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MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN BANDON LIBRARY AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 28TH JANUARY 2025.

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

In Attendance:

Padraig Barrett, Municipal District Manager (MDM)
Noreen O’Mahony, Senior Executive Officer (SEO)
Brian Dunne, Municipal District Officer. (MDO)
Richard Cahill, Senior Executive Engineer, Bandon (SEE)
John Duggan, Executive Engineer (EE)
Sabrina Tobin, Executive Engineer, Kinsale (EE)
Claire O’Donovan, Meeting Administrator.

Apologies: Cllr. Ann Bambury.

Cllr. G. Coughlan presided and opened meeting by welcoming the Municipal District Manager Padraig Barrett stating she was looking forward to working with him in the future.

1. Minutes

(a) Confirmation of minutes of Municipal District of Bandon-Kinsale meeting held on 17th December 2024.

Proposed by Cllr. John Michael Foley
Seconded by Cllr. Collins

(b) Matters arising from minutes dated 17th December 2024.

None.

2. Reports and Recommendations

Engineers Reports Bandon – Richard Cahill, SEE

There was a large snow and ice event on 4th January 2025. I would like to commend the whole team on how they reacted to the adverse conditions. The big salting trucks managed to keep Priority 1 and 2 routes pretty much free of ice and snow and the area staff then concentrated on keeping the Priority 3 roads free of ice and snow. Over that period we had the area salting truck on the road for almost 16 hours a day with a number of drivers covering the shift. We typically put out over 20 tonne of salt every day. We also found the extra mini salter that we purchased last year very beneficial salting in and around Bandon town and the surrounding villages which the larger area salter did the Priority 2 routes. As the week progressed, we were able to salt all the population centres.

This past week we had a record wind event and luckily the damage in the area wasn't as severe as elsewhere in the country but still a lot of organisation was required to carry out the cleanup in a safe and efficient manner.

These adverse weather events place significant impact on our roads and since the meeting we have a large resource deployed filling potholes and opening water inlets on many of our main roads.

At the November meeting it was mentioned that it would be very beneficial if the bus stop in Innishannon could be upgraded to a covered bus stop. The Sustainable Traffic Unit are advancing the proposal and while there are a number of steps that the scheme must go through, it is good to see that the scheme is progressing.

The speed limit on almost all local roads will be reduced to 60 kph on the 7th February 2025. The installation required the erection of poles in 442 locations. The new lower speed limit will have a significant impact on safety on our local roads network. Speed limits will remain unchanged on regional roads.

Finally, the Clare O'Leary project which is being carried out by NRO staff will be completed in April.

Comments/queries from Members:

Members commended the work of the Local Authority staff during recent bad weather.

Engineers Report Kinsale – Sabrina Tobin, EE.

I will begin with our footpath works in Garretstown which were completed successfully prior to the Christmas break. In total approximately 415m of footpath was installed. Lighting was installed last week with the installation of 4 no. solar lights at Boathouse Cross junction. When weather conditions improve, the contractor will be returning to complete line marking works at the junction which will be the final element of the works.

Moving to Kinsale, last week we undertook line marking improvement works in the Pearse Street area of the town where the perpendicular parking arrangement was changed to angular parking to improve road safety in this area by increasing visibility for drivers. While we had the use of the line markers we also arranged for double yellow lines at the junction for the turn-off to the GAA pitch in Riverstick, which had been raised as an issue at a recent MD meeting. We will be bringing them back again when the weather improves to undertake some further works in the town.

Also in the past month, we had a crew undertaking footpath repairs in the Dromderrig area of the town.

Our crews have been kept busy responding to the freezing and storm weather events we experienced in recent weeks. When there are rainfall weather warnings issued, we send crews to known flooding hotspot areas beforehand to check shores and drains are free flowing in an attempt to minimise flooding.

Our potholing repairs remain ongoing throughout the area and our crews are trying to get through as many as possible. Recent weather events have exasperated the situation.

