

Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meeting of Bandon Town Council held at the Town Hall, Bandon at 7.00pm Tuesday 9th Feb 2010

Present:

Cllr Gearoid Buckley	Mayor	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Margaret Murphy-O'Mahony	Deputy Mayor	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Rose Holland	Member	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Sean O'Donovan	Member	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Deirdre Lane	Member	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Rachel McCarthy	Member	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Andrew Coleman	Member	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Gillian Coughlan	Member	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Cindy McCarthy	Member	Bandon Town Council

In Attendance:

Mr Noel O'Keefe	Town Manager	Bandon Town Council
Mr Pat Moore	A/Town Clerk	Bandon Town Council
Mr Ray Crowley	Town Engineer	Bandon Town Council

Apologies:

Mr O 'Keefe gave a presentation to the members and the large attendance in the public gallery with Mr Kieran Thornton from WYG Consultants in relation to the Flood in the Lee valley in November 2009 and in particular the Bandon Region. The presentation concentrated on the flood, the aftermath and measures used to combat the water attack which were successful in other parts of the County where relief measures are in place.

Mr Thornton outlined the history of flooding in Bandon from 1681 to present and drawing on facts, figures and research he showed the members the unprecedented level of the water and stated that 383 tonnes of water was flowing through Bandon per sec on the night. The Rainfall reached 126% more that previous occasions and in total a figure of 51.2mm of rain was recorded for Bandon on Nov 19th 2009. He thanked the Opinion for the photographs supplied to him and stated in his opinion based on research and the probability of occurring was estimated at 165-1 of it happening and the average was 100-1 of it happening in Ireland.

1. CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE FOR Tuesday Jan 19th 2010

Proposed: Cllr A Coleman

Seconded: Cllr G Coughlan

2. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BANDON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON Tuesday Jan 19th 2010

Proposed: Cllr G Coughlan

Seconded: Cllr R McCarthy

3. MATTERS ARISING

4. REPORTS FROM TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ENGINEER

Town Manager's Report

- The Town Manager stated that he had already given a report on the flood issue in his presentation but he wished to include the following
- Meeting arranged with officials from the OPW
- Meeting on Wed 10th Feb with Officials from the DOE in relation to the Sewerage Scheme
- He was arranging a meeting with a deputation from the Bandon Action Group
- He has arranged with Mr Hickey from the County Fire department to deliver a presentation to the members at the march meeting in relation to the Cork Emergency Plan and that there would be a community strand incorporated.
- He thanked the Oireachtas committee for their visit and interest in the Flood relief Scheme and their commitment to aid the approval of the Sewerage Scheme.
- Repair work on the N71 was completed taking into account that there is no extra funding allocated and mentioned that there were a number of roads throughout the county in a bad state.
- Cllr Coughlan thanked the manager and stated that there were a number of other roads that needed to be repaired. Mr Crowley said that the grant allocations for 2010 have not been received from the Dept.
- Cllr O'Donovan informed the meeting that he had been in contact with Mr Collins, County Fire Department and he was hoping to arrange a recruiting meeting in March and would have more details for the March meeting

Town Engineer Report

The Town Clerk voiced the following report from Mr Ray Crowley, Town Engineer, on issues raised at the January meeting:

Re: Bandon Town Council Meeting – January 2010

Dear Mr. Moore

I refer to the points raised at the above meeting. As most of the issues raised were answered on the night my response is shorter than normal.

Cllr. R. McCarthy: The light fault on the public bridge will be referred to Paul Collins. The Crossbarry Road will be repaired in due course.

Cllr. G Coughlan. The drains and sewers around town are and will be cleared as often as necessary.

Cllr. Murphy O'Mahony. Potholes will be repaired on an ongoing basis, around the town.

Cllr. Lane. The accounts for the pay parking to end of December will be supplied.

Cllr. Coleman. The pipe outside Shannon's house will be looked at and improved, if possible.

Cllr. Buckley. Branch at Rices Road has been removed. The main sewer at Market Street has been cleared. The site at St. Fintans School will be referred to the Derelict Sites Department, County Hall. Meadowlands Estate has been taken in charge by Cork County Council.

Yours faithfully

Raymond Crowley
Senior Executive Engineer

5. REPORTS FROM SUB_COMMITTEES

St Patrick's Day: Met in January and stated the following

- Bandon Youth Pipe Band would be available to play on the day
- Waiting for a response from the Ambulance Pipe Band
- Programme would be on the same lines as 2009
- Fundraising would take place in Feb for Street entertainment
- Asking traders for €20.00 per business towards cost
- Intended to ask the Defence Forces to take part
- No decision on the Grand Marshal yet
- Red Cross would be helping with Stewarding
- Thanked Teresa McCarthy, committee secretary for her Trojan work
- On a proposal by Cllr O'Donovan seconded by Cllr Murphy-O'Mahony it was agreed to donate €2000.00 towards the costs of the parade.
- Cllr O'Donovan stated he was hosting a table quix in his establishment to fundraise for the occasion.

