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## MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HYBRID MEETING HELD IN BANDON LIBRARY AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024.

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

**In Attendance:** Noreen O'Mahony, Senior Executive Officer SEO  
Brian Dunne, Municipal District Office MDO  
Richard Cahill, Senior Executive Engineer, Bandon SEE  
Sabrina Tobin, Executive Engineer, Kinsale EE  
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 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024*

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

(b) *Matters arising from minutes dated 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024.*

Cllr Coughlan enquired if any feedback had been received re the home help rosters to which the MDO replied that there had not been.

Cllr Murphy asked if better signs can be put up around the Rising Sun as there is a large drop off on the side of the road.

Cllr Murphy stated that the R607 was in a dangerous condition.

#### 2) Report and Recommendations

- a) Presentation of programme and introduction of new coordinators of Healthy Age Friendly Homes.  
Aisling O'Sullivan from Meath County Council presented this to the members.

Cllr Murphy asked if it was connected to Community alerts and Ms O Sullivan said that it could be sent to a mobile Sim at an extra cost.

Cllr M O Sullivan stated that it was a great presentation and to see a real example made it more clear.

Cllr J O'Sullivan stated that it would be a great presentation to give to local community groups.

Cllr O'Donovan complimented the presentation and emphasised how important this is to the aging population. Ms O'Sullivan advised that the presentation would be forwarded to the members and they are free to send it to community groups etc.

## **b) Engineers Report**

### **BANDON: Richard Cahill**

Since the last meeting the lights in two pedestrian crossings in Belgooly have been activated. In reply to a query during the last meeting the TII confirmed that phase 2 of the Clare O'Leary walk would be completed in Sept 2024.

The lights in Farnivane have been activated since the last meeting.

There was an issue with water flowing from private property from the N71 which has been resolved since the last meeting.

Regarding the issue of the bus stopping in the Halfway, this has been forwarded to Bus Éireann. Regarding the lights in Old Chapel being out, these lights are fed directly from ESB supply and are concentric cabling Civil works are required to install a midi pillar this has to be done first which will allow our Public Lighting contractor to complete the repair works.

There is currently a high volume of cable faults within the county, but our Public Lighting contractor is working through them and hope to attend these faults within the coming weeks.

We are currently getting roads ready for the first round of surface dressing which will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> April. We have a lot of work done in preparation on the L6060 which runs from Timoleague Bandon road down to Clogagh. The road L6060 runs into the L8079 and is over 5 km in length and requires significant works to be carried out to get ready for RM works. As well as preparing for surface dressing we have also begun preparing for our road improvement programme for 2024. We have significant paving works done on the L6073 from the Kilbrittain road to the cross of four roads at Curravreeda East and we have also significant paving works completed on the L2042 from Curravreeda crossroads towards the Bypass. Furthermore we are also done significant paving on the L2046 Bandon to Ballinadee as well as having carried out significant drainage works on the road edge.

We are also preparing the L2014 from Desert Cross roads towards Bandon Woods. As mentioned last month the budget is limited for this project and we only paved the worst sections of the road and will surface dress the remainder of the road. We have paved a 700m section of the L2038 from Crossbarry towards Innishannon and also have commenced paving the worst sections on the L2037 from the junction adjacent to Brinny GAA pitch junction towards Innishannon.

Compliments to all the team for all the paving works that are done by our own direct labour crews and by doing the works in the fashion will save money.

Finally re damage done from Storm Babet we paved the road down from the Ardgehane Reservoir last week.

We will be strengthening much of the regional road from Crossbarry towards Brinny prior to surface dressing the road during the summer period. Since the last meeting we have met the landowners resident's business owners which have been affected by Storm Babet and on the nearby Knockavilla hill from which a very significant amount of the runoff came from and we aim to carry out some drainage works on the hill during the Easter Break.

**KINSALE: Sabrina Tobin**

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

There was mention of a blocked gully at Ballintubber Cross which has been attended to.

There was a query in last month's meeting regarding funding for required works as a result of Storm Babet. Works resulting from Storm Babet are currently underway, with works now progressing from design stage through to tender stage. We thank our colleagues in County Hall for their efforts & assistance in getting this over the line. Funding allocations for this year will see road repairs being undertaken in Liosnacrailla, Rathroon, Kilbrittain & Slievegallane. We hope to receive further monies in 2025 to see additional roads being attended to which also required works as a result of storm damage. Roads were ranked in order of priority as to which would receive funding.

