

# Macroom Municipal District Officer's Report

28<sup>th</sup> October 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 - €131,886.00

## 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 Lakewood Tennis Club for the upgrade and replacement of their aged chain link fencing around the tennis courts, funded with assistance from the Community Fund.



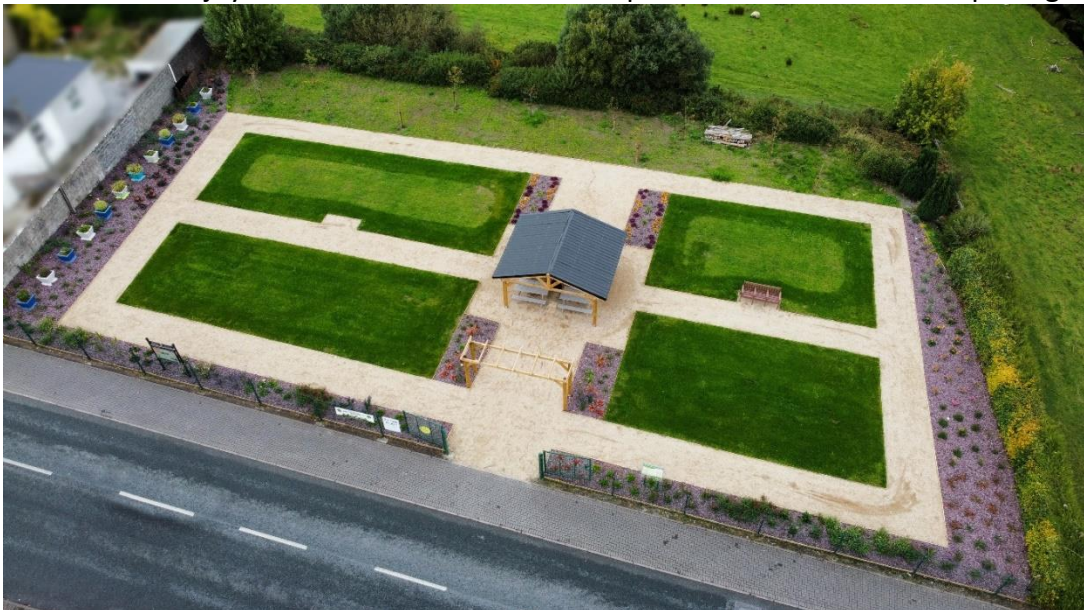




### **3. Clár Programme 2021 Update – Millstreet Pollinator Park**

The newly refurbished Millstreet Pollinator Park was officially opened by the Cathaoirleach of Macroom Municipal District, Cllr Eileen Lynch on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022. Representatives from Millstreet Tidy Towns & Juno Landscaping joined in this event.

This project by Millstreet Tidy Towns & Cork County Council was funded through the CLÁR Programme from DRCD and Cork County Council and involved a total refurbishment of this facility into a friendly, welcoming park for the people of Millstreet to enjoy & socialise. Below are some pictures from the official opening.







## 4. Village Enhancement Scheme Updates

### 2021

On the approval of the Members the 2021 Village Enhancement Scheme of €68,750 was allocated as follows:

- Clondrohid Village Enhancements - €38,750
- Speed Safety Measures - €30,000

Following some meetings with local representatives in Clondrohid, it was agreed that the following enhancements to the village would be carried out:

- new set down area for the local school & creche by tarmacking area & lining it
- old flowerbeds replanted with pollinator friendly, biodiversity planting
- new seating added to the walkway & grounds near the GAA grounds + seating in Curragh Road which is a very popular local route for walkers
- new equipment to local age friendly group

The Cathaoirleach of Macroom MD, Cllr Eileen Lynch recently visited Clondrohid to see the great work completed & was joined by the local representatives in some pictures below.







## 2022

Following Members' approval the 2022 VES is allocated as follows:

- Aherla Village Enhancements - €50,750
- Speed Safety Measures - €18,000

Following some meetings with local representatives in Aherla, it was agreed that the following enhancements to the village would be carried out:

- A Village seating area to be completed with an Interpretive Sign & bike stand
- New Christmas Tree to be installed
- Creed's Cross Improvement Works
- Speed Signage, Improved Road Markings & Lighting

Work on the various elements of this project are currently underway.

## 5. 2022 Macroom Christmas Market

Macroom Municipal District intends to hold its traditional Christmas Market after its absence in 2020 due to Covid-19 & cancellation in 2021 due to poor weather conditions. This year it will be held as usual in Macroom Town Square on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 commencing at 9.00 am.**

The plan is to close the road at the public toilets for the day to facilitate the erection of a marquee in the Square to accommodate additional stalls and to allow for the safe passage of visitors through the market. We are currently inviting interested stall holders to contact the Town Hall to book a place at this market. Due to the level of interest in this market, stall positions are filling up fast. The local schools are also being contacted to see if their Transition Year students would be interested in taking a stall at this market. We also plan to open upstairs in Macroom Town Hall to accommodate additional stall holders. As parking in the Square will be removed on this day, we encourage visitors to use the free car parks available in the town centre & adjacent to the Market.

On that morning, this Christmas Market will be opened & launched by the Cathairleach of Macroom MD, Cllr Eileen Lynch and everyone is welcome to attend and we encourage people to come out & enjoy this wonderful event that each year is increasing its visitors & the number of stalls too has increased year on year.



## **6. Age Friendly Millstreet**

The Age Friendly group recently collated the results of their survey carried out in Millstreet. The following were some of the main items to come out of this survey for further consideration:

- Additional age friendly car parking
- Additional seating throughout the town
- More age friendly walks throughout town
- Transport link to train station
- Public lighting to be brighter in walking areas
- More garda presence on the streets
- Improvements to the footpaths
- Additional pedestrian crossings throughout the town

In tandem with this survey, a walkability study will now be undertaken through Millstreet town, planned for Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Nov at 10 am. This walk of the town will include members of the Age Friendly group, Engineer, MDO, MD Cathaoirleach & a wheelchair user.

The outcome of this study will determine the group's programme to utilise the funding available to them. An update on this study will be provided at a future MD Meeting.

## **7. Drishane Picnic Area Millstreet**

Work to the Drishane picnic area has continued with the installation of new picnic benches & seating and the removal of old fencing with new bollards installed. Most recently the paths have been tarmacked and an area has prepared to provide car parking. That will be lined in due course. The area will now be seeded for grass over the coming weeks, weather permitting. This project has been funded through the Town Development Fund. Below are some images of the work undertaken to date.







## 8. Macroom Playground Refurbishment

As part of Macroom's playground upgrade works a wheelchair accessible roundabout was recently installed into the playground. Below is image of it.



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