

**Minutes of Macroom Municipal District Blended Meeting, which was held in  
the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroom on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

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

**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. Eileen Lynch and seconded by Cllr. Ted Lucey, the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 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) Bridge at Carriganimna – Damage  
P. O'Sullivan, EE confirmed that the Contractor has started and is due to finish there next week.
- (b) Briery Gap – Ramp near Loading Bay  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he was looking at the possibility of putting 3 no. bollards on the western side of the yellow box at Duggans Lane. He said there is no easy solution.

**Councillor Ted Lucey**

- (a) Macroom - Water Pooling on the Main Street
- (b) Pedestrian Crossing, Masseytown
- (c) Rusheen Road – near the Sandpit – Road in Bad Condition
- (d) Back Square, Macroom – Lining needs to be updated
- (e) Level of Sewage spilling into the River from the Treatment Plant at St. Colman's Park, Macroom
- (f) Oakwood Estate, Macroom – Ramp Required as you come down from the new development.
- (g) Sleaveen Hill, Macroom (Coming Down) – Open Gulley – Narrow Road

- (h) Pedestrian Crossing at Boys School, Macroom
- (i) Killumney – Speed
- (j) Lios na Fé, Macroom – Wall needs to be Recapped
- (k) Public Lighting Programme
- (l) Toames – Gravel on the Road

#### **Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Terelton School Signage and Pedestrian Crossing
- (b) Clondrohid Village – Speed Through Village
- (c) High Street, Macroom – Very narrow
- (d) Aghabullogue Graveyard – Gates in Poor Condition
- (e) Street Lights at Priests Cross, Millstreet
- (f) Model Village, Dripsey
- (g) Bealnamorrive – Flashing School Light not Working
- (h) Bealnamorrive (Coachford side) and Aghabullogue - Speed Signs
- (i) Grotto Road, Model Village, Dripsey – Is it on a Roads Programme

#### **Councillor Michael Looney**

- (a) Berrings School – Lining Works
- (b) Berrings to Yellow House – road in quite poor condition and requires resurfacing.
- (c) Cloghroe Signs
- (d) Shronagh Line – Gort Bridge – Rubbish Dumped
- (e) Derry Cross
- (f) Firmount – Stuaque Feedback Lights Not Working
- (g) Waterloo – Knocknasnuff– Patcher required

#### **Councillor Martin Coughlan**

- (a) Hedgecutting in the Macroom Town and Coolyhane Road
- (b) Coolyhane Road – Resurfacing
- (c) Lights on the Bridge in Macroom – Handrails not working

### **Councillor Michael Creed**

- (a) Hollymount Bridge, Millstreet - in a poor state – has it gone for tender
- (b) Morrisons Bridge- in a poor state – has it gone for tender
- (c) Inchigeelagh to Reinaree Road – Road Sagging/Overhanging Trees
- (d) Ballymakeera Village – Active Travel Proposals Through Village
- (e) Rylane Village – Speed Survey
- (f) Footpath by the Old Triangle, Macroom – in urgent need of works
- (g) Toames – Open Gulley
- (h) ESB Bridge at the 4 Mile Bridge, Macroom – requires necessary works

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

- (a) **Municipal District Officer's Report**  
Members noted the Report as detailed.
- (b) **Derelict Sites Report for Macroom Municipal District**  
Members noted the Derelict Sites Report which was circulated prior to the meeting.

In response to Cllr. Moynihan's query regarding the Town Regeneration Officer arranging a meeting to update Members, M. O'Leary, MDO said she would contact the TRO regarding this matter. In response to Cllr. Coughlan's query regarding Derelict Sites added to the list, M. O'Leary, MDO said the Town Regeneration Office are assessing the condition of buildings on a regular basis and the list is updated accordingly. She outlined that regular updates will be issued to the Members.

- (c) **Christmas Parking 2024 Proposal for Macroom**

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

- (d) **Discretionary Fund Applications**

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Cór Chill na Martra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Funding towards financial costs associated with organising their fundraising Christmas Concert in aid of Blood Bike South and Our Lady's Children Hospital, Crumlin – 'Ceiliúradh na Nollag 2024, Séipéal Naomh Lachtaín 06-12-2024.</li></ul>
Dr. Con Kelleher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Contribution towards a book that he is currently writing on the history of Macroom</li></ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>€600</b>

Proposed/ Ar Moladh: Cllr. M. Coughlan  
Seconded/ Cuidithe: Cllr. G. Moynihan

4. **ALT 38**  
**SECTION 38**

- Footpath in Ballynora.

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

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

Íarr ar an Comhairle suirbhé a dheanamh ar an luas ag dul trád an mbaile, Clochdubh.

Ask this Council to carry out a speed survey in the village of Cloughduv

Freagra

Rinne an Chomhairle suirbhé luais sa sráidbhaile roimhe seo ach b'iomchuí an suirbhé seo a athdheanamh anois leis an méid forbartha atá déanta sa sráidbhaile ó shin. Eagróidh mé an suirbhé céanna thar na seachtainí atá le teacht.

Response

The Council carried out a speed survey in the village previously but it would be appropriate now to re do this survey given the amount of development that has taken place. I will organise same over the coming weeks.

James Dwyer  
Senior Executive Engineer

- 2) Íarr ar an Comhairle tuairisc a thabhairt, ar cad atá ag tarlúint, leis na cuig tithe í dTír Eiltín, í Estát Faithín, atá folamh lena blianta agus gantanas tithíocht ins an gceantar

Ask the Council to give an update on the 5 houses in An Faithín Estate Tarelton, that are on the Derelict Site Register. It is shame to see these 5 house fall to disrepair in the middle of the village, when there is a huge demand for properties to buy/rent locally.

