

## **Minutes of Macroom Municipal District Blended Meeting, which was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroom on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 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. Martin Coughlan and seconded by Cllr. Eileen Lynch the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 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 Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Macroom Town Parking – Update  
M. O'Leary, MDO said she hopes to have update for next meeting.
- (b) Signage - requesting a sign for Mallow and a sign for Killarney at Monument in Millstreet  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it is proposed to erect the sign within a couple of weeks.
- (c) Castlemore Cross update on re-design of that junction  
No update
- (d) Bus Route No. 220 - No longer stopping at Grange Manor Ovens  
M. O'Leary, MDO informed the Members that she received correspondence from the Bus Connects Team, NTA which confirmed that the new route 1 replaces route 220 and it will run 24-hours. It will serve Classes Lake and terminate at Dell. The new route 2b was extended to serve parts of Ballincollig that do not currently have a bus service, including the Killumney Road area. It will run to Grange Manor. This new route will retain direct city centre links while also creating some new links, including with Cork University Hospital. They were unable to justify a 24-hour service on route 2b, but it will run every 30 minutes from early in the morning to late at night seven days per week.

Cllr. Moynihan said these changes were made to her knowledge without any public consultation. She said the bus stop should be kept in Grange Manor as opposed to being moved into Dell, a private entity, which is part of the current proposal.

On the proposal of Cllr. Moynihan, seconded by Cllr. Lucey it was agreed to write to the Minister of Transport outlining the Members concerns and dissatisfaction. M. O'Leary, MDO will write to the Minister as requested.

- (e) Coolavokig National School – Humps & Hollows  
J. Dwyer, SEE outlined that they were unsuccessful in their funding application. In response to Cllr. Moynihan, J. Dwyer, SEE said he can apply again for funding next year potentially when it opens.
- (f) Pedestrian Crossing, Millstreet near the Post Office  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the plan is to leave the bollards as they appear to be working well. He said there needs to be a few tweaks made to the Pedestrian Crossing.
- (g) Bridge at Carriganimna – Damage  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he spoke to the Bridge Engineer who confirmed it has gone out for tender.
- (h) 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.  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he brought this to the attention of the Bypass team who confirmed that they were aware of it.
- (i) Ballydaly – Install Public Lighting from the village out to the Community Hall  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said there is no public footpath between the village and the community hall. He outlined that there are 2 lights at the hall presently. Cllr. Moynihan queried if there was a footpath needed. P. O'Sullivan, EE said he would investigate.
- (j) Bus Station, Macroom – Update Surrounding the Entrance  
No update.
- (k) Gap in Barrier on the old N22 West of the Mons  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the gap was an existing entrance to a field. He said the Design Team are working on a plan which will include maintaining the access for the landowner. Cllr. Moynihan said it needs to be made safer at night.

#### **Councillor Michael Creed**

- (a) Bridge at Carriganimna  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the old crash barriers were damaged near the bridge and he would apply for funding under the Low-Cost Scheme next year to have them replaced.
- (b) Hollymount Bridge, Millstreet - in a poor state  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said they were carrying out works to make it safe.
- (c) Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) – Change of Criteria  
Following a query from Cllr Creed regarding criteria changes to the LIS Scheme, J Dwyer, SEE outlined that they are currently assessing them. He confirmed that 4 schemes have been approved for 2024. Regarding a question as to whether they had sufficient manpower to complete them, J Dwyer SEE confirmed this was not an issue at present.

#### **Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Lee Valley Inn, Dripsey – condition of building  
M. O'Leary, MDO said it is progressing.

