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MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HYBRID MEETING HELD IN BANDON LIBRARY AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 24th October 2023.

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

In Attendance: Brian Dunne, Municipal District Office MDO
Richard Cahill, Senior Executive Engineer, Bandon SEE
Sabrina Tobin, Executive Engineer, Kinsale EE
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 26th September 2023.*

On the proposal of Cllr. M. O'Sullivan seconded by Cllr. John O'Sullivan the minutes of the meeting held on 26th Sept 2023 were agreed.

(b) *Matters arising from minutes dated 26th September 2023.*
none

2) Report and Recommendations

a) Engineers Report

BANDON:Richard Cahill

You will recall at our September meeting I mentioned that the Section 38 process was completed for the raised crossing on Abbey Street in Timoleague and on Main Street.

Our crew was on site last week installing extra drainage along Abbey Street and upgrading the junction down by the school so that it could take the new raised crossing. On main street gullies are being installed to accommodate drainage at the raised crossing and paving will commence on site tomorrow.

The contractor Pat O Driscoll is continuing with the safe route to school works on Casement road. The works at this stage are at an advanced stage and will be completed in about 3 weeks.

The works will also incorporate the resurfacing of Well road in a red chip asphalt and also the resurfacing of the lane into the Church in a similar material. School going kids will be encouraged to use these routes when going to and from school.

Ballymoden is practically completed with much of remaining paving completed yesterday. The street furniture is also now in place.

The same contractor namely Pat O Driscoll Ltd will this week start the next phase of the Tprep project with the works on Bridge lane and bridge place. He will be concentrating on the watermain until end of November and will then cease work for the month of December

Glasslyn road- the contractor is Martin O Callaghan ltd and they are 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.

Furthermore, we have works undergoing to protect the old town wall on McSwiney Quay opposite the Garda station. Many thanks to Mary Sleaman and the team for gaining the funding for the works and to the Tprep team for advancing the tendering etc. and works on site for the project. The contractor is on site and the pointing of the old wall will be completed shortly.

Flooding

Finally, I would like to thank my whole team for the work done over the past week. It has been a challenging week for the area staff both indoor and outdoor and they gave their very best to try and allocate our resource to the most urgent of cases as they came in over the past few days. Staff were there late into Tuesday night, working in difficult conditions and again there from early Wednesday morning until again late in Wednesday evening.

As an area we got away relatively lightly but I would like to thank my entire team for the massive number of requests that they dealt with right across the area and for the level of service they provided to the community in our area.

KINSALE: Sabrina Tobin

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

There was a request to install a chevron sign at the newly constructed wall in Shippool, this will be completed shortly.

Potholes in Rathroon were also mentioned – we had crews out there in recent weeks attending to these.

Also mentioned was the pinchpoint at the Glen in Kinsale, we are monitoring this with the view to extend the double yellows should it be warranted.

RI/RM WORKS

Moving onto our RI & RM works, we are now almost complete for the year, with just the remainder of linemarking to be completed which our line markers are currently progressing with.

OTHER BUSINESS

We successfully completed two CIS' earlier on in the month, one in Ballady where we blacktopped & surface dressed 1km. The second was in Ballyregan, where we completed 230m of blacktopping. We will return here in 2024 to complete the surface dressing element of the works.

We also complete the installation of a new road Xing at Ballinaclasha which will improve drainage in the area.

We are currently improving the drainage upfield from the Field's Bar in Dunderrow. Works are currently underway here with the remainder, notably a road Xing, to be completed next week to coincide with the midterm break & to minimise disruption to roadusers.

We currently have our crews attending to clean up as a result of Storm Babet. To echo what Richard said, the work of our men on the ground must be recognised as they have worked tirelessly since last Tuesday on storm related issues & their quick reaction & response time must be commended. There will be a programme of works to come out of last week's event which we are currently compiling. In the meantime, our crews are attending to potholes & surface water related issues as a result of the storm.

Question to Engineers

Culvert washed away towards Innishannon will show to engineers.

Members thanked the roads office and all their staff for their hard work over the past few days. Members commended the engineers for the preparatory works done before this event and that this was event to see.

