

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

Present/I láthair: Cllrs. Eileen Lynch (Cathaoirleach), Ted Lucey, Michael Looney, Michael Creed & Martin Coughlan

Attendance/Tinreamh: Ms. Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer
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**

Mr. Kevin Morey, County Engineer
Ms. Gillian Vaughan, Senior Engineer
Ms. Catherine Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer

Apologies/Leath scéal: Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

**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 Friday 23rd September, 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 - Briefing on the Crookstown Flood Relief Scheme from Kevin Morey, County Engineer, Coastal and Flood Projects Section** is discussed at the start of the meeting. All Members agreed.

**3 BREITHNIÚCHÁIN AR THUAIRISCÍ AGUS MOLTAÍ
Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

• **Briefing on the Crookstown Flood Relief Scheme from Kevin Morey, County Engineer, Coastal and Flood Projects Section**

K. Morey, County Engineer gave a detailed presentation and the following queries raised by the Members were addressed:

Cllr. E. Lynch

- Has the SSIP funding been approved?
- Has the Minor Scheme now been dropped/replaced?

K. Morey, County Engineer:

- There is a process of approval to receive a loan from the SSIP Fund and discussions need to take place at Managers Group.
- There may be additional funding available from the OPW as they are reviewing their damages assessment methodology.
- Approved minor works will be incorporated into the overall enhanced scheme.

Cllr. M. Creed

- Spoke to Minister O'Donovan who visited the village and stated that the scheme is high on his agenda.
 - Expressed his frustration that the works have not been delivered but glad to hear that CFP have identified sources for the €1.6m for Crookstown and progress can now be achieved.
 - Queried if there is any timeline when it will be going for Planning Permission
- K. Morey, County Engineer:
- Pleased to hear that the Minister is supporting the scheme
 - The only funding confirmed as far as Cork County Council is aware is the Minor Scheme funding from the OPW
 - Hard to set exact timelines for flood schemes at such an early stage
- G. Vaughan, SE:
- A broad overview - Following a detailed design it is hoped to go for planning in 2024 and all going well construction commencing in 2025.

Cllr. T. Lucey

- 2025 is a long time away, however, it is positive news
- Will the residents be informed?

K. Morey, County Engineer:

- Delivery of the project is subject to funding approval and receipt of planning. Briefing for residents once certainty has been achieved.

Cllr. M. Looney

- Good News, welcome the report

Cllr. M. Coughlan

- Welcome the news

3. **NITHE AG ÉIRÍ AS NA MIONTUAIRISCÍ
MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Ted Lucey

(a) Briery Gap Update

M. O'Leary, MDO outlined that work on this project continues with blockwork currently being done.

(b) Castleview Cross

(c) Church of Ireland, Macroom

(d) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom

(e) Bus Depot, Macroom

M. O'Leary, MDO said the works are still on target for completion by year end.

- (f) Macroom – Water pooling
J. Dwyer, SEE said that the money has been allocated and TII are preparing a tender. He said he has not got any date yet for the works but will endeavour to get one.
- (g) Lights by the Roundabout at Fitzgerald’s Corner – very dull
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will have a look.
- (h) Street Cleaning in Macroom Town
- (i) Pedestrian Crossing Masseytown - Speed Down the Hill
J. Dwyer, SEE said there are discussions ongoing with the Road Design Office. It will be necessary to make a Section 38 application for the proposed pedestrian crossing.
- (j) Install a crossing point at the roundabout at Kilnagurteen – as above
- (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
- (n) Macroom Bypass Update
- (o) Debris at St. Colmans Graveyard, Macroom
- (p) Potential Bicycle Lane from 2 to 4 Mile Bridge Macroom
- (q) Car Park Opposite Dunnes Stores, Macroom
To assist with visibility for motorists, J. Dwyer, SEE said he will arrange to move the Stop sign as requested.

