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## MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HYBRID MEETING HELD IN BANDON LIBRARY AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023.

**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, Municipal District Office MDO  
Richard Cahill, Senior Executive Engineer, Bandon SEE  
Oliver Forbes, Executive Engineer, Kinsale EE  
Sabrina Foley, Executive Engineer, Kinsale EE  
Claire O’Donovan, Meeting Administrator.

Cllr. M O’Sullivan presided.

New Executive Engineer Sabrina Foley was welcomed to the meeting and to the District. Tributes and well wishes were expressed to Oliver Forbes and members wished him every success in his new position.

### Statutory Monthly Meeting

#### 1. Minutes

(a) *Confirmation of minutes of meeting of Municipal District of Bandon Kinsale held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022.*

On the proposal of Cllr. Sean O’Donovan seconded by Cllr. Kevin Murphy, the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were agreed.

(b) **Matters arising from minutes dated 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

It was asked to check if the HSE had been written to regarding Dementia Daycare Centre. MDO undertook to check.

It was asked that Summercove slip and indeed all slipways be checked with regard to safety concerns.

It was asked that a Cork County Council roads team be congratulated with regard to carrying out of a rescue of a car and occupants which entered the water in Ballinadee recently. The three employees in question were Matthew Galvin, District Supervisor, Michael Maguire and Paddy Keohane.

#### 2. Reports & Recommendations.

##### (a) Engineers Report

## **Bandon**

### **Drainage/Potholes**

Due to the large volume of rainfall followed by hard frost three crews were tasked with only keeping water off the roads. One crew were in Newcestown, one in Lisnacunna and one in Seven Heads. Pothole repair was ongoing and areas were prioritised based on road classification and need. After Christmas, crews are out at 6.00 a.m. in addition to their normal days work.

Significant drainage works have been carried out on Presentation College road (Bunscoil no Tobairte) and the road running south from Bandon Grammar and also on the Lisnacumma road from Pedlars Cross to Ahiohill.

### **Footpaths**

The Belgooly Section 38 process has been completed. SEE would like to thank members for their support to date. 15 submissions were received and comments taken on board. Anyone who submitted correspondence has been contacted. Works are expected to commence within the next few weeks.

On O'Mahony Avenue an elevated footpath is being improved outside the 2 cottages. The owner of the cottages have given CCC land at the junction which will allow for a footpath from the junction back up to Doherty Road.

The contractor Pat O'Driscoll Plant Hire Ltd., has commence construction on kerbs, paving and footpaths on the southern side of the street in Ballymoden under Bandon TPREP.

The contract has commenced on North Main Street with a significant length of the path already havng been constructed on the northern path.

The Section 38 as discussed at the December meeting for the re-siting of 2 bus stops is currently underway and is published and as part of request by members to include an additional control crossing at this point has been included.

Works in Innishannon are progressing, and Innishannon Hill will be closed for up to 2 weeks from the 16<sup>th</sup> February onward to allow for paving.

Works have started on the link footpath from the Centra Service Station at Innishannon to the Spires Estate. I would especially like to thank Joe Walsh of the Innishannon Traffic Action Group as he has assisted greatly by keeping the locals aware of what is happening. This proved to be very beneficial from a resource viewpoint. Barry O'Sullivan, Centra was also thanked for the donation of land free of charge to allow for these works.

### **RI/RM works.**

RI works will commence in February in the Bandon area. Regarding the RM, we are currently collating 2023 Programme.

## **Kinsale**

### **Drainage/Potholes**

Responsive gully cleaning and a lot of work clearing water off roads on regional routes etc.

Pothole repair ongoing throughout area due to weather.

Contractor has completed drainage crossing at Skeogh Cross at Florrie Sullivans and will install a concrete channel in the area once weather improves.

Drainage maintenance/diking works @ Old Head, Speckled door, Castle Park, Eli Lilly and Kilcolman.

FOOTPATHS

NTA/Active Travel Works

Ardbrack -Breakheart Hill has been resurfaced job substantially complete bar signage etc.

