

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting  
held on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 10:30hrs in  
Council Chamber, County Hall**

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**Presiding:** Cllr. Jim Codd

**Councillors:** Cllr. Aoife Rose O'Brien  
Cllr. Lisa McDonald  
Cllr. Ger Carthy  
Cllr. Frank Staples

**Officials:** Lynda Lacey – District Director  
Nóirín Cummins – District Manager  
Michael Brazzill – District Engineer  
Derek Cowman – District Technician  
Sandra Martin – District Staff Officer  
Johanna Somers – District Assistant Staff Officer  
Sharon Ryan – Senior Staff Officer Housing  
Angela Finn – Administrative Officer Housing  
Rory O'Mahony – Senior Executive Engineer Environment  
Sonia Hunt – Executive Planner  
Caroline Creane – Administrative Officer Community

**Apologies:**

**Congratulations**

An Cathaoirleach congratulated the community groups that organised the many old-folks parties in the district & their efforts in decorating the villages.

**Sympathies**

Sympathies were extended by an Cathaoirleach to the Sinnott family of Blackmore Lane on the recent passing of Richie and the family of John Ryan who passed away in late 2024, as well as to the Rossiter family in Duncormick on the passing of Maura.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the December Monthly Meeting were proposed by Cllr. Staples and seconded by Cllr. O'Brien.

**1.2 Matters Arising**

*Taking in Charge*

The District Director confirmed to Cllr. O'Brien a programme will be made of developments to be Taken in Charge, the District Engineer advised a priority list would be compiled which will depend on the severity of issues within the Developments.

In response to Cllr. Staples' request for an update on Links Close, the DE advised the District Technician will be providing a monthly update going forward.

Cllr. McDonald requested a more detailed report & sought confirmation from the DE that the bonds of these Developments would be taken.

Cllr. McDonald proposed to request a meeting with the ESB to discuss the issue regarding the power supply in Carrig on Bannow, this was seconded by Cllr. Staples.

In response to Cllr. Codd's request for mitigating measures be implemented in the Mill of Rags by way of flood barriers, the DE advised he will check with the OPW if there is available funding to supply barriers as funding was provided on a case-by-case basis. He reminded an Cathaoirleach that it is a private resident's responsibility to protect their property.

The District Manager read aloud a statement received from Amazon Web Services regarding the Sub Sea Cables Community Fund in Kilmore Quay.

## **2. Business prescribed by statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members**

### **2.1 Wayleave in Tagoat**

The S183 for a wayleave in Tagoat to facilitate the installation and subsequent maintenance of underground cabling was proposed by Cllr. Staples and seconded by Cllr. McDonald.

### **2.2 COB Family Resource Centre Lease**

The S183 to lease the former Carrig on Bannow Family Resource Centre to Teach na Nóg non-profit community childcare service was proposed by Cllr. McDonald and seconded by Cllr. O'Brien.

## **3. District Manager Report**

The District Manager delivered her previously circulated monthly report.

Cllr. Carthy joined the meeting

The DM confirmed to Cllr. Staples that a CMF application will be submitted by the Heritage Officer for Kilmannon Graveyard.

The DM sought to form a European Year of the Normans 2027 District Committee which would consist of two Elected Members and three representatives from the wider community. Cllr. Staples proposed Cllr. McDonald, this was seconded by Cllr. Carthy. Cllr. McDonald proposed Cllr. Carthy, this was seconded by Cllr. O'Brien.

The DM read aloud a letter from Former Minister and Mayor of Dunkirk Patricé Vergriete inviting the Members to a special commemoration marking the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Operation Dynamo and the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Liberation of Dunkirk. Cllr. McDonald proposed the members should seek to attend and respond positively to the correspondence; this was seconded by Cllr. Carthy.

Cllr. McDonald proposed to reply positively to Goodwick Town Council's request for an online meeting with the Elected Members of Rosslare MD, this was seconded by Cllr. Carthy. It was agreed to arrange for the afternoon of Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

#### **4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

##### **4.1 Roads Report**

The District Engineer delivered the previously circulated report and advised the members that there were a couple of areas identified for speed surveys and speed ramps, he will update the members with further information once a quotation has been received.

##### *Bridgetown Flood Scheme*

The DE advised a plan would be created following a meeting with the OPW.

##### *New Speed Signs*

The members expressed concern regarding the public's understanding of the new speed signs, the DD committed to enquire with the DOS as to what local campaign is planned.

##### *Traffic Calming*

The DE confirmed to Cllr. Carthy that a review to entries of all villages is currently underway which will take approximately six months, Our Lady's Island is included in that review.

