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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> JULY 2023.

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

Apologies: Richard Cahill, Senior Executive Engineer, Bandon SEE

Cllr. S. O'Donovan presided.

### Statutory Monthly Meeting

#### 1. Minutes

**(a) Confirmation of minutes of meeting of Municipal District of Bandon Kinsale held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. O'Sullivan seconded by Cllr. John O'Sullivan the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were agreed.

**(b) Matters arising from minutes dated 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

Members raised issue of speeding on Eli Lilly – Rising Sun road. EE told members that she had been in consultation with the Gardai and that there would be speed display signs funded by Eli Lilly and installed by Cork County Council on L3205. EE undertook to circulate map to members.

EE undertook to examine issue of signage at Skeough Cross and would consider lowering the speed limit to 60kph on a trial basis during works. It was also asked that hedge-cutting be undertaken on diversion roads before forthcoming roadworks.

Members asked that the build up of traffic by Bandon Gaelscoil be looked at.

When the question was asked about an update on new proposed street furniture in Bandon, SEO undertook to check the specifications and revert to members

Members asked that Votes of Sympathy be extended to the following:

- Kevin O'Donovan (CCC G.O.) and his wife Martina on the death of Martina's mother.
- Pat Dooley and his daughter Patricia on the passing of Carmel.
- Jim O'Keefe and his wife Maeve on the death of their son in law, David Latten.

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

In place of SEE, EE read out the Bandon Engineering report to members.

### **FOOTPATHS NTA/Active travel Works**

Belgooly village enhancement/active travel contract is progressing very well and the contractor is now closing out the snag items. The village is looking very well and now is the ideal time to resurface the main road through the village.

There is some funding in 2023 RI programme to do some resurfacing and further funding has been applied for to do the remainder of the works. We are currently trying to agree a timeframe with the contractor to carry out these works.

Ballymoden TPREP Contract is continuing to progress with significant works now completed and works are now focusing on the southern side of the street from the car park down as far as Horgans Pharmacy by the old CCC library and also on the northern side of the street. The works in this area are scheduled to be completed by the end of July.

The contractor is in the process of applying for a street closure from the 8th August to the end of September to pave the street and this would then see the work being substantially completed.

### **RI/RM works**

Since the last meeting contractors were laying ralumac on the worst sections of the R586 Dunmanway road into Bandon town. Note this is only a temporary fix as a full road repaving is required but these works cannot be carried out until a storm sewer is inserted on this road and these works are scheduled to be completed by a developer that has permission to construct housing on Convent Hill.

As well as that the contractor also placed ralumac on Distillery road and again this is a low cost temporary surface as again a significant planning permission has been granted on this road and it would not be prudent to expend large monies on a full road repaving when there may be very significant construction traffic on same in the near future.

Since the last meeting another round of road paving and surface dressing has begun in the following areas

We paved 1.5 km of the R589 from the Brinny junction towards Crossbarry. As part of the work the chevrons were replaced on the bad bend east of Brinny.

Almost a km of the L2036 from the Brinny junction was paved to beyond the junction to the Valley rovers pitch. Both these roads have been surface dressed.

Almost a km of the R590 from Mishells Cross to the junction with the R589 Crossbarry Bandon road was surface dressed.

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 Mosgrove chip dump.

Both of these roads will be surface dressed this week.

Paving is currently underway on the worst patches on the L6040 road from the junction adjacent to the Mosgrove chip dump back towards Dukes Wood. The paving will focus on improving the surface on over 1.2km of the road and when the paving is completed this week over 3.5km of the road will be surface dressed.

The L6039 road will be surface dressed 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 the entire road can be surface dressed.

There is a local tertiary road off this road L60391 that was in very poor condition and we have also surfaced dressed almost a km of this road.

We also repaired and surface dressed over 400m of the L6037, which is over near Gaggin.

Once this round of work is completed this week the main RI and RM works will be completed in the Bandon area with only RI work remaining in Ahiohill village, Timoleague village (town and village renewal monies) and CIS and LIS schemes remaining to be completed.

Finally Pat O Driscoll contractor was successful in winning the contract to create a safe route to school to the rear entrance at Bandon Grammar and these works are now underway and the works will involve creating a raised zebra crossing on the road in Clancoole as well as a footpath along the road edge. As part of the works the area office will also fund the road repaving in this area and this should complete the road works in this general area.

An update was requested on the possible installation of barriers at the junction of the Rising Sun to compensate for the height variation at this point. This was attended and the ditch of the affected corner has been raised. This will be monitored.



Scilly Walk was mentioned at the last meeting – This area has been attended to and cleaning & hedge-cutting has been carried out. The bollards have also been ordered

Kinure Cemetery was mentioned and a tidy up has been carried out.

## **RI/RM WORKS**

### **Report by EE**

Moving onto our RI & RM programme, since last meeting 1.5km of the L2494 at Heathburn Hall has been blacktopped.

Last week 5.6km of the R603 from Kilbrittain Graveyard to Carey's Cross was surface dressed.

This week blacktopping has commenced in Ballyheada, where the plan is to blacktop 3.3 km of the L3202.

