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MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HYBRID MEETING HELD IN BANDON LIBRARY AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 22ND NOVEMBER 2022.

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

In Attendance: MacDara O'Hici, Senior Executive Officer SEO
Brian Dunne, Senior Staff Officer
Paul Barry, Municipal District Office MDO
Richard Cahill, Senior Executive Engineer, Bandon SEE
Oliver Forbes, Executive Engineer, Kinsale EE
Brian Lawlor, NNRDO Executive Engineer.
Claire O'Donovan, Clerical Officer.

Cllr. Kevin Murphy presided.

Statutory Monthly Meeting

1. Minutes

(a) Confirmation of minutes of meeting of Municipal District of Bandon Kinsale held on 25th October 2022.

On the proposal of Cllr. Sean O'Donovan seconded by Cllr. John O'Sullivan, the minutes of the meeting held on 25th October 2022 were agreed.

(b) Matters arising from minutes dated 25th October 2022.

None.

2. Reports & Recommendations.

(a) Report on Crossbarry Bridge by Brian Lawlor of NNRDO.

B. Lawlor made a presentation on Crossbarry Bridge and informed members that option 3, the steel footbridge outside the bridge was recommended in conjunction with a signalised junction. Members welcomed the report and the recommendation. It was asked that B. Lawlor check out the possibility of knocking the walls of bridge and possibly replacing with railing to aid sight distance. B. Lawlor undertook to check with Architect's Department when asked if proposed structure could be stand alone. It was agreed that funding be applied for and secured as soon as possible and maybe commencing the Part 8 in the meantime.

(b) Engineers Report

Bandon

Active Travel

Since the last meeting, the active travel works on Church Hill, Innishannon has continued to progress with new storm sewer not extended to the top of the hill. We expect the contractors to be back for week beginning 5th December next at the latest to continue with the footpath works. The continued patience and cooperation of the residents and road users are very much appreciated.

Further active travel works have started on O'Mahony Avenue, Bandon. The contractor has installed the 150mm watermain at both junctions and the footpath and junction works and resurfacing works should be completed in two weeks time. We also expect to resurface a significant area of Dohertys Road this week if all goes to plan.

RI Jobs

We will finish the resurfacing of 900 m of the main road through Barryroe today.

It is also worth mentioning that we have Irish Water Contractors carrying out significant works in 3 areas, namely Patrick's Quay, the N71 and Ballyglanna. This scale of works require a significant recourse from the Area Office to make sure that the works are carried out to satisfaction.

Drainage

We have had a contractor in vacuuming the gullies around the town and the green sweeping machine has been very active since the last meeting and the vacuum tanker will be visiting us weekly from here until Christmas. We have also carried out a lot of drainage in the Aghiohill area since the last meeting.

Kinsale

Drainage/Potholes

Gully cleaning programme is ongoing at various locations in response to weather and gullies have been cleaned around the Kinsale area, Eastern Road, Mawes Caravan Park to Garretstown. Drainage works have been carried out at Dunderrow, Ratharoughy, and Skeough Cross. Pothole repairs are ongoing throughout the area most recently in Nohoval, Riverstick, Dunderrow and Kilbrittain.

Footpath NTA/Active Travel Works

330 m of new footpaths completed at Garretstown using a mixture of NTA and Council funding.

New lights at Breakheart Hill, concrete drainage channel installed and currently resurfacing the laneway. Works expected to be complete in coming week.

Belgooly Section 38 was advertised last week and is currently at consultation stage.

RI/RM works.

Commenced and additional RI paving job brought forward from 2023 at Callinans Cross yesterday and expected to be complete this week.

Contract resurfacing commenced at Pearse Street, Long Quay to Centra last week. Paving is expected to be substantially complete tonight.

Installation of new modified crash barrier at Ringrone following recent overlay and new C/B further out the road at Acres.

Road Signs and Marking.

Ongoing replacement of signs on RI/RM routes.

Lining complete at Garretstown.

Millwater stop markings and Rumble strips installed.

Lettering completed around Summercove school.

Road from Skeough Cross and Rising Sun inspected by Contractor who is due back to complete.

Reinstatement of yellow lines from Hospital Cross to Ballinamona Cross.

Road markings at top of Barrack Hill modified at stop sign.

Miscellaneous

Site clearance commencing at Shippool corner commencing next week.

Hedge cutting carried out at R600 Fivemilebridge to Kinsale, ongoing at R607 from Halfway to Kinsale and there was a landslide at Worlds End, sorted in conjunction with Kinsale Gardai.

Fallen trees attended to at Kilmaccsimon.

Works by colleagues in NNRDO commenced yesterday at Tullyland Bridge. These parapet repairs will take 2 – 3 weeks with traffic lights in place during these times.

Members raised issue of pipeline from Bandon to Clonakilty and asked why Curralicky Lake was not considered and was informed that there wasn't adequate supply there due to climate change. Members stressed the importance of getting onto county water grid/loop.

Bandon SEE informed members that the only role played by Area Office was regarding the road closure in order to minimise traffic disruption with certain conditions in place, ie. Demobilise for weekends, flagmen rather than traffic lights so as traffic not delayed more than 3 minutes, 2 crews in place at least 5 km apart.

