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## MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HYBRID MEETING HELD IN BANDON LIBRARY AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023.

**Members Present:** Cllrs. (Chair), Sean O'Donovan, J. O'Sullivan, K. Murphy, M. O'Sullivan, 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.

Apologies: Cllr Coughlan

Cllr. S. O'Donovan presided.

### Statutory Monthly Meeting

#### 1. Minutes

(a) *Confirmation of minutes of meeting of Municipal District of Bandon Kinsale held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023.*

On the proposal of Cllr. M. O'Sullivan seconded by Cllr. John O'Sullivan the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were agreed.

(b) *Matters arising from minutes dated 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023.*  
*none*

#### 2) Report and Recommendations

a) Engineers Report

#### **BANDON-; Richard Cahill**

During our meeting in July I outlined that we had 2 section 38 proposals out for public consultants, and I have the following updates on the completed process.

The first Section 38 was on the Old Cork Road in Bandon. It incorporated a new raised table along with a Belisha crossing at the Junction of Old Cork Road and Radharc an Bhaile Housing Estate, as well as a raised crossing at the entrance into Radharc an Bhaile Housing Estate and also another raised crossing junction of North Main Street and Watergate Street. We received no comments or observations and we are currently liaising with the developer to agree a timeframe for the works to be carried out.

Similarly, we carried out another section 38 for Timoleague village. Here we plan to create a raised crossing on the main street and the main junction in the centre of the village. Another raised crossing at the junction between Abbey Street and School Road and similarly we had no comments or observation on same and we plan to carry out the works ourselves in October.

Belgooly Safe School Zone works are substantially completed with only road markings, planting and seating remaining to be completed.

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

Belgooly village enhancement/active travel contract is substantially completed. We aim to resurface much of the village in 2 to 3 weeks. We have 3 final contractor accounts to be agreed and we will know better afterwards the level of resources that remain for the resurfacing of the village.

Issues with buses not stopping at the new bus stop as you head towards Cork, Traffic & Transportation will be resolving this with the NTA.

### **Low Cost Safety Projects**

You know that in June/July we prioritised the immediate advancement of the Shipool Project. Since our last meeting in July, a tender process was completed, the road was closed for 3 weeks starting on mid-august and the safety improvement works were completed by the contractor Martin O Callaghan Ltd. The completed works make this road much safer for all road users.

I would like to thank the travelling public and especially the businesses in the area for their understanding and cooperation while the work was being carried out.

### **RI/RM works**

Since the last meeting we have also begun and completed another round of road paving and surface dressing in the following areas

We paved and surface dressed 1.5 km of the R589 from the Brinny junction towards Crossbarry. As part of the work we also replaced the chevrons on the bad bend east of Brinny, we also placed high skid surface on the approach to the Brinny bridge from the Bandon side as this is a location of a significant amount of accidents. We also liaised with the landowner and got them to cut their roadside boundary at the junction that would take you over to Littlesilver, this has significantly improved safety at this junction. We also had an entire team redoing the drainage and any surface imperfections from this junction to the Crookstown Cross so that the road is in good condition heading into the winter.

The paving crew has also paved over 1.4 km of the L2011-55 Newcestown road from the turn off for Mallowgaton to the turn off for Beal Na Blath. The crew also paved from this junction up towards the top of the hill heading north towards Beal Na Blath on the L2011-40 for a distance of 1.4km towards the Moskey chip dump. Both of these roads were also surface dressed since the last meeting.

We also paved the worst patches on the L6040 road from the junction adjacent to the Moskey chip dump back towards Dukes Wood. The paving focused on improving the surface on over 1 km of the road and over 3.5 km of the road was surface dressed.

We will also surface dress the 1.7 km of the L6039 road from this road that heads north to Quarry hall crossroads and you will note that we paved the worst section of this road last year so we are now in a position to surface dressing the entire road.

There is a local tertiary road off this road L60391 that was in very poor condition and we have also surface dressed 1.7 km of this road and Brian Lawlor of the Bridge Repair unit in the NNRDO organised a contractor to carry out bridge repair on a bridge on this road that was in very poor condition.

We also slurry sealed 1.3 km of the L60451 in Roughgrove as all roads leading to this road had been paved back in previous engineer's time and this was the only road that had been omitted in this area.

We also completed 2 CIS schemes. One near Upton where we combined the CIS works with some RI monies to pave over 500m of the L6065 and we used the RI money to also pave the adjacent junction that was in poor repair.

The other CIS scheme was in Castlemore just off the N71 where we resurfaced 900m of the L97104-13.

