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### MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN CAMDEN Crosshaven ON FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**Members Present:** Cllrs. K. Murphy, G. Coughlan, R. McCarthy, J O' Donovan, A. Coleman

**In Attendance:** Charlie McCarthy, Senior Executive Engineer, Bandon (C.M.C.)  
Brendan Fehily, Executive Engineer, Kinsale (B.F)  
Mac Dara O'Hici, Senior Executive Officer (M.D O'H)  
Billy Horgan, Executive Engineer, Carrigaline (B.H.)  
Claire Levis, Assistant Staff Officer

Apologies : Cllr Lombard

**This meeting was preceded by a prayer for Enda O'Halloran on the death of his father Pat O'Halloran R.I.P**

**Congratulations were offered to Cllr Lombard on the birth of his son Gerard.**

#### **1 (a) Confirmation of Minutes of Municipal District of Bandon-Kinsale Meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Mc McCarthy seconded by Cllr Coughlan the Minutes of Meeting of Bandon-Kinsale Municipal District held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were confirmed.

#### **1 (b) Matters arising from Minutes dated 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017.**

Cllr Coughlan wanted to commend the group from Ballinhassig on all the works done so far in their village. The Council will advise them when grants are available in the future so they can keep up the good work.

Cllr McCarthy asked about the Zebra Crossing on the Macroom road- CMC stated that this would be done as part of the school and footpaths however Cllr Mc Carthy said that they shouldnt have to wait for that long. The road is getting much busier because of the meat factory and new houses. Can this road be looked at when there is a new speed survey?

Cllr Murphy asked how soon the foot bridge reinstated in Bandon. CMC said from his information this would not be ready before summer of 2018. Cllr Murphy asked for the traffic

warden to ensure that footpaths are kept clear at all times to ensure that pedestrians have direct access to the centre of town.

## **2 Reports & Recommendations.**

### **(b) Bandon Main Drainage Scheme**

Tenders for the sewerage scheme are due back on the 4<sup>th</sup> July. The Tenders will be managed by Irish Water and this could take months to sort, most likely 5-6 months. The Pre Qual for the Bandon WWTP is nearly complete with a tender possibly going out for a plant by the end of July.

### **(c) Bandon Flood Relief**

CMC circulated a report on the Bandon Flood Relief which the members whole heartedly welcomed. Mac Dara O'Hici also mentioned that further updates can be found on [www.Bandonfrs.ie](http://www.Bandonfrs.ie)

Cllr MCarthy asked about the playground and the possibility of alternative access to it. They were not informed that the current access was curtailed. There is no access now excepty through the car park. Cllr Mc Carthy asked how long this would be the way and CMC responded that this would stay the same until the footbridge was opened.

Cllr Murphy asked if the playground could be renovated while the footbridge was closed? MacDara O Hici responded that the design etc should definitely be looked at at this stage.

Cllr McCarthy asked about the deep clean of the playground- CMC said to wait until after the dredging of the river. Sept would be a good time. Cllr McCarthy asked if the Playground committee would be allowed to paint it? CMC said to confer with the Tidy Towns.

Members asked if the old foot bridge could be reused? CMC said this was a possibility and that suggestions should be made to the council.

### **(c) Update Road works**

CMC circulated around a report on the on road works of Kinsale/Bandon.

Members asked about the Community Involvement schemes, CMC said that he had put in 3 schemes for consideration.

Cllr Murphy asked about the road to the Rising sun to Knocksmall- can it be made more accessible? The sides of the road are not straight and it is not easy drive.

Ballinispittle Village Plan was going to part 8, the Public Can make their submissions for any changes.

Cllr O Donovan asked about some extra funding given to Bandon for local roads in the area.

CMC agreed that he had been given funding and the non national roads would be looked at.

Some would wait until after the dredging of the river in Oct but others would be done once the Tender was done. The members expressed delighted at this.

Cllr Coughlan asked if a license had been granted for the dumping of the Dredging material. They had heard nothing regarding this. They initially had been told that Keohanes had been given a licence but they were not being used now. She asked about Patricks Quay and CMC said that the works on this would not be starting until 2018. St Finbarrs Place will start before this.

**(d) Tourism update**

A Tourism Update was circulated to Members of Each Municipal District on the Activity of Tourism Section to End of May 2017.

The members welcomed the report and did note that as regards Bandon there seemed to be a gap in the promotion of the tourism of that area.

Cllr Coughlan stated that there was a huge History of Bandon that had not been explored. The Heritage Centre needs investment; there should be historical signs around Bandon which would interpret the history of Bandon. The last 500 years in Ireland started in Bandon.

Cllr McCarthy agreed with the fact that Bandon had been left out, that there seemed to be a lack of investment in Bandon, it needs more attention as it seems to be forgotten. Also that the major Tourism in Bandon is Fishing that this should be exploited.

Mac Dara O Hici stated that with the Bandon TPrep there would be a lot of focus in Bandon and the river of Bandon.

Cllr Coleman stated that we should use the Council in its role of marketing. Especially for 2018-2021. There was a good opportunity ahead and that there was a good opportunity ahead.

Mac Dara O Hici stated that the job of Cork County Council was to facilitate rather than direct marketing and that local involvement was needed. An advertisement should be put into the paper asking for expressions of interest on tourist schemes and a subcommittee set up with one or more of the members.

As regards the Heritage Centre they should apply for an amenity grant.

