

# Macroom Municipal District Officer's Report

26<sup>th</sup> April 2024



## 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.

- 2021 - €193,907.75
- 2022 - €184,089.50
- 2023 - € 83,831.66

## 2. Town Development Fund

To date, the following claims have been submitted in relation to the Town Development Fund under the GMA.

- 2021 - €54,967
- 2022 - €86,218
- 2023 - €21,391

Below are some images of recently completed project by Donoughmore Community Centre on the boundary wall. This project was completed with assistance from the Community Fund.





### 3. 2024 Community Fund Scheme – Approval of Applications

Correspondence has been sent out to all 68 eligible applications notifying them of their allocation under the 2024 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 2024 Community Fund Scheme.

### 4. CLÁR Fund 2024

The CLÁR Scheme for 2024 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.

Almost €9m in funding for 2024 is being provided under this Fund towards the following measures:

**Measure 1:** Grants from €5,000 to €50,000 to support the development of community & sports facilities, youth clubs, playgrounds, sensory garden, walking tracks & more

**Measure 2:** Mobility, Cancer Care & Community First Responders Transport & Groups providing Meals on Wheels Services. Grant of €50,000 for car / €100,000 for bus

**Measure 3:** Support for Offshore Island Communities. Max grants up to €120,000.  
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. All community amenities funded under this programme must, in so far as practicable, be accessible to all abilities and ages.

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.

Any facilities funded must be available to the public without a requirement to be a member of a club, enrolled in a school etc. **Facilities on school grounds must be open to the public outside school hours.**

Forms & guidelines will be available on the Council's website from next week or by request by calling the office. The closing date for submission to the Dept for Measure 1 is **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

However, an earlier internal closing date will apply on such applications. This internal closing date will be included with the application details when they are advertised online at [www.corkcoco.ie](http://www.corkcoco.ie) or [www.yourcouncil.ie](http://www.yourcouncil.ie).

## **5. 2022 CLÁR Scheme Update**

### **Upgrade & Refurbishment of the Public Toilets at Béal Átha n' Ghaorthaidh**

Coiste Forbatha Béal Átha n' Ghaorthaidh were successful under the 2022 CLÁR Scheme with the granting of €46,440 towards the upgrade and refurbishment of the public toilets to enable them to be universally accessible.

This project came in costing considerably higher than was originally anticipated but Cork County Council agreed to provide the additional funding to allow a complete refurbishment of these public conveniences. The works carried out to these toilets was considerable and included:

- Groundworks & Drainage
- Internal flooring & cubicles
- Plumbing & Electrical

- External footpath & ramps
- Painting Internally & Externally
- New Sanitary Ware
- New Internal & External Doors

