

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 22nd July 2024 at 10:30hrs in
Carrig on Bannow Community Centre, Danescastle**

Presiding: Cllr. Jim Codd

Councillors: Cllr. Lisa McDonald
Cllr. Ger Carthy

Officials: Nóirín Cummins – District Manager
Lynda Lacey – District Director
Michael Brazzill – District Engineer
Sandra Martin – Staff Officer
Jodi Somers – Clerical Officer
David Codd - Chief Technician Roads
Rory O'Mahony - Senior Executive Engineer - Environment
Abraham Dunne - Senior Engineer Environment
Caroline Creane - Administrative Officer – Community
Sharon Ryan – Senior Staff Officer - Housing
Angela Finn - Senior Staff Officer Housing Capital

TD Verona Murphy

Remotely: Cllr. Aoife Rose O'Brien

Apologies: Cllr. Frank Staples
Sonia Hunt – Executive Planner – Planning
Mick McCormack - Town Regeneration Officer

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Codd, confirmed that the requisite quorum was in place, and welcomed all those in attendance including Deputy Verona Murphy, members of the Rosslare Harbour Residents Group, the Carrig on Bannow Tidy Towns Committee, Grantstown Historical Society and John Murphy of the Phil Murphy Weekend.

Upon the proposal of Cllr. Ger Carthy and seconded by Cllr. Aoife Rose O'Brien, a resolution was passed to change the date of the monthly meeting from Wednesday 17th July to Monday 22nd July.

Upon the proposal of Cllr. Ger Carthy and seconded by Cllr. Aoife Rose O'Brien, Standing Orders were suspended to allow a change in order of the meeting agenda.

8.1 Special Business

Bernie Wade secretary of Carrig on Bannow Tidy Towns Committee gave a presentation to the Members on the work being carried out by the group. This was followed by a presentation by John Murphy on the Folk & Trad Society and The Phil Murphy Weekend. An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd acknowledged the presence of Bannow Historic Society.

The District Manager read aloud a memo provided by the Town Regeneration Officer in which he requested a nominee from Rosslare Municipal District to chair the Taghmon Town Centre First Team. An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd was proposed by an Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. Carthy and seconded by Cllr. O'Brien.

Cllr. Lisa McDonald joined the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Monthly Meeting

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 15th May 2024, were proposed by Cllr. Ger Carthy and seconded by Cllr. Jim Codd.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 26th June 2024, were proposed by Cllr. Ger Carthy and seconded by Cllr. Aoife Rose O'Brien.

1.2 Matters Arising

Discussed under respective report section on agenda.

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

2.1 S183 - Former Carrig on Bannow Family Resource Centre

The S183 in relation to the former Carrig on Bannow Family Resource Centre at the Caislean an Dinigh estate was adopted upon the proposal by an Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Carthy which was seconded by Cllr. McDonald.

2.2 Traveller Accommodation Programme

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd, raised issue with the 2022 census figures on which the programme is based stating there is a mismatch and he is assured by those involved in the document that further input from the County's Traveller Community will be taken to access a more realistic set of figures and hear what the Travelling Community desire.

Cllr. Carthy stated that that would be the role of the committee.

The TAP was proposed by Cllr. Carthy and seconded by Cllr. Codd.

2.3 Special Speed Limits – 60km/h Rural Local Roads Bye Laws

A presentation was given by the Road Safety Officer on local road speed limits and the upcoming national changes.

An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Codd raised the issue of hedgerows and questioned the effectiveness of the cutting ban period for preserving wildlife.

An Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Carthy sought clarification from the Road Safety Officer on the upcoming changes and what was being asked of Elected Members, and raised issue with the time scale of said changes. Cllr. Carthy requested a special meeting in the Council Chamber to discuss the proposed changes and their potential effects, this was seconded by Cllr. McDonald stating meaningful implementation of a suite of reactions was required. The proposal was supported by Cllr. O'Brien and an Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd.

Cllr. McDonald apologised for being late and dismissed the idea of requiring a speed limit class from the RSA. Querying how effective the review would be, that it would be worthless unless enforced.

Cllr. Carthy added that as part of the special meeting, real time data in relation to road traffic collisions would be required but was not achievable from the RSA or TII. Cllr. Carthy called for the number of collisions on all the roads over the past 10 years be made available to the Local Authorities, querying the data being used to implement the speed limit review. The Road Safety Officer confirmed that this was subject to GDPR.

Cllr. McDonald put it to an Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd to ask for that data on behalf of the district.

In response to a question raised by Cllr. O'Brien on the installation of over 700 poles as part of the speed limit reduction, the Road Safety Officer confirmed it would be a mixture of own resources and contractors.

The Road Safety Officer clarified that regardless of the special meeting, the speed limits would drop to 60kph on local and tertiary roads come November, and the decision on the reinstating the speed limits to 80kph on local / tertiary roads in November would be subject to engineering guidelines. A discussion ensued.

Cllr. McDonald requested a marker be put down on the meeting stating that she would not be supporting the speed limit on the Johnstown Road being reinstated to 80kph if it is reduced to 60kph.

An Cathaoirleach thanked the Road Safety Officer for his presentation stating his support for his fellow councillors in their position that it would need to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis but noted that Local Elected Representatives have less and less power to deal with such issues.

3. District Manager Report

3.1 District Managers Report

The District Manager delivered her previously circulated monthly report.

The Members commended the work being done throughout the district by the RMD officials. Cllr. McDonald and Cllr. O'Brien congratulated the District Manager and Cllr. Carthy on their work undertaken on the redevelopment of the former BOI building in Rosslare Harbour.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

4.1 Roads Report

The District Engineer delivered the previously circulated report before responding to questions raised by the Members.

