macroom
- (f) Bridge in Killumney
- (g) Macroom – Water pooling
J. Dwyer, SEE said he has submitted two applications for funding on the N22 in Macroom
- (h) Lights by the Roundabout at Fitzgerald's Corner – very dull
J. Dwyer SEE to look at matter.
- (i) Street Cleaning in Macroom Town
- (j) Pedestrian Crossing Masseytown - Speed Down the Hill
Coming down Masseytown from Ballinagree side, Cllr. Lucey suggested raising the pedestrian crossing near the shop in an effort to slow down cars
- (k) Install a crossing point at the roundabout at Kilnagurteen
Could something be done to assist pedestrians to cross safely on the road from Kilnagurteen junction.
- (l) Town Development Fund/General Municipal Allocation – Funding Granted to Macroom MD
- (m) 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.
- (n) Bypass at Killumney – Link Road to EMC roundabout – 3 lights missing
J. Dwyer, SEE said this has been referred to the Public Lighting Section

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Coachford Footpath – pedestrian crossing
P. O'Sullivan, EE said once the survey has been completed, the design process will start.
- (b) Flooding in Coachford – camera survey
P. O'Sullivan, EE said there has been tentative discussions with the Flooding Section and should have an update for the next meeting.
- (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 finding it very hard to secure a Contractor to carry out the work but he will endeavour to progress it as far as he can.
- (e) Terelton National School – pedestrian crossing
No Update
- (f) Crookstown – Cliffords Bar to Béal na Bláth – Flooding Works
No update
- (g) Pipehouse Cross – beyond Courtbrack – Speed
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the lining works have been carried out. Cllr. Lynch queried if new signage was needed.
- (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 had spoken to the School Board of Management about extending the footpath. He said the next Board of Management meeting will be held in June and he will revert with any update at the next meeting.
- (j) Toonsbridge - Safety works – Money Allocated
- (k) Upper Knocknagaun, Rylane – Forestry Road – Road in very bad condition with Potholes
P. O'Sullivan, EE said this will be added to the list for repairs
- (l) L67970 – Vickerstown - Bad Condition
No Update on price for a Community Involvement Scheme.
- (m) Toons Bridge – Pedestrian Footpath
J. Dwyer, SEE said this is currently with the Design Office.

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Outside Centra Shop, Ballyvourney – Issue with parking
J. Dwyer, SE said he met with the shop owner to discuss a possible solution. He said funding may be an issue.
- (b) Muinefliuch School heading for Millstreet Country Park – Bridge
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the signs have been ordered.
- (c) L92206 – Slieverieigh Road – Very Bad State

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

(a) Municipal District Officers Report

Members noted the Report.

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

- Cycle Parking Locations for Macroom MD
In response to Cllr. Creed query regarding funding, J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that funding has been approved.

In response to Cllr. Moynihan's query regarding the type of stands being used, J. Dwyer, SEE said he would check it out.

- Launch of Heritage Maps for Macroom & Millstreet
Cllr. Moynihan queried if there was an Irish version of the Heritage maps available. M. O'Leary, MDO outlined that it is not a requirement under the Languages Act and therefore an Irish Version was not available at the moment. However, she will look at getting the current maps translated into Irish.

Cllr. Creed reminded all the Members that they were invited to attend the Launch on Monday 30th May at 2.00 p.m. in Macroom and 3.30 p.m. in Millstreet.

- 2022 Village Enhancement Fund – Aherla Village & Speed Safety Measures
Cllr. Moynihan welcomed the proposed works

(b) Discretionary Fund Applications

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Cork Limousin Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosettes, Trophies & some general expenses associated with show
Friends of Firmount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional plants and flowers for Community Garden
Tubrid Holy Well	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seating in need of refurbishment and replacing
Millstreet Community Support Ukraine group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide assistance towards events for Family Fun Day in Millstreet Town Park on Sunday 22nd May <i>Verbally proposed by Cllr. Eileen Lynch & Seconded by Cllr. Michael Creed on 17th May 2022</i>
Total	€1,200

Proposed/ Ar Moladh:
Seconded/ Cuidithe:

Cllr. M. Creed
Cllr. G. Moynihan

**4. Díol Talún/Disposal of Property
Section 183 Notice**

- Lease of the Briery Gap Cultural Centre Ltd, Macroom for a term of 30 years (rent review every 5 years) for a consideration of €300 per annum.

