

## **Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District April 2023 Blended Meeting which was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroom on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

- Present/I láthair:** Cllrs. Eileen Lynch (Cathaoirleach), Michael Creed, Michael Looney, Ted Lucey & Gobnait Moynihan
- Attendance/Tinreamh:** Ms. Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. James Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Pat O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer  
Mr. Catherine O'Shea, Assistant Staff Officer
- Apologies/Leath scéal:** Cllr. Martin Coughlan  
Ms. Marie O'Leary, Municipal District Officer

### **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 31<sup>st</sup> March 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 Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Ballyvourney Age Friendly Parking Spaces – outside the Chemist  
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is hoped to have a contractor on site in the next week but is dependent on weather and contactor availability.
- (b) QR Code on the Murals in Macroom  
N. Radley, SEO said they are continuing to liaise with the Tourism Department.
- (c) Millstreet Graveyard – Tap  
P. O'Sullivan, EE confirmed it will be summer before the tap can be installed. He also stated that a location for the bench had been agreed and would be installed as soon as possible.
- (d) Drishane to Coole Cross – Footpath  
N. Radley, SEO confirmed there has been no announcement yet from the Dept of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) regarding the application submitted under the 2023 Community Recognition Fund.
- (e) Jimmys Cross Junction – not enough signage – who has the right of way  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the works are on the list to be done.
- (f) Ballinagree – outside the Church an extra light is needed  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will include it in the Public Lighting Programme for next year
- (g) Extra Handrail at Chapel Hill – Update

- (h) Pedestrian Crossing at Millstreet – Footpath  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said the lining to differentiate the kerbing on the build out has been done and he is waiting for the Contractor to install the ramp. Once complete, markings on the footpath will direct people towards the pedestrian crossing for safe crossings.
- (i) From the Mills inn going up to Coolea by De Rosite’s by the Speed Limit - Water Flowing onto the Road
- (j) Graveyard Millstreet - Bench  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said a location has been agreed at the turning circle which is facing down the graveyard.
- (k) Naming of Roundabout at Coolcower after Cumann na mBan  
N. Radley, SEO said that a proposal on how to proceed was sent to the Director of Roads. This is to ensure that we allow for the appropriate input from Roads and TII . Once the process is agreed, we will revert to Members.
- (l) Query re Live Music in the Square  
N. Radley, SEO confirmed that she’d follow up with an update for the next meeting.

### **Councillor Ted Lucey**

- (a) Briery Gap
- (b) Castleview Cross
- (c) Bus Stop on the Killarney Road, Macroom
- (d) Bus Depot, Macroom
- (e) Macroom – Water pooling
- (f) Lights by the Roundabout at Fitzgerald’s Corner – very dull  
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is included in the 2023 list of public lighting proposals.
- (g) Street Cleaning in Macroom Town
- (h) Pedestrian Crossing Masseytown - Speed Down the Hill  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he is waiting for a proposed layout from the Roads Design Office.
- (i) Install a crossing point at the roundabout at Kilnagurteen
- (j) Proposed Pedestrian Crossing near the Boys School, Macroom
- (k) Bypass at Killumney – Link Road to EMC roundabout – 3 lights missing
- (l) Potential Bicycle Lane from 2 to 4 Mile Bridge Macroom
- (m) 21 Apartments over Dunnes Stores, Macroom - made available to address the housing need in the area
- (n) Chapel Hill, Macroom – Parking is a big issue  
J. Dwyer, SEE said this is ongoing
- (o) Litter Bins – Emptying at Weekends in Macroom

- (p) Canovee School – Lining
- (q) Bus Parking Space, Macroom

**Cllr. T. Lucey raised the following item for Cllr. M. Coughlan in his absence**

- (a) Public Light Out of Order – St. Colmans Park, Macroom – Update  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will contact Airtricity

**Councillor Michael Creed**

- (a) Junction at Mount Cross – Update  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the Road Design Office are working on a design a present. In response to Cllr. Creed, J. Dwyer, SEE said it is very hard to say how long it will take. Cllr. Creed stressed again that this is a very dangerous junction.
- (b) Kilcrea Cross  
J. Dwyer, SEE said there is an issue on the eastern side of the junction, and he will speak to the landowner.
- (a) Reinaree to Inchigeelagh – Velocity Patcher  
J. Dwyer, SEE said it was out in that area the previous day and is planned again for early next week.

