

Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District Blended Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroom on Friday 24th February 2023

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

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
Mr. Catherine O'Shea, Assistant Staff Officer

Apologies/Leath scéal: Cllr. G. Moynihan
Cllr. M. Coughlan

As Cllr. Eileen Lynch, Cathaoirleach was joining remotely, she asked Cllr. Ted Lucey to deputize for her.

1. DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. Ted Lucey and seconded by Cllr. Michael Creed the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 27th January 2023 having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach and the Municipal District Officer.

2. NITHE AG ÉIRÍ AS NA MIONTUAIRISCÍ MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Coachford Flood Study
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he met with the Coachford Flood Project Team who confirmed that they are making an application to OPW for funding.
- (b) Coachford Footpath and Pedestrian Crossing Design
P. O'Sullivan, EE said these are not covered under the NTA allocation for 2023. He said while waiting to secure funding it is proposed to go for a Section 38 and have it shovel ready.
- (c) Bawnmore to Ardoyne Cross
In response to Cllr. Lynch's request to put this on the Roads Programme, P. O'Sullivan, EE said they would keep it in consideration for a future programme, he said it was important to try and spread the programme across the whole area.
- (d) Macroom EV Charging Points
- (e) Culbáin Estate, Knockmore, Ovens – lights out of order
- (f) Terelton National School – pedestrian crossing

- (g) Crookstown – Cliffords Bar to Béal na Bláth – Flooding Works
- (h) Toonsbridge - Safety works – Money Allocated
- (i) Toons Bridge – Pedestrian Footpath
J. Dwyer, SEE said that no funding has been received to date.
- (j) Black Top Roadworks in the Model Village, Dripsey
- (k) Potholes between Shea’s Cross and the turn off for St. Olans, Aghabullogue in the short term and request for this section to be tarred at a later stage.
- (l) Lee Valley Inn in a dangerous state.
- (m) Coopers Rock to the Pitch in Rusheen – road very bad
- (n) Potholes Generally
- (o) Terelton to Coppeen & Barna Cross – Potholes
- (p) Barna Cross – Yield Sign
- (q) Millstreet Footpaths – accident – water

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Coachford Flood Study
Cllr. Creed said he hopes that Coachford will not be waiting as long as Crookstown to have works carried out. P. O’Sullivan, EE said it is planned to have a clean-up in the next couple of weeks and drainage works in the next fortnight.
- (b) Maulnahourna
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it is planned to have cleaning and drainage works in the next fortnight.
- (c) Junction at Mount Cross – Low Cost Scheme Update

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Cloghroe – Footpath to the Cork City Boundary needs Cleaning
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it is not possible at the moment, but will keep it in mind to be carried out a future date.
- (b) Berrings – Lights not Working
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will have a look
- (c) Mathey – Caseys Cross to Shebeen – Road very poor
P. O’Sullivan, EE said the road from the Shebeen Pub is on the Roads Programme subject to funding.
- (d) New Tipperary Cross – Lights
Cllr. Looney expressed his thanks for works carried out.
- (e) Knockrourke Road – bad condition needs to be drained.
Cllr Looney expressed his thanks for works carried out

- (f) Ballyanly Traffic Calming at Community Centre – Narrow road in very Bad Condition, large Volume of Traffic – very dangerous
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he could look at improving signage. He asked that the speed issue be referred to An Garda Siochana.

Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Briery Gap – Update
M. O’Leary, MDO said the internal works are continuing as planned.
- (b) Castleview Cross
- (c) Macroom Development Project
- (d) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom
- (e) Bus Depot, Macroom
M. O’Leary, MDO said the internal works are continuing and it is hoped to be finished by the end of March. In response to Cllr. Lucey regarding the outside works, J. Dwyer, SEE said planning has been granted and he would expect work to commence shortly.
- (f) Macroom – Water pooling
- (f) Lights by the Roundabout at Fitzgerald’s Corner – very dull
- (g) Street Cleaning in Macroom Town
- (h) Pedestrian Crossing Masseytown - Speed Down the Hill
- (i) Install a crossing point at the roundabout at Kilnagurteen
- (j) Town Development Fund/General Municipal Allocation – Funding Granted to Macroom MD
- (k) Proposed Pedestrian Crossing near the Boys School, Macroom
- (l) Bypass at Killumney – Link Road to EMC roundabout – 3 lights missing
- (m) Debris at St. Colmans Graveyard, Macroom
- (n) Potential Bicycle Lane from 2 to 4 Mile Bridge Macroom
- (o) Car Park Opposite Dunnes Stores, Macroom – Stop Sign request.
- (p) 21 Apartments over Dunnes Stores, Macroom - made available to address the housing need in the area
- (q) Staffing issue for Macroom Town and surrounding area
- (r) Lights on the Bridge in Macroom
J. Dwyer SEE said he has received a quotation for the replacement of the entire lamps and hopes to progress that shortly
- (s) Main Street, Macroom post Bypass Opening

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan was unable to attend the meeting and requested that the following items be carried over to the next meeting:

- (a) Ballyvourney Age Friendly Parking Spaces – outside the Chemist
- (b) QR Code on the Murals in Macroom
- (c) Millstreet Graveyard – Tap
- (d) Drishane to Coole Cross – Footpath
- (e) Church St., Millstreet – Pedestrian Crossing
- (f) Jimmys Cross Junction – not enough signage – who has the right of way
- (g) Ballinagree – outside the Church an extra light is needed

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

(a) Proposed Draft B Speed Limit changes of National Routes for Macroom MD

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

(b) Municipal District Officers Report

Members noted the Report.

