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MINUTES OF BANDON KINSALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HYBRID MEETING HELD IN BANDON LIBRARY AND ON MICROSOFT TEAMS APP ON 19th DECEMBER 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 O'Donovan, 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 28th November 2023

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Murphy seconded by Cllr. A. Coleman the minutes of the meeting held on 28th November were agreed.

(b) Matters arising from minutes dated 28th November 2023.

At this stage, Cllr. Marie O'Sullivan proposed that a letter of sympathy be sent to John Conroy on the death of his father in law.

2) Report and Recommendations

a) Engineers Report

BANDON: Richard Cahill

SEE updated members on the following issues which were raised at the last meeting.

Some members had expressed a desire to see an additional controlled pedestrian crossing to the west of Kevin O'Leary Roundabout which would make it safer for users of playground and skate parks to cross the road to the service station. This was considered and is now in the process of being installed as part of the Glasslyn Road project. On the subject of Glasslyn Road Project, you can see that the contractor has achieved their aim at getting the project completed from roundabout to the Station Road by Christmas and you can also see the two new bus stops have also been erected last week so the project is progressing at pace and beginning to take shape.

Another issue raised was the creation of a yellow box at the junction adjacent to the Sean Hales Roundabout. Since the last meeting there has been a lot of road lining done in this area and this was achieved by engaging a second contractor to work on the backlog. As part of the work in the town, the road centre line was repainted at the Sean Hales junction. Having travelled this junction each morning and evening, I am satisfied that the junction works very well without the insertion of a yellow box at this stage. I feel this would push traffic further up North Main Street and across the town bridge. At the moment, road users are very mannerly at the junction and are in the habit of leaving each other out. Having said that, I will continue to monitor as there is significant extra housing currently being constructed on the Old Cork Road.

Regarding the Clare O'Leary Walk query, the walk comprises two sections. Section 1 is existing Clare O'Leary Walk resurfacing while section 2 is extension linking the existing to Bandon Town. Resurfacing and improvement works on Section 1 are due for completion shortly. Section 2 works are due to commence in Spring 2024 with a completion date in July 2024. The car park will remain closed until then as it is required by the contractors for material storage/site compound, etc.

At the last meeting, it was mentioned that there was significant damage on the Quay Road close to Bandon town. Since then, significant works have been carried out.

We were made aware that a further culvert was damaged during Storm Babet on a road L6084 where it meets the Kilbrittain road. Concrete works were carried out to secure and the culvert repaired. Normal traffic function has been returned to junction over the past week.

Since the RI works are finished around Bandon Town, we have allocated more resources to routine road maintenance and drainage issues. In this regard a lot of time has been spent in the region from Clogagh towards the Timoleague Bandon road as many of the roads were in need of significant pothole repair. Similar works were completed in Newcestown and Knockavilla areas over the last couple of weeks.

Since the last meeting extensive drainage works were done on N71 down the hill towards Innishannon. These works should lessen the volume of water that flows down the hill in the event that we have further serious rainfall events. Similarly in Innishannon some low cost safety funding was used to upgrade the village crossing at the bottom of Church Hill. The crossing required significant works to make it safer for pedestrians with disabilities. While the civil works are complete, the relocation of traffic light posts still needs to be done in

early 2024. The crossing at the Centra service station will also be upgraded early in 2024 to make it suitable for those with visual impairment.

Since the last meeting header and retention walls were built in Barryroe to prevent the stream from breaking its banks and flowing onto road and into the village. The works are now substantially completed and will give an added level of protection to the village. In same parish, significant extra housing has been built by Cork County Council on the Wood Road. This housing development required a significant number of new road openings on the public road which left it in a poor condition. We worked with Housing to fund the resurfacing of the road in this area.

Previously mentioned, €200 k in extra funding was secured and it allowed the progression of 2 extra RI schemes that would have formed part of 2024 RI Scheme. These 2 schemes were repaved by Bandon & Kinsale crews before the end of November deadline.

Members mentioned new cycle path by Kevin O'Learys and if there were any measures in place to prevent cars from driving on pathway. SEE said that the lining was as yet incomplete but would take this into account.

SEE thanked councillors and staff for all that was achieved in 2023 which included 75 km of improved roads in the Municipal District. Members returned the compliment to the engineering staff.

Members asked if the circuit from Eastern Road to Farm Lane and to Cork County Council office, The Rock and back into town be completed.

KINSALE: Sabrina Tobin

EE began with Items raised at last meeting of BKMD.

A cul de sac in the Hollyhill area of Kinsale was impassible. This has been attended to. The issue was due to a blocked drain which has since been cleared. Repairs to the road will be undertaken this week.

