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MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 27TH January 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 AE
MacDara O'Hici, Senior Executive Officer SEO
Claire Levis, Assistant Staff Officer. ASO
Paul Barry, Municipal District Officer MDO
Claire O'Donovan, Clerical Officer
Seamus De Faoite, Senior Executive Officer Housing SEO
Jerry Mehigan: Bandon Geriatric Centre
Ronan Conneely: Architect

Statutory Monthly Meeting

1. Minutes

(a) Confirmation of minutes of meeting of Municipal District of Bandon Kinsale held on 16th December 2021

On the proposal of Cllr. Gillian Coughlan seconded by Cllr. Sean O'Donovan, the minutes of the December meeting were agreed.

(b) Matters arising from minutes dated 16th December 2021.

None

2. Reports and Recommendations.

1. Engineer's Report.

- Welcome to Oliver Forbes as the new Executive Engineer to the Kinsale area.
- The SEE reported on the roads issues and works done since the last meeting in the Bandon area and the Kinsale area.
- Discussed issue of students from St Brogans school and the bus stop and safety crossing issues. Possibility of moving the bus stop possibly near the Haththorns. Possibility of a Section 38 needed.
- A significant storm drain upgrade has been carried out on the Cork side of Innishannon on the N71. The upgrade will address the localised flooding issues that were taking place.
- We have done significant drainage in the Mouteen and Farnivane areas as well as the Kilcolman area. We have also a machine based on the Sevenheads area permanently and that has also been concentrating on drainage issues in the area.
- The Entrance to the estate in Birchvale has been paved as well as the cul de sac in the Clancoole estate along with a lane off the Dunmanway road.
- We completed the raising of iron works and we upgraded the drainage system that flows into the Mill in Timoleague since the last meeting.
- The Active Travel team are progressing with the footpath works on the Macroom road. The works have moved south of Kilbrogan college and are currently at the entrance to the Town Park.
- Over the next few weeks the works will continue to progress towards the intersection with Convent hill and Kilbrogan hill. A raised crossing will be installed at the bottom of Convent hill and this will aid the school warden in safety assisting children to cross adjacent to the Corner shop.
- The flooding and high tides before Christmas damaged 3 sections of the seawall in Ring and these have also been repaired since the last meeting.
- We cleaned and washed the entire playground in Bandon since the last meeting.
- We have purchased a new walk behind mechanical sweeper that is now active in the main street in Bandon and we are also going to purchase a machine that will help with removing weeds along kerb edge in 2022.
- We have also painted the toilets in both Timoleague and Courtmacsherry and the sinks and countertops will be upgraded shortly.
- The assessment for the handrail for the Stride walk has been completed and a detailed design will be done and construction for the handrail will be done as soon as possible.
- It was also raised at the December meeting about the general appearance of the rock rif raf and if it could be softened or improved. The issue of softening of the rif raf or stone along the new bank edge was also discussed at our meeting and is been advanced. A proposal is currently with the CCC Heritage officer for their approval.
- Irish Water are currently reviewing options in relation to sewer works at Market Quay which involves further sewer modelling and preliminary surveys. Once these are completed, we will revert with a further update.

Report for Kinsale area from AE

- Pedestrian crossing at the Archdeacon bridge at the design phase in the Regional Design office.
- Footpath at the Kinsale Hospital nearly complete.
- Works at the Fish shed complete.
- Cycle racks at Cronins installed.
- Plans to install Kinsale Map sign near the bus stop.
- The step by the Market Bar will be repaired.

The SEE introduced Michal Dymet (EE) who explained the Part 8 for the construction of Shippool Bend. Members welcomed the details however were disappointed in the speed of the project.

2. *Municipal District Officer's Report.*

Municipal District Meeting indicative locations and dates

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

Municipal District Community Fund 2022

Applications are open until Tuesday 15th February at 4pm. Applications to be made online at www.corkcoco.ie or www.yourcouncil.ie. Three strands under the Fund:

1. Capital Fund Scheme - for community groups, sporting and local organisations in County Cork who wish to undertake infrastructural projects costing over €20,000 that will improve the range or quality of community-based facilities within their area e.g. community halls, sporting facilities, etc.
2. Community Contract - for Tidy Towns groups who work with Cork County Council on local works and projects, agreed with the Municipal District Officer and local Area Engineer that enhance the area in which the group is active. For the Community Contract it is strongly recommended that you contact your Area Engineer and Municipal District Officer to discuss your proposals before you apply.
3. Amenity Fund Scheme - for community groups, sporting and local organisations in County Cork who wish to undertake projects or purchase equipment that directly benefits communities and meets particular needs. Projects being applied for under this scheme must cost less than €20,000.

New Bandon Library

The new library opened on Wednesday 12th January. There are a number of outstanding technology / My Open Library items to be installed but this doesn't impact on library users. Arrangements are being made for an official opening to take place in the coming weeks.

Village Enhancement Scheme

Schedule for the 2020-24 Village Renewal programme:

The following is the order of the villages agreed by the members at the MD meeting in June 2020.

Belgooly (2021), Innishannon (2022), Timoleague (2023) and Newcestown (2024).

An agreement was made previously to put €10,000 aside each year for preparational work on these villages from the Village Enhancement fund.

WiFi4EU

The WiFi4EU initiative promotes free access to Wi-Fi connectivity for citizens in public spaces including parks, squares, public buildings, libraries, health centres and museums in municipalities throughout Europe. The Council is hoping to ensure full utilisation of the available funding across the county. The project is at design stage at the moment and full capital costs and operational costs will be identified as part of the design process.