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Blairs Inn to Inniscarra Community Centre – Hedge cutting
Cllr. Looney expressed his thanks for works carried out.
- (b) Refreshing the Double Yellow Lines at the Boating Centre, Inniscarra
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it had been hoped that the work would be completed by now, but the weather hasn’t been suitable.
- (c) Berrings Village back to the junction of the Coachford/Donoughmore Road – Why was it not lined
P. O’Sullivan said the road is too narrow to accommodate a centre line. He said as there are no open drains a yellow edge line is not proposed either

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Kilmichael - Speed on the Road at Dromleigh School
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will need to discuss this with the Road Design Office as this is a difficult location.
- (b) Road at Deshure, Terelton – Potholes

Councillor Martin Coughlan

- (a) Kilmurry Graveyard – Bins Full and Dumping at the Cross
Cllr. Coughlan expressed his thanks for works carried out
- (b) Main Bridge, Macroom – Lights Gone
J. Dwyer, SEE said electrician is due to look at it. Public Lighting Section to investigate feasibility of replacing them in due course.
- (c) Bridge in Macroom – Loose Cobblestones on both sides
J. Dwyer, SEE said he hopes to complete before year end. Cllr. Coughlan also indicated that some cobblestones are loose & J. Dwyer, SEE replied that he will check it.

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Toonsbridge - Safety works – Money Allocated
J. Dwyer, SEE said that work is ongoing.
- (b) Toons Bridge – Pedestrian Footpath
- (c) EV Charging Points in the MD
M. O’Leary, MDO said she contacted ESB again. They confirmed that our request has been sent to their Head Office and they will let us know if there are any updates.
- (d) Culbáin Estate, Knockmore, Ovens – Lights out of order
Cllr. Lynch said that the residents have submitted a Taking in Charge application.
J. Dwyer, SEE said this was listed as a public road.
- (e) Coachford – Flooding in the village generally, especially at the GAA Pitch and O’Callaghans Bar
- (f) Coachford Footpath – pedestrian crossing
P O Sullivan, EE said he had a constructive meeting with the new landowner in relation to the provision of the pedestrian crossing and footpath to the school
- (g) Footpath by the Secondary School, Millstreet
- (h) Terelton National School – pedestrian crossing
- (i) Crookstown – Cliffords Bar to Béal na Bláth – Flooding Works

4. BREITHNIÚCHÁIN AR THUAIRISCÍ AGUS MOLTAÍ CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(d) Municipal District Officer’s Report

Members noted the report

Age Friendly Millstreet

- Cllr. Lynch queried what level of funding is available. M. O’Leary, MDO confirmed that €10,000 funding has been received.
- Following a query from Cllr. Lucey, M. O’Leary, MDO clarified that it’s only Millstreet that was selected & allocated this funding. If the opportunity arises again Macroom will be put forward again for this Fund.

2022 Macroom Christmas Market

Cllr. Looney said the Christmas Market would be a good opportunity to showcase Macroom and what it has to offer.

Macroom Municipal District

Cllr. Creed acknowledged all the excellent work being carried out in the Municipal District since the abolition of the Town Council and remarked that it needs to be publicised more. M. O'Leary, MDO said the Municipal District Officer's Report is uploaded onto the Council's website every month. The Council's social media outlets also post news items & good stories from the MD.

Christmas Lights

M. O'Leary, MDO said approval has been given to turn on the Christmas Lights on Friday 2nd December from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. nightly. N. Radley, SEO said while the Council is mindful of electricity use, it is important to support local businesses to help improve the footfall in the town over the Christmas period. It was also noted that the majority of the lights are now LED.

Pay Parking over the Christmas Period

Following a query from Cllr. Lucey, M O'Leary, MDO responded to say that it is her understanding that the Christmas parking arrangements for onstreet parking will be the same as previous years but is just awaiting final confirmation of this.

(e) Discretionary Fund Applications

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Macroom Basketball Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Game Kit (Jersey)
Aghinagh Comhaltas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assistance towards the maintenance and installation of a Christmas Crib and Christmas Tree
Kate Brennan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raise Money for the Hope Foundation for funding towards the slum children of Kolkata, the Hope Hospital and to provide food and other emergency supplies for children in Kolkata. <p>There is a trip organised to Kolkata in April 2023 and in order to be eligible to go €2,400 has to be raised for the Hope Foundation</p>
Total	€900

Proposed/ Ar Moladh:
Seconded/ Cuidithe:

Cllr. T. Lucey
Cllr. M. Creed

5. **DIÚSCAIRT TALÚN DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY**

Fógra Alt 183

Section 183 Notice

- Disposal of substation site at Duggan's Lane, Macroom, Co. Cork from Christopher O'Driscoll to ESB Networks for a consideration of €1

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. M. Creed
Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. T. Lucey

6. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Cllr. M. Looney congratulated Inniscarra on winning the 2022 Cork Premier Intermediate Hurling Championship. Cllr. Lynch also offered her congratulations.
- Cllr. M. Creed congratulated Christina Desmond on winning a silver medal at the European Championships

7. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN VOTES OF CONDOLENCES.