Recreation & Amenity: Cllr Coleman reported that

- A public Launch was arranged for 20th March, more details at the March meeting
- Swimming Pool was discussed. Cllr C McCarthy stated that Mr Lucey had not sent in detailed accounts asked of him.
- In response to Cllr Buckley's query, Mr O'Keeffe stated that the Co Manager had written to Mr Lucey stating the Council's were not interested in the proposal. Mr O'Keeffe told the members he would discuss this issue with them in camera.

Web Site: Cllr Lane will have a presentation for the March meeting

MPC: Cllr Lane stated that the committee will meet in March and was asked to defer until then by the Garda Superintendent who was unavailable at present

JPC: Cllr O'Donovan reported on a good meeting in Jan where Mr Geary, from PTE delivered an excellent presentation non CCTV to the Committee. On Cllr O'Donovan's proposal seconded by Cllr McCarthy it was agreed to engage Mr Geary to prepare a scoping report and also to prepare the necessary documentation to make an application to An Pobal for Grant Aid.

Area Roads: The Mayor apologised he did not make the meeting but assured members that he would attend the remainder.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion received from Cllr R McCarthy for discussion:

"That Bandon Town Council calls on the Government to ban "Head Shops" in Ireland"

After a brief discussion of the members who were all in favour of the motion which was seconded by Cllr Buckley, it was agreed to circulate to all town council and to also submit to Area Roads for the next meeting.

Motion from Cllr Murphy -O'Mahony> It was agreed to take this motion and circulate it to Area Roads, Oireachtas members, Bandon Area County Council Members and to also write to Bill Collins and the CEO of 96FM. Proposed by Cllr Murphy-O'Mahony and seconded: Cllr Coleman.

"Bandon Town Council calls for the full return of C103 to Bandon to cover the West Cork area. We should keep the LOCAL in local radio. We want our radio station to cover LOCAL issues, report LOCAL news and LOCAL sporting activities and we also want it to provide an outlet for LOCAL voices"

It was agreed that Cllr Coughlan prepare a motion and submit to the Town Clerk in connection with the introduction of a Bottle bank on Glaslinn Road for inclusion at the February meeting of Area Roads. Cllr Coleman seconded:

"In light of Cork County Council's policy of non-provision of glass recycling facilities (Bottle Banks) in towns which are serviced by Civic Amenity Sites, Bandon Town Council calls on Cork County Council to facilitate those without transport by integrating a glass collection scheme to the existing refuse and recyclables collection service".

7. NOTICES OF MOTION FROM OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES

- **Motion from Killarney Town Council calling on the Minister for Enterprise and Employment to ensure the retention of the minimum wage. Read**

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- The Town Clerk read the following correspondence:
 - Preliminary Notice of LAMA Conference
 - Erin Ashworth from Employ Ability Services offering to deliver a presentation to the members. It was agreed to invite her to do a presentation in April.
 - Cork County Council with the results of the Co Board draw. Cllr D Byrne from Passage was announced as the representative from the non-rating Town Councils
 - IPA re Information Seminar for members in Waterford on 24th March 2010. The following have elected to attend: Cllrs G Buckley; G Coughlan; R McCarthy; S O'Donovan; D Lane and C McCarthy. It was agreed to take two cars to the venue as a cost saving measure.
 - Letter from Brian Crowley MEP making representation on behalf of St Brogans College.
 - Letter from St Brogans Parent association
 - Costing re Bus Lay-by from Town Engineer.
 - It was agreed that the Town manager in his capacity as Co Engineer would look at the site in question and deliver his opinion to the March meeting.
 - Tidy Town Handbook from DOE. Given to Cllr Lane who is a member of the Tidy Towns Committee
 - Cork County Council stating Waste Management Policy on Bottle Banks—Cllr Coughlan to submit motion for Area Roads
 - Cork County Council copy of draft Cork airport Special Local Area Plan 2010—Public Consultation Draft. Cllrs Buckley and Coughlan expressed an interest in receiving a copy of this. Town Clerk to contact Planning Policy Unit.
 - Correspondence from Deputy O'Keeffe in relation to Head shops
 - Correspondence from deputy O'Keeffe in relation to grant aid for CCTV

9. MATTERS FOR THE TOWN ENGINEER

Cllr R McCarthy

- Playground equipment needs to be checked. Mr Crowley stated that this equipment is checked on a regular basis.
- Grass cutting in Ard na Chuilinn Estate 2010.
- Funding for non-national Roads. Mr Crowley stated that the funding was not announced but he was expecting same by the end of February.

