

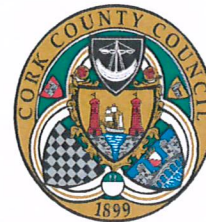
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MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HYBRID MEETING HELD IN BANDON LIBRARY AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 23rd May 2023.

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

In Attendance: MacDara O'Hici, Senior Executive Officer SEO
Brian Dunne, Municipal District Office MDO
Richard Cahill, Senior Executive Engineer, Bandon SEE
Marie Kelleher Ass Engineer Bandon
Sabrina Tobin, Executive Engineer, Kinsale EE
Claire Levis, Meeting Administrator.

Cllr. M O'Sullivan presided.

Statutory Monthly Meeting

1. Minutes

(a) Confirmation of minutes of meeting of Municipal District of Bandon Kinsale held on 25th April 2023.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. O'Sullivan seconded by Cllr. K. Murphy the minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2023 were agreed.

(b) Matters arising from minutes dated 25th April 2023.

In response to when the Stoney Steps would be power washed the MDO stated that it would be before the June Bank Holiday.

Members asked for the drain on the way to Lidl from the Eastern road be sorted as it was dangerous.

In response to a query regarding the yachts parked long term on the Long Quay the SEO stated that the purpose of the quays was for boats to tie up and the council had no power to move them.

In reply to the query regarding disabled access in the Museum, the SEO stated investigations had indicated that there would be difficulties in providing disabled access to the upstairs due to the historic nature and designation of the building and it would be an expensive project. He reminded the meeting that a decision had been taken previously that the glazing of the arches

would be prioritised in order to facilitate the use of the lobby of the building where staff were now located. The members said that we in the council are required to provide disabled access and we should expedite this once the glazing was complete.

Members queried an older motion which was brought before the council regarding the renaming of a road in Bandon. The MDO explained to the meeting that renaming a road wasn't possible currently as it required a local plebiscite and the legislation providing for a plebiscite had lapsed and this was a national issue. He would get back to the meeting when this was rectified.

Members asked for suspension of standing orders to discuss the loss of the Blue Flag on Garretstown beach. This was proposed by Cllr Murphy, seconded by Cllr M. O'Sullivan and agreed by the meeting

Members pointed out that the issue An Taisce had was that there were not enough recycling bins in Garretstown beach.

Members noted that they had previously agreed that the council should maintain the parking spaces at the beaches rather than provide more recycling bins. The members noted that the area was very well served with recycling bins and suggested that a proposal be put to An Taisce that if the existing recycling bins at Garrylucas were moved to the car park at the western end of Garrylucas to see if they would restore the blue flag if this was done. The MDO informed the meeting that proposal to remove the blue flag designation had nothing to do with the water quality and was purely in relation to the recycling facilities. The MDO agreed to contact An Taisce.

2. Reports & Recommendations.

(a) Engineers Report Richard Cahill

Items from previous meeting:

Depression/weak points on the N71 between and around Innishannon village. 6 repair requests have been created on GEOPAL repair system to the value of 87K.

National roads office has been contacted and asked to liaise with the Bus Eireann to see if a Bus Stop would be located in Gaggin.

Query raised in the last meeting re speed limit in Ard an Chuilinn un Bandon. In the past speed limit reviews have been done in advance when significant numbers of estate or locations have been suggested for a change,. Currently the roads office do not have the such a quantum but perhaps by mid-year they may have significant list and may go through the scaled down process which still requires mapping. Public Consultation and presentation at Area Committee and Full Council meetings and hence still a significant and time-consuming body of work.

Last meeting members asked for the Toilets in Courtmac to be painted: these were painted with epoxy paint since the last meeting.

NTA/Active Travel Works

Belgooly

Village enhancement/active travel scheme commenced 15 weeks ago with Ryan Civil Engineering being appointed as a contractor. There is good progress being made currently and the works are now nearing the junction at the southern end of the village. An extra controlled pedestrian crossing south of the church and before the petrol station has been created. A new bus stop will be created across from the petrol station, I would like to thank the varying stakeholders in the village who are working together to deliver greatest benefits from the project for the village.

Ballymoden, Bandon surfacing contract continuing to be progress with significant works now completed from the Weir street junction back towards the pedestrian entrance to the shopping centre. The works will be completed on the Northern side of the street by mid June and is going to the programme.