An update on the embankment subsidence issue in Riverstick was requested. EE confirmed that landowner agreements are currently being finalised with the intention of proceeding with works in the first quarter of 2024.

An update on subsidence in Compass Hill was requested. A consultant has been engaged who has produced a report following their site inspection. This is currently being reviewed this to determine which course of action will be taken.

RI & RM work for the year has been fully completed and next year's programme is currently being finalised.

In Garretstown currently, staff are undertaking 300m of footpath widening works as the existing footpath is quite narrow. The existing footpath is quite narrow and will be increased to a continuous width of 2m which will be welcomed by both locals and visitors alike.

Potholing works are ongoing throughout the area along with dike cleaning works.

Heritage signs have been installed at Breakheart Hill.

Signs on regional roads on both approaches to Kinsale as well as Barrells Cross have been cleaned over the past week.

d) Municipal District officers Report

Municipal District Meeting indicative times and dates

23 rd Jan	27 th Feb	26 th March	23 rd April
Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid	Hybrid
Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library	Teams & Bandon Library

Actions from previous Municipal District Meeting

- At the request of the members the Minister for Health was written to requesting an extension for Bandon Community hospital
- Members asked if the Abbey in Timoleague could be lit up as it was a safety issue for walkers? No suitable location for spot lights on PL assets and ownership issues surround existing back-lighters
- Members requested that the caravans in the Long Quay and New Road be removed; engagement with owners commenced again last week.

Architectural & Archaeological Heritage Grant Schemes 2024

Schemes for the protection of Architectural and Archaeological Heritage in County Cork are now open for application. Such schemes include the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS), Historic Structures Fund (HSF) and the Community Monuments Fund (CMF). These are national schemes operated at the local level by each Local Authority. Owners and custodians (Members of the public, Heritage Groups, Cork County Council departments etc) of Heritage buildings and monuments are now being invited to apply for funding to safeguard these structures and archaeological monuments into the future.

Details of the schemes are available on Cork County Council's website ([Schemes for the protection of architectural and archaeological heritage in County Cork | Cork County Council \(corkcoco.ie\)](https://www.corkcoco.ie))

The deadline for applications under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) and Historic Structures Fund (HSF) is **16:00 on Thursday, 18th January 2024**, and the deadline for the Community Monuments Fund (CMF) is **16:00 on Wednesday, 31st January 2024**.

2024 Built Heritage Investment Scheme

The 2024 Built Heritage Investment Scheme will provide grants of up to €15,000 to individual owners for small-scale works to repair and preserve their historic properties.

BHIS includes ring-fenced funding of €500,000 for thatched buildings. This will fund conservation repairs to historic thatched structures, helping owners to offset other costs and protecting these cherished buildings into the future.

2024 Historic Structures Fund

The 2024 Historic Structures Fund will offer up to €200,000 for projects that deliver a major community benefit.

It also offers funding for vernacular structures and for historic shopfronts. The Historic Shopfront Stream provides funding for the refurbishment and conservation historic shop facades to safeguard these distinctive features of our towns, villages, and cities.

The Vernacular Stream provides funding for conservation repairs and small capital works to vernacular structures that are not listed in the local authority Record of Protected Structures.

The Community Monuments Fund

The Community Monuments Fund will enable conservation works to be carried out on archaeological monuments, which are deemed to be significant and in need of support. It aims to build resilience in monuments enabling them to withstand the effects of climate change. The fund also aims to encourage access to monuments and improve their presentation. The Scheme has three streams of funding, all of which offer up to 100% of eligible costs.

1. Stream 1: Grants up to €100,000 for essential repairs and capital works for the conservation of archaeological monuments.
2. Stream 2: Grants of up to €30,000 for the development of Conservation Management Plans/Reports and detailed Specification of Works aimed at identifying measures for conservation and maintenance of archaeological monuments.
3. Stream 3: Grants of up to €30,000 for the enhancement of access infrastructure, interpretation projects (including virtual/online) and small scale emergency conservation works, at archaeological monuments.

1. Bandon Playground

The landscaping of the area surrounding the Bandon Playground is now complete. During the course of the works the Bandon Playground Committee installed some concrete bases for outdoor furniture which is being made to order and will be on site in the next few weeks. Some of the pathway have been widened and tarmac applied. This is now also completed making these areas more user friendly going forward.





2. Concession Scheme

The concession scheme for traders on public lands was rolled out again for the period January to June 2024 with a closing date of last Friday. After taking on board comments from the members it was decided to omit the Bandon location in the interest parking facilities. A decision will be made this week with all applicants notified before the Christmas break.

Members asked about funding for Council owned buildings in the town. MDO said if members had any ideas/suggestions to contact him and it can be assessed what will be permitted to be done.

