

Minutes of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting which was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroom on Friday 26th May 2023

- Present/I láthair:** Cllrs. Eileen Lynch (Cathaoirleach), Michael Creed, Michael Looney, Ted Lucey & Gobnait Moynihan
- Attendance/Tinreamh:** 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. Martin Coughlan
Ms. Nicola Radley, Senior Executive 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 5th May 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
Cllr. Moynihan expressed her satisfaction that works had commenced.
- (b) QR Code on the Murals in Macroom
M. O'Leary, MDO said they are in the final stages of completion and she will have an update for the next meeting. Cllr. Moynihan said once they are set up it will be important to publicise that they are there.
- (c) Millstreet Graveyard – Tap
No update
- (d) Drishane to Coole Cross – Footpath
In response to Cllr. Moynihan's query regarding how this will be progressed, P. O'Sullivan, EE said drawings will have to be prepared to go for tender at the end of June.
- (e) Jimmys Cross Junction – not enough signage – who has the right of way
No update
- (f) Extra Handrail at Chapel Hill – Update
No update
- (g) Pedestrian Crossing at Millstreet – Footpath
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the works were completed and confirmed that the footpath was level with the pedestrian crossing.

- (h) From the Mills inn going up to Coolea by De Rosite's by the Speed Limit - Water Flowing onto the Road
- (i) Graveyard Millstreet - Bench
P. O'Sullivan, EE said a location has been agreed at the turning circle which is facing down the graveyard.
- (j) Naming of Roundabout at Coolcower after Cumann na mBan
M. O'Leary, MDO said a proposal was sent to the Director of Roads and she would follow up.
- (k) Query re Live Music in the Square
M. O'Leary, MDO said she had no update but would discuss with N. Radley, SEO and would have an update for the next meeting.
- (l) CLÁR Fund 2023
In response to Cllr. Moynihan, M. O'Leary, MDO said there were 4 no. applications submitted from Macroom Municipal District, 3 no. before the internal closing date and 1 no. after. She confirmed that a max of 15 applications can be submitted by Cork County Council to the Dept for this Fund.
- (m) Footpath connecting Aghabullogue National School to the community hall on L2753-38
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he spoke to the Road Design Office who confirmed that due to the high volume of work they would not be in a position to carry out a survey until later in the year. In response to Cllr. Moynihan, P. O'Sullivan, EE said he would arrange to have "SLOW" markings painted on the road. Regarding Cllr. Moynihan's query about approaching the landowner he said he felt it would be more appropriate if this were to happen locally.
- (n) Bus Éireann's Route 257 service, servicing Macroom to Killarney – Update
M. O'Leary, MDO said she has written to Bus Eireann and will follow up with them again.
- (o) Minor Row Millstreet – Cars Parking on the Footpath
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he is due to meet with An Garda Síochána and will have an update at the next meeting. Cllr. Moynihan said crossing the street at Supervalu is an issue. P. O'Sullivan, EE said a design needs to be carried out where the corner meets Minor Row. He said it was not an easy location as it was very narrow and that parking spaces would have to be removed in order to put in a pedestrian crossing.

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Foxes Bridge to Courbrack – from the Cross – Lag on the Road
P. O'Sullivan, EE said this may be included in a Low-Cost Scheme next year. He said he may be able to consider it under next year's RI Programme.
- (b) Berrings – Wind Turned the Pole
Cllr. Looney expressed his thanks for works carried out
- (c) Traffic Calming Firmount – update
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the survey is complete and he will arrange to get a design carried out.

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
J. Dwyer, SEE said that the TII are due to carry out more works.
- (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
J. Dwyer, SEE said this is ongoing.
- (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 he should have an update for the next meeting
- (o) Litter Bins – Emptying at Weekends in Macroom
- (p) Canovee Schoool – Lining
No Update
- (q) Bus Parking Space, Macroom
- (r) St. Colmans Graveyard, Macroom – Dumping of soil
- (s) Curra Glen, Clondrohid – Eircom cover sticking up on the Footpath – Very dangerous
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he has reported this to Eircom
- (t) Grass Cutting at Marion Tce. Macroom
- (u) Lack of Staffing in Macroom Town
Cllr. Lucey said it is critical that something is done to address the lack of staff for the town, an issue that is also affecting the villages in the MD. However, he acknowledged the great work being done by the Tidy Towns around the town.

It was proposed by Cllr. Lucey and seconded by Cllr. Lynch to contact the Director of Services for Roads to highlight the Members concerns.

All Members supported Cllr. Lucey regarding this issue and also complimented the work being done by the Tidy Towns.

