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MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN TOWN HALL, KINSALE ON 7TH MAY 2020.

Members Present: Cllrs. A. Coleman, S. O'Donovan, J. O'Sullivan, K. Murphy.
M. O'Sullivan, G. Coughlan.

In Attendance: Charlie McCarthy, Senior Executive Engineer, Bandon (CMC)
Brendan Fehily, Executive Engineer (BF)
Enda O'Halloran, Municipal District Officer (EOH)
MacDara O'Hici, Senior Executive Officer (MDOH)
Claire O'Donovan, Clerical Officer.

Cllr. Alan Coleman opened the meeting by thanking members for attending and by paying tribute to frontline workers and essential workers especially Cork County Council who are working with community and voluntary sectors and looking after the most vulnerable in our community due to Covid-19. He also paid tribute to those who are adhering to government regulations in a bid to stop the spread of virus.

Cllr. Coleman proposed that Votes of Sympathy be extended to the family of Seamus O'Connor of Kitty O'Se's Bar who had succumbed to the virus. Cllr. O'Sullivan seconded this. Cllr. Coleman also expressed condolences to Cllr. Gillian Coughlan on the death of her aunt.

Agenda for Ordinary Meeting

1. Minutes

(a) *Confirmation of minutes of meeting of Municipal District of Bandon Kinsale held in Bandon on 27th January 2020.*

On the proposal of Cllr Gillian Coughlan seconded by Cllr. Marie O'Sullivan the minutes of meeting held on 27th February 2020 were agreed with the following amendments:

Cllr. Coughlan wanted the words "flood relief" to replace "main drainage" under any other business. Point to read – "Main drainage in Bandon – not happy with their engagement with the Council – there is a feeling that their schedule of works is not to be trusted.

Cllr. Alan Coleman's point in any other business to read – "Wall by the Garda Station in Ballinspittle (not Ballyfeard) needs work and the Garda need to do this as it's not the Council's responsibility – Can the OPW be written to in order to clarify the situation?"

(b) Matters arising from Minutes dated 27th February 2020.

None.

2. Reports & Recommendations

(i) Engineer's Report.

CMC informed members that the RI Programme 2020 was still in place and some preparatory works had taken place with a view to recommencing work on 18th May next.

(ii) Municipal District's Report.

EOH read out his report to the members.

Cllr. Coughlan asked that a plan for proposed walkway in Harbour View be presented to the members. EOH said he would arrange for same at next meeting. MDOH said that the group from Harbour View involved could be invited to attend a meeting at a future date.

Cllr. Murphy asked if Covid-19 Emergency Fund closing date (8th May) could be extended. MDOH said that if the number of applications were low, they may look at extending date.

Cllr. M. O'Sullivan said that credit should be paid to members of the Good Food Circle who at this difficult time continue to sponsor the provision of food to the needy in the community.

(iii) Main Drainage.

Cllr. Coleman asked if the North Main Street works which were scheduled to be done when schools were closed for summer still happen? CMC said that he was waiting on an announcement regarding Covid-19 works from Irish Water.

Cllr. Coughlan expressed disappointment at the untidy state that Kilbrogan Hill was left in. She welcomed news that the sewerage treatment plan works were on track.

(iv) Library Update

EOH informed members that he had sent email to Billy Smith in Architect's Department. MDOH informed the meeting that an application had been made by the Kinsale Chamber to Failte Ireland to ensure funding available to Cork County Council.

Cllr. Murphy spoke of Municipal Hall and how the council buildings in the area had fallen into disrepair and costing money.

3. Statutory Business

None

4. Correspondence

None

Cllr. Coleman wanted to congratulate Kinsale on their “Kinsale Back Stronger” initiative and Bandon on their “Bandon Recover” campaign.

Cllr. O’Donovan commended Kinsale Community School students for making protective visors and also to those who donated materials.

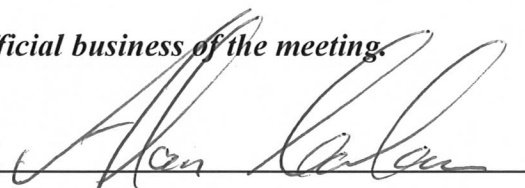
Cllr. J. O’Sullivan asked that a letter be written to Margaret Crowley of Courtmacsherry who turned 100 years old on 1st May 2020 and approximately 150 cars drove by to wish her Happy Birthday.

Cllr. M. O’Sullivan asked about the possibility of suspending parking fees. MDOH said that a management meeting was due to be held and matters on how the Council can help towns recover will be looked at.

Cllr. Coughlan asked that safe walking and cycling routes in Bandon be kept in mind going forward.

This concluded the official business of the meeting.

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