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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AND BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING
HELD IN
MUNICIPAL HALL, KINSALE ON MONDAY 31ST JULY 2017

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

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)
Mark Daly, Executive Engineer, Carrigaline (M.D)
Claire O'Donovan, Clerical Officer.

The meeting was preceded by a deputation from Susan O'Connell and Barry Murphy of Belgooly Residents Association Network about the issues of speeding in Belgooly Village.

Deputation was followed by a Civic Reception where the following were honoured with an award from the Councillors.

- Nicola Desmond – Came second place in the World Floral Championships held in Barbados
 - Bandon RFC - Won the Munster Junior Cup
 - Charles Henderson – Retirement from Cork County Council
 - Phil Devitt – Retirement from Cork County Council
 - Dan Cummins – Retirement from Cork County Council
 - Kinsale Regatta Committee – Achievements to date
 - Kinsale Tidy Towns Committee – Achievements to date
 - Innishvilla AFC - Won AUL Cup 2017, opened new facility and on 50th Anniversary of the Club.
 - David & Conor Harte – Represented Ireland on the Mens Hockey team in Rio Olympics 2016.
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. *Election of Chairperson.*

Cllr. Murphy opened AGM by thanking members for their support over the past year and respect shown. He thanked the press and the staff for their assistance. He welcomed Mark Daly as Engineer representing Carrigaline area and thanked Mary Ryan, Director of Services for her help. He then asked for nominations for new Chairperson.

Cllr. Coughlan proposed herself and this nomination was seconded by Cllr. Coleman. Cllr. McCarthy proposed herself and this was seconded by Cllr. Lombard. The vote results were as follows:

Cllr. Coughlan: Cllr. Coughlan
Cllr. McCarthy: Cllrs. McCarthy, Murphy, O'Donovan, Lombard.

Cllr. Coleman abstained.

Cllr. Murphy presented the chain to Cllr. McCarthy who took the chair.

Cllr. McCarthy thanked members for their support and said she relished the opportunity to be first female chairperson. She acknowledged the work already done by Cllr. Murphy behind the scenes with regard to Youth Cafe and South Doc and said how she would endeavour to continue.

Members congratulated Cllr. McCarthy and wished her best of luck and thanked Cllr. Murphy. CMC congratulated Cllr. McCarthy on behalf of the staff.

2. *Election of Vice Chairperson.*

Cllr. McCarthy requested nominations for Vice Chairperson. Cllr. Coughlan was nominated by Cllr. Coleman and seconded by Cllr. O'Donovan and agreed.

Statutory Meeting.

1 (a) *Minutes.*

On the proposal of Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. McCarthy, the Minutes of Meeting of Bandon-Kinsale Municipal District held on 30th June 2017 were confirmed.

(b) *Matters Arising.*

Cllr. Lombard asked if there was an update on school warden in Crosshaven. MDOH said that personnel had been contacted.

Cllr. Lombard asked about the progress of a newsletter/booklet showcasing the attractions in the area which would help in starting connection of Wild Atlantic Way and the Ancient East. He pointed out that there is 12 miles of coast in between Crosshaven and Kinsale that isn't included on any tourist route.

Cllr. Murphy said he had attended meeting in Ballinspittle regarding the upgrade of village. He said there was no support for paved area by Nashes pub but welcomed the proposal in principle. Cllr. Coleman said that the extension of footpath from village to playground should be looked at. BF said that this would be tight as road is narrow but the Part 8 would give the opportunity for submissions. He said that the NNRDO and the County Architects office had the same proposal for Ballinspittle without consulting each other. CMC said that the drainage works as part of the scheme is not a resolution to the flooding problems but would help. Cllr. Murphy suggested a slip road across from Centra but CMC said that this would not be good road safety. The last day for submissions is the 8th September next and a report would then be circulated to members for approval possibly at the September meeting.

Cllr. Murphy asked that footpath at Innishannon be repaired as a wheelchair owner was having difficulty. CMC said this would be done as soon as possible.

Cllr. Murphy asked about the Battle of Kinsale signs. EOH said that BF had met with Dan Cummins, the Museum Committee, Mary Sleeman County Archaeologist and Kinsale Historical Society and that there might be scope for something bigger and better depending on funding.