- (b) Coachford Village  
P. O'Sullivan, EE outlined the topographical survey was due to be carried out in early May and this will then be followed by the Flood Study.
- (c) Proposed Pedestrian Crossing at Minor Row, Millstreet  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said they are awaiting the appointment of Consultants to carry out a Safety Audit.
- (d) Road in Clonmoyle – L6768-31 – dangerous drop – could it be looked at?  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said it is hoped to carry out drainage works at the end of the year.
- (e) Dripsey Bridge – Mortar on bridge crumbling - Update  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will contact the Bridge Design Engineer for an update.
- (f) Convent Cross, Rylane – extra Signage  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the signs have been delivered and will arrange to erect them.
- (g) L6802 – Off the R5879 – Past Ballyshonnen towards Rea  
No update

#### **Councillor Michael Looney**

- (a) Berrings to Yellow House – road quite bad and requires resurfacing  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said that as it has deteriorated, he has removed it from the Surface Dressing Programme and now plans to put it onto next year's RI Programme with a full overlay being done on it at that point.
- (b) Berrings School  
Will arrange to meet next week
- (c) Choghroe Signs  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said the signs have been delivered and will arrange to erect them.

#### **Councillor Martin Coughlan**

- (a) High Street, Sleaveen over to the Church – Fallen Wall – Weeds/Briars growing onto the Road.  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will talk to the Contractor about getting the hedge cut.
- (b) Flagpoles at the Town Hall, Macroom – Require replacing.  
J. Dwyer, SEE said 3 no. flag poles could be fitted outside the town hall around the fountain area behind the bollards. Cllr. Moynihan said she supported Cllr. Coughlan.

#### **Councillor Ted Lucey**

- (a) Macroom - Water Pooling on the Main Street  
No update
- (b) Bus Stop on the Millstreet Road, Macroom  
No update
- (c) Footpath from the From the Old Triangle Pub back to the Graveyard – very mucky & requires cleaning.  
J. Dwyer, SEE said this work will be carried out as soon as possible.

- (d) Cloghduv Village/Killumney Village – lining faded.  
J. Dwyer, SEE said it is planned to replenish the lining in the next few weeks.
- (e) Millstreet – Up by the Graveyard – Lights Out  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he reported these to the Public Lighting Section and is waiting on a response.
- (f) Briery Gap – Removal of Compound  
M. O'Leary, MDO said that the project is on target with construction phase due to be completed and building handed back to Cork County Council on 15<sup>th</sup> May.
- (g) Rusheen Road – near the Sandpit – Road in Bad Condition  
No update
- (h) 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 staff are currently filling potholes on the N22 with that one to be included. He said he has made a Geo App submission to TII to carry out a much bigger patch but it was not approved.
- (i) Pedestrian Crossing, Masseytown  
As there was still no update, Cllr. Lucey proposed speaking to Maurice Murphy, SEO to ascertain if he could move it along which was seconded by Cllr. Moynihan.

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

#### (a) **Municipal District Officers Report**

Members noted the Report as detailed.

- Macroom Municipal District Civic Reception Awards Night – 24 & 25 April  
All Members thanked Cllr. Lucey for hosting the Civic Reception and agreed that it was a great success.
- CLÁR Fund 2024  
In response to Cllr. Lynch, M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed that CLÁR provides 90% of the cost with 10% match funding to come from the applicant.
- 2024 Community Recognition Fund (CRF)  
In response to Cllr. Lynch, M. O'Leary, MDO said that the fund provides 100% funding, but the project must be completed in the specified time period. She said if the applicant applies for Window 1 and is not successful, their application will be retained and can be considered under the 2 other windows. In response to Cllr. Creed, M O'Leary, MDO confirmed that this fund is only open to community groups & not private individuals who might be hosting Ukrainians.

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

Lease of Former Fire Station, Millstreet, Co. Cork to Liam Flynn, Jerry O'Riordan, Tim Murphy as Trustees of Millstreet Men's Shed for 4 years, 11 months for a consideration of €1,000 per annum.

Proposed/ Ar Moladh:	Cllr. T. Lucey
Seconded/ Cuidithe:	Cllr. E. Lynch

**5. CHUN NA RUIN SEO LEANAS ÓN GCOMHAIRLEOIR A MHEAS:  
To consider the following Notice of Motions in the name of:**

**Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan**

1. Íarr ar an Comhairle cinntú, go ndéantar an obair riachtnach ar na pipoaí uisce ag na piopaí searcháis ag an aom ceanna, ar mbothar R584 í Béal Átha nGhaorthaidh. Níl aon brí nú tairbhe le an príomh bothar í mBéal Átha nGhaorthaidh a dhunadh go dtí an phobal, ar feadh Mí, agus gan na dha jabanna a dheanamh ag an t-aom céanna.