**Councillor Michael Looney**

- (a) Foxes Bridge to Courbrack – from the Cross – Lag on the Road  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said that lowering the wall on the bridge could cause other problems but will keep it in mind for a future Low-Cost Scheme. May be able to consider it under LIS 2024.
- (b) Berrings – Wind Turned the Pole  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it is on the list of works
- (c) Traffic Calming Firmount – update  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said the survey has not been undertaken yet, but is on the list

**Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Coachford Flood Study  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said the Flooding Section have applied to the OPW for funding to appoint consultants to carry out the Flood Scoping Study.
- (b) Coachford Footpath and Pedestrian Crossing Design  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said there is no update at present. He said while waiting to secure funding it is proposed to go for a Section 38 and have it shovel ready. Cllr. Lynch said the completed design is fundamental so that when funding is secured the footpath and pedestrian crossing will be ready to go.

In response to Cllr. Lynch regarding the money allocated under Climate Action he said they are presently working on securing permission to undertake the section at the GAA Pitch.

Cllr. Moynihan queried if there was anything that could be done planning wise to progress things. P. O’Sullivan, EE said a Section 38 could be applied for, however, he said the NTA

are presently concentrating on large projects in the urban areas. In response to Cllr. Lynch, J. Dwyer, SEE said the Section 38 would be valid indefinitely.

It was proposed by Cllr. Moynihan and seconded by Cllr. Lynch to write to the NTA to ask them to prioritise a s38/p8 for Coachford pedestrian crossing and footpath at the creamery.

- (c) Macroom EV Charging Points
- (d) Terelton National School – pedestrian crossing
- (e) Crookstown – Clifford’s Bar to Béal na Bláth – Flooding Works
- (f) Toonsbridge – Pedestrian Footpath -Safety works – Money Allocated
- (g) Potholes between Shea’s Cross and the turn off for St. Olans, Aghabullogue and the road to Rylane in the short term and request for this section to be tarred at a later stage.  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it is on the list of works

- (h) Lee Valley Inn in a dangerous state.  
Cllr. Lynch said the building is getting worse and is in a very dangerous state. She said the residents are very concerned and that the perception is that the Council are not pursuing it. All Members agreed with Cllr Lynch. Cllr. Looney said he is concerned that the railings that were erected will not be sufficient if the building collapses.

N. Radley, SEO said she acknowledges the Members concerns. She said that this building is on the Derelict Sites Register and that there is an active planning on it. She said the Council are monitoring that application.

- (i) Coopers Rock to the Pitch in Rusheen – road very bad  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said a lot of drainage needs to be done.
- (j) Barna Cross – Yield Sign  
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is on the list to be done.
- (k) Millstreet Footpaths – Minor Row
- (l) Rylane School – Yellow box & lines
- (m) Aghabullogue – Speed Through Village  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said the results of the speed survey showed that the speed through the village was not that bad. He said 85% of the traffic was travelling at 66km or less, the average speed was 54 km/hr. He said that Aghabullogue could potentially be included as one of the locations for Speed Activated Signs for 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. E. Lynch and seconded by Cllr. G. Moynihan, subject to funding, to include Aghabullogue on the list for Speed Activated Signs for 2024.

- (n) Toamaes – More Speed Signage Needed on the Inchigeelagh to Dunmanway to Kilmichael side
- (o) Farran School towards Farran Woods – Road in very bad Condition
- (p) Rusheen School / Church - Potholes

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

**(a) Municipal District Officers Report**

Members noted the Report.