Update on North Main street:- works have been finished since the last meeting. The roads office would like to thank the site team and contractor for delivering and complex project with a high-quality finish and on time. The roads office would like to thank the residents and the businesses and the traveling public for their patience shown during the weeks.

RI/RM works (Richard Cahill)

Since the last meeting the roads dept have continued paving roads on our road improvement programme for 2023.

Roads done:3.5km section of the Dunmanway road R586

Street in Ring

Section of the main street Courtmacsherry

Street in Timoleague adjacent to the centre.

The roads office also surfaced from the Welcome Inn heading North West L6018 and have surfaced the worst patches and will be surface dressing the entire 2.7km of road after the Bank Holiday Weekend.

Also 3.5km section of the Dunmanway road will also be done after the Bank Holiday weekend. The road has an asphalt surface, but the surface is now showing signs of distress in that there is unravelling in places and there are stress cracks evident through the surface. By applying a surface dressing, we will hope that the tar will fill the cracks and add significant extra life to the road.

Shippool Corner

The Roads office had a meeting onsite with the design team and they are currently working on a plan to try and establish what can be done for very limited monies that is available for the project this year. The design team want to establish how much of the bank is to be excavated is rock and how much us clay/earth as this information will feed into Any road closure requirement and the timeline as well as the cost for carrying the works.

N71 and the poor condition

There was a contractor there on site last week surfacing a bad section of the N71 from Gaggin back towards Bandon, the roads office is working with TII to try and get an agreement to carry out extra works in the area as much the road is in poor condition.

Kinsale

On the R607, the road edges heading towards the Rising Sun were mentioned as needing attention. These have since been filled from the Rising Sun to the Halfway roundabout

There was also a mention of the significant drop down on the road edge of the R607, directly opposite the Rising Sun. The roads office are aware of this & we will be increasing the height of the ditch, with the intent to get a crew there over the next month or so.

The R605 was mentioned as requiring strengthening in parts, in particular the area around Whitecastle down to Gully Bridge. Sabrina Tobin, EE, advises that this is included in our programme of works for 2024.

Also mentioned at our last meeting was the issue of subsidence occurring in Riverstick opposite what was previously the Babbling Brook. The roads dept have inspected this & will be organising for a contractor to improve the existing drainage which should prevent any further subsidence form occurring. The patches where there is current evidence of subsidence will be dug out & reinstated.

Faulty lights at the school in Ballinspittle have been reported & Infratech are due to attend to these.

RI Work (Sabrina Tobin)

Moving onto our current programme of works This past month has seen us complete fog sealing on all of the roads which have been blacktopped this year.

The roads dept will be commencing surface dressing next Monday the 29th for a period of one week.

The Second phase of RI works will see Hepburn Hall, Ballyheada & Butchers Row completed. Following on from this will be our second phase of surface dressing works which will see the road from Kilbrittain to Carey's Cross being completed, along with the road from

Ballyheada to Halfway & also a stretch along the Ballyheada Road to the new GAA grounds in Ballinhassig.

Hedge Cutting

We are Hedge cutting this week at Hepburn Hall & Pewter Hole Cross & also at a few more junctions which are becoming overgrown

Verge Cleaning

Dyke clearing works have been ongoing in preparation for surface dressing works

Potholing

Our crews are continuing to attend to potholes where required

Miscellaneous:

A few items to bring to your attention:

The roads dept spent some time in Garretstown clearing & banking up stone which had become washed on to the beach. Also in Garretstown, the new carpark area is now complete & operational. The two new barriers are in place overall is a great improvement to the area

The roads dept completed line marking improvement works on the road heading towards the Rising Sun & also along a stretch in Belgooly

Over the next month the roads dept plan to complete line marking in front of the newly placed bank in Garretstown in front of new carpark, also outside of the school in Ballinspittle, e & at the corner heading to village in Ballinspittle. A request was made at our previous mtg regarding disabled parking in Ballinspittle, we will be arranging for this as part of our linemarking works.

