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MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HYBRID MEETING HELD IN BANDON LIBRARY AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 27TH JUNE 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
Micheál Mulcrony, Senior Executive Engineer
Michael Dymet, Executive Engineer,
Claire O'Donovan Meeting Administrator.

Cllr. M O'Sullivan presided.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Cllr. M. O'Sullivan opened the meeting by thanking the MDO and staff in Town Hall for their assistance over the past year. She thanked the SEO for always being available. She thanked the Engineering executive and roads staff. She paid tribute to her fellow members and spoke of how all worked well together over the past number of years. Members thanked Cllr. M. O'Sullivan for her kindness and courtesy and how she carried out the role with fairness and dignity.

Cllr. O'Sullivan called on nominations for Chair. On the proposal of Cllr. K. Murphy seconded by Cllr. G. Coughlan – Cllr. Sean O'Donovan was deemed elected as Chair of Bandon Kinsale Municipal District. Cllr. O'Donovan thanked members for the nomination and acknowledged that it be Cllr. J. O'Sullivan's last attendance at an AGM.

Cllr. Sean O'Donovan then took over as Chair of meeting and asked for nominations for Vice Chair. On the proposal of Cllr. M. O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. G. Coughlan, Cllr. Kevin Murphy was deemed elected as Vice Chair.

Cllr. O'Donovan asked that individual microphones be provided for meetings to be held in Bandon Library going forward as sound quality was poor. MDO undertook to contact the IT Department to discuss options.

Statutory Monthly Meeting

1. Minutes

(a) Confirmation of minutes of meeting of Municipal District of Bandon Kinsale held on 23rd June 2023.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. O'Sullivan seconded by Cllr. G. Coughlan the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2023 were agreed.

(b) Matters arising from minutes dated 23rd May 2023.

Members thanked the MDO for organising the power washing of Stoney Steps and requested that this be done more regularly.

Members had visited the new library and were very impressed with such an addition to the town of Kinsale.

Members requested barriers by Rising Sun. Roads office undertook to investigate and will be attending to this within the next few weeks. Ditches will be built up and area will be monitored to see if further action is required.

Members pointed out the danger of exposed timbers and iron at Garrylucas beach and asked that the roads office look at this. S. Tobin indicated how concrete had been pored in April but undertook to check it again.

Members asked that something be done about reducing speed on the Eli Lilly to Rising Sun road and how the hedges needed trimming. Onsite meeting was held between the Roads staff and Eli Lilly representatives on 19th June last to discuss possible control measures which could be put in place to help address the issue regarding vehicles travelling using excessive speed. It was agreed that 2 no. digital read-out display units be installed on the L3205. Additional line marking to be implemented on this road.

2. Reports & Recommendations.

a) Section 38 on Timoleague and Cork Road- Richard Cahill

SEE presented to the members details of proposed new concrete footpath and new raised crossing at Cork Road, Bandon (near Radharc an Bhaile) and also a new footpath and table crossing at the Allin Institute. He also presented details of new proposed raised table crossing at Chapel Street, Timoleague.

Members welcomed these proposals and requested minimal disruption when these works were being carried out. SEE was asked to look at entrance of Knockbrogan Terrace also.

Members also welcomed proposals in respect of Timoleague Village and requested that if all possible that these works be carried out before Timoleague Festival which is due to be held from 18 – 28 August.

b) Part 8 -relocation of Bandon Yard -Micheál Mulcrony

M. Mulcrony & M. Dymet presented drawings to the members regarding the location of yard to Civic Amenity Site, Bandon. On the proposal of Cllr. G. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. O'Donovan, this was agreed to be put before full Council.

c) Engineers report

R. Cahill, SEE

Belgooly Village enhancement/active travel contract is progressing very well and the main footpath works are nearly complete. The Contractor is making good progress with the project and the works are currently focusing on creating a footpath link from Cramers Close on the Carrigaline road to the village. In this section of the project, landowners have given property free of charge to the Council to allow a new public footpath and they have our thanks wholeheartedly. Also thanks to those members who helped in discussions with these landowners. The works will greatly improve the safety along this section of the roadway. A huge thank you also to the stakeholders in the village who have worked diligently with Cork County Council to deliver the greatest benefits for the village.

Shippool Project – over the last 2 years, CCC has managed to purchase the lands, complete a Part 8 process, manage an appeal to An Bord Pleanála and have sought funding to do significant works in the area in 2023. However, the level of funding received is very disappointing but CCC is working on trying to obtain further funding. Since the last meeting, tender documents have been prepared for the removal of rock and for the widening of bad bend at Phase 1 of the works. A further update will be given at the July meeting.