- Community Fund  
All the Members complimented Donoughmore GAA Club on the wonderful work carried out around the pitches which is of benefit to the whole community.
- Rylane Community Playground Project  
Cllr. E. Lynch together with all the other Members expressed their satisfaction that Rylane Community Park Association has been awarded €18,000 towards their playground project.
- CLÁR Fund 2023  
Following a query from Cllr E Lynch, N Radley SEO informed the meeting that Cork County Council can submit a maximum of 15 applications under Clár 2023 with these geographically spread throughout the county for the Clár areas.
- 2023 Paint Scheme  
In response to Cllr. E. Lynch & Cllr. T. Lucey, N. Radley, SEO said if any applicant is in difficulty completing the work on time it will certainly be looked at, they will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Cllr. G. Moynihan welcomed the inclusion of villages, especially Cill na Martra. In response to Cllr. G. Moynihan, N. Radley, SEO said the application form will be available in both Irish and English and as many applications as possible will be approved. She said it will not be on a first come first served basis. In response to Cllr. G. Moynihan, N. Radley, SEO said she would check if there were any outstanding applications from last year.

**(b) Discretionary Fund Applications**

<b>Group/Organisation</b>	<b>Brief Description of Request</b>
Glenpark Residents Association, Macroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Tree, Maintain beds &amp; Trees,</li> </ul>
Éanna Ó Leary Member of the Irish International Fly-Fishing Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miscellaneous expenses associated with travelling to Wales in July</li> </ul>
CCÉ Craobh Lachtaín Naofa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform a stage show through the medium of Gaolúinne, bringing members of the public together, from 8 to 70 years of age and producing a newly written play both inside and outside the Gaeltacht.</li> <li>• The performance will include music, singing, dancing and a pair interview, which will take place in the Cultural Centre in Ballyvourney and elsewhere.</li> <li>• The show is shown in partnership with members of the Aisling Gheal singing scheme.</li> <li>• Would like to make a DVD of the production.</li> </ul>

Broomhill Vintage Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defray some of the costs in running our annual festival</li> </ul>
Ballinagree Vintage Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miscellaneous expenses associated with running the Vintage Day e.g plaques, medals etc</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,500</b>

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. G. Moynihan  
 Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. T. Lucey

N. Radley, SEO informed the Members that there was €800 remaining in the 2022 Discretionary Fund.

**4. CHUN NA RUIN SEO LEANAS ÓN GCOMHAIRLEOIR A MHEAS:  
 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICE OF MOTIONS IN THE NAMES OF:**

**Cllr. Eileen Lynch & Cllr. Michael Looney**

- That the ongoing issue of speed outside Inniscarra Community Centre, on the road from Blairs Inn to Dromgowna would be addressed and that speed calming measures would be put in place as a matter of urgency, that a speed survey would be done and measures such as ramps, flashing light and updated signage would be put in place.

**We will carry out a speed survey on the road in the coming weeks, and based on the results obtained, we will formulate a plan for the area.**

**Pat O’Sullivan, Executive Engineer**

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Cllr. M. Looney said this road is very narrow and dangerous and something needs to be done. He said on a Saturday morning there could be anything up to 1,500 children using the Community Centre.

Cllr. M. Creed said he supported the motion. He said there were lots of facilities in the Community Centre and parents were afraid to let their children cycle up to the pitch. He said the volume of traffic was also a problem.

Cllr. T. Lucey also supported the motion stressing that something needs to be done. He agreed with Cllr. M. Creed that the volume of traffic was also an issue.

Cllr. M. Looney said that locals avoid using that road and agreed that there was a large volume of traffic on it.

Cllr. E. Lynch said that the local people were very concerned and queried when the speed survey will be carried out. P. O’Sullivan, EE said he should have the results of the speed survey for the next meeting.

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**Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan**

- (1)** Íarr ar an Comhairle cosán a lonnú í Achadh Bolg eadar an scoil náisiúnta agus an halla poiblí, ar bothair 2753-38.