I will now move onto this month's report beginning with our RI programme which is now well underway. This past month has seen us blacktop 280m of the R605 at Abbeylands in Kinsale. We then mobilised to the L-3232 at Farm Lane where 150m of the surface there underwent blacktopping. This week will see us blacktop 2.3km of the R604 from Barrell's Cross to The Speckled Door. Following this we will mobilise to the L2047 where 2.4km will undergo blacktopping from Crowley's Mills to Baldwin Bridge. These works were programmed to coincide with school closures as a result of the Easter school holidays & thereby minimising disruption to road users. Meanwhile, while we have a crew blacktopping, we have a separate crew busy undertaking road preparation works in advance of further blacktopping work & also in preparation for our first round of SD works which are scheduled for June.

In previous month's meetings, we announced our works programme for the year. One of the roads for this year's programme included the R600 in Kinsale where we had planned to resurface a section of the R600 by Lower O'Connell Street & also a section by Archdeacon Duggan Bridge. We have since postponed this due to planned watermain replacement works by Uisce Eireann, where we deemed it inappropriate to resurface a road while we had the full knowledge that it will be subject to watermain replacement works in the near future. We will attend to the subsidence there & remedy the affected patches to ensure the safety of road users is not compromised & will postpone the full resurfacing until the water main works have been completed.

In place of this, we have opted to instead resurface both Demond & Hurley Bridges on the R600 in Belgooly which will resolve the subsidence issue there & which I know will be very much welcomed.

In other business, we did some paving in Ballinspittle on the road leading to the playground from the village. We will linemark this also to demarcate it as a pedestrian zone.

That completes my report for this month.

Cllr Murphy asked if there was any date for the pipe works from Uisce Éireann in Farm Lane?

He thanked the roads office for works done in Knockavilla and said all the drains should be cleared regularly.

Cllr Coughlan thanked the roads office for works done in the Ballinspittle walking line

### **c) 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) **Kinsale Library** has been submitted for the 2024 Royal Institute of Architects awards for 2024. If the project is shortlisted, it will be included in the RIAI's national media campaign and as such will promote CCC's commitment to quality design, building reuse, sustainability and adaption of existing buildings, delivery of Development Plan objectives.

3) **Garretstown Beach**- We have become aware of an exposed submarine cable on Garretstown beach as a result of storm activity in recent months. The responsibility for same rests with Eir and they have agreed to its removal as soon as possible.

#### **4) Tree Cutting/public Realm**

- a. Tree Cutting has concluded in certain area around Kinsale that needed specific attention, including Friary Hill, near the Tourist office, Opposite the car park.
  - b. Cleaning of pavements has also been concluded in certain areas.
- 5) **Heritage Grants** - Cork County Council has announced the opening of the County Cork Heritage Grant Scheme for 2024. The Scheme seeks to recognise the unrivalled heritage of the county and the numerous groups who actively engage with their local heritage, protecting and promoting it for residents and visitors alike. The aim of the scheme is to acknowledge and support Cork County's many heritage groups in undertaking activities that in turn support the actions and objectives of the County Cork Heritage Plan. The scheme is funded by both Cork County Council and the Heritage Council. Full details of the 'County Cork Heritage Grant Scheme 2024' are available via the Council's website [www.corkcoco.ie](http://www.corkcoco.ie) Applications can be made online; emailed to [corkheritage@corkcoco.ie](mailto:corkheritage@corkcoco.ie) or delivered to 'County Cork Heritage Grant Scheme 2024', Cork County Council, Floor 3, County Hall, Cork. The closing date for application forms is 17:00 on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2024
- 6) **Planting on council land at JamesFort-** It has come to our attention that trees have been planted at Jamesfort Kinsale on land which is owned by Cork County Council. It may have been carried out by a well-intentioned person or group just acting on their own, but this is a proposed national heritage area and national monument and the grassland is species rich and of high biodiversity value in its own right. Accordingly, trees are not appropriate at this site. In conjunction with the ecology unit we will be arrange for the removal of these in the coming weeks.
- 7) **Newport Delegation arriving in Kinsale.** Unlike other years the delegation from Newport Rhode Island will be arriving in Kinsale in early April, estimated to be April 12th.
- 8) **Pride of Place 2024**