Ask this Council (in partnership with Uisce Éireann), ensure that the replacing of the water pipes on road R584 í Béal Átha nGhaorthaidh, occur at the same time as and the waste water pipes replacements works. It makes no sense to close the Main Street in Béal Átha nGhaorthaidh to the public, for potentially a full month, and not actually carry out all the necessary pipe replacement works, at the one time.

**Ba cheart don SB seo scríobh chuig Uisce Éireann á iarraidh go ndéanfaidh siad athmhachnamh faoina gcinneadh gan athsholáthair an phríomhphíobáin uisce a chur**

**This MD should write to Uisce Éireann requesting that they reconsider their decision not to include the water main replacement as part of the upcoming work.**

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Cllrs. Moynihan, Creed & Lucey expressed their thanks to J. Dwyer, SEE for arranging to have all the works carried out together in September.

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2. Íarr ar an Comhairle, bacainn sabhála do shaghas eigín a chur ar an bealach coisithe agus tú dul isteach í ardán Coill Ryecourt , ó mbothair L2205.

Ask this Council to install the necessary safety barrier required at the pedestrian entrance to Ryecourt Wood off the main road L2205.

**Níor glacadh an fhorbairt seo faoi chúram na Comhairle fós – Déanfaidh mé teagmháil leis an bhforbróir d'fhonn an fhadhb seo a réiteach.**

**This development is not yet taken in charge by the Council – I will make contact with the developer to try and resolve this issue.**

James Dwyer  
Senior Executive Engineer

**Discretionary Fund Applications**

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
• Clondrohid, Carriganimma, Muinefliuch Active Retired Group	• Funding towards the cost of hiring a bus for Active Retired Outing to Doneraile House & Gardens
<b>Total</b>	€300

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

**6. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS**  
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

**7. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN**  
VOTES OF CONDOLENCES.

- Michael Kelleher, Gurteenroe, Macroom RIP
- Richard Graham, Main Street, Macroom RIP

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

**Councillor Michael Creed**

- (a) Footpath at the Old Triangle on the Old N22, Macroom  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will endeavour to carry out the work when resources allow.
- (b) Morrison's Bridge - Update  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will request an update from the Bridge Engineer. In response to Cllr. Lucey querying if the bridge could be made wider, J. Dwyer, SEE said the scale of the work would be enormous and it would be very costly.
- (c) Section of Road from Carrigadrohid to Beal na Marbh in a bad state
- (d) Mount Cross Junction – Update  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the surveys have been completed and the Road Design Team have spoken to the Landowners and they hope to have an updated design to show to the Members shortly. In response to Cllr. Creed, J. Dwyer, SEE confirmed that land will need to be acquired.

**Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- (a) L2773 – Newcastle – Flooding - Parts of the Road Coming Away  
Cllr. Looney confirmed he spoke to the Landowner who has no problem with diverting the water. P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will liaise with the Landowner.
- (b) Coachford
  - Public Lighting on the Footpath from the GAA Pitch out of the Village  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will put it on the list. Cllr. Moynihan said she supports Cllr. Lynch and said she is aware that there is ducting there as it was planned to install public lighting previously.
  - Parts of the Ground outside the GAA Pitch is very rough and is a trip hazard  
Cllr. Lynch queried if it was in public ownership. P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will investigate.
- (c) Mathehy – L6797 – Works to be done  
Cllr. Lynch said that trucks are not coming up the hill from Fox's Bridge and are using this road instead. Could laybys be installed on the road? P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will investigate; however he said funding for laybys is an issue.
- (d) L7474 & L7475 – Very Bad Potholes

