

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 16th October 2024 at 10:30hrs in
Stella Maris Centre, Kilmore Quay**

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
Sandra Martin – Staff Officer
Sharon Ryan – Senior Staff Officer
Rory O'Mahony – Senior Executive Engineer
Caroline Creane – Administrative Officer
Sonia Hunt – Executive Planner

Apologies: Angela Finn - Senior Staff Officer Housing Capital
Therese Nolan – Senior Architect Housing Capital

A resolution to hold the October meeting at the Stella Maris Centre was proposed by Cllr. O'Brien and seconded by Cllr. Staples.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Codd, opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance to the village of Kilmore and invited Debbie Newport from Crossfarnogue to briefly address the meeting. Ms. Newport spoke of the recent improvements in the area. Cllr. Carthy joined the meeting and drew attention to substantial risk remediation works completed in Crossfarnogue over the recent years, the District Engineer confirmed it to be approximately €60,000 - €70,000.

The Senior Executive Engineer from Environment joined the meeting

1. Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Monthly Meeting

Cllr. O'Brien advised that due to technical difficulties with Decision Time, she was unable access the minutes in advance of the meeting and requested time to review, their adoption was postponed until the November meeting.

1.2 Matters Arising

Cllr. Carthy thanked Minister O'Donnell for signing the Foreshore Licence for Our Lady's Island and noted €1.5 million is now needed for the project.

Cllr. Carthy made issue with the lack of attendance to the RMD monthly meetings by senior departmental officials and requested that the Senior Engineer, the Executive Engineer and Senior Executive Engineer of Environment attend the November District Meeting.

Cllr. McDonald sought an update on her previous request for an urgent letter to be sent to the Department regarding coastal erosion and queried if funding for Seaview had been signed off by the Minister. The District Manager read aloud an update from the Executive Engineer of Environment stating WCC was awaiting funding approval for Seaview from the OPW.

Cllr. Carthy requested the status on the main drainage pipe out of Our Lady's Island by the end of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr. McDonald. The District Manager read aloud an update provided by Executive Engineer of Environment stating a meeting between Environment and Officials from the NPWS regarding funding was currently being arranged.

An update on the Combined Assessment in relation to Rosslare Strand was provided by the Senior Executive Engineer in response to a request for same by Cllr. Carthy. Cllr. Carthy proposed an external consultant attends the next monthly meeting to advise on the situation. The Senior Executive Engineer advised the consultants were seeking information from Uisce Eireann and that this had been requested numerous times.

Cllr. Carthy proposed a Special Meeting be convened regarding the Combined Assessment. Cllr. McDonald seconded the proposal and added that all documentation and memos relating to it be provided.

In response to Cllr. Codd's request for an update on the graveyard at Ambrosetown, the Administrative Officer from Community confirmed an on-site meeting between the Landowner, Community Department and the District Engineer was currently being arranged.

In response to Cllr. Codd's request for information relating to the agreement and benefits to the local community from the cables in Kilmore. The District Manager advised that the scheme was under the separate governance of SECAD and Wexford County Council were not responsible. Cllr. Codd requested further information regarding the benefits for the November meeting.

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

2.1 Draft Budgetary Plan (GMA) 2025

Cllr. Carthy proposed the adoption of the GMA previously circulated to the members, and queried if the motion passed at the Gorey / Kilmuckridge MD October Meeting in relation to the LPT would come into effect in Rosslare unless passed at the Plenary Council Meeting. The District Director confirmed legal advice was being sought, and it would not impact on the adoption of the GMA by the Rosslare Members. Cllr Staples seconded the adoption of the GMA.

Cllr Codd took issue with comments made external to the District Meeting by a member of the current Government relating to the member's allocations from LPT, making mention of the cost of the Children's Hospital, newly installed bike shed at Leinster House and the Active Travel works in Wexford Town.

Cllr. McDonald accused an Cathaoirleach of grandstanding and electioneering and proposed that an Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Carthy take the chair. A heated discussion ensued between Cllr. McDonald and Cllr. Codd.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd continued and made mention again of the Active Travel route in Wexford Town to which Cllr. McDonald and Cllr. Carthy accused him of grandstanding. The heated discussion between Cllr. McDonald and Cllr. Codd continued and Cllr. Carthy called for the meeting to be suspended for a few minutes.

