

Minutes of Macroom Municipal District Blended Meeting, which was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroom on Friday 28th March 2025

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

Attendance/Tinreamh: Mr. Maurice Murphy, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Marie O'Leary, Municipal District Officer
Mr. Pat O'Sullivan, Executive Engineer
Ms. Patricia Lehane, Assistant Engineer
Ms. Catherine O'Shea, Assistant Staff Officer

Apologies/Leath scéal: Ms. Teresa O'Donovan, Municipal District Manager
Mr. James Dwyer, Senior Executive Engineer

1. DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. Ted Lucey and seconded by Cllr. Martin Coughlan, the Minutes of the proceedings of the Macroom Municipal District Meeting held on Friday 28th February 2025 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 Ted Lucey

- (a) New Wastewater Pipe in Macroom Town – Update
M. Murphy, SEO confirmed that there was no update. Cllr. Lucey stressed that this was very urgent and a response is needed from Uisce Éireann as soon as possible, he said the resurfacing works were progressing in the town and it was vital that the pipe works should be carried out at the same time as these works.
- (b) Pedestrian Crossing, Masseytown
P. Lehane, AE said that J. Dwyer, SEE was presently reviewing drawings.
- (c) Lios na Fé, Macroom – Wall needs to be Recapped.
- (d) Macroom Bridge – trees caught in 2 of the eyes
P. Lehane, AE said that J. Dwyer, SEE is presently putting a plan of works together.

Councillor Martin Coughlan

- (a) Coolcower Picnic Area – Funding secured by Tidy Towns for project
P. Lehane, AE said the drawings have been completed and J. Dwyer, SEE is currently reviewing them.

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Coolcower Picnic Area
In response to Cllr. Moynihan regarding the drawings for the proposed footpath, P. Lehane, AE confirmed that J. Dwyer, SEE has received a copy of them from TII.
- (b) Baile Bhuirne – Bring Site removed from Church Yard – Can they be located elsewhere
M. O'Leary, MDO confirmed there was no update.

- (c) Ballydaly near the Hall – Public Lighting required
P. O'Sullivan, EE confirmed he was waiting to hear from the Supplier regarding signage.
- (d) Liscahane Road, Millstreet – Speed Survey
P. O'Sullivan, EE circulated the results of the recent Speed Survey undertaken. He outlined that speed through this area was high, 69% of traffic exceeded the speed limit of 50 km/h. In response to Cllr. Moynihan's query on potential mitigating measures, P. O'Sullivan, EE said that while funding was an issue, signage could be added. In response to Cllr. Moynihan's suggestion regarding installing ramps, P. O'Sullivan, EE said again funding was the issue but also there are a lot of houses on this road, and therefore they wouldn't be an ideal solution. Cllr. Creed said that as there is a haulage company nearby frequently using this road, he wouldn't be in favour of installing ramps. P. O'Sullivan, EE said he would have a look at adding additional signage and refreshing road markings. Cllr. Moynihan said she will continue to make the case for ramps to be installed.
- (e) 2024 Speed Activated Signs – Update
- Carriganimna
P. O'Sullivan, EE confirmed that the location has been agreed.
 - Farran
P. Lehane, EE said they are waiting for the signage company to carry out the works.
- (f) Crannóg Estate, Ovens – Water Pooling at the Entrance
P. Lehane, AE said the gullies have been cleared out.

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Firmount – Stuke Feedback Lights Not Working
In response to Cllr. Looney's query regarding installing two ramps at each side of the Feedback Lights, P. O'Sullivan, EE said the junction will be resurfaced and road marking will be carried out.
- (b) Creans Cross to Donoghmore Cross – Speed – SLOW Signs on Road
P. O'Sullivan, EE said this is on the list of works to be carried out by the Lining Contractor.

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Footpath from the Old Triangle out the Killarney Road – Bad Condition
P. Lehane, AE said these works are due to be carried out next week
- (b) Morrissons Bridge – really dangerous
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he hopes to have an update for the next meeting.
- (c) Wall in Codrum, Macroom

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

- (a) **Community Fund Applications and Town Development Fund Allocations for 2025**

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

(b) **Municipal District Officer's Report**

Members noted the Report as detailed.

2024 Community Recognition Fund – Update

In response to Cllr. Moynihan, M. Murphy, SEO confirmed that a total of 8 no. applications formed part of Cork County Council submission to the Dept, of which Macroom MD had 2 no. successful applications included in this total.

M. Murphy, SEO said all the funding was very welcome and that by making provisions through match funding this reserve would put us in a good position for future funding applications that the Council may put forward from the MD.

Greening of Macroom Town Hall

Cllr. Coughlan said the greening of the lights for St. Patrick's Day looked very well. He asked that the western side of the Castle would be lit up.

(c) **Discretionary Fund Applications**

Group/Organisation	Brief Description of Request
Cork Limousin Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Trophies, Rosettes, Food, etc.
Comoradh Iosogain, Baile Mhuire	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Remembrance Bench & Stand for Mich��el O Leonard, Principal & Teacher Gairmscoil Ghobnatan agus Colaiste Ghobnatan, Baile Mhuirne
C��r Chill na Martra	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mixing and Producing Recorded Material from Christmas Concert Last December
Masseytown Community Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Planting of 17 Flower Boxes on the Railings of O'Connor Park and maintaining same.
St. Mary's Secondary School, Macroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none">TY Students won a competition called Euroscola where the students created a video outlining the key policy issues for EU citizens which they will be presenting to the European Parliament in Strasbourg. They require funding towards flights and accommodation.
Dan Corkery Residents Association, Macroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Funding towards the purchase of a strimmer.
Total	��1,800

Proposed/ Ar Moladh:
Seconded/ Cuidithe:

Cllr. G. Moynihan
Cllr. T. Lucey

4. F  GRA ALT 183
Section 183 Notice

Disposal of land at Vicar's Glebe, Coachford, Co. Cork.

