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MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN BANDON LIBRARY AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 28th May 2024.

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

Apologies: Cllr. Alan Coleman

In Attendance:

Brian Dunne, Municipal District Office MDO
Richard Cahill, Senior Executive Engineer, Bandon SEE
Sabrina Tobin, Executive Engineer, Kinsale EE
Claire Levis, Meeting Administrator.

Apologies

Noreen O'Mahony, Senior Executive Officer SEO

Cllr. S. O'Donovan presided.

1 (a) Confirmation of minutes of Municipal District of Bandon-Kinsale meeting held on 23rd April 2024.

Proposed by Cllr. Coleman

Seconded by Cllr. Murphy

(b) Matters arising from minutes dated 23rd April 2024.

Cllr. O'Donovan proposed a vote of sympathy to Kieran O'Mahony (Southern Star) on the death of his father Cornie O'Mahony.

Cllr Murphy requested if the hedges could be cut in Jagoes Mills and the road given some attention as the road floods constantly.

He also asked that the road to Dundurrow be repaired as there is a massive pothole there.

2. Reports and Recommendations

a)Engineers Report Bandon – Richard Cahill, SEE

I mentioned at last month's meeting that we were going to install 100m of safety barrier along the ditch on the R602 on Scradaun Hill. Those works have now been completed. Firstly, we make every effort to fill potholes as soon as we are notified, and we greatly appreciate when the public lets us or yourselves know where potholes exist as we rarely travel on some of the smaller roads. However, if the road is a very small road or a cul de sac it can take us a few weeks to get the surface dressing or paving as these activities are very resource heavy and pull the resource from activities like pothole repair.

There was an issue with no streetlights in the Orchard estate off of Chapel Street. This issue was a faulty cable and a new cable connection has been made and the lights are back in service.

As mentioned previously there is a housing development 20/6697 Site at Coolfadda Bandon and storm water from their development must be brought down onto the Dunmanway road at the approximate location where the 50kph zone starts and the developer must lay a storm sewer on the Dunmanway road to connect into the existing storm sewer some 500m further in the road. As there are no gullies on the Dunmanway road we will get the developer to also install road gullies along the road to take the road water that currently runs along the footpath. The works commenced after the May BH weekend and are scheduled to be completed by late June. The contractor has met rock on the site so hopefully they can remain on schedule. An alternative route for motorists via Baxters Bridge will be advised via signage.

As also previously mentioned the L-2040-0 Old Cork Road, from the entrance to Radharc an Bhaile has been closed from the Monday 20th of May 2024 to 18:00 hrs on Friday 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 on Glasslyn road are now significantly completed. This week the civil works are happening outside Kevin O Leary garage/shop which will allow the insertion of a further pedestrian crossing to serve the playground across the way from the garage.

One of the significant items still outstanding on the project is the removal of the old street lighting columns. I would like to compliment CCC staff of John Duggan and Conor Hennerby and the Contractor Martin O Callaghan for a project that was completed on schedule and with the very minimum delay to the travelling public.

As you know Bridge Street opened a few weeks ago and the insertion of the flood protection pumping station in Bridge Lane pushed the completion of this area back several weeks. So there is about 3 weeks of paving left in Bridge lane and then the remaining road surface will be tarmacked in 3 week time. Again, this area is really taking shape and many thanks again to John and Conor and the contractor Pat O Driscoll for a project well carried out.

As per the Pollinator plan, we are just starting cutting grass and we expect to have our first cut completed by the weekend.

Engineers Report Kinsale – Sabrina Tobin EE

This past month has seen us complete resurfacing works on both approaches to both the Dan Desmond & Frank Hurley bridges on the R600, to resolve the subsidence issues which had developed there.

In recent weeks, our roads crews have also been undertaking fog sealing in preparation for our surface dressing works.

We commenced with our surface dressing yesterday on the R600 between Belgooly & Pewterhole Cross. We will be completing approx. 4km of surface dressing this week on this road. Later in the year, we will be returning to this area when further resurfacing of this road will be continuing from where we finish up this week through to the junction with Barrack Lane. The combined works will significantly improve the overall surface of this busy regional road, which as we are all aware already is heavily trafficked, being one of the main arterial roads into Kinsale.

