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MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HYBRID MEETING HELD IN BANDON LIBRARY AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 28TH Feb 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
Niall Dillon, Executive Engineers, Kinsale AEE
Claire Levis, Meeting Administrator.

Cllr. M O'Sullivan presided.

Statutory Monthly Meeting

1. Minutes

(a) *Confirmation of minutes of meeting of Municipal District of Bandon Kinsale held on 24th Jan 2023.*

On the proposal of Cllr. Kevin Murphy seconded by Cllr. J O'Sullivan, the minutes of the meeting held on 24th Jan 2023 were agreed.

(b) **Matters arising from minutes dated 24th Jan 2023.**

It was asked to check if the HSE had replied to correspondence regarding Dementia Day-care Centre.

There was no correspondence.

2. Reports & Recommendations.

(a) **Engineers Report**

Bandon

A previous issue raised was the lack of adequate dropped kerbs up around the bypass for persons in wheelchairs. Cllr O'Donovan put us in touch with a member of the public and Marie Kelleher travelled the area with her and yes there are a significant number of issues with dropped kerbs and we will be doing our best to resolve these issues over the next while.

My update at the last meeting was about how the weather had been so severe of late with unusually wet weather mixed with very cold conditions.

The weather conditions this past month has really helped us get back on top of both drainage issues and pothole filling.

In Innishannon, the footpath up the hill by Centra has been completed and many thanks to the owners for gifting the lands to the council to complete these works. On Church Hill Innishannon, a lot of road paving was completed under a road closure since the last meeting. A final stage of the project is now being reached where a retaining wall has to be constructed to create room for the footpath. And again the works on Church Hill would not have been nearly as successful without 4 separate landowners giving some of their property to widen the road and create the path. Many thanks to each one of the family's involved. Belgooly village enhancement/active travel contract commenced 2 weeks ago with Ryan Civil Engineering being the appointed contractor. We had a meeting on site with residents and various groups and walked the scheme over 2 weeks ago. A significant issued that was raised at the public meeting during the section 38 that was attended by a number of yourselves and again was reiterated and explained to us during the site walk over was the desire to have a path on the church side of the road down to the bus stop. In that regard we are currently engaging with the varying stakeholders to see if this can be achieved without impacting parking in the vicinity of the church. Ballymoden TPREP Contract is being carried out by contractor Pat O'Driscoll Plant Hire Ltd. Since the last meeting the contractor has commenced laying of Kerbs, paving and footpaths on the southern side of the street in Ballymoden with one traffic being maintained into the town

The footpath rehabilitation program is currently underway on North Main st.

We informed the EM's at the December MD meeting that the overall works would take approximately 16 weeks from early January until April 28th 2023.

The footpath works are more or less on program, however difficulties have arisen in the last few days due to encountering existing ESB cables that were laid directly under the kerb line, Infront of the commercial premises along NMS.

The contractor had to amend his methodology and literally hand dig around the cables so that they can be relocated behind the kerb line.

In light of this, it is now envisaged that the footpath works will take longer but should be complete by Easter.

We originally envisaged that the road pavement works would commence immediately after the footpath works are complete.

FWD tests on NMS indicate the ground conditions under the old pavement (excluding areas repaved as part of the drainage contract in 2020) are in poor condition.

We will have to excavate down approximately 450-500 mm at these location along the street. It will be impossible to maintain one way traffic system while this work is being undertaken for the following reasons:-

- North main St is approximately 6 m wide from kerb to kerb.
- It would not be safe for traffic to be passing on a lane with a 500mm excavation alongside it taking account of the limited width of the street
- There simply isn't enough room to facilitate a live traffic lane – safety fencing – works area for contractor over a 6 m wide road.

The contractor has indicated that he will be demobilising Easter week (off on Good Friday 7th and the following week) on the footpath project (all footpaths completed at that stage) and during Easter week will be power washing and sealing the new footpaths. The traffic control will be maintained for the week.

It is intended to commence the road pavement works under a road closure, with local access only on April 14th for a 4-week period, with works complete by May 12th at the latest. As per normal the road closure will be advertised. This extends the program by 2 weeks from what was previously advised.

Members asked for the possibility of the road works to be complete by the 29th April as Coimhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann are playing on that date.

RI/RM works

Since the last meeting we have commenced paving roads on our road improvement programme for 2023. The works are carried out by CCC staff and we have paved the L2032 from the Bunscolie na Toirbhirte out to the Kilbrittain road. We have also paved Yandy Dans lane that link the Kilbrittain road to the Clancoole road that serve both the national and secondary school.

As mentioned to you last week we are taking advantage of the reduced traffic flow on North Main street to repave Emmett Row and Kilbrogan Street and we started yesterday on Emmett Row.

We have 8 roads to complete in our first round of road paving.
Hedge cutting has been taking place.

Road Signs and Markings

We have put together a significant listing of road marking required across the area but all areas are looking for the same lining contractors at the same time so there can be a bit of delay getting the work done.