Ask Council to install a footpath connecting Aghabullogue National School to the community hall on road L2753-38

**Chun an chuid den chosán atá luaite a chríochnú, ní mór dúinn tabhairt faoi mhiondearadh mar go bhfuil obair ar acomhal i gceist, áit a bhfuil sé dóchúil go mbeidh gá le trasrian coisithe a shuiteáil.**

**Áireoidh sé seo tógáil talún suntasach freisin chun freastal ar an gcosán nua ó dheireadh an chosáin reatha go dtí an bealach isteach chuig an halla. Níl aon sruthanna maoinithe oiriúnach ar fáil fé láthair, ach coimeádfaimid faoi bhreithniú é i gcás go dtarlódh sé go mbeadh sruth maoinithe ar fáil amach anseo.**

**To complete the section of footpath mentioned, a detailed design will have to be undertaken as it involves work at a junction and where a pedestrian crossing is likely to have to be installed.**

**It also will involve a significant land take to accommodate the new footpath from the end of the existing footpath to the entrance to the hall. There are currently no suitable funding streams available at present, but they will keep it under consideration should one become available in the future.**

**Pat O'Sullivan, Innealtóir Feidhmiúcháin**

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Cllr. G. Moynihan said the school and parents' council expressed concern regarding children accessing the community hall safely. She acknowledged the results of the speed survey but highlighted the safety concerns locally crossing the road.

P. O'Sullivan, EE said that as the junction is very narrow, and it would involve a significant land take. If funding becomes available, the Road Design Office would be asked for a design. In response to Cllr. G. Moynihan, P. O'Sullivan EE said it might be more appropriate if discussions with the landowner were made locally.

Cllr. G. Moynihan asked if a design is carried out to begin the process. However, P. O'Sullivan, EE said it won't be an easy design and could be challenging to find a safe crossing point.

Cllr. G. Moynihan queried if a Walkability Study could be carried out similar to Millstreet. P O'Sullivan, EE said that this was carried as part of the Age Friendly Programme and will check if similar could be carried out by the school.

Cllr. E. Lynch seconded this motion and said this would be invaluable to the village. However, she said on a practical level, this could be difficult to achieve, she said a pedestrian crossing would have to be installed. She asked that all funding streams are examined.

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**(2) Íarr ar an Comhairle teagmháil a dheanamh le Bus Éireann faoi feabhas a dheanamh ar an serbhís eadar Maighchromtha agus Cill Áirne (seirbhís 257)**

Ask Council to contact Bus Éireann with regards to improving their Route 257 service, servicing Macroom to Killarney.

Is féidir leis an gCeantar Bardasach seo dul i dteagmháil le Bus Éireann le moltaí agus ag lorg tograí chun an Bealach seo a fheabhsú tar éis do Bhaill plé a dhéanamh air.

**This Municipal District can contact Bus Eireann with suggestions and seek proposals for an improvement to this Route following Members discussion around this route**

**Máire Ni Laoghaire, Oifigeach Riarachain**

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Cllr. G. Moynihan acknowledged that the services had been extended recently so that the service is more frequent however all services don't stop in Millstreet, and outlined the following issues that need addressing:

**Millstreet**

- Physical poles with bus timetable attached are required at the new locations in Millstreet. This will help the public clearly identify where specifically the bus will stop.
- Bus stop in Millstreet (Wallis Arms) not benefiting from the extended service as bus not stopping there with every service. Request for this to change.

**Ballydaly**

- Is a request stop but there is currently no "pole/stopping point"
- Physical poles with timetable attached are required. This will help the public clearly identify where specifically the bus is to stop.
- Sign on shop wall may need replacing, and timetable display required also.

Cllr. E. Lynch seconded this motion. She said that the times of the buses from Millstreet to Macroom were not practical and outlined if you had an early morning appointment in Macroom, the next bus back would not be until that evening, it would be long wait.

Cllr. M. Looney also supported this motion.

**5. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS  
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

- Mairead O'Mahony, Berrings who won a 5 gold medals in athletics
- Cllr. M. Looney congratulated Cllr. G. Moynihan & Aindrias Moynihan TD on hosting a successful Alzheimer's Tea day.

