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MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN TOWN HALL, BANDON ON 22nd OCTOBER 2020.

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

In Attendance: Charlie McCarthy, Senior Executive Engineer, Bandon (C.M.C.)
Brendan Fehilly, Executive Engineer, Kinsale (B.F.)
MacDara O'Hici, Senior Executive Officer (MD.O'H)
Enda O'Halloran, Municipal District Officer (E.O.H)
Claire Levis, Assistant Staff Officer (C.L)

Statutory Monthly Meeting

1. Minutes

(a) Confirmation of minutes of meeting of Municipal District of Bandon Kinsale Held on 24th Sept 2020.

On the proposal of Cllr O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. O'Donovan the minutes of meeting held on 24th September 2020 were agreed.

(b) Matters arising from minutes dated 24th Sept 2020.

None

2. Reports and Recommendations.

(a) Bandon Main Drainage Scheme

EO'H updated the meeting with a report from the OPW.

Cllr Coughlan asked about North Main Street and requested that it be completed as per plans including subterranean work.

Cllr Coleman asked about the legislation allowing the OPW to store the material taken from the riverbed. He commented that as a public body they would need to make sure this is legal.

He also asked if when resurfacing was being done on the road at the entrance to the town - could a walkway be done during this time?

(b) Flood Relief Scheme

EO'H circulated a report on the scheme.

Cllr Coughlan asked if the banks could be planted with native plants as it was looking wild and unkept. Asked can the OPW be written to ask for details of the ecological reports they commissioned at the commencement of the project?

EO'H read out correspondence from the OPW regarding a build up of algae on the Weir and members were please that the OPW would agree to a meeting once the scheme is complete.

Members asked if the walkway from the playground would be joined up with the other walkway.

Cllr O'Donovan requested that the OPW's consultant Engineer be contacted in relation to reply about inland fisheries.

Members wanted to congratulate engineers and contractors alike for the works done on the Flood Relief Scheme.

Cllr O' Donovan commented that he wanted to say that he and the business community are very happy with the scheme.

(c) Engineer's Report

A report on Road Improvements progress was read out.

Most of the RI scheme have been done. Pearse Street will be started over the next few days. This will take approx. two days work.

Members commended the Engineers offices on the works under difficult circumstances due to Covid-19 in 2020.

Cllr Coughlan asked for signs in the Causeway in Kilbriain stating that the road can be flooded.

Cllr O'Donovan asked that the drainage on the Gorteen road needs attention.

Cllr Murphy asked that all drainage be looked at before resurfacing, CMC commented that every case is different, and drainage is always examined.

(d) Municipal District Officer's Report.

EO'H read his report for members this included the following;

Kinsale Museum

E O'H informed the members that minor works were being done to the toilet and the office in the Museum Building and this works were a minimum requirement before any staff could be stationed in the Building. He undertook to contact the volunteers and update them on the works.

Community Enhancement Programme 2020

EO'H gave details of all the villages in the Municipal who received monies under this scheme.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme

Round 3 for upgraded amenity area at the Crossbarry Ambush Memorial Site. EO'H also updated the meeting on the grant received to do upgrade works in Crossbarry to the value of €36000. This will be for fencing, paths and seating areas.

Cllr Coughlan welcomed the scheme and asked in the future that an adult gym be placed there. She also asked that for future schemes that the Bandon Heritage Centre would be a worthy recipient.

(e) Phase 2 of Bus Shelter/Accessible Bus Stop Program

This update includes works in Riverstick and Bandon was delivered by Jonathan Cahill from the Transportation Section of Cork County Council.

Members very happy with the new shelters and asked for the possibilities of leaving the temporary bus stops in Bandon as they seem to work very well.

Cllr Coleman asked for the outbound bus stop to Cork in Riverstick be considered the next time.

Cllr Coughlan asked if Belgooly be looked at as that stop is dangerous. Cllr M O'Sullivan agreed.

Cllr O'Donovan asked for more lighting on the current stops.

(f) Project ACT – Overview and Key Achievements

Report was sent to the Councillors.

This report describes Project ACT as a suite of measures to support our county towns as they reopened for business. This report gives details of efforts made by every Municipal for each of

their towns including Bandon and Kinsale. They also include details of works done by Roads directorate, Economic Development, Tourism and Communications.

3. Statutory Business

(i) none

(ii) *Notices of Motion submitted by Cllr. Coughlan*

- That Bandon- Kinsale Municipal District calls on the Coastal Management section to work in conjunction with the Seven heads Walk Way group to urgently address the safety of concrete steps which have been undermined by erosion and landslides on Broadstrand Beach, Meelmane, Courtmacsherry. Also, the metal steps to be examined and replaced with permanent steps to secure safe access to the Fuschia Walk.

Cllr J O'Sullivan commented that the land is privately owned and therefore Coastal Management are not responsible. The area is owned by several private land owners and they have always worked with the Seven Heads Walkways group to maintain the walkway. Cllr J O Sullivan asked that the Minister for Rural and Community Development be written to as well as Chairperson of the Seven Heads Committee.

- That Bandon Bridge would be cleaned and floodlit and that the Riverside Walkway from The Allin Institute would be reopened to the public.

CMC replied that the TPREP has a plan for this area. He also replied that because of the works that the drop to the water is much higher than before and this would have to be looked at before opening.

4. Correspondence.

A reply from the Senior Engineer from the OPW regarding issues raised at the previous meeting. His reply answered the query regarding the build-up of algae at the Weir. He stated that they are currently exploring the means to control/alleviate this surface build-up during low flows. He also committed to meeting the councillors after the scheme is complete.

5. Any Other Business.

Cllr Coughlan

Cllr raised the issue of trading on Archdeacon bridge that there were too many food trucks and that parking was coming a very dangerous issue. She also stated that there was no water or electricity in this area and with COVID, etc. hygiene is as important as ever.

BF replied that we have the powers to remove them under the Roads Act.

Asked if the bridge could be widened in Crossbarry.

Asked about the possibility of extending of Pier Road Car Park.

EO'H informed the meeting that the PTSB building in Bandon would be used this year again for Christmas this time virtually.

B.F. asked the meeting for approval of calling the park near Archdeacon Bridge 'Dan Cummins Park' the meeting had no objections.

This concluded the official business of the meeting.

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Kerri Murphy

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26/11/2020