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## MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON TEAMS APP ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021.

**Members Present:** Cllrs. K. Murphy, M. O'Sullivan, G. Coughlan, 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)  
Claire Levis, Assistant Staff Officer.  
Claire O'Donovan, Clerical Officer.  
Enda O'Halloran, Municipal District Officer (E.O.H)

### Statutory Monthly Meeting

#### 1. Minutes

**(a) Confirmation of minutes of meeting of Municipal District of Bandon Kinsale held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020.**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Sullivan seconded by Cllr Coleman the minutes of meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 were agreed.

**(b) Matters arising from minutes dated 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020.**

#### Cllr. G. Coughlan

- Stressed the importance of ensuring Patricks Quay is finished properly in order to prevent future flooding.

#### Cllr. A. Coleman

- Asked for update on TPrep. CMC said scheme had been advertised and public consultation was currently under way. MDOH stated that documents will be on

display until 22<sup>nd</sup> February next and the closing date for submissions was 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

## **Cllr. K. Murphy**

- Derelict caravans at Garretstown. BF told Cllr. Murphy if the owners could be identified, we could start process for writing to them as the Derelict Sites Act was geared towards urban areas.
- Road from Kilcolman to Ahiohill. CMC said that at present only maintenance and repairs were being carried out.

## **2. Reports and Recommendations.**

### ***(a) Bandon Main Drainage Scheme***

#### **Bandon Sewerage Scheme Phase 2 Network**

(features Wastewater Networks, Water Networks and some Stormwater Lines in the general town area)

The Design and Build Works Contract for Bandon Networks was signed in late 2018 and main construction works began in early February 2019. As things stand the works are approaching 90% completion and progressing well whilst noting that archaeological finds have recently delayed works on Pearse Street until 2021. Barring more Covid and Archaeological delays it is hoped to complete in Q2 2021.

#### **Bandon Sewerage Scheme Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade**

The Design and Build Contract for the Bandon Wastewater Treatment Plant was signed in July 2018. The contract involves a full Design and Build programme followed by a 1-year operation service period. Works have progressed well. Notwithstanding various Covid and flooding delays Civil works are almost complete and the "Operations Service Period" is due to commence in Feb 2021.

Cllr. Coughlan asked if it was possible for the Councillors to get a tour of Treatment Plant. EOH undertook to ask Tom Comerford.

### ***(b) Engineer's Report.***

CMC said how the budget wasn't finalised as yet, it wasn't possible to present a RI Programme for 2021. He informed the meeting that his crews were working at essential maintenance.

### ***(c) Municipal Districts Officers Report.***

EOH presented his report which read as follows:

## Municipal District Meeting indicative locations and dates for 2021

Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mar 27 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Jun 24 <sup>th</sup>	Jul 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Oct 21 <sup>st</sup>	Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>	Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup> ?
MS Teams	MS Teams	Kinsale	Kinsale	Village TBA?	Kinsale	Bandon	Bandon	Bandon	Kinsale
MS Teams	MS Teams	Mun Hall	Mun Hall	Community Hall	Mun Hall	Town Hall	Town Hall	Town Hall	Mun Hall

## Community Fund

Community Grant can now be applied for on the Cork County Council website with a deadline of Friday February 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 for submission. This timeline will allow for recommended allocations to be presented to the MD at the March 2021 meeting.

## Covid 19 Emergency Fund

Cork County Council is inviting applications from community and voluntary groups for funding under the Covid 19 Emergency Fund.

This is the third tranche of this scheme for Cork County, which is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and aims to provide a flexible and targeted approach to funding communities most in need. Some examples of applications include:

- Adapting services and operations to fit the new Covid 19 reality, e.g. allowing for changes to premises to provide for social distancing, funding for on-line activities and provision of critical social supports.
- Assisting communities in their participation in the Government's 'Keep Well' campaign which focusses on the themes of staying connected, switching off and being creative and minding your mood.
- Support to Community and Voluntary groups involved in the Community Call.

There are two types of grants available under the programme, grants up to a maximum of €1,000 and grants in excess of €1,000. Applications can be made online at [www.yourcouncil.ie](http://www.yourcouncil.ie) Closing date for applications is Friday, 5th February at 4:00pm. All allocated monies will have to be spent by August 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.

The funding will be administered locally by Cork County Council's Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs).

For further information, contact the Local Community Development Unit, Cork County Council on 021- 4285561 or 021-4285295 or email [communitydevelopmentunit@corkcoco.ie](mailto:communitydevelopmentunit@corkcoco.ie)

### Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme – Measure 1

Belgooly walkway has been awarded €20,000 under the current ORIS announcements for repairs to the walkway including fencing and surface issues. This grant is a great example of working with the local community as Belgooly Tidy Towns have worked tirelessly to get funding for this walkway. I propose that Bandon Kinsale Municipal District put €3,000 of their 2021 GMA towards this project as match funding.

### Painting of Stony Steps Kinsale

As part of 2020's Town Development fund the County Council Arts Officer and MD Officer went to the market for artists to paint the Stony Steps in Kinsale, a project the Chamber of Tourism are very supportive of. Splattervan were the artists who won the competition.



