

Macroom Municipal District Officer's Report

23rd September 2022



1. General Municipal Allocation

To date, the following claims have been submitted in relation to the Amenity, Capital and Community Contract allocations under the GMA.

- 2019 - €204,446.74
- 2020 - €152,151.94
- 2021 - €127,336.00

2. Town Development Fund

To date, the following claims have been submitted in relation to the Town Development Fund under the GMA.

- 2019 - €97,024
- 2020 - €84,300
- 2021 - €54,700

Below are some images of recently completed project by Cloughduv Hurling Club for the upgrade of their walkway, funded with assistance from the Community Fund.





3. Clár Programme 2021 Update – Millstreet Pollinator Park

Millstreet Tidy Towns, together with Macroom Municipal District received funding of €48,375 under 2021 Clár Programme to do works to refurbish Millstreet Pollinator Park. This project involved the total refurbishment of this facility with

- Clearance of Entire Area
- Framing of the Park
- Inclusion of new walkways
- Covered centre pagoda + Entrance
- Additional biodiversity & pollinator friendly planting
- Wildflower meadow planted at the rear of the park

This was a significant project for this area which was recently completed and will now be officially reopened by the Cathaoirleach of Macroom Municipal District, Cllr Eileen Lynch on Monday 3rd October 2022. This project has been receiving very positive feedback locally and is a great addition to Millstreet for its residents and visitors to the

town. Below are some before & after pictures of this project which really highlights the huge improve and impact of this newly refurbished park.





4. 2022 CLÁR Programme Announcement on Successful Projects

The Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) recently announced the successful projects to be granted funding under the 2022 CLÁR Programme. As part of Cork County Council's submission Macroom Municipal District had 4 projects included and we've had success with all 4 of these projects, together with another project under Measure 2 of the Programme.

The following are the successful projects announced in Macroom MD:

Measure 1 Tranche 1

Organisation	Project Description	Funding Approved
Millstreet Men's Shed	Essential Renovations to Millstreet Old Fire Station to facilitate Millstreet Men's Shed group meetings	€38,700
Coiste Forbatha Béal Átha n' Ghaorthaidh	Renovations to the public toilets	€46,440

Measure 1 Tranche 2

Organisation	Project Description	Funding Approved
Millstreet Community Council	Renovations to the community gym	€50,000
Scoil Naomh Abán Baile Mhic Íre	Convert unused piece of land into community space with multiple uses	€22,365

Measure 2 Tranche 1

Organisation	Project Description	Funding Approved
Millstreet and District Housing Association	Purchase of wheelchair accessible 8 seater small bus	€50,000

For 2022 Macroom Municipal District has been approved a total of €207,505 under the CLÁR Programme which is significant funding for this District. Under this Programme Millstreet has been fortunate to receive a total of €187,075 over the last 2 years under this Programme.

5. National Heritage Week Event at St Colman's Church Macroom

As part of National Heritage Week 2022, a talk and demonstration was held at St. Colman's Church Macroom to explain the current works underway on the building and also to look at the future plans for this historic building. This event proved hugely successful and was opened by Cllr Martin Coughlan, who was deputising for the Mayor of County Cork. This event was open to the public and proved an event of huge interest locally.

St Colman's Church has received €215,847 from The Heritage Council under the Historic Towns Initiative 2022 to carry out essential works to the building to save it falling into further disrepair. This project is currently underway with works progressing really well. This project is due to be completed by the end of the year.

Below are some images of this Heritage Week event





6. Monument in Millstreet

The works to the Monument in The Square, Millstreet included the removal of the old plinth & installation of a new tiered plinth around the structure. This project was completed in consultation & agreement with the local Commemorations Committee and it was entirely funded through the MD Town Development Fund, together with contribution from the local Committee. All works to the monument have now been completed. Locals are very pleased with upgrade & enhancement to the monument.



7. Macroom Library & Briery Gap Theatre Project Update

As you will have seen the steelworks have now been fully installed. Work is currently underway on the brickwork, slabbing, internal stairs, roof works etc. The shape of the building is really starting to be seen now with the huge work that is currently underway. This project is on still plan to be completed in June 2023 and will play a significant role to the fabric of Macroom post bypass completion. Everyone is very excited at what the future holds for this prominent building in the centre of Macroom town.



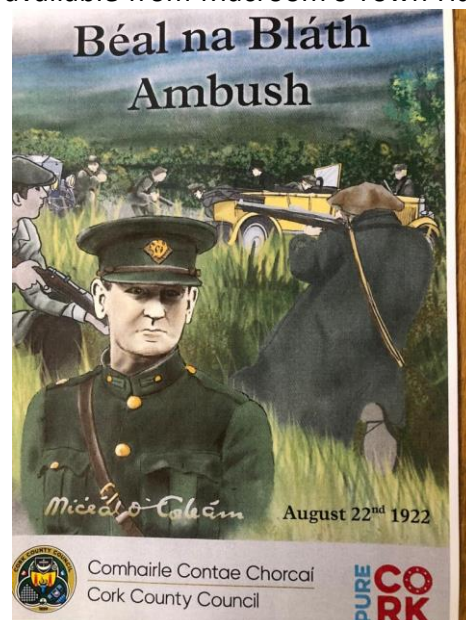
8. Béal na Bláth

The project at Béal na Bláth was completed in time for the centenary commemoration of the death of Michael Collins. This significant project was managed by Cork County Council in consultation with the Department of Defence and funded by the Council, together with funding from a number of Government Departments. This finished

project has been receiving great praise for the sensitivity with which the area was treated and is now attracting a significant volume of visitors daily.



To coincide with this project, a historic booklet on the events surrounding Béal na Bláth was compiled by the Archaeology & Heritage Sections of the Council. This booklet provides a great historical tool for visitors & interested parties and is proving hugely popular. Copies of this booklet are available from Macroom's Town Hall and



from Michael Collins House Clonakilty.

The centenary commemoration of the death of Michael Collins was organised by the local Committee and assisted by Cork County Council. There were orations given by An Taoiseach Micheál Martin and An Tánaiste Leo Varadker. Thousands attended this historic 100th anniversary event.

9. Locations for 2022 Speed Safety Signage

Under the 2022 Village Enhancement Fund, the Members agreed that €18,000 from this Fund would go towards the installation of speed safety signage throughout the Municipal District. The following are the agreed locations:

2022 Locations for Speed Activated Signs

Area	No of Signs
Aherla	1
Cill na Martra	1
Killumney	1
Carriganima	1
New Tipperary	1
Total	5

Any additional sign requests in these areas will be asked to be funded by the local community and they can apply under future MD Community Funds for assistance towards the request.

The Members also agreed, in principle the locations for the 2023 speed signs again to be funded from a future Village Enhancement Fund.

2023 Proposed Locations for Speed Activated Signs

Area	No of Signs
Cloughduv	1
Cloughoula	2
Ballyshoneen	1
Rylane	1
Total	5

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