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## MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HYBRID MEETING HELD IN BANDON LIBRARY AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

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

**In Attendance:** Richard Cahill, Senior Executive Engineer, Bandon SEE  
Sabrina Tobin, Executive Engineer, Kinsale EE  
Noreen O'Mahony, Senior Executive Officer SEO  
Brian Dunne, Municipal District Office MDO  
Claire Levis, Meeting Administrator.

Cllr. S. O'Donovan presided.

### Statutory Monthly Meeting

#### 1. Minutes

- (a) *Confirmation of minutes of meeting of Municipal District of Bandon Kinsale held on 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023.*

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Murphy seconded by Cllr. John O'Sullivan the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023 were agreed.

- (b) *Matters arising from minutes dated 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023.*

#### 2) Report and Recommendations

##### a) Engineers Report

##### BANDON: Richard Cahill

Since the last meeting John Duggan and team have completed a safe route to school zone to the rear entrance at Bandon Grammar and these works have created a raised zebra crossing on the road in Clancool and are substantially completed subject to the school creating the path within their own grounds. As part of the works the area office also funded the road

repaving in this area and this should complete the road works in this general area.

The contractor Pat O Driscoll is continuing with the Safe route to School works on Casement road. In the past few weeks Casement road, Bridewell road and the lane into the church have all been repaved.

At this stage some additional road lining must be put in place, as well as some anti-skid surfacing uphill from the pedestrian crossing at the school and also the placement of 2 more benches outside the school. When these works are carried out over the next few weeks the project will be substantially completed.

Moving onto the Ballymoden TPREP contract. Since last month's meeting the tree planting and landscaping have been completed and this really set off the area. Remaining works include some final washing and cleaning of the stone in the area as well as the sealing of the cleaned stone.

Contractor Pat O Driscoll Ltd since the last meeting started work on the next phase of the TPREP project on Bridge Street and Bridge Lane (where the fish lady is). As discussed, previously he will be concentrating on the watermain until end of November and will then cease work for the month of December.

Furthermore, you might be aware that during flood events my staff have to mobilise a very large 6 inch pump and place it adjacent to the river Bridewell in Bridge Lane to empty the storm sewers down around Hickeys Corner when the River Bride is in heavy flood. As part of the TPREP works we are now going to put in a pumping station that will automate this process and will remove the need to mobilise a physical pump. The contractor will return to site on the 15th January to commence the pumping station and public realm element of the work which are scheduled for completion on the 20th May 2024.

Glasslyn Road- the contractor on this project is Martin O Callaghan Ltd and as stated previously the contractor is concentrating on trying to get the section from Station Road to Kevin O Leary roundabout completed. Pushing hard to get this section done for Christmas. Path and cycle lane either side of the road.

## **Flooding**

Since the last meeting we carried out extensive works on the L2234 (which is the road to the left at the top of the hill as you drive up the N71 towards Cork out of Innishannon), the road would take you to Crossbarry and we put in a number of new drainage crossings and rebuilt the road edge where it had subsided into the stream. These works should protect the road from further damage in future weather events.

We also liaised with a landowner down near School Cross and carried out significant works to prevent water flowing across the public road.

We are currently building header and retention walls in Barryroe to prevent the stream from breaking its banks and flowing onto the road and into the village. The works should be finished this week.

### **RI/RM works**

Since the last meeting we have resurfaced much of the village of Ahiohill. We have also resurfaced Abbey Street in Timoleague and included 2 raised crossing points, one at the centre of the village on the main street and one at the Abbey Street/School road junction.

We also paved about 250m of the L2015 back in Desert that was adjacent to where we were doing a LIS scheme and it made sense to do that bad patch while we had mobilised to the area.

We have also completed the surfacing of Belgooly village and Matt and the Kinsale Team also paved some of the road from Colemans Bar up to the junction for Cramers Close.

As also mentioned to you last week we managed to secure extra funding over a week ago for the Bandon Kinsale MD Area. This 200k in funding will allow us to pave 2 further roads in the MD. The works have to be done by the end of November which is a very tight deadline.

We have mobilised crews to carry out the paving works on the Corkscrew Hill in Bandon and in Ballmacaw in Kinsale. We plan to have the paving completed this week.

### **KINSALE: Sabrina Tobin**

I will begin by addressing a few of the items which were raised at last month's meeting:

The path to the playground in Ballinspittle was mentioned; this is due for completion within the next week.

Also completed was the replacement of the damaged culvert with 2 no. 1m pipes in Dunderrow, a job which was very successful. It did require a full road closure. We optimised the timing of it to coincide with the midterm break resulting in no disruption for road users accessing the local primary school. The culvert itself was very damaged with the head of it having fallen in, in

sections. We overcompensated with the pipe diameter to allow for intense rain fall events. This solution should work well & result in a clear reduction of surface water on the road, which was becoming a big issue during periods of heavy rainfall.