- **Dereliction Programme**
 - Lee Valley Inn, Dripsey
Members expressed their concerns at the fact that the building is in such bad repair and looks very unsightly. M. O’Leary, MDO outlined the following:
 - Building is periodically being reviewed.
 - There is a live planning permission application ongoing
 - Liaising with the legal representatives of the owner
 - 5no Properties at An Faithin Estate, Tarelton
Cllr. Creed expressed his disappointment that the properties cannot be purchased at the present time.
 - Dereliction in New Street, Macroom
In response to Cllr. Lucey, M. O’Leary, MDO said there is one property in New Street on the Derelict Sites Register. She said it can be difficult to identify the ownership of some properties.
- **2023 Historic Towns Initiative – Stream 2 Application for Macroom**
In response to Cllr. Lucey, M. O’Leary, MDO said there was only one application made from Cork County Council under this stream and that was from Macroom

(c) **Discretionary Fund Applications**

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Abbie Sweeney Student at St. Mary's, Secondary School, Macroom & fundraising for Hope Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raise funds to ease poverty and improve the lives of the people in Kolkata, India
Cork Limousin Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosettes, Trophies & some general expenses associated with show
Aghinagh GAA Historical Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seeking funding towards the printing of a book on the history and development of Aghinagh GAA through the years.
Total	€900

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. T. Lucey
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4. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

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5. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN
VOTES OF CONDOLENCES.

- Michael F. Purcell – Michael Purcell Solicitors, Macroom

6. AON GHNÓ EILE
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Michael Looney

- (a) Traffic Calming Firmount – update
P. O'Sullivan, EE said a recent application for such funding was unfortunately unsuccessful. He will ask the Design Office to carry out a survey. He suggested installation of temporary bollards & some lining to tighten up the junction.
- (b) Ballyshoneen Lights
P. O'Sullivan, EE said they are on order

Cllr. Michael Creed

- (a) Speed Through Clondrohid
P. O'Sullivan, EE outlined that the speed survey recorded that it is not the worst village for speed and unfortunately there is a lack of funding available for traffic calming measures. Following Cllr. Creed's suggestion of another speed sign by the old creamery, P. O'Sullivan, EE outlined that it will be given consideration for next year. M. O'Leary, MDO suggested that the community group could consider a future application under the Community Fund Scheme for assistance towards another speed activated sign.

Cllr. Eileen Lynch

- (a) Dripsey Signs
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the signs are ordered and should be put up shortly.
- (b) Rylane School – Yellow box & lines
P. O'Sullivan, EE said that there is some signage that could be put down, such as "No parking. School exclusion Zone".
- (c) Aghabullogue – Speed Through Village
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it is on the list of Speed Surveys to be carried out
- (d) Sign at Rathmore side of Millstreet "Welcome to Cork"
P. O'Sullivan, EE will look at getting it cleaned.

Cllr. Ted Lucey

- (a) Chapel Hill, Macroom – Parking is a big issue
Cllr. Lucey suggested turning the green area into a car park. J. Dwyer, SEE there is a precast tank underneath the green area & therefore it is not very straight forward. He said he will have a look at it.
- (b) Post Bypass – Speed at the lower end of the Town
Cllr. Lucey suggested installing a pedestrian crossing at Aldi Junction for the School and some raised crossings to slow the traffic. J. Dwyer, SEE said this was part of the proposals that will be incorporated in the overall plan for the town.
- (c) Macroom Town – Powerwashing
J. Dwyer, SEE said a contractor has been organised to carry out the work before St. Patrick's Day.
- (d) Macroom Bypass – Temporary roundabout at Carrigaphooca – Trucks coming from West
Cllr. Lucey said that when the temporary roundabout at Carrigaphooca is removed it will mean a large volume of trucks coming from West will pass the Old Triangle daily and unless they can turn up at the Millstreet Cross to join the bypass, they will be forced to go through the town & this would result in large volumes of HGVs again going through Macroom. He asked if the green area in The Glenties could be used for the installation of a small roundabout to allow for the trucks to turn up at Millstreet Cross to allow them to join the bypass. N. Radley, SEO outlined that Members comments will again be relayed to the Director of Roads on this matter.

March 2023 Monthly Meeting

M. O'Leary, MDO informed the Members that the date for the March meeting has been changed to Friday 31st March 2023.

Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú

This concluded the business of the meeting



CATHAOIRLEACH

31-3-23

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OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH

31-03-23

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