

## **Minutes of Macroom Municipal District Blended Meeting, which was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroom on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Present/I láthair:** Cllrs. Ted Lucey (Cathaoirleach), Michael Creed, Eileen Lynch, Martin Coughlan, Michael Looney & Gobnait Moynihan

**Attendance/Tinreamh:** Ms. Marie O'Leary, Municipal District Officer  
Mr. James Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Pat O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Catherine O'Shea, Assistant Staff Officer

**Apologies/Leath scéal:** Mr. Maurice Murphy, Senior Executive Officer

### **1. DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Cllr. Michael Creed and seconded by Cllr. Michael Looney the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 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 Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Lee Valley Inn, Dripsey – condition of building  
M. O'Leary, MDO said she is presently consulting with Cork County Council's Legal Department and is progressing matters based on their advice.
- (b) Coachford Village  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said as regards the Flood study for the village, it is planned to carry out a topographical survey in the middle of April.  
  
In relation to the flooding at the pitch, he said he met the Senior Engineer at the location and looked at the pipework, and agreed the best approach is to carry out a camera survey. He had no update on the footpath works.
- (c) Proposed Pedestrian Crossing at Minor Row, Millstreet  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said they were in the process of appointing Consultants to carry out a Safety Audit.
- (d) Road in Clonmoyle – L6768-31 – dangerous drop – could it be looked at?  
P. O'Sullivan, EE he will look at possibly carrying out drainage works during the year.
- (e) Dripsey Bridge – Mortar on bridge crumbling  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said they intend to carry out works to the bridge once consultants have been appointed.

- (f) Convent Cross, Rylane – extra Signage  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the signage has been ordered and the Lining Contractor will arrange to refresh the lining on the road.

#### **Councillor Michael Creed**

- (a) Roadside slippage on the Millstreet side of Carriginimma  
Cllr. Creed expressed his thanks to all involved in carrying out works at this location.
- (b) Baile Mhic Íre – Footpaths in a Poor State on the Eastern end coming from Macroom.  
J. Dwyer, SEE said these footpaths form part of the TII's Active Travel Measures and is presently waiting for proposals from them.
- (c) Two holes have appeared on the Old Railway Bridge at the Four Mile Bridge  
No update
- (d) Bridge at Carriganimna  
Following a query on insurance from Cllr. Creed, P O'Sullivan, EE responded that the Council generally seek to recoup costs from the driver's insurers.
- (e) Footpath from the Old Triangle up towards the Civic Amenity Site on the Killarney Road – Only Room for one Person -Verge Growing Out  
No update.
- (f) Pedestrian Crossing – Tarelton School  
No update

#### **Councillor Martin Coughlan**

- (a) Issue with Drains across the road from the Bull on the Cork Road, Macroom  
Cllr. Coughlan expressed his satisfaction at the works that were carried out.
- (b) Millstreet – Some kerbs are loose/wobbly.  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will arrange to have the loose slabs fixed.
- (c) High Street, Sleaveen over to the Church – Fallen Wall – Weeds/Briars growing onto the Road.
- (d) New Lights on the Bridge in Macroom  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he call out the electrician for this.

#### **Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

Cllr. Moynihan requested that the following items be held for the April meeting as she had connection issues while trying to join the meeting remotely.

- (a) Macroom Town Parking – Update
- (b) Signage - requesting a sign for Mallow and a sign for Killarney at Monument in Millstreet
- (c) Public sewerage pipe that is due to be replaced in Béal Átha nGhaorthaidh in the center of the village (R584-23).

- (d) Castlemore Cross update on re-design of that junction
- (e) Bus Route No. 220 - No longer stopping at Grange Manor Ovens
- (f) Sleaveen Road – Traffic Congestion
- (g) Coolavokig National School – Humps & Hollows
- (h) Pedestrian Crossing, Millstreet near the Post Office
- (i) Ballyvourney – Pedestrian Crossing
- (j) Bridge at Carriganimna – Damage
- (k) From the Millstreet Road onto the Bypass – lorry drivers cannot see the traffic coming from the right heading east due to the height of the signage.
- (l) Ballydaly – Install Public Lighting from the village out to the Community Hall

### **Councillor Ted Lucey**

- (a) Macroon - Water Pooling on the Main Street  
J. Dwyer, SEE said there are proposed works planned to be carried out by TII and he will follow up with them to ascertain when the works will be commencing.
- (b) Bus Stop on the Millstreet Road, Macroon  
No update
- (c) Pedestrian Crossing in Masseytown / Kilnagurteen  
No update
- (d) Footpath from New Bridge to Hartnetts Cross, Macroon & From the Old Triangle Pub back to the Graveyard – very mucky & requires cleaning.  
Cllr. Lucey expressed his satisfaction at the works that were carried out.
- (e) Cloghduv Village – lining faded.  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he has arranged with the Lining Contractor to carry out works.
- (f) Killumney Village – Lining Faded  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he has arranged with the Lining Contractor to carry out works.
- (g) Fitzgeralds Corner, Macoom – Very Dark  
J. Dwyer, SEE said this is on the Public Lighting Section's Programme of Works.
- (h) Millstreet – Up by the Graveyard – Lights Out  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he reported these to the Public Lighting Section
- (i) Grotto in Millstreet – Speed  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he contacted the Lining Contractor to refresh the lining by the grotto.
- (j) Briery Gap – Removal of Compound  
M. O'Leary, MDO said once the compound is removed it is planned to carry out some temporary public realm works.