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. T. Lucey
Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. G. Moynihan

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

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) **Íarr ar an Comhairle ráiteas a chur ar fáil ar an mbothair N22 í mbaile Lios Arda agus má mheastar go bhfuil infreastruchtúr oiriúnach ann chun déileáil le luas na tiománaithe.**

Ask that Council comment on the suitability of the N22 road infrastructure presently in place the village of Lissarda to cope with the high speed of some motorists.

Tugann Comhairle Contae Chorcaí dá haire, ar an gcéad ásc, gur ceist forfheidhmithe de chuid an Gharda Síochána í aon imní a bhaineann le luas ard tiománaithe.

Maidir le hoiriúnacht bhonneagar bóithre an N22 atá i sráidbhaile Lios Ardachaidh faoi láthair, tá bearta ceansaithe tráchta fisiciúla i bhfeidhm cheana féin chun dul i ngleic le luas ard roinnt tiománaithe i bhfoirm bonneagair Gateway, le luasteorainn de 60 km/u agus ainm an tsráidbhaile postáilte ar an mbealach isteach go Lios Ardachaidh ón iarthar agus ón oirthear ar an N22 .

Le linn oibreacha Scéim Cosán Lios Ardachaidh an N22 a tugadh chun críche in 2017, d'iarr cónaitheoirí áitiúla in aice leis an mbealach ó thiar ar an N22 go gcuirfí deireadh leis an oileán tráchta láir mar gheall ar shrianta ar ghluaiseachtaí casaidh dóibh ag teacht isteach agus amach as a gcuid maoiné dá bharr. Dá ainneoin sin, tugaimid d'inní faoi deara agus déanfaidh Comhairle Contae Chorcaí a dícheall tomhais luais a dhéanamh ar an mbealach isteach ón iarthar ar an N22 go Lios Ardachaidh le linn mhí an Mheithimh 2022 chun tacú leis an athbhreithniú ar bhonneagar bóithre ag an láthair seo.

Cork County Council notes that in the first instance any concerns relating to the high speed of motorists is an An Garda Síochána enforcement issue.

In terms of the suitability of the N22 road infrastructure presently in place the village of Lissarda to cope with the high speed of some motorists, there are already physical traffic calming measures in place in the form of Gateway infrastructure, with a posted speed limit of 60 km/h and the village name, on both the western and eastern N22 approaches into Lissarda.

During the N22 Lissarda Pavement Scheme works completed in 2017, local residents adjacent to the N22 western gateway location requested that the central island be eliminated due to restricted turning movements accessing and egressing their properties. Notwithstanding, we note your concerns and Cork County Council will endeavour to undertake speed measurements on the N22 western approach to Lissarda during the month of June 2022 to support the review of road infrastructure at this location.

*Denise McCarthy Innealtóir Sinsearach Feidhmiúcháin | Senior Executive Engineer
Oifig na mBóithre Náisiúnta /Cork National Roads Office*

(b) Íarr ar an Comhairle lonnú breise solas ar Cnoc an tSéipeal í Maigh Chromtha las muigh don scoil náisiúnta.

That Council would consider installing extra lighting on Church Hill Road Macroom, outside St Joseph's National School.

Tá an soilsiú atá sa cheantar fé láthair teoranta. Bheadh solas breise idir an lúb ar Cnoc an tSéipeil agus Eastát an Úlloird ana-thairbheach.

Níl sé seo mar chuid de chlár soilsihe poiblí 2022 ach is féidir é a mheas do chlár amach anseo.

The existing lighting in the area is limited. An extra light between the bend on Chapel Hill and the Orchard Estate would be beneficial.

This is not part of the 2022 public lighting programme but it can be considered for future programmes.

James Dwyer. Innealtóir Feidhmiúcháin Sinsearach/ Senior Executive Engineer

Cllr. Moynihan queried if another handrail could be installed on Chapel Hill, similar to the existing one further up on the Orchard side of the road. J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate.

The following Notice of Motion from Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan was on the Agenda for the April meeting of Macroom Municipal District:

Íarr 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

Deineadh suirbhé ar Struchtúr agus Bail an droichid i bhFeabhra 2013. Rangaíodh an droichead mar dhea-bhail gan ach mionoibreacha ag teastáil air, ar an dromchla agus ar an uchtbhalla lárnach.

Tá an droichead suite le luasteorainn 50kph agus mar gheall ar ailíniú an bhóthair casta ag druidim leis an droichead ón dá thaobh, ní fadhb í an luas.

