

Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meeting of Bandon Town Council held at the Town Hall, Bandon at 6.00pm Tuesday 14th Dec 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
Cllr Sean O'Donovan	Deputy Mayor	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Rose Holland	Member	Bandon Town Council
Cllr Gearoid Buckley	Mayor	Bandon Town Council

In Attendance:

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

Apologies:

Mr Noel O'Keeffe	Town Manager	Bandon Town Council

Prior to the start of the meeting Ms Margaret Kissane outlined in a presentation to the Members of the Town Council the tremendous training that is being undertaken by the Beauty Training College located in Bandon. She listed the various qualifications on offer but emphasised that she was receiving very little support from the state agencies in the region. She stated that to-date she has been very successful with her Graduate's placements but in the current climate she was experiencing difficulties and informed the Members that she would appreciate any assistance that could be provided. The Members spoke highly of Margaret's college and it was a general consensus that it was of enormous benefit to Bandon and it would be shameful to see it go. It was unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk would write to the Minister for Education and ask for the college to be designated as an outreach centre which should be grant funded.

1. Confirmation of attendance for the annual budget meeting and the monthly meeting of Bandon Town Council held on Tuesday 14th Nov 2010

Proposed: Cllr A Coleman

Seconded: Cllr S O'Donovan

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the annual budget meeting of Bandon Town Council held on Tuesday Nov 14th 2010

Proposed: Cllr C McCarthy

Seconded: Cllr M Murphy-O'Mahony, Mayor

3. Confirmation of the minutes of the monthly meeting of Bandon Town Council held on Tuesday Nov 14th 2010

Proposed: Cllr G Coughlan

Seconded: Cllr R McCarthy

4. MATTERS ARISING

- Manager asked that the mins for Nov be amended to state that the prequalification for the contractor on the Bandon Sewerage Scheme will not be taking place until early 2011.

5. REPORTS FROM TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ENGINEER

Town Manager's Report

Mr Mullane acting as Town Manager on behalf of Mr O'Keeffe delivered the following report

- The Draft programme for Bandon Main Flood Scheme is updated
- The Consultants have been appointed and the design has commenced
- The main consultants appointed are WYG (Kieran Thornton) JV with JBA consult (Mark Morris)
- Environmental Consultants appointed are Ryan Hanley and McCarthy Keville O'Sullivan
- Public information gathering day to be held on 25th Jan 2011 from 3pm for public all ideas welcomed , Consultants and CCC will be present The consultants will be available to meet with the elected members of tye Bandon Area from 2pm

- Public launch of Flood Early warning system (FEWS) on Wed 15th December from 12.00 hrs -19.00hrs
- Contract documents for Bandon Sewerage main scheme corrected as per DEHLG requirements and resubmitted to DEHLG for final approval ,which is now awaited
- Prequalification of Contractors to take place early in new year

In response to Cllr R McCarthy query in relation to domestic water freezing he stated that this was a national issue and that the water mains were laid at a depth of 1metre in accordance with regulations and those connections to domestic users is recommended at .5 of a metre but that this is not always complied with. Each householder is responsible for their own connection and maintenance of same.

Cllr r McCarthy commended the staff of CCC for their work during the bad weather but felt that more can have been done to assist motorists and pedestrians by providing grit for use by the public. Mr Crowley stated that Council policy was not to provide the grit initially but that this had changed and grit was now available from the council depot if needed during working hours.

Cllr Coleman concurred with Cllr McCarthy in thanking the CCC staff for their tremendous work in the bad weather and condoned the attacks on the staff while they were working.

Mr Mullane clarified to Cllr Lane that the Consultant was appointed for the flood relief scheme but that the pre-qualification for the contractor would not take place until early 2011.

Town Engineer Report

1. Entry and exit markings on Ballymoden Car Park. These will be re-painted. However, it will be 2011 before the road line painters are in the Area again.
2. Road Surfaces in various locations around the Town in poor condition. Potholes will be filled in these locations. However, there is no funding available for any substantial road surface repair works.
3. Loose bricks will be repaired in various areas of footpaths around the town.
4. Deerpark / O'Mahony Avenue junction. This will be looked at and sight distances improved if possible.
5. Gullies / Sewers at Deerpark are cleaned on an ongoing basis.
6. Glasslinn Road junction. This is a difficult junction to regulate traffic. Previously traffic lights were installed and operated on the junction for a number of years. However, these were removed as many vehicle owners objected to

what were perceived as long delays and hold ups caused by the traffic lights. The traffic is now moving more freely, however this should be referred to the MPC for discussion where an input from the Gardai would be welcomed.

7. Damaged speed limit signs will be repaired.
8. The possibility of a bulb out at the junction of Oliver Plunkett Street and Well Road will be assessed.
9. Signs indicating car parks are erected where appropriate. The one off street car park which has pay parking has signs indicating this.

6. MATTERS FOR THE TOWN ENGINEER

Cllr Murphy-O'Mahony:

- Asked Mr Crowley to investigate the footpath outside Farrell's
- Asked if Mr Crowley would consider providing cycle lanes in the town and surrounding area.