Also mentioned was a road at the Foundout, whereby a gas main had become visible due to road damage as a result of damage from Storm Babet. The affected section of the road has been closed (just above Martin McCarthys entrance) This does not impact residents on this road as there is alternative access. We have applied for funding here. Due to the nature of the works involved, substantial funding would be required.

A speed survey was requested for Riverstick village due to concerns about the speed of vehicles through the village. Since the last meeting we organised for a Cork County Council speed camera in the village & also in Dunderrow, the results of which are currently being compiled.

Also mentioned was the issue regarding lights not operating in Cappagh. I can advise that works have commenced in this location to diagnose & repair the fault. A Micro Pillar has been installed for the lighting. I have been advised however, that this is not a straightforward repair as it contains concentric cable and depending on the nature of the fault, a full replacement of the existing cable in the area maybe required.

## **RI/RM WORKS**

Moving onto our RI works, last month I advised you all that we had completed our programme for the year. However, additional monies become available to us earlier this month, allowing us to undertake some further RI work.

We decided to resurface 100m of the R611 in Belgooly, at the junction with the R600, which had become deteriorated.

We then headed to Ballymacaw in Kinsale where we completed 700m of blacktopping on a road which had become deteriorated in recent months. This section will receive surface dressing in 2024.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

We have been improving drainage in the area over the past month, installing a number of road crossings on roads which are susceptible to flooding.

We have also been clearing & maintaining gullies in several estates in & around Belgooly & Riverstick with Kinsale to be attended to this week. We also had a crew in the Kilbrittain, Ballinadee & Innishannon areas clearing shores. We have also organised for many of the dykes throughout the area to be cleaned, in areas which have been impacted by flooding, to futureproof the roads from further flooding.

Also in Kinsale, the bollards have been installed in Breakheart Hill, at both access points. The hedge along this path has been tidied up. Scilly Walk pathway has also been

trimmed. We also organised for hedge cutting in & around the town as part of our town maintenance programme. The path from Charles Fort to Middle Cove has also been widened following a clean-up.

We also spent some time in Garretstown to tackle the issue regarding the displacement of the rock armour on the eastern end of the beach. We have filled the affected area with stone which will dissipate the waves & in turn prevent water getting on to the road. While here & while we had the use of an excavator, we also cleared the stone which had built up on the beach. We will also be repairing the concrete steps, which suffered great damage due to the storm, resulting in them becoming closed off to the public. This will be completed early December.

As usual, potholing is ongoing throughout the area.

**b) Installation of a disabled parking bay on Upper Castle Road, Bandon**

*This was proposed by Cllr G. Coughlan and seconded by Cllr S.O'Donovan*

**c) Installation of a disabled parking bay on Radharc an Bhaile, Bandon**

*This was proposed by Cllr S.O'Donovan and seconded by Cllr G. Coughlan.*

**d) Municipal District officers Report**

**Municipal District Meeting indicative times and dates**

19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	26 <sup>th</sup> March	23 <sup>rd</sup> April
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**

- Caravan at Garrylucas has been removed of its own accord.
- Consultant Engineers reports
  - Reports have been procured to investigate issues on the Scilly Walk & Devils Lane in Kinsale and Kilbrogan hill Bandon. Whilst we are still assessing ownership of these walls it is prudent to investigate if there is a public safety issue and take appropriate action if required.
- Parking in Bandon
  - I have advised the new Director of Service and Divisional Manager of the parking issue in Bandon. Due to the recent staff changes it was not possible to arrange an update for the members in advance of today's meeting but we aim to discuss this issue in the coming weeks and I hope to have an update for you

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## **1. Green Coast Award Application**

Cork County Council will not be in a position to apply for a Green Coast Flag for Oysterhaven in 2024. The *E. coli* figures have fallen into the "Good" classification from "Excellent" (Excellent classification is mandatory for flag application). These data are based on 4-years results and 2020 was a particularly bad year for Oysterhaven thus reducing the status. Storm Ellen hit Ireland in August 2020, with very high rainfall levels which in turn, as we expected, caused a deterioration of water quality

If the water quality results are good next year (2024), then the classification should return to Excellent for 2025 and we will be able to reapply for the Green Coast Flag.