Following completion of the R600, which we expect to have completed on Wednesday evening, we will move our surface dressing gear to the Old Court area to complete a further 5.3km of surface dressing on the R604 between Bullens Bay & Barrells Cross. Assuming that the dry weather stays with us, we expect to be completed here on Friday evening, the works were planned such that they were completed ahead of the June long weekend, when there is a notable increase in traffic in this area. That will complete Phase 1 of our surface dressing programme, with the next phase scheduled for July.

Next week we will commence our second round of blacktopping. We will be blacktopping further sections of the L-3207 at Heathburn Hall followed by the L-3204 in Kilamcsimon (4.3km) before we move to Kilbrittain to complete 1.6km of the L-2048.

Also in the coming weeks, we will be completing resurfacing of the L-7229 road in Liosnacrilla, which suffered damage as a result of Storm Babet. We recently completed drainage improvement works to the road.

Our crews have also remained potholing this past month— concentrating on major roads which naturally have the higher volumes of traffic, meaning that the local tertiary roads can take a little longer to get to.

The one way system in the Dock commences this coming Thursday, as a temporary traffic calming measure over the busy summer period. This one way will remain in place until 02nd September.

Questions:

Cllr Murphy asked about Garrettstown and Garrylucas Beach and the old sleepers that still exist and are dangerous. The MDO stated that he would look at the Conservation report and consult with the roads teams as to what can be done.

Cllr Coughlan stated that there should be a full SPC with the Coastal Management to make sure there was a coordinated response.

Cllr Coleman asked for No Overnight Parking signs as Campervans and other vehicles were staying too long and taking up too many spaces and sometimes leaving the vehicle with no one in it for a number of days. These vehicles are taking the space of genuine tourists who are visiting the area. He doesn't want to discourage genuine overnighters who are holidaying in the area. The area needs more car parking and the sand by the side of the roads need moving. The EE stated that she would re look at the issue.

b) Taking in Charge of Cul na Smear, Knockbrogan, Bandon

This was proposed by Cllr Coughlan and Seconded by Cllr O'Donovan

(c) Municipal District Officer's Report.

Municipal District Officers Report – 28th May 2024



Municipal District Meeting indicative times and dates

28 rd May	June	July	August	Sept
Hybrid	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Teams & Bandon Library	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

1. Public Toilets

- a. Cork County Council have undertaken works maintenance at Garrylucas & Garretstown toilets recently to prepare them for the upcoming beach season.
- b. Kinsale Toilets. The Part 8 planning process commenced earlier this month with a closing date for submission on June 19th. Submissions will be reviewed and considered at this stage before progressing the project.

2. Templemartin Burial Ground

- a. Similar to the Kinsale toilets a Part 8 planning has been commenced to elicit commentary from the public. Closing date for this will be June 19th whereby any comments will be taken onboard before progressing to the next stage.

3. Belgooly Walkway

- a. An assessment is being undertaken as to what maintenance works are needed here and works will progress later this year to replace any missing fencing to ensure safety for pedestrians

4. Beach Guards

- a. We are preparing for the upcoming summer beach season where lifeguards will be employed working weekends in June, fulltime in July & August and the first 2 weekends of September.

5. Concession Scheme

- a. We are currently inviting applications for the public concession scheme near Archdeacon Duggan Bridge in Kinsale. The scheme will run from July 1st until 28th February 2025. We recently upgraded the area to clearly delineate it from the car parking area with roads markings and signage. The scheme is based on a bidding system.

6. Outdoor Dining

- a. We have been advised by the Dept of Housing, Local Govt and Heritage that under Planning Circular PL 03/2024 Planning and Development (Street Furniture Fees) Regulations 2024 that the fees for 2024 have been waived. Those who have applied and paid a fee will be refunded and our offices are currently processing same.