Severance sign reinstated on R609 following ca car accident by Ringrone

The Roads dept can gladly advise that the fountain was relined last week & the replacement pump will be installed shortly

Playground equipment, specifically the zipline has been repaired in Ballinspittle

Equipment has been repaired at the outdoor gym in Kinsale

The stepper at the playground in Kilbriain has been repaired

The Council Gardener Austin Calanan will soon be in receipt of our delivery of flowers for town planting ahead of the Tidy Towns judgement. The roads dept are also currently removing the advertising signs from around the town ahead of the competition.

Pollinator Plan

Marie Kelleher circulated the Pollinator Plan for Bandon.

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Members asked re Kinsale and whether a similar plan would be introduced there. Sabrina Tobin Stated that there is one in Kinsale and will be expanded.

b) Disabled parking bay on Church Lane South in Bandon opposite EIRCODE P72 HP95



E.M. Report
Disabled Parking Ba



Layout Drawing
-Disabled Parking Ba

This was proposed by Cllr Coughlan and Seconded by Cllr O Donovan and agreed by the meeting

c)Municipal District Officer's Report.

Municipal District Officers Report – 23rd May 2023



Municipal District Meeting indicative times and dates

23 rd May	27 rd June	25 th July	26 th Sept	24 th Oct
Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid
Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library

Commencement of Cruise Schedule

1. L'Austral - The first cruise ship of the 2023 season called to Kinsale on April 26th. L'Austral, a luxury expedition ship owned by French company, Ponant, anchored early in the morning with 185 passengers onboard. Despite the weather on the day being less than ideal, guests enjoyed unobstructed views of iconic Charles Fort from their anchorage. Coming ashore on tender boats, delighted passengers were welcomed to Kinsale by Cllr. Marie O'Sullivan, Chair of the Bandon-Kinsale Municipal District. On the pier, early morning traditional music was provided by young musicians from Ballinspittle Comhaltas and by a group of lively Irish dancers. Organised tours included a Culinary Walking Tour of Kinsale, a visit to Charles Fort and the Old Head of Kinsale and a visit to the Jameson Distillery. But a number of the guests braved the poor weather and strolled around Kinsale independently. Local Kinsale businesses, Kinsale Mead and KoKo Kinsale chocolates provided a Taste of Kinsale for departing guests. Passenger feedback was excellent, and a number of guests expressed their intention to return soon to Kinsale
2. Dumont d'Urville visited Kinsale on May 9th allowing guests to come ashore and sample the many culinary and heritage delights that the town has to offer.







Sea Sunday Commemoration

The Sea Sunday Commemoration took place on May 14th whereby an ecumenical service was held at St Multose Church to mark those lost at sea. It was followed by a parade to the memorial mast for a wreath laying ceremony.

- The service was presided over by Alan Howe, Fr Robert Young, and Rev Andrew Robinson
- The Wreath was laid at the Memorial, by commodore Mick Malone, Flag officer Commanding Naval Service
- Another wreath was laid in the Outer harbour in memory of the F/V Honey Dew II, by the F/V Adrienne and her crew.







Cruinniú na nÓg

Cork County Council Library and Arts Service has announced the 2023 Cruinniú na nÓg programme, with almost 40 events planned across Cork County. Cruinniú na nÓg is a day of free creativity for children and young people taking place this year on Saturday, June 10th.

A wide range of activities including storytelling, songwriting, and spinning plates will take place across the county. Events will be held in Libraries, GAA Clubs, Schools of Art, and Arts Centres town across the county including Bandon. All events are family centred and are suitable for a range of ages, from birth to 18 years old.

Cruinniú na nÓg is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth Plan to enable the creative potential of children and young people. Full details on the programme can be found on creativeireland.gov.ie For further information on events in Cork County, contact creativeireland@corkcoco.ie

Annual Paint Scheme

The 2023 Streetscape Painting, Signage & Improvement Scheme was launched this week with the aim to promote town centre regeneration and business growth.

1. Tenants or owners of buildings can avail of a grant of up to 50% of the full cost of painting the facades along the street which may include paint, labour, scaffold/ hoist and other materials etc. **Priority will be given to full facade** i.e. shop fronts and overhead. Two quotations from registered painting contractors will be required.
2. Applications on a full street basis (10 or more adjacent buildings on one street) will be prioritised over individual applications. If a full street joins together a grant of 60% will be provided.
3. Tenants or owners of buildings in the Town Centre can avail of a grant of up to 50% of the costs of replacing existing plastic, neon & printed signs etc. with "Heritage Type Signs".
4. A contribution to a maximum of 100% will be paid towards the cost of materials where it is proposed the tenant/owner will undertake the works themselves.

