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MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 24TH FEBRUARY 2022.

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

In Attendance: Richard Cahill, Senior Executive Engineer SEE
Oliver Forbes, Executive Engineer, Kinsale EE
Paul Barry, Municipal District Officer MDO
Claire O'Donovan, Clerical Officer
John Duggan, EE Water Services
Michol Dymet, EE Roads

Statutory Monthly Meeting

1. Minutes

(a) *Confirmation of minutes of meeting of Municipal District of Bandon Kinsale held on 27th January 2022.*

On the proposal of Cllr. Gillian Coughlan seconded by Cllr. Marie O'Sullivan, the minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2022 were agreed.

(b) *Matters arising from minutes dated 27th January 2022.*

It was asked that the Chapel Street junction with Cannons Wood be looked at. SEE had looked at this and hoped to put junction on works programme and that funding be sought.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Greg, Rose, Amy and Charlie Cummins, Nohoval on the untimely death of Jack Cummins.

2. Reports and Recommendations.

1. *Engineer's Report (SEE)*

- Thanked staff and in particular Oliver Forbes, EE who was on call through the night and for co-ordinating response to Storm Eunice. The call out crew were also out for much of Saturday and Sunday.
- Pothole issues raised at the last meeting were either done or due to be done shortly.

- With regard to trees outside Allin Institute needing to be pruned and cut back, this is to be sorted by Bandon Tidy Towns.
- Three dining areas in Bandon were power-washed and footbridge to be done shortly.
- Signs on Bandon approach and also around Crossbarry have been washed. A treatment for removing graffiti from signs is being looked for.
- Bandon Playground has been washed and some funding will be spent to renew existing equipment.
- Timoleague Walkway has been extended and a new accessible picnic table has been installed.
- Footpath outside Munster Arms Hotel is being repaired and also some repair in Crossbarry.
- New dog fouling bins have been installed at the Bypass, The Shambles and on Clonakilty Road by Round Hill.

SEE informed the meeting that Climate Adaptation Funding had been secured.

- R600 - €190,000 (€95,000 in 2022 and €95,000 in 2023 at Lisheenaleen, south of Kilbrittain where the R600 sea wall has been undermined.
- €125,000 to raise road and wall to prevent flooding from the sea.
- L4021 – prevention of flooding at high tide (€100,000 in 2022 and €95,000 in 2023).
- L4018 at Barryroe where the stream into Barryroe is undermining the road (€21,000 in 2022 and €21,000 in 2023)
- L8095 Simon Cove Road – only access to this amenity (€24,000 in 2022 and €24,000 in 2023)
- €18,500 for Curraghclogh Bridge (L2033) remedial works.
- Killbeg Bridge (L6069) works to stabilise the structure (€35,000 in 2022 and €35,000 in 2023).
- NTA Active Travel Funding for the following locations have been applied for:
 - Dohertys and Upper O'Mahony Avenue road junction as well as funding for the Deerpark O'Mahony junction. It is hoped to be able to improve the junction for the safety of all road users.
 - RI works to be carried out on Church Hill in Innishannon. Funding has been applied for to the NTA to complete both footpaths on the hill and to install a few safe crossing points.

These two projects have a combined value of over €400,000 and if funding is secured a detailed design must be done, a Section 38 must be received and works must be procured and built before we pave areas in late 2022.

- Regarding Belgooly, there is village enhancement monies and also €25,000 Active Travel Towns and Villages monies as well as a commitment from An Taisce to fund works that will make routes to school safer, CCC have met with representatives and a draft plan has been prepared to submit to the NTA for Active Travel Funding. By combining these sources of funding, it should be possible to significantly improve the footpaths and junctions across the village. Cormac O'Sullivan from the Traffic & Transport Team has agreed to advance the project.
- RI works to start shortly.
 - Paving Lovells Cross on the Macroom Road.
 - Tough Cross, onto Crossbarry.

- Brinny where the junction at the Brinny Inn would be paved down towards MSD.
- Newcestown Village
- Paving at Glen View back down to Convent Hill Junction on the Macroom Road.
- RM Works
 - Starting at Seven Heads, 5 short roads in an area of high scenic amenity will be started shortly.
 - From The Grange Tavern down towards Ardehane Rock, back towards Barry Cove and Moloneys Strand and road onto Dunworley Beach.
 - Surface dressing will commence on 8th April and after three days will be heading north to do the Moskeigh Line and west of Farnivane Church.
- John Duggan of Active Travel team is progressing with footpath works on the Macroom Road. The works have moved south of the Town Park and are currently at the entrance to Glen View and the bottom of Convent Hill. The works at the bottom of Convent Hill which includes a raised crossing will aid the school warden in safely assisting children to cross the junction adjacent to the Corner Shop.

