

**Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District Blended Meeting held on MS Teams
and in the Council Chamber, Floor 2, County Hall, Cork on
Friday 23rd September 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
Mr. Pat O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer
Ms. Catherine O'Shea, Assistant Staff Officer

**In Attendance for Part of the Meeting
I láthair do chuid den chruinniú**

Ms. Karina Cremin, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Ruth Henry, Senior Architect
Mr. Brian Fitzgerald, Executive Architect

Apologies/Leath scéal: Ms. Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer

**1. DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Creed and seconded by Cllr. M. Looney the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Thursday 28th July 2022 having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Municipal District Officer.

Cllr. E. Lynch, Cathaoirleach requested that Agenda Item No. 3 (a) **Part 8, Housing Development – lands at Sleaven Road, Macroom** is discussed at the start of the meeting. All Members agreed.

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

(a) Part 8 Housing Development – lands at Sleaven Road Macroom

K. Cremin, SEO gave a presentation to the Members where she outlined the following:

- Demolition of an existing dwelling and sheds.
- Construction of 16 no. residential units:
 - 4 no. two storey two-bedroom houses
 - 10 no. one storey one bed apartments (one over one)
 - 2 no. one storey two bed apartments (one over one).
- Set down parking area.
- New site access and set-down for fire tender.
- Hard landscaping, including boundary walls, footpaths and street lighting.
- Soft landscaping including green areas, planting and trees.

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. M. Creed
Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. G. Moynihan

2. NITHE AG ÉIRÍ AS NA MIONTUAIRISCÍ MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Caithirdaithi to the Mons Road – roadside drain in need of attention
Cllr. Moynihan said that local residents were concerned about the road crumbling into the stream. J. Dwyer, SEE said he had a look on site and confirmed that there was no real subsidence from Caithirdaithi to the Mons Bridge, however, he said that there was one section on the Reinaree road that was much higher which could potentially become an issue but he will keep an eye on it.
- (b) Killumney Bridge Works
Cllr. Moynihan commended the works carried out.
- (c) Installing another handrail on Chapel Hill, Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE said as the proposed handrail would be located on private property he will need to speak to the property owner.
- (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 he would hope to have an update for the next meeting.
- (f) Footpath and Pedestrian Crossing heading up for the National and Secondary Schools, Coachford – Land for Sale
P. O’Sullivan, EE said that the Council are currently only interested in acquiring enough land to develop the footpath. He said it needs to be established if the landowner will sell the land to the Council and at what cost.
- (g) Bridge on the Millstreet Side of Carriganimna
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it would cost approximately €8,000 to carry out the necessary works on the bridge and that was not available under General Maintenance. He said it will be necessary to seek funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to carry out minor works to bridges. In response to Cllr. Moynihan, P. O’Sullivan, EE said he could not combine this with another job as each job is done separately. He said it may be looked at next year.
- (h) Tunnel on road L7417-0 - Road to the North of Ballyvourney (Top Road)
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he had spoken with the Contractor of the Bye-pass and their priority at the moment is to get the Macroom side finished, and they will get to lay-bye as soon as they can.
- (i) Monument in Millstreet Town
Cllr. Moynihan commended the work carried out.
- (j) Lights outside Carnegie Hall
P. O’Sullivan, EE said that there is funding available to carry out the works which are imminent but as yet there is no start date. Cllr. Moynihan requested that she is informed of the start date when it is known.
- (k) Resurfacing the Road coming into Millstreet from the Macroom side
P. O’Sullivan, EE said that there is presently a Programme of Works being put together which will include the raising of the pedestrian crossing.

- (l) Macroom as a Cork County Councils designated Decarbonisation Zone
M. O'Leary, MDO contacted the Environment Directorate who are co-ordinating the application to the Dept and they don't have any update at present.
- (m) Driver Feedback Sign in Ballydaly not working
Cllr. Moynihan expressed her thanks for works carried out.
- (n) Bench for the Graveyard in Millstreet
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the bench is ordered. He said he is waiting to speak to the Registrar to confirm where the grave spaces are in the area before installing it.
- (o) Ballyvourney Pharmacy – Age Friendly Parking Space
J. Dwyer, SEE said that he is looking into it.

Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Briery Gap Update
M. O'Leary, MDO understands that the project is on target.
- (b) Castleview Cross
- (c) Church of Ireland, Macroom
M. O'Leary, MDO said this project is on target.
- (d) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom
- (e) Bus Depot, Macroom
M. O'Leary, MDO updated the Members on progress.
- (f) Macroom – Water pooling
J. Dwyer, SEE said that the applications for funding have been fully approved. He said he is hoping that the work will be carried out before the end of the year.
- (g) Lights by the Roundabout at Fitzgerald's Corner – very dull
- (h) Street Cleaning in Macroom Town
- (i) Pedestrian Crossing Masseytown - Speed Down the Hill
No Update
- (j) Install a crossing point at the roundabout at Kilnagurteen
- (k) Town Development Fund/General Municipal Allocation – Funding Granted to Macroom MD
- (l) Proposed Pedestrian Crossing near the Boys School, Macroom
- (m) Bypass at Killumney – Link Road to EMC roundabout – 3 lights missing
J. Dwyer, SEE he is waiting on a quotation.
- (n) Macroom Bypass Update
- (o) Debris at St. Colmans Graveyard, Macroom
- (p) Potential Bicycle Lane from 2 to 4 Mile Bridge Macroom

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Blairs Inn to Inniscarra Community Centre – Hedge cutting
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will look into it.
- (b) Refreshing the the Double Yellow Lines at the Boating Centre, Inniscarra
P. O'Sullivan, EE said weather permitting the works would be carried out in the next week or so.

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) / Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)
J. Dwyer, SEE updated the Members on the Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) in the MD and said he would have an update on the Community Involvement Schemes (CIS) for the next meeting.

Councillor Martin Coughlan

- (a) Bridge in Macroom – Loose Cobblestones on both sides
J. Dwyer, SEE said because the bridge was part of the N22 it is the TII's responsibility to carry out the work and will contact TII regarding getting funding. He said he will see if something temporary can be done.

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Coachford Footpath – pedestrian crossing
- (b) Lyons Tce, Coachford
P. O'Sullivan, EE confirmed that work would be commencing on the wall in the next fortnight.
- (c) Footpath by the Secondary School, Millstreet
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he spoke with a representative of the School Board of Management who were due to have a meeting and was waiting to hear back from them. Cllr. Lynch enquired if the footpath could be extended back towards the hall. P. O'Sullivan, EE said he would discuss this with them.
- (d) Pipehouse Cross – beyond Courtbrack
Cllr. Lynch expressed her thanks for installing the signs and road markings
- (e) Terelton National School – pedestrian crossing
- (f) Crookstown – Cliffords Bar to Béal na Bláth – Flooding Works
J. Dwyer, SEE said he had no update.

Cllr. Creed said there was a commitment made at the Southern Committee Meeting that there would be a consultant present at the September meeting of Macroom MD to provide an update to Members. M. O'Leary, MDO said she would follow up with Water Services and endeavor to have an update for the next meeting.

- (g) Toonsbridge - Safety works – Money Allocated
J. Dwyer, SEE said that he is waiting on a design from Roads Design Office.

Cllr. Lynch expressed her frustration at the length of time in general it was taking the Road Design Office to complete designs. J. Dwyer, SEE said he could not speak for them but he was aware that they had a huge volume of work.

- (h) EV Charging Points in the MD
M. O'Leary, MDO said she contacted the ESB requesting an update on their plans to install EV charging points in Millstreet, an additional one in Macroom and in the Key Villages in the Municipal District. She said they confirmed that they had sent her request to their Head Office but that they could not give definite dates for individual sites. She said she will follow up on it again with them.
- (i) Toons Bridge – Pedestrian Footpath

BREITHNIÚCHÁIN AR THUAIRISCÍ AGUS MOLTAÍ CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(b) Municipal District Officer's Report

Members noted the report

- Monument in Millstreet
Cllr. Creed commended the work that was carried out on the Monument and queried if there was funding to restore other monuments in the MD. M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed that as regards other monuments the Heritage Unit may be in a position to provide some assistance & also the Heritage Council provide grants in relation to monuments.
- Clár Programme 2021 Update – Millstreet Pollinator Park
Following a query from Cllr. Moynihan on the opening hours of the park, it was outlined by M. O'Leary, MDO that the plan is have the park fully open in about a week's time. It was closed up to now to allow the newly planted grass to grow & also for the new plants to grow & mature a little.

In response to Cllr. Moynihan, M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed that all groups who applied under Clár got the 90% that they had applied for.

- 2023 Proposed Locations for Speed Activation Signs
In response to Cllr. Moynihan, J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that the Speed Activation Signs are operated by a solar panel.

