

# Macroom Municipal District Officer's Report

27<sup>th</sup> May 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 - €142,851.94
- 2021 - € 76,902.00

## 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 - €72,000
- 2021 - €54,700

Below are some images of completed projects in Cúl Áodha and Inchigeelagh funded with assistance from the Community Fund.



Improvements to the entrance of the community facility in Cúl Aodha



New picnic area at The Island Inchigeelagh

### 3. Clár Fund 2022

4no applications from Macroom MD formed part of the Council's submission to Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) under Clár 2022, as follows:

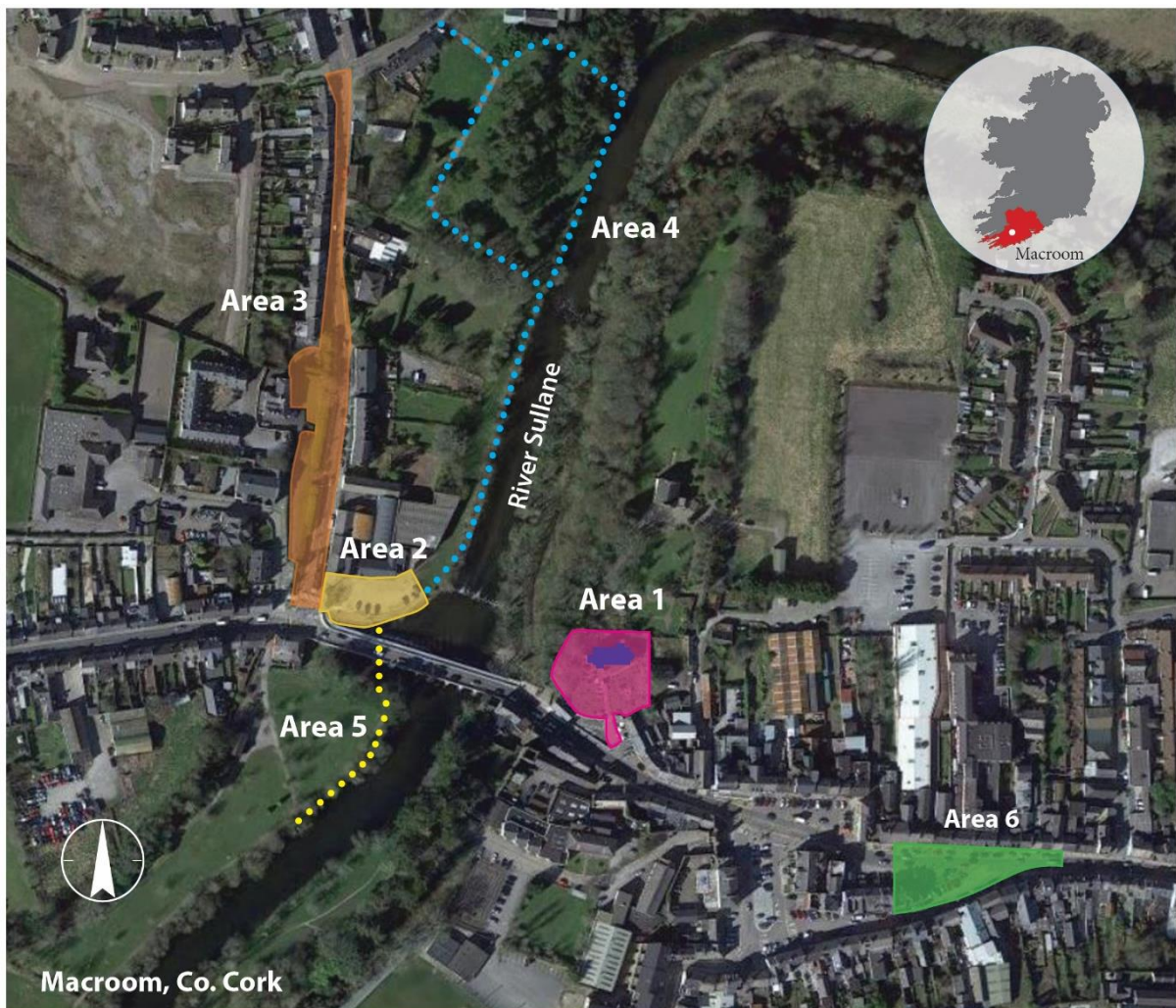
#### M1 Projects:

- Essential renovations to Millstreet Old Fire Station to facilitate Millstreet Men's Shed group to recommence their meetings and workshop. Application submitted with Millstreet Men's Shed group.
- Renovations to Millstreet Community Gym + new equipment to cater for the demand for the gym. Application submitted with Millstreet Community Council.
- Upgrade & Refurbishment of public toilets in Béal Átha 'n Ghaorthaidh. Application submitted with Coiste Forbartha Béal Átha 'n Ghaorthaidh group.
- Convert unused piece of land in Baile Mhic Íre into a Community Space with multiple uses intended for it. Application submitted with Scoil Abán Naofa Baile Mhic Íre.

We will await decisions from DRCD in due course on the above applications from Macroom Municipal District.

#### 4. RRDF Category 1 Application Update

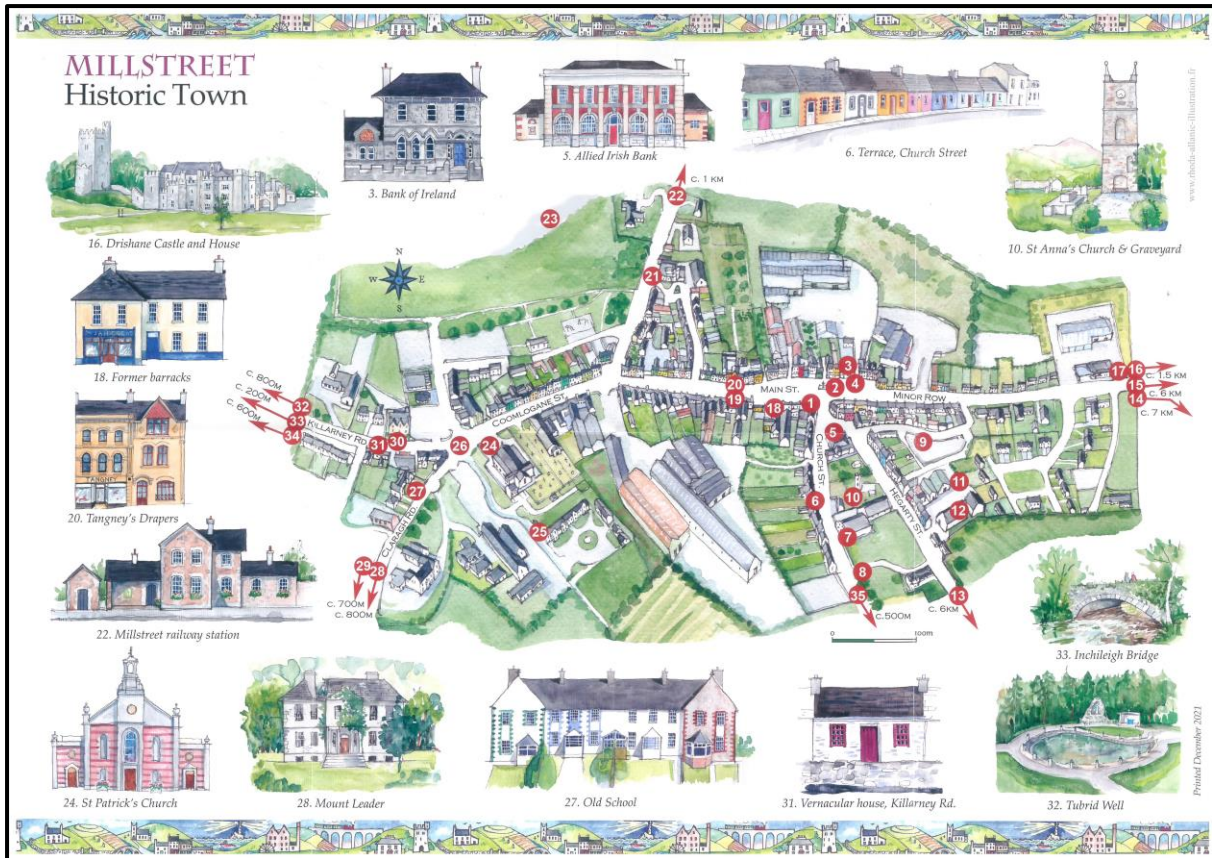
A significant public realm project for Macroom has been submitted to the Department of Rural & Community Development under RRDF Category 1. The key ambition of this project is centred on repurposing a key landmark, namely St Colman's Church (former Church of Ireland building) on Castle Street, which is currently vacant. If re-used, this building could make a strong contribution to the local character, placemaking and identity of Macroom as a key heritage town. The connection between St Colman's Church and Mill Dam / Masseytown Area will act as a pivot to enable further public realm and interpretative interventions to facilitate the overall branding and place making of this area as an anchor area in Macroom. The design brief is to deliver an innovative, energy-efficient, multi-functional building and plaza, which showcases and enhances the architectural and cultural heritage of the town and creates a unique sense of place in the heart of Macroom. In summary, the proposal includes the six development areas, as outlined in image below:



Aerial view showing locations of the development areas in Macroom (6 in total)

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|  Area 1: St. Colman's Church |  Area 3: Millrace Pedestrian Walkway |  Area 5: Eye of the Bridge |
|  Area 2: O'Riadas Carpark    |  Area 4: Riverbank Walk              |  Area 6: South Square      |





## 6. Cycle Parking Locations for Macroom MD

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has approved funding of the following proposed locations put forward. The 16 locations approved are as follows:

Town / Village	Proposed location of cycle parking ( Street / Area)
Macroom	Town Square
Macroom	Masseytown (near Fairy Garden)
Macroom	Castle Street (near St Colman's Church)
Macroom	South Square (near Briery Gap Building)
Macroom	Fair Green (near parking spaces)
Macroom	Sleaveen (near playground)
Macroom	Macroom Town Park
Millstreet	Millstreet Town Park
Millstreet	Millstreet Pollinator Park
Millstreet	Drishane Picnic Area
Coachford	Village Centre
Ovens	Village Centre
Béal Átha 'n Ghaorthaidh	Village Centre

Inchigeelagh	Village Centre
Clondrohid	Village Centre
Gougane Barra	Village Centre

## **7. Millstreet Age Friendly Committee**

The Millstreet Age Friendly Committee recently devised a survey questionnaire which was made widely available in the town & circulated throughout the town. There was a great response to the survey with the results currently being logged and assessed. The results of this survey will assist in determining the projects to be undertaken by this group.

## **8. 2022 Village Enhancement Fund**

### **Aherla Village**

A meeting was held recently with members of the Aherla Active Community Group who outlined their priorities for the enhancement of their village. It was agreed with this group that they will progress a number of projects under this Fund.

Their main priority is the development of a village seating area which will have a new Interpretive Sign with benches, planting & will also be fitted with a base to hold a new steel Christmas tree.

Their second priority is an improvement plan to Creeds Cross to enhance this area on the approach to the village and will include planting.

Speed safety measures was also agreed for the village. Some improved lighting and road markings will also be considered if the funding allows.

Updates on the progress of their project will issue over the coming months.

### **Speed Safety Measures**

The locations for the 2022 speed safety signage is currently being finalised with the agreed locations to be put to the Members at a future MD Meeting.

## 9. Cork Interagency LGBT+ Week

The LGBT flag was raised in Town Hall Macroom & Carnegie Hall Millstreet on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May to mark IDAHOBIT Day and Cork LGBT+ interagency week.



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