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## MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HYBRID MEETING HELD IN BANDON LIBRARY AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 27th Feb 2024.

**Members Present:** Cllrs. (Chair), Sean O'Donovan, J. O'Sullivan(Teams), K. Murphy(Teams), M. O'Sullivan(Teams), 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 27th Feb 2024*

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Coughlan seconded by Cllr. A. Coleman the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 were agreed.

##### *(b) Matters arising from minutes dated 19<sup>th</sup> 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 he had received feedback regarding this and Cork County Council does not have resources or staff to complete this Sewerage Scheme and as of the 6<sup>th</sup> Sep 2023 this is now the responsibility of Uisce Éireann. Members asked about the monies received for this scheme and the future of that money now as Cork County Council is not the responsible body.

Members asked that the MD write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage expressing the frustration with the situation.

The SEO stated that she would discuss the situation further with the County Engineer and revert back.

In response to a query re the Part 8 of the public toilets, the MDO stated he had received the plans and that he would organise a separate meeting to inform the members before the next Municipal Meeting.

Members asked the meeting re Haven Hill and the works needed there. The EE responded funding is not available.

In reply to an issue of subsidence on Compass Hill the EE stated there was no update. Members queried re a new footpath needed by St Multose school to the Co-op, Kinsale Manor down to the Rock.

Members requested the Members names to be put into the minutes with each comment. The SEO replied that there was no statutory requirement to do so.

Members asked if there was an update on Ballycatten terrace and possibly using a part of garden for a through way. The EE stated that she would revert back

## **2) Report and Recommendations**

### **a) Engineers Report**

#### **BANDON: Richard Cahill**

As you are aware the lights on the Clonakilty Road approach to Bandon have been activated since the last meeting and the 2 controlled pedestrian crossing lights in Belgooly have been activated since today. I would like to thank all parties involved.

Something I did not mention before but would like to mention, my staff on a regular basis have to collect refuse that has been illegally dumped on the street or on the countryside. I would like to compliment my staff because typically they go through each bag of dumped refuse searching for evidence that will show the identity of the perpetrator. It is a difficult and dirty job going through someone else's rubbish, and it is rare that we will find some incriminating evidence but to date we have been successful 3 or 4 times in 2024. The fine is €150, and I would like to compliment the team for carrying out this task for their community. At the last meeting I mentioned that Uisce Éireann have plans to do 2 roads in our MD in 2024. These were O'Mahoney Ave and the Dunmanway road, I have now been informed that these works are unlikely to proceed now due to funding constraints, If the situation changes, I will let you know.

We are currently getting the roads ready for the first round of surface dressing at the start of April. We are working on preparing the L6060 which runs from the Timoleague Bandon road down to Clogagh. The L6060 runs into the L8079 and is over 5km in length and require significant works to be carried out to prepare for surface dressing.

As well as preparing for surface dressing we have begun to prepare for our roads improvement program 2024. We have significant works done on the L6073 from the Kilbrittain road to the cross of four roads at Curravreeda East and we have also significant works completed on the L2045 from the Curravreeda cross roads towards the Bypaass. Furthermore we have started paving on the L2046 Bandon to Ballinadee and we have had to carry out very extensive drainage works on this road as the road edge was badly damaged from rain fall events.

We also had to prepare the L2014 from Desert Crossroads towards the Bandon Wood. As mentioned, at month the budget is limited for this project, we are only doing the worst sections and will surface dress the rest of the road.

Again, I would like to compliment the team as all the paving work is being done by our own direct labour crews and by doing the work in this fashion it allows us to do more work for the same cost.

The works on the Glaslyn road are scheduled to be complete in May 2024.

Bridge lane and Bridge Street – Mid May, and as regards South main street and Market Street tenders are in the process of being assessed.

### **KINSALE: Sabrina Tobin**

I will begin by addressing a few of the items which were raised at last month's meeting:

There was a request to install crash barriers at the junction with The Rising Sun. CCC did build up an embankment here last year on the western side of the junction, which we are monitoring for performance. If we feel it is not sufficient, then we will look at installing a permanent structure such as guard railing, but for now we will keep it under review.

There was mention of a shore being blocked in Balliamona Cross which has been attended to.