RI/RM Works NTA/Active Travel Works

Since last meeting continued surface dressing on road surface programme for 2023.

The following is details of works carried out since last meeting:

- Surfaced 3 km of R586. The project was challenging as the surface was a hot rolled asphalt and it is a surface that is rarely surface dressed across the country. CCC were aware that the surface was under significant distress and was nearing the end of its life. Jim Campbell of Colas (who supplies bitumen) was brought in to advise on the design. The new surface dressing was laid in 3 layers and was very satisfactory. The surface treatment should add many further years of life to the ailing asphalt surface. The works caused significant delays over a 2 day period and the patience of the travelling public is acknowledged.
- 2.7 km of the L6018 road up to the Welcome Inn was surface dressed heading North West.
- 3.6 km of the L4028 road was surfaced from Ballinascarthy to Clogagh.
- Access road to Broad Strand was dressed as well as the road from Timoleague towards Stauntons.

Since the last meeting the following round of road improvements in the following areas.

- Paved just short of KM of the L2036 road from the junction outside MSD Brinny Pharma on the regional road to the junction beyond Valley Rovers pitch.

- Paving has commenced on regional road R589 outside Brinny towards Crossbarry for a distance of over 1.5 km and these works should be finished.
- The paving crew will travel to the Newtown road where they will pave from Mallowgaton junction right up towards chip dump at Mosgrove. From there the paving crew will move to the Mosgrove Dukes Wood Road where the worst sections of road will be paved and surface dressed.

An enquiry was received from a member of the public regarding pedestrian crossings in Bandon town. Staff have put a lot of work in over the past two years in creating new crossings in the town. The following is what has been achieved:

- Duunmanway Road – zebra crossing
- Macroom Road – controlled crossing
- Convent Hill – zebra crossing
- Raised crossing at bottom of Convent Hill, at the entrance of Kilbrogan Street, also on entrance into Town Park Terrace, the entrance to Thornfields, entrance to Hawthorns and at Dohertys Road junction and at Deepark junction.

Proposed:

- Kellehers Electrical
- Bandon Grammer
- New controlled crossing that has been created on the N71 adjacent to the new playground.
- Levied on one a development near to Kevin O'Leary roundabout on the N71.
- Old Cork Road – installed by developer of Castlerock Homes who will be opening site shortly to construct circa sixty dwelling.
- A zebra crossing will be created on the Old Cork Road near the exit from Radharc an Bhaile as well as a raised crossing across from the entrance to the estate. Furthermore, developers will improve the footpath at various locations down towards bottom of the hill.
- Outside the Allin Institute, a raised uncontrolled crossing will be created across from Watergate Street outside the Post Office.
- Timoleague Village at the Centra shop and down towards Abbey/school road junction – funding from Town & Village Renewal Scheme.

Thirteen interventions across the town in the last two years.

Members requested that the street furniture proposed under TPrep be approved by Municipal District before installation. SEE said he would contact the Project Team.

Members mentioned speeding from The Meadows Estate in Belgooly heading towards Riverstick. SEE said the project was as yet unfinished and funding was low but he would do as much as possible.

Members acknowledged the cooperation and kindness of the landowners in Belgooly who donated land free of charge.

Members asked that road from Derrycool to Welcome Inn needed upgrading. SEE said that it was the intention to do more in this area.

Members also mentioned the road to Civic Amenity Site. SEE said he was working with TII and National Roads Office for funding for this area.

Members asked for a Cul de Sac sign at Broad Strand. An option of clearing overgrown hedges was suggested to allow cars to turn. SEE said he would check.

Members asked that hedgecutting in areas like Kilbriain, Dunderrow be completed and also roads to beaches. S. Tobin said they could write to owners of land to ask them to make safe. Members spoke about the lack of policy/guidance regarding hedgecutting but said that public safety is paramount.

Members asked that the road from Rugby pitch towards Charles Fort be trimmed back to form up the ditches there & make safe.

EE Report – Sabrina Tobin – Kinsale.

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

There was a query raised regarding the drain at Dempsey's garage here in Kinsale. This was inspected and agreement that pipes will be run along the section in question & backfill accordingly. The local landowner has agreed to maintain it (Lawton). This will be completed toward the later end of the year

We were also asked to provide an update on the number of age friendly & disabled car park spaces in the town. We have conducted an audit on this & I can report that there are 6 age friendly spaces & 21 disabled car park spaces.