Members emphasised that it was vital to retain staff numbers as every man on the ground was vital.

Members commended the Municipal officer and the Engineers for ensuring they were informed of any issues.

Members also commented that Bandon demonstrated how important Flood Relief is in an area when it works.

b) Municipal District officers Report

Municipal District Officers Report – 24th Oct 2023

Municipal District Meeting indicative times and dates



26 th Sept	24 th Oct	28 th Nov	19 th Dec (TBC)	23 rd
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

- a. Blue Flag Status for Courtmacsherry Beach. The process for submitting a beach for identification (and by extension a Blue Flag) has now closed for 2023 and will reopen in March/April 2024. A Public Participation document will be posted on the website each year to invite members of the public/elected members/ council executive to submit names of the beaches they would like to see monitored and flagged in their area. There are several criteria to be met, one of those being regular sampling. Records shows that only 2 samples were taken from this beach, one in 2005 and one in 2021 with no issues were reported. However, the frequency of this would have to be increased drastically over a 3-4 year period for it be considered for blue flag status. An alternative and less onerous award is the Green Coast award which is given to sites which may be less developed and less populated than Blue Flag beaches, but which have excellent water quality.
- b. Telecom building in Kinsale. Potential lessors have made contact with me regarding the use of the building which will be considered.
- c. The Municipal District officer has written to schools in the Kinsale area asking them to remind parents of the appropriate parking etiquette

1. **Storm Babet.**
 - a. *Dehumidifiers.* In order to assist the public with the recent flooding we have purchased dehumidifiers for properties that were damaged. I have made these available at the Kinsale roads office for collection by those affected.
 - b. *Free waste disposal.* Any household material that was damaged in the flood can be taken to our civic amenity sites free of charge up until this Thursday Oct 26th.
 - c. *Humanitarian Scheme.* The Dept of Housing Local Government and Heritage have confirmed that for small businesses (up to 20 employees) community, voluntary and sporting bodies that could not secure flood insurance they are eligible to apply for this scheme. Further details will be issued in the coming days and once in receipt of same I will forward to all members who can disseminate the information to those affected.
 - d. *Community Welfare Officers.* The Bandon branch is located at 96 North Main Street (P72 DY64) for those affected by the flooding. The office can be contacted on 023 8820200 or freephone at 0818 60 70 80
2. **Kinsale Toilets.** Since the temporary toilets were installed there have been repeated acts of vandalism including an attempted fire and damage to the locking system on the one door. Accordingly it was necessary to close the toilets for several days while repairs were undertaken. For the winter we propose, commencing this week, to open the toilets at 9 AM and close as near enough to 5 pm as possible. A summer schedule will be agreed in early 2024 with later closing times. If the toilets are repeatedly damaged we will have no other choice but to close them permanently. The part 8 process is being progressed with the planning dept and we hope to advertise in the coming months.
3. **Kinsale Library.** In response to requests from members to propose the new library in Kinsale for an award I have been advised by the architects dept that they routinely prepare and submit architectural projects for publication and competition. Kinsale library will be prepared and submitted for same on the most appropriate platform in line with the councils communications policy. The call for submissions is usually Q1 for projects completed the previous year.
4. **Kinsale Museum.** The end of season numbers have proven to be very positive. By the end of Sept we had 6,413 visitors which is in line with the expectations set out in the business plan for the museum. There was some minor damage to the museum as a result of Storm Babet which will be dealt with in the coming weeks. As you will know we were refused Ministerial approval for glazing the building and the rationale for same was quiet strong. I have engaged with other local authorities with similar buildings of a similar age to understand how to progress this issue. Further negotiations with the dept are anticipated by the end of the year.
5. **Paint Scheme.** To date there has been a very poor response from those approved for funding to submit their receipts under the annual streetscape scheme. The closing date of Nov 4th is fast approaching. Can I ask all those approved to submit the relevant documentation as soon as is possible. Failure to meet the deadline will result in their applications not being considered any further and monies will be reallocated elsewhere.
6. **National Street Scape.** Due to the TPREP works I applied and received an extension for this scheme until the end of Oct. Can all approved applicants liaise with the municipal district office by Thursday this week. Failure to do so will mean they will be excluded from the competition. As this is a scheme run by the Dept of Rural and Community

Development we have no discretion over timelines and have already received two extensions to date. No further extensions will be offered.

