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Municipal Hall, St. John's Hill,

MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN BANDON LIBRARY AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 23RD JULY 2024.

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

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
Brian Dunne, Municipal District Officer.
Claire O'Donovan, Meeting Administrator.

Cllr. G. Coughlan presided.

1. Minutes

(a) Confirmation of minutes of Municipal District of Bandon-Kinsale meeting held on 25th June 2024.

Proposed by Cllr. O'Sullivan

Seconded by Cllr. Bambury

(b) Matters arising from minutes dated 25th June 2024.

None

2. Reports and Recommendations

(a) Engineers Reports

Engineers Report Bandon – Richard Cahill, SEE

Road Closures or works in around the town.

As mentioned previously there is a housing development 20/6697 site at Coolfadda, Bandon and storm water from their development is being brought down onto the Dunmanway road and brought 540m along the R586. Since the last meeting, the storm sewer has been completed, new gullies have been installed and we combined with the developer that they would repave the side of the road that they laid sewer on and as part of the same contractor, Cork County Council would then also pave the other side of the road. The works are now substantially completed and greatly improves the surface on almost 600m of the approach road into Bandon from the Dunmanway side.

Similarly on the L-2040-0 Old Cork Road, from the entrance to Radharc an Bhaile has been closed from Monday 20th May 2024 to 18:00 hrs on Friday 19th July 2024. This developer is having to install a storm and a foul sewer to serve the development that is under construction. The works are substantially completed and the road has been reopened last week as the closure expired on Friday last. Note, there is substantial resurfacing still to be carried out but this will be completed under a stop and go or traffic lights.

We had had another application for a road closure in the town on Watergate Street. Four houses are now almost constructed and completed by the developer on a site to the east of the entrance into Summerhill Close. The contractor liaison has worked to allay the residents concern and now the closure has been limited to 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Since the last meeting we have relined 2 regional roads which had been resurfaced. They are the 3 km of the Crossbarry towards Brinny R589 and on 3 km of the busy Dunmanway R586 regional road immediately west of Baxters Bridge.

We are surface dressing this week and if the weather holds up get over 12km resurfaced in the week. We will be resurfacing the Ballinadee, the road that runs adjacent to the coursing field south of the town and the road from Curraghvreea crossroad back in towards the Bandon By-Pass. We will today surface 3 km of the Bandon to Newcestown road and then will surface dress over a km of the Desert towards Ahiohill junction and hopefully 4 km of the Timoleague Inch Bridge road.

The scheme at Larragh school is proceeding as planned with much of the accommodation works already completed with the remainder of the works to be completed in August.

Since the last meeting you will note that there has been significant works completed on the N71 west of Bandon town. We would like to thank the TII team for delivering and managing the paving on site.

The following items were listed for attention of SEE

- No footpath at Parnell Street. RC said that he had liaised with landowner and funding was in place for design and hopefully soon would have funding for works.
- Need for land at Garretstown. RC said that funding was in place for this project.
- Issue of speed past GAA pitch at Newcestown. RC said that village funding was available and had committed to surface renewal. RC thanked Marie Kelleher, Engineer for her work on this project.

RC informed members of 2 no. raised crossings at Old Cork Road and on Watergate Street. Cllr. Collins said that he had met with developer and residents.

Cllr. Bambury enquired about traffic calming at Coolfadda. RC said that these works were to facilitate development and contributions has been levied to fund. The developer is trying to make funding available to reactive plan regarding traffic calming.

Engineers Report Kinsale – Sabrina Tobin, EE.

The past month has seen us complete further blacktopping of our main roads namely in the Riverstick & Kilbrittain areas, where we paved 1.6km of the local primary road L-2048 in Kilbrittain along with 1.3km of the local primary L-3207 at Heathburn Hall in Riverstick, which was done in sections. In this case, we skipped the good sections to get more value from the funding available to us.

We also had our surface dressing gear back to us for a week in July & we used the opportunity to surface dress 3.1km of the L-3207 from Heathburn Hall to the Riverstick GAA grounds. We then shunted the gear to Kilbrittain to complete a further 1.7km of surface dressing of the L-2048, which takes in the school & the church. Following this we moved to the Kilmacsimon area where we completed a further 5.5km of the L-3204 local primary road from Collier's Quay to just beyond the Seven Crosses. We also managed to surface dress the L-72361 road which is the road to the Kilmacsimon boatyard as we were in the area. Unfortunately, the weather was not fully on our side & the rain earlier on in the week did delay our progress some bit, resulting in us not being fully able to finish the local primary L-2047 road from Crowley's Mills to Baldwin Bridge road so we will be returning here again this year.

