

Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meeting of Bandon Town Council held at the Town Hall, Bandon at 7.00pm Tuesday 11th May 2010

Present:

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 Gearoid Buckley	Mayor	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Andrew Coleman	Member	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Gillian Coughlan	Member	Bandon Town Council

In Attendance:

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

Apologies:

Mr Ray Crowley	Town Engineer	Bandon Town Council

1. CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE FOR Tuesday April 13th 2010

Proposed: Cllr Murphy-O'Mahony:

Seconded: Cllr Lane

2. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BANDON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON Tuesday April 13th 2010

Proposed: Cllr Murphy-O'Mahony

Seconded: Cllr C McCarthy

3. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Buckley raised a previous concern in relation to a Pedestrian Crossing that he had discussed with Mr Crowley and asked for it to be discussed by the MPC .

Cllr Coleman congratulated Mr O'Keefe for his effort and work on the transferring of the Green to Cork County Council

4. REPORTS FROM TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ENGINEER

Town Manager's Report

- Mr O'Keeffe stated that he had two meetings with the OPW and had received approval to progress the following
 - i. In partnership with Riverview Shopping Centre, Lidl, Cork Co Co, Bandon Town Council and the OPW the Early Warning System would be installed. Manager was in discussion with the supplier for same.
 - ii. In partnership with Riverview Shopping Centre, Lidl, Cork Co Co, Bandon Town Council Funding to clean the river was in place and he intended to meet with dept of Fisheries Inspectors and proceed with this work in June. He stressed that this work would be limited as the major investment was the Early warning System.
 - iii. Clean the eye on the bridges
 - iv. He informed members that Lidl and Riverview Shopping Centre intended to raise the river-banks at their own expense. The Members welcomed this news and on a proposal from Cllr Coleman it was agreed to write to both businesses and thank them.
 - v. With regards to the repair of the walls, the Manager assured the Members that he would seek funding in 2011 to carry out this work.
- The Manager circulated the DOEHLG List of Approved schemes for funding and stated that while monies have been allocated there was an onus on Cork County Council to fund 30% of those schemes. Funding for the Sewerage Scheme has been allocated at €12m but Cork County Council will have to part fund this to the tune of €4m approx. He also stated that he intended to carry out an air survey of areas that were zoned for planning where development would not be carried out in the foreseeable future. The current system for capital works takes account of all development from 2002. The Local Authority has to part fund for Industrial and Commercial Sections and Development Contributions for housing pre 2002 is also included. In the current economic climate this was a giant hurdle for local authorities to deal with. The manager suggested that the Members try and raise support to have the DOEHLG re-examine the current scheme and put a new scheme in place that would result in 100% funding.. He also stated that he intended to put the contract out to tender in his role as Co Engineer.
- It was agreed to prepare and submit a motion for the next meeting for agreement and distribution to all of the other local authorities.
- N71 was ongoing and he had procured €3m in funding and was allocating €1m of this for the road from Innishannon to Bandon.
- In response to questions relating to Bord Gais laying the new gas main through Innishannon Mr O'Keeffe stated that he intended to meet with officials from this company and discuss the best possible method to complete the works without

too much disruption and he assured the members that the road would be reinstated to its current condition.

- The works on the Innishannon Road would be completed in July-August, the road will be one –way with traffic signals in operation. It was unfortunate but the monies will have to be spent in 2010 and the work has to be fully completed by September.
- St Brogans School: Mr O’Keeffe stated that he anticipated that Mr Peter O’Donoghue would have a report completed by June and he would brief Mr Mullane who will be acting for him in June.
- In response to questions regarding affordable housing being used for social needs the Manager stated that this imitative would be introduced in the near future and that the housing stock owned by Cork County council would be utilised.

Town Engineer Report

Re: Bandon Town Council – April 2010 Meeting

1. Check on Planning Permission for Head Shop. This has already been responded to.
2. Condition of Road Surface at Cork Road. This will be patched, but unfortunately not overlaid.
3. Damaged riverside footpath. This will be repaired later in the summer.
4. Life buoys along riverside. These will be erected.
5. Relocate Pedestrian crossing on Clonakilty Road. This will be discussed with the NRA. There are for and against arguments in this proposal.
6. The yellow box junction at Bank Place will be relined in the near future.
7. Trees along Bandon Bypass. Cork County Council will not cut these trees as they are not considered to be dangerous.
8. The Pearse Street Loading Bay will be looked at and properly converted to a morning only loading bay.
9. Pipe at Macroom Road. The broken pipe near the Town Park on the Macroom Road will be repaired in the near future.

5. LOCAL ISSUES:

- Cllr Murphy-O’Mahony invited members to participate in the Ritchie O’Neill walk.
- Cllr Lane complimented An Foroige for the work completed in the Town and for works ongoing in particular the children’s playground and the painting of some shop-fronts in the town.
- Also congratulations were extended to the Tidy Towns Committee and thanked her fellow councillors, Cllr Murphy-O’Mahony and Cllr R McCarthy for their involvement.

- Cllr C McCarthy passed comment that the Head Shop in bandon was closed and was informed that the Minister for Health had introduced new legislation which came into effect at midnight where 90% of goods for sale ion the head shops was prohibited and that the penalties were very severe. Cllr R McCarthy thanked the Town Council for their support for her motion on Head Shops.
- Cllr Coughlan raised the issue of signage in the town. She complimented the traders who maintained the old style frontage and encouraged others to do like wise.