*(Steps at present)*

### **Proposal for Collaborative Art Project, Stony Steps, Kinsale Town Centre, 2021** *(From Splattervan)*

Anne Bonny (nee: Cormac)'s life is shrouded in mystery, folklore and adventure. Stories of her life in the 1700's disobeying her father's wishes, marrying for love, divorcing, defying gender

stereotypes and setting sail to the Caribbean for a life of piracy seem fantastical yet still her experiences still resonate today, some 300 years later. Born near Old Head in Kinsale, the life of this nautical native has gone on to inspire novels, poetry, and cinema around the world. Stories of Anne's adventures on the high seas at a time when women were considered to be bad luck on board a ship has turned them into legends in the imaginations of many.

This project aims to bring the story of Anne Bonny to life through a collaborative visual art project on the steps in the centre of town. We want to gather existing folklore from local Kinsale residents and create a work of art that combines history and legend and generates a sense of excitement about one of Kinsale's notable female figures. We would also hope to further increase public engagement in the project by including a QR code in the art that links to more information, media and narratives about Anne Bonny's life.

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. M. O'Sullivan, it was agreed to allocate €3000 towards Belgooly Walkway. Members commended Belgooly Tidy Villages on their initiative on applying for funding.

With regard to the paving of the Stoney Steps, BF stressed the importance of a non-slip finish in the interest of health and safety.

**(d) Chairman's Report.**

MDOH to contact Mary Banks to send out minutes to members.

**3. Statutory Business.**

None

**4. Correspondence.**

None received.

**5. Any Other Business**

**Cllr. M. O'Sullivan**

- Expressed dismay at recent headlines regarding 7 men breaking Covid level 5 restrictions by booking an AirB&B in Kinsale. She spoke of the need of a register of landlords for AirB&B and stated how unfair it is for hotels and Bed & Breakfasts to be closed. Cllr. Murphy supported Cllr. O'Sullivan on this and informed members that the Gardai are following this up.
- The extension of time for allowing outdoor dining in Kinsale. BF said that going forward, it seemed that social distancing would still be enforced and had no objection to the Council supporting outdoor furniture.

**Cllr. G. Coughlan**

- Welcomed the publication of Bandon TPrep and welcomed the upcoming resurfacing of roads and footpaths.

- Issues with dog fouling. Can enforcement be improved? MDOH said that the Environment Directorate could be contacted and increased warden patrolling be requested. He asked list of areas be forwarded. He also stated that signs are in place and it's the owners personal responsibility to clean up after their dogs.
- Can the outdoor equipments, MUGAs in the area be cleaned more regularly?

### **Cllr. A. Coleman**

- Road into Newcestown and in village needs attention.
- Crossroads before Bawnleigh heading east needs resurfacing.
- Road from Innishannon to Brinny needs attention, in particular by pitch.
- Blocked drains at Riversdale Terrace, Ballinspittle. BF reported that the drains are clear and that the problems of ponding has nothing to do with drainage.
- Water on Ballincurrag Road from farm flowing onto public road. BF said that the owner had been asked to redivert flow to river and said he would write officially.
- Road in poor condition from Ring Village by terrace of houses to Clonakilty. CMC to check.
- Road in poor state by Crois na Leanbh. BF said he was aware.
- Cllr. Coleman said he had received an email from Kinsale Historical Society pointing out a few discrepancies regarding information at Kinsale Museum. MDOH said that he was aware of a few small issues and Cllr. Coleman undertook to forward email.
- Part of R600 from end of Archdeacon Duggan Bridge to turn off to Ringrone/Sandycove needs to be upgraded/widened.

### **Cllr. S. O'Donovan**

- Surface at Dohertys Road and John Collins Lane.
- Road from Laragh School to Newcestown needs attention.
- Gritting from Butlerstown to Clonakilty. CMC said it was important to note that it was not possible to get everywhere with gritting and priority routes 1 and 2 would be done. He also advised that drivers should treat every road as if there is ice and just because a road is gritted, doesn't mean it's safe.
- Issues with trees and roads at Cornfield Estate.

### **Cllr. J. O'Sullivan**

- Asked that the Timoleague – Clonakilty road be upgraded to Priority 1 or 2.

### **Cllr. K. Murphy**

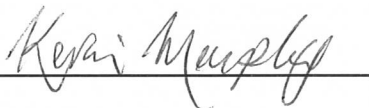
- Subsidence on road from Whitecastle Bridge to Kinsale.
- R611 from Ballyfeard to Belgooly needs attention.

- Drainage issues on road from Ballinadee to Bandon.
- Charles Fort Walk needs improving.
- Can footpath to playground on Ballincurrig road be widened?
- Wheelchair accessibility at Kinsale Museum? MDOH said that works being carried out will have to remain within budget and a lift/wheelchair access and pricing received would be prohibitive.
- Drainage issues on road between Kilbrittain and Timoleague Bridge.
- Someone has installed concrete pipes standing along sightline of coastline.
- Requested update from footpath from Ballinspittle village to Garretstown.
- Filling in/extension to car park opposite Dino's. BF said that a plan would have to be agreed before applying for a licence. He said projects like this needs to be part of Local Area Plan or Development Plan.
- Relocation of public toilets, MDOH said he may have an update for February meeting.
- Surface at both sides of Archdeacon Bridge poor. BF said that this will be done and that the southern side was being monitored for subsidence.
- Rubbish dumped at southern side of bridge.

BF informed the meeting that the Local Area Plan and Development Plan compilations was coming up and asked members to keep in mind routes that could be developed as greenways. Cllr. J. O'Sullivan said that Bord Failte already suggested that Seven Heads should be developed as a National Walking Hub.

***This concluded the official business of the meeting.***

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