Next month we will be paving the local secondary road L-7226 in Belgooly, which is the main road to the school. This was scheduled to coincide with the school holidays such that there will be no disruption to the school community.

As you are aware, we were recently awarded an additional €200k worth of RI money. In deciding which roads benefit from RI funding, we look at our road schedule in order of priority, assessing the heavily trafficked roads first which generally are our regional roads & our local primary & secondary roads. In this instance we have decided to resurface through Bradfields in Dunderrow, which is the L-7239 local secondary road & also the main road serving Dunderrow NS; a road which is in need of attention.

In other business, powerwashing of footpaths in Kinsale town is ongoing.

We also completed repairs to the wall at the New Road carpark in Kinsale town, which has suffered damage.

Potholes repairs throughout the area remain ongoing.

Staying with other business, you may also recall the L-7213 Slievegallane road received substantial damage as a result of Storm Babet in October. Remediation works to this road are now at completion & we express our thanks to our colleagues in the design office in County Hall who oversaw the works.

At this point John Duggan, EE was welcomed to the meeting and he proceeded to give a report on Bandon TPREP to members.

Bridge Lane reopened on July 12th – trees will be planted in the autumn and street furniture installed.

Pearse Street road closure advertised on Southern Star of July 7th last for Aug 16th – Sep 6th, hope to get works completed within two weeks.

South Main Street – watermain and storm line to be laid Sep/Oct. BBA requested at preliminary stage that no works to happen along South Main Street in November & December. Watermains have to be laid first (tested and commissioned) in advance of footpath works. New storm sewer

will mean existing gullies will no longer be connected to old culverts that run under private properties.

Bridge Street – S38 notice for timelines of retractable bollard on pedestrianised street was published July 19th allowing for submissions from the public over a 4 week period until Aug 15th

1. Part 8 retaining wall and accommodation works on Church Hill, Innishannon.
2. Section 38 Garretstown – SEE spoke of need for land and the intention for a footpath the full length of beach. Funding is available.
3. Section 38 Parnell Street. SEE said that he had liaised with the landowner and how part of the footpath was in a poor condition. He said that there is funding available for design and then hopefully there will be funding for the works needed.
4. Section 38 – Newcestown. SEE said that there is funding in place to resurfacing at Newcestown. A few small build outs will be installed resulting in the loss of 2-3 car parking spaces and road will still be wide enough to allow for agricultural machinery to pass. SEE was asked to look at the issue of speeding past GAA pitch.
5. Section 38 Old Cork Road. SEE informed members that a raised crossing was scheduled to be put in by developers on Watergate street and another crossing at Old Cork Road.

Glasslinn road – pedestrian crossings commissioned, awaiting commissioning of public lights.

Cllr. Bambury requested that the suspension of pay-parking be looked at again. Noreen O'Mahony, SEO said that this was looked at in great detail already and was a budget decision. Cllr. Collins said that income from pay-parking was not showing benefit in Bandon. SEO informed the meeting that Parking Bye-Laws would have to be amended in order to facilitate any changes. Cllr. Bambury suggested that they might be given a briefing on the process of changing bye-laws.

Cllr. Coleman asked if Cork County Council could seek money back from Uisce Éireann.

Members thanked John Duggan for his report and commended him and his team on works done to date.

- (b) Taking in Charge of Cois Cuain, Courtmacsherry, Co. Cork.

Proposed by Cllr. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Foley

- (c) Municipal District Officer's Report.

