

**Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meeting of Bandon Town Council held at the Town Hall, Bandon at 6.00pm Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2010**

**Present:**

Cllr Margaret Murphy-O'Mahony	Mayor	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Deirdre Lane	Member	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Rachel McCarthy	Member	Bandon Town Council
Cllr C McCarthy	Member	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Andrew Coleman	Member	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Gillian Coughlan	Member	Bandon Town Council

**In Attendance:**

Mr Tony Mullane	A/Manager	Bandon Town Council
Mr Pat Moore	Town Clerk	Bandon Town Council

**Apologies:**

Cllr Sean O'Donovan	Deputy Mayor	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Rose Holland	Member	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Gearoid Buckley	Mayor	Bandon Town Council
Mr Noel O'Keeffe	Town Manager	Bandon Town Council
Ms Ray Crowley	Town Engineer	Bandon Town Council

**1. Confirmation of attendance the monthly meeting of Bandon Town Council held on Tuesday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 2010**

**Proposed: Cllr Coleman**  
**Seconded: Cllr Coughlan**

**2. Confirmation of the minutes of the monthly meeting of Bandon Town Council held on Tuesday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 2010**

**Proposed: Cllr Coleman**  
**Seconded: Cllr Coughlan**

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

4. Cllr Rachel McCarthy corrected the mins of the September meeting to include the following: Cllr R McCarthy congratulated the Kilmacsimon Swimming **and Rowing** Club on their achievement in winning **three gold medals** and a silver medal recently.

## **5. REPORTS FROM TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ENGINEER**

### **Town Manager's Report**

- Mr Mullane presented the Managers Report:
- Cork County Council has now completed emergency works to remove gravel from the River Bandon before October's spawning season deadline.
- Contractors removed approximately 2,250 cubic metres of material from a stretch of the river between 50 metres upstream of the Bandon Bridge and 100 metres downstream. The cost of the works was estimated at between €40,000 and €50,000.
- Cork County Council has now moved on to the next phase of the interim works which consists of repairing and raising the walls at Market Quay. These works, costing €50,000 approximately are due to commence in two weeks time and completed by the end of the year.
- Feasibility of FEWS completed by UCC. Digitisation of OPW river level records completed by Council engineering staff. Contract awarded for consultancy and IT services for the analysis and development of the FEWS model / communication system (web based) to RPS. OPW examining reliability of existing level gauges for use in the FEWS. The FEWS will predict advance warning of five to six hours of the potential for flooding of the River Bandon which will be conveyed to traders and householders in the potential danger zones.
- Additionally, €300,000 has already been spent repairing walls on the Clonakilty Road.
- Progress has also been made on the major scheme estimated to cost €9.5 million. Phase II of the process of appointing consultants, has commenced and should be completed in November. Detailed design of the scheme will start shortly thereafter.
- Aerial and topographical surveying is in progress.
- Cork County Council will advertise to prequalify contractors for the Bandon Sewerage Scheme Phase II which is estimated to cost €12 million. These works will include separation of storm water and foul water drains which will provide further flood relief and in particular flash flooding caused by convective rain.
- Cllr Coleman complimented the Manager in his actions with both the river cleaning and tackling the drainage issue. He said it showed the commitment that Mr O'Keeffe had to Bandon that he was prepared to face prosecution to ensure that the work was completed in the river to help allay the fears of the townspeople.
- The Mayor concurred with Cllr Coleman and stated that the advertising of the Drainage was a positive advancement and commended Mr O'Keeffe for seizing the initiative. The other members present also complimented Mr O'Keeffe and thanked him for his endeavours. Cllr R McCarthy questioned the advance notice that the local County Councillors received before the Town Councillors but the Town Clerk stated that this was for legal reasons as Cork County Council had made the decision to carry out the works and that body would be liable to prosecution and that the Town Council would not have been implicated.
- Mr Mullane in response to Cllr Coughlan stated that the Main Drainage contract would be subject to funding and that Mr O'Keeffe intended to pursue this

avenue once he had received the tenders and had an overall cost for the programme.

### **Town Engineer Report**

1. Pedestrian crossing at Macroom Road. The volumes of traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian do not justify the construction of a crossing.
2. New footpath outside the Meat Factory. The footpath was constructed by the Factory owners, on their own land and after prior consultation with the County Council.
3. Alteration of the one way Traffic Systems in the Town Centre. This is not a practical suggestion and would cause very significant traffic congestion in the Town. The suggestion was discussed at the last meeting of the Bandon MPC and was unanimously rejected
4. Trailers parked on the Dunmanway Road. These have been removed.
5. Manhole covers needing to be raised. When a sufficient number of covers need to be raised a contractor will be employed to carry out this work.
6. Erect Children at Play signs at Sean Buckley Park. These will be erected.
7. Mobile Vegetable retailing van on South Main Street. There are no Casual Trading Laws in force in Bandon. Therefore, this van cannot be legally prevented from trading. The van is, however, paying parking charges.
8. Tree planting to the Town Centre. This can be carried out if suitable areas can be identified.
9. Potholes on Glenview Estate. These will be filled.
10. Loose paving bricks on North Main Street and McSweeney Quay. These will be repaired.
11. Flower beds on the New Road. The poor quality of the workmanship on these beds has been brought to the attention of the NRA.
12. Potholes on various streets / roads around town. These will be filled.
13. Well Road. Double yellow lines have been painted on one side of Well Road at the approach to the Fire Station. The area is not suitable for the construction of bollards on the street.

