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MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HYBRID MEETING HELD IN BANDON LIBRARY AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 23rd Jan 2024.

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

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

Cllr. S. O'Donovan presided.

Statutory Monthly Meeting

1. Minutes

(a) *Confirmation of minutes of meeting of Municipal District of Bandon Kinsale held on 19th December 2023*

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Coughlan seconded by Cllr. K. Murphy the minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2023 were agreed.

(b) *Matters arising from minutes dated 19th December 2023.*

Members enquired if there was feedback from Cllr Coughlan's motion re Crossbarry and the clarity of the financial figures. The MDO stated that has yet there was not but would follow up.

In response to a query re the Part 8 of the public toilets, the MDO state that he will request an update.

Members asked the meeting re Haven Hill and the works needed there. The EE responded that over €350000 is needed which is not available as yet.

In reply to the issue re the right turn at Guardwell the EE stated that she was investigating this further to see if it could be changed to one way.

In response to an issue re the Scilly wall, the MDO stated that he had engaged an engineer and received the report.

In reply to applying for funding through the Community Monuments Fund for Abbeymahon Graveyard with the closing date approaching, the MDO stated that they had looked into it and

an expert external report on the structure would be required and this would not be available by the closing date.

In reply to an issue of subsidence on Compass Hill the EE stated that there would need to be consultation with the landowner.

Members queried if the Quay Road could be upgraded as it was very narrow in parts. The SEE stated that the road adjacent to that is the Ballinadee road and this was to be upgraded shortly. The plan is for the traffic to move to this one.

The Members asked the meeting to suspend standing orders to discuss the ongoing issue of water outages in Kinsale. There have been 5 water outages in the past 4 months and this was due to old pipes which need to be replaced. Each time one breaks it cause pressure on the existing ones which causes further breaks. Members spoke about a vulnerable person who is on home-dialysis, registered with Uisce Éireann as a vulnerable customer, and needs water consistently. He was never contacted by Uisce Éireann regarding the outages and had to go to CUH as he couldn't have his dialysis at home. Members asked for Uisce Éireann to be written asking them to improve on their communications strategy as it is not working and to replace all old pipes which are causing the breaks.

The SEO reminded the meeting that Uisce Éireann now has responsibility for Water Services and not Cork County Council but agreed to speak with the County Engineer regarding this.

2) Report and Recommendations

a) Engineers Report

BANDON: Richard Cahill

Following the completion of the flood relief works in Bandon, There was a need for a hand rail to be erected along the river walk north of the river as there was a potential drop in levels in a number of locations along the walk. We liaised with the OPW and then OPW funded the insertion of a new handrail. The works were significant due to the location and the length of the walk and it should also be noted that the path under the bridge was widened slightly as part of the works. The works are now completed, and the works finish off the amenity to a much higher standard and makes the area safer and more useable for all.

An issue that has been dragging on and on is the street lights on the approach into Bandon from the Clonakilty side. While the streetlights have been erected for some time the actual lights still have not been energised and I wanted to understand and help you understand why such a delay can take place. So once the pole is erected there are 7 more stages to be completed before the light gets switched on. The first requirement is that a NC4 form is submitted by the CCC public lighting section to the ESB. The 2nd requirement is that the ESB must respond with a contract issue that includes any issue with the meter point etc and this contract must be signed by CCC and send back. The 3rd stage is once the signed contract is received by the ESB, an invoice is issued from the ESB to CCC.

The 4th stage is that CCC must pay the invoice and once payment is received the MPRN becomes active. The 5th stage is once the MPRN is active CCC can submit the reci certs to Safe Electric who are the regulatory body. The 6th stage then is Safe Electric must approve

the RECI certs and forward same to the ESB Networks. This is the stage we are currently in. The final stage 7 is once the ESB receive the approved RECI certs from Safe Electric they can then schedule the connection.

Since the last meeting we have been preparing for 2024. There is a lot of preparatory work to be done by the engineering staff before any works can be carried out. For example, there are multiple tenders to be completed that will cover the materials purchased and the services that are contracted into each of the areas for the coming year. As well as that, we have to formulate a works programme for the year and in formulating that we take into account your representations as well as representations from the general public. As for previous years our works programme will allocate resources to roads that will benefit the greatest number of road users, so in other words we are going to continue to focus on primarily improving the larger roads in our areas, which are the regional and local primary roads.

We have the programme prepared and we have liaised with Irish Water to make sure our works do not clash. Irish Water have plans to do 2 roads only in our MD in 2024. The 2 roads are O Mahony Avenue which will start shortly and Dunmanway road. They are in the process of preparing a plan a multi year plan but it will be sometime before this is prepared so we have to continue with our own road improvement plan and continue to liaise with them in the interim.

Bad weather events

Since the last meeting we had a few bad weather events. We had the flood orange event over Christmas that the crews and Sabrina dealt with very well and for the past few weeks we had a significant cold weather event that by and large the crews dealt with well. In that regard we made a small but significant investment in equipment in the Bandon area where we purchased a salt spreader (similar to the one in Kinsale) and this allows us to mobilise and treat around the town in a much more prompt and efficient manner. That said it should be noted that our budgets are limited from a salting viewpoint and are not sufficient to allow us to mobilise locally every time there is a frost.