Belgooly Section 38 process completed

RI/RM works

RI Surfacing works preparing the 2023 programme which will commence in March at Speckled Door and Castlepark

RM - currently collating our 2023 programme

Contractor commenced carrying out hot tar cut out patching to pockets of road settlement at various locations, Riverstick, Bandon Road and at the Spaniard

Road Signs and Markings

Teams have commenced works installing poles and signage for new speed limit signs throughout the area and in the town of Kinsale

Climate Adaptation works

Misc

Branch lopping and tidy up at various locations around Kinsale Town - Hippy Murphy Park, Blue Haven, Paddy Fitzgeralds, Hamlets and the Ramparts.

2 No Trees removed at roundabout by Abbey View uphill of school

Repair to Wall at Nohoval Graveyard fully completed

Demobilise lights and Christmas Trees at various locations around Kinsale.

In Discussion with our MD colleagues about Section 254 licences for the coming year

3 No Salt Bins being distributed this week by AO

Members thanked both engineers for a productive report and commended the roads teams on work well done.

Members presented to the members the proposed RI Programme for 2023 as follows:

Bandon:

- L2306 from Brinny past GAA pitch and to try to get to bridge.
- R589 from Brinny towards Crossbarry.
- Chapel Street which might have to be supplemented with long term damage money.
- L2201-55 Malaghatan to Newcestown
- L6078 continuation of L2027 from Bandon Grammar toward Timoleague. Can only do worst sections of this road.
- L2027 from crossroad toward Bandon Grammar. Again only worst sections.
- L20271 just over 826m at Yankee Dan's Lane.
- L6026-0 Ahiohill Village
- L2016 and L8073 Ahiohill Village section 2.
- Road to junction for Mosgrove towards chip dump.
- L6032 from Pedlars Cross to Lisnacoona, only worst parts.

- R601 Courtmacsherry Village
- L6018-24 road by Welcome Inn bar off R586
- L4021 Timoleague from petrol station to main road
- L8091 Ring Village
- L2032 Road from N71 off bypass from Bunscoil na Tobairte towards Kilbrittain road

Kinsale:

- L3234, L9713, L9714 Butchers Row/Bandon Road– works to be done by contractor.
- Farm Lane L3232 from Goods Mill to Bandon Co-Op
- L7309 Greanassig
- L3202 Ballyheada
- L3225 from Castlepark up hill towards R600, hopefully to commence mid-March.
- Ballinadee Village to Crowleys Bridge
- By Speckled Door on R604
- L6085 by Nixons
- R600 The Burren
- L3207 by Hepburn Hall.

Cllr. John O’Sullivan left the meeting at this point.