N/A

8. AON GHNÓ EILE ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Michael Looney

- Hedges at the Wayside Inn to be cut
P. O'Sullivan, EE said this is planned
- Knockyrourke Road – bad condition – needs to be drained
P. O'Sullivan, EE said there are drainage works being carried out this week.
- Firmount – Speed is High
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he applied for funding under the 2023 Low Cost Safety Scheme – Traffic Calming Measures.
- Waterloo to Newcastle – No White Lines – Very Dangerous
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the road is very narrow in places, he said he will have a look at the section by Garrycloyne garveyard.
- Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)
In response to Cllr. Looney, P. O'Sullivan, EE confirmed that in order to qualify for the LIS there has to be 2 no. people actively engaged in agriculture using the road.
- Dripsey Cross to Blairs Inn – Bad Condition
P. O'Sullivan, EE said if there is adequate funding a section of it will be included in next year's Programme of Works.
- Ballyanly – Traffic Calming
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will look at putting slow markers on the road.

Cllr. Michael Creed

- (a) Mullinahourna Road to Cushlara Road – Layby
P. O'Sullivan, EE said they are looking at doing the top 1km section next year
- (b) Carrigadrohid to Bealnamarbh – Potholes
P. O'Sullivan, EE said there was drainage works carried out there in the last two weeks and the patcher was there yesterday.
- (c) Clondrohid Village – Traffic Calming Measures – Speed Activation Sign at the Bridge
P. O'Sullivan, EE said funding would need to be sourced for a Speed Activation Sign down by Dairygold
- (d) Coolyhane Road – Potholes
- (e) Slieveriegh Road – Can anything be done
J. Dwyer, SEE said he was speaking to the owner and the Scheme is not straight forward, there maybe other issues that need to be addressed.
- (f) Old N22 Road from Ballyvourney up to Clondrohid - now a Cul de Sac – can public lights be put on the Programme for next year.

Cllr. Ted Lucey

- (a) Footpath – Millstreet
P. O'Sullivan, EE said there are 1-2 sections to be repaired. He said he is looking at all funding streams available.
- (b) Curraglen Estate, Clondrohid – Eir Manhole Collapsing
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will have a look at it.
- (c) Carrigadrohid Bridge – Damage by Trucks
J. Dwyer, SEE said he met with a Bridge Designer and they discussed the possibility of narrowing the bridge at the eastern part and prohibiting certain vehicles from using it.
- (d) Main Street, Macroom – Water Pooling
Cllr. Lucey said it is impossible to walk from Ml. Twomey, Butchers up to Aldi with the water pooling as the footpath has sunken a little. J. Dwyer, SEE said he will raise this with the TII. He said it is a difficult location with the current volume of traffic.
- (e) Coolyhane Road – Ditch taken away – can kerbing be put up
J. Dwyer, EE said he will raise this with the TII Design Team.

Cllr. Eileen Lynch

- (a) Flood Survey, Coachford
P. O Sullivan, EE said he contacted the Co. Engineer is waiting for a response. He said he will follow up again.
- (b) Footpath & Pedestrian Crossing, Coachford
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he met the new landowner who is agreeable to a footpath being constructed. He said there are a few drainage issues which will need to be sorted.
- (c) Footpath by Lyons Tce, Coachford
Cllr. Lynch expressed her thanks for the work being carried out.

- (d) Millstreet to Macroom Road – Pedestrian Crossing & Road Works
P. O’Sullivan, EE outlined that the location of the pedestrian crossing won’t change but the footpath will be built out further which will help to slow down the traffic & will also increase the visibility of it on approach.
- (e) Aghabullogue Speed Survey
P. O’Sullivan, EE said a survey will be carried out once the schools are back
- (f) Bawnmore to Arden Cross – dangerous tip in road
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will take a look at it

Marie O’Leary, MDO

- (a) Macroom MD Draft Budgetary Plan 2023
M. O’Leary, MDO said the Draft Budgetary Plan 2023 meeting will be held on 7th November at 11.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Floor 2, County Hall. It will be a blended meeting.
- (b) Macroom MD November 2022 Monthly Meeting
M. O’Leary, MDO said it is hoped to hold the November meeting as a blended meeting in the Council Chamber, Macroom.

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



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25th November 2022

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