Cllr S O'Donovan

- Public Lighting at St Bridgids Terrace
- Eircom cover dangerous
- Light for the playground is shining onto the Cluid Car Park
- Raised the issue of derelict Sites. Mr Crowley stated that there is a section in Co Hall dealing with this whom he will contact for an update.
- Questioned if paint could be provided to shopkeepers to improve the look of the town. Mr Crowley agreed to supply paint where required if people were prepared to carry out the painting.

Cllr G Coughlan

- Enquired if the Town could be made brighter
- Concurred on the Playground re equipment and cleaning.
- Proposed yellow lines for the area known as the Shambles on Kilbrogan Hill. Seconded by Cllr Holland and agreed. Mr Crowley to arrange for same to be painted.

Cllr Margaret Murphy-O'Mahony

- Footpath on Emmet Row-Allen Sq. Mr Crowley to look at same.
- Drain on the Dunmanway Road was not provided after road-works. Mr Crowley stated that he saw it but unfortunately it was too late to fit a drain.

Cllr D Lane

- Asked about the Cluid Car park. Mr Crowley said it was now in use, there was no lining and no funding at present to carry out this work.
- Cllr Lane asked Mr Crowley if he had a programme of works for 2010. He responded stating that he would be unable to prepare this until he knew how much funding he would be allocated and he also stated that the majority of the funding would go towards road repairs.
- Mr Crowley responded to another question from Cllr Lane in relation to other funding saying he was hopeful that Cork County Council would provide funding to match the grant allocation for footpaths

that were agreed in 2009 but that this work would depend on the allocation from Cork County Council.

Cllr R Holland

- Complained that the Children's playground was filthy and asked Mr Crowley if he could arrange to have it cleaned and disinfected. Mr Crowley stated he would inspect it and would arrange to have it cleaned.

Cllr C McCarthy

- Asked if Wetherton Estate was taken in charge. Mr Crowley stated that a deputation visited the Town Hall last year and were asked to provide a design for the entrance which was acceptable to all of the residents. This was not submitted to date.
- Anti-social behaviour in private estates had the County Council any powers to deal with this. Town Clerk to investigate.
- How many estates in Bandon unfinished, Cllr Buckley to raise at Area Roads
- Update on Ballymoden gates. Mr Crowley said that there was a legal issue with this and that Cork County Council would not be prepared to proceed as there could be insurance issues. Cllr O'Donovan asked if a public light could be provided. Town Clerk to write to Paul Collins.

Cllr A Coleman

- Serious issue in relation to illegal dumping of rubbish at Sealy's Lane
- Clean gullies, traps and drains
- Local Authority Housing, houses unoccupied check when houses will be filled.

Mayor G Buckley

- Rubbish dumped in Parnell Street an ongoing problem. Town Clerk to contact Chief Litter Warden, Mr Jim Dooley. Mr Dooley has been invited to the next meeting of the JPC in April.

10. AOB

- Cllr Murphy-O'Mahony asked for an update on Broadband. Town Clerk wrote to the Senior Ex Engineer but has not received a reply to-date. Will contact him again.
 - Asked if local issues could be moved up the agenda as she felt they were not getting enough air time. Proposed by Cllr Murphy-O'Mahony and Seconded by Cllr O'Donovan. Motion re C103 FM. To forward to Town Clerk for circulation.
 - Complimented those involved in the cleaning of the wall between St Peters and the Car park.
- Cllr O'Donovan thanked the Oireachtas Committee for their visit to Bandon.
 - Queried qualifications of Senior Planners and stated that he heard that those in charge had no formal qualifications. Mr O'Keeffe responded and stated that while the Director of Service was not a planner the people who made the recommendations, Senior Planners and Senior Executive Planners were all fully qualified. It was a requirement for the position. Those positions are filled by the Local Appointments Commission (LAC).
 - In response to a question relating to damage created by the flood, Mr Crowley stated that some work had started and he was expecting a contractor to start shortly to carry out more work. Mr O'Keeffe stated that work in the river would not start until May with the agreement of the Fisheries and consultation with other stakeholders.
 - The mayor stated he would be unable to attend the Conference due to another engagement. As there was no other member available to attend in his place it was agreed to defer the appointment of a substitute representative.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 9th March 2010 at 6.30pm.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting

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