You may recall at our November meeting we presented a Section 38 relating to proposed Traffic Calming Measures on the R600 through Riverstick. The public consultation period for this ended earlier this month. We did receive some submissions, which we are currently reviewing and which I hope to update you on at next month's meeting.

Staying with Section 38s you may also recall, we proposed some traffic calming measures for the Forthill area of Kinsale. This went out for a Section 38 in December, closing earlier this month also. We are currently reviewing submissions we received on this with the intent to provide a further update to you at next month's meeting.

Finally we are finalising our RI programme for the year, which we hope to present to you next month.

Comments/queries from Members:

Cllr. Coleman welcomed works undertaken in Garretstown. He also requested that when members will be considering forthcoming Section 38 in Riverstick that all submissions/comments from the public be looked at. He spoke of the Clare O'Leary walk and welcomed the finish date of April 2025 and said he hoped it will be a success and felt that the project was over-engineered. Cllr. Coleman said that he was concerned about the environmental impact of the walkway to which SEE replied that he had walked the completed part of walkway which has been completed to a high standard and would require minimum maintenance going forward.

Cllr. Coleman asked that Carrigaline MD be contacted regarding a drainage issue in their district. He stated that there is water flowing across the road on N71 and when it freezes is dangerous to road users.

Cllr. Coughlan stated that she was impressed by OPW statistics with regard to flooding and wished to acknowledge the success of the works undertaken. She also wanted to echo commendations to staff during the recent weather events. She also questioned cost/value for money in relation to the Clare O'Leary Walk.

Cllr. Coughlan asked that a letter be issued on behalf of the members thanking Cormac O'Suilleabhain for his work with Cork County Council and wishing him well in his new position.

The SEE stated that he wished to thank the landowners in Garretstown for their cooperation with the footpath works carried out and also thanked Cllr. Alan Coleman for his assistance in negotiations.

The MDM confirmed that the funding for the Clare O'Leary walk came from Transport Infrastructure Irelands Greenways programme. He said that the project was designed to TII standards to allow for a pathway wide enough to accommodate walkers and cyclists together. He added that projects like this are very much in the public eye and while he took on board the negative comments, he was satisfied that project was being completed to the required engineering design standards.

TPREP Update – John Duggan, Executive Engineer.

Firstly, the queries at the December meeting are addressed:

- 1) Regarding the query about the soccer club astra turf got flooded during storm Bert. The soccer club are concerned that the works on the Inis Orga road will make things even worse.

We have not added any risk here. If anything we have improved the situation. There was only one drainage outlet from the Inis Orga road discharging into the stream through a surface level pipe at the low point on the road. If this got blocked, ponding would develop on the road and pedestrians/ cars could not pass. We have installed an underground storm pipe with gullies at regular intervals. This decreases the loading of storm water at the old discharge point and ensures a uniform flow of storm water into the stream. There has been no increase to the storm water catchment area on this road.

- 2) A permanent infrastructure in Bridge Place for the Fish – *This was never planned. Fishmonger temporarily relocated during the construction phase of the scheme.*
- 3) In reply to Cllr. Coughlan's question if the proposed spaces on South Main Street line with the viable businesses. *Drawing shared with Cllr Coughlan after the meeting showing that parking was created outside viable business She also requested if Age Friendly parking be put in installed front of the chemist. This is still under consideration.*
- 4) Cllr. Bambury asked if we can ensure that there is sufficient depth in the flower beds for the bark mulch as up in Ballymoden the mulch is coming out of the bed and

making the surface slippery. *To minimise risk of injury to pedestrians turning their ankles, topsoil to beds is laid to at least the same level of the footpath pavement.*

January Report.

Glasslinn Road – undertaking snagging works and stage 3 RSA

Bridge Street – Retractable bollard to be installed May 2025 after scaffolding is removed from No 1 Bridge Street.

Cork County Council will engage with local business owners / church to facilitate access after 11am when required.

Bridge Lane:- Street furniture to be installed Q 1 2025

South Main Street – Returned to South Main Street on Jan 6th to complete watermain installation.

Started watermain on Market Street on January 15th – 19th February. Market Street will be one way north bound for the duration of the watermain works.