## **KINSALE; Sabrina Tobin**

### **RI/RM WORKS**

Over the course of the summer we fully completed our RI & RM works for the year. In July we blacktopped 3.3 km of the L3202 in Ballyheada. We returned here in August where we surface dressed 4.8 km.

We also blacktopped 1.7 km of the L2494 at Heathburn Hall & our surface dressing crew returned here in August where they completed 2.8 km of surface dressing.

We have two CIS' planned, one in Ballyregan for a length of 230m & the second in Ballady at a length of 1.1km both of which will be completed early next week.

Our linemakers are currently working on completing the roads which were part of our RI & RM programme for this year. Over the summer we put in double yellows on the road heading to Saile in an attempt to eliminate the issue of students parking along that road & subsequently blocking access for residents. We also added in line marking in Ballinspittle on the road heading to the school to notify road users of the adjacent school. We also undertook

some refreshing of the line marking of the pedestrian crossing outside of Kinsale Community School & while in this area we also completed line marking at the access roads to the estates.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

We are attending to potholes as required.

We had contractors in to undertake the installation of new plinths in Nohoval graveyard. Each plot is now numbered bringing this project to completion.

The Shippool job was successfully completed in August. The Area Office capitalised on the road closure & completed a long stretch of maintenance including attending to defects on the road & upgraded the signage also, meaning we should not have to return to this area for a while.

We organised a contractor to attend to the subsidence issue in Riverstick alongside the Babbling Brook.

As you know there is also a risk of flooding in Riverstick. We managed to organise the removal of sediment from the river before the season to do this ended. We did this in conjunction with the Fisheries Board.

The R600 road stabilisation in the Burren as part of our climate adaptation programme is ongoing. Mannings were awarded the tender & they are scheduled to be complete in two weeks with the road set to reopen at 6pm Friday 06<sup>th</sup> October.

Finally, SIRO have been issued ROLs to undertake fibre build works in Kinsale. The Area Office will be working closely with them to ensure works are completed smoothly with as least disruption to the public as possible. The main areas of focus will be in estates around the town.

Members thanked the Roads office for the works done on Shipool Corner. Members asked for a chevron sign on the wall to prevent accidents on the dangerous corner.

In response for an update on Crossbarry junction the SEE reported to the meeting that again the funding request was unsuccessful but that they would apply again.

Similarly, for Brinny bridge a funding request was about to be made to the Dept of Transport with the hope of funding for 2024 and construction for 2025.

Members thanked the roads office for the engagement with Eli Lily to implement measures to reduce the speed on the approaching roads. The Gardai have agreed also to request a speed van in the area.



## b) Municipal District officers Report

### Municipal District Officers Report – 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023



#### Municipal District Meeting indicative times and dates

26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec (TBC)	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan ( TBC)
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

1. Street furniture for Bandon for TPREP- Supply and installation of street furniture is part of the TPREP contract and is currently in storage for fitting at when works cease.
2. We are trialling a new OWL system today to assist with audio for those logging on remotely.
3. Scilly walk; owners of land to be identified and written to advising them of their obligations.
4. Campsite near Garrylucas beach prohibiting access for emergency access. As this land is owned by CCC we will explore signage and ways of deterring these campsites. It will be monitored through the winter and into next year when the weather improves and there is a natural increase in those camping.
5. Odour from Kinsale sewage system- As was provided in the 5 May 2023 Master Co-Operation Agreement with Cork County Council, Niall Gleeson, Chief Executive Officer of Uisce Éireann recently confirmed the Effective Date of 6th September 2023 with Cork County Council. This means that that Uisce Éireann will become solely responsible for the delivery of networked water services in Cork County as well as the management and direction of all eligible water services staff in Cork County Council from this date (6<sup>th</sup> September 2023). The Uisce Eireann DBO Team directly operate and maintain the Kinsale WWTP.

Uisce Éireann has establish a new management structure of two Regional Operations Managers (Drinking Water & Wastewater). Uisce Éireann has also established a Senior Integration & Management Team (I&MT), made up of existing senior operational Local Authority and Uisce Éireann staff. This team will now be responsible for all day-to-day operational management of water and wastewater treatment and network.

6. Part 8 for Kinsale Toilets – Once the appropriate reports are finalised, ad should be published in the coming months.
7. Odours from drain at Bandon- Similar to above, Uisce Éireann has now become solely responsible for the delivery of networked water services in Cork County as well as the management and direction of all eligible water services staff in Cork

County Council from this date (6<sup>th</sup> September 2023). Uisce Éireann has established a new management structure of two Regional Operations Managers (Drinking Water & Wastewater). Uisce Éireann has also established a Senior Integration & Management Team (I&MT), made up of existing senior operational Local Authority and Uisce Éireann staff. This team will now be responsible for all day-to-day operational management of water and wastewater treatment and network.