Municipal District Officers Report – 23rd July 2024



Municipal District Meeting indicative times and dates

23 rd July	24 th September	22 nd October	26 th November	17 th December
Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid
Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library

1. Actions from previous MD meeting

Cllr A Banbury previously queried when funds from the Community Recognition Fund would be notified. The MDO advised that we submitted projects for approval under Window 1 to Dept of Rural and Community Development. We haven't received any details as yet regarding approved projects but as soon as we hear we will update the members

2. **General Municipal Allocation Sports Grant** – €20k had been previously ringfenced by the members primarily for groups who may have not received funding under the Capital Community Amenity Grant application. Of the 28 applicants 24 received funding with the majority receiving between 70% and 100% of the amount requested. The 4 that we were unable to support this year were unsuccessful due to their inability to meet the criteria as set out in the scheme.
3. **Painting of the Stoney Steps, Kinsale.** We have been attempting for several months to agree a date with the artist for the painting of the steps but unfortunately she has been unavailable. We are delighted she has now agreed to the week of July 29th. As you will remember the steps were power washed earlier in the summer and we hope to do the same again in advance of the painting.
4. **Your Council Day-** July 5th was "Your Council Day", an initiative launched several years ago to promote Council attractions. This year saw us providing free access to some of our amenities including Kinsale Museum. The museum visitor figures have increased on last year as per below. We have also made some improvements to existing exhibits and improvements in our artefact storage and conservation system.

2024	Visitor Numbers
January	166
February	240
March	394
April	473
May	869
June	896
Total YTD	3038

5. New Arts Plan

Cork County Council's Arts Office is inviting members of the public to share their views about how the Council can promote the enjoyment of and participation in the arts in County Cork. The new Arts Plan 2025-2029 will set out the direction, priorities and goals that will guide Cork County Council's investment and services in the arts over the next five years. The plan will have an impact on how the arts service supports artists, makers, and those who deliver arts programmes in professional and voluntary organisations. It will also set out how the Arts Service engages with arts audiences, hardly reached communities, youth audiences and educational settings. There are opportunities to take part in this consultation both in person at public consultation meetings at locations around Cork County during July and online or by completing a survey. The closing date for submissions is Friday, the 16th of August. The schedule for public consultations is as follows:

- Tuesday July 16th, Mallow Library, 6-8pm.
- Wednesday July 17th, Castle Hotel Macroom, 6-8pm.
- Thursday July 18th, Online, 6-8pm – email arts@corkcoco.ie for the link to attend.
- Tuesday July 23rd, Midleton Library, 6-8pm.
- Wednesday July 24th, Carrigaline Family Support Centre, 6-8pm.
- Thursday July 25th, Fermoy Community Youth Centre, 6-8pm.
- Saturday July 27th, Cobh Library, 1-3pm.
- **Tuesday July 30th, Bandon Library, 6-8pm.**
- Wednesday July 31st, Bantry Library, 6-8pm.

6. Kinsale Library Celebration Event Saturday 17th August

The library service will be marking the 1 year anniversary of the opening of the Kinsale Library by organising an event on site **on August 17th**. Further details will be circulated nearer the date.

7. **The Old Exchange Building.** The area has sadly become an area of illegal dumping in recent times. Last week Cork County Council arranged to have this material removed and appropriate signage has been erected. With the help of An Garda Síochána and our Litter Inspectors we aim to take legal proceedings against anyone caught dumping here in future.
8. **Garrettstown & Garrylucas.** Traffic congestion has become an issue at both Garrettstown and Garrylucas in the summer months which has prohibited emergency vehicles accessing the areas. We have installed appropriate signage to ensure no overnight parking at these locations. Whilst we want to promote tourism as per council policy access into and out of the beaches must be a priority.

9. Works to the Spires, Innishannon

We have undertaken works to a wall in the Spires, Innishannon adjoining a green area. In the interests of public safety we have had the wall repointed and supported with soil to stop any further movement. Fencing will remain until the new grass seed matures.



10. Sun Smart Dispensers for Beachlifeguard Stations

In conjunction with the HSE we have launched the Sun Smart pilot project whereby we have provided sunscreen dispenser boards and posters to the largest/busiest beaches in each MD area. Garretstown and Garrylucas have been selected as the beaches in the Bandon Kinsale MD whereby we hope beach users will educate themselves on the risks of sun damage and skin cancer and use the sunscreen provided. We will assess the uptake of the pilot programme and consider in the offseason if we wish to progress it for summer 2025



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Cllr. O'Sullivan welcomed news of new signage at the beach and asked that it be requested on social media to respect public areas. BD said he had already liaised with local Gardai about same.

Cllr. Coughlan welcomed the information about Old Exchange building.

3 Statutory Business

(i) Grant of Right of Way and Wayleave at Coolfadda, Bandon, Co. Cork.

SEE explained how Cork County Council owned a piece of land that was required to allow storm sewer pipe to pass through from new estate.