Deferred to the April Meeting

Proposed/ Ar Moladh:
Seconded/ Cuidithe:

Cllr. T. Lucey
Cllr. M. Looney

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

Cllr. Michael Creed

I am asking Macroom Municipality District to write to Uisce Éireann as to what is their timeframe for doing works in An Faithinn estate in Trelton to bring it up to the desired standard so that the residents that have purchased expensive houses there can live in an estate this is fit for purpose?

Response

"Thank you for your email. I have reviewed the information regarding your query pertaining to the reinstatement issues at An Faithin Estate, Trelton, Co. Cork.

In order to have this matter investigated for you and for the appropriate actions to be taken, I have forwarded your query to our Escalations Department who would be of more assistance. A member of our Escalation's Team will be in contact with you as soon as an update is available on your query.

Thank you for contacting Uisce Éireann"

Customer Service Advisor

Cllr. Creed expressed his frustration at the lack of action by Uisce Éireann. He said there were 5 no. houses in the estate that are on the Derelict Sites Register in a very poor state with gardens totally overgrown and that the residents were finding it difficult now to insure their homes. Cllrs. Lucey, Moynihan and Coughlan all agreed with Cllr. Creed.

Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan

- o Íarr ar an Comhairle lonnú cosán í Réidh na Doirí, chun an scairdbháile a cheangailt (eadar Oifig an Phoist agus an Ionad Áise).

Request that this Council install footpaths to connect the village of Réidh na nDoirí (between the Post Office and Ionad Áise)

Freagra

Smaoineoidh an Chomhairle ar na hoibreacha atá i gceist le clár na n-oibreacha 2025 ag brath ar infhaighteacht an mhaoinithe.

Response

The Council will consider the works in question for the 2025 works programme subject to funding for same being available.

James Dwyer,
Senior Executive Engineer

- Update from Council regards to the urgent need for a footpath, in order to access Millstreet Community School safely.

Response

If agreement can be reached with the landowner, the existing footpath can be extended as far as the school boundary, in the direction of the bus entrance at the rear of the school. Again, subject to agreement, this work could be completed over the school summer holidays.

Pat O'Sullivan,
Executive Engineer

Cllr. Moynihan said the school were opening a Special Education Class in the coming year and the road was quite dangerous and that a footpath is urgently required. P. O'Sullivan, EE asked if the school could make contact with the landowner.

6. VÓTA COMGHGAIRDEAS
VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Cllr. G. Moynihan
 - Corks LGFA National League Division 2 team who beat Clare recently in a match that was hosted for the first time by Naomh Abán Club í mBaile Mhuirne
- Cllr. T. Lucey
 - St. Mary's, Macroom on winning the Lidl PPS All Ireland Junior B title at Manguard Park, Kildare

7. VÓTA COMBHRÓIN
VOTES OF CONDOLENCES

N/A

8. AON GHNÓ EILE
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Martin Coughlan

- (a) Blocked Drain on the Inchigeelagh Road just before the left turn going into Macroom
- (b) Deep Drain from the Coachford Cross to the Bull

Councillor Ted Lucey

- (a) Speed Survey Masseytown/Millstreet Road, Macroom
- (b) Fairy Garden, Macroom – Trees Overgrown
P. Lehan, AE said the contractor has been contacted to carry out the works
- (c) Leads Cross Bealnamorrive – Speed
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will have a look at the possibility of lining the road.
- (d) Pedestrian Crossing, Boys School, Macroom

Councillor Michael Looney

- (a) Porters Cross – Signage
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will investigate
- (b) Courtbrack to the Cross – Surface of Junction very Poor
- (c) Side Road off Callas Hill – Could a 200m section be surfaced?
P. O'Sullivan, EE said he will take a look at it.

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

- (a) Reinaree Church – Lighting Inadequate
- (b) Masseytown Project – Update
M. Murphy, SEO informed the Members that this project will now be handled by the newly formed Directorate Capital Delivery & Asset Management with the MD sharing the documentation for this project. As requested, M. O'Leary, MDO will seek an update on when this project is likely to commence and will seek quarterly progress updates on the entire project.
- (c) An Post Box missing in Dromcarra
Cllr. Moynihan requested that An Post are contacted for an update of when it will be reinstated.
- (d) Resurfacing Works Moving to Ballyvourney when finished in Macroom
P. Lehane, A.E. said there should be an update for the next meeting.
- (e) Inchigeelagh Flood Works

Councillor Michael Creed

- (a) Inchigeelagh Flood Works
Cllr. Creed confirmed that there is funding available, but The Fisheries wouldn't allow them into the river because of its proximity to The Gearagh. This appears to be an issue nationwide.
- (b) Road Surface at Caseys Cross
- (c) Dooniskey – Bus Stop – Take away the Grass
Cllr. Creed said in the bad weather the area where the children meet the bus gets very mucky and asked could the grass be removed.
- (d) L95852 – Beal na Blath – Bad Condition
- (e) Clonavick Road, Bawnmore – Potholes
P. O'Sullivan, EE said drainage works are being carried out there at present.

April Monthly Meeting

Cllr. Creed informed Members that as the Development Committee Meeting is now clashing with the April MD Meeting date, it was agreed by all the Members to reschedule the meeting to Tuesday 29th April at 11.00 a.m.

Críochnaíonn sé seo gnó an chruinniú

This concluded the business of the meeting

Michael Creed

CATHAOIRLEACH

29-4-25

DÁTA

Maire O'Leary

OIFIGEACH AN CHEANTAIR BHARDASAIGH

29-04-2025.

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