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## MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HYBRID MEETING HELD IN BANDON LIBRARY AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 25<sup>TH</sup> April 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  
Sabrina Tobin, Executive Engineer, Kinsale EE  
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 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Coleman seconded by Cllr. J. O'Sullivan, the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were agreed.

**(b) Matters arising from minutes dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

Members mentioned that there were issues on the Cork Road from the closure of North Main street.

Members asked for suspension of standing orders to discuss the ongoing issues regarding the leasing of the Town park in Kinsale to Shane Piper.

Members wanted clarification from the executive as to the bond being reduced from €60000 to €30000.

S.E.O. stated that while we cannot comment on the exact specifics of this case as its an ongoing negotiation in relation to a licence between Cork County Council and a third party he did state that the council at various levels, up to Director of Service, had met the individual involved and had made substantial compromises in order to facility the previously

stated wishes of the members . He stated that the requiring of a bond to be in place in order to rectify any damage caused to the new surface was a reasonable requirement of a licence. The value of the bond would have to reflect the potential damage that could be caused to the infrastructure. He clarified that the granting of a licence of this sort was an executive function of the council.

Members expressed their disgust at their treatment in relation to this issue and they had been misrepresented.

Members stated that they have always supported Mr Piper and the use of the town park and that the abuse they have been given regarding this is unacceptable.

It was noted that the Chair of Bandon/Kinsale Municipal got visibly upset during this meeting at the treatment she and her family had received over the weekend previous and that it was not acceptable.

The SEO undertook to circulate a recent press communication to the members.

## ***2. Reports & Recommendations.***

### **(a) Engineers Report**

#### **NTA/Active Travel Works**

Belgooly

Village enhancement/active travel scheme commenced 10 weeks ago with Ryan Civil Engineering being appointed as a contractor

There is good progress being made currently.

Special thanks the site manager Eamonn Mc Carthy and the varying stakeholders in the village who are working together to deliver greatest benefits from the project for the village.

Ballymoden, Bandon surfacing contract is being carried out by contractor Pat O Driscoll plan Hire Ltd.

The paths in the vicinity of St peter Church are practically completed (bar the planting and signage).

The works have progressed onto South Main street with the old paths from St Michaels House towards Supervalu entrance having been excavated and now works are focused on this area. The works will be completed on this northern side of the street by mid June.

Update on North Main street:- works are progressing at a pace and despite some unforeseen issue the works are scheduled to be totally completed within the 3 weeks road closure. The street will be re-open for traffic coming out of the town over the bank holiday weekend.

Just to note that when the street reopens it will be no wider or narrower than prior to the works taking place and that HGVs will have to make way for each other as was the situation prior to the works.

Further more I would like to thank the Garda for assisting us with the traffic management associated with the north main street closure and the public for being so patient.

### **RI/RM works**

Since the last meeting we have continued paving roads on our road improvement programme for 2023. The works are carried out by CCC staff since the last meeting worst patches of the L2027 from the cross of four roads towards Bandon Grammar and the entire road has been surfaced dressed last week.

Sections of the L6078 the continuation of the L2027 road heading south and this road has been surfaced dressed to almost 3km,

We then paved the worst patches of the L2027 - from cross of four road towards Bandon Grammar

We only last week paved significant bad sections of the Pedlars Cross to Lisnacunna road L6032

We paved the poor patches of L4026 Kilavarrig and surfaced dressed the entire road 4km.

Completed the paving and surface dressing Yankee Dans lane near Bandon since the last meeting.

Paving to be done this week are Ring Village, Courtmac and Timoleague as well as from the Welcome Inn heading north west L6018 ding the worst patches and almost 2.7 km of road.

### **Shippool Corner**

We have limited monies this year. However we plan to still go to tender to remove the rock a the upper corner as this would be the first part of the project. We have planned a meeting on site with the design staff for next week as the tender pack will be required for this project to estimate the costs. Further update at the next meeting.

## **Kinsale**

A few items which were raised at last month's meeting:

Surface water on the Eastern Road, we checked this, there was a shore blocked with leaves which has since been cleared. I will also mention that this road is part of next year's RI programme which will also include drainage improvement works.

A number of areas were mentioned where potholes had appeared as a result of the poor weather, including the R605, R606 & R607 & Abbeyfort . Our potholing crew have since attended these.

It was mentioned that the road heading toward the Rising Sun is in need of linemarking. We have added this to our works programme & it will be completed shortly.