Commence footpath works on the southern side of South Main Street at the Bridge Lane junction on Feb 10th working westwards to the Market Street junction until May 6th.

Works to footpath to the northern side of South Main Street starting at Hickeys Corner are scheduled to start on 11th April.

A road closure is to be programmed for Mid-June to facilitate the installation of the raised table pedestrian crossing. (discussion ongoing with contractor in order to minimise time of closure)

It is hoped that 90 % of works will be completed in South Main Street by Mid-August.

Review of layout has been undertaken to maximise space for parking bays.

The width of the 2 raised table crossing points on the street has been minimised to 3.2m to facilitate this.

Parnell Road – works on going due for completion end of January 2025. A Stop-Go system will remain in place for traffic flow during construction.

Inis Orga - roadworks on going due for completion end of February 2025.

A Stop-Go system will remain in place for traffic flow during construction. 2 new raised tables crossing points are being installed at Inis Orga and Inis Fail to facilitate footpath connectivity.

In the absence of a formal footpath along the section of road connecting Inis Orga to Convent Hill Road, Cork County Council are installing 3 no raised tables on the road pavement to slow down traffic. Where road width permits, bollards will be installed so that pedestrians

can walk on a segregated area as an informal footpath. In due course it is envisaged that the roadside boundary will be moved back in agreement with the adjoining landowner thereby creating a formal footpath.

Newcestown Road

Roadworks to commence here in February creating footpath linkage along the entire length of Convent Hill west as far as Cul Na Greine. Additional storm water pipework will also be installed which will reduce the loading on the existing system further east on Convent Hill.

Raised tables crossing points are being installed at all estate entrances. Due for completion end of March 2025. A Stop-Go system will remain in place for traffic flow during construction.

Comments/queries from Members:

Cllr. Coughlan acknowledged the level of works already undertaken and spoke of Bandon Soccer Club. Richard Cahill replied and said that he had examined OPW maps and Soccer pitch was in a flood plain and was always prone to flooding.

While Cllr. Coughlan accepted that due to the amount of works that the town had been transformed, she said now that focus should be put on existing businesses and attracting new businesses to the town. She suggested that Cork County Council work with Bandon Business Association to come up with a marketing campaign. Cllr. Coleman agreed with Cllr. Coughlan and suggested that as there were a lot of new residents in Bandon that perhaps a Business Directory should be compiled to show services already available in Bandon.

The MDM took these comments on board and said that it takes time for new residents to connect with a town.

2) *Municipal District Officer’s Report.*

Municipal District Officers Report 28th January ‘2525



Municipal District Meeting indicative times and dates

25 th February	25 th March	22 nd April	27 th May	24 th June
Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid
Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library

Actions from December meeting

1. Overhanging trees in Timoleague burial ground- We will review this and undertake works if required similar to the works in Lislee cemetery.

2. Old Bandon Playground

Work has completed on the upgrade of the old playground whereby we have replaced the timber swings with modern steel structures whilst also introducing a new disability access roundabout. The rubber matting has also been replaced with wet pour in certain areas meaning almost 75% of the playground has been revitalised. A future upgrade of the two climbing frames may be required and I will be exploring funding streams for this in 2025.

3. Kinsale Harbour Toilets

The toilets in the Harbour Masters' office have now been upgraded and reopened to the public for use. The upgrade included the replacement of all white wear in one cubicle and the redevelopment of the second room to convert it into a cubicle including a wash area.

4. Courtmacsherry Toilets

Works have concluded on the upgrade of the toilet block in Courtmacsherry. A final inspection is scheduled for this afternoon at which point it will be handed back to the Council and reopened to the public. I would like to thank the community for their patience whilst the toilets remained closed and I am happy that the financial investment in them will provide an uplift to the community especially as we enter the Spring/Summer season.

5. The Community Monuments Fund 2025

The Community Monuments Fund will enable conservation works to be carried out on archaeological monuments, which are deemed to be significant and in need of support. It aims to build resilience in monuments enabling them to withstand the effects of climate change. The fund also aims to encourage access to monuments and improve their presentation. The Scheme has three streams of funding, all of which offer up to 100% of eligible costs.