##### *District Street Lights*

The DE advised Cllr. Carthy he will speak to Roads Central regarding the lights out at Ballygillane Roundabout and a review of the dark areas of the district villages.

##### *Coillte*

In response to Cllr. Codd's proposal to write to Coillte requesting clarity on their process regarding dangerous trees near properties, the DE advised that the Local Authority have no remit unless the trees are boarding a public road.

##### *Trucks at Rosslare Harbour*

Cllr. Carthy requested the DE speak to Roads Central regarding the parking of trucks at the Harbour, Cllr. McDonald supported the request.

##### *Bus Stop at Drinagh*

Cllr. Carthy proposed to write to request TII to invite them to meet with the Elected Members to explain why the bus stop at Drinagh cannot be regularised. This was seconded by Cllr. McDonald. The DD confirmed she will speak with the DOS again regarding the bus shelter.

##### **4.2 Housing Report**

The SSO advised the Elected Members that LA tenants would be receiving notification of the 2025 rent review this week with forms due back by 4<sup>th</sup> February. The proposed date for any rent change is 20<sup>th</sup> July.

#### *Choice Based Letting*

In response to Cllr. O'Brien's request for training on the CBL system, the SSO advised it can be arranged and for Cllr. O'Brien to send on names of interested parties.

#### *Anti-Social Behaviour*

In response to Cllr. O'Brien's query regarding the policy surrounding removal of LA tenants in cases where Anti-Social Behaviour exists, the SSO confirmed she would speak to the SEO following the meeting and revert and would provide an update at the next meeting if a policy change was required.

Cllr. McDonald left the meeting.

#### *Housing Allocation*

The SSO confirmed she would look at the policy regarding housing children of different genders and revert to Cllr. O'Brien.

#### *Vacant Homes*

The SSO advised she would request the Vacant Homes Officer contact Cllr. O'Brien regarding her query surrounding private vacant homes.

#### *Housing Developments*

The AO advised Cllr. Carthy that the Ballygillane project went to tender with the Framework before Christmas and was due to close in February and advised Cllr. Staples the houses in Tagoat are due to be completed by the end of May. The SSO advised Cllr. Carthy that negotiations were ongoing regarding turnkey properties in Kilrane and an update could not be provided at the present time.

Cllr. Carthy proposed that the section responsible for delivering turnkey properties update the Elected Members in Committee at the next meeting, this was seconded by Cllr. Staples.

#### *Emergency Accommodation*

Cllr. Codd sought for the Cornmarket Project to remain open on an ongoing basis, the SSO confirmed she will speak to the DOS and SEO.

### **4.3 Planning Report**

The Executive Planner took questions from the Elected Members on the previously circulated report.

#### *Zoning in Rosslare Harbour*

An Leas Cathaoirleach noted a conversation would need to be held with the Senior Planner regarding zoned land in Rosslare Harbour either at the next meeting or by way of a Special Meeting. The Executive Planner confirmed she would speak to the Senior Planner.

#### *Secret Garden Rosslare Harbour*

An Cathaoirleach requested the DE look at taking a piece of ground in Tuskamore Avenue, bordering the Secret Garden, in charge. Cllr. O'Brien supported this request.

#### **4.4 Environment Report**

The Senior Executive Engineer delivered a summary of the previously circulated report.

##### *Rosslare Coastal Erosion*

The SEE confirmed 23 submissions were received during the public consultation and advised the consultants are aiming to move to the next stage with preferred works options by the end of Q1 2025.

##### *Rosslare Strand Combined Assessment*

The SEE advised consultants RPS have been appointed to look at the capacity of the WWTP and should they not require any further information, they expect to be able to provide information on the capacity in 2 months' time.

Cllr. Staples proposed to extend Standing Orders, seconded by Cllr. Carthy.

##### *Seaview*

An Leas Cathaoirleach proposed a meeting be convened between WCC and the OPW, Dept. of Agriculture and the IFA regarding the strategy for Coastal Erosion. This was seconded by Cllr. Staples.

#### **4.5 Community Report**

The AO confirmed she will request the Arts Officer to contact Cllr. Carthy regarding his query surrounding long-term festival funding.

Cllr. Staples left the meeting

#### **4.7 Library Report**

Cllr. Codd proposed a mural be commissioned in commemoration of singer/songwriter PJ McCaul, seconded by Cllr. Carthy.

## **6. AOB**

### **THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

Signed on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025



Cllr. Jim Codd  
An Cathaoirleach  
Rosslare Municipal District