That said the priority 1 and 2 salting truck passes through the town of Bandon twice when it is out salting and I will ask the Senior Engineer if the resource exists to at least salt around the schools, but I will caution you that there could be a capacity issue in that the truck might already be at its limit and it might not be possible to extend the route further.

Finally, Significant resources were allocated to salting over the past 2 weeks with staff coming in very early in the morning to carry out the works. Now that the weather event has passed it will give us some time to revert to our normal duties such as street cleaning, pothole filling and drain opening. It is also worth noting that after a severe cold weather event there always following a period where a lot of potholes and road repairs are required due to the damage caused by the cold weather event.

RI Program

Project Code	Contract	Project Name	Road Name	Kinsale Area Comment
1	CCC	Kilbrittan Church	L-2048	
2	CCC	Kilmacsimon	L-3204	
3	CCC	Heathburn Hall	L-3207	
4	CCC	Spec Door to Barrell's Cross	R604	
5	CCC	Crowleys Mills to Baldwin Bridge	L-2047	
6	CCC	Farm Lane	L-3232	
7	CCC	Abbeylands	R605	
8	CCC	Eastern Road	R-600	
9	Contractor	Worlds End & section by Archdeacon	R600	
TOTAL				

Project Code	Contract	Project Name	Road Name	Bandon Area Comment
1	CCC	L2015 Desert Cross towards Ahiohill	L-2015-23	doing some worst sections
2	CCC	L4025 Inchbridge to Timoleague Cemmetry	L4025	doing the worst sections
3	CCC	L2037 Junction Valley Rovers Pitch to junction just north of Innishannon	L2037	doing the worst sections
4	CCC	L2011-79 Road outside Laragh School	L2011-79	from the cross of four roads to the junction north of school, subject to CIS works going ahead
5	CCC	L2038 Crossbarry to Innishannon	L-2038	surfacing 800m of the worst section of the road
6	CCC	L2046 Bandon to Ballinadee	L2046	Will be paving the worst sections of the road over a 1700m section
7	CCC	L2042 Oliver Plunkett to Connolly Street	L2042	
8	CCC	L6073 from the Kilbrittain road to the cross of four roads at Curravreeda East	L6073	natural link road around the town if the bypass road is under pressure re traffic delays
9	CCC	R589 from Crossbarry towards Bandon	R589	works=pave 2km on west bound lane and 0.4km on the east bound lane. The works over 2.3km will tie into the works we did on the road last year
10	CCC	L2014 Desert to Bandon Wood	L2014	the road is very long, but is a critical road if the Dunmanway road R586 gets closed for any reason. We will only be paving the worst sections of the road and will surface dress the remainder

KINSALE: Sabrina Tobin

There was a report of lights being out on Pier Road in Kinsale. These have been reported & shall be attended to shortly.

RI/RM WORKS

We have finalised our RI Programme for the year which we gave careful consideration to, taking into account feedback from yourselves & the general public over the past year, as well as capturing heavily trafficked roads. I will now give a brief run through of the programme, which will see us working on four regional roads & five local primary roads in the area. The roads are as follows:

Number	Road Name	Project Name	Planned Length
1	L-2048	Kilbrittain Church	1600
2	L-3204	Kilmacsimon	2400
3	L-3207	Heathburn Hall	900
4	R604	Dunneen Pier(just north of the Speckled Door) to Barrell's Cross	2300
5	L-2047	Ballinadee - Crowleys Mills to Baldwin Bridge	2350
6	L-3232	Farm Lane	110
7	R605	Abbeylands	285
8	R-600	Eastern Road	1200

9	R600	Dromderrig - two sections will be resurfaced here, one being at the Worlds End & the second between Archdeacon & the World's End	280
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This list includes four roads in & around Kinsale town which I know will be very much welcomed.

Last week we commenced our road preparation works in Kilmacsimon in advance of resurfacing works.

OTHER BUSINESS

This past month saw us prepare a number of tenders for our upcoming RI works for the year.

Meanwhile our roads crews have been kept going with road maintenance throughout the area & attending to callouts as a result of the separate cold & stormy weather spells we had in recent weeks.

Members welcomed the RI program for both towns and thanked the Roads office for their hard work.

d) Municipal District Officers Report

23 rd Jan	27 th Feb	26 th March	23 rd April	28 rd May
Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid
Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library

Actions from previous Municipal District Meeting

1) Twinning.

We are at an advanced stage of finalising a twinning arrangement between Bandon Kinsale MD and Bandon Oregon, USA. The draft resolution will be considered by the USA contingent on Feb 5th 2024 and hopefully the signing of the agreement can be finalised thereafter. Some members have received representations from elected officials in Titusville, Pennsylvania to arrange a twinning with Kinsale. As twinning is a community led project generally speaking a community group/elected officials would write to the executive outlining their wish to twin with a sister city outlining the likely benefits, what interests of the local community would be met. This would then be considered locally and if approved would progress to CPG Divisional manager for approval.