Proposed by Cllr. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Coleman.

(ii) Nomination for the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

Cllr. Bambury expressed her interest in being part of this Committee. Proposed by Cllr. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. O'Sullivan.

(iii) Nomination(s) to the board of Sáile.

Cllr O'Sullivan expressed her interest in sitting on the board of Sáile. Proposed by Cllr. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Foley.

It was also agreed that if a second nomination could be provided then this would be the Chair of the Municipal District.

4. Notices of Motion

Cllr. Gillian Coughlan

- (1) That the pier at Dooneen, Old Head would receive an urgent safety upgrade to include the following:
 - (a) Installation of handrail on the steps down to pier
 - (b) Ensure wheelchair and emergency service access
 - (c) Provide barriers along the narrow pathway to the pier
 - (d) Repair of concrete surface of the pier and pathway and steps
 - (e) Attend to the area immediately adjacent – clean, reseed, picnic tables?
 - (f) Remove concrete that was discarded and which is dangerously submerged adjacent to pier.

Proposed by Cllr. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. Coleman. MDO said that the Senior Harbour Master would assess any issues that he feels needs to be addressed immediately under health and safety. Any other works that do not fall into this category will be added to a list of priority works and will be addressed when finances become available. these safety concerns and address same as well as consideration of financial cost of same.

- (2) That the road L-4018 connecting Lislevane to Ring would receive a surface treatment with drainage treatment and "Slow" road signs at the Grange Tavern.

Proposed by Cllr. Coughlan and seconded by Cllr. Collins.

SEE concurred that this road was not in good condition and would put on list for RI Programme 2025. He undertook to liaise with Irish Water.

Cllr. Collins asked that speed limit be reviewed in this area but was informed that limit would soon be reduced soon as that was the intention nationally. SEE undertook to look at traffic calming measures.

Cllr. Marie O'Sullivan

- (i) That this Municipal District would request a new Traffic Study to be done in Kinsale as the last Transportation Study was done in 2009 and is now not fit for purpose with the increase in population and its hinterland.

Proposed by Cllr. O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Coleman.

Cllr. O'Sullivan explained that since last study, there was a new school with over 1500 pupils and in excess of 500 additional houses and spoke of the safety of emergency vehicles being able to get through the town. Cllr. Coleman concurred and spoke of problems at The Rock and Pewterhole Cross. Other members supported this motion. S. Tobin EE said she would consult

with the Design Team to see what improvements can be made. Cllr. Bambury asked that disability access with regards to footpaths be looked at.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Any Other Business

In response to an enquiry from Cllr. Bambury regarding upgrade to Kinsale playground, MDO said that some funds are available and the process of selecting a suitable site was ongoing. He advised that there will be both legal, conservation and financial issues to tease out first before any progress is made with this.

Responding to query regarding Kinsale public toilets Part 8 was still an ongoing process and planning advise was being sought.

It was requested that hairpin corner at Sandycove be looked at. S. Tobin EE undertook to assess.

MDO said he would look into funding for Charles Fort walkway.

Cllr. Bambury

- Can signpost at Newcestown be made safe
- Requested information about paint scheme. MDO said that any unspent funding would be revert back into the unspent GMA code for future consideration of the members.
- Can ditches at Kilbeg be cut back?

Cllr. O'Sullivan

- Trees on road towards Marsh need to be cut back as growing out onto footpath causing pedestrians to walk out on roadway.
- Can junction lines be redone?

Cllr. Coughlan explained that she and Cllrs. Foley and Collins were invited to Kinsale Community School to discuss a plan to convert old gym to a Community Theatre which would cost in the region of €680,000. Mr. McCarthy, Principal wants a contribution of €350,000 from Cork County Council. Members asked that this proposal be seriously considered. Noreen O'Mahony, SEO suggested that the Department of Rural & Community Development may be a source of funding.

Cllr. Coughlan informed members that a charity cycle done by Fire Fighters from New York was due to visit Kinsale and suggested that as a MD, something be done to mark the occasion. It was agreed to contact David O'Donovan, Station Master at Kinsale.

Cllr. Coughlan also requested that replacement sign be put at Creamery Cross.

Next meeting Tuesday 24th September at 10.00 a.m.

This concluded the official business of the meeting.

CATHAOIRLEACH

Alban Coghlan

DATE

24/9/2024