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## MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 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 Fehily, 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)  
Paul Barry, Staff Officer.

### Statutory Monthly Meeting

#### 1. Minutes

*(a) Confirmation of minutes of meeting of Municipal District of Bandon Kinsale held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

On the proposal of Cllr. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. O'Donovan the minutes of meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were agreed.

*(b) Matters arising from minutes dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021.*

Cllr. Coughlan said she was not satisfied with reply from Irish Water in relation to Market Quay, Bandon and did not accept their reason that buildings were structurally unsound. She suggested contacting Irish Water to arrange a meeting with the BKMD. This was supported by Cllr. Sean O'Donovan. CMC said that the Council were not involved in this project as the contract was between Irish Water and Ward and Burke.

Cllr. Coleman asked that CMC look at the road to Ring Village as it's in a poor state.

## 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 approximately 90% complete. Barring more Covid and Archaeological delays it is hoped to complete in Q2 this year.

#### **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 substantially complete and the “Operations Service Period” is due to commence very shortly. Full connection and commissioning of Glasslinn Pumpstation is set for late February and expected to be complete in early March.

### *(b) Engineer’s Report.*

CMC informed members that he had been notified of funding allocation for RI Programme 2021 and that it was increased by 6% from last year. He mentioned a few areas that would be included on programme and it was hoped that works would start on these roads as soon as possible. He hopes to have full RI Programme for March MD meeting.

CMC advised members that funding had been sourced for the widening of footpath on the Dunmanway Road in Bandon and that it was hoped to advertise shortly. He said it was hoped to include a pedestrian crossing and bus parking facilities.

### *(c) Chairmans Report.*

No update on last month.

### *(d) Municipal District Officers Report.*

#### Municipal District Meeting indicative locations and dates for 2021

| Mar 27 <sup>th</sup> | Apr 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 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> ? |
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| MS Teams             | Kinsale              | Kinsale              | Village TBA?         | Kinsale              | Bandon                | Bandon               | Bandon               | Kinsale                |
| MS Teams             | Mun Hall             | Mun Hall             | Community Hall       | Mun Hall             | Town Hall             | Town Hall            | Town Hall            | Mun Hall               |

#### Community Fund

The submission deadline for the Community Grant Scheme was last Friday February 19<sup>th</sup> 2021. As of Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, there were 52 application to the scheme in 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 chance. Recommended allocations to be presented to the Councillors for the end of March.

### **Pride of Place 2021**

Nominations are now sought for the 2021 Pride of Place competition with nominations to be returned to Aileen Walsh, Cobh Municipal District, Carrig House, Cobh, by close of business on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April. The nomination form will be emailed to all Councillors after this meeting.

This year there is a new Category, Community Resilience, this category is for ‘Communities who have demonstrated extraordinary resilience in the face of adversity.’ For example, their response to COVID-19, natural disasters (such as floods, storms, coastal erosion and landslides), closure of major business in area; rural population loss etc.

There is also an additional prize in relation to climate action, it is not a separate category but is a cross cutting theme of all categories. In order to award this additional prize for excellence in climate action, groups will be asked to complete a question in the detailed submission form demonstrating their actions/activities/initiatives relating to climate action.

### **3. Statutory Business.**

#### ***Notices of Motion submitted by Cllr. Gillian Coughlan***

*“That a virtual meeting be convened between the elected representatives and officials of Bandon, Oregon and Bandon Kinsale Municipal District with a view to strengthening cultural, historical and social links”.*

Cllr. Coughlan explained how it was important to follow up on meeting held in Copper Grove about twinning in 2019. Motion proposed by Cllr. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. O’Donovan and agreed.

MDOH said that the issue of funding would have to be investigated and the Corporate Policy on Twinning would have to be adhered to. He also suggested that a Twinning Committee be established to manage the twinning and once this is established that we could contact CPG who under the existing policy need to approve any twinning. Cllr. Murphy suggested putting this item on Agenda for March meeting.

*“That Bandon Kinsale Municipal District seeks an update from the Minister for Justice on the installation of CCTV in Bandon. Further, to enquire about the possibility of erecting cameras at known litter and dumping black spot”.*

Proposed by Cllr. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. O’Donovan. MDOH said that the money set aside during Town Council time was still available and there was currently confusion in relation to who was the Data Controller for the purposes of regulation and local authorities in general had postponed the introduction of new schemes of CCTV.

With regard to cameras at litter and dumping black spots it was felt that cameras would act as a deterrent.