7. Harbour

- a. The Harbour unit has affixed notices to boats which they believe are a potential threat to the safe working of the harbour. Under the Merchant Shipping Act 1993 there is a duty on the owner to remove the vessels which are causing a potential danger. Those affected can contact the council at berthing@corkcoco.ie

8. Occupation of Council land

- a. There have been several incidents in the Municipal District whereby people have created an encampment on council land. We are in the process of engaging with our legal dept and An Garda Siochanna to serve notices on these occupants

9. Paint Scheme- €10,000 has been ringfenced for the annual paint scheme

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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".
- d. 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 14th June 2024**. Application forms and further details of the Scheme can be obtained from the Municipal Hall, Kinsale on 021 4772154 or bandonkinsalemd@corkcoco.ie

10. Sport Grant

€20,000 funding has been ringfenced by the elected members for Sports Groups. The advertisement has gone live with a closing date of June 28th

11. Stoney Steps

Cork County Councils Fire Service in conjunction with Kinsale Tidy Towns power hosed the Stoney Steps in Kinsale giving them a new lease of life. An artist is currently being sought to improve the paint work and we hope to have this completed later in the year

12. Cruises - Seabourne Venture

- a) We were delighted and proud to welcome the first cruise liner of 2024 to Kinsale this month where passengers from the Seabourne Venture, welcomed by musicians from Ballinspittle Comhaltas, explored the many attractions Kinsale has to offer. Deputy Chair of Bandon-Kinsale Municipal District, Cllr. Kevin Murphy, presented a gift to the captain who then graciously offered a tour of the magnificent ship. This visit highlights the strong and enduring relationship Cork County Council maintains with cruise operators and is a testament to the dedication of all involved in making it a resounding success.



13. Community Recognition Fund 2024

The Minister for Rural & Community Development recently announced a further €50 million in funding under the Community Recognition Fund. The Community Recognition Fund was first introduced last year to recognise the huge efforts made by communities in welcoming and supporting people coming to Ireland. Under this recent announcement, a further €50 million is being provided again to deliver projects over 2024 and 2025. Local authorities, in collaboration with communities, will be funded to develop projects that will deliver long term benefits to those living in the areas selected. Expression of interests, which are available on the councils website, closes on May 31st 2024.

14. Opening of Bridge Street Bandon

Bridge Street, Bandon formally opened as a pedestrianised street with limited access to delivery vehicles on this Friday 17th May. The proposed access hours for delivery vehicles will be from 6.30am to 11am each day. As per commitments given during the TPREP Part 8 planning process, a Section 38 process will now be followed to formalise the hours that delivery vehicles can access onto the pedestrianised Bridge Street. Furthermore, to control access onto the street, it is the councils intention to install a retractable bollard at the northern end of Bridge Street once the Section 38 process is completed. The bollard will automatically retract at 6.30am each morning and will be raised again at 11am.

We would like to thank the design and site team for the delivery of the project within the specified timeframe and would also like to express our sincere thanks to the residents and businesses in the area for their cooperation and understanding during this element of the TPREP project.

15. Timoleague Playground

Funding under CLAR was successful in 2024 for this project. An order with suppliers has been submitted for equipment. There is a significant lead in time for this but we are optimistic this can be completed toward the end of the summer

Cllr Coughlan stated that she agreed with the public consensus that the proposed toilets for Kinsale were too small.

Cllr Coleman concurred also and stated that the scale needs to be relooked at. He stated that generally public toilets facilities are not good all over Cork and this needs to change.

Cllr M O' Sullivan agreed with what was being said and stated that specially Kinsale itself is under pressure and needs good toilets. She asked also that the public toilet in the Harbour be made more public.

Cllr Murphy agreed also and stated that for tourist town and also one with a growing population more toilets are needed.

The MDO replied that all suggestions are being taken on board and will talk to Conservation and planning.

Cllr Coleman spoke also about the Belgooly walkway saying that not all of it needs fencing. That greenery has created a natural barrier and that only fencing is needed in some areas. He also asked re the Concession scheme and that he believed that higher ratings should be given to those who have been there before.

Cllr J O Sullivan stated that those who break the rules should not get approved the next time. MDO stated that it would be assessed regularly.

Cllr Murphy asked that the harbour office be power hosed as it was very grubby. MDO assured that it was already organised.

Cllr M O' Sullivan thanked the Fire Service for cleaning the Stoney Steps and wanted to remind people that the Fire Service is run by Cork County Council.

Cllr Murphy asked for a road sweeper for Kinsale town, and that the town needs a power hose.

The EE stated that it was in the plan

Cllr M O' Sullivan agreed and said despite all the great work the outside workers do the sweeper would make the job a lot faster and easier. She also stated that the retail establishments which sell take away should make sure they clear outside.