**(e) Report on Town Entry Money for Bandon and Kinsale**  
was postponed until the next meeting.

### **3. Statutory Business**

- (a) Presentation of the Draft Camden Fort Meagher Masterplan.** The presentation will be by JCA Architects (Consultants) who have been appointed by Cork county council to Prepare a **'Masterplan for the Future Use, Conservation and Restoration of Camden Fort Meagher'**  
This was postponed until the 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

**(b) Notices of Cllr Coughlan**

1)

'That the Bandon Kinsale Municipal District calls on Cork County Council to

(i) retain the ownership and control of the Kinsale Municipal Hall in perpetuity, on behalf of the people of Kinsale

(ii) Commit to accommodating a community cultural, arts and theatre space within the structure

(iii) Furnish a report to the members to include any reports already undertaken and an inventory of works carried out on the internal and external structure heretofore

(iv) Commit to carrying out an assessment of the current state of the structure and projected costs to bring it up to standard'

i)Cllr Coughlan stated that she wanted it on record that the members supported the building being kept in Council Ownership

Cllr Murphy Seconded the Motion

Mac Dara O'Hici stated that there cannot be a disposal of property or transfer of ownership without the members agreeing.

ii)The Council will support the accommodation of Arts groups when a plan for the building is finalised.

Seconded by Cllr Murphy

iii)A meeting to be held with Clodagh Henihan and the reports would be furnished after this meeting.

iv)A plan of the use of the building should be drawn up before any costs are projected.

2)

'That Cork County Council will progress the development of a greenway from the Rugby Club to the junction at Killountain, adjacent to the Recycling Centre, as phase one of an overall scheme encourage walking and cycling in and around Bandon in advance and anticipation of integrating with Bandon TPREP.'

Seconded by Cllr O Donovan

3)"That Contractors and Cork County council make every effort, following the recent closure of the footbridge, to accommodate the residents, employees and pupils of the Northside of Bandon by ensuring that a safe, waymarked walking route is in place from the Courthouse to Mac Swiney Quay. This to take in to particular account parents with pushchairs and people with a disability who may use a wheelchair or other mobility aid. The provision of a minibus or other form of transport to be considered for the winter months.'

Seconded by Cllr McCarthy

#### *Notice of Motion from all Councillors*

(i)"That this Council allows a deputation from Belgooly Concerned Residents at the July Meeting  
Seconded by Cllr Murphy

(ii)"That Councillors are provided with a written response from the Council as to the reasoning why no further works will be done to the Pedestrian Crossing in Belgooly

This was discussed and it was decided to write to the concerned residents after the deputation. It was noted that the Gardai have agreed to request a GO Safe Van there to enforce the speed limit. The Members welcomed this.

(iii)"that this Council will investigate the possibility of putting a footpath from the Riverbank estate to connect with the Village  
Money is an issue here.

#### **4. Correspondence**

none.

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

##### *Cllr. Coughlan*

- Mentioned Garretstown and the littering that takes place there. She complimented the person who works there at keeping the area clean but asked if there were any temporary workers that could be sent there to help in summer months? Could the Traffic Warden be a Litter Warden on the beaches for the summer months.

BF replied that money was needed specifically for Beaches as currently the budget is coming from the Roads. We can only respond and react as there is no money to plan.

- Asked if the Guidelines for Solar Farms be expedited
- Asked for the Marsh Wall to be pushed back.
- Asked for the sign in the halfway.CMC to look at this

*Cllr. McCarthy*

- Asked about the paint scheme in Bandon and whether the deadline to be extended. MacDara stated that it had already been extended and they will need to apply again next year.

*Cllr. O Donovan*

- Asked about the parking outside Poachers Inn-Customers are parking in residents places. CMC stated that this is a public area and people can park anywhere. The residents have no right to a space.
- The Disabled public Toilets in Bandon are constantly locked. Is there a facility for people to access this? CMC to check. Perhaps the toilet can be moved to a better location.
- Asked about the Trees in Shipool , Caoilte Own the trees

*Cllr. Coleman*

- Asked about the Culvert at Hurleys Field, this needs a Part 50 Application can we put a submission in?
- Ballymartle Grave yard can a limestone plaque be put there to say what it is?, also can a No Dumping sign be removed as its inappropriate in its location

• *Cllr Murphy*

- Asked that grants that are available to the public be notified to the Members in ample time.
- Asked about the Battle of Kinsale Signe and the progress on this?
- Innishannon footpath, wheelchair users cannot use it.
- Asked for parking around the lights in Innishannon to be look at as people cannot pass.
- There is a big pothole on the Kilbrittain to Bawnleigh road
- In Rungcurran Rise and Grove the drains need to be cleaned
- Mentioned that he as Mayor had been in Antibes with the Director of Service this was to ensure the continuing Twinning of Kinsale with Antibes. This was a very successful visit and there is a delegation returning from France in Sept.
- Cllr Murphy requested approval that a Civic Reception be held For Charles Henderson, Danny Cummins and Phil Devitt who retired recently. Also for Bandon Rugby Club and the Harte brothers and Nicola Desmond. All members approved this.

- **Next meeting in Kinsale this includes the AGM and Civic Reception on the 31<sup>st</sup> Monday July**

***This concluded the official business of the meeting.***

**CATHAOIRLEACH** *Kevin Murphy*

**DATE** *31/7/2017*