Cllr. Coughlan said that it was vital that Bandon town be covered by CCTV when there is clarity.

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***Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Kevin Murphy***

*“To ask the Council to inform the members as to when the countywide speed limits review will begin”.*

Proposed by Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Coughlan.

Cllr. Murphy was informed that it would be at least September before review would begin.

**4. Correspondence.**

*Reply from Tom Comerford regarding tour of new Bandon Waste Water Treat Plant.*

Noted by members and it was suggested to check again after next restrictions date of 5<sup>th</sup> April has passed.

*Correspondence received from Anthony McCarthy, Private Secretary to Minister Heather Humphreys T.D. at the Department of Rural and Community Development regarding 7 Heads.*

Cllr. J. O’Sullivan thanked EOH for this very positive feedback.

**5. Any Other Business**

**St. Patricks Day Parades 2021.**

EOH referred to email circulated from Director regarding Cork County Council’s support of virtual parades. Cllr. Murphy said that it was important that no Covid restrictions were broken.

It was agreed to get word out to existing Committees. Cllr. O’Sullivan suggested using drone footage from previous years along with a message from the Chairman. EOH said he would talk to Communications Section.

*Cllr. Marie O’Sullivan*

- As level 5 restrictions are extended, can road closures to accommodate outdoor dining be as per last year. BF said that there was no objection.

*Cllr. John O'Sullivan*

- Had an email from a family regarding placing a bench to remember their parents on pier at Courtmacsherry. MDOH said that the Council had a policy on roadside commemoration and would send on an application form to JOS.
- Roads in Timoleague village in need of urgent attention in particular road from village to Ballydrum Cross. CMC said that some element of Timoleague Village would be included in RI Programme 2021.

*Cllr. Alan Coleman*

- Is there a proposal to carry out works at Mawbeg Bridge? CMC said funding had been made available under the Bridges Scheme.
- Drainage issues at Templemartin/Brinny area.
- Issues with flooding on Ballyfeard to Tabor Lodge road.
- Can road from Rising Sun to Blacks Cross be resurfaced?
- Asked if members could have a report on Kinsale Museum for next meeting.

*Cllr. O'Donovan*

- Can Dog Warden come to Bandon and issue fines to deal with dog fouling in the area?
- Public lighting needed at Graham Norton Walkway and on Oldchapel to Rugby Club road. Cllr. O'Donovan said how there was solar lighting on Carrigaline and Crosshaven Walk and could this be looked at for Bandon? CMC undertook to check out the possibility of solar lighting.

*Cllr. Coughlan*

- Potholes at Ballylanglely and Oaklawn.
- Potholes at Kilbrogan.
- Potholes at Kilbeg, in particular Woodlands.
- Asked that sign at Oldchapel be replaced as the Irish translation was incorrect.

*Cllr. Murphy*

- Flooding at Gurraneasig National School. BF said that this issue was dealt with.
- Library in Kinsale – asked that there be no further carparking reduction other than what is necessary.
- Noted that Minister for Environment was preparing for more water functions to be handed over to Irish Water where it's Cork County Council's proposal that all responsibility be handed back to CCC.
- With regard to Kinsale Museum, a substantial list of errors/problems was received from Kinsale Historical Society.
- Can rubbish dumped at Ballinspittle side of Archdeacon Duggan Bridge be removed?
- Can BKMD promote idea of Blueway from Kinsale to Innishannon?
- Flooding issues at Knockavilla and Crossbarry.
- Road from Dunderrow to Rising Sun needs attention.
- Wall collapsed at Ballinaclashet on road to Oysterhaven.

- Moorings at The Cush and Oysterhaven, can it be incorporated in new Bye-Laws that Cork County Council can charge for these?
- Serious flooding issues at Devil's Half Acre south of Newcestown.
- Can Personnel Department can be pleaded with regarding staff shortages?
- Derelict building at corner of Main Street and Market Street, Kinsale. BF said that it was now possible to charge owners under Derelict Sites Act but that the hoarding remained necessary.

CMC said that there were issues all over area due to heavy rain recently and crews were trying to work through drainage and potholes.

BF spoke to members about Covid related outdoor dining and if members agreed to have streets closed as per 2020, i.e. closing Short Quay for the Summer and Main Street for Sundays during the Summer. BF said it would have to be advertised and public submissions be considered. It was agreed to go ahead with public advertisement and then consider following submissions.

*This concluded the official business of the meeting.*

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*Kevin Murphy*

DATE

*25/3/2021*