The Pride of Place competition is an All-Ireland Competition which honours the remarkable contributions of groups dedicated to improving their local neighbourhoods and creating better places to live, work and socialise. All nomination to be returned to Co Hall by April 18<sup>th</sup> - Forms will be circulated to the elected members after this meeting.
- 9) **RRDF Funding**

Cork County Council has applied for Category 1 RRDF funding for the next phase of the Bandon TPREP programme. We hope to hear if this application has been successful in the coming months
- 10) **Courtmacsherry Pontoon**

Repairs works have been undertaken to the Mooring pile bracket and replacement of old broken fendering with new hardwood to match the recently replaced sections under the Balami 2022-23 application.







Cllr Coughlan complimented the works done in Courmacsherry.

She queried the RRDF fund and whether money was borrowed from there for TPrep.

Cllr Coleman thanked the roads office for the works done in Ballycatten terrace.

He asked if there was any progress in the pontoon in Kilmacsimon.

He also emphasised that the issue re the sewerage in Crossbarry is a huge issue and that sending a letter to the Minister from the Municipal would be very important. The SEO stated that she met with the County Engineer and this was an issue is being looked at a broader level by the Dept.

Cllr Coughlan agreed with the above.

Cllr O Donovan asked about a meeting with Uisce Éireann which was requested months ago.

Cllr Murphy agreed and would support a letter being sent.

Cllr J O'Sullivan stated that this was essentially discrimination in that some people were getting acceptable services and others were not.

Cllr Murphy stated that there was a big issue in Jamesfort re dog fouling. The MDO said the matter would be examined to see whether this area was belonging to the OPW or Cork County Council.

Cllr Murphy asked re the old pontoon in Kilmacsimon and what was the plan for it.

Cllr M O'Sullivan emphasised that Kinsale needs to be given attention and there should be an audit of the town. Community groups can only do so much and therefore the Council needs to do the work.

Cllr Coleman asked for the timeline for the Part 8 for the Toilets, in reply the MDO stated that it would be at full council before the end of the summer 2024.

### **3. Statutory Business**

#### **1) Disposal of site at Railway Bar, Innishannon, Co. Cork c. 0.029 hectares In CCC ownership since 1993 to the Twohig family for €1**

*Proposed by Cllr. G. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr K. Murphy*

At this point in the meeting the Cllr O'Donovan asked to suspend standing orders to speak about the parking situation in Bandon. He requested that pay parking should be suspended until such time as the road works be completed in South Main Street.

All members supported this. Cllr M O'Sullivan stated that while TPrep is a very important and welcome help to the town that there was also no denying the disruption it has caused. Cllr Coughlan stated that it has affected the businesses in the town greatly and people are choosing to shop elsewhere.

Cllr Coleman stated that closing of South Main Street would have the biggest impact.

Cllr Murphy asked that Kinsale parking be suspended also as this was the only town left in the west with pay parking if this was to go ahead. He didn't agree that only some of Kinsale parking dividend would come back to Kinsale.

Cllr Murphy asked why the warden in Kinsale was being sent regularly to Carrigaline.

Cllr M O'Sullivan agreed that Bandon town needed to be kept open for traders and agreed that pay parking should be suspended but that the two-hour limit be kept.

The SEO stated that the TPREP works were very positive for the town and that the TPREP team endeavoured to minimise disruption. She stated that pay parking income was agreed as part of the budget. To remove it now would lead to a budget deficit not accounted for.

Cllr O'Donovan requested for a breakdown of the income and expenditure of parking in Bandon and Kinsale to progress this further. The SEO advised she would attempt to get details for the next meeting.

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

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

- That a progress report be provided regarding the provision of parking in Bandon Town

Cllr J O 'Sullivan requested that a full plan of future parking spaces in Bandon be provided to the members. He asked that sites be identified, and a decision made.

The SEO stated that this was high on the Councils agenda and 15 sites had been identified and that the executive were assessing these sites and any others that may have potential as suitable locations for parking.

Members supported the motion and mentioned that TPrep had promised that there would be no loss in parking spaces but this didn't seem to be the case.