8. Crossbarry-Waste treatment plant- CCC Senior Management Team is currently assessing the contents of the Department Circular with regards to funding the project and are considering all options available including commencing consultation with Uisce Eireann as the Water Service Authority for a cost-effective delivery mechanism and support funding in order to provide the public infrastructure.
9. Quality of Drinking Water- Similar to above, Uisce Éireann has now become solely responsible for the delivery of networked water services in Cork County as well as the management and direction of all eligible water services staff in Cork County Council from this date (6<sup>th</sup> September 2023). Elected members can log complaints via email which I will advise you of separately. Members of the public can log complaints as follows
  - a. **General complaints:** Please email us at [customerservice@water.ie](mailto:customerservice@water.ie)
  - b. **Water Service complaints:** Please email us at [operations@water.ie](mailto:operations@water.ie)
10. Bandon Car park- Finance will be revising the 2024-2026 capital programme in the coming weeks, it will be revised on that.
11. Derelict Sites. Engagement with derelict site owners in Kinsale and Bandon is being progressed. Whilst ownership details for some are slightly complicated, we have received positive engagements to date.

## **1 Concession Scheme**

BKMD previously operated a concession scheme for traders to operate at designated locations in the municipal district. These locations being

- Dromderrig Kinsale
- Bradys Lane car park Bandon
- Timoleague
- Courtmacsherry

A new scheme was advertised last Saturday for traders to operate at these locations from October to December 2023 with a closing date of Oct 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **2 2023 Streetscape Enhancement Scheme - Bandon**

The original deadline for submission of receipts was the end of end of Sept. Due to the ongoing TPREP works in the area the Dept have advised they are willing to extend this to the end of October. This October deadline is for the council submission to the Department, so I have advised all applicants that they need to submit the relevant documentation **by the middle of October at the latest**

### 3 Twining

At the last municipal district meeting in July the members agreed that a report be compiled to request approval to enter a twinning arrangement with Bandon Oregon, USA. I am delighted to advise that this proposal has been approved by the West Divisional Manager, CPG and the International & European Affairs Committee.

Accordingly, a meeting has been arranged be later this month with a representative from Oregon whereby the twinning can be explored further.

### 4 Cruise

Noble Caledonia's, Island Sky called to Kinsale on the 13<sup>th</sup> September with approximately 90 passengers on board. The passengers received a warm welcome from Council staff when they landed on the pier and many of them spent the afternoon walking around the town.

### 5 Beach Safety Statistics

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The following are the Lifeguard station statistics for Garrylucas and Garreststown for the 2023 season which concluded on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

## June- August 2023 - Lifeguard Statistics

MD Area	Total Rescues	Assists	Non Fatal Drowning	Rescues due to rips	Surf Rescue Boat	Personal Water Craft	Rescues Craft	First Aid	Advice Given	Accidents Prevented	Mssing Adults	Missing Children
Bandon Kinsale MD	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	67	2044	1559	0	0

### 6. Bandon Playground

Earlier this month the Mayor of Cork County Cllr Frank O'Flynn opened the state of the art playground in Bandon. The project was driven by the Bandon Playground Committee with financial support from Cork County Council LCDC and Avondu Blackwater Partnership





## **7. Clare O'Leary Walk Update**

Existing Walk Resurfacing is underway and is due for completion in early December 2023.

The Works Tender Documents are being prepared and it is expected to issue tender documents in the coming months.

The MDO confirmed to the meeting that the tender involved extending the walkway towards the town.

The Chair informed with reference to the Twinning with Oregon that he had met with a relation of George Bennett recently and they had been very impressed with their visit and the town.

The members welcomed the Part 8 for the Public Toilets.

Members expressed their disappointment with the response from Uisce Eireann as regards the foul odours in both Bandon and Kinsale. They agreed that Cork County Council have a role in making sure all environmental rules are adhered to and requested another letter to Uisce Eireann expressing their dissatisfaction at the response.

As regards the Concession scheme the members asked for traffic safety measures to be done on the bridge in Dromderrig. Cars are parking in Wheelchair spaces and blocking normal spaces.

Members asked the MDO if traders can use the areas for special events only and in response the MDO said that they should contact the office.



Members expressed their concern over the parking of the traders in Garretstown and Garrylucas. They have asked for them to be moved to the other side of the road.

