



MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT APRIL MEETING HELD ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 25th Oct 2022.

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

In Attendance: MacDara O'Hici, Senior Executive Officer SEO
Paul Barry, Municipal District Officer MDO
Oliver Forbes, Executive Engineer, Kinsale EE
Claire Levis, Meeting Administrator

Statutory Monthly Meeting

1. Minutes

(a) *Confirmation of minutes of meeting of Municipal District of Bandon Kinsale held on 27th Sept 2022.*

On the proposal of Cllr. Kevin Murphy seconded by Cllr. A. Coleman, the minutes of the meeting held on 27th Sept 2022 were agreed.

(b) **Matters arising from minutes dated 27th Sept 2022.**

In response to a query from the members regarding the opening of the Kinsale Museum, the MDO explained that there wasn't much publicity regarding the opening as there is to be a full launch in March. Any potential problems would have been fixed at this point.

In reply to the issue of dips on either side of the road by the junction of the Rising Sun the E.E. stated that there was a plan to fix these.

The Chair M O'Sullivan requested that standing orders be suspended to discuss the issues with the public transport between Cork and Kinsale. This was agreed by Members.

Currently there is a bus which runs every hour between Cork and Kinsale. The bus currently doesn't have the capacity for the amount of people waiting for the bus and many have complained to the councillors regarding this issue. There is also no bus shelter in the Cork City side and people are waiting for an hour and can get wet from weather and still may not get on this bus. Members have asked that the Dept of Higher Education to highlight these issues and ask for solutions this had been raised at Full Council Meeting the previous day in relation to this and the NTA were to be written to.

This was agreed by all members.

2. Reports & Recommendations.

(a) Engineers Report

Bandon

Oliver Forbes EE presented this report to members

Since the last meeting the active travel works on Church hill in Innishannon has continued to progress with storm sewer currently being extended up the hill prior to the new paths being installed.

This stage will see the installation of a storm sewer from the entrance to Ard Aoibhinn up to the top of the hill. Unfortunately, as the works will involve significant excavation there will be traffic lights and stop and go in use.

The works will continue for the next 5 weeks and once completed we will then proceed with the construction of further footpaths from the top of the hill down Church Hill to tie into the existing footpath network. Finally, the patience and cooperation off the resident and the road users is much appreciated.

Further active travel works have started on O Mahony Avenue in Bandon. The contractor is in the process of installed the 150mm watermain at both junctions and the footpath and junction works will commence afterwards.

RI program

We carried out significant repairs to the road surface in Ard Na Chuillean housing Estate off the old cork road and at the entrance junction to same. using climate adaptation and other funding, We raised the road from the Centra Shop in Timoleague for a distance of 700m

Dohertys Road

We have constructed a footpath over the 120m stretch that will link Riverview estate to O Mahony Avenue. Another 110m of path remain to be constructed and we are hopeful that with local engagement that we can complete the footpath project which will allow us to progress with the road resurfacing.

Drainage

We have a drainage crew current in Knockbrown and Kilcolman. We have had a contractor vacuuming the gullies around the town and the green sweeping machine has been very active around the town since the last meeting. FRS pumps deployed and ready for orange alert.

Kinsale

Oliver Forbes EE presented this report to members.

Gully Cleaning programme suction sweeper sweeping and gullies cleaned.

Areas included are Ballindee, Killbritian, Ballinapittle this week. Next programme in Nov will include Kinsale area and Belgooly. Grotto hill drains cleared and hedges cut, Speckled door area , Coolmain cul se sac and potholes, worlds End clearing ongoing.

Ballinadee school road to horsehill also.

New footpath substantially complete at Garretstown 3 weeks left we have increased scope to join to the existing section of pathway.

Ardbrack -Breakheart Hill, new lights have been installed, then concrete channel being installed , 2-3 weeks then resurface and install new bollards either end, resulting in upgrade

RI

Final job of the year CIS @ Horsehill Ballinadee substantially complete, awaiting a suitable window to fog seal and surface dress.

Contract Resurfacing will commence at Pearse Street Kinsale long quay to the Centra programmed from 21/11-5/12

Ongoing replacing all signs on RI/RM routes lining due at Firestation Kinsale, Coolcorran RM works, and at Summercove school.

Lining works complete the Rock/Lower Catholic Walk

Upgraded signage at Ballinadee and the Rock

Climate Adaptation works

Installed 4 NRV's next phase is new chamber and lifeboat station plus road realignment works at Worlds End to better manage surface runoff there.

Garretstown Parking - Ecological Impact Assessment report received and is with planning.