There was also a query regarding a section of road opposite the Rising Sun, where there is quite a substantial drop down. This will be attended to this within the next few weeks

RI Works

Since our last meeting surface dressing works have been completed on all roads that were asphalted earlier this year.

Over the next month we will be mobilising to Heathburn Hall, on the L2494 road to undertake 1.5km of blacktopping there. We will then be moving to Ballyheada for 2.3km of blacktopping. Following this we will be undertaking 5.5km surface of dressing works on the R603 Kilbriain to Carey's Cross road.

Hedge Cutting

Hedgecutting has been ongoing ahead of our asphaltting & surface dressing works.

We have also undertaken hedge cutting around the town & in Kilbriain.

The Dock Road in Kinsale & the Ringrone & Sandycove areas will be done this week

Over the next fortnight, we will be moving to do hedgecutting works from Mawe’s Caravan Park in Garretstown to the Old Head school, at Old Court Cross, Barrells Cross.

We will be hedgecutting as required at junctions where visibility has been reduced due to the high growth experienced over the last few weeks.

Verge Cleaning

The crews have been undertaking dyking works in Kilbriittain, Ballyheada & Heathburn Hall areas in preparation for the asphaltting & surface dressing works

Potholing

Our crews are continuing to attend to potholes where required

Miscellaneous:

Some items to bring to your attention include:

The picnic areas in Garretstown & Garrylucas have been tidied up & grass has been cut

The fountain will be up & running this week.

Our linemarkers will be mobilising to site in July for works as part of our work programme for the years along with some additional areas throughout the area including Kinsale, Garretstown & Ballinspittle

Hanging baskets & flowering have been done in Kinsale over the last month

Road signs are being replaced & upgraded throughout the area, as required.

d) Municipal District Officer’s Report.

Municipal District Meeting indicative times and dates



27 rd June	25 th July	26 th Sept	24 th Oct	28 th Nov
Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid
Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library

Actions from Previous Municipal District Meeting

- Boules pitch; Original contractor has been engaged to explore issues and report back with necessary remediation works, if any
- Kinsale Fountain; an overflow pipe was damaged and a replacement is being sourced; it should be fixed in the short term.
- A new playground at Compass Quay. A project is progressing for a new playground on Council land near the Saile complex. Whilst the project is in its infancy it is believed

that it is an ideal location due to its proximity to local schools and new housing development.

- A flag at Millwater Cross; It is considered inappropriate to have a flag flying constantly but a new flag will be purchased and arrangements for it to be flown on request be made.

Beachguard Service

The beachguards commenced service on Saturday 3rd June. They will be working weekends in June and will be full-time from the 1st July until the 31st August and will then work the first 2 weekends of September. Last day of service will be on Sunday September 10th. The hours of work for the beachguards are 10.30am to 7pm.

Everyone should be reminded of the importance of learning the Flag System at the beach, especially children.

- A red over yellow flag means the lifeguards are on duty.
- Swim between the red and yellow flags close and parallel to the shore as this is the area that the lifeguards are patrolling.
- A red flag indicates that swimming is not advised.
- Black and white chequered flags mark the area for surfing only.

All swimmers are asked to familiarise themselves with the flag system. While promote water safety is promoted rigorously every year, this year we are also reminding members of the public to please respect the water, leave inflatable toys at home, supervise children when they are in the water and finally enjoy our beautiful beaches.