Freagra

Cuireadh na 5 réadmhaoín in An Fáithín Estate, Tír Eiltín ar Chlár na Láithreán Tréigthe le heisiúint Ailt 8 (2) agus Ailt 8 (7) Fógraí faoin Acht um Láithreáin Tréigthe. Is í an chéad chéim eile sa phróiseas seo má fhanann na 5 réadmhaoín seo i mbail thréigthe ná Fógra Ailt 11 a eisiúint faoin reachtaíocht. Tá an próiseas seo ar bun faoi láthair.

Response

The 5 properties in An Fáithín Estate, Tarelton have been placed on the Derelict Sites Register with the issuing of Section 8 (2) and Section 8 (7) Notices under the Derelict Sites Act. The next step in this process if these properties remain in a derelict condition is to issue a Section 11 Notice under the legislation. This process is currently underway.

Marie O'Leary,  
Municipal District Officer

**6. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS**  
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Cllr. Lynch expressed her congratulations to:
  - to the villages in the Municipal District who were successful in the recent Muintir na Tire awards.
  - Aghinagh GAA on the launch of their recent book

**7. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN**  
VOTES OF CONDOLENCES

N/A

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

**Councillor Ted Lucey**

- (a) Macroom Bridge – trees caught in 2 eyes  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will look at it.
- (b) New Bridge to Hartnetts Cross – Works on the Road will not happen before Christmas – Can Temporary works be carried out  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he will arrange to send the patcher.
- (c) Cloughduv  
J. Dwyer, SEE said he had a walkabout with the local Committee who pointed out the various issues that they felt needed to be addressed. He said he will do a sketch with a few proposals prioritising what they have asked for which includes a pedestrian crossing at the junction outside the church, the location of the speed limit signs at the eastern side of the village and at the new development at the western side.

**Councillor Eileen Lynch**

- (a) Lead's Cross L7475 – potholes with grass in the middle of the Road  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will investigate.
- (b) ESB Walkway, Dripsey – Tarmac in bad condition  
Cllr. Lynch requested that ESB are contacted advising them that the tarmac needs to be cleared. Cllr. Moynihan supported Cllr. Lynch.
- (c) Rylane – By New Playground – Speed Survey Report  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will have to repeat the test as the number of cars recorded was very low.
- (d) Lack of Parking at Lyons Tce, and Fr. Sheehan Place Coachford  
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he make enquires as who would be responsible for the parking in those areas.
- (e) Coachford Flooding  
Cllr. Lynch said she wanted to commend the work that has been carried out to help rectify the situation.

### **Councillor Gobnait Moynihan**

(a) Cloghduv

Cllr. Moynihan queried the following:

- If the Flashing School Sign could be moved 10ft East beyond the Shop
- Would the narrowing of the road impact where the pedestrian crossing will be located.

J. Dwyer, SEE said its best to wait to see what happens with the proposed redevelopment of the old pub. He said the narrowing of the junction would make it easier for crossing and would increase the parking.

(b) Johnstown Village - Signs

J. Dwyer, SEE said the signs are ordered.

(c) Barracks Cross Kilmurry – Stop Sign Required – People are not stopping.

J. Dwyer, SEE said that he will arrange to erect a sign and refresh line marking.

(d) Cork Street, Macroom – Speed

Cllr. Moynihan said with the Bypass now in place there is less traffic travelling through the town and the speed of vehicles has increased as a result. She outlined that a pedestrian crossing is required. J. Dwyer, SEE said the location of the Pedestrian Crossing could be challenging but will look at it.

(e) Ballyvourney – Bring Sites are Gone in the Church Yard – Can they be located elsewhere

J. Dwyer, SEE said this is a matter for the Environment Department and he will follow up with them.

### **Councillor Martin Coughlan**

(a) Coachford Cross – Shrubbery – Sight Line Obstructed

J. Dwyer, SEE said he will arrange to have them pruned by a landscaping contractor.

### **Councillor Michael Looney**

(a) Berrings School – Road Lining

P. O'Sullivan, EE said this work will be carried out during the mid-term break.

(b) Coachford – Water Lodging

P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will investigate.

(c) Cloghroe Sign

P. O'Sullivan, EE said the sign has been delivered and will arrange to erect it.

(d) Firmount & Stuake – Speed Sign not Working

P. O'Sullivan, EE said he had reported them to the Maintenance Contractor

(e) Donoughmore Cross to Creans Cross – Continuous White Line

P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will look at the possibility of painting "SLOW" on the road.

### **Councillor Michael Creed**

(a) "Boil Water" Notice, Macroom

Cllr. Creed expressed his frustration at the prolonged "Boil Water" Notice in operation for Macroom and requested that Uisce Éireann are contacted for an update on this urgent issue. Cllr. Lucey supported Cllr. Creed and outlined that this issue will be part of the discussions when the Council meets with Uisce Éireann in the coming weeks.

(b) Slieveveigh near Co. Bounds – Potholes

(c) Caum Church – Water Ponding

(d) Carriganimna – Crash Barriers Near the Bridge

P. O'Sullivan, EE said funding is the main issue, and he would apply for funding under the Low-Cost Scheme next year to have them replaced.

### **James Dwyer, SEE**

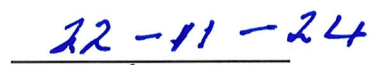
One Way System – High Street, Macroom

J. Dwyer, SEE circulated drawings of what is proposed to the Members. He said this would be introduced on a trial basis for 3 months and it will be advertised in the local media in the next few weeks and will be open for public consultation. He said, subject to the outcome of the public consultation, it is hoped to begin the trial early next year.

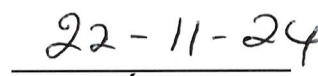
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**This concluded the business of the meeting**

  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**

  
**DÁTA**

  
**OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH**

  
**DÁTA**