While the Members acknowledged that staffing is not a reserved function of the Councillors, they highlighted that they are getting many representations from locals & business owners regarding it

M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed that she will write to Director of Roads to outline the concerns. However, she also outlined that the recruitment process also takes time to complete.

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Junction at Mount Cross – Update
- (b) Kilcrea Cross
- (c) Kilmurry – provide another lane for traffic exiting onto the N22 going towards Macroom
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will talk to the TII

Councillor Eileen Lynch

- (a) Coachford Flood Study
No update
- (b) Coachford Footpath and Pedestrian Crossing Design
P. O'Sullivan, EE outlined the following response from the NTA Office:

The NTA allocation for Towns and Villages across Cork County for 2023 is €2,640,000 – significantly below what was sought. Thus, unfortunately; MA5.1 Coachford cannot be progressed at present due to expenditure that is currently committed for 2023 across the County.

On a general point it is important to emphasise that schemes previously approved by the NTA have not been removed from the programme. The matter at hand is solely one of funding available in 2023.
- (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 the works are complete
- (h) Lee Valley Inn in a dangerous state.
P. O'Sullivan, EE said there is an active planning on this site and the extension of time expires the following week. In response to Cllr. Lynch, M. O'Leary, MDO said this site is on the Derelict Sites Register and fencing has been erected around the perimeter. She advised that the planning application needs to take its course.

- (i) Bawnmore to Muinefliuch Road – Potholes
- (j) Dripsey – Ard na Croise – Footpath
- (k) Corner of O’Mahony Tce Dripsey – Patching
- (l) Walk from the top of the bridge towards Coolcower Vets – can it be cleaned
- (m) Coopers Rock to the Pitch in Rusheen – road very bad
- (n) Barna Cross – Yield Sign
- (o) Millstreet Footpaths – Minor Row
- (p) Rylane School – Yellow box & lines
- (q) Speed Survey Ballyanly
P. O’Sullivan, EE said the survey is completed and he will have the results for the next meeting.
- (n) Toamaes – More Speed Signage Needed on the Inchigeelagh to Dunmanway to Kilmichael side

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

(a) Municipal District Officers Report

Members noted the Report.

2023 Community Recognition Fund (Ukraine Fund) – Update

- Cllr. Lynch acknowledged the award of €334,500 for 11 projects received for Macroom MD is hugely significant
- In response to Cllr. Moynihan regarding unsuccessful applicants, M. O’Leary, MDO said the applications were co-ordinated centrally within the directorate with all applicants being notified over the coming days.

2023 Paint Scheme

- In response to Cllr. Lynch, M. O’Leary, MDO said the closing date is 15th June and there already appears to be a lot of interest in this year’s Scheme.

Millstreet Age Friendly Committee – Update

- In response to Cllr. Lynch, M. O’Leary, MDO said the projects to be carried out will be part of the €10,000 already allocated and any future funding requirements will have to be made via The Community Fund.
- In response to Cllr. Moynihan regarding an age friendly parking space at the Pitch in Millstreet, M. O’Leary, MDO said the group are looking at a green area where a car parking space may be facilitated. Cllr. Moynihan said she was pleased to note that the Town Park Committee were also involved. She said the 2nd Age Friendly Parking Space in Millstreet is hugely welcomed.

(b) Discretionary Fund Applications

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Cormac McCarthy Member of the Irish International Youth Fly Fishing Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Miscellaneous expenses associated with travelling to Wales in July for 4 nations championships
Inniscarra St Senan's Seniors on the Move Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Funding to purchase a number of tables, specifically 70cm x 180cm white rectangle plastic folding tables
Macroom Trout Anglers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Miscellaneous expenses associated with travelling to the Worlds Youth Championship in Bosnia Herzegovina in July
Total	€900

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

**4. DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC ROAD
Ard an tSuláin, Macroom**

That, being satisfied that a public right of way exists over it, and the road is of general public utility, Cork County Council hereby declares pursuant to Section 11(1) of the Roads Act, 1993 the following road to be a public road: -

ESTATE NAME	LOCATION	LINEAR METRES
Ard an tSuláin	Gurteenroe, Macroom	144

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

**5. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

- Cllr G Moynihan complimented Ceol Drama, An Tuairín Dubh which has been staged in Béal Átha n Ghaorthaidh to huge success and will now be showing at The Everyman Theatre Cork in the coming weeks. Cllr E Lynch agreed with the sentiments.
- Cllr M Looney congratulated Mairead O'Mahony, Berrings who won 5 medals (2 gold, 2 silver & 1 bronze) in athletics as part of Transplant Team Ireland at the recent World Transplant Games held in Australia.