If this report is forthcoming we can explore it further.

2) Municipal District Community Fund 2023

The aforementioned scheme was opened on Wednesday Jan 10th and will close on Tuesday 13th February at 4pm. Applications to be made online at www.corkcoco.ie or www.yourcouncil.ie. There are three strands under the Fund:

- a. 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.
- b. 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.

- c. 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.

Applicants will be marked under several categories which each stream having specific eligibility criteria such as proof of match funding

3) Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP), Project Clinics

The Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) is a new programme developed by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications to address climate change at a local level and support the delivery of low carbon and climate resilient communities. The programme will be administered at a local level by Cork County Council, in conjunction with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, and is funded by an allocation from the national Climate Action Fund.

Funding under both **Strand 1** and **Strand 1a** of the is available through a competitive application process, which is now open for submissions from **Wednesday 13th December 2023 until Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 16:00**.

Cork County Councils Community Climate Action Officer, Anthony O'Reilly, intends on hosting several "project clinics" for those interested in the coming weeks. The Bandon Kinsale clinic will be held today between 15.00 and 17.00 in the Bandon Library. I would urge anyone interested to engage with this service or the CCAP team.

4) Cork County Council's Creative Communities Programme Fund

Cork County Council's Creative Communities Programme Fund 2024 is now open for applications which focus on new and ambitious projects that establish cultural and creative activities with communities across Cork County. This year, for the first time, the fund will be available for projects of one, two, or three year duration. The Fund also assists projects that involve both community groups and the creative sector, such as artists, designers, makers, or arts organisations. Successful projects will include communities collaborating with a creative person or organisation which supports or improves the quality of life and wellbeing in the community. Activities could include events, research, workshops, conversations, placemaking programmes, or programmes that include multicultural or multigenerational communities.

Applications can be made for projects that will be one, two, or three years in duration. There will be a maximum award of €10,000 for a one-year project, €20,000 for a two-year project, or €30,000 for a three-year project, with a minimum award of €2,000, €4,000, and €6,000, respectively. Applications open until February 23rd, 2024.

A special information session in relation to the programme will take place online on February 1st at 1pm. To register for this session or for funding queries please email creativeireland@corkcoco.ie. Applications for the fund can be made by visiting [this link](#)

3. Statutory Business

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Unsold Affordable Property at 14 Ard na Chuilinn, Bandon, Co. Cork area of 0.024 hectares (0.060 acres) to Dermot & Deirdre O'Brien for the consideration of €205,000

Proposed by Cllr. G. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. M. O'Sullivan.

4. Correspondence

yes

5. Any Other Business

The members informed the meeting that 83 North Main Street, Bandon, which is a historically significant 3 storey building, is currently for sale. Members asked the executive if this building could be bought by Cork County Council as it represents a large part of Bandon's history.

Members agreed that this matter could be discussed in an upcoming meeting with council management.

Members raised the issue of the steps to St Eltins and Sean Hales, they need a clean and vegetation removed.

Members informed the meeting that lights are out in Cappagh and have been for the last 14 months.

Members raised the issue again of an extension to Pier road Car park.

Members also raised the issue of needing a footpath between St Multose school and Kinsale Manor and to the Rock as it is a walking route.

In reply to the condition of a road between the Rising Sun and Riverstick the SEE said he would investigate it.

Members mentioned to the meeting the Battle of Kinsale signs that were stolen a few years ago, that some have been put up for sale and that auctioneers should be warned about it.

Members welcomed the new Harbour Master Mark Clarke to Kinsale and wished him well.

Members asked for a water tap at the Cemetery in Dunderrow.

Members informed the meeting that the sign for Dunderrow had been stolen and needed to be replaced.

In reply to a request for traffic calming in Kilbrittain the SEE stated that this was being looked at.

Members asked if the gullies in Courtmacsherry be unblocked or reviewed.

Members asked if the priority for salting in bad weather could be changed and asked if the Senior Engineer could be written to requesting this.

Members asked if acquiring salt bins from the council could be advertised as people are not aware.

Members mentioned that some of the new street furniture installed in Bandon was not age friendly.

Members mentioned that it was very hard to exit the carpark in Garretstown due to cars parked on the road.

Members asked for an update re the road closure in Skeough Cross.

Members informed the meeting that there was an official opening in April of Belgooly School and asked if the potholes could be fixed before that date.

Members asked for an update on Bandon TPrep.

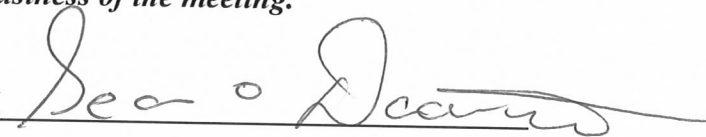
The SEE informed the meeting that the time for cease of hedge cutting was approaching and if there were areas that needed attention could they be informed.

At this point Cllr. Sean O'Donovan ended the meeting.

Next meeting Tuesday 27th Feb 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

This concluded the official business of the meeting.

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27/Feb/2024