Updated Speed limit signs have been erected in most places at this stage.

Climate Adaptation works

The Climate adaptation grants for 2023 have been announced and as are area we are very happy with the grant received. There is just over 300k for the critical R600 Wild Atlantic

route and these monies will allow us to build further resilience into the route which meanders along the coast across from Courtmacsherry.

R600 "Coastal protection required for the R600 due to undermining by the sea at Lisheenaleen south of Kilbrittain" €185,000

L8098 Underpinning of river wall €30,000

R600 Raise R600 road to prevent flooding €124,800

L3216 Repairs to Oysterhaven Seawall €70,000

AOB

The proposed extension of the existing Clare O'Leary Walk by approximately 900m to the footpath on the N71, creating a c.3m wide active travel route from Bandon Town Centre.

Locations and offices at which plans, and particulars may be inspected from Friday 17th February to Monday 20th March 2023.

R.C. informed the members re correspondence from the Roads office re the National Speed limit review. He has told the members that none of the changes proposed within this Municipal District were acceptable to TII. Members were dismayed with the new speed limit outside Belgooly school being raised to 80kph and asked for a review.

Members were not happy with some of the changes.

Kinsale

Contractor has completed drainage works in Castlepark, Ballinadee with works underway in the Burren Road.

Potholing repairs have been ongoing throughout the area.

Patch repairs completed in Mahoney's Lane, Rivertick, The Spaniard Kinsale & on the Bandon Road by the Kinsale GAA pitch.

New Benches in Garrylucas.

Footpath upgrade works are underway in Belgooly.

RI work will be commencing in March at the following locations: R604 Speckled Door, L3225 Castlepark, R600 Burren Rd, L3219 Rathroon/Rathroout, L6085 Nixon's & L7309 Callinan's Cross to Greanasig.

Hedgecutting has been completed along these roads in preparation for RI works.

Speed Limit Signs - revised speed limit signs are now in place in Kinsale, Belgooly, Ballyheda & on the road to Sandycove.

Sand has been cleared off the road in Garretstown & Garrylucas.

Members thanked the engineers for their report. As regards hedge cutting, they have requested that some litter picking be done after the hedge cutting. S.T said that this was the case. They have requested that more hedge cutting should be done on the routes to Eli Lily. Members have stated that the process waiting for Crossbarry Bridge Design is far too slow. Members have requested footpaths from Bandon Coop to Kinsale Manor. Also a walkway from Easter Road and to St Multose school.

Members suggested the start of the Belgooly walk as a pollinator proposal.

(b) Municipal District Officer's Report.

Municipal District Meeting indicative times and dates

28 th February	28 th March	25 th April	23 rd May	27 rd June
Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid
Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library

1) Community Recognition Fund

The Department of Rural & Community Development has announced details of a €50 million fund to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution of communities in hosting new arrivals in the country in response to the Ukraine crisis. This fund has been allocated to Local Authorities based on the numbers of new arrivals located there. The terms of the fund are set out in the Department's Scheme outline document:

[841e2364-e790-41cb-8deb-7f681c8f3d2c.pdf \(www.gov.ie\)](https://www.gov.ie/public/841e2364-e790-41cb-8deb-7f681c8f3d2c.pdf)

Eligible Projects

Projects to be funded will be capital in nature, deliver tangible benefits for the communities in which they are located, and be capable of being delivered over the course of 2023 and 2024. Eligible projects may receive funding for capital costs, but not for any ongoing operational or running costs. The type of projects eligible for funding include:

- development, enhancement or refurbishment of community or cultural facilities including play areas, walkways, parks, community/sensory gardens including communication boards, allotments, and recreational areas;
- development, enhancement or refurbishment of local club and sports facilities including facilities such as community swimming pools, changing rooms, toilets, digital aids such as score / information boards etc.;

- enhancement to school/parish facilities which are open to use by all of the community after school hours;
- purchase of equipment for local clubs, festivals, community events and organisations e.g. music, arts or sports equipment;
- transport infrastructure such as the purchase of community vehicles, bus shelters and attendant information boards; and
- purchase and refurbishment of buildings and/or the purchase of land for the development of community facilities such as play areas/ MUGAs or town parks/ community gardens, recreational areas etc. for community use where a clear need is identified.

The assessment and approval of projects will have regard to a number of factors including:

- Compliance with the terms outlined in Community Recognition Fund Scheme Outline;
- Alignment with the Cork County Development Plan and the Cork County Local Economic and Community Plan;
- Ability to complete the project within the timelines prescribed in the Scheme Outline i.e. minimum 60% drawdown of funding in 2023 and 100% drawdown by 2024;
- All appropriate financial, public procurement and accounting rules and regulations must be complied with (Refer also to Section M – Funding Conditions of Scheme Outline);
- Confirmation that the funding has not been used as a co-funding source for other Government Departments' Schemes;
- Proposals must demonstrate close collaboration with communities and business interests in the design and delivery of the proposed projects;
- The range, mix, quality and impact of proposed projects, having regard to the available funding;
- Other relevant considerations;