Cllr. Moynihan queried if Reinaree could be included.

J. Dwyer, SEE said a bulk order for Speed Activation Signs has been placed and it hoped to have them up by the end of the year.

- Béal na Blath
Centenary Commemoration on the Death of Michael Collins – 21st August 2022
Cllr. Lucey said the day was a great success and thanked everyone involved.

(c) Discretionary Fund Applications

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Carriganima Community Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with the purchase of a Lawnmower
Imapact Volleyball Club, Macroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist towards the purchase of equipment
Total	€600

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. M. Creed
Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. G. Moynihan

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

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

1. **"Iarraidh ar an gComhairle seo smaoiniú ar bearta sábháilteachta/práinne don bhóthar N22 a chur i bhfeidhm ag an tslí isteach don Stáisiún Dóiteáin Maigh Chromtha nua, chun cinntiú an t-uasmhéid inrochtaineacht do sheirbhísí éigeandála."**

"Ask this Council to consider installing safety/alert measures on the N22 road at the entrance of the new Macroom Fire Station, in order to ensure maximum accessibility for emergency services."

Phéinteáil Comhairle Contae Chorcaí bosca buí le focail rabhadh ar dhromchla an bhóthair ar an N22 taobh amuigh de Stáisiún Dóiteáin Mhaigh Chromtha a osclaíodh le déanaí. Éilíonn rialacha an bhóthair go gcoimeádfaí bosca buí saor ó thrácht i gcónaí. Ní heol dom aon chomharthaí ná marcanna reachtúla eile atá ag teastáil ach scrúdóidh mé an scéal a thuilleadh agus seiceálfaidh mé an bhfuil aon rud eile curtha in áit do stáisiúin dóiteáin eile sa Chontae.

Cork County Council has recently painted a yellow box and warning writing on the road surface of the N22 outside the newly opened Macroom Fire Station. The rules of the road require a yellow box to be kept clear at all times. I am not aware of any other statutory signs or markings that are required however I will examine the matter further and see if anything else has been put in place for other fire stations in the County.

Séamus O'Dhuibhir. Innealtóir Feidhmiúcháin Sinsearach
James Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer

Cllr. Moynihan said not everybody obeys the rules of the road regarding a yellow box. She said that more signage is required and suggested installing flashing signs. She said it is vital that the yellow box is kept clear. J. Dwyer, SEE said he will have a look at other Fire Stations to see how they operate.

2. **"Iarraidh ar an gComhairle seo smaoiniú ar leataoibh a shuiteáil ar an mbóthar L3403, a cheanglaíonn Doire an Eanaigh, Réidh na nDoirí go dtí Inse Geimhleach."**

"Ask this Council to consider installing lay-bys on road L3403 that connects Doire an Eanaigh, Réidh na nDoirí to Inchigeela village."

Is é an L-3403 an bóthar atá i gceist. Is gnáthbhóthar tuaithe an chontae é seo agus ar chodanna den bhóthar tá spás teoranta d'fheithiclí ag scoitheadh. Scrúdóidh mé an bóthar atá i gceist agus measfaidh mé an bhfuil spás ar fáil ar an imeall cheana féin a d'fhéadfaí a dhéanamh ina mbánna scoite. Muna bhfuil a leithéid de spás ar fáil is é an t-aon rogha eile atá fágtha súinn ná comhaontú a dhéanamh le húinéirí talún cois bóthair agus an bóthar a leathnú go háitiúil. Thiocfadh an maoiniú d'aon obair den sórt sin ó Mhaoiniú Ginearálta Cothabhála Bóithre. Mar sin ní mór go mbeadh raon feidhme na n-oibreacha ana-theoranta agus ag brath ar mhaoiniú dá leithéid a bheith ar fáil.

The road in question is the L-3403. It is a typical rural county road and some sections of the road have limited passing areas when vehicles meet. I will examine the road in

question and see if there are existing areas in the verge that could be made into passing bays. If there are no such areas available the only alternative is to reach agreement with roadside landowners and widen the road locally. The funding for any such work would come from the Roads General Maintenance Funding. As such the works would have to be very limited in scope and be dependent on such funding being available.

Séamus O'Dhuibhir. Innealtóir Feidhmiúcháin Sinsearach
James Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer

Cllr. Moynihan said it is important to create more laybys as there is one section where there is nowhere to pull in.

4. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Cllr. Lynch congratulated Aghabullogue Junior Camogie Team on winning the Lily Grant Camogie County Final

5. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN
VOTES OF CONDOLENCES.

Cllr. Ted Lucey along with all the Members offered their condolences on the untimely deaths of the following:

- Kate Coveney, Staff Officer, Housing Department, County Hall
- Peter Varian, Senior Staff Officer, Planning Department, County Hall
- Diarmuid McCarthy, late husband of Breda McCarthy, former Town Councillor, Macroom

6. AON GHNÓ EILE
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Michael Creed

- Pedestrian Crossing, Coachford
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the Design Office are presently working on a design which will be located at Dairygold
- Speed Through Coachford
Cllr. Creed said that the speed of vehicles driving through Coachford Village is a big issue. P. O'Sullivan, EE said this is a matter for An Garda Síochána. It was requested that AGS be asked to increase the speed checks in the area, if possible.
- Rathduane Road – Plans to Complete the Works
P. O'Sullivan, EE said that the road was in good condition from either side, but the section in the middle, where there are no houses, would not be overlaid as funding is limited. He said roads with a lot more traffic must get priority. The section in the middle will be patched as necessary. Cllr. Creed expressed his dissatisfaction that the works would not be completed.

- (d) Morrissons Bridge
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the major works will not be completed until next year. He said he is waiting on costings to carry out repairs.
- (e) Minor Works Scheme – Is Mount Cross Included
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it could be included in one of the Low-Cost Schemes
- (f) Kilmichael - Speed on the Road at Dromleigh School
- (g) Millstreet Road out of Macroom – Very bad state
J. Dwyer, SEE said this has been included in the 2022 Resurfacing Programme
- (h) Business Premises – Bollards
J. Dwyer, SEE said he spoke to the owner and hopes to complete over the coming weeks.
- (i) Footpath into Ballyvourney from the Clondrohid Side
J Dwyer, EE said he would see if it could be included in the Active Travel Programme
- (j) Terelton – Bog Road – Narrow Road – very bad

Cllr. Michael Looney

- (a) Knockyourke Road – very bad condition
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it is not on the current Programme of Works but will have a look at it.
- (b) Firmount – Move the sign to the West
- (c) Firmount – Speed Survey needs to be carried out – Speed is high
Cllr. Looney queried if bumps could be installed
P. O'Sullivan, EE stated that we will look at securing funding under the 2023 Low Cost Safety Scheme.
- (d) Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)
Cllr. Looney queried if the patcher could be brought to some of the areas which would not be completed for a few years. P. O'Sullivan, EE said this would not be possible as these are all private laneways – the patcher is only used on public roads.
- (e) Hedgecutting – Graveyard to the Bridge in Coachford
P. O'Sullivan, EE said that he will write out to the landowners.

Cllr. Martin Coughlan

- (a) Main Bridge, Macroom – Lights Gone
J. Dwyer, SEE said the lights were upgraded 2 years ago to LED. He said he will arrange with the electrician to have them fixed.
- (b) Kilmurry Graveyard – Bins Full and Dumping at the Cross
J. Dwyer, SEE said the bins were emptied during the week and that he will have a look to see where the dumping is taking place.
- (c) New Fire Station, Macroom – Entrance
Cllr. Coughlan said the entrance looked unsightly and queried was it finished.
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will check it out

Cllr. Lucey said he had spoken to the Department who confirmed that landscaping is planned for the area for later in the year.

- (d) Bus Station, Macroom – Update
Cllr Coughlan outlined that to his knowledge no work has not been carried out here over the past few weeks, M. O’Leary, MDO said she will seek an update for the next meeting.

Cllr. Ted Lucey

- (a) Car Park Opposite Dunnes Stores, Macroom
Cllr. Lucey said as you drive in past the Council Yard going into the car park, people are not stopping at the stop sign. J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate

Cllr. Eileen Lynch

- (a) Culbáin Estate, Knockmore, Ovens – Lights out of order
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will ask public lighting to look at it
- (b) Coachford – Flooding in the village generally, especially at the GAA Pitch and O’Callaghans Bar
Cllr. Lynch requested that the Municipal District write to the County Engineer requesting that a Flood Risk Assessment is carried out and proper funding is sought to carry out the necessary works.

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. E. Lynch
Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. G. Moynihan

Cllr. Moynihan queried if it could be included under the Climate Action Plan.

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



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28th October 2022

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