The fountain in Kinsale was also mentioned & it being out of action currently – we have ordered a new pump to replace the faulty one that is there now. Fountain also has to be resealed. Once we have the pump, we will organise the relining works. ETA pump -

Subsidence was reported in Gleannageal on the R600, we had added this to our works programme & plan to attend to this in the near future

## **RI Works**

We are now entering our final week of this first stage of our RI programme which commenced in March. Since our last meeting the following roads have been completed in order of the following:

- The L6085 Crushnalanabh to Carey's Cross where we completed 2.8km of blacktopping;
- Following this we moved onto the L7309 at Callinan's Cross to Greanassig where we completed 2.4km of blacktopping
- This week we are on the L3219 Ballinadee to Crowley's Mills where we are blacktopping in two sections, each 1km in length. will be undertaken. We hope to be fully completed on Friday all going well.
- Next week we will be commencing fog sealing works on all roads blacktopped this year to date.
- We are scheduled to commence surface dressing works at the end of May



## Verge Cleaning

Dyke clearing works have been ongoing in preparation for surface dressing works

## Potholing

As mentioned earlier, our crews have been attending to potholing repairs as much as possible in the general area.

## Miscellaneous:

Just a few items to mention here, the first being:

- We did some surface improvement works to the carpark in Harbour View beach to improve accessibility there
- The sand was cleared off the road at Garrylucas beach. Also in Garrylucas beach, railings had become exposed in the sand dunes. We have cut back these & poured concrete over them to make safer for the public
- Stone was cleared from Garretstown beach
- We currently have a JCB working in Garretstown where we are increasing the car parking in the area working in conjunction with Connie Coughlan who has generously made available some of his land to Cork County Council. This will greatly increase the amount of area available for car parking & should be operational from next week. We have erected a barrier going into the car park & formed a ditch to enclose the car park which will prevent campervans from accessing this area & thereby using up car park spaces
- Grasscutting completed in Pewter Hole Cross & will continue in Kinsale town. We are also hope to implement our pollinator plan for the town
- Extra staff commencing this wknd which will remain in place for the summer period
- We are also progressing the repair of the stainless steel seats in the town park

## (b) Municipal District Officer's Report.

### Municipal District Officers Report – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023



### Municipal District Meeting indicative times and dates

25 <sup>th</sup> April	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	27 <sup>rd</sup> June	25 <sup>th</sup> July	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid
Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library

### Community Centre Investment Fund

A total of €20 million will be invested in new and ambitious community projects in towns and villages across Ireland under the **2023 Community Centres Investment Fund**. The minimum grant funding available from the Fund is €1,000,000 and the maximum is €6,000,000. As a general rule, the Fund will provide up to 90% of the total project. The projects must have all the necessary permissions and consents in place (e.g. planning consent) and be located on a green/brown field site.

For the purposes of compliance with public financial procedures, the lead party to an application must be a State funded body.

Funding for renovations or refurbishment of existing community centres is not eligible but can still be accessed through the department's CLÁR Programme, Town and Village Renewal Scheme or LEADER Programme.

The objectives of the Community Centres Investment Fund's New Build Measures are to

1. Assist voluntary and community organisations and local authorities to develop high quality, accessible, safe, well-designed, sustainable new build community centres to help develop empowered, inclusive and resilient communities.
2. Encourage the sharing of community facilities.

If any of the members have a project they wish to progress please let me know in advance of the deadline of May 26<sup>th</sup>

### CLAR Grants

The deadline for CLAR applications is fast approaching ( Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April) and I would urge all those interested to contact the local municipal district office who can provide the appropriate forms. The salient points of the scheme are

- Funded facilities must be publicly accessible to all with clear arrangements to insure and manage the facility. Any facilities funded must be available to the public without a requirement to be a member of a club, enrolled in a school etc. In particular facilities on school grounds must be open to the public outside of school hours e.g. during the evenings, weekends and school holidays.
- Planning permission should be secured prior to application. If it is not secured, the planning reference number must be provided as evidence of an application being submitted.
- In the case of capital works, the applicant must own or have a valid 15 year lease for the property. Landowner consent, if applicable, and the required match funding must be confirmed in respect of each application. The Department may request evidence of same during the assessment process. Such documentation must be held on file for a period of 6 years from the date of application.
- Please ensure applications are fully completed and all required supporting documentation submitted as the Department may not be in a position to follow up

regarding missing documentation or incomplete application forms. Incomplete applications may not be considered.