Schipool Bends, Survey of Bats due imminently, currently Procuring Tree surgeons if we get clearance to proceed in Q4. Road closure in place R607, Garravesoge 24/10-11/11 top allow for Bridge Repair works, Our colleagues in NNRDO, Locally we will utilise this closure to hedge cut and carry out drainage maintenance/ inlets etc during this window.

Hedge cutting carried out at :

Grotto Hill, Killbrittian to Careys cross, busy school bus HGV route – Scilly walk

Repairs carried out to Wall capping Ringrone Graveyard

Footpath works to deal with drainage issue carried out in Kinsale @ Miley Murphys- AIB

Rebuilding a stone wall at the Burren

New Gully Installed at Ballcatten

Fallen trees removed at Killmacsimon, Schipool and at Eastern Road as well as a mud slide at that location.

(c) **Municipal District Officers Report**



Municipal District Meeting indicative times and dates

Nov 22 nd	20th Dec
10.00am	10.00am

Date of December meeting to be

decided on. 4th Tuesday is the 27th Dec when Council offices are closed. Dec 20th instead.

Blended Meetings

The meeting room in Bandon library is now equipped for blended meetings. Once MD staff are trained up in the operation up of the system in the room, blended meetings will be arranged.

2022 Streetscape Enhancement Scheme - Bandon

The deadline for applications for the Scheme was Friday 30th September. 21 valid applications were received, and a summary document has been sent back to the Dept. of Rural & Community Development. We are currently waiting to hear back from the Dept.

Kinsale Museum

The museum reopened on Thursday 6th October 2022 with a Council employee in place. The museum is currently open on a Wednesday to Saturday basis from 10am to 5pm each day. From the beginning of March 2023, it is hoped that the museum will open on a Tuesday to Saturday basis. The opening hours will be reviewed regularly to determine if different hours are needed.

The council is looking forward to the continued involvement of the volunteers in the operation of the facility.

Over the next number of months, the Council is aiming to make significant improvements to the museum e.g. better arrangement of displays, installation of information boards, creating a better flow from one display to the next

3. STATUTORY BUSINESS.

- 1) Section 183 Disposal of land at rear of 1 St. Bridget's Terrace, Bandon, Co.Cork to Mr. Florian Necla for the sum of €1000.

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

4. CORRESPONDENCE

none

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Members mentioned an issue with the entrance to Hawthorn Estate and the newly added build out at this entrance. Members of the public have complained that they have to cross the other side of the road to turn. The E.E. stated he would contact J Duggan to follow up.

In response to a query regarding the upkeep of old TSB bank in Bandon the SEO stated that there are plans in place to occupy that building and would be briefing the members on this before the end of the year. He refuted claims that the building was vacant and not being used, confirming this building was used already for Christmas events and at the start of the Ukrainian Crisis.

Members did add that a plan needs to be put in place for all Cork County Buildings in both Bandon and Kinsale.

In reply to a query regarding a new B and B called Garda Station the SEO stated that the naming of a business was not a matter for the council.

Members brought up the issue of wheel chair access to the Lawns in Innishannon.

In reply to the issue of the crash barrier on the arch deacon bridge after the works the E.E stated that this was to be changed.

In response to the members requesting new white lines by the Rising Sun the E.E said he would speak to contractor. Members mentioned that there was anti-social behaviour and littering occurring by the news houses on Barrack Lane at the top of Green Hill. E.E. stated that he would have a look.

There is also littering by Lahern.

In response to the closing of the public toilets because of the condition they were in councillor Murphy asked that they remain open.

Members asked re extending the Car Park in Kinsale the E.E. stated that this was not been done by the Area office and that the Municipal would have to look at this as it would need a foreshore licence. No funding was currently in place for this and other applications and designs required to develop this proposal.

Members asked why the bollards were in place on Glaslynn road for such a long time. E.E. to check,

In response to the members asking for a Bus Shelter for Belgooly the E.E said he would follow up.

Members asked for the gulleys to be cleared by Convent Hill, Browns Mills and Spires in Innishannon.

In response to a request for a footpath on the Rock Kinsale, the E.E stated that this was currently not possible, however there have been new signs put up warning drivers of walkers along with double yellow lines.

Members brought up the issue of student accommodation in the city and the lack there of. They have requested that perhaps the old Dept building could be used to perhaps create a 3rd level campus in west cork to avoid sending people into the city. All members supported this.

The MDO conformed that he had written to Swim Ireland at the members request.

Members asked for a review of the outdoor seating in any areas where footpaths are compromised. The SEO confirmed that application would continue to be assessed in accordance with the planning and development legislation.

Members mentioned the road subsiding in ArdCarrig.

Bad road conditions Innishannon, Bothar na Sup

Next meeting 22nd Tue Nov 2022 @ 10:00am

This concluded the official business of the meeting.

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Marie O'Sullivan

DATE

25/11/22