

**Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District Blended Meeting held on MS Teams
and in the Council Chamber, Floor 2, County Hall, Cork on
Thursday 28th July 2022**

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

**1. DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Coughlan and seconded by Cllr. M. Creed the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Tuesday 28th June 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 Ted Lucey

- (a) Briery Gap Update
M. O'Leary, MDO said she had no update at present as it was builders' holidays.
- (b) Castleview Cross
- (c) Church of Ireland, Macroom
M. O'Leary, MDO said works are progressing on schedule.
As part of National Heritage Week 2022 an event will be held at St. Colman's Church on Tues 16th August 2022. This workshop will include a talk and demonstration outlining the works currently being carried out, together with future plans for this building. This workshop will be advertised locally and on social media to invite people to attend.
- (d) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom
- (e) Bus Depot, Macroom
M. O'Leary, MDO said that discussions were ongoing and hopes to have an update for the next meeting.
- (f) Bridge in Killumney
- (g) Macroom – Water pooling
J. Dwyer, SEE said he has submitted two applications for funding through TII.
- (h) Lights by the Roundabout at Fitzgerald's Corner – very dull
- (i) Street Cleaning in Macroom Town

- (j) Pedestrian Crossing Masseytown - Speed Down the Hill
J. Dwyer, SEE said that the Road Design Office were looking at it.
- (k) Install a crossing point at the roundabout at Kilnagurteen
- (l) Town Development Fund/General Municipal Allocation – Funding Granted to Macroom MD
- (m) Proposed Pedestrian Crossing near the Boys School, Macroom
- (n) Bypass at Killumney – Link Road to EMC roundabout – 3 lights missing
- (o) Macroom Bypass Update
M. O’Leary, MDO said she would hope to have an update for the September meeting.
- (p) Debris at St. Colmans Graveyard, Macroom
M. O’Leary, MDO said it is currently being investigated. Cllr. Coughlan said this is an ongoing problem and a proper solution needs to be found.

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Caithirdaithi to the Mons Road – roadside drain in need of attention
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will arrange to carry out repairs to the drain but other than that he could not see any real issues. He agreed to meet with Cllr. Moynihan on site to discuss further.
- (b) Killumney Bridge Works
Cllr. Moynihan commended the works being carried out to date. In response to Cllr. Moynihan regarding the flooding issue, J. Dwyer, SEE said that a Flood Study was ongoing for the area.
- (c) Installing another handrail on Chapel Hill, Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE said the wall where the proposed handrail would be located is on private property and permission would be required to install it. He said he will investigate further.
- (d) Suitability of the N22 road infrastructure presently in place in the Village of Lissarda
No Update
- (e) N22 – Speed Through Ballyvourney at the Mills Inn
J. Dwyer, SEE said the TII have set up a Design Team to look at the existing N22 route and this would be included.
- (f) Footpath and Pedestrian Crossing heading up for the National and Secondary Schools, Coachford
- (g) Bridge on the Millstreet Side of Carriganimna
- (h) Tunnel on road L7417-0 - Road to the North of Ballyvourney (Top Road)
- (i) Monument in Millstreet Town
- (j) Lights outside Carnegie Hall
- (k) Driver Feedback Sign sign in Ballydaly not working
- (l) Resurfacing the Road coming into Millstreet from the Macroom side

- (m) Town and Village Renewal 2022
M. O'Leary, MDO said that any submissions made from Macroom MD were not successful this year. She confirmed all groups will be notified outlining why they were not successful.
- (n) Macroom as a Cork County Councils designated Decarbonisation Zone
M. O'Leary, MDO said she had no update but will follow up on it.

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Public Toilets in Macroom Town Square
M. O'Leary, MDO said she was pleased to report that there has not been many complaints since the June meeting and that things seem to have improved.

Councillor Martin Coughlan

- (a) Drain at Hartnetts Cross, Macroom on the Right Hand side – ditch falling into the drain
J. Dwyer, SEE said he said he would endeavour to have the works carried out. He explained that as it was summertime a lot of staff were on annual leave.
- (b) Bridge in Macroom – Loose Cobblestones on both sides
J. Dwyer, SEE said he would have to apply for funding from the TII to carry out the works. Cllr. Coughlan suggested using concrete rather than cobblestones. J. Dwyer, SEE agreed that this was a good idea. Cllr. Lucey said he supported Cllr. Coughlan's suggestion.