Streetscape Paint Scheme 2023

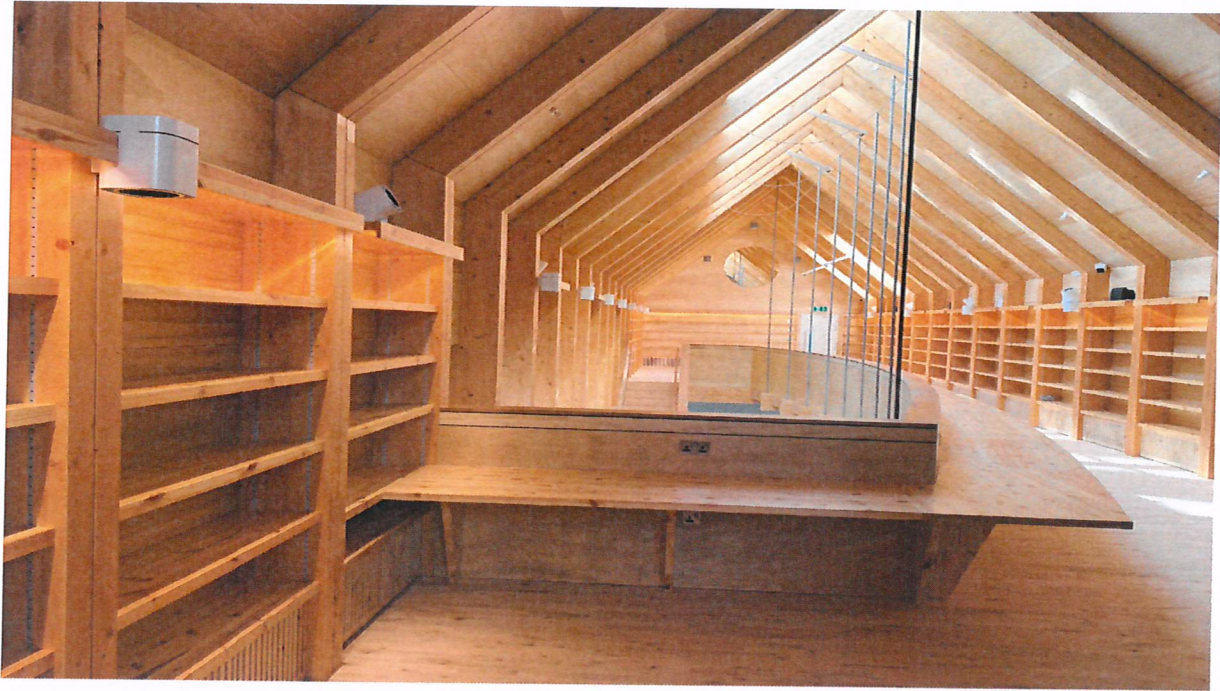
The closing date for the scheme was Friday the 23rd June. Applications will now be assessed in the coming days and applicants will be contacted accordingly.

Kinsale Library Update

On Monday June 19th the Mayor of Cork County, Cllr Danny Collins, along with members of the Bandon Kinsale Municipal District received a tour of the new refurbished library. Works are almost complete with an official opening date for later this summer. The Old Mill building was originally built in the late 19th century as a grain store and I am sure you will all agree that the transformation of the building from a non habitable one to a state of the art library is a massive investment in Kinsale and demonstrates the commitment from Cork County Council and it's members to the town.







Bandon TPREP

Friday, June 16th saw another big step in the enhancement of public realm in Bandon. Cork County Council has appointed Martin O'Callaghan Ltd. for Phase 3 of the Bandon "Transport Public Realm Enhancement Plan" (TPREP). The upgrade works will include the introduction of cycle lanes, upgraded footpaths, universally accessible bus stops, carriageway resurfacing, landscaping, and more, all aimed at transforming the town centre into a vibrant and pedestrian-friendly space. With the completion of this project, Bandon will see improved active travel connectivity between the town centre and the newly opened community-led playground. It will also enhance walking and cycling access from the town centre to the recently upgraded N71 eastern approach, extending to the proposed upgraded Clare O'Leary Walkway.



Bandon Playground

The new Bandon playground, which received significant funding from Cork County Council via Amenity Fund and the LEADER programme, was opened in advance of the June bank holiday weekend and the asset has now transferred over onto the Council's insurable asset portfolio. Weekly inspections will be conducted to ensure the safety of its users.







Sports Grant

As previously agreed by the members we have ringfenced €10,000 to support sporting groups in the municipal district. The scheme which is launched this week will be advertised in the local media. Application forms and further details of the Scheme can be obtained from the Municipal Hall, Kinsale or bandonkinsalemd@corkcoco.ie. The salient points of the scheme are

- Applicants must be a legal entity and have been established for a minimum of 2 years.
- Applications should relate to one or more of the strategic aims and objectives identified in Cork County Council Development plan
- The minimum amount that can be applied for by any applicant under this scheme is €500 and the maximum amount is €1000.

While not exhaustive the following are examples of projects that are eligible.

√ Eligible Proposals	X Ineligible Proposals
Support of youth clubs / facilities	The purchase of land or facilities
Education and training around physical activity leaders, including sports first aid, safeguarding, leadership, coaching & mentoring.	Wages costs of operating projects and facilities i.e Lighting, heating, insurance and other running costs

Purchase of sports equipment i.e., balls, cones, bibs	Private or Commercial Projects
Resources specific to your activity i.e., activator walking poles, exercise to music, interactive physical activity games equipment	Proposals from individuals
Additional consideration will be given to community groups & sports clubs who are supporting physical activity opportunities for Ukrainian & and migrant communities.	Developments that are the responsibility of Government Departments or in receipt of funding from Government Departments
	Servicing of debt
	Proposals that compete with privately run projects of a similar type serving the same community / catchment area
	CCTV equipment

Members asked if the Streetscape funding could be increased. MDO said he would check.