## **2. Damage to Cemeteries**

As a result of the recent bad weather significant damage was caused to both Courtaparteen cemetery near Kinsale and Abbeymahon near Timoleague. As damage was significant it was deemed appropriate to close both for the short term in the interests of public safety. Consultants reports are being procured to assess the damage and risk at which point a reopening will be considered

## **3. Arts Grants Scheme**

Applications are currently being invited to the Arts Grants Scheme 2024

The following funding strands are open for online applications until Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup>

1. Arts Grant Scheme
2. Artists in Schools Scheme
3. Na hEalaíona atá bunaithe ar Ghaeilge/ Irish Language Arts
4. Artists' Funding Schemes (open to practicing artists only)

The Arts Grants Scheme is the Council's general grant scheme for funding events and activity.

This call also includes a number of targeted funding strands including: support for developing arts through the Irish Language, a scheme to support artists working in schools and a set of funding opportunities for County based professional artists of all disciplines that include support for the making of new work, to develop international opportunities, or for time for reflection, collaboration and development of new work.

In order to support persons who may have difficulty with typed forms, the Arts Service in conjunction with the Council's Customer Services Team has developed an accessibility feature for the 2024 Scheme to enable the submission of a video or audio application.

Applications can be made online at

Applications for all schemes close at 5pm on Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2024

#### 4. **Kinsale Library**

The recently renovated Kinsale library which was funded through RRDF will be officially opened by Minister Heather Humphries and the Mayor of Cork County Cllr Frank O'Flynn on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

The conversion of the 200 year old Old Mill into a modern library has breathed new life into this historically important building in the heart of Kinsale. This large, multi-purpose building will offer a wide variety of opportunities for community and cultural use. A significantly larger premises and full team of staff has transformed the service offered to the people of Kinsale. The new Library features a multifunction event and exhibition space to facilitate community meetings, lectures, educational workshops and concerts. A full programme of events is in place to support the community and will promote civic participation by all age groups. Subsequently the library has been proposed for the 2024 LAMA awards and we are hopeful for the award ceremony in February next year.

#### 5. **Information on Government Grants Applied for and Awarded**

The following are the details of grants that have been applied for through the Municipal District and awarded funding by Government Dept's. since 2020 in this Municipal District:

<b>Grant Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Project Name/Description</b>	<b>Funding Awarded</b>
Town and Village Renewal Accelerated Measure	2020	Creation of Crossbarry Ambush Memorial Park at the existing ambush monument including new accessible walkways and parking	€36,000 funding was provided for the works.
ORIS (Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme)	2020	Argideen Valley Trail – on-road signage for a walkway from Ballinascarthy to Timoleague Village and on towards Courtmacsherry	€13,280 funding was provided.
ORIS (Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme)	2020	Harbour View Beach Eco Walk –provision of signage and steps at the beach to assist with the creation of a beach walk along the dunes	€15,607 funding was provided
ORIS (Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme)	2021	Resurfacing of Belgooly Walkway	€20,000 funding was provided
ORIS (Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme)	2021	Feasibility study for 5 West Cork beaches including Garrylucas and Garretstown	€50,000 funding provided

ORIS (Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme)	2022	Bandon River, installation of buoys, waymarkers and pontoons to create a small craft way from Kinsale to Kilmaccsimon	€20,000 funding being provided
ORIS (Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme)	2022	Works to clear the path of the old railway line making it accessible to the public	€28,000 funding being provided
National Streetscape Enhancement Scheme	2021	6 towns in CCC were awarded funding for property owners to enhance their buildings	€101,000 was funded for works in Bandon
National Streetscape Enhancement Scheme	2022	Bandon has been awarded funding for property owners to enhance their buildings	€38,911.85 to be funded
CLÁR	2021	Barryroe GAA were successful in receiving funding for solar lighting of a community walkway around their GAA pitches.	€48,617
RRDF (Rural Regeneration and Development Fund)	2022	CCC awarded funding for the Bandon Town Centre renewal and regeneration project	€5.5 million

## 6. Christmas Parking Arrangements

It is being proposed not to enforce pay parking requirements in Bandon and Kinsale for the period: **7<sup>th</sup> December to 5<sup>th</sup> January**

## 7. Christmas Decorations

With the financial assistance of Cork County Council through the Amenity fund both the Bandon Business Association and the Kinsale Christmas initiated the Christmas festivities with the turning on of the Christmas Lights. I'm sure the members will echo my congratulations to both groups on organising a memorable evening in both towns.





#### Questions to Engineers

Members asked if there was a plan if there happened to be a funeral in Courtaparteen.

B.D stated that health and safety was paramount, and this would have to be looked at the time.

Members asked re the part 8 for the public toilets. B.D. that things were progressing and that there were some minor changes but that they are aware of the urgency of it.

The members stated that they were very disappointed with another delay and that the process was taking too long. In the meantime, it is an added expense for business to be allowing people to use their toilets.