Cllr. Murphy asked that double yellow lines at Chapel Hill, Innishannon be extended towards the traffic lights.

Cllr. Murphy reported drainage problems at Ringcurran Rise and Ringcurran Grove.

Cllr. O'Donovan asked if Coillte had been contacted regarding trees at Shippool. BF said that this work had been done.

Cllr. Coughlan said that she had been approached by 3 different organisations about delegations attending the September meeting. The Municipal Hall Committee, Age Friendly Bandon and Kinsale Historical Society. Cllr. McCarthy said she supported the Municipal Hall Committee coming in. MDOH said that all details be submitted in writing before accepting the delegation. Cllr. Coughlan said as the Historical Society were in already, to ask them what issues they wanted to discuss and that the Bandon Age Friendly were looking for funding. It was agreed to allow Bandon Age Friendly and Municipal Hall Committee in for September meeting.

Cllr. Lombard suggested getting a progress report with regard to museum. Cllr. Coleman said how there was a full time curator in Clonakilty and that the Kinsale museum had huge potential. Cllr. Murphy said that not belittling the volunteers but a curator should be in place and a charge imposed for entry. EOH said that the annual budget for the museum is only €6,500. Cllr. McCarthy undertook to discuss with Mary Ryan.

Cllr. Lombard enquired how 2 applicants from West Cork were successful in grants awarded from Heritage Office. MDOH said he would check out this scheme and that a plan should be put in place for the museum with regard to the cost of staff, renovations,

visitors count, etc. and a report be requested. Ideally the curator in Clonakilty could do this.

2. Reports and Recommendations.

(a) Bandon Main Drainage Scheme

EOH circulated email showing status as follows:

The tenders for the Networks Construction Contract are currently being assessed. Cork County Council granted Planning Permission for the Bandon Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade the week ending 28/7/17. In the event no appeals are received over the statutory four week period, a final grant of planning permission will be issued. It is expected that Irish Water will invite tenders for the construction project for Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade shortly.

(b) Bandon Flood Relief Scheme

CMC circulated update on Bandon Flood Relief Scheme and informed members that there is a monthly information forum with Public Liaison Officer held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. at their site. Cllr. McCarthy thanked Cllr O'Donovan for his help working with Bandon GAA.

(c) Update on Roadworks.

CMC circulated update on Roadworks 2017.

Cllr. Lombard complimented the Council on job from O'Learys Cross to Aghamarta. He asked if the Forrest Road could be prioritised. BF said that would be started in next 3 weeks.

Cllr. Murphy asked for extra gullies at Dromderrig/Worlds End, Rising Sun and Leighmoney.

(d) Report on town entry money for Bandon and Kinsale.

EOH informed members how the Town Entry money had been allocated to the district and €20,000 was allocated to Bandon and €15,000 to Kinsale with a view to improving presentation of towns and approach roads.

Cllr. Murphy asked about €5,000 gap and asked about the trimming of hedges in the area. BF said some walking routes were cut but the budget for hedgecutting was non-existent and that it was up to the landowners. CMC said as well as budget constraints there was wildlife restrictions and difficulties in ascertaining landowners. EOH said the allocation was population based.

Cllr. Lombard said it was a disgrace that Crosshaven again received no funding and that it was no wonder people were annoyed with Council. EOH said this money was meant

for towns only, not villages. CMC said that this decision should be at Development Plan level to change status from village to town. EOH said that groups in Crosshaven should apply for capital grants and amenity grants under the Grant Scheme just like Bandon and Kinsale have to. Cllr. Coughlan agreed with Cllr. Lombard with regard to Crosshaven and welcomed funds and commended the sign cleaning

Cllr. O'Donovan asked about plans for Macroom road. CMC said that plan is to clean signs, extend footpath and lighting.

Cllr. Murphy said how there are just not enough funds to go around and short staffed. He mentioned how Kinsale was down an engineer. He said that a letter should be sent to Tom Stritch to replace Mark Daly as Engineer in Kinsale forthwith. This was seconded by Cllr. Coughlan.

Cllr. McCarthy suggested taking a Notice of Motion to full Council. This was proposed by Cllr. Lombard, seconded by Cllr. McCarthy.

Cllr. O'Donovan commending Council on works done in Ballinhassig. BF said that the community were due the credit on their co-operation with Council.

