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## MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN BANDON LIBRARY AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 25th June 2024.

**Members Present:** Cllrs. (Chair), Gillian Coughlan, John Collins, Alan Coleman (Teams)  
Ann Bambury (Teams), Marie O'Sullivan, John Michael Foley (Teams)

**Apologies:** Brian Dunne MDO

**In Attendance:**

Noreen O'Mahony, Senior Executive Officer SEO  
Richard Cahill, Senior Executive Engineer, Bandon SEE  
Sabrina Tobin, Executive Engineer, Kinsale EE  
John Duggan, Executive Engineer, EE  
Claire Levis, Meeting Administrator.

Cllr. G. Coughlan presided.

### 1 (a) Confirmation of minutes of Municipal District of Bandon-Kinsale meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

*Proposed by Cllr. O'Sullivan*

*Seconded by Cllr. Coleman*

### (b) Matters arising from minutes dated 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

None

## 2. Reports and Recommendations

### a) Engineers Report Bandon – Richard Cahill, SEE

Firstly we make every effort to fill potholes as soon as we are notified, and we greatly appreciate when the public lets us or yourself know where potholes exist as we rarely travel on some smaller roads. However if the road is very small or a cul de sac it can take us a few weeks to get there. This can happen because during the weeks we are surface dressing or

placing a new surface on a road by paving, much of our resources will be dedicated to this activity and pull the resources away from activities like pothole repair.

As mentioned previously there is a housing development site at 20/6697 site at Coolfadda Bandon and storm water from their development is being brought down onto the Dunmanway Rd and brought 540m along the R586 from approximately where the 50 KPH zone starts and the developer is laying the new storm sewer to connect into the existing storm sewer some 540 meters further in the road.

As there are no gullies in Dunmanway Rd. Cork County Council has required the developer to install new road gullies along the road to take the road water that currently runs along the footpath edge.

As part of their road opening license the contractor must reinstate half the road where they opened the road for a storm sewer. Since the last meeting the minister announced extra monies for road paving or improvement. The sum is circa 200K for both Bandon and Kinsale we are going to spend most of this allowance on paving the other half of the Dunmanway Rd. at the same time it should be noted that Uisce Eireann has intended replacing the water main over an 80m section of this 540m surface but after talking to Uisce Eireann representative there is no timeline for the replacement of this main.

The developers paving contractor Arkil Ltd will be mobilized on site at the end of this week or the start of next week and the paving works should be completed with the two within two weeks of the works commencing.

Also as previously mentioned the L-2040 Cork road from the entrance to Radharc an Bhaile has been closed for Monday the 20th of May 2024 18:00pm until Friday the 19th of July 2024; the developer is having to install a storm and a foul sewer to serve the development that is under construction. The works are progressing while they are being hampered by the presence of road in the excavation.

We have another application for a road closure in the town in Watergate St. 4 houses are now almost constructed and completed by the developer on a site to the east of the entrance into Summerhill close. This was to run for three weeks from Monday the 29th of July 2024 at 18:00 pm until Friday the 23rd of August 2024 .

There was there was a significant pushback from the residents in Kilbeg area to the 24 hour closure as the detour was significant. We engaged the contractor and asked that they liaise with the residents representative. The contractor liaison has worked to ally the residents concerned and now the closure has been limited to 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM closure with the road being open outside these areas .

As you know part of the Bridge St. works the OPW agreed to install a flood protection pumping station in Bridge lane.

The civil engineering element of these works have now been completed and the consultants are currently preparing the tender document for the mechanical and electrical pumping elements of the project.

The OPW expects the work to be significantly completed by the end of the year which is great news.

Just for the benefit of the new members, in 2023 we developed a pollinator plan for the Bandon area the plan restricted the cutting of the grass until late May and then set aside areas that will remain uncut to provide a source of food and protection for bees and insects

On many of these uncut areas we also put up signage as part of the plan to educate the public on best practice and to hope that others will create their own pollinator friendly zone in their own backyard. This practice is continuing in 2024.

Since the last meeting we've carried out surface dressing on 3km of Crossbarry towards Brinny regional road; the R589 on 3km kilometers of the busy Dunmanway R586 regional Rd.

The works were scheduled to unfortunately clash with commencement of the leaving cert but all schools have been made aware of the necessary detours and the works proceeded with minimal impact which was excellent.

Again, for the benefits of the new members Kinsale Bandon do all the macadam paving via hiring a paver and doing the work ourselves. This allows us to do more works with the same monies.

We are now in the process of getting ready for our round of surface dressing which starts on the 22nd of July. We've carried out some limited paving works in Bandon to Newcestown road and on the Murragh towards Ahiohill road to remove the rough sections prior to the road getting resurface.

The paving crew mobilized to Timoleague yesterday where they will do the worst section of the Timoleague to Inchybridge Rd.