Information on Government Grants Applied for and Awarded

The following are the details of grants that have been applied for through the Municipal District and awarded funding by Government Dept's. since 2020 in this Municipal District:

Grant Name	Year	Project Name/Description	Funding Awarded
Town and Village Renewal Accelerated Measure	2020	Creation of Crossbarry Ambush Memorial Park at the existing ambush monument including new accessible walkways and parking	€36,000 funding was provided for the works.
ORIS (Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme)	2020	Argideen Valley Trail – on-road signage for a walkway from Ballinascarthy to Timoleague Village and on towards Courtmacsherry	€13,280 funding was provided.
ORIS (Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme)	2020	Harbour View Beach Eco Walk –provision of signage and steps at the beach to assist with the creation of a beach walk along the dunes	€15,607 funding was provided
ORIS (Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme)	2021	Resurfacing of Belgooly Walkway	€20,000 funding was provided
ORIS (Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme)	2021	Feasibility study for 5 West Cork beaches including Garrylucas and Garretstown	€50,000 funding provided
ORIS (Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme)	2022	Bandon River, installation of buoys, waymarkers and pontoons to create a small craft way from Kinsale to Kilmacsimon	€20,000 funding being provided
National Streetscape Enhancement Scheme	2021	6 towns in CCC were awarded funding for property owners to enhance their buildings	€101,000 was funded for works in Bandon
National Streetscape Enhancement Scheme	2022	Bandon has been awarded funding for property owners to enhance their buildings	Currently awaiting on the Dept's. assessment of applications
CLÁR	2021	Barryroe GAA were successful in receiving funding for solar lighting of a community walkway around their GAA pitches.	€48,617
RRDF (Rural Regeneration and Development Fund)	2022	CCC awarded funding for the Bandon Town Centre renewal and regeneration project	€5.5 million

Members welcomed funding made available to district and asked that they be consulted regarding the spending of €5.5 million and how vital it was for councillors to have an input on spending. SEO said that a meeting regarding funding would take place and members would be updated. With regard to TSB building, the Architects Department are working on a plan.

3. STATUTORY BUSINESS.

- 1) Section 183 – Grant of Wayleave at Commogue, Kinsale, Co. Cork for watermain and foul sewer for a consideration of €35,000.

This was proposed by Cllr Coughlan and seconded by Cllr K Murphy.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

In reply to complaint regarding condition of roads at North Main Street and Bridge Street, SEE Bandon said that IW will be carrying out works there early next year. The SEE said that they were due to be resurfaced soon but they now will hold off until IW works are complete. The roads will be patched in the mean time to improve them until the resurfacing takes place.

Regarding light at Ballymoden, SEE said he would look at this.

Members asked that a Traffic Management Plan be put in place for Kinsale and that plans for a relief road should be pushed beginning with Pewterhole Cross and how funding should be acquired for these works.

Members expressed the need for a venue for a Family Resource Centre and that there was a particular derelict building in Bandon that could be utilised.

Members asked that report of all vacant properties in Kinsale be prepared for next meeting.

EE noted that overhanging branches on Dunderrow side of Shippool should be cut back.

EE said that road outside Speckled Door is on programme for 2023.

With regard to flooding at Dunderrow, EE said that he was currently in consultation with landowners.

Regarding water damage at Rathnaroughy, SEE said how crew were consulting with landowners presently.

The engineering team were asked to check the speed limit on N71 which were still at 60 kph.

Members asked that signs at Malagaton Road be checked.

Members requested that benches be replaced at the Milk Market.

It was suggested that the Old Chapel Walkway be named after Con O'Leary, the man who looked after this area for over 30 years.

EE Kinsale asked that Cllr. K. Murphy contact him directly regarding public lighting needed at Sleaveen.

Light out of action by walking lane between Barrack Hill and Featherbed Lane.

Dangerous junction at Old Court Cross on R604.

SEE Bandon undertook to contact Carrigaline office regarding overgrown hedges by Fivemilebridge and water on road on N71 between underpass and overpass.

In reply to issue regarding surface water and blocked shores at Rathrout, Ballinadee, SEE Bandon said that this road was on 2023 Roads Programme.

Littering at narrow road by old Barrack Green housing scheme.

Potholes on short-cut road at Rathnaroughy.

Hedging/draining issues on road between Dunderrow to Knocksmall. Ditches need to be cleared out/cut.

Members enquired about why Castle View Estate in Kilbrittain was not taken in charge as there was a public walkway adjacent. EE Kinsale undertook to contact Estate Department.

Members requested a report for the January meeting regarding a plan of action for traffic in Kinsale and the possibility of a multi-storey car park by new library.

In reply to question if stairlift could be installed at Kinsale Museum, SEO stated that works cannot be done on stairs and only option would be to install a lift structure on the outside of the building due to the building being of historical importance and a protected structure. He stated that out of funding already available, the glazing of the room at the front was next on list of works to be done. He also confirmed that a fee for entry to the Museum will be in place in January and that an official launch will take place in the Spring.

Condition of road at Rising Sun R607.

Members reported dangerous junction at road between Jagoesmillis and Glendooneen.

On enquiring about works to be carried out at Garravasogue Bridge, the reply was works would commence in 2023.

Members welcomed improvement works at Breakheart Hill.

Members congratulated the officials on tackling dereliction and welcomed the action being taken.

SEO informed members that this would be the final meeting for MDO Paul Barry. He thanked him for his service and wished him well in the future. The new MDO Brian Dunne was introduced to members.

Members thanked Paul Barry for his help and extraordinary work during his time in Kinsale and wished him well in his new position.

Next meeting Tuesday 20th December at 10.00 a.m.

This concluded the official business of the meeting.

CATHAOIRLEACH Maire O'Sullivan

DATE 20/12/2022