6. REPORTS FROM SUB_COMMITTEES

St Patrick's Day:

Recreation & Amenity:

The Manager announced that he would arrange for €20,000 to be transferred from the capital account to aid the MUGA project. Cllr Coleman welcomed this commitment and thanked the Manager on behalf of the Members. He stated that the Members were hoping to progress this venture in the next 4-6 weeks. Cllr Murphy-O'Mahony thanked Cllr Coleman for all of his hard work. The other members concurred and also thanked the executive for their help and support.

Web Site:

Cllr Lane reported that she had met with Trevor Collins and that he was now in a position to deliver the issues discussed with the Town Council. It was felt that Mr Collins should be given the opportunity to progress the Web Site and it was agreed to defer any decision until the next meeting.

MPC:

Cllr Lane stated that the committee would be meeting in June

JPC:

Cllr O'Donovan reported that a meeting was held in April, a report was received from Mr Geary, Consultant and that the Garda were looking at the recommended placement for the CCTV Cameras and would be discussed again in July.

Area Roads:

The Mayor reported that various local issues were discussed.

UDC Status:

Cllr Buckley stated that three members met on 7th May to discuss this issue. Different proposals were discussed. He felt that all of the former Town Commissioners should band together and seek upgrading as a group and that Bandon should write to all of the other town councils seeking their support for unity. Cllr Lane felt that Bandon should process the application independently as they would have a better chance of being upgraded. After a short discussion it was agreed that the Town Council Members would meet as a group and agree how to progress the application.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION –MEMBERS

None

8. NOTICES OF MOTION FROM OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Motion in relation to amending the eligibility criteria for the Mortgage Interest Supplement having regard to the existing anomalies contained in the scheme: Motion was taken as read.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- The Town Clerk read the following correspondence:
 - Monaghan Town Council Head Shops support for BTC motion
 - Confirmation from CCC: ref: Town Council Representatives on SPC's
 - IPA Third Level Programme 2010-2011
 - Access in connection with placement of Wheelie-Bins. It was agreed to submit a motion to Area Roads in support of this correspondence which highlights the serious obstruction caused to members of the Wheelchair association. Town Clerk to draft motion for Mayor to deliver.
 - Bandon United in Action
 - Living Links-Official Launch of the West Cork Group
 - Celtic Conferences; Conference in relation to formation of JPC's. It was agreed that Cllr O'Donovan and Cllr C McCarthy would attend. The Town Clerk stated that in negotiations with the conference organisers the rate was reduced by 50% for former Town Commissioner Town Councils.

- Invitation from Bandon Music Festival for the launch of the Music Festival.
- AMAI Newsletter

10. MATTERS FOR THE TOWN ENGINEER

Cllr R McCarthy

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Cllr S O'Donovan

- Erection of flashing amber lights for St Brogan's school.
- Road surface at Brady's Lane
- Children at play signs and slow signs in Clancool Richmond Court area.
- Is the Glasslyn Estate Upper and Lower taken in charge by Cork Co Co?

Cllr Margaret Murphy-O'Mahony

- Clean the drain outside no 63 South Main St, water lodging
- Sign at Cul de Sac in Greenfield, "Turning Point Only". Cars are parked here constantly and some have for sale signs, people are finding it hard to turn.

Cllr D Lane

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Cllr R Holland

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Cllr C McCarthy

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Cllr A Coleman

- Repair to the damaged quay wall,(north Side) near Cavendish Court building, on Market Quay Bandon
- Provision of double Yellow Lines on sections of Doherty Road, where road narrows and on street parking is narrowing pathway
- Possible provision of Double Yellow lines in turning areas of some estates in Bandon, eg Greenfields, Belfry Heights, Bandon
- The erection of signs and fencing near the Car Park at Footbridge-Cluid, where there is a problem of trespass onto the weir site
- Removal of tree and piping on the weir Bandon
- Repair to upper Ballylangley road, Bandon

Cllr G Buckley

- Cut trees in Thornfield
- Cut trees opposite the Fire Station

11. AOB

- Cllr C McCarthy had an issue in relation to a recent article in “The Opinion” where she was quoted as passing a comment which she repudiated.

- Members raised another article in the Opinion which they felt was a step backwards to the Town Council who had bonded very well over the past few months and were dealing with a lot of issues. It was felt that this was trying to create an innuendo that there were serious issues within the council which was not the case. They felt that there were quite a number of positive issues discussed which should have been reported. Cllr Coleman stated that he had given an apology as had the Mayor in advance of the last Town Council meeting, all parties were aware that neither of them would be present and stated that the article was totally unacceptable and was damaging to the Town Council. Cllr Murphy-O’Mahony stated that she had tendered an apology for Cllr Coughlan. There was a unanimous agreement that the Town Clerk would write to Mr Goggin, Editor of “The Opinion” asking for a retraction and an apology.

- Cllr Murphy-O’Mahony complimented Cllr O’Donovan for his role in setting up the Civil Defence Unit and stated that this was a very positive spin from the Town Council and was an important issue for the Town but there was no mention of it in “The Opinion”

- Cllr Lane extended an invitation to attend the soccer club awards on the 28th May

- The Manager was asked for a meeting to discuss the review of pay-parking. Thursday 27th May at 5pm was agreed. This meeting will be held in camera.

- Condolences were extended to Cllr Holland on the recent death of her mother. Members complimented Cllr Holland for the care and attention she bestowed to her mother in her illness and also for her work with Bandon Community Hospital. Cllr Holland thanked the members for their support.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 8th June 2010 at 7.00pm.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting

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