

Macroom Municipal District Officer's Report

27th January 2023



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.

- 2020 - €178,644.51
- 2021 - €151,904.79
- 2022 - € 59,233.47

2. Town Development Fund

To date, the following claims have been submitted in relation to the Town Development Fund under the GMA.

- 2020 - €84,300
- 2021 - €54,700
- 2022 - €49,152

Below is image of recently completed project by Sullane Football Club for new pitch side facilities for the soccer club with assistance from the Community Fund.



3. Capital Projects – Updates

(a) Briery Gap Project

The Briery Gap Project commenced construction in January 2022.

Works have been progressing well and the building is really starting to take shape. The team have now installed the primary steel structure, together with the precast concrete slabs and stairs. Blockwork and Brickwork have been completed and the roof slab has been poured. Works to form the internal spaces are due to commence shortly.





(b) Church of Ireland Project

The emergency works to the Church of Ireland building on Castle Street were completed in November 2022 and funded with the assistance of Historic Towns Initiative grant from the Heritage Council & match funded by the Council. These works will safeguard the building against further deterioration until it is refurbished as part of the RRDF plan.

Cork County Council was asked to participate in a recent nationwide webinar event organised by the Heritage Council to outline the detail of the project and the works that were completed as part of this grant. This event was attended by Malcolm Noonan, TD & Min of State for Heritage & Electoral Reform & also by Mairead Hunt, National Town Centres First Co-Ordinator who addressed the webinar. This event proved hugely successful as a forum for the Council to highlight the great project completed and it generated significant interest from those attending the webinar.





4. Village Enhancement Scheme 2022 – Update

The 2022 Village Enhancement Scheme was again divided into 2 projects:

- Installation of Speed Safety Measures
- Village Enhancements to Aherla Village

The installation of the speed safety measures for the areas listed below is ongoing:

- 1) **Aherla** - one sign on each approach – total of 2 signs
- 2) **Cill na Martra** – one sign
- 3) **Kilumney** – one sign
- 4) **Carriganimma** – one sign
- 5) **New Tipperary** – one sign

The village enhancements to Aherla village were agreed with the local community group and works are continuing.

The following projects were agreed to be completed :

- A village seating area with an interpretative sign & bike stands. This area will also accommodate a new Christmas Tree (image of tree below)
- Creed's Cross Improvements
- Two speed signs to be erected in the village, locations of them agreed
- Improved road markings
- Improved lighting in the village

Works to the seating area are nearing completion with picture below of new Christmas tree in place over the festive season. The other elements of the project as outlined above are continuing to be completed by Aherla Active Community Group and it is expected that they will be completed by Q2 2023, weather permitting.



5. 2023 Community Fund

We are currently accepting applications for the 2023 Community Fund. Applications for the Fund can be made through the Council's website at www.corkcoco.ie or www.yourcouncil.ie. Guidelines, maps of the MDs and forms are all available on the online portal.

Budget 2023 has allocated Macroom Municipal District a General Municipal Allocation of €197,253 which is maintaining the 2021 & 2022 allocations.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to make their applications online through either of the above portals.

The closing date for applications is **4.00 pm on Tuesday 14th February 2023.**

6. 2023 Town Development Fund

Budget 2023 allocated €98,000 to Macroom Municipal District for the Town Development Fund which is also maintaining 2021 & 2022 allocations.

The overriding purpose of the TDF is to support initiatives which are targeted at assisting with the economic development of the main towns in the MD i.e. Macroom and Millstreet.

Applications under this Fund will be considered as part of the 2023 Community Fund.

7. 2023 Village Enhancement Scheme (VES)

Budget 2023 has allocated €68,750 to the Village Enhancement Scheme (formerly Village Enhancement Fund) which is the same amount as the 2021 & 2022 allocations.

Under this Scheme the following villages can now be considered :

KEY VILLAGES:	VILLAGES:
Killumney / Ovens	Aghabullogue
Béal Átha n' Ghaorthaidh	Aherla
Baile Mhic Íre / Baile Mhuirne	Ballinora
Coachford	Cloughduv
	Clondrohid

	Courtbrack
	Crookstown
	Inchigeelagh
	Kilmurry
	Cill na Martra
	Model Village (Dripsey)
	Rylane / Seiscne
	Stuake / Donoughmore
	Upper Dripsey

Since this Scheme was introduced the following villages has benefitted from it:

2017 Béal Átha n’ Ghaorthaidh & Ballinora/Waterfall (under Ballincollig/Carrigaline MD)

2018 Grenagh (now under Kanturk/Mallow MD)

2019 Killumney

2020 Rylane

2021 Clondrohid + Speed Safety Measures

2022 Aherla + Speed Safety Measures

Members will now decide on the village to be allocated funding through this Scheme. Accordingly, proposals for the 2023 allocation will be brought before the Members at a future Municipal District Meeting for consideration.

It was agreed last year that the following locations would be benefit from speed safety measures as part of the 2023 Village Enhancement Fund allocation with €18,000 set aside for this measure.

2023 Agreed Locations for Speed Activated Signs:

Area	Number of Signs	Area covered by
Cloughduv	1	James
Cloughoula	2	Pat
Ballyshoneen	1	Pat
Rylane	1	Pat
TOTAL	5	

8. National Pride of Place Awards

Rylane Community Park Association was one of finalists at this year's National Pride of Place awards ceremony which took place on Saturday 21st January 2023 in the Clayton Hotel, Burlington Road, Dublin. It was such an achievement for this small but very active community group to make it to the final of this year's awards & great credit is due to all the members for their dedication & commitment to their community.

To get to the final was no easy feat. It involved a presentation to a judging panel to showcase the work completed to date & the future plans that the group have for their area. There was so much competition in their category that it was such an achievement to get to the final of this year's event.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr Eileen Lynch accompanied members of the group to this year's awards ceremony held in Dublin. Well done to all involved.

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