**6. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN  
VOTES OF CONDOLENCES.**

- Jerry McKenna, retired Garda Sergeant

**7. AON GHNÓ EILE  
ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Cllr. Michael Creed**

- (a) Flood Study, Crookstown – Update  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he did not have any recent update. He said the study was complete and funding is available.
- (b) Cill na Martra Village – White Lining to be done  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will arrange



- (c) Coolduff, Poulanaírigid – Kílumney – Potholes  
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is on the list to be resurfaced
- (d) Crash Barriers erected on the Main Road at 4 Mile Bridge  
Cllr. Creed said he was delighted to see the barriers in place as this is a dangerous spot
- (e) Residents Living near the school in Kilmurry – Issue with cars parking at their entrances  
Cllr. Creed said the residents had problems getting into and out of their property and queried was there any provision around the school and the church for parking. J. Dwyer, SEE said there is a lot of parking by the church. He said that Cork County Council does not provide parking for the school.
- (f) Kilmurry – provide another lane for traffic exiting onto the N22 going towards Macroom  
Is it possible to get a filter lane to turn right for the City? J. Dwyer, SEE said he will have a look at it.

#### **Cllr. Michael Looney**

- (a) Yellow House to Berrings Cross – Bridge is torn as it is not suitable for Lorries or Buses  
Cllr. Looney queried if there could be a sign erected at each end of the bridge informing motorists it is not suitable for heavy traffic. P. O’Sullivan, EE said by putting up a sign restricting heavy/large vehicles it would mean that there was no suitable road for large vehicles to go to Berrings village, but he will have a look to consider if there is an alternative. Cllr. Looney said the school bus does not use it
- (b) Driver Feedback sign on the western approach to Cloghroe not working

#### **Cllr. Ted Lucey**

- (a) St. Colmans Graveyard, Macroom – Dumping of soil  
J. Dwyer, SEE said this has been cleared twice. He said he will arrange to put signage up and he will follow up with the workers concerned.
- (b) Carrig – Eircom cover sticking up on the Footpath – Very dangerous  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will have a look at it.
- (c) Grass Cutting at Marion Tce. Macroom  
J. Dwyer, SEE said this work is very much weather dependent. He said they are presently looking at appointing a contractor.
- (d) Lack of Staffing in Macroom Town  
Cllr. Lucey expressed his dissatisfaction that there is only one staff member assigned to Macroom Town. N. Radley, SEO said she was aware that there was only one staff member at present due to the transfer of the other staff member whom she wished well in his new post. She said she has taken this up with the HR Department and hopes that the post will be advertised as soon as possible. Cllr. Lucey queried if it was possible to get a person to share from another area. N. Radley, SEO said she would raise the question.

#### **Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Millstreet Age Friendly Money  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said a second age friendly parking space had been installed at Reen’s Pharmacy. M. O’Leary, MDO to provide update on all age friendly measures proposed for Millstreet for the next meeting.

- (b) Minor Row Millstreet – Cars Parking on the Footpath  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he has spoken to the local gardaí, and will revert at the next meeting.
- (c) Ballyvourney – Dog Fouling Bins & Signage  
N. Radley, SEO said that ordinary bins can be used for dog fouling if dog fouling bins are not available. J. Dwyer, SEE said providing dedicated dog fouling bins is not the issue, the servicing of them is the problem. He said he will check to see if one can be made available and he asked if a local group would make themselves available to service and empty the bin?

**Cllr. Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Dripsey – Ard na Croise – Footpath  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said it under consideration for this year’s programme, but the list of works is not finalised.
- (b) Corner of O’Mahony Tce Dripsey – Patching  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said if that section is sealed, there may be a surface water issue which could create another problem. The finishing of the footpath at O’Mahony terrace is on a list to complete .
- (c) Bawnmore to Muinefliuch Road – Potholes  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will arrange to have them patched.
- (d) Walk from the top of the bridge towards Coolcower Vets – can it be cleaned  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will have a look at it.

**James Dwyer, SEE**

2023 Macroom MD Public Lighting Recommendations

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

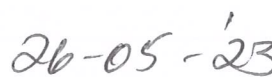
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**This concluded the business of the meeting**

  
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