There is approximately 12 K of road to be prepared for the week commencing the 22nd to July. The CIS and RI scheme at Larragh school are proceeding as planned with much of the accommodation works already completed and the remainder of the works to be completed during the summer. Finally you might have seen the significant road paving repairs that have been carried out on the bypass as well in Innishannon and out along the N71 as you leave in the westerly direction. Since the last meeting the works are now focusing on the section between the Finbar Galvan garage towards the junction for the civic community site. These works started on Monday and will continue for the next two weeks. These works will relay for approximately 750m of the N71.

#### **a) Engineers Report Kinsale– Sabrina Tobin, EE**

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

There was a request for hedges to be cut back in Jagoe's Mills, these are being attended to this week. For the purpose of the new members amongst us, we normally restrict our hedge cutting to coincide with the hedgecutting season which is between 31<sup>st</sup> Aug & 1<sup>st</sup> March under The Wildlife Act. However, there are occasions when we do need to maintain hedges at junctions outside of the hedgecutting season to maintain sightlines & ensure safety for roadusers.

Also mentioned last month was a bad pothole along Bradfields in Dunderrow which has been attended to .

Moving onto this month's report, in the past month we have undertaken over 2.5 km of blacktopping of the L-3204 between Collier's Quay & Seven Crosses in the Kilmacsimon area.

Following completion of these works, we moved to Kilbrittain where we are undertaking a further 1.6km blacktopping of the L-2048 from Ardnacrow to Kilbrittain church. We expect to be finished here this evening.

Once we finish in Kilbrittain mid this week, we will be moving to the Rivertstick area for further sectional blacktopping of the L-3207 at Heathburn Hall.

The past month also saw us complete almost 5.5km of surface dressing of the R604 between Bullens Bay & Barrells Cross, along with an additional 4km of the R600 between Belgooly & Kinsale, which was completed earlier in the month. We will be undertaking further surface dressing in July in the Kilmacsimon, Kilbrittain & Riverstick areas.

Moving onto Kinsale town, we have cut along the popular walking routes namely the Scilly walk and also along Lower Road.

We are also implementing a powerwashing programme for the town to attend to the streets in need of attention. Our town crew started with power washing of the footpath area by Town Park & they will be working their way through the town, attending to the footpaths first which are in need of most attention.

Staying with the town, we also completed footpath repairs along Pier Road where pavers had become loose.

I also would like to highlight to you that in upcoming weeks, we will be implementing a pollinator plan in & around the town. The plan, which was produced by CCC's own ecologist has identified suitable areas in & around the town which are within the management of CCC. These sites were identified through field survey along with consultation with local staff. Implementation of the plan will include adjusting the frequency of our mowing practices in grassland areas along with the planting of pollinator friendly flower beds. The seven chosen areas are as follows:

#### Charles Fort Junction

1. CCC Kinsale Area Office
2. Grass Verge on West side of the road to the East of Commogue Marsh opposite Compass Quay Housing Estate
3. Outdoor Gym Area on West side of the New Bridge over the Bandon River (section nearest the bridge)
4. Recreation Park on the East side of the New Bridge over the Bandon River
5. Hippy Murphy Memorial Park
6. Town Hall (Bowling Green Area)

You will shortly see the relevant signage be erected at each of these sites, communicating that a pollination plan is being implemented.

In other business, we also completed repairs to the wall in Nohoval at the carpark which had received damage. Pothole repairs remain ongoing but thankfully the volume of them have decreased with the drier weather, which is a welcomed reprieve.

Finally, we have undertaken hedgecutting to the junctions of the approach roads to our beaches including the Dock beach, Sandycove, Garretstown & Garrylucas. Harbourview beach in Kilbrittain will be attended to this week.

That completes my report for this month.

b) Request for Disabled Parking Bay at Connolly Street, Bandon

*This was proposed by Cllr Coughlan and Seconded by Cllr Collins*

**(c) Municipal District Officer's Report.**



## **Municipal District Officers Report – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**The SEO welcomed the new and re-elected members of BKMD and updated the meeting on the MDO report in the absence of Brian Dunne MDO.**

### **Municipal District Meeting indicative times and dates**

25 <sup>th</sup> June	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	22 <sup>nd</sup> October	26 <sup>th</sup> November
Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid
Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library

#### **1. Kinsale Library**

Kinsale Library was recently shortlisted for the RIAI awards and the Public Choice Awards. Cork County Council are thrilled to announce that the building

came 3<sup>rd</sup> place from 42 projects nominated which is a testament to the vision and hard work of the architect's team and the contractors.

## 2. Kinsale Public Toilets

Public submissions have now closed. Cork County Council will now review submissions and decide how best to progress this project. The planning documents, which were available for public inspection, outlined there were significant conservation issues which restricted the number of openings/doors in the building. We will now revert to the planning and conservation dept to explore our next step.