Stream 1: Grants up to €100,000 for essential repairs and capital works for the conservation of archaeological monuments.

Stream 2: Grants of up to €30,000 for the development of Conservation Management Plans/Reports and detailed Specification of Works aimed at identifying measures for conservation and maintenance of archaeological monuments.

Stream 3: Grants of up to €30,000 for the enhancement of access infrastructure, interpretation projects (including virtual/online) and small-scale emergency conservation works, at archaeological monuments.

For submission of applications and any queries regarding the scheme
email: corkheritage@corkcoco.ie

6. **Municipal District Community Fund 2025**

Cork County Council is committed to supporting local communities across County Cork and financial assistance is available through this **Municipal District Community Fund Scheme 2025**. This scheme is now open and will close on Friday 14th February at 4pm. Applications to be made online at [_](#) or www.yourcouncil.ie. There are three strands under the Fund:

- a. Capital Fund Scheme - for community groups, sporting and local organisations in County Cork who wish to undertake infrastructural projects costing over €20,000 that will improve the range or quality of community-based facilities within their area e.g. community halls, sporting facilities, etc.
- b. Community Contract - for Tidy Towns groups who work with Cork County Council on local works and projects, agreed with the Municipal District Officer and local Area Engineer that enhance the area in which the group is active. For the Community Contract it is strongly recommended that you contact the area engineer and Municipal District Officer to discuss your proposals before you apply.
- c. Amenity Fund Scheme - for community groups, sporting and local organisations in County Cork who wish to undertake projects or purchase equipment that directly benefits communities and meets particular needs. Projects being applied for under this scheme must cost less than €20,000.

Applicants will be marked under several categories with each stream having specific eligibility criteria such as proof of match funding.

7. **Community Recognition Fund 2024**

The Community Recognition Fund 2024 aims to support the development of community infrastructure, and facilities for the entire community in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries. Cork County Council is seeking Applications for project proposals from Community Groups in towns and villages that are hosting high levels of the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection or International Protection Applicants. Community groups can apply for between €50,000 and €500,000 in funding for capital projects.

The Department of Rural & Community Development has recently provided an extension of time for Window 3 applications under this Scheme to all Local Authorities. The extended closing date for applications under this final Window of CRF24 is now Monday 17th February 2025 – this is to facilitate an assessment of the

applications received, prior to submission to the Department by the Scheme revised deadline of 28th February 2025.

Please note that at the time of writing the Department of Rural & Community Development has not issued the outcome of Window 2 applications however an announcement is expected in the coming weeks.

8. Tidy Towns Events

On January 22nd The Mayor of the County of Cork Cllr. Joe Carroll, and the Chief Executive Moira Murrell held a Tidy Towns Celebration Event in County Hall to celebrate the hard work and dedication of tidy town groups in enhancing and preserving the beauty of our towns and villages. This gathering highlighted the incredible achievements of Tidy Towns groups across the county, while fostering connections, sharing best practices, and inspiring new ideas.

As Municipal District Officer I am in the process of meeting groups in both towns and villages in Bandon Kinsale MD and have written to all of them to schedule meetings to identify issues we can work together on in the coming 12 months.

9. Municipal District Reception – Nicola Tuthill and David Harte

In recognition of the efforts of both Nicola Tuthill and David Harte at the 2024 Olympics Bandon Kinsale Municipal District has arranged a reception for them both in recognition of their outstanding achievements. The reception will be held in Bandon Town Hall at 6pm on Friday February 7th.

Cllr. Coughlan asked if Bandon Athletic Club and Hockey Club could be invited also. Brian Dunne undertook to do so.

Cllr. Foley was grateful for the provision of public toilet at Harbour Master's office and also for the improvement of facilities at Courtmacsherry.

Cllr. Foley welcomed the meeting of Tidy Towns groups with the judges and said that feedback on event was very positive.