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

#### (a) Community Fund Applications & Town Development Fund Allocations 2024

- **Community Fund Applications**

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. M. Creed  
Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. E. Lynch

Members expressed their satisfaction at the amount of funding that has been allocated and all agreed it was fairly distributed among the applicants.

However, the Members expressed their disappointment that some groups weren't eligible for funding this year due to the 3-yr rule but M O'Leary, MDO explained that the Community Fund guidelines clearly outlines this rule as part of the Fund.

- **Town Development Fund Allocations**

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

#### (b) Pride of Place 2024

M. O'Leary, MDO asked Members if they had any nominations to submit them to the office.

#### (c) Municipal District Officers Report

Members noted the Report as detailed.

#### (d) Discretionary Fund Applications

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Ovens/Farran Active Circle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding towards the cost of training members to use email, texting, on how to avoid scams etc.</li> </ul>
West Muskerry AC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchase of a Speaker</li> </ul>
Students undertaking Lourdes trips with Colaiste Gobnatan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel to Lourdes to help the sick and disabled people</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>€900</b>

M. O'Leary, MDO suggested that this Discretionary Fund will now only consider 1 application per school in relation to Transition Year students seeking funding for travel, i.e. max allocation to be considered per school application will now be €300 per Community Fund year. The Members agreed with this suggestion.

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

**4. FÓGRA ALT 183**  
**Section 183 Notice**

Grant of Right of Way at Clonteadmore, Coachford, Co. Cork, acquired by Cork County Council in 2002 to Tadhg Murphy for a consideration of €500.

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. E. Lynch  
Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. M. Looney

**5. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS**  
**VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

**6. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN**  
N/A

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

**Councillor Michael Creed**

- (a) Millstreet/Rathmore Road – L5218  
Cllr. Creed outlined that local residents are requesting the green bollards to show the road to the left by the crooked bridge.
- (b) Hollymount Bridge, Millstreet - in a very bad state  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will investigate.
- (c) Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) – When will works commence?  
P. O'Sullivan, EE outlined that works are due to commence in September/October.

**Councillor Martin Coughlan**

- (a) Coolmakee Road - Potholes
- (b) Flagpoles at the Town Hall, Macroom – Require replacing.  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate.

**Councillor Michael Looney**

- (a) Inniscarra Playground – cleaning  
M. O'Leary, MDO said she will ask contractor to carry out steam clean.
- (b) Berrings to Yellow House – Road very Bad – Needs resurfacing
- (c) Ballyshoneen – Children At Play Signs  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it was put up recently
- (d) Berrings School  
P.O'Sullivan said he will meet with Cllr Looney to look at it.

(e) Courtbrack Flooding

Cllr Looney said he had got permission from the landowner to lay a pipe through his field

**Councillor Eileen Lynch**

(a) Coachford – Query on building footpath from the new GP’s Surgery location on outskirts and into the Village

P. O’Sullivan, EE said that funding and design for a footpath would be two main issues to consider. He outlined that the road is quite narrow and therefore could entail requirement to knock walls and fences which are located on private property, but he will look at the area. He said the Driver Feedback Sign which is located near the GP Surgery will help.

(b) L6802 – Off the R5879 – Past Ballyshonnen towards Rea

Cllr. Lynch said the following works need to be carried out:

- Drainage
- Clearance works at the stream required

(c) Courtbrack Village – any plans to complete works

P. O’Sullivan, EE confirmed that there were no works planned at present.

(d) L6730 – Knockrour, Aghabullogue – Potholes

(e) Crookstown – Driver Feedback Signs for next year

M O’Leary, MDO outlined that consideration could be given when next allocation for the signs is decided.

(f) South Doc Out of Hours Service, Macroom – Update

Despite numerous letters & emails, M. O’Leary, MDO confirmed that no response has yet been received from the HSE in relation to this issue.

**Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

(a) Car Parking, Macroom - Update

M. O’Leary, MDO work is still going on but would hope to have an update for the next meeting.

(b) Cloghduv- Getting a Footpath from Ryecourt Woods to the Church

J. Dwyer, SEE said there is a footpath link with the estate to the footpath in the village. He said he was not aware of there is a plan to put a footpath at the main entrance.

(c) Coachford – Footpath towards the Garda Station/Creche

P. O’Sullivan, EE said this is tied in with the footpath at the school which is being led by the NTA and he will contact them for an update.

(d) Barrier on the old N22 West of the Mons

Cllr. Moynihan said there is a huge drop on the other side of the road and there is a gap in the barrier which is concerning. J. Dwyer, SEE said that there was an existing entrance to a field that had to be maintained.

(e) Bus Station, Macroom – Update Surrounding the Entrance

J. Dwyer, SEE said there are consultants looking at this entire area and junction to ascertain better pedestrian access there.


**Councillor Ted Lucey**

- (a) Lights out at Chapel Hill, Macroom
- (b) Rusheen Road – near the Sandpit – Road in Bad Condition  
J. Dwyer, SEE he will arrange to carry out drainage works.
- (c) Large Pothole – Turning off Caseys Road turning right on the main Road (near Ovens) on the Yellow Line of the Hard Shoulder.  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the will need to get funding from TII to carry out works.
- (d) Rubbish Collection – Easter Weekend  
In response to Cllr. Lucey's request to roster staff to come in Saturday and Monday to clear the rubbish, J. Dwyer, SEE said he would arrange same.
- (e) Raised Footpath from Fitzgerald's Bookshop to the Bus Depot. Macroom

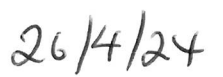
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**This concluded the business of the meeting**

  
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