

# Macroom Municipal District Officer's Report

5<sup>th</sup> May 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.

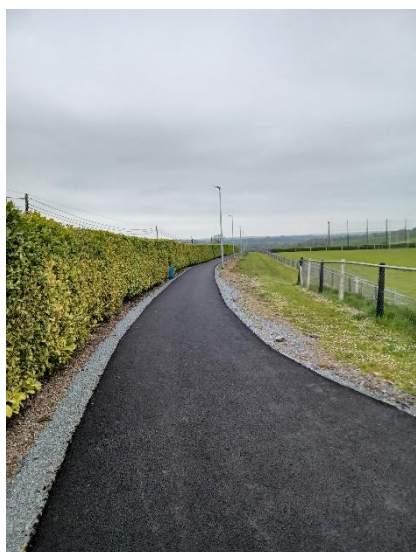
- 2020 - €180,219.51
- 2021 - €152,704.80
- 2022 - € 95,633.50

## 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 Donoughmore GAA Club to create a fully looped walk around the pitches for the entire community. Lighting has also been installed around this walk. This project was completed with assistance from the Community Fund.





### **3. 2023 Community Fund Scheme – Approval of Applications**

Correspondence has been sent out to all 74 eligible applications notifying them of their allocation under the 2023 Community Fund Scheme & outlining what is now required of them to accept this allocation.

Correspondence has also been sent out to those applications deemed ineligible under the 2023 Community Fund Scheme.

### **4. Rylane Community Playground Project**

Cork County Council have been working to assist The Rylane Community Park Association. The Rylane Community Park Association were established in 2016 to deliver a community amenity to address an identified need in the area. The community group ran surveys with the locality for the needs of the community & Village Design Statement which was the guiding document for the project development.

Due to the dedication of the committee and generosity of the local community and surrounding areas through the many fundraising efforts from Coffee mornings to local Lotto draws the group have completed Phase 1 of their ambitious million euro plan to deliver a community playing pitch, this also included purchasing a 4.5 acre field which will be home to the new community park.

Phase 2 of the project which was granted planning in November 2022 will see the development of a Playground, Ball courts, Astro Pitch, looped walking areas & car park all of which are progressing. The community hope construction of the Playground will commence in May & Cork County Council have already committed some funding under the 2023 Capital Fund scheme run by the Macroom Municipal District. The completed playground will be maintained by the local authority.

The Department of Children Equality Disability Integration Youth had a funding call for a €450,000 national scheme for playgrounds announced in February. Cork County Council were allowed to apply for one Playground project under this measure & the Rylane project was nominated to acknowledge the trojan work by the volunteers to bring this project to fruition. **The outcome of this funding has just been announced and Rylane have successfully been awarded €18,000 towards this playground project.** The playground element alone is estimated at a total cost of €150,000 will provide an amenity to cater for children of all abilities providing equipment suitable for those with sensory difficulties & mixed abilities. The overall project will deliver an amenity that will serve the community & surrounding area & cater for sports & other recreational activities.

It is expected the Rylane Community Park project will be completed by year end.

## 5. 2023 Pride of Place Awards Competition

Rylane Community Park Association will be nominated by Macroom Municipal District to be put forward for the National Pride of Place Awards for 2023 for the outstanding work they have done to date for their village. As outlined above, the commitment & dedication of the volunteers & the community as a whole is evident in what they have achieved to date & the ambitious plans they still have for their community. Their tireless work to enhance the community facilities in their village is showing great results and is evident on the ground for all to see and enjoy.

## 6. CLÁR Fund 2023

The CLÁR Scheme for 2023 has been launched by the DRCD. This scheme makes provision for small scale infrastructural projects in rural areas. It promotes sustainable development and it aims to attract people to live and work in the areas it covers.

€7.85m (€850,000 increase on 2022) in funding for 2023 is being provided under this Fund towards the following measures:

**Measure 1:** Support & develop community & sports facilities, youth clubs, playgrounds, sensory garden, walking tracks & amenities

**Measure 2:** Mobility, Cancer Care & Community First Responders Transport

**Measure 3:** “Our Islands”

Measure 1 - administered through the local authority and can be applied for by the Council in consultation with groups in local communities.

Measures 2 & 3 - to be submitted directly to the Department by the applicant.

#### Measure 1 :

Measure 1 will support a variety of capital projects provided that they contribute to the enhancement of existing, and/or the development of new, accessible Community Recreation Facilities. In 2023, Measure 1 will prioritise funding applications in respect of small scale renovation works to community centres (e.g. floors, windows, doors, heating upgrades, kitchen upgrades) and in particular community centres that did not receive funding under the Communities Centres Investment Fund (CCIF).

Measure 1 will also support a variety of small scale capital interventions including playgrounds, MUGAs, walking tracks, community gyms, sensory gardens, improving access at sports grounds etc. A detailed list of the types of interventions are included in the Scheme guidelines.

Forms & guidelines are available on the Council’s website or on request by calling the office. The internal closing date for submission of expressions of interest for Measure 1 was Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 and the submissions received are being given further consideration.

## 7. 2023 Paint Scheme

The 2023 Paint Scheme for Macroom Municipal District is now open for applications. The areas covered in this year’s Scheme include:

<b>Macroom Town Streets</b>	<b>Millstreet Town Streets</b>	<b>Villages in MD</b>
Cork Street	Minor Row	Cill na Martra Village
Railway View	The Square	Coachford Village
Main Street	Main Street	Cloughduv Village
Castle Street	West End	Inchigeelagh Village
New Street		

Tenants or owners of buildings can avail of a grant of up to 50% of the cost of works, up to a maximum of €800.00 for works carried out by a contractor. A contribution to a maximum of 100% or €800.00, whichever is the lesser, may be paid towards the cost of materials where it is proposed the tenant/owner will undertake the works themselves.

Priority will be given to applications received by **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023**. Application Form and details are available by contacting the office at 026-41545.

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