- (e) Cloghduv – Eastern Side by Old Creamery  
J. Dwyer, SEE said they did some repairs on a section of the road.
- (f) Pedestrian Crossing, Tarelton  
No update
- (g) Tarelton School Signage  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will arrange to get the damaged sign above the school repaired and will look at what other signs are required

#### **Councillor Michael Looney**

- (a) 50km Sign on Dounghmore Road, Coachford– Water lodging alongside the Ditch.  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said he will investigate.
- (b) Macroom By-Pass – Car Damaged by Deer – Who is Responsible  
J. Dwyer, SEE suggesting speaking to Cork County Council’s Insurance Department for clarification.

#### **Councillor Martin Coughlan**

- (a) Bridge in Macroom – Lights on the Western Side Not Working  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will contact the Electrician.
- (b) Macroom Playground – Overgrown Shrubbery  
Cllr. Coughlan requested that a Tree Surgeon is engaged to carry out the necessary works. Cllr. Moynihan supported Cllr. Coughlan. J. Dwyer, SEE said there are alternative views as to whether the shrubbery should be cut back, some people are not in favour of it. Cllr. Coughlan said people are dumping bags of household rubbish etc and it is a serious health hazard and needs a complete overhaul. J. Dwyer, SEE said he will investigate.
- (c) N22 Macroom - Between 2 Mile Bridge and 4 Mile Bridge – 2 Right Turning Roads  
Cllr. Coughlan requested that a “Prepare to Stop, Right Turning” sign is erected before approaching the two roads. J. Dwyer, SEE said he has already raised this with the TII and will follow up with them again. Cllr. Lucey supported Cllr. Coughlan.

#### **Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

- (a) Millstreet Cross – Design a Safe Junction for People Driving and Walking  
J. Dwyer, SEE said the design is presently being prepared. Cllr. Lucey said he has been talking to the landowner and the news is positive.
- (b) Coachford – Speed Through Village - Ramps  
P. O’Sullivan, EE said that speed is a matter for An Garda Síochána but he will arrange to carry out a speed survey. He said that there were Driver Feedback Signs entering the village which should help.
- (c) Canopy, Millstreet  
M. O’Leary, MDO said it is planned to temporarily move 2 canopies to the front of the Briery Gap in preparation of the public realm works. One from Millstreet and the other from the North Square and both will be relocated back once the works are complete.

In response to Cllr. Coughlan regarding getting them cleaned. M. O’Leary, MDO said the artificial grass is being removed and it is planned to power wash them.

Cllr. Lucey requested that the canopy at North Square be kept in its current location, if possible.

In response to Cllr. Moynihan regarding how long they will be relocated, M. O'Leary, MDO said possibly until early next year as there is a detailed design being carried out presently for the public realm project and when completed it will then have to go for tender. Cllr. Moynihan said while she welcomed the public realm project she strongly objected to the Millstreet canopy being relocated to Macroom. M. O'Leary, MDO explained that it is not easy to get canopies now, the lead in time is very lengthy.

Cllr. Moynihan requested that the canopy for Millstreet not be moved to Macroom.

Cllr. Coughlan suggested moving the canopy outside the Town Hall be moved instead of the one in North Square. Cllr Lynch supported Cllr Coughlan and agreed that the canopy should stay in Millstreet.

M. O'Leary, MDO said she takes their comments on board and will discuss with M. Murphy, SEO to see if an alternative plan can be put in place instead. She informed the Members the Briery Gap is due to be handed back to Cork County Council on 15<sup>th</sup> May.

(d) Lower Farran Road – Grass Cutting at the Junction

J. Dwyer, SEE said there will be a Contractor commencing cutting in the next two weeks.

**Councillor Ted Lucey**

(a) Mill Dam – branch of tree growing out – obstructing pedestrians walking.

**May Meeting**

M. O'Leary, MDO said the meeting in May will be held as normal on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday and will most likely be a Statutory Meeting only.

**Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú**

**This concluded the business of the meeting**

  
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