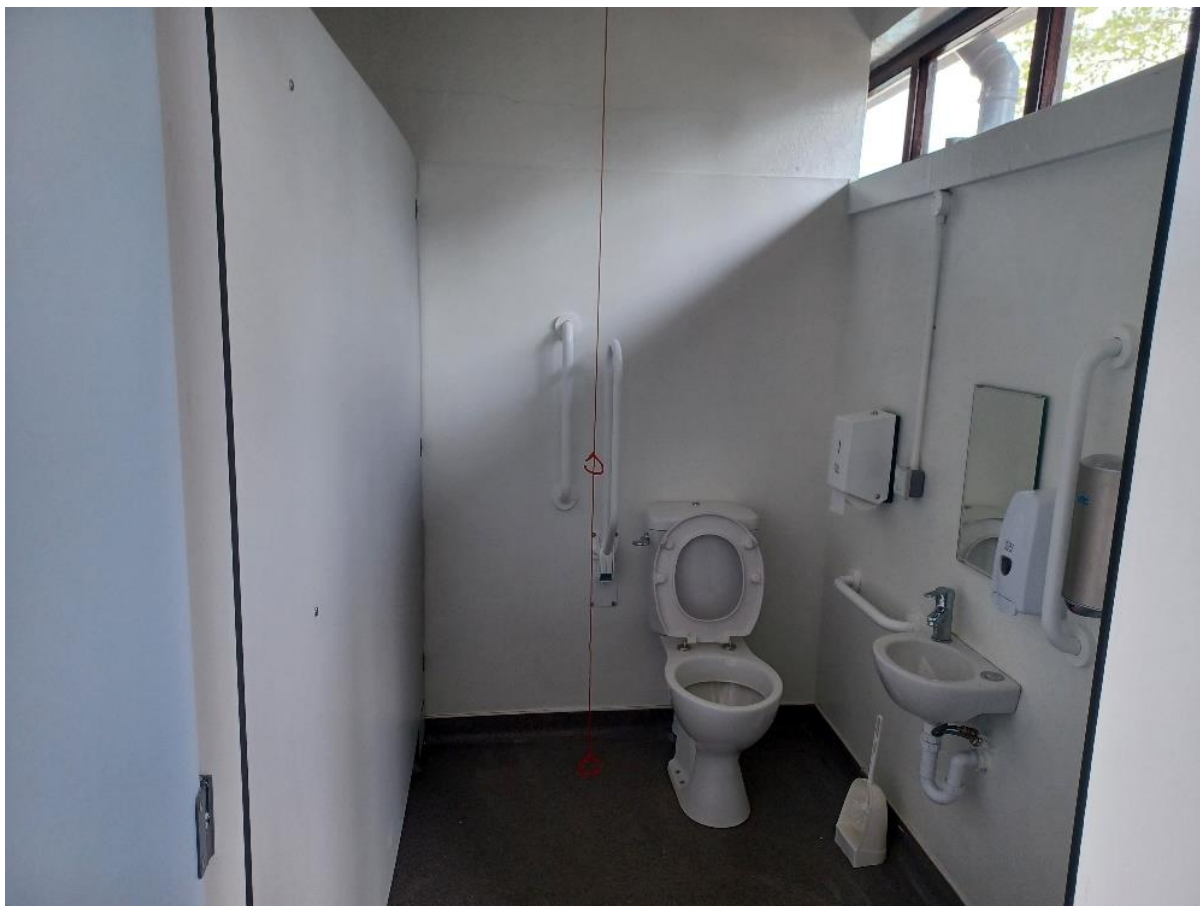
This project has now been fully completed and is a great asset for the village. There has been great feedback locally on this new enhanced facility. Below are some “before” & “after” images of the newly refurbished toilets.











## 6. Macroom Municipal District Civic Reception Awards Night

Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lucey hosted a Civic Reception to honour the awards won by various winning teams & individuals at underage, Ages 12 – 18 throughout Macroom Municipal District on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at The Castle Hotel Macroom. At this reception, Cllr Lucey presented Certificates to representatives of winning teams & individuals with over 750 certificates given out over the 2 nights.

Cllr Lucey acknowledged the great work being done locally by volunteers in local clubs to help these teenagers to achieve these awards and goals. Both evenings were a great success and show that commitment in community is alive and well.