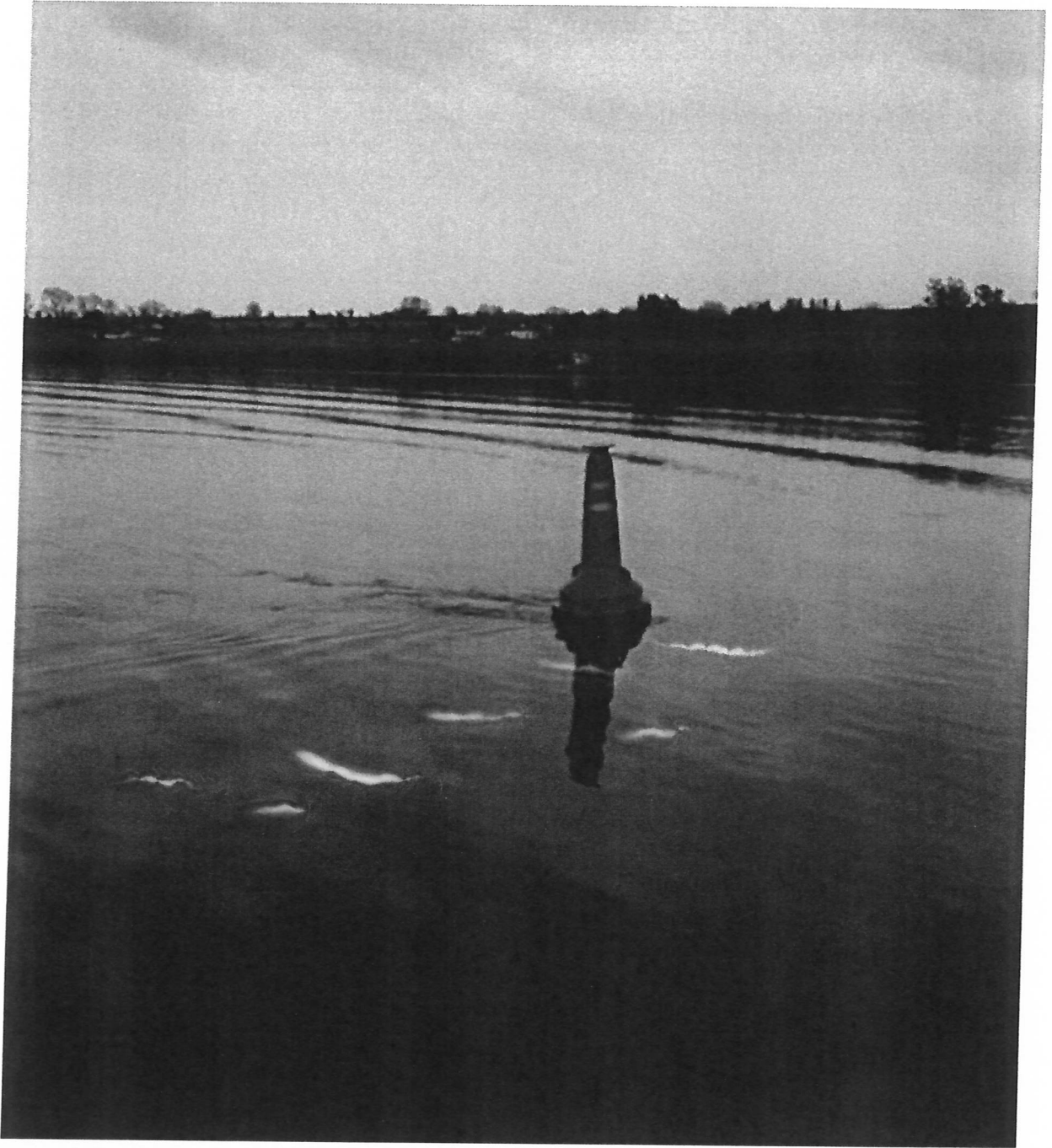
Members welcomed both reports and asked that the corner of Friars Gate be looked at when carrying out works on Butchers Row.