***Cllr K. Murphy***



- I wish to propose that we write to the Minister for Education Norma Foley and her Department to ask why is there such a delay in the start up of the School Buildings Programs in New School for Summercove NS, New School Ghaelscoil Cionntsáile, New School Ballinspittle, Extension to Dunderrow N S.

Members supported this motion and asked that the Minister be written to.

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

Members were given correspondence from the Minister for Health replying to their request to extend Bandon Community Hospital.

Minister Donnelly advised he reached out to the HSE regarding this matter and he was advised that it was their intention to continue to sustain and maintain the current services provided at Bandon hospital. This aligns with peoples desires to stay at home for as long as possible with community supports. Minister Donnelly advised that a 25 bed extension was opened at the hospital in 2018. There are now 21 single rooms and two twin rooms which meets the individual and communal needs of residents. Therefore a further extension is not planned.

Cllr Coughlan stated that she was disappointed in the response.

Cllr J O’Sullivan stated while the hospital was not old but was oversubscribed and many patients were not able to access it.

Cllr Coleman mentioned that there were no private hospitals in the area to take the overflow and therefore people were leaving their town for respite.

Cllr S O’Donovan stated that its hard on families when a loved one isn’t able to stay in their own town.

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

Cllr M O’Sullivan informed the meeting that there were 2 outdoor workers Gerard Eaton and Michael Cahalane retiring in the next month and wished them well. She asked that a letter be sent to them to thank them for their years of service.

Cllr Murphy asked if their replacements were lined up?

Cllr M O’Sullivan asked re the realigning of the parking in Pearse street, the EE stated that it would be next year before they could do it.

Cllr Murphy stated that the drainage at Barrels Cross to the Old Head is very poor.

He asked if the one-way licence had been granted for Castlepark?

Cllr Murphy asked if there was progress with the right turn from Market Street to Guardwell?

He asked that the bollards at Sams bar be moved as they were causing issues during funerals.

He mentioned that the double yellow lines at the Blue Haven be changed to bollards as cars were still parking there. Cllr Murphy also spoke re the lines outside Supervalu which were constantly being parked on.

Cllr Murphy requested that a pedestrian crossing be placed from Bolands Corner to Cronins. In response to a query in a previous meeting re the flow of water into Innishvilla GAA, the SEE stated that this is private land and the council does not do works on private land. The GAA will have to get this sorted.

Cllr Coleman thanked the council staff for meeting with the residents of the Rock to discuss the dangers of walking and driving on that road. A pilot of a one way system will be considered after a speed survey will be completed there.

During a previous meeting members raised the issue of the steps to St Eltins and Sean Hales, they need a clean and vegetation removed. The MDO spoke with the Housing Department, and they will help getting a resident's association started.

Members complimented the roads office for the black tops on the roads in Kinsale.

Cllr Coleman asked if the lighting could be moved in Bóthar na Sup Innishannon so that the lighting could both light the walkway and the graveyard.

He asked if the right road on Rathnarough slip road should be local access only.

Cllr Coleman asked if signage could be placed in Garretstown and Garrylucas prohibiting over night parking. Cllr M O'Sullivan asked if spots can be identified for the summer?

Cllr Murphy stated that parking on the sanddunes is dangerous.

Cllr Coleman asked how many age friendly parking spots were in Kinsale?

Cllr Coughlan informed meeting that the Distillery Road on to the bypass was dangerous and traffic calming should be implemented. The SEE informed the meeting that a pedestrian crossing was being considered and that that would slow traffic.

Cllr Coughlan asked for an update on the pedestrian crossing on the bridge in Bandon as it was very dark.

Cllr O Donovan asked the meeting re the derelict building at Oliver Plunkett Street in which metal props were placed. It seems that the props might have to be adjusted.

Cllr Murphy asked for an update on a footpath from Centra Innishannon to the school, The SEE told the meeting that land would have to be acquired and also that the ground was very high above the road so this would be very costly.

Cllr Murphy asked if the Dunmanway road had been completed?

Cllr Coughlan asked that a letter be sent to former congressman Patrick Kennedy inviting him to consider returning to Kinsale on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kinsale Newport Twinning.

This was supported by members

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

Next meeting at 10:30am 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

*This concluded the official business of the meeting.*

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