Also mentioned was the issue of subsidence in both Hurley & Desmond bridges in Belgooly. We will get to these when money comes available. As you know, we do have our roads programme finalised for the year, however if money comes available this section of roadway will be prioritised for works.

### **RI/RM WORKS**

Moving onto this month's report, I'll begin with our RI programme, where our crews are currently busy preparing roads in advance of asphaltting works which we will be commencing with in March.

Our first road for asphalt will be the L3207 at Heathburn Hall(900m). We'll then head towards Kinsale to do a section (285m) of the R600 in the Abbeylands area along with a section of Farm Lane (110m).

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

We successfully completed road stabilisation works along the R600 in Ballinspittle, works which were done in house.

We are also working on attending to a number of the roads which were put forward for remedial works as a result of damage received due to the events of Storm Babet. First off the mark will be the L7229 in Liosnacrilla which CCC will be commencing resurfacing & drainage works to in March.

### **Questions for Engineers:**

Members asked for the timeline of the works on the Clare O' Leary Walk.

Members asked re the funding from Storm Babet and whether this had arrived locally as of yet as Skeough Cross was still closed.

The SEE stated that phase one monies would be released soon to local authorities and once this money has been spend a further phase of money would be released.

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

#### Municipal District Meeting indicative times and dates

27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	26 <sup>th</sup> March	23 <sup>rd</sup> April	28 <sup>rd</sup> May	25 <sup>th</sup> June
Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid
Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library

**1) Actions from previous Municipal District Meeting.**

**2) Toilets at Garretstown & Garrylucas**

Due to maintenance/ refurbishment works at the public conveniences in Garretstown & Garrylucas we will be closing both for a very short period over the next fortnight to ensure they are in an appropriate condition for the upcoming summer season. Works will be completed at one location before commencing on the other to ensure minimal disruption to the public. Works will entail painting the inside and external doors, repairs to the roof and other ancillary works.

### **3) Municipal District Community Fund 2023**

The aforementioned scheme closed on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Applications are currently being reviewed with the intention of presenting our recommendations to the members shortly. To date we have received the following.

- Amenity Fund = 35
- Capital Fund = 12
- Community Contracts = 8

### **4) Dereliction.**

Certain locations have been identified for further investigation and engagement with property owners. Engineering reports are being finalised at which point we will be in a better position to progress through the statutory process where applicable.

### **5) Civic Reception**

As agreed by the members previously a civic reception will be held for Mr William Ross at 5pm on February 27<sup>th</sup> in the Bandon Town Hall (P72E448).

### **6) Outdoor Dining & Sandwich boards**

As we enter into the spring summer season we are encouraging all business who avail of outdoor dining to engage with the Municipal District office for an application form. Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate applications where possible there will be situations where licenses cannot be granted due to their location and the adverse impact it may cause for the health and safety of pedestrians. Each decision is treated independently with input from the engineers and municipal department

Sandwich boards have always been prohibited in Kinsale due to the obstructions they cause for pedestrians. This position will continue and we ask all businesses to remove them or they will be removed by the council in the interests pedestrian safety.

### **7) Kinsale Museum**

The museum's main focus for 2024 will be on making the entrance more presentable to make the area more inviting for tourists. Other works to be carried out are the repair and maintenance of the clock, roof repairs, an alteration to exhibition layouts and the installation of further information boards. To encourage more 'off season' visitors a short programme of events aimed at the latter half of the year, particularly the Halloween mid term, is in development.

### **8) Sea Sunday**

The Sea Sunday Service will take place on Sunday 21st Of April at 11:30AM in St Multose Church, Kinsale.

### **9) Playgrounds**

- a. Works to Ballinspittle playground next week with respect to the zipline
- b. Timoleague; works to be progressed hopefully in the coming months.

### **10) Mayors Community Awards**

The Mayors Community awards yesterday evening. It's heartening to see communities coming together to celebrate and recognize the dedication of individuals and groups who contribute to the betterment of their towns and villages. Bandon Kinsale saw the Ballinspittle U18 Ceili Band nominated and whilst they were unsuccessful on the night it was a significant achievement to be nominated. The overall individual award for community activism went to Theresa Hickey.