**(b) Municipal District Officer’s Report.**

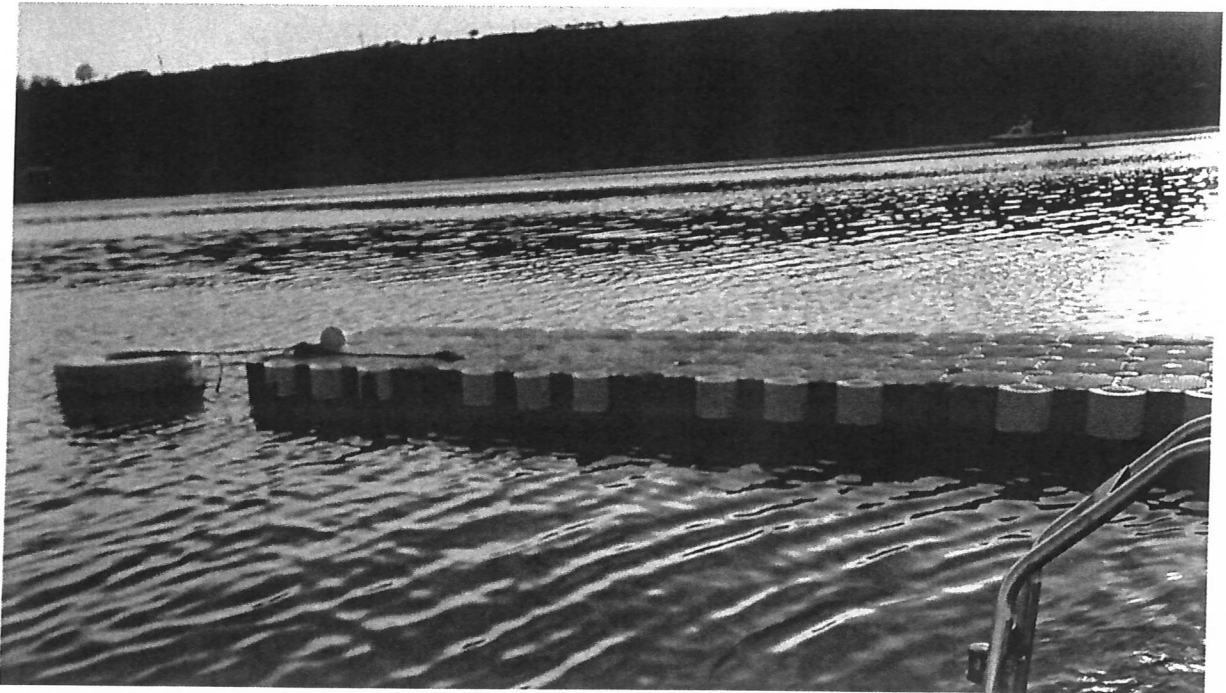
Municipal District Meeting indicative times and dates

24 <sup>th</sup> January	28 <sup>th</sup> February	28 <sup>th</sup> March	25 <sup>th</sup> April	23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid
Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library

1) **Bandon Small Craft Way-** The Bandon River Estuary is a very scenic route for small craft and marine tourism. It has long been the stance that more could be done to promote the route for leisure and tourism but one of the stumbling blocks is the difficulty for vessels to safely navigate up through the shallow banks and mud flats. The Project is for the development of the Bandon River upstream from Kinsale Harbour as an amenity for small craft. The Navigation buoys consisting of 15 No Lateral Marks were installed and considered a great success by local users safely marking the channel upriver and allowing vessels to safely navigate the river allowing them access to Places such as Ballinadee and Killmacsimon where a small seasonal landing pontoon allows vessels to make short visits or allows canoe/kayakers to stage a jaunt down or up river. The Seasonal Landing Pontoon is on its winter mooring ready for install in the spring of 2023. All associated materials for the attachment of the pontoon to the quayside are all available and awaiting install early 2023. The above project received funding under the ORIS scheme.







## 2) **Municipal District Community Fund 2023**

The aforementioned scheme was opened on Wednesday Jan 11<sup>th</sup> and will close on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm. Applications to be made online at [www.corkcoco.ie](http://www.corkcoco.ie) or [www.yourcouncil.ie](http://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 your 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

## 3) **Village Enhancement Scheme**

Schedule for the 2020-24 Village Renewal programme:

The following is the order of the villages agreed by the members at the MD meeting in June 2020.

Belgooly (2021), Innishannon (2022), Timoleague (2023) and Newcestown (2024).

## 4) **Twinning**

An official invite for a delegation is normally sent to the City of Newport, Rhode Island, USA at this time of year. Are members happy for this invite to issue? Members agreed to proceed to issue invitation and that it was vital to maintain links with Newport.

### **3. STATUTORY BUSINESS.**

#### **Notice of Motion**

Cllr O'Sullivan

1(a) that the Bandon /Kinsale Municipal district will write to TII to seek the provision of funding to improve the section of the N22 from Bandon Town to Pedlars Cross especially, initially, the section from Bandon town to Gaggin because of the unsatisfactory surface of the road.