Members mentioned that there was continued vandalism of the public toilets.

Members asked for more electric chargers in both towns.

In response to a question re Casual Trading B.D. stated that the concession scheme was being re advertised again for Casual Trading on specific Council Land.

Members pointed out that there was a serious health and safety issue near Archdeacon Bridge with parking. A traffic management plan was needed.

Members requested that re the Bandon Casual Trading could it be deferred until TPrep has finished in the area.

Members asked about a yellow pipe in Garretstown beach.

The members complimented both towns on their decorations.

### 3. *Statutory Business*

- a) **Section 183:** Grant of Right of Way at Ballydownis, Kilbrittain, Co. Cork area of 490m<sup>2</sup>/0.2324 hectares to Aoife Gormally & Philip Healy for €1.

Members asked for more information as to why this was needed and necessary and if Legal/Property could advise.

#### a) **Grant of a Wayleave at Parnell Street, Bandon, Co. Cork**

Irish Water sewer connection at 22 Parnell Street, Bandon.

Dispose to **Edward & Mary Dullea, Parnell Street, Bandon, Co. Cork for €2,000**

*This was proposed by Cllr A.Coleman and seconded by Cllr J.O'Sullivan*

### 4. *Correspondence*

No correspondence received.

### 5. *Any Other Business*

Members asked if a greenway through Riverstick and Clontead by considered to funding. Members asked could the executive confirm that there had been some monies put aside for this.

Members asked if the roads by Lauragh on the N. Western section of the town be focused on Members asked if the Minister of Heath could be written to requesting an extension of Bandon Community Hospital be extended. It is currently not large enough for the services requested from it.

Members mentioned subsidence in Cois Bruach Riverstick.

Can the speed be looked at in Riverstick.

Members mentioned a culvert in the back of Courcey Rovers pitch which had burst and caused damage? Can they be given support?

Members pointed out a wall In Timoleague on the R600 which had collapsed and was in serious threat of causing the road to subside if there was another storm,

Members asked if the Abbey in Timoleague could be lit up as it was a safety issue for walkers?

In response to a query re Duck pond and the issues with flooding the S.E.E. stated that funding had been applied for.

In reply to a query re an Old Fishing boat by the Old Western Bridge the S.E.O. stated that this is a complex issue with the absence of byelaws. Members said this boat is rat infested and needs to be disposed of.

In reply to a query re the old Fishermans pontoon and if there had been a location identified for it the S.E.O, stated that there was no update as of yet.

In response to a query re the disabled access in Innishannon "The Lawns" the S.E.E. stated that he had looked at it and the best access would be through an existing entrance and that funding might need to come from the Housing Dept.

Members requested that the caravans in the Long Quay be removed, also the Yachts moored against the walls of the pier in the interest of safety.

Members asked if Lissarda cross could be upgrade because of its condition.

Members asked for a footpath or shared surface in the Rock in Kinsale. Lots of walkers on the road.

Members asked if the pedestrian crossing at Boland Corner be raised as lots of traffic comes from Pearce Street to the bus stop.

In reply to a subsidence issue on Compass Hill the E.E. stated that Consultants had already been engaged.

Members informed the roads office of a Culvert blocked on the L60783.

In reply to a request for lights and pedestrian crossing at Crossbarry bridge the S.E.E. stated that funding had been applied for.

Members asked for a permanent solution to cars parking on the Glen it is causing a bottle neck also on Hamlets corner as people are abusing this every day.

Members asked for a solution to the traffic issue on Convent Hill as there are new estates are causing a build-up in traffic.

Lights and footpaths are also needed on Convent hill from the Tannery to Bandon Crafts.

Members informed the meeting that Barbers bridge is in bad repair.

Members requested new dog fouling bins on the lane way with Galvin Auctioneers.

In response to a request for a pedestrian crossing by Kellehers Bandon the S.E.E. stated that it was in the plans for 2024.

Members mentioned that the road between Old Chapel and Gaggin is very bad.

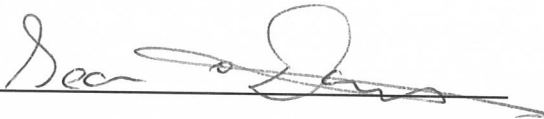
Members have requested a road sweeper for Kinsale, Bandon has one currently and Kinsale would benefit on this.

Members were informed that there had been a presentation by TII re the new Greenway for Kinsale the first Phase. Also, on the presentation re Bandon Clonakilty Road and also the Clare O'Leary walk to Brinny and Crossbarry. This will be presented to the members who commented how important these corridors are as they are more than recreation but transport links.

Next meeting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

*This concluded the official business of the meeting.*

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19/12/2023