3. Statutory Business.

None

4. Correspondence.

EOH read out a letter received from Fred Treacy, Hon. Secretary of Kinsale Regatta Festival requesting funding for Emigrants Welcome Home Gathering. This was proposed by Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Coleman and agreed. Cllr. Murphy said it was important to continue the tradition and support this. MDOH said they should apply for a grant next year for this.

5. Any Other Business.

Cllr. Murphy

Cllr. Murphy reported bins overflowing in Kinsale over weekend. EOH answered that it was the outdoor staffs first day off since March.

- Potholes in parking area at Charles Fort
- Passing bays on Old Head loop should be upgraded as they were unsafe.
- Sewerage leaks at Summercove
- Roads at Clonleigh in poor condition.
- Thanks Council for repairing potholes in Dunderrow.
- Weeds growing at Fivemile and bollard unpainted. Cllr. Coleman said he would speak to Margaret Ring.
- Road from Ballinhassig to Briar Hill in poor condition.

- Twinning. Suggested setting up an AGM to maintain relations. Also requested increased funding. MDOH said members had the GMA if they wanted to allocate more.

Cllr. Coughlan.

- Speeding at Chapel Street, Bandon, no road markings, signs. CMC to check.
- Proposal of a group cleaning and painting playground. CMC said there would be no problem with this provided adequate insurance in place.
- Sea Lettuce at Coolmaine, Harbour View.
- Grass cutting at Glasslyn Estate. CMC said that this won't be done.
- Traffic problems at The Glen, Kinsale.
- Sightlines at mart by Old Still.
- Traffic calming on Clonakilty Road by Rugby Club. CMC said that as far as he was aware the speed limit was actually going to be increased along this stretch and that it was a National road.
- Update on West Cork Historical Trail
- Housing report, urgent need for housing in Bandon. She welcomed quarterly reports. CMC suggested getting update from Director.
- Suggested the Municipal District contact Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and inform him of his links to Bandon and suggested that he be invited to visit.

Cllr. Coleman.

- Road from Belgooly to Kinsale, not enough view of sea at beginning of Wild Atlantic Way, suggested a lay-by by Kilcaw.
- Work needs to be done on 2 bridges between Belgooly and Kinsale.
- Cul-de-sac at Cullen. Under a CIS, about 90% of the road but at end of road about 150m - 200 m to be taken in charge. CMC said that there is a process to be followed with regard to taking in charge of roads and that under the Roads Act, road shouldn't be any cost to Council. BF to look.
- Drainage at Ballinhassig/Fivemile Road.
- Progress a Section 50 at Hurleys Farm gate. It was agreed to write to Flood Management Section regarding culvert on Ballinhassig to Fivemile road.
- Surface water flooding at Innishannon from Cork side, could this be diverted to stream.
- Radharc an Bhaile, Bandon green area, can this be paved. CMC to check.

Cllr. Lombard

- Rubbish, bottles and cans at playground in Carrigaline. Regular maintenance needed or else have locked at night. MD said that there are no staff but playground is cleaned regularly.

- Graball Bay/Church Bay update. MD said this is progressing.
- Traffic management at Upper Kilmoney Road.
- Timeline for brick footpaths at Crosshaven. MD said within next few weeks.
- Access Improvement Scheme at Myrtleville. Chipvan blocking access to beach.
- Write to Tourism SPC to develop connection between 12 miles of coast between Crosshaven and Kinsale, linking Ancient East and the Wild Atlantic Way.

Ballygarvan. This was discussed before but never progressed. Cllr. Coughlan said it was important to find out views of community in relation to this. CMC said the bridge is the problem here as is too narrow and would require a land acquisition on school side. Cllr. Murphy suggested a boardwalk. CMC agreed with solution but said the community would need to deal with landowner.

Cllr. O'Donovan.

- Toilets in Bandon. CMC said that the key for this toilet was a standard disability key issued by Wheelchair Association. MDOH said that this was a good public service and a great location. Cllr. O'Donovan said that a decision should be made about disposal as a purchaser was interested.

Cllr. McCarthy

- Millbrook Old Hospital. CMC to check.
- Road at Toureen, Ballinhassig. CMC said he had already written to TII and RDO but would write again.

This concluded the official business of the meeting.

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Seán McCarthy

DATE

22.9.17