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

N/A

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

Cllr. Michael Looney

- (a) Inniscarra Sailing Club – Newly Formed Club – Any Grants Available
M. O’Leary, MDO said she is not aware of any grants that are open at present. She said they can apply for a Discretionary Grant for a max of a max of €300. She said any funding streams that Cork County Council make available to Community Groups are advertised on the Council website to www.yourcouncil.ie
- (b) Yellow Lines at Inniscarra Boating Centre
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he has arranged for a Contractor to carry out the work
- (c) “Welcome to Cloghroe Village” Sign
Cllr. Looney queried the possibility of getting a sign erected. P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will check it out.
- (d) Farran Road / Woods – potholes
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will check it out

Cllr. Michael Creed

- (a) Shandangan by Dooniskey Stores – Potholes
- (b) Sullane Weirs – Sewer - Roots of Trees in it
J. Dwyer, SEE said a section of the pipe is blocked and it needs to be replaced, he said it is on the list of works.
- (c) Carriganimna Bridge – Pothole
- (d) Cul de Sac – Liois Bui, Kilnamartyra – Potholes
- (e) Funding New Garda Station, Macroom
Cllr. Creed welcomed the funding that has been approved for the new Garda Station in Macroom which will be a new Divisional HQ following the amalgamation of Cork North & Cork West Divisions. Min Simon Harris recently visited Macroom to announce this funding. He said it will be hugely significant & beneficial to the town.

Cllr. Lucey concurred with Cllr. Creed and outlined that they had been campaigning a long time for it. As it will now become a regional headquarters for the area this will result in an increase in the number of Gardaí.

Cllr. Ted Lucey

- (a) Millstreet Road at the Roundabout – Footpath Missing
J. Dwyer, SEE said this is not part of the bypass works. He said he is looking at it but that funding is the issue.
- (b) Car Parking Spaces Macroom – Additional signage required
Cllr. Lucey said that additional signs are needed in the town indicating where the car parks are. He said there is plenty of free parking in the town in the car parks and there are also parking spaces available in the GAA grounds which some people may not be aware of. J. Dwyer, SEE said he will review the signs.

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Canopy in Millstreet - Update
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the part has been ordered and he will arrange to put it back up as soon as it arrives.
- (b) Aubane – Loose Chippings
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the surface dressing is not yet fully finished.
- (c) Coolavokig Old School – Humps and Hollows on the Road which are getting worse
J. Dwyer, SEE said that he applied to the TII for funding but was not successful. It was proposed by Cllr. Moynihan and seconded by Cllr. Looney to ask the TII to look at that section of the road.
- (d) Light at the Bridge in Béal Átha n Ghaorthaidh
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is on the 2023 Public Lighting List. He said he will contact the Public Lighting section to see if he can get a timescale as to when the works will be carried out.
- (e) Ballinagree National School to the Playground – Footpath/Cycle Path installed
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he would talk to the School Principal. He said he would be more in favour of a footpath as a cycle path would not be easy to install. In response to Cllr. Moynihan's suggestion of coming out the back of the school grounds, P. O'Sullivan, EE said he would need to speak to the landowner near the school and added that funding would also be an issue.
- (f) N22 by the Mills from Coolea and From the Top Road – Lack of Visibility
J. Dwyer, SEE said that cars are parking close to the corner and he would arrange to erect bollards.

Cllr. Eileen Lynch

- (a) Footpath Programme 2023
P. O'Sullivan, EE outlined that they are currently preparing costings.
- (b) Speed Ramps - Millstreet & Coachford
P. O'Sullivan, EE outlined that they could be installed in Millstreet later in the year as contractors are not available at present. but with Coachford he will need to speak to the community on it.
- (c) Leades Cross - L7474-0 – very bad potholes

Marie O'Leary, MDO

June Meeting – Change of Date

M. O'Leary, MDO informed the Members that due the County AGM the June meeting will be held on Friday 30th June, 2023.

James Dwyer, SEE

Section 38 – R582 Millstreet Road, Macroom – Pedestrian Crossing and Associated Connectivity and Traffic Calming Measures

All Members welcomed the proposed Section 38.

In response to Cllr. Moynihan, J. Dwyer, SEE said the pedestrian crossing will not be raised. He said that as it is a regional road, with lots of houses nearby, it would be too noisy. Cllr. Moynihan said that she felt that a ramp would be better from a traffic calming point of view and suggested putting lights on it.

Cllr. Lucey and Cllr. Lynch both disagreed with installing a ramp.

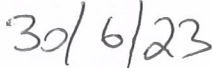
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will take the Members comments on board and start the Section 38 process.

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This concluded the business of the meeting



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