## **6. MATTERS FOR THE TOWN ENGINEER**

### **Cllr Murphy-O'Mahony:**

- Lorry Trailer abandoned on the Dunmanway Road was removed and the Mayor would like to thank the Engineer for securing the area to avoid a recurrence.
- The days are getting shorter and people are walking in possible dangerous circumstance due to the poor public lighting in the town.
- Requested the erection of signage for the Bantry & Dunmanway Road at the Brogan Inn.

- Asked if a footpath could be considered to the Muga site.
- Stated that more signage was needed especially on the Northern Road to direct people into the town centre

**Cllr Coleman:**

- Highlighted the number of derelict sites in the town and the need for proper guidelines to be put in place to ensure the safety and security of half-developed sites that were susceptible to vandalism.

**Cllr Coughlan:**

- Asked if the Maid of Erin Statue could be cleaned.
- Erection of a sign for the playground and also for the free car park at the Cluid Development.
- Asked if representations could be made to improve the gradient on the by-pass. Town Clerk to write to NRA.

**Cllr Lane**

- Light at Knockbrogan Place, asked if Mr O’Keeffe had pursued this issue as it was ongoing with a number of years. The Town Clerk to raise with Mr Collins the Lighting Engineer.
- Also asked for additional signage especially in relation to the cost of pay-parking and how economical it was to park and shop in the town.
- Was the Riverbank on the Glasslin Road which had collapsed being repaired.

**Cllr C McCarthy**

- Asked if the road at Richmond Court could be looked at and repaired

**Cllr R McCarthy**

- No 8 Ardan , wall had collapsed here when the footpaths were laid and the house owner was not satisfied with the re-instatement
- Asked for the wall at the rear of the playground to be repaired..

## **7. LOCAL ISSUES:**

Cllr R McCarthy congratulated John Keohane on his achievement in reaching the world championship.

Suggested that the Town Council consider how to honour people's achievements: It was agreed that the members would meet and shortlist for an awards presentation to be held in Dec.

Mayor Murphy-O'Mahony asked if the traffic warden could monitor the disabled drivers parking as there were motorists taking advantage.

Congratulated the Bandon Golf Club on their success in winning the Ladies Challenge Cup and the Men's Gold Cup

Congratulations to the 7 Girl guides who received the Gold Award: Orla Crowley, Niamh Hill, Laura McSweeney, Ellie Mahony, Elaine Manley, Nicole Murray and Megan Wilmot

Congratulations to the Bandon under 16 hurlers who defeated St Finnbarrs in the Co Final.

Complimented the County Council on re-opening Murragh Bridge:

Paid tribute to the Committee and all who were involved in the Engage Festival:

## **8. REPORTS FROM SUB\_COMMITTEES**

### **St Patrick's Day:**

### **Recreation & Amenity:**

Cllr Coleman informed the members that the contractor was starting work this week. He thanked the Area office for its support.

Asked the Tidy Town for copies of their drawings for proposed work on the Community Garden

### **Web Site:**

Cllr Lane stated this group had not met but she would arrange a meeting and have a report for the November meeting.

**MPC:**

Did not meet

**JPC:**

Meeting scheduled for Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct

**Area Roads:**

The Mayor thanked Cllr Alan Coleman for proposing the motion in relation to the cleaning of the river and to the Members of Cork County Council for their support

**AMAI**

**MOTIONS:**

Proposed by Cllr R McCarthy: *"That this Council will write to the Minister for Communications, Energy & Natural Resources and the Minister of Social Protection to meet with Electricity providers in the country to seek out a payment plan whereby people who are in arrears with their bills are not disconnected and that they will be exempt from the disconnection charge also"*

Seconded by Cllr c McCarthy and agreed unanimously. Town Clerk to write to both Ministers:

Motion from Clonakilty in relation to modification of cars: It was agreed to refer this issue to the JPC meeting.

Motion from Monaghan Town Council in relation to the increase in ESB charges: It was agreed to include this in the letters to the Ministers and point out the pressure such increases are putting people under.

**Correspondence:**

The following correspondence was read.

Macroom Town Council notification that the motion on WSIP projects was adopted

Letter from Ms V Neville seeking permission for the sale of 20 Clancool: Agreed unanimously on the proposal of Cllr Coleman, seconded by Cllr R McCarthy

Notification from County Hall re the County Development Plan 2009 Variation Number 2 Wind Energy Policy:

Letter from Fleming & Barrett Sols in relation to the Bandon Mace:

Response from Minister Martin to the Gazza motion:

**UDC Status:**

Cllr C McCarthy was elected as chair of the Committee.

**Walled Town:**

Cllr Coughlan met with Co Architects with Cllr lane. Met with Heritage Officer, positive meeting. Stated that as membership was expensive they were offered support with their application: Met with Minister Hannifin: seeking to purchase a wall map.

**AOB**

Bandon United in Action were holding a table quiz and members were asked to support same.

The Cultural Festival was complimented for their excellent work

Members were asked to support the Town Hall open night and it was agreed that the Council Chamber would be manned to provide information on the Town Council

That concluded the order of business and the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct

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