In August it is planned to surface dress both the L2494 at Heathburn Hall & the L3202 at Ballyheada which will bring our main RI & RM works programme to completion.

Linemarking of the roads which formed our RI & RM programme for this year will commence this week starting on the R600 Burren Road & then heading to the R604 at the Speckled Door.

## **HEDGE CUTTING**

Hedgecutting has been undertaken at junctions around the town where driver visibility had become reduced & also at junctions heading towards our beaches including Sandycove, the Dock & Harbour View

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Potholes are being attended to as required

Linemarkers will be heading to Dunderrow, specifically along the L3205 locally known as Tyners Road, where two SLOWs will be marked on the road. Two SLOWs on the R600 in Ballinspittle, just by the school & in both directions & as mentioned previously a double yellow line will be going in on the L7371 in Kinsale which is the Ballinacubby road that takes you to Saile.

Design office has awarded the Shippool contract for upgrade works on the R605 & those works are scheduled to commence on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Aug to run through to Friday 08<sup>th</sup> September. (diversion routes via L3201 & L3205)

Breakheart Lane to the Spaniard – this area has been added to hedge cutting programme & will be attended to in a few weeks

EE told members that the ditch at Rising Sun was raised and that the Scilly Walk was cleaned up as well as Kinure Cemetery.

Members asked if there could be hedge-cutting carried out at Curravreeda Crossroads.

Members asked if the Glen area in Kinsale could be looked at with a view to installing possibly a concrete bollard to block lorries and vans at this location.

Members asked that an area on Scilly Walk be looked at as there was a certain amount of subsidence and suggested that the landowner be ascertained and written to.

Members asked that potholes in Timoleague Village be seen to.

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

### **Municipal District Meeting indicative times and dates**

25 <sup>th</sup> July	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec ( 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. Online audio in Municipal meeting. We are exploring options for this with a new microphone being tested today.
2. Boules pitch. Having spoken to contractor we believe the boules pitch is not an issue. If it was levelled it would cause ponding/drainage issues. We have also been advised that there is no specific material that is used and each pitch is different. There does not seem to be an issue with the material at this location but we will continue to review it.
3. Kinsale Fountain. An overflow pipe was damaged and a replacement is being sourced; we expect it to be fixed in the short term. EE informed the meeting that fountain was now working.
4. Members asked that the Scilly walk be cleaned and cut. – Reviewing this with the Roads Office and exploring the works to be undertaken.
5. Land at Gallows Hill- This issue is progressing through the legal system and in order not to prejudice our position it would not be appropriate to comment apart from highlighting that we maintain our stance that this area is a public space under the councils operation and we will be contesting any claims of ownership.
6. 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
7. Mast on Pier Road. Works will be undertaken in the short term to replace the decking so the area can be reopened to the public. However, a bigger maintenance job will need to be undertaken in the coming year or two to deal with other areas that need refurbishment. Regarding the rigging and maintenance of the mast we have received a quote for works. Before any commitment is made to an overall maintenance regime we first will review the mast and rigging to ascertain which areas need attention, if not all. Funding options to be explored
8. MDO said that he had engaged with an expert who said re-rigging was needed and a quote should issue shortly.
9. Regarding the Fish Pass in Bandon and the volume of water passing through same I have contacted the Inland Fisheries and am awaiting a response.
10. MDO undertook to contact engineers regarding progress at specific Derelict Sites in Kinsale.
11. A previous item raised was the dealing of Grass cuttings and hedge trimmings. These have always been and continue to be accepted at Bandon Recycling from the public.
  - a. Bagged Green Waste (1 – 3 Bags) or equivalent volumes €5.00
  - b. Green Waste Single Axle trailer €20.
  - c. Green Waste Double Axle trailer €40.

### **Kinsale Library**

The last day of business for current Kinsale library was Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>. Library staff now have access to start moving the book-stock and IT equipment into the new Library so they can start the shelving and prepping process over the following few weeks. Building completion is on schedule and then the building is to be approved by Building Control Regulators.

The building is scheduled to be opening on **Wednesday Aug 9<sup>th</sup> at 09.30.**

The library will open on normal hours initially: Tues – Sat, 9.30am – 5.30pm. The ‘ My Open Library’ hours will be introduced in the autumn once we have the bulk of the new memberships processed and a “bedding- in” time has been reached.

### **Beach Safety Statistics**

The following are the beach statistics for Garrylucas and Garreststown beaches which are the two beaches in this Municipal District that have Council lifeguards on duty.

Total Rescues	Non fatal Drowning	Rescues due to rip currents	Surf Rescue Boat	Personal Water Craft	Rescues Craft	First Aid	Advice Given	Accidents Prevented	Missing Adults	Missing Childrer
1	0	1	0	0	0	26	329	281	0	0

### **Streetscape Paint Scheme 2023**

The closing date for the scheme was Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Applications were assessed and applicants were contacted accordingly. Funding for the scheme is via the General Municipal Allocation and this year members made available €15,000. There were 21 valid applications received and each application was awarded funding based on a marking scheme. Funding for the scheme is through the General Municipal Allocation.