MDO officer updated the meeting with a reply from Uisce Éireann regarding their communication during the last water break in Kinsale.

In this they apologised to whoever was affected and strive to strengthen internal communication procedures in the future. They also state that the water main on Camp Hill has gone up on the priority list and the scheme for the replacement has been sent to a contractor for design.

During the last meeting members asked re procedures regarding the availability for salt bins and salt in poor weather. The MDO and the SEE and the EE will devise a plan and procedure before the next bad spell.

Members asked about the street furniture in Bandon during the last meeting and stated that they were not age friendly, going forward the new benches will all have arm rests included and will make sure they are all distributed through the town.

In reply to a query re any update on playground in Kinsale the MDO informed the meeting that that this was progressing as site has been identified but needs to be surveyed.

Members informed the meeting that works are needed in the playground in Courtmacsherry but that there are questions over land ownership therefore grant funding cannot be applied for. Members have asked that funding be provided for this playground.

### 3. *Statutory Business*

#### 1) **Grant of Right of Way at 2 Woodvale Drive, Ballinspittle, Co. Cork to Elaine O'Sullivan for €1**

*Proposed by Cllr. A. Coleman, seconded by Cllr. G. Coughlan*

#### 2) **Notice of Motion**

- 'That Bandon Kinsale MD would undertake a review of parking facilities in Courtmacsherry and consider the installation of EV chargers to facilitate local people and holiday makers.'

Cllr Coughlan spoke about the motion and asked that the public be consulted before adding extra parking as the town is so busy in summer. The members agreed with Cllr Coughlan and requested that a proposal be drafted before asking the public.

- 'That Bandon Kinsale MD would implement a one-way traffic system at The Rock, Kinsale, with traffic travelling up The Rock and down to the town via Barrack Street. This to facilitate the construction of a footpath to ensure the safety of pedestrians.'

Cllr Coughlan asked that something be done here as the area was very dangerous for both cars and pedestrians together.

The members rejected the idea of a one way but agreed something would have to be done to prevent an accident.

- That Bandon Kinsale MD will invite representatives from Irish Water to discuss current operations and future plans for managing the water distribution and management from the River Bandon with members.  
Further, in the course of such a meeting, I propose that BKMD would call for two new reservoirs on the Bandon River, one on the south side of Bandon town and one for Innishannon Water treatment plant which could be used to supply Bandon instead of pumping water from Inniscarra.



Further, that the River Lee would in future supply the entirety of the population of Carrigaline, replacing the current situation where half of Carrigaline is supplied from the Bandon River. These measures to be put in place to secure water supply in to the future for the rapidly growing populations of Bandon and Kinsale along with the hospitals, schools and businesses in the area in to the future.

Members agreed that the MD would write to Uisce Éireann to invite them to a future meeting to discuss future plans.

#### ***4. Correspondence***

Yes - Twinning

#### ***5. Any Other Business***

Members requested the Kinsale bus to stop at the Halfway as currently it doesn't stop there all the time. Members requested that TFI and Bus Éireann should be written to.

Members informed the meeting regarding a caravan on Burren Pier, the MDO stated that he had been informed and would look into it.

Members requested that the Curragh Woods estate in Riverstick be taken in charge immediately.

Members asked for white lining to be done by Rising Sun to Innishannon

Members pointed out that the area about Rathnaughy be given attention.

Members asked that the area west of Crossmahon, needs attention also.

Members informed the meeting that on the N71 water is draining from the road onto the houses - culvert is blocked.

Members told meeting that there was a blocked gully on Ballintuber cross above the Mill.

Members thanked the organisers of the 10 Mile run and thanked Cork County Council for filling in the potholes.

Members asked that a letter be sent to the Fire Service thanking them for their help during the storms.

Members asked if the HSE be written to asking why the Home Help care schedule had changed in Bandon- this new rota is not suiting workers and patients alike.

Members asked if Kinsale can request a new Road Sweeper under the Equilisation scheme.

Members asked if Kinsale had staff working on Sat and Sundays.

The MDO informed the meeting that the caravan by Garrylucas had been given 5 weeks to move.

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

Next meeting Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

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

CATHAOIRLEACH Seán Ó Donn

DATE 26/March 2024