Deadline for receipt of applications is Friday 23rd June 2023

Application forms and further details of the Scheme can be obtained from the Municipal Hall, Kinsale on 021 4772154 or bandonkinsalemd@corkcoco.ie



Bandon Town Walls - McSweeney Quay

The Dept of Housing Local Government & Heritage has allocated 100k in grant funding under the Community Monuments Fund to carry out restoration works of the old town wall in Bandon, subject to certain conditions. The funding relates to preservation of town wall on McSweeney Quay adjacent to the Fish pass on the Bandon River.



3. STATUTORY BUSINESS.

Notice of Motion

Cllr S. O'Donovan

That Cork County Council would take in charge "The steps and wheelchair access between Troopers Close and Featherbed Lane in Kinsale Town"

This motion was Seconded by Cllr K. Murphy.

The MD and roads office will investigate this further.

Cllr K. Murphy

That this M/D take immediate action to reduce the Speeding on the L3205 Rising Sun road towards Dunderrow in the interest of Safety of all who drive, walk ,cycle and all road users and take the advice of the Gardai the Engineers Office and the many requests from the community alert to SLOW down.

This Motion was seconded by Cllr M. O'Sullivan.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

In response to a query regarding the Town park and the issue with Pipers the SEO also wanted to refute any claims that Cork County Council has not been engaging as there has been correspondence between the two parties with Cork County Council trying to facilitate progress.

Members asked for the steps in Broadstrand to be cleaned and fixed. However, these are private property and were designed and installed by a local group and the council would not be taking any action in relation to this facility.

Members wanted to congratulate Bandon show on their success after 3 years of being unable to have the show.

In reply to a query regarding an update on the Bandon Bypass the SEE stated that he would contact TII again and ask for a timetable.

Members mentioned that there was an issue with some equipment in Timoleague playground.

The members asked that the Boules pitch in Kinsale be examined as the surface is not flat and the condition of the surface is not good. MDO advises he will investigate issue

Members asked that a slow lane be introduced on the R600 and on Kilcall Hill?

Members welcomed the new additional parking in Garretstown and asked re the Failte Ireland Funding for facilities in Kinsale.

Members asked for a review on the parking in Kinsale.

Members requested that Ballycatten Terrace be examined to provide more parking.

Members asked for Traffic Calming by the Bulman and Summercove as there will be issues during the summer with crowds.

In response to a query regarding funding for Summer festivals the MDO stated that it was too late to apply. The MDO did state that the Municipal District would advertise for the Sports Capital grants by the end of June.

Members asked for some lighting on the Bandon Bridge for the 250-year anniversary. MDO advises he will investigate issue

Members asked for an update on the Village Renewal of Newcestown?

Members asked could the sand be raked in Garretstown to remove the stones. The response the SEO stated that The Ecologist has stated that it is inappropriate to remove any natural materials from beaches.

In reply to a query re the Fountain in the Town Park Kinsale S.T. stated that it had been relined and the next step was the installation of the pump.

Members asked for a flag in Millwater Cross?

In reply to a query asking for more double yellow lines in Innishannon the SEE stated he would investigate it.

Members asked for a survey to be done in areas like Sandycove/Castlepark/Scilly as Emergency vehicles cannot get through.

Members mentioned potholes in Ballyregan.

Members asked for a vote of sympathy to be given to Pat Dooley on the death of his wife Carmel.

In reply to a query re the new toilets in Kinsale the SEO stated that we were waiting on the part 8 drawings.

Members asked about the Church Square Car park and whether an extension upwards of the parking area was a possibility.

Members asked for pedestrian walking signs for Oysterhaven.

Members requested road lining for Radharc an tSaile.

Members asked about the possibility of bringing grass cutting to the recycling centre?

Members asked about the possibility of putting a new playground in Compass Quay.

Next meeting Tuesday 27th June 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

This concluded the official business of the meeting.

CATHAOIRLEACH Marie O'Sullivan

DATE 27/6/23