7. **Kilbrittain Wall.** To be reviewed on a priority basis. We aim to remediate this by the end of Q4 or Q1 2024.

None

3. *Statutory Business*

a)Section 183: Grant of Right of Way at Ballydownis, Kilbrittain, Co. Cork area of 490m²/0.2324 hectares to Aoife Gormally & Philip Healy for €1.

Members queried the reasons for this Right of Way and will be updated at the next meeting

b)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.

Response from the SEE:

Radahrc An Bhaile- The estate is a typical estate from that period, where cars were given priority, with wide open streets and gentle curves that can facilitate higher speeds. Available resources are such that we cannot traffic calm all our main urban roads and streets, so it is difficult to see resources becoming available to install traffic calming within a housing estate. That said I think the resident need to play a role here and encourage drivers to drive slowly within their own estate.

Furthermore I believe that the installing of the raised closing on the adjacent old cork road just outside the entrance to the estate and the raised crossing at the entrance to the estate as part of the previously approved section 38 works will have a calming effect on both traffic entering and exiting the estate and we do hope that this will encourage safer speeds within the estate. So I will contact the developer again and try and get them to expediate this element of the works and we will then see how traffic is flowing afterwards

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

Cllr Coughlan told the meeting that she had been receiving complaints from residents regarding the increasing speeding through the village.

This was Seconded by Cllr O'Donovan.

Response from the SEE and the EE explained that Riverstick was one of the first villages to get speed calming measures however things that it they would ask the design team to examine the village. However but that it was difficult to get funding but that they would look into a raised crossing. There is a driver's responsibility here also.

Cllrs asked also if there was a way to get feedback from the Speed vans, they also asked for a speed survey.

4. Correspondence

No correspondence received.

5. Any Other Business

Members complimented the staff on their quick actions in Timoleague during the flooding.

Members asked for an update on the ditch east of the Co-op after it collapsed.

Members stated that currently there was not enough parking in Bandon and that it was time to explore new options. Members proposed that new land should be examined for their suitability and also an option to put a multi-story in Hartes Car park. Members asked that it be out other agenda for the next meeting and to get the opinion the Director of Service.

In response for for an update on footpaths in Ballinspittle the SEE stated that there is a plan but that its progress has been pushing back.

In reply to a query regarding the main drainage in Oliver Plunket street, the SEE stated he would request an update from Irish water.

In response to a request for an update on the lighting on the Clonakilty road the SEE stated that it is being progressed.

Members asked if a new pathway could be created in Ballycatten Terrace if the garden of a Council House could be used to ease congestion at School times.

Members told the meeting that there was a wall collapsed at the V between Monastery Gardens and Hogans row. There is a tree there which has caused the collapse.

In response to a query regarding the Yachts tied up to the Pier road, the MDO stated that the new Bye Laws were about to be published but that currently these boats were entitled to be there.

Members asked for double yellow lines on the Glen.

Members asked for an update regarding the lights on the Bandon road Cappagh which have been out for a while, the SEE stated that there was a fault in the cable but that it was being sorted.

Members asked if the right or left turn from Guardwell be changed just one turn as both were causing issues.

The Dyke on the Eastern road as the road goes to Lidl need attention urgently.

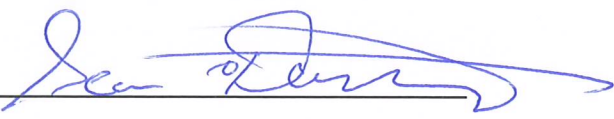
In response to a request to cut back trees and ditches in St Eltins the EE stated that this was being done.

Members asked for a shared surface on the Rock as many people were using it was a walk way from Kinsale Manor.

In request for an update regarding the caravan in Garrylucas near the entrance to the Pitch and Putt Course the MDO stated that the situation will be reviewed the appropriate action taken within the permitted regulations.

Next meeting Tuesday 28th Nov 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

This concluded the official business of the meeting.

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DATE 28/11/23