3. Derelict sites Report.

13 sites have been identified in Bandon and Kinsale the members were asked to inform the meeting should they believe there are others.

FULL COUNCIL MEETING
10th January 2022



AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 10

NOTICE OF MOTION

Cllr. John Paul O'Shea

"That this Council update members on the rollout of the WiFi4EU initiative around Cork County's Towns and Villages"

RESPONSE:

County Council secured 4 vouchers under the WiFi4EU award procedures and each of these vouchers supports EU funded infrastructural investment up to a maximum of €15,000. There is an additional commitment from the Irish Government to match fund the EU investment up to the threshold limit of €15,000/voucher. Accordingly, the combined EU and Irish Government grant associated with the WiFi4EU scheme is up to a maximum of €120,000.

Under the WiFi4EU initiative, the European Commission wishes to promote free Wi-Fi connectivity for citizens and visitors in public spaces such as parks, squares, public building, libraries, health centres, and museums across Europe through the installation of state-of-the-art Wi-Fi equipment in the centres of community life.

Cork County Council is presently scoping a project to ensure full utilisation of the available funding across the entire county. To-date associated surveys have been undertaken in Bantry, Cobh, Midleton, Mitchelstown, Fermoy, Camden-Fort Meagher, Charleville and Bandon to assess opportunities at these locations for deployment of wifi access points. Additional survey requirements will be determined on an ongoing basis.

It is a condition for the drawdown of funding by Cork County Council that all infrastructure is operational, and other rules of the initiative are fully observed by August 2022.

Mr. Louis Duffy,
Director of Services,
Environment
7th January 2022

Bandon Small Craftway

The Harbour Masters office are currently working on sourcing a pontoon, navigation buoys and other materials for the Bandon Small Craftway which will run from Kinsale Harbour up to Kilmacsimon. Funding for this project is being provided through the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS). It is hoped to have these in place in April/May.

Twinning

An official invite for a delegation is normally sent to the City of Newport, Rhode Island, USA at this time of year. Are members happy for this invite to issue?

Members fully supported the invitation.

This was proposed by Cllr Coleman and seconded by Cllr Murphy.

3. Statutory Business

Part VIII Lands at 36 South Main Street, Bandon, Co. Cork.

- The demolition of existing two and three storey structure facing onto Weir Street and the construction of a new three storey development containing 4no. 1 bed residential units, a new community room and support facilities.
- The refurbishment of an existing three storey structure facing onto South Main Street to provide 2no. 1 bed residential units on the 2nd floor and the refurbishment of first and second floor offices and support facilities including:
 - The installation of new windows.
 - Alterations and modifications to the external façade including window and door openings.
 - Hard landscaping including paving and works to boundary walls.
 - Connection to public utilities.
 - All associated site works and ancillary works.

Seamus De Faoite, with Jerry Mehigan and Ronan Connelly with presented this to the members and they fully supported the project in conjunction with the Bandon Geriatric Centre. In response to questions regarding time scale Seamus De Faoite said that it would need to go back to the Dept and then to go to tender so possibly the end of the year. Members congratulated everyone on the project.

This was proposed by Cllr Coughlan and seconded by Cllr O'Sullivan.

4. Correspondence.

Correspondence from Coillte re the sale of the woods in Riverstick including a map. The Members welcomed the correspondence however were concerned with how fast the sale was. The planning process will keep people informed if there are proposed developments. They have requested that Coillte be written to ensure that local walking groups are kept up to date on the developments.

5. Any Other Business.

Potholes in Ardnacrow and Raheen
Also Fartha to Ballyhamsane
Ballinacurra

In response to a request for an update on the Museum the SEO told the meeting that a Business Plan had been drawn up and needed SMT approval. Also an application had been sent to the Minister to close the arches and use the area for an office. However, this application was refused.

Members asked for letters to be sent to landowners regarding the cutting of hedges.

The SEE stated he would put back the age friendly signs which had been removed.
In response to putting double yellow lines off Cork street near the Social Welfare office the SEE said he would look at it.
The SEE said he would look into the speeding on the Bandon road and the Eastern road.

In response to the possibility of yellow lines by the Rising Son the meeting was told that this would be looked at.
Members again requested that the crossing at Pewter Hole Cross be looked at.
In response to complaints re the height of the zebra crossing lights on the Pier road the EE stated that this would be examined.
Members requested an annual report on tSaile.

In response to Chapel street in Bandon needing works the SEE stated that funding had been applied for.
Members asked for the SEE to look into the scheduling of the outdoor workers especially during busy times.
Members asked that the newly planted trees in the Allen Institute be pruned.
In reply to a query asking for more recycling bins in Kinsale the SEE said he would check.
Members did ask for the recycling bins to be removed from Ballinadee as people were leaving rubbish.
In response to additional lights been added along the outside of the rugby club the meeting was told that there was ducting in place already.
Members looking for the patcher to Quarry South to Farnevene.

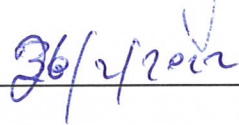
Next meeting the 24th Feb 2022 on MS teams.

This concluded the official business of the meeting.

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Roads Issues Meeting 27th January 2022

Members thanked the engineers re the works done.

In response to a request to replace some of the equipment in Bandon's playground SEE said that he would look into doing that. Also the SEE will look into remove more of the Graffiti.

In response to using the new Power washer in the pedestrian area in Market Quay SEE said he would.

Members asked for some graffiti to be removed on some of the road signs and the SEE said he would.

Members asked where the loading bay that was moved from Cronins was being moved to?

In response to the question of beacons being installed in the crossing to Supervalu the SEE said that they would be installed.