## 3. Litter Management

As the summer season kicks into gear and the footfall increases in both towns we would like to remind all businesses of their responsibilities with regards to litter management/emptying of their bins. There had been isolated littering incidents over the last month and whilst the majority of business are very diligent it is an opportune time to reiterate the message i.e. regularly tidying up outside the premises, providing suitable bins for customers, encouraging the use of bins etc

## 4. Special Music Events

The Bandon Kinsale members ring fenced €4,500 from the General Municipal Allocation this year for a Music Scheme. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> year of this scheme bringing free music events to the local towns of Bandon/Kinsale. This scheme was designed to enable local voluntary music groups to work with local business groups to organise music events to be played in their local town. Applications for Bandon and Kinsale have now been approved. If there is further interest, please engage with the MD office on same.

Date	Group	Location	Time
19th June 2024	Ballinspittle Comhaltas	Short Quay- Kinsale	16.00-17.30
26th June 2024	Ballinspittle Comhaltas	Short Quay- Kinsale	16.00-17.30
24th August 2024	Ballinspittle Comhaltas	Short Quay- Kinsale	16.00-17.30
31st August 2024	Ballinspittle Comhaltas	Short Quay- Kinsale	16.00-17.30

## 5. Barrier in Kinsale Car park

This barrier has been damaged numerous times, presumably by buses, exiting the car park. A new extended barrier will be installed along with a new location for the concrete plinth on which it rests (1 -2 meters from current location) to ensure the rear of vehicles do not make contact with the barrier on exiting.

## **6. Planting scheme in the Bowling Green, Kinsale**

Planting of new flowers in the bowling green has been a lovely addition to the area. Congratulations to the tidy towns and all volunteers for their hard work.

## **7. Beach byelaws**

We would like to remind beach users that as per beach byelaws all dogs should be kept on a lead between the hours of 12pm and 6 pm. The county dog warden has visited beaches in the Municipal District numerous times over the last month to remind people of same as there have been complaints received.

## **8. Walking Trails**

We have had requests from local groups regarding the maintenance of walking trails. The Capital, Community, Amenity grants would be the best option locally to fund such projects and I would encourage all groups to engage with the scheme which is launched in January each year. If groups miss the deadline (it has now passed) the Economic Development Directorate have a small maintenance grant available but funding is limited. The salient points of this scheme are as follows but interested parties can contact the Economic Development Section for further information - [economicdevelopment@corkcoco.ie](mailto:economicdevelopment@corkcoco.ie)

- a) Registered with Sports Ireland and subject to annual inspection. Note that inspection reports are required as part of drawdown.
- b) Has relevant insurance identifying Cork County Council and can provide a copy of this.
- c) Managed by an organisation with a relevant status ie community group LTD company etc.
- d) Is tax compliant and can provide a copy of Tax Clearance Cert

Cllr O Sullivan asked that the BKMD office send letters some business regarding litter outside their premises especially if they are providing take away food.

Cllr Collins asked re the toilets in Bandon and asked if proposals were being invited? The SEO replied that this had already being considered.

## **c) Proposal to install retractable bollard on Bridge St Bandon.**

John Duggan updated the meeting on the proposed Section 38 which is going to public consultation on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in July.

## **3. Statutory Business**

None

## **4. Correspondence**

None

## 5. Any other business

Cllr. Marie O'Sullivan

- Congratulated the roads office and the works done in Belgooly and asked if similar could be considered for Riverstick. The EE told the meeting that she was already liaising with the traffic and transportation section.

Cllr. Alan Coleman

- Agreed also with the request for speed restrictions in Riverstick
- Asked about the pedestrian crossing on the bridge in Bandon, the SEE stated that there is a plan for this however over water its more difficult that a normal road.
- Asked about the Bypass and a pedestrian crossing there? The EE said he would check this out.

Cllr J M Foley

- Asked for an update on the playground in Timoleague? The SEO stated that this was progressing and that there was a lead in time for the delivery of the equipment.
- Asked for an update from Uisce Éireann regarding Inniscarra to Bandon to which the SEO replied that since September 2023 these matters must be referred directly to Uisce Éireann and that the contact details for Uisce Éireann would be circulated to the members.

Cllr A. Bambury

- Stated that the outdoor seating that was placed in Bandon was not age friendly appropriate in some areas. The EE John Duggan stated that this was noticed, and all future orders were definitely age friendly appropriate but that retrofitting the current seating would negate the warranty.
- Asked when the Community Recognition Fund applications would be notified?

Cllr. Gillian Coughlan

- Agreed that the speed of traffic in Riverstick needs to be looked at and that the pedestrian crossing should be signalised.

Next meeting Tuesday 23rd July 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

*This concluded the official business of the meeting.*

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*Gillian Coughlan*

DATE

*23/7/2024*