

# Macroom Municipal District Officer's Report

26<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 recent improvements and additions to the Fairy Garden in Masseytown Macroom. New information boards have also been installed. This project was completed with assistance from the Community Fund.







### 3. 2023 Community Recognition Fund (Ukraine Fund) – Update

Minister Heather Humphries, Dept of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) launched this scheme in February 2023. An allocation of €2.307m was awarded to Cork County Council. The Council was asked to invite Expressions of Interest (EOI) from communities with Ukrainians for projects within their community. As a result of this EOI process, the Council submitted approx 90 projects to DRCD on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 for consideration. Last week, DRCD approved these projects and below is a list of the 11 successful projects within Macroom Municipal District totalling an overall award of €334,500 for this District:

<b>No</b>	<b>Area / Group</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
1	Cork County – 35 Locations	Purchase and installations of Autism Spectrum Disorder Information Panels in 35 Playgrounds throughout Cork County	€35,000
2	Inchigeela Croi Na Laoi Development Society	Upgrade walkways in Community Park. Equipment for tennis and basketball courts	€25,000
3	Macroom Community Leisure Centre	Replace storage heating in meeting room	€2,500
4	Millstreet - Town Park	Upgrade of walking /running track	€30,000
5	Millstreet - Town Park	Purchase of goalposts and kits	€5,000
6	Millstreet	Development of autism play area and active retirement area	€25,000
7	Millstreet	Upgrade of existing hardcourt area to a MUGA with fencing	€25,000
8	Millstreet Pitch & Putt Club	Purchase of Equipment	€2,000
9	Millstreet	Pedestrian safety enhancement	€15,000
10	Millstreet	Provision of pedestrian corridor and public lighting	€120,000
11	IRD Duhallow	Purchase of 8 seater bus	€50,000
	<b>11 Projects</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>€334,500</b>

Correspondence will issue to the successful & unsuccessful applicants over the coming week. It is a great result for this Municipal District with very worthwhile projects being granted funding which will be hugely beneficial to the entire community & district.

#### **4. 2023 Pride of Place Awards Competition**

Rylane Community Park Association has been put forward by Cork County Council for the National Pride of Place Awards for 2023 for the outstanding work they have done to date for their village. 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.

#### **5. 2023 Paint Scheme**

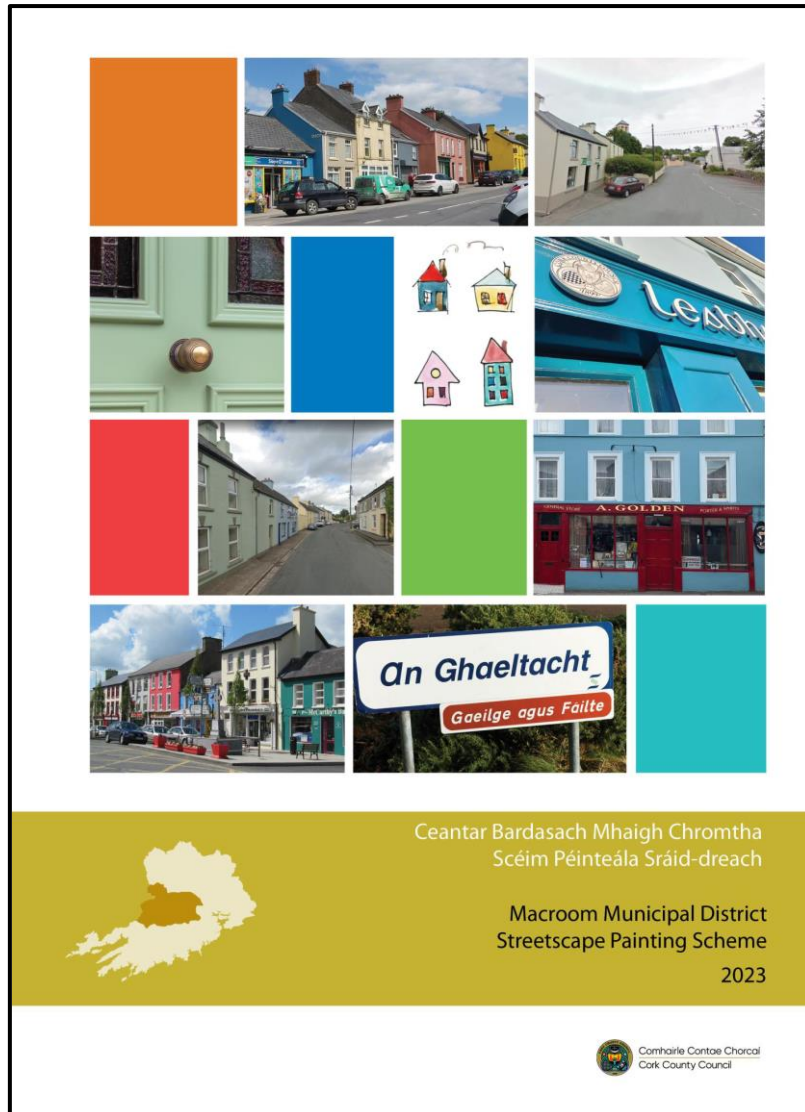
The 2023 Paint Scheme for Macroom Municipal District is currently open & accepting applications from properties in the following locations:

<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.





## 6. Millstreet Age Friendly Committee - Update

Following the walkability study by Millstreet Age Friendly Committee a number of projects have been agreed to be progressed for implementation. This group is also working closely with the Millstreet Town Park Committee to develop age friendly projects in the town park with additional age friendly seating & car parking under consideration.

A 2<sup>nd</sup> age friendly car parking space was completed on Main Street by Reen's Pharmacy.

Additional age friendly parking is being considered for the Square & at Carnegie Hall car park. An Age Friendly leaflet with location information being devised and regular future updates also being considered. Information to be shared with local website

[www.millstreet.ie](http://www.millstreet.ie) . The feasibility of holding Information sessions / workshops is also being considered as this was highlighted on the questionnaire survey.

Further updates on the future projects will issue in the coming months. This Committee meet monthly to progress their projects. They are also engaging with local businesses to promote age friendly initiatives in their stores.

## 7. Cork Interagency LGBT+ Week

The LGBT flag was raised in Town Hall Macroom & Carnegie Hall Millstreet on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May to mark IDAHOBIT Day and Cork LGBT+ interagency week.







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