Cllr J O' Sullivan asked if it was necessary for a blue flag beach to have a disabled toilet and that we should plan for the future should that be the case.

3. Statutory Business

a) Schedule of Municipal Works for BKMD

MDO provided the members with a breakdown of figures apportioned by Division.

Cllr J O' Sullivan queried the process as the county budget was not approved by members in 2024. MDO stated that he would get more clarification from Finance for the next meeting.

MDO subsequently provided an update to the members after the meeting whereby he advised that as the county budget was rejected earlier in the year a revised budget was agreed and the schedule of works was reflective of this.

b) Notice of Motions:

Cllr G. Coughlan:

1) That Cork County council would install table top speed ramps in Courtmacsherry village and at Ardán na n-Óglach, Bandon.

This was supported by all members.

Cllr J O Sullivan stated that he had been asking the same question for a long time.

Cllr Coleman agreed stating that with more and more electric cars it's become more dangerous.

Cllr Murphy agreed and that tabletops should become part of a road safety plan.

Cllr O Donovan concurred and stated that speed is a huge issue.

The SEE stated that he didn't disagree but that funding was the main issue. He also stated that he would look into the finances. He told the meeting that he had put two speed cameras in the village.

2) That Bandon Kinsale MD calls on TII to create a safe set down and pick up area on the N71 for parents of children attending the pre-school on the western side of Innishannon Village- 'Great Beginnings'.

All Members supported this and the SEE will bring the motion to the TII

3) That Bandon Kinsale MD calls on the NTA to address the deficit of bus services from Kinsale, Belgooly, Riverstick and Ballinhassig, serving MTU, CUH and UCC. That we ask that the NTA would consider extra Local link services to cater for these routes or indeed, extending some of the city bus routes to cater for Ballinhassig, in particular.

This was supported by members and seconded by Cllr O Donovan

Cllr S. O'Donovan:

1) I call on Cork County Council to investigate and purchase the site of 23.8 acres currently for sale. Located at upper Convent Hill Bandon. This site could be used for social housing, serviced sites, and a badly needed green space/play area on Bandon's north side.

Cllr Coughlan supported this motion.

The MDO stated that he would speak with housing.

4. Correspondence

From the Dept of Education acknowledging the receipt of letter

5. Any other business

Cllr. Gillian Coughlan

- Asked for more bins by Kinsale Community School.
- Asked for an update on dereliction?
- Road between Abbeylane and Butchers Row? needs a light.
- The footpath from the Gael Scoil is very poor.
- Asked about estate management- green areas need to be managed more, is there a tree maintenance schedule?
- Some of the outdoor exercises in Bandon need repair and/or replacement.
- Junction in Crossbarry needs traffic lights, very dangerous more than 300 new homes build there- SEE stated that funding was an issue but will make the application again.
- Asked if the Palestine flag can be raised at the Town Hall. MDO replied that the flag was flown above County Hall and this location was deemed sufficient.

Cllr. Marie O'Sullivan

- Ringrone vegetation by the new bridge needs to be cut back.

Cllr. Kevin Murphy

- Springlane- wall outside needs to be cleaned.
- Asked for connection for a defibrillator in Archdeacon bridge- the SEE replied that he had checked this with public lighting and that it was not possible.
- Subsidence on R606
- Saile playground update. The MDO explained that site investigations were complete, but parking arrangements need to be explored with Saile before any further commitment can be made to the site.

Cllr. Alan Coleman

- Riverstick – embankment behind estate has slippage and the proposal from the engineering team to homeowners there is not good enough.

Cllr J O'Sullivan

- Asked re grotto and if a drain could be installed as there was a pipe going nowhere.

At this point in the meeting Cllr O Donovan wished the councillors well in the upcoming election. He also congratulated the two outgoing councillors Cllr Murphy and Cllr J O'Sullivan for their years of service. He thanked Cllr Muphy for deputising for him as chair throughout the year.

He stated that the 6 outgoing members worked very well together.

Cllr Coughlan wished both members well.

Cllr Coleman congratulated both members on their works done over the years.

Cllr M O'Sullivan wished both councillors well in the future.

Next meeting Tuesday 25th June 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

This concluded the official business of the meeting.

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Althain Coughlan

DATE

25/6/2024