### **Sports Grant**

Earlier this year the members agreed to ringfence €10,000 from their General Municipal Allocation to fund Sports Group in the area. There were 29 applications received and each application was reviewed and funding was awarded on a marking scheme. Funding for the scheme is through the General Municipal Allocation. Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified in the coming weeks

### **Anne Bonny Documentary**

With the assistance of a grant from Cork County Council’s Commemorations Committee a documentary has recently been produced about the life of Irish pirate Anne Bonny. It's premiere is on 11th August and will be screened at the times of 2pm, 3pm, 8:30pm, and 9:30pm at The Speckled Door Bar & Restaurant which is located only a few metres away from Anne Bonny's birth location.

Members suggested that a plan of action be decided for Kinsale going forward and expressed concern about the footpaths being taken over by outdoor dining as well as the condition of paths in the town.

Members asked that a campsite located in Garrylucas be moved on as it is blocking an access road to the respite centre. MDO undertook to check ownership.

3. *Statutory Business*

***Section 183: Disposal of former pumphouse site at Curragh Hill, Riverstick, Co. Cork, as comprised in Folio CK178488F to Maurice Kelleher & Veronica Kelleher, Curragh Hill, Riverstick, Co. Cork for €1***

On the proposal of Cllr. Marie O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Coughlan, the disposal was agreed.

4. *Correspondence*

No correspondence received.

5. *Any Other Business*

Members welcomed the installation of a new pontoon in Kinsale and asked that the old pontoon be relocated to Kilmacsimon.

Members asked that the parking situation at schools be looked at.  
Members complained about odours at treatment plant on Commogue.

EE undertook to investigate the possibility of the installation of a new pedestrian crossing from Bolands to Cronin's Commercial Hall.

Members requested an update on the Part 8 for new toilets.

Members asked that dereliction in Kinsale be relooked at.

Members asked that a sign at Church Square be reinstalled after existing one was damaged  
Members asked that lights not working at Cappagh be reported.

Members said that there was an issue with speeding going through Riverstick village. It was suggested that the pedestrian crossing be raised and this would alleviate speeding.

Resurfacing was requested at Gurteenmahon and signs at Gaggin.

Members had received complaints from irate customers about dust and noise caused by a private development company.

Issue with potholes on Goods Hill was brought to the attention of engineers.

Members enquired about the funding in place for Claire O'Leary Walk and requested clarification as to what funding is for. It was confirmed that funding is for widening and resurfacing.

The condition of road from Bandon to Pedlars Cross was reported as being in poor condition and needed widening, resurfacing, lining and signage. It is understood that SEE is in consultation with TII.

Members asked that the possibility of purchasing a field at the north side of Bandon town be examined.

Smells from drains at Bandon Courthouse were reported. Members asked for Uisce Eireann to be notified and requested an explanation for same

Members asked that yellow box be re-hatched at junction outside Post Office in Bandon.

Members thanked the roads staff for hedge-cutting towards Charles Fort and requested that the potholes be also done in the area.

Members spoke about Crossbarry Wastewater Scheme and how not enough funding was available to complete project. It was suggested that as a Municipal District, a letter should be written to Acting County Engineer and Uisce Eireann to request assistance with additional funding as it is vital that these works go ahead.

Members reported bumps on R600 at bridges between Belgooly and Kinsale.

Members suggested looking at possibility of a slow land at junctions of Ballinabearna and Kilcaw. It was also asked that potholes at junction of Gleann na Geal and R600 be filled.

Members asked that an update on Southern Relief Road be provided.

Members enquired after funding that had been provided by car park at Bandon.

Members enquired about an allocation of 0.05% of main drainage budget to be allocated to an art project. Members suggested that this money be put to better use like illuminating Bandon Bridge or extending Clare O'Leary Walk.

Members asked for update on potential twinning between Bandon and Bandon Oregon. MDO informed the members that a report had been submitted to Corporate Services. Members were happy for the executive to prepare the report for CPG and recommend a twinning with Bandon Oregon.

Members asked if there was a start up date for waste water scheme and bridge at Crossbarry.

Members raised issue of need for bus parking in Kinsale.

Members asked that a traffic management plan be put in place for Sandycove, Summercove and Scilly and that footpath be completed around Kinsale hospital.

It was requested that signage be put at end of Long Quay informing buses that road through Scilly was unsuitable for buses.

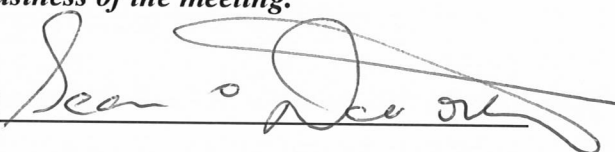
Members spoke how Uisce Eireann was responsibility of the quality of drinking water and waste water and how members had no information as to what standards are required. It was requested that this information be gotten as well as a contact name should there be issues to report.

Members expressed concern about Garrylucas bridge and how the undermining rock armour is being affected by coastal erosion and suggested that dangerous area be fenced off. SEO informed the members that funding had been sourced to preserve the dunes. He also said how this needs to be investigated with a view to making safe.

Next meeting Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

*This concluded the official business of the meeting.*

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DATE 26/Sept 20<sup>23</sup>.