Tá na hoibreacha leasúcháin seo a leanas beartaithe:

- Tá comhartha chevon in easnamh ar thaobh Shráid an Mhuilinn den droichead. Beidh sé sin curtha in áit.
- Tá an líne bhán ar an gcarrbhealach tréigthe mar gheall ar an trácht. Athphéinteálfar é nuair a bhronnfar an Conradh Líneála do 2022.
- Déanfar an balla uchtbhalla millte atá ar thaobh Shráid an Mhuilinn den uchtbhalla thoir a dheisiú.

A Structural and Condition survey was carried out on the bridge in February 2013. The bridge was rated as being in good condition with only minor works required to the surface and central parapet.

The bridge is located with a 50kph speed limit and due to the twisting road alignment approaching the bridge from both sides, speed is not an issue.

The following remedial works are proposed:

- There is a chevon sign missing on the Millstreet side of the bridge approach which will be replaced.

- The white line on the carriageway has faded due to traffic and will be replaced when the lining contract for 2022 is awarded.
- The damaged parapet wall capping the Millstreet side of the eastern parapet will be repaired.

*Pat O'Sullivan, Innealtóir Feidhmiúcháin,
Bóithre agus Iompar, Comhairle Contae Chorcaí, Sráid an Mhuilinn.*

6. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Cllr Lynch congratulated the following on their success:

- St Mary's Macroom, Munster Intermediate Camogie Champions.
- Donoughmore Macra on winning the National Talent Competition in the Novelty Act Category.

Get Well Wishes for Cllr. Michael Looney

Cllr. Ml. Creed requested that a Get-Well Card is sent to Cllr. Looney on behalf of all the Members and staff.

7. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN VOTES OF CONDOLENCES.

N/A

AON GHNÓ EILE ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Eileen Lynch

- Footpath in Coachford near the Pitch
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he would discuss the exact location with Cllr. Lynch after the meeting.
- Rylane – Barrier outside the Community School
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will get prices for the railing

Cllr. Martin Coughlan

- Bridge at Bealick -Potholes
- Drain at Hartnetts Cross, Macroom on the Right Hand side – ditch falling into the drain
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is on the Programme Works and works will be carried out as soon as possible

- (c) Bridge in Macroom – Loose Cobblestones on both sides
J. Dwyer, SEE said that any footpath works on the National Primary Route was the responsibility of TII.
- (d) Compensation from TII
Cllr. Coughlan queried if TII would be providing any compensation for damage caused to the town e.g. water pooling on the main street, condition of the road from Coolcower to the bridge in Macroom and poor public lighting.

J. Dwyer, SEE said he was aware that the Former National Route Funding has been made available to other towns and that Macroom should hopefully benefit from it when the Bypass is complete. He said he has applied for funding to carry out repairs.

Cllr. Ted Lucey

- (a) Sweeper in Macroom Town
Cllr. Lucey queried if the sweeper could be operated at quieter times, possibly in the evening time. J. Dwyer, SEE said there is no good time but will have a look to see if something can be done.
- (b) Marion Tce, Coolcower - Widen the Road
J. Dwyer, SEE said that as this was an estate, there was no specific scheme available that would help towards the cost.

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Macroom Town – Condition of Road
Cllr. Moynihan agreed that the condition of the road through the town is very poor and queried if there was any money available in the Maintenance Fund to carry out work on a section of the road. J. Dwyer, SEE said there would not be enough money in that fund to do a proper job. However, he said he has applied to TII for funding for that area. He said that funding is limited at a national level. Cllr. Moynihan requested that the Road Design Office is contacted for a response.
- (b) Monument, Millstreet
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will be meeting the Contractor on site to agree remedial works that need to be carried out.
- (c) Lighting outside Carnegie Hall, Millstreet
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he is waiting to hear from Contactor when the works are starting.
- (d) Speed Activation Signs at Ballydaly
The Speed signs have turned in the wind. P. O'Sullivan, EE said we are discussing a solution with the Supplier.
- (e) Heading towards the Mons Bar - road crumbling in along the stream
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate
- (f) Footpath Programme 2022
- Eastern side of Ballingearry
Cllr. Moynihan queried if there were any plans to install a footpath towards Gougane Barra. J. Dwyer, SEE said this would be a big job, he said he would look at getting lines painted.

- Ballinora
In response to Cllr. Moynihan, J. Dwyer, SEE said the footpath would be continued from where it finished last year.
- Hegarty Street, Millstreet
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the footpath would extend to Murphy's Tce.

Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú

This concluded the business of the meeting

Eileen Lynch.
CATHAOIRLEACH

28-6-22.
DÁTA

Maire O'Leary
OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH

28-06-22
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