Cllr Coughlan:

- Highlighted the poor lighting in the town and asked Mr Crowley if he would investigate it
- Queried the position regarding the MUGA Development. Cllr Coleman said that he would deal with this in his report
- Again raised the issue for the provision of information signs in the town

Cllr Lane

- Asked if the NRA had responded to . The Town Clerk in reply stated that he had received no response to-date but would write again in Jan
- Mr Crowley was disappointed to hear that the contractor appointed for the work in Ardan had not dealt with the issue and said he would follow up and have a response for the Jan meeting
- Mr Crowley responded to Cllr Lane's query in relation to the budget allocation for Bandon stating that an overall budget was allocated for the area and it was up to him to manage it to the best of his ability. The only specified allocation was for the footpath refurbishment but none had been received for 2010.

Cllr C McCarthy

- Cllr C McCarthy again raised the state of signs in the town and surrounds and stated that CCC should look into providing a specification for same. The Town Clerk said that this type of signage was not allowed and that CCC could not provide a specification. Mr Crowley said this was a countywide problem which needed to be dealt with.

Cllr R McCarthy

- Asked Mr Crowley to that the Contractor working on the Kilbrogan Development would clean the road as it was in an appalling condition

Cllr S O'Donovan

- Asked if the issue in relation to the Cluid car park could be dealt with as it is ongoing for a while.

7. LOCAL ISSUES:

Cllr Murphy-O'Mahony:

- Thanked the staff in Bandon for their work during the bad weather
- Asked the Town Clerk to write to Mr McGeary, Cio3FM and thank him for the weather warnings provided by the station.
- Welcomed the upcoming public information meetings in relation to the early warning system and the flood relief project
- Congratulated the Bandon United in Action on the success of the family fun day.
- Thanked Cllr Holland for the Remembrance Tree and Billy Cahalane who provided the site.

Cllr Coughlan:

- Concurred with the Mayor in thanking the council staff and congratulating the Bandon United in Action Group.

- Asked if the Town Clerk could write to Bus Eireann and seek the extension of the Bus Service to a later time.

Cllr R McCarthy

- Highlighted the need to support St Vincent de Paul this year and urged those in need to contact them for assistance.

Cllr S O'Donovan

- Highlighted the parking problem in Brady's Lane and Glasslin Road which was currently free parking but that there were a lot of people parking there all day and there was no room for customers of the local businesses. Asked if there was an option to either put a time restriction on the parking spaces or if they could be included in the pay-parking zone. It was agreed to refer this issue to the next meeting of the MPC

8. REPORTS FROM SUB_COMMITTEES

St Patrick's Day:

No meeting

Recreation & Amenity:

Cllr Coleman informed the members that the project was nearing completion and was hoping for an official launch in Feb

Web Site:

No meeting

MPC:

Cllr Lane said she would organise a meeting in early 2011

JPC:

Next meeting was scheduled for 29th April 2011

Area Roads:

The Mayor gave a brief summary on the Nov meeting

UDC Status:

No meeting

Walled Town:

No meeting

9. MOTIONS

North Tipperary County Council in relation to JPCs. Taken as read:

Monaghan Town Council in relation to fuel allowances. Taken as read:

Edenderry in relation to the postal service: As it was proposed to tender the service it was agreed that to seek a protection for the post office would be in breach of EU Legislation and therefore the motion was marked read.

10. CORRESPONDANCE:

The following correspondence was read.

Response from Minister E Ryan in relation to the fuel allowance and the recent ESB disconnections:

Correspondence from Deputy Jim O’Keeffe and a response from Minister D Ahern:

Notification from PPU\LAP department of CCC in relation to submissions and a CD copy of the draft for local area Plans. Cllr Coughlan expressed an interest in looking at the draft. This is also on line and members were informed that they could make submissions up to 12th Jan 2011. Copy of the Cork Rural Design Guide:

Response from Minister Conor Lenihan in relation to the river cleaning clarifying the remit of the Inland Fisheries Ireland with regards to the river stating that the Dept would not place any obstacle for a fully developed flood abatement plan which would ensure that there would be no impact on the fish stocks. It also highlighted the requirement placed on Cork County Council to observe the legislation in force including the EU Habitats Directive when carrying out works on the river.

Correspondence from Garda Supt’s McGann and Finn in relation to the JPC and submissions to the Garda 2011 Policing plan with closing dates of the 14th December 2010:

Circular S/8/2010 from DOEH&LG in relation to Family Law Legislation which has been adapted to suit the Local Government Superannuation Scheme.

Brochure for the AMAI Spring Conference 2011

11. AOB

The Mayor, Cllr Murphy-O'Mahony thanked the Members, Officials and Press for their assistance during 2010 and wished them all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Cllr Coleman acknowledged the Service of Deputies Sheehan and O'Keeffe who were retiring from the Oireachtas and in particular Deputy O'Keeffe who has done a tremendous amount of work for Bandon and wished them both well in their retirement.

On the proposal by the Mayor, Cllr Murphy-O'Mahony best wishes were extended to Frank Morrison, S.Ex.Engineer, Kinsale Area who retired from Cork County Council after 26 years of service.

Tribute was also paid to Cllr Holland and her fellow organisers of the Tree of Remembrance for loved ones from the area and the Mayor stated that it was a very worthwhile project which brought comfort to families and also raised a great deal of money for Marymount Hospice.

Cllr O'Donovan conveyed a vote of sympathy to Deputy Christy O'Sullivan on the death of his step-daughter Pauline Hicks and to Cllr Rose Holland on the death of her brother-in-law Paddy Holland.

That concluded the order of business and the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 12th Jan 2011

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