Councillors acknowledged work done by ground staff and engineering staff during Storm Eunice.

Members welcomed the installation of dog fouling bins.

It was agreed to write to Wexford County Council to extend the sympathies of the members and staff of Bandon Kinsale Municipal District on the death of Billy Kinsella, an operative who lost his life during Storm Eunice.

Members asked that the speed of traffic coming from north of Dunderrow school be looked at from a safety point of view. Engineers said they'd look at this.

Engineering staff undertook to look at options/funding regarding a footpath from Riverbank Estate in Belgooly towards school.

Members asked if potholes in centre of Kinsale town could be filled.

Engineers Report (EE Kinsale)

- Gully Cleaning Programme ongoing in/around Kinsale town.
- Pothole repairs ongoing at various locations, on Kinsale 10 mile route and other locations arising out of recent weather events.
- RI drainage works ongoing. Pipes and channels complete at Kilgobbin.
- Maintenance of storm channel at Supervalu ongoing.
- Scope agreed with property owners for Dunderrow Crossing Point. Works programmed during Easter holidays.
- Footpath outside Kinsale Hospital complete. Fencing works complete and currently scoping improvements for upper corner.
- Build out at Fish Shed complete and 2 solar beacons installed.
- Build out and cycles racks in front of Cronins complete and loading bay relocated 20 meters up the road at a safer location.

- Diking commenced at Old Court to Sandycove velo route.
- Lining works on 2021 programme substantially completed. Some minor works required from Looneys Cross to Rising Sun currently under assessment.
- Locations for RI/RM Programme 2022 finalised. Works commencing 7th March 2022.
- RI Clearing/preparatory works complete at Kilbrittain Castle to Crois na Linbh, Kilgobbin, Forge Road, Innishannon to Keohanes Pit and ongoing at the Burren R600.
- Tree looping complete at R600 the Burren starting at Kilgobbin.
- Regarding Climate Adaptation Works, contractor Truir Construction at on site at Worlds End for wall upgrade, repointing, new capping and wall at slip.
- Identifying options for installation of non-return valves on discharge pipework for 2022 is ongoing.
- Have commenced preparatory works at the Burren R600 for climate adaption works.
- Four Age Friendly parking signs installed in Kinsale.
- Five historical signs to be installed.
- Removal of sand at Garretstown was carried out on a number of occasions after poor weather.

At this time it was agreed to skip to Item 4 of Reports and Recommendations:

4. Section 38 Archdeacon Duggan Bridge, Kinsale

Michol Dymet EE Roads made a presentation to members about the need for a pedestrian crossing at Archdeacon Duggan Bridge who said that it was hoped to be advertised as soon as possible.

Members welcomed the proposal and asked that local residents be considered. Members thanked EE for his report and returned to the Agenda.

5. Section 38 R589 Macroom Road, Bandon

- John Duggan EE and Richard Cahill SEE have met with Principal of St. Brogans College about the issue of students being dropped off outside the college on the south bound lane where there is no footpath. To improve the situation, the possibility was looked at to create a bus set down area further up the road outside Hawthorns Estate. This would allow bus to park without blocking traffic and would allow students disembark onto a suitably wider path and then cross the road at the new controlled pedestrian crossing adjacent to the Old Cork Road.

2. Municipal District Officer's Report.

Municipal District Meeting indicative locations and dates

March 24 th	April 28 th	May 26 th	June 23 rd	July 28 th
MS Teams	MS Teams	Bandon	Bandon	Kinsale
MS Teams	MS Teams	Bandon Library	Bandon Library	Municipal

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Municipal District Community Fund 2022

The submission deadline for the Community Grant Scheme was Tuesday 15th February. There were 49 applications to the scheme for this Municipal District. The MD is checking with neighbouring Municipal Districts to see if there if any applications that were made to the wrong Municipal District so this number may change. The recommended allocations will be presented to the Councillors for the end of March.

Update on TPREP Bandon

The following is an update from one of the lead engineers on the project.