3. Statutory Business

Section 183:

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

Proposed by Cllr. G. Coughlan, seconded by Cllr. A. Coleman.

b) **Notice of Motion: Cllr K Murphy;**

“A full discussion on the current and the future plans for the entire town of Kinsale I’m proposing that we produce the Kinsale Town Traffic Management Plan including the Part 8 passed by the Kinsale Town Council in 2012, and have a full open discussion to update and improve cleaning ,power washing, upgrading the road pavements ,and some footpaths, dereliction and a plan of action for the Buildings under our ownership”.

Not taking from the efforts of Kinsale Tidy Towns, Cllr. Murphy said that Kinsale town was in need of a clean-up, in particular Kinsale Harbour, pavements and the lack of outdoor staff didn’t help the situation. He also mentioned Ballinacubby Estate was in need of maintenance. He complimented Tidy Towns committee on their trojan work and asked that anyone interested in volunteering join up. He suggested a meeting be held in order to identify areas mostly in need of attention.

Cllr. M. O’Sullivan seconded this motion and agreed that funding needed to be spent on public realm in Kinsale. She also said that the Traffic Management Plan in Kinsale in in place since 2009 and there have been in excess of 400 additional houses since.

MDO said that any works would be budget dependent and a priority list could be prepared to discuss with Senior Management Team and members.

Members supported the motion and suggested that a relief road would solve the congestion problem in the town centre.

Notice of Motion: Cllr G. Coughlan

“That Cork County Council would formulate an agreement with Uisce Eireann with regard to the €10 million shortfall for the upgrade of the sewage treatment plant in Crossbarry as expeditiously as possible. This to protect public health, the environment and to stave against rising inflation in capital projects”.

The motion was amended to read the following:

“That Cork County Council would formulate an agreement with Uisce Eireann with regard to the €1.3 million shortfall for the upgrade of the sewage treatment plant in Crossbarry as expeditiously as possible. This to protect public health, the environment and to stave against rising inflation in capital projects”.

Motion seconded by Cllr. K. Murphy. Members supported this motion and asked that the Chief Executive be written to and to raise awareness at CCMA meeting and also to Uisce Eireann.

MDO to arrange for letter to clarify funding received, costs, etc.

Notice of Motion: Cllr G. Coughlan

“That an update be furnished to members of Bandon Kinsale Municipal District as regards the plan for the former Millbrook Hospital site in Bandon”.

As this building isn't in the ownership of Cork County Council, it was decided not to discuss at this forum.

4. Correspondence

No correspondence received.

5. Any Other Business

MDO asked for members approval, following a suggestion by Cllr. S. O'Donovan to hold a reception in honour of William Ross who saved a woman's life recently. It was suggested to try and locate that the other two rescuers who were involved and involve them in a joint reception.

Members raised the following issues needing attention.

Shrubs on bypass overgrown and need to be cut back.

Bandon Bridge pedestrian crossing is in need of additional lighting and also enquired about lights on Clonakilty Road. SEE hoped that these would be done soon.

Members asked for an update on Charlie Hurley Road.

Members requested that the exercise equipment on Glasslyn road be repaired and maintained.

Members asked if it could be examined if a reservoir could be considered for Bandon and Innishannon instead of getting water from Inniscarra. It was suggested that Uisce Eireann be invited to attend a meeting with members.

Scilly walk in need of repair due to subsidence and slippage. MDO informed the meeting that he had met with a consultant and was awaiting a report.

Members asked if landowners could be written to and asked to cut back their hedges.

Members asked that engineers examine the suggestion of a pedestrian crossing from Bolands across to Commercial Hall.

Members raised issue of boats being tied to quay wall.

Members asked about the possibility of right turn junction by Guardwell be made one way from Garda Station direction.

Members asked if Estates Department could be written to about the taking in charge of Haven Hill Estate.

Members requested an update on works on road from Skeough. SEE replied that there are still drainage works to be carried out and that it's Roads Design Office who will be carrying out these works.

Members conveyed thanks from Belgooly School Parent's Association acknowledging works done by Cork County Council. More public lighting was requested from village to school.

Traffic calming measures were requested at Riverstick Hill.

Members asked for repair works on L60762.

Three lights on Pier Road are not working.

Members asked for an update on Part 8 regarding new public toilets. MDO said that the planners report was still to be finalised.

Members asked about the possibility of upgrading the existing walkway from Timoleague to Courtmacsherry.

MDO informed members about an in-committee will be held on January 23rd next at 10 a.m. before the BKMD meeting which will be scheduled to commence at 11 a.m. Also, an online in-committee meeting will be held on 18th January 2023.

At this point Cllr. Sean O'Donovan wished the attendees a Happy Christmas.

Next meeting Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at 11.00 a.m.

This concluded the official business of the meeting.

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23/1/2024