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Blairs Inn to Inniscarra Community Centre – Hedge cutting
J. Dwyer, SEE said that hedge cutting is limited but he would discuss with P. O'Sullivan, EE.
- (b) Refreshing the the Double Yellow Lines at the Boating Centre, Inniscarra
- (c) Ragwort growing onto the Road
J. Dwyer, SEE said there is a limited budget to carry out maintenance. He said that spraying may or may not be appropriate in certain locations.
- (d) Ballyshoneen Speeding

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Coachford Footpath – pedestrian crossing
- (b) Lyons Tce, Coachford
- (c) Pipehouse Cross – beyond Courtbrack – Speed
- (d) Terelton National School – pedestrian crossing
- (e) Crookstown – Cliffords Bar to Béal na Bláth – Flooding Works

- (f) Toonsbridge - Safety works – Money Allocated
 J. Dwyer, SEE said he would follow up and have an update for the next meeting. In response to Cllr. Lynch, J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that the works have to be completed by the end of October.
- (g) Toons Bridge – Pedestrian Footpath

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

(a) **Discretionary Fund Applications**

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Ballinagree Scarecrow Fest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Scarecrow Fest in the Village running from Oct 28th – 30th 2022 (incl) to celebrate Halloween. • Expenses related to the festival e.g. Straw, Pumpkins, Ice Cream Van, Face Paint etc.
Total	€300

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. M. Coughlan
 Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. M. Creed

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

- **Cllr. Eileen Lynch**

That Macroom Municipal District Council would provide a list of all the Electronical Vehicle Charging Points in the Macroom MD and that the Macroom MD would write to ESB seeking that they would install a public EV Charge Point in Millstreet Town.

There are two ESB charging points in the Macroom MD – both are located in Main Street Car Park, Macroom

James Dwyer, SEE

Cllr. Creed supported the motion and said there should be a charging point in every village.

Cllrs. Lucey and Coughlan also supported the motion.

Cllr. Looney supported Cllr. Lynch's motion and agreed that there should be E Charging points outside of Macroom and Millstreet.

Cllr. Moynihan also supported the motion and suggested that EV charging stations should be included as a condition of planning permissions for housing estates.

Cllr. Lynch, on foot of comments and support from the other Members requested the following:

- ESB is contacted to request the installation of an EV charging station in Millstreet Town and the potential roll out to villages in the MD.
- Cork County Council is contacted to ascertain their role under the SEAI grants Scheme

J. Dwyer, SEE said he was previously asked for a list of potential locations where EV charging stations could be located and is aware that there are some discussions taking place on this matter centrally.

- **Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan**

"Ìarr ar an Comhairle tuarascàil chur ì lathair ar foirgneamh reatha an Teach Doitéan ì Maigh Chromtha agus an plean don todhchaí"

That council would report on the status of the current Fire Station building in Macroom as well plans for the future.

Táthar ag súil go gcríochnófar aistriú oibríochtaí na briogáide dóiteáin ón stáisiún dóiteáin reatha ag tailte an Chaisleáin go dtí an stáisiún dóiteáin nua ag an nGoirtín Rua i gceann seachtaine nó dhó. Maidir le húsáid an stáisiúin dóiteáin reatha sa todhchaí, tá sé beartaithe ag Rannóg Seirbhísí Dóiteáin & Éigeandála Chomhairle Contae Chorcaí úsáid an fhoirgnimh a choimeád chun críocha Cosanta Sibhialta.

Seamus Coughlan, Príomhoifigeach Dóiteáin

It is expected that the transfer of fire brigade operations from the current fire station at Castle Grounds to the new fire station at Gurteenroe will be completed in the next week or two. Regarding future use of the current fire station, the Fire & Emergency Services Section of Cork County Council is planning to retain use of the building for Civil Defence purposes.

Seamus Coughlan, Chief Fire Officer

5. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Cllr. Creed wished Ross O'Brien, Clondrohid all the best in the All-Ireland Bowling Championships final which are being held in Armagh.
- Cllr. Lynch congratulated Denise Murphy on winning the Munster Women's Intermediate Bowling Championship

6. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN
VOTES OF CONDOLENCES.

N/A

7. AON GHNÓ EILE
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Ted Lucey

- (a) Potential Bicycle Lane from 2 to 4 Mile Bridge Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will raise this with the TII Design Team.

Cllr. Michael Creed

- (a) Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) / Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)
Cllr. Creed queried how many Schemes were on the waiting list to be completed.
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will have an update for the next meeting.
- (b) Hedge Cutting
In response to Cllr. Creed, J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that hedge cutting can commence from 1st September.
- (c) Road to Beal na Blath – Get Hedgerow cut before the Commemoration on 21st August.
- (d) Michael Collins Monument, Beal na Blath – Works Carried out
Cllr. Creed thanked Cork County Council for all the work carried out at the monument.
- (e) N22 Taken over by Cork County Council – Timeline
J. Dwyer, SEE said he has no timelines at the moment.

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Bench for the Graveyard in Millstreet
M. O’Leary, MDO said she would follow up on this.
- (b) Ballyvourney Pharmacy – Age Friendly Parking Space
J. Dwyer, SEE said he had no date for the works but would chase up on the matter.

Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú
This concluded the business of the meeting



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