The first phase of the project is going out to tender next week. Phase one of the works will take place from Ballymodan Place up to Market Street with a commencement date for the works for the early part of the third quarter of 2022.

Twinning

A delegation from Newport, Rhode Island will be arriving into Kinsale on the 16th March and departing on the 20th March. The itinerary is currently being put together for this visit. Vice-Chair, Councillor Sean O'Donovan will be representing the MD delegation for the trip to Newport from the 10th – 15th March.

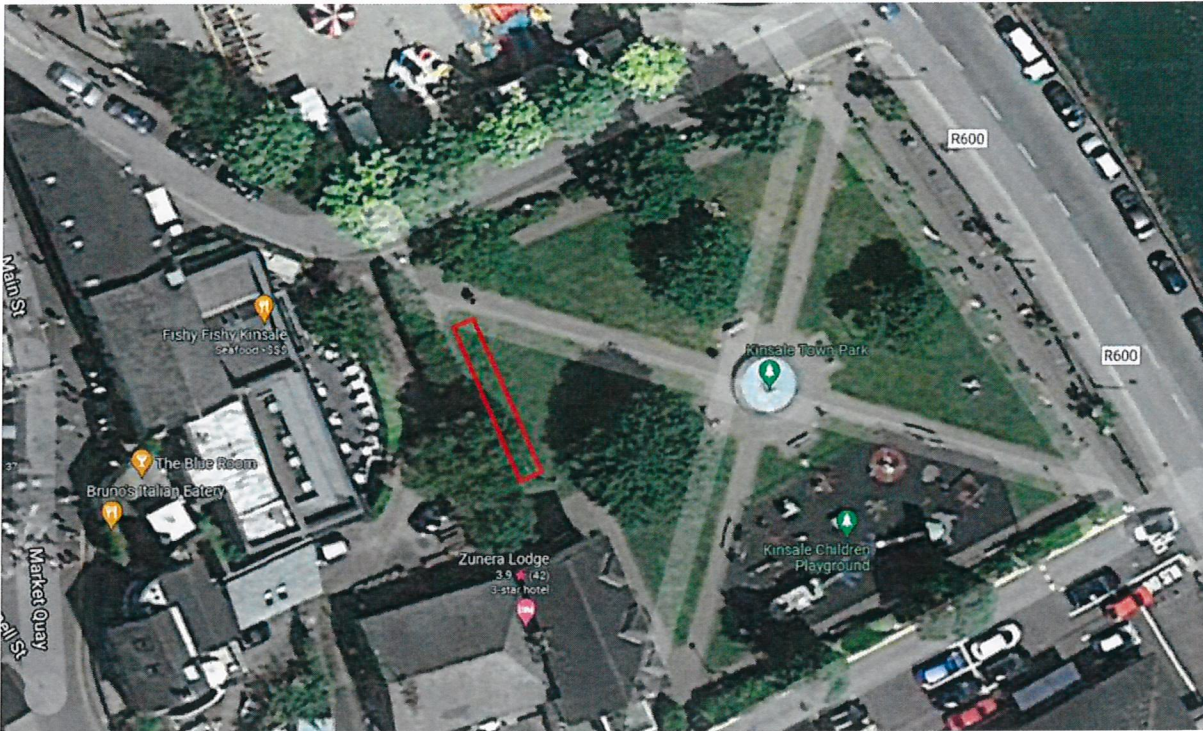
Boules Pitch

I met with representatives from the Boules Committee, Tidy Towns Group, Regatta Committee and Age Friendly Committee in early February to discuss the proposed new location of the Boules pitch. The following areas were discussed:

- Humphrey Murphy Memorial Park: issue - there are trees and plants throughout the park, land is sloping, the park has some anti-social behaviour.
- Saile: issue – not Council owned land, it is located too far from the town centre.
- Bowling Green in front of Municipal Hall: issue – the steps up to the green are an issue, access to toilets are an issue.
- Town Park – very central location, lots of passing traffic which is a deterrent to anti-social behaviour but good for the promotion of boules, toilets are close by, the boules can be kept in local businesses for use by the general public.

The representatives all said that this is where they feel is the most suitable place in Kinsale to install the boules pitch.

Below is a screenshot of the Town Park with the red box showing the preferred location for the pitch:



Pride of Place 2022

Cork County Council are seeking nominations for the Pride of Place competition. Pride of Place in association with Co-operation Ireland is an all-island competition that acknowledges the work that communities are doing all over the island of Ireland. The competition focus is about people coming together to shape, change and improve daily lives in their communities.