### Kinsale Community Health & Wellbeing Centre

April 11<sup>th</sup> marked the official opening of the Kinsale Community Health & Wellbeing Centre. The centre received approximately €100,000 of LEADER funding through Cork County Council and SECAD. The centre's main aim is to work for the promotion of mental and physical well being, together with social inclusion and equality of opportunity for the local community. I am sure the members will join me in wishing the centre every success in the future



### Community Awards

The County Mayors Community Awards were held in County Hall, last Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup>. Orla Finn was nominated for her magnificent contribution to ladies GAA at both local and county level and we congratulate her on her achievements. On the night the Kinsale Health & Well Being Centre won the group award for the Western Division. The members of Cork County Council would like to congratulate them on their achievement and wish them every success for the future.





#### Meetings with Kinsale Chamber & Bandon Chamber

Both the executive and elected members met with the respective chambers earlier in the month to discuss issues in both towns. Both meetings were very productive and a commitment was made to continue to hold these meetings in the future where the business owners can raise any concerns they have.

#### Kinsale 7s Rugby tournament

The annual Kinsale 7s rugby tournament will commence this bank holiday weekend. The municipal office and the roads depts met with members of the 7s committee earlier this month to discuss any obstacles that may arise and to ensure the continued success of the event. Cork County Council have arranged for the delivery of temporary toilets for the weekend along with commercial sized waste bins to assist with waste collection for the duration of the tournament.

#### Kinsale Toilets

Earlier this month with the approval of the members the toilets in Kinsale were demolished as it was felt they had exceeded their life span. Cork County Council will be entering a Part 8 planning process for the construction of the new toilets. While this statutory process is being completed we have arranged for 2 disability accessible toilets to be erected on the same site. The providers met me on site yesterday to identify and eradicate any existing problems and it is anticipated there should be no further issues.

#### Cruises

- Luxury French cruise liner, Ponant, returns to Kinsale tomorrow with its ship, L'Austral. The company was last here in Sept 2019. It's a half day call, arriving around 07.00 and departing 14.00



- This cruise is a VIP cruise for Ponant's most frequent customers, prestigious travellers. There are about 185 of them onboard.
- Kinsale is the first port of call and while organised shore excursions are available, only about half of the passengers have opted for them, meaning more will stroll around the town, weather permitting.
- Passengers arriving into the harbour early in the morning will be greeted by members of the Ballinspittle Comhaltas and by an Irish dance troupe of 8 dancers, hosted by Cork County Council. They will also be welcomed to Kinsale by Chair of the Municipal District, Cllr Marie O'Sullivan.
- Two of the four tours on offer are Kinsale based – one to Charles Fort & The Old Head and the other is a Culinary Walking Tour, including lunch.
- Two Kinsale businesses will provide a Taste of Kinsale for departing passengers at the pier – Kinsale Mead and KoKo Kinsale, hosted by the ship.
- Ponant calls again with a second ship on May 09<sup>th</sup>, when Le Dumont D'Urville returns.
- Ponant is the first cruise line to achieve Green Marine Certification, an environmental standard whose members seek voluntarily to *exceed* regulatory standards.
- Expedition is the fastest growing segment of the cruise industry with a move towards high-end, luxury ships in particular. And it is these clients who Cork County Council target for their small harbours. With typically approximately 200 passengers onboard, they seek out places that other larger ships cannot access and the appeal is all about the destinations they visit, rather than about the ship's facilities themselves, as is the case with larger ships.
- Furthermore, the majority of these ships are recently-built, modern ships that are deployed in the Arctic and Antarctic during the season there, before coming to Ireland in the summer, and have the most up to date technology onboard to comply with the exacting environmental standards laid down in these ecologically sensitive environments.
- Coaches for the tours park on the pier in the harbour so there is little or no impact on traffic or parking in the town. Only 5 coaches are involved in tomorrow's operation.

### **Special Music Event Scheme 2023**

This Special Music Event Scheme requires local business and voluntary music groups to work together to organise 4 free music events in their local town during the summer months of 2023. The aim of this scheme is to provide an opportunity for the voluntary musical groups to showcase their talents in addition to providing the public with a free cultural music event, which should benefit the local business community by attracting increased visitors and generating increased economic activity.

Who can apply?

The scheme is primarily intended to support community/voluntary music groups such as Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Brass and Pipe Bands who will organise music events with the involvement a Chamber of Commerce, Tourism or Business Development

What is required?

1. The musical groups must be a voluntary/community music group such as Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Brass and Pipe Bands.
2. The applicants must organise 4 separate music events which will be free of charge to the public.