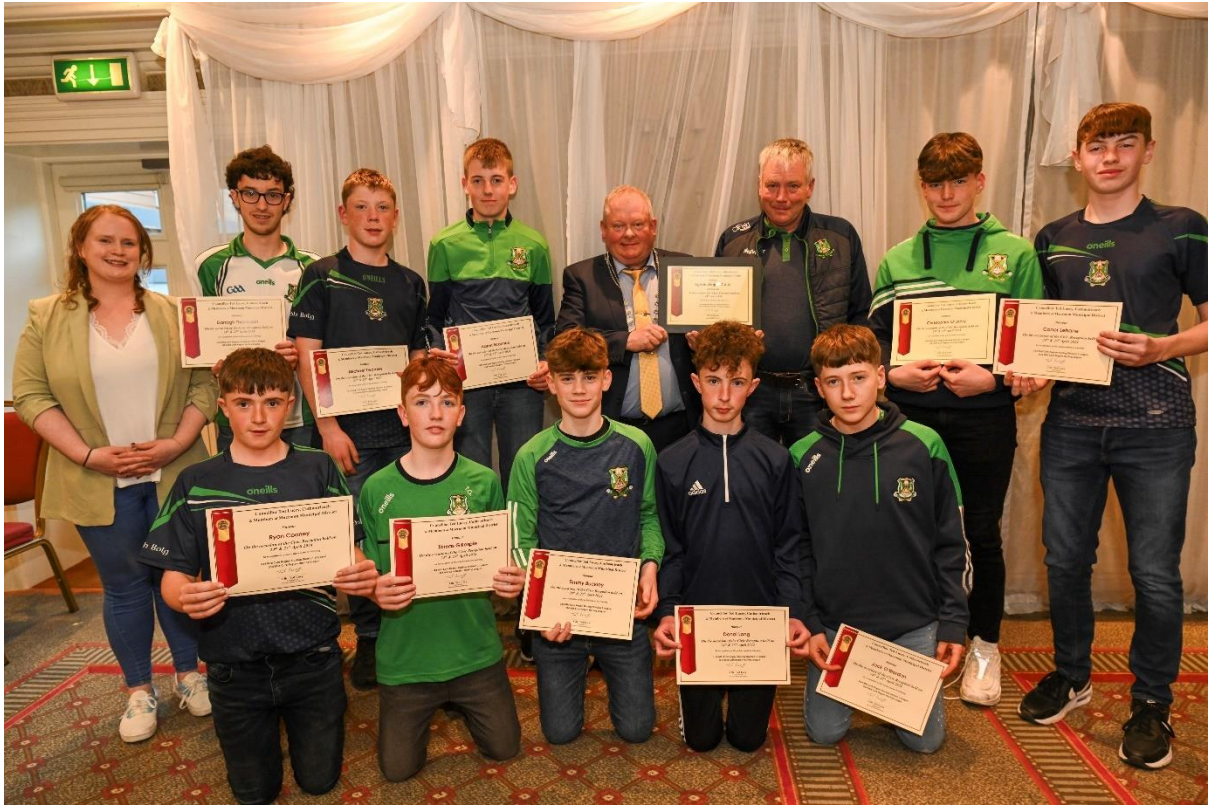
Below are some images of the nights.















## 7. 2024 Community Recognition Fund (CRF)

This Fund was recently launched by Dept of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) with the aim of supporting the development of community infrastructure & facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities who have welcomed and are hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries. Of this €50m National Fund, the allocation for Cork County Council is **€2,014,691**

Projects to be funded will be capital in nature, deliver medium-long term benefits for the communities in which they are located, and be capable of being delivered over the course of 2025 and 2026. Eligible projects will receive funding for capital costs, but not for any ongoing operational or running costs. The minimum level of funding for an individual project is €50,000 with a maximum of €500,000 applying for this Fund.

Types of projects eligible to be considered for funding include:

- development, enhancement or refurbishment of community or cultural facilities including play areas, walkways, parks, community/sensory gardens, allotments, and recreational areas;
- development, enhancement or refurbishment of local club and sports facilities including facilities such as community swimming pools, changing rooms, toilets, digital aids such as score / information boards etc.;
- enhancement to school/parish facilities which are open to use by all of the community after school hours;

- purchase of equipment for local clubs, festivals, community events and organisations e.g. music, arts or sports equipment;
- transport infrastructure such as the purchase of community vehicles, bus shelters and attendant information boards; (any vehicle funded must be in good condition and not more than 5 years old)
- projects that help address dereliction and/or wider local economic and community development objectives;
- purchase and refurbishment of vacant or derelict buildings for community use where a clear need is identified.
- Purchase of land and associated works for the development of community facilities such as play areas/ MUGAs or town parks/ community gardens, recreational areas etc. **(purchases must only be administered by the local authority).**

Further details on this Fund with Scheme outline & application form will be available on the Council's website, [www.corkcoco.ie](http://www.corkcoco.ie) or [www.yourcouncil.ie](http://www.yourcouncil.ie) . The application windows are as follows:

Application Window 1	Up to 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
Application Window 2	1 <sup>st</sup> Aug to 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2024
Application Window 3 (min 20% of allocation ring-fenced)	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2025 to 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2025

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