

Macroom Municipal District Officer's Report

24th February 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.

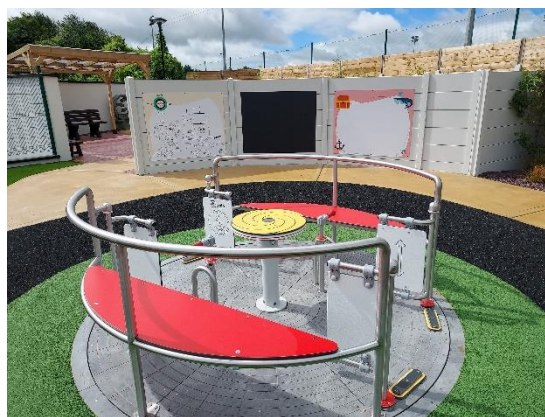
- 2020 - €178,644.51
- 2021 - €151,904.79
- 2022 - € 63,233.47

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 are images of the recently completed project by An Crann Centre, Ovens who developed a universally accessible playground for children & adults of all abilities. This playground was officially opened in 2022 by An Taoiseach Micheál Martin. This is the only fully universal playground in Cork County. This project was completed with assistance from the Community Fund.





3. General Municipal Allocation & Town Development Fund

2023 Community Fund

The GMA allocation for 2023 is €197,253. The Community Fund applications will be funded through this allocation. The closing date for receipt of applications under the 2023 Community Fund Scheme was Tuesday February 14th at 4pm. A total of 91 applications have been received and these will now be reviewed over the coming weeks and proposed allocations will be tabled for approval by the elected members at the March meeting of Macroom Municipal District.

Reminders are also being sent to groups who have not made a claim under the previous years' funds.

2023 Town Development Fund

The 2023 TDF allocation is €98,000. Some applications under the 2023 Community Fund could be allocated from this fund. A proposal for the allocation of this Fund will be presented to the elected members at the March meeting of Macroom Municipal District.

4. Dereliction Programme

As of 24th February 2023, the following properties in the Macroom Municipal District are currently either placed on the Derelict Sites Register or are notified that they will be placed on the Register:

- Property at Bridewell Lane, Macroom
- Property at Duggan's Lane, Macroom
- Site at Lios na Fe, Gurteenroe, Macroom
- Property at New Street, Macroom
- Property at Cloughoula, Millstreet
- Property at Mill Lane, Millstreet
- Lee Valley Inn, Dripsey
- 5no Properties at An Faithin Estate, Tarelton – Section 8 (2) Notice issued

Please note that a Section 8 (7) Notice on the properties 1, 6, 8, 13 & 16 in An Faithin Estate, Tarelton, will issue on 2nd March 2023 officially notifying the owners that these properties are now placed on the Council's Derelict Sites Register.

The Section 8 (2) Notice already issued is notifying the owners of the Council's intent to place these properties on the Register.

Following site inspections in Macroom and Millstreet, a number of additional properties have been identified for consideration as derelict sites under the Dereliction Programme. The Municipal District has been engaging with the owners of these identified properties with improvement works being undertaken or completed on 9 of the identified properties to date.

There are ownership issues with some properties but work continues on establishing the owners details.

Further updates on this programme will issue periodically.

5. 2023 Historic Towns Initiative – Stream 2 Application for Macroom

Under the 2023 Historic Towns Initiative Stream 2 Macroom Municipal District has made an application for funding towards a Heritage Led Regeneration Plan for New Street & Castle Street in Macroom. If successful, funding of up to €40,000 could be available to develop such a plan which would also incorporate a number of the properties on these streets that have been identified as part of the aforementioned dereliction programme.

This plan would highlight the current assets in the area & would enhance the natural beauty of these streets in a planned & measured manner. With Macroom Town now bypassed, the timing is opportune as these streets have been choked with traffic for many years and now consideration can be given to their future development as part of the heart of the historic & heritage value of the town. The recently published Macroom Historic Town Map also highlights these streets as part of the key historic locations in the town.

We'd hope to receive a decision on this application from The Heritage Council within a number of weeks.

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