While Cllr. Foley welcomed news about works at Lislee Cemetery, he requested that drainage issues at Darrara Cemetery be looked at. Brian Dunne said that a meeting had taken place last week regarding this with a contractor with a view to identifying issues and when a costing was received, he would see if funding could be sourced and how to progress repairs. Cllr. Foley asked about Abbeymahon Cemetery. The MDO informed him an application is under consideration by the Senior Management Team for submission to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage under the National Monuments Scheme. This application, if successful, will fund a detailed consultancy report on how to address the structure issues at the cemetery. Future iterations of the grant scheme may fund the actual works

3. Statutory Business

None.

4. Notice of Motions

None

5. Any Other Business

Cllr. Collins spoke of a problem on Kilbrogan Hill where a resident was selling cars from his home and could have 7-9 cars parked on street at any one time. He asked if the Bandon Parking Bye Laws could be reviewed and the possibility of introducing a 2-hour limit be looked at. Richard Cahill said his office could keep an eye on the parking and if cars are without tax, these cars could be removed. Cllr. Collins asked that the lights at zebra crossing by Courthouse could be repaired. SEE said that there was a fault here and was in the process of being repaired.

Cllr. Collins said that he had received a complaint from a group of walkers regarding briars on the road from the corkscrew on Dunmanway road towards Bandon, L20116 to which the SEE replied that this was a matter for the landowner. Cllr. Coughlan suggested that the space on other side of road be used to put a footpath.

Cllr. Coughlan asked that area at Church Lane/Square, Kinsale could be lined as people were parking cars in a dangerous manner. EE Kinsale said she would review this.

Cllr. Foley asked for an update on Templemartin Cemetery. SEO reported that Part 8 had been approved and next step was to secure funding.

Cllr. Coleman asked that the quality of footpath at Kilbrittain from pub to Community Hall be looked at as well as the wall of bridge by Coillte woods. He undertook to contact EE Kinsale regarding this.

Cllr. Coleman spoke of works that had been carried out on N71 to divert water but redirected water was flowing into people's gardens. He suggested removing kerbing that is in place and gullies to be cleaned.

Cllr. Coleman requested that the County Engineer's office be written to regarding flooding issues at Riverbank, Belgooly. EE said that the engineers were aware of issue and were trying to secure funding.

Cllr. Coleman said that as the one-way system in Kinsale was working so well that it be looked at again to put a road through car park opposite Centra onto Pier Road. He said this was undertaken previously when sewerage works were being undertaken and worked well at the time. He suggested that this be put to public consultation along with extending Market Street proposal.

Cllr. O'Sullivan concurred with remarks made by Cllr. Coleman and also complimented the angular parking on Pearse Street.

At this point Cllr. Collins made apologies and left the meeting.

Cllr. Coughlan, referring to the expansion of Kinsale town that traffic in the town be looked at, in particular issues at Pewterhole Cross, relief road. She also asked for an update on proposed Affordable Housing Scheme for Kinsale and the possibility of further social housing.

With regard to Council owned properties, Cllr. Coughlan asked that this Municipal District make a plan.

Cllr. Coughlan asked the OPW be written to regarding plans for Desmond Castle which has been closed for a number of years.

Cllr. Coughlan asked that new steps at Cul na Greine be looked at as she felt a barrier should be put in place. Richard Cahill undertook to check this out.

Cllr. Coughan spoke about parking issues at Scoil Naomh Eltin with residents and that a solution was needed to resolve these issues. EE said that her and Brian Dunne had scheduled a meeting with An Garda Siochana to discuss this.

SEE complimented EE on the works carried out on Pearse Street and agreed that the one-way system at Patsy's Corner was working well. He stated that EE wanted to progress further with the Kinsale Transportation Plan. He also spoke of Active Travel Plan and how the travelling to school will be transformed when started.

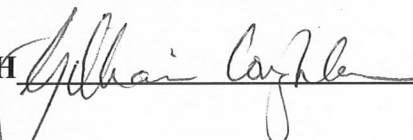
MDM thanked members for their welcome and said he was looking forward to working with them going forward.

Next meeting Tuesday 25th February 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

This concluded the official business of the meeting.

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