Expression of Interest (EOI) will be accepted online only. The EOI Forms will be available on Cork County Council's web portal www.yourcouncil.ie - completed EOI forms should be submitted ONLINE **by 5:00pm on Friday, 3rd March 2023**. Queries in relation to this Fund can be made through the Bandon- Kinsale Municipal District Office - bandonkinsalemd@corkcoco.ie

2) Community Support Fund

The Community Support Fund is now open to applicants. The Community Support funding can be used to develop and improve facilities, for once-off maintenance costs, upgrades to amenities or equipment as well as for energy efficiency type projects. Grants of up to €1,000 are available for small-scale projects with funding in excess of €1,000 available for larger capital projects. In addition, there are grants towards utility bills, insurance and other running costs incurred from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

The Women's Shed Fund only covers running costs such as energy, insurances etc., however, these groups are also eligible to apply for the capital funding under the Community Support Fund.

The closing date for applications is Monday, 13th March at 3:00pm. Applications can be made by visiting www.corkcoco.ie. For further information, contact Cork County Council's Local Community Development Unit on 021-4285561 or 021-4285828 or email communitydevelopmentunit@corkcoco.ie

3. Community Fund- Capital, Community & Amenity Grants

The submission deadline for the Community Grant Scheme was February 14th 2023. As of Tuesday 23rd February, there were 52 application to the scheme in this Municipal District. The MD is checking with neighbouring Municipal Districts to see if there if any applications that were made to the wrong Municipal District so this number may chance. Recommended allocations to be presented to the Councillors for the end of March.

5. Twinning

A delegation from Newport, Rhode Island will be arriving into Kinsale on the 16th March and departing on the 20th March. The itinerary is currently being finalised for this visit in conjunction with the twinning and parades committees. Vice-Chair, Councillor Gillian Coughlan will be representing the MD delegation for the trip to Newport from the 9th – 14th March.

4. Castlepark Marina

Unfortunately, we have closed the newly refurbished slip at Castlepark due to the dangerous wall above it which is about to collapse. The owners of this wall are aware of the issue and have agreed to undertake repairs to same

Members asked about the Community recognition fund and to what level of involvement would a community have to have. B.D. responded that all can apply, and any level of involvement would be considered.

Members wanted to thank the volunteers in the Old Bandon Library for all the work they have done to help the Ukranian appeal as they are closing in the next few weeks.

As regards the community fund members asked if they can be used to fund walkways or improve walkways? B.D. stated that they should apply with full details.

3. STATUTORY BUSINESS.

Notice of Motion

Cllr S O'Donovan

a)I call on The Bandon/Kinsale MD to allow clubs and organisations be eligible for all our Community, and amenity, grants like other MDs in the County of Cork.

This motion was seconded by Cllr Murphy.

Cllr K Murphy

a) I propose that the full list of estates to be taken in charge in the MD, at what stage of progress they are at and have a full discussion on solutions at this meeting

This motion was seconded by Cllr Coleman

Cllr Coughlan

a) That in light of continuing road works and consequent disruption and diversions in Bandon and as a measure of support for local businesses, that Cork County Council would temporarily suspend parking charges in Bandon until the end of 2023 and instead enforce a strict 2 hour free parking time limit.

This motion was seconded Cllr O'Donovan

b) That Bandon- Kinsale MD calls on Cork County Council to change the name of New Road, Bandon and to replace it with Bóthar Chathail Uí Mhuirthile, Charlie Hurley Road..

This motion as seconded by Cllr Coleman

4. CORRESPONDENCE

none

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Members asked for an update on the new toilets for Kinsale. The S.E.O responded that the plan is to Demolish the existing units in the next weeks. New temporary toilets would be provided until the new ones were built. Part 8 will be done as soon as a report is received regarding the wall close to the toilets.

Members asked that for road closures in Bandon can they be printed in the Bandon Opinion instead of the current news papers as there would be more chance of people seeing them.

Evidence of subsidence on the N71 into Bandon and also in main street Innishannon.

Bothar na Sup needing attention, minor repairs.

Update on drain between Dempseys hostel and Lidl.

Stoney steps in Kinsale needs repainting.

Can the members have an update on the Caravans and Yachts in Long Quay?

In response to the query regarding whether Dundurrow received Climate action funding. R.C. stated that they did not.

Members expressed disappointment regarding the lack of funding for Pewter Hole Cross and the Archdeacon Bridge in Kinsale.

Members asked for an update on the extension of the Pier Road Car Park.

Any update on a new skate park and playground in Kinsale.

Members asked about the possibility of a bus shelter in Riverstick.

Ballycatten terrace has less parking currently than before. Would there be a chance of using some of the embankment. Maybe it can be modified.

Query regarding whether a speed ramp can be placed on the Old Cork Road by Kilbrogan pk.
R.C stated that all speed ramps need a Section 38

Next meeting Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

This concluded the official business of the meeting.

CATHAOIRLEACH Maire O'Sullivan

DATE 28/3/2023