Members commended the lifeguards for their work for the summer of 2023.

The members thanked the Bandon Playground Committee and Cork County Council for the new Bandon playground. Members asked for the possibility of revamping the playground in Brinny.

**None**

### **3. *Statutory Business***

**Section 183:** Curra, Riverstick, Co. Cork , Land measuring 0.4698 hectares (1.16 acres) From Unknown -predates property records To Maurice & Veronica Kelleher for €1

**On the proposal of Cllr. Marie O’Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Coleman, the disposal was agreed.**

2) Disposal of lands at Bridge Lane, Bandon, Co. Cork consisting of 0.0083 hectares from Property registered to Cork County Council since 1972 to Buon Gustaio Limited for €45,000.00

**On the proposal of Cllr. S O’Donovan, seconded by Cllr. Murphy, the disposal was agreed.**

3) Grant of Right of Way and Wayleave shown in yellow on the attached map, measuring 13m x 6m average at Kilcawha, Kinsale, Co. Cork, In CCC ownership since 1991 to Andrew Ashford and Marian O’Leary.

**On the proposal of Cllr. Marie O’Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Murphy, the disposal was agreed.**

### **Notice of Motion**

#### **Cllr Coughlan**

**1)**Bandon Kinsale MD calls on Cork County Council to review the speed, traffic and parking layout in Radharc an Bhaile, Bandon.

**2)** That traffic and speed monitoring would be undertaken in Riverstick and a report provided to Bandon Kinsale MD.

As Cllr Coughlan was absent the notice of motion will be discussed next month.

## **Cllr Murphy**

1) That Cork County Council make every effort to advance our magnificent library to National or International Award status for its design and its location in the "James o Neill Memorial Building" in Church Square Kinsale.

**This motion was Seconded by Cllr J O Sullivan.**

### **4. Correspondence**

No correspondence received.

### **5. Any Other Business**

Members asked for the direction of parking to be reverted to diagonal on Pearse street as it was a safety issue.

Member also asked for plastic bollards to be placed in between Disabled Spaces.

Members asked that the R607 slip road onto the New Road be made one way

Members requested that Double yellow lines be placed on the Glen where the bollards were removed.

The members commended the works done in Riverstick to fix the subsidence.

Members asked for the busses to stop at the new bus shelter in Belgooly immediately. Can Bus Eireann be contacted.

Members asked that Bandon have its own bus serving the town.

Members requested that a bus shelter be provided in the city for the 226 to Kinsale and that bus Eireann should be written to immediately.

Members requested that Pay parking for Bandon be examined while deciding the budget for 2024.

The Members informed the meeting that there is subsidence in Hillcrest in Riverstick and works need to be done there to stabilise the bank.

Can table tops and controlled crossings be placed in Riverstick.?

With regard to Blue Flag beaches the members have asked that Courtmacsherry be considered as the Rowing club have provided toilets for public use?

Members requested that the greenway to Kinsale be again examined, they expressed their concern that the members are being bypassed by TII and have asked for an investigation before signing the approval.

In response for an update on a new playground in Kinsale The MDO informed the meeting that a site has been identified and even though it is owned by Cork County Council there are still some legal issues to be ironed out. Moving forward after that involves getting the land surveyed. Currently there is some funding ringfenced by the GMA but more is required.

Members have requested that the two way at Guardwell be changed to a one way.

Members have asked that the Rock be pedestrianised, or a foot path added immediately.

In request to road lining some roads in Kinsale the EE stated that she would look into it.

Members requested that the road out of Old Court be examined as it is very dangerous to emerge.

Members asked for a permanent solution to illegal parking outside Hamlets and the Folkhouse.

Double yellow lines are not working.

Members asked for progress for Toilets at the Dock beach for 2024.

Members have requested Haven Hill to be taken in charge once and for all.

Members have asked for an update for the request for funding for Pewterhole Cross.

Members have requested an extension of the Double yellow lines at Johnny Crowleys pub in Innishannon.

Members requested more parking for Kinsale and have again asked for the Dam to be filled for this.

Members asked for some trees to be maintained regularly especially the new trees in Bandon.

Members mentioned the requirement of a footpath between Convent hill and the Mews


The Chair congratulated the SEO Mac Dara O'Hici on his new position in Housing and wished him well. He thanked him for all his hard work in the area wished him well in the future. The members added their congratulations and thanked him and wished him best of luck in his new position.

Members asked that a letter be sent to Enda O Halloran one of the previous MDO's on the birth of his first child.

Next meeting Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

***This concluded the official business of the meeting.***

CATHAOIRLEACH



DATE

24/10/23.