Proposed by Cllr. John O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Kevin Murphy. Members agreed that this road would require a significant upgrade and that funding should be sought. SEE informed members that public lighting by Rugby Club were ordered.

(b) That the Bandon /Kinsale Municipal District and the Bandon Area Office, in light of increased business activity and traffic volumes, would carry out a survey on parking in Courtmacsherry Village with a view to increasing parking provision for the village as a matter of urgency.

Proposed by Cllr. John O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Sean O'Donovan. It was agreed that an assessment be carried out in conjunction with residents and stakeholders along with the community. Regarding bottleneck area in centre of village, SEE informed members that it was proposed to paint double yellow lines at this location.

### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received with regard a television programme filmed partly in Kinsale which will be televised on channel S4C on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 on Sky channel 134 at 825 p.m.

### **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

Members informed engineers that public lighting which are installed with a while on Farm Lane and Mansfields Park are still not turned on.

EE undertook to examine report of subsidence at Dan Desmond Bridge and Frank Hurley Bridge.

In reply to questions raised about boats and caravans on Long Quay, EE informed members that he and MDO had been in discussions with a view to progressing solution and were liaising with Traffic Inspector who is trying to resolve problem at a national level.

Members raised issue of road being eroded at Garrylucas and sand being blown onto road from beach which leads to flooding due to shores being blocked. Members were informed that a ecological reports were currently being prepared.

Members raised the issue of danger at Baxters Bridge. In reply, SEE said that he had observed the area in question and noted that there was a slope approaching the bridge and that since then slope had been made flatter at the junction which should help. He undertook to keep eye on situation.

It was asked that single lane carriageway at North Main Street be kept in reasonable repair.

Following on from visit by Minister Heather Humphries, it was asked that it be considered that funding be given from Town Development Fund in order to complete playground.

Members asked consideration be given to adding a second disabled parking bay be put at Ballymoden Place. SEE undertook to speak to John Duggan about the possibility of this.

Members questioned if solar powered lights (similar to ones on Carrigaline-Crosshaven walkway) be placed on Graham Norton Walk. SEO undertook to investigate further.

Members asked if new walk-way at Old Chapel could be named after Con O'Leary. SEO replied that as stated as an objective in County Development plan it was directed to use local place names. He asked that members give the matter further thought and perhaps discuss with locals in the area.

In reply to request about old school road behind Eli Lily, EE Kinsale informed the meeting a crew were in place today carrying out works.

Gullies blocked at Looneys Cross and Millwater cross.

It was asked that footpath be extended on Farm Lane and also if footpath could be extended from St. Eltins Crescent past service station, past Lidl and to include Featherbed Lane.

Light at Featherbed Lane.

Wall damaged by Gully Bridge and subsidence and potholes at White Castle Bridge.

It was requested that the Harbour master be contacted regarding powerwashing harbour.

When asked about Shippool Corner, the EE replied that trees had been cleared and funding under Low Cost Accident Safety Fund had been applied for. Depending on funding received, it may be possible to utilise Cork County Council funding also.

When asked for a start date for works on Crossbarry Bridge, members were informed that the date would be checked.

Members asked regarding installation of a bus stop at Riverstick.

When asked about Safer Route to School and the possibility of Summercove National School and St. Multose being included, members were informed that road markings had been improved at Summercove and that discussions were taking place regarding St. Multose.

When condition of road at Oysterhaven was raised, SEE informed members that funding had been applied for.

Members asked by additional dog fouling signs in Kinsale.

SEE undertook to check with property section regarding status of walkway at Riverstick.

EE Kinsale undertook to follow up on provision of car park at Garretstown as an environmental assessment had to be carried out and was now with Planning Section.

It was agreed to write to Orla Finn to congratulate her on her retirement.



It was agreed to write to working committee of St. Catherine's Church at Summercove to congratulate them on renovation works done.

Next meeting Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

*This concluded the official business of the meeting.*

CATHAOIRLEACH Marie O'Sullivan

DATE 27/3/2023