In relation to a recent burst mains on the N25, Cllr. McDonald raised concerns regarding Uisce Eireann not taking responsibility for such issues and referring people to the Local Authority. The District Engineer clarified the recent burst mains and any such issues are under Uisce Eireann's remit and are not the responsibility of the Local Authority.

Grange Road

An Leas Cathaoirleach raised issue with the Local Authority picking up the cost from public agencies in relation to road reinstatements. In response to a request for an update on the cost of the resurfacing works on Grange Road, when and who will complete the work, the District Engineer confirmed the Director of Services for Roads and Water was in consultation with Uisce Eireann regarding funding to facilitate works through next year's roads programme. Cllr. Carthy raised issue with this proposal and requested a commitment from Uisce Eireann that they would complete the necessary works under the supervision of the District Engineer.

Cllr. Carthy proposed a representative from Uisce Eireann and a representative from Sisk attend the next monthly meeting of Rosslare MD, his proposal was seconded by an Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd.

The Director of Services for Rosslare MD advised the DOS of Roads & Water had written to Uisce Eireann requesting funding for these works and was awaiting a response. The DOS committed to obtaining an update for Cllr. Carthy.

Speed Limits in Tagoat

In response to Cllr. Carthy, the District Engineer committed to undertaking a speed limit review outside the school in Tagoat.

Little Sea Junction

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd raised concerns over visibility at the junction at Little Sea to which the District Engineer advised the necessary works would not be cheap and would fall under the low-cost safety works which would be next year at the earliest, he advised he was attempting to communicate with the landowner at present.

Newline Road

In response to an Cathaoirleach's request for laybys along the Newline Road, the District Engineer advised it would not be easy as it required discussions with multiple landowners, but he committed to discussing with the Roads Safety Engineer.

4.2 Housing Report

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd drew attention to the statistics provided in the previously circulated report and raised issue with the approach currently in place for crash beds.

4.2.1 Rosslare MD Specific

The Members noted the content of the Rosslare MD Specific report.

4.2.2 Housing Capital Project Report

An Leas Cathaoirleach queried the delay in the delivery of five houses in Ballygillane. The Senior Staff Officer in Housing Capital confirmed the property at that site was demolished and the site cleared. The Ground Investigation Works and the CCTV survey have been completed. The next stage is to go out to tender with Monamolin to make tender more attractive to developers which will speed up the process in the long run.

Cllr. Carthy requested Cllr. McDonald relay to the Minister for Housing that Wexford County Council are under resourced in relation to technical staff.

Standing Orders were suspended on the proposition of Cllr. McDonald which was seconded by Cllr. Carthy.

Cllr. McDonald raised issue with the recent Breakfast Briefing on Affordable Housing Delivery and called for the Rosslare Municipal District to implement its own housing plan.

Cllr. O'Brien drew attention to the Choice Based Letting figures in the Housing Report adding that it highlights the level of the problem in the district and added that she supported an Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd on his position on crash beds.

Emergency Accommodation

The Senior Staff Officer committed to following up with the Housing Section and Cllr. O'Brien regarding a list emergency accommodation providers.

The Field in Taghmon

The Senior Staff Officer committed to obtaining an update to an Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd's request regarding the field in Taghmon.

4.3 Planning Report

The contents of the report were noted and an Cathaoirleach Cllr. Codd drew attention to the response issued by the Planning Section under matters arising as previously circulated.

Business Park in Kilrane

Cllr. O'Brien requested an update from Planning on the three planning enforcement cases relating to the businesses operating in the Business Park in Kilrane.

4.4 Libraries Archives & Arts Report

The contents of the report were noted and an Cathaoirleach Cllr. Codd read aloud the response issued by the Library Section under matters arising as previously circulated.

Regarding the Yola language, an Cathaoirleach Cllr. Codd wished to point out that Jacob Poole, who wrote the glossary of Yola, is buried in the graveyard on Forrest Road, Taghmon and stated that the work he did in preserving the language was very important.

4.6 Environment Report

The contents of the report were noted.

Cllr. McDonald expressed her thanks to the team on the work they did on the Climate Action Funding.

Business Park in Kilrane

The Senior Executive Engineer committed to seeking an update on the permitted facility in Kilrane Business Park, on whether there was a challenge submitted to the courts regarding ABP's decision to deny their application for extension, and report back to the members at September's meeting.

4.5 Community Development Report

The contents of the report were noted.

Community Recognition Fund

The Administrative Officer committed to relaying the query from Cllr. Carthy raised regarding the applications that were submitted for adjudication for Community Recognition Fund to the relevant person in the section for a response.

Ambrosetown Graveyard

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd, requested action on the request for assistance in gaining access to the graveyard in Ambrosetown.

4.7 Fire Services Report

The contents of the report were noted.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Notice of Motion/s

None

7. Any Other Business

DRAFT District Protocols

The Director of Services updated the members on the draft District Protocols advising that the document was going for review with the Co. Secretary at the end of the week and upon approval, would be issued to the Members the following week for their review.

Bins in Kilmore Quay

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd raised issue with the decision not to have public bins in Kilmore Quay and stated that they were required.

Marine Protection Areas


Following a meeting with local fishermen in Kilmore Quay, An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd proposed a letter be issued to the Minister Ryan to ask for absolute clarity regarding what stage the Marine Protection Areas is currently at and what the local fishermen can expect regarding no take zones. This proposal was seconded by an Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. Carthy.

Cllr. Codd wished to mark the passing of John Power in Kilmore Quay. John was an historian and had taken a wealth of photos, a great community man whose input on various projects would not be forgotten.

Thanks was given to Paddy Hannon and the Carrig on Bannow Community Hall Committee on their organising the use of the hall for the Monthly Meeting.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed on the 20th November 2024



Cllr. Jim Codd
An Cathaoirleach
Rosslare Municipal District