Completed nomination forms should be returned no later than 4th April 2022 to the Council's Pride of Place co-ordinator.

New Bandon Library

The new library in Bandon was officially opened on Monday the 21st February by the Mayor.

Blended Meeting Room

The meeting room in the new Bandon library will be set up as a blended meeting venue which will cater for these MD meetings to be in the in-person and online format going forward once the room is set up.

Members thanked MDO for liaising with the Boules group and fully supported the Boules pitch being moved to Town Park as pictured above.

Members welcomed the opening of the new library in Bandon and the Mayor was congratulated on the opening.

Councillors requested if GMA money could be set aside for Riverstick Walkway.

The MDO was asked if a footpath from Riverview, Belgooly could be put in place to connect to the Cramers Court Nursing Home.

3. Public Toilets

The MDO updated members that it is intended to commence Part 8 process to build new toilets in Kinsale which will be located behind the bus stop in the Town carpark.

Item 3 Statutory Business.

Notices of motion submitted by Cllr. Gillian Coughlan.

“That Cork County Council would employ a school warden for Ballyheada National School”

Cllr. Coughlan read out a letter from Principal of Ballyheada National School which acknowledged the great work already done by Cork County Council. This motion was seconded by Cllr. Alan Coleman and supported by members. MDO said how footpaths and railings had been done and it was in the RI Programme for tabletop crossing next year. He also stated that presently there was no allowance in budget for a school warden but would refer the matter in any case. It was agreed to wait until the proposed additional works were done and then revisit.

“That Bandon Kinsale Municipal District recognises the impact of higher fuel prices on all sectors of the economy. However, rural Ireland is adversely affected with a lack of adequate public transport alternatives for commuters.

In addition, agricultural contractors and hauliers have seen their fuel costs increased by over 100%. This has a knock-on for the cost of living and inflation in the economy.

In light of the hardship that is being caused by high fuel prices, we call on the Minister for Finance to

- (a) Temporarily refuse the excise duties on diesel and petrol***
- (b) Extend the Section 664A which applies at present only to farmers – to farm and forestry contractors on their use of green diesel from 1st May 2022”.***

Proposed by Cllr. Gillian Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Alan Coleman and agreed to sent to full Council meeting.

4. Correspondence.

Following on from a letter to Coillte expressing concerns about Ballymartle Woods, Coillte replied informing members that a meeting had been held with a local group on 31st January 2022.

5. Any Other Business.

In reply to request that the N71 works include a footpath all the way from Bandon to Claire O’Leary Walk, SEE said there was no update but fully supported this.

Members were informed that funding had been applied for in relation to Pewterhole Cross.

Members asked that landowners be written to about hedgecutting.

Members asked that a meeting be requested with the Gardai regarding traffic flow and parking at the beaches. Proposed by Cllr. John O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. K. Murphy, it was agreed that MDO write to Superintendent to request a meeting.

Members asked for update on funding for public toilets and MDO informed meeting that some funding was set aside and it was important to progress the Part 8.

SEE informed members that the timeline for works on North Main Street, Bandon would be quarter 2 or 3 of 2022.

In reply to request for a green sweeper in Kinsale, MDO to liaise with EE.

Members asked that Kinsale Museum be put on Agenda for next meeting.

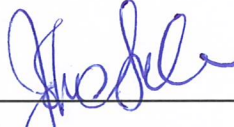
Members asked if JPCs can be re-established to help public safety. MDO to write to Corporate Affairs.

EE said he would follow up with request to know what's happening with Battle of Kinsale signs.

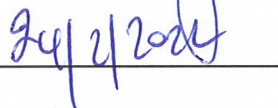
EE informed members that Age Friendly signs were put up on designated car parking spaces.

This concluded the official business of the meeting.

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Roads Issues Meeting 24th February 2022

- Progress report on extending Pier Road car park by filling in in front of Dino's.
- Possibility of putting double yellow lines opposite Social Welfare Officer, Kinsale.
- Potholes at junctions of Ballinvar, Ballinamona and Ballyregan.
- Sand on road at Garrylucas and Garretstown. Plan of action needs to be put in place. EE to contact Coastal Management SPC.
- Roads at Ballylanglely and Distiallary road.