3. Each music event must have not less than 5 musicians who must play for at least 90 minutes.
4. The events must be held during the months of June, July and August 2023 and can be held on any weekday or weekend and can also include evening performances.
5. The music events must be held in a public outdoor setting and should be located in the centre of the town where possible. Should inclement weather interrupt the scheduled outdoor music event then in those circumstances an alternative indoor venue can be used once the alternative location is clearly displayed with directions for public patrons.
6. It is the responsibility of the local business organisation/chamber of commerce to agree the event dates, street location and allocation of events with the voluntary musical groups, otherwise Cork County Council will decide considering youth and local involvement, quality and content of each proposal.
7. All matters in relation to the costs involved in hosting an event are entirely a matter for both applicants to agree on prior to submitting an application.
8. Should no local applications be received for a town area listed above then applications by other community voluntary music groups to play in those town areas may be considered.
9. Due to the cost of advertising, the event dates on the application submitted cannot be changed unless exceptional circumstance arise and are pre-approved by Cork County Council, otherwise the approval for funding on that event date will be considered null and void.

What type of support is provided?

The total funding available for allocation under this scheme for 2023 is €1,000 per town. The recipient of the funding will be the voluntary music group that plays at the specific music event. The decision of Cork County Council on the allocation of funding is final. Successful applicants and voluntary music groups will be notified in writing of the approved funding for their event.

**If members are happy with the GMA allocation they might propose and second the allocation.**

**This was Proposed by Cllr M O'Sullivan and Seconded by Cllr O'Donovan**

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

- a) Section 183- Grant of Wayleave Ard na Gréine, Courtmacsherry, Co Cork,  
to facilitate Council housing scheme To Uisce Eireann for €1

This was proposed by Cllr J O'Sullivan and Seconded by Cllr G. Coughlan

### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

Response from the HSE regarding the future of Dementia Care in Bandon. Members expressed huge disappointment with the services being moved from Bandon. They emphasised how important it is to have services close to peoples home.

Members also called for South Doc to be returned to Kinsale.

Email from the Mayor of Newport thanking the Bandon/Kinsale municipal for the welcome their delegation received on a recent visit to Kinsale

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

Members asked for potholes to be filled in Ballymountain East of the Mart.  
Red Crossing Kilbrittain Road, Gaggin west of the church, Dunmanway road, Baxters Bridge potholes.

Members thanked the engineers for the Welcome to Ballinspittle signs.

Drain on the side of the road on the way to Lidl.

Stoney Steps – powers washing- M.D.O. informed the meeting that Munster drain had been contacted to do this.

Yachts moored to the wall by Long Quay- these are an eye sore and should not be able to stay long term. The S.E.O. stated that under the harbour bye laws they are permitted as long as they pay their harbour dues.

Members asked about the Caravans in Long Quay also and were informed that there was no legal powers to move them.

Members asked the for the speed limit to be reviewed on the road from the rising Sun to Innishannon. The S.E.E. stated that first of all a meeting should be organised with Eli Lily and the Gardai and the Engineers.

Members commented again on the parking issues around the Schools in Kinsale and the management of these schools need to take some responsibility.

Parking issues in Ballycatten terrace.

Members welcomed the works being done at Main street Kinsale.

In response to a query re progress regarding the lift in the museum the S.E.O stated that the advice we have currently is that this will be challenging as Ministerial Consent will have to be acquired for this work. A lift cannot be incorporated into the building and the only option is to attach a structure onto the outside of the building. Am previous application to Glaze the arches at the front of the building to the Minister had been refused and the next step would be to reapply for this. Investigation of the possibility of a lift would be addressed once the glazing project had been achieved.

Members queried the suitability of having a flag at Milwater and were informed that the flag would be removed as it is inappropriate to have a flag in an unlit area after dark.

In response to a request for pothole filling in Pedlars cross S.E.E stated that they would be filled.

Members mentioned Subsidence by the Babbling Brook.

The SEO said that he would investigate the identified issues with the new Boules.

Members requested a bus stop at Gaggin.

Pallis bridge Bandon, there are boats tied up to it and they seem abandoned.

Can the Town Gates in Kinsale be marked in some way similar to the project ongoing in Bandon.

In response to a query the SEO asked if details of the old market cross project were sent into to the MDO they could be investigated.

Members asked if a special speed limit can be placed in certain areas.

Members asked for the toilets in Courtmacsherry to be painted.



Members asked for the signs and bins in Kinsale to be cleaned.  
Members asked for an update on the Mast in Kinsale, currently the decking is blocked off and members want an update on when this will be removed.

Next meeting Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

*This concluded the official business of the meeting.*

CATHAOIRLEACH Maire O'Sullivan

DATE 23/5/2023