3. Statutory Business

1) Notices of Motion submitted by Cllr Sean O Donovan

- (a) That Bandon/Kinsale MD start the official Twinning process with Bandon Oregon USA.

Proposed by Cllr. Sean O'Donovan, seconded by Cllr. Coughlan and agreed by members. It was agreed that this twinning would be a huge benefit to the town. MDO said he would prepare a report to Corporate Services which would then go to the Divisional Manager being going to CPG.

4. Correspondence

Correspondence from Billy Smith regarding Kinsale Library was noted.

5. Any Other Business

EE undertook to investigate the possibility of Slow sign from Barrels Cross towards the grotto.

In reply to request for Slow signs at Ballyheada school, SEE said that he was in the process of acquiring signs.

Members asked that the broken and uneven at The Lawn Estate in Innishannon be repaired before upcoming "Gardens on Display". A request for wheelchair access at this location was mentioned and SEE said that he had been in contact with the Council's Heritage officer.

Members asked about a new pontoon at Kilmacsimon. SEO said that this is needed and a project is being progressed to access to funding under the ORIS scheme.

Members asked that Kinure Cemetery by Oysterhaven be tidied up.-

Members asked again that the Scilly walk be cleaned and cut.

Members raised the issue of trucks not being able to get into estates behind Bandon Gael Scoil due to parents parking. Cllr. Coughlan declared that she was Chair of Board of Management of Gael Scoil and declared that the school is being rented and it was hoped that a new school would be built near Colaiste na Tobairte. She stated that congestion is an issue and that parents should be encouraged to park and walk.

Members also raised issue about difficulty of parking at schools in Kinsale and that conditions should be put in place with regards to addressing parking issues.

Members spoke about stench at Sewerage Treatment Plant on Commogue and said that Uisce Eireann should be contacted.

Members asked that walkway from Abbey Fort to The Rock be completed.

Members requested a pedestrian crossing from Cronin's Commercial Hall to Bolands shop and also a crossing by Ballycatten Terrace in Ballinspittle. EE said that there will be two new crossings in Ballinspittle in conjunction with Department of Education.

Members asked that trees be cut at Baldwins Bridge.

Members asked that ownership be verified relating to green on Gallows Hill. MDO said he was engaging with Legal Department.

Members asked that the "old" playground in Bandon be placed on next agenda so that the future use can be decided.

Regarding railing at the Riverside walkway, SEE said that he was liaising with OPW. Members asked if a grant of €2,000 could be made to the group Creative Bandon who are planning on holding a Halloween Festival.

Members requested an update on the laying of a pipe from Bandon River going west and suggested that talks be had with TII about the resurfacing of road after works. Members asked that County EGINEER, Kevin Morey be written to. MDO advised he will arrange correspondence.

It was requested that Seven Heads be made a National Walking Hub and that Bord Failte be applied to for funding.

In reply to question about Part 8 for public toilets in Kinsale, SEO informed members that the documents are currently being prepared.

Members welcomed update on pedestrian crossings in Ballinspittle and the repair of fountain in Town Park.

Members asked about the Mast on Pier Road. MDO said that he had engaged with an expert who said rerigging was needed and a quote should issue shortly.

Members asked for a sign and lights to be turned on at Breakheart Hill.

Members asked that bins by hoarding at bottom of St. Patrick's Hill, Bandon be removed.

In reply to request for pedestrian crossing at Market Street be repainted. SEE said this was on a to do list.

In response to complaint about the sewage plant at Bandon being very loud, SEE said that he had already emailed Uisce Eireann and would email County Engineer.

Members asked that the road markings at Ahiohill village be repainted and stop signs be erected. Also it was requested that hedge cutting be carried out at Mossgrove Cross and Bradfields Cross. SEE said this would be undertaken in September.

Members stated that there was too much water going through Fish Pass and asked that Inland Fisheries Ireland be written to.

MDO undertook to contact engineers regarding progress at The Silent Banjo.

Members mentioned a knocked sign at carpark by James O'Neill Building and asked for double yellow lines by St. Multose. EE said that the yellow lines are already in place.

Next meeting Tuesday 25th July 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

This concluded the official business of the meeting.

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DATE

25/7/2023