An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Codd suspended the meeting at 11:23am.

The meeting resumed at 11:30a.m.

Cllr O'Brien noted that no elected member should be treated differently based on their vote and queried the legality of the motion passed at the Gorey / Kilmuckridge MD October Meeting.

The District Director clarified to Cllr O'Brien that it was not suggested that community groups be deprived of funds, but that the funds were allocated to the Councillors that supported the retention of the LPT rate, further clarifying that the LAF was being retained as opposed to increased, as per the previous two years.

Cllr. Carthy queried if the proposal the Gorey / Kilmuckridge meeting would affect the overall allocation of the GMA in Rosslare MD to which the District Director confirmed it would not.

3. District Manager Report

3.1 District Managers Report

The District Manager delivered her previously circulated monthly report.

In response to a query from Cllr. Staples on Kilmannon Graveyard, the District Manager advised the previous Heritage Officer had been collating the reports required to apply for the Community Monument Fund, the District Director confirmed the appointment of the new Heritage Officer was imminent.

In response to a query from Cllr. O'Brien for information to be distributed and a date for the proposed works, the District Director and District Manager advised it was a huge body of work that required reports from the incoming Heritage Officer as well as Government Funding and Ministerial Approval.

In response to Cllr. Staples' query regarding Rosspile. The District Manager stated she hoped the Rosspile Benefit Fund would be in place by the new year and was in the region of €120 thousand, applications would be through the SEAI website.

Cllr McDonald congratulated Aileen O' Donoghue & Pete McCamley on Culture Night and thanked the District Manager for her assistance in organising the event.

Cllr. Staples & Cllr. McDonald congratulated the clubs in the district on their respective funding allocations from Sports Capital.

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.

Cllr. Carthy commended the District Engineer and his team on the works carried out during 2024.

Rackscross

The District Engineer agreed to Cllr. Codd's request to review the signage at the crossroads and survey the turn due to a possible structural obstruction.

Cleariestown

The District Engineer agreed to Cllr. Codd's request for a review of the turn from Cleariestown towards Edwardstown.

Speed Ramps for Villages

Cllr Codd requested for speed ramps to be installed in Wellingtonbridge, Bridgetown and Carrig-on-Bannow. The District Engineer agreed to consider it in the New Year, clarifying there will be traffic management improvements in Bridgetown after the building of the new school.

Rosslare Strand Traffic Management Plan

In response to Cllr. O'Brien's query relating to Station Road, the District Engineer agreed to try and install additional signage this year. Regarding the request for EV charging points in the village, he noted the ESB are responsible but that a request can be issued to them and committed to requesting a charging point for the car park on Strand Road.

Community Involvement Scheme

The District Engineer confirmed that CIS funding for 2024 was cut by a third and confirmed to Cllr. Carthy that Sigginstown is still on the list.

Local Improvement Scheme

The District Engineer confirmed to Cllr. Carthy that the second tranche of funding was not received from the Department for 2024 and this had a knock on effect on the number of lanes that could be surfaced this year.

Line Markings

In response to Cllr. Staples' query regarding line marking in Ballycogley, the District Engineer confirmed he is liaising with the Roads Safety Engineer to review line markings on the regional roads and could not commit to an ETA but confirmed it was a priority.

In response to Cllr. McDonald's request for line marking in Piercestown, the District Engineer committed to investigate if the speed reduction measures were working, stating further funding may be necessary.

Corramacorra

The District Engineer committed to looking at the cross following Cllr. McDonald's concerns on visibility.

Bus stop - Drinagh

Cllr McDonald requested Cllr. Carthy's support for a covered bus shelter in Drinagh. The District Engineer advised the existing bus stop is TII's Infrastructure, the District Director agreed to talk to the DOS of Roads.

4.2 Housing Report

The Senior Staff Officer in Housing invited questions from the Elected Members on the previously circulated housing report.

Ballygillane

Cllr. Carthy & Cllr. McDonald requested an update on the 5 single stage units in Ballygillane. The Housing SSO confirmed she will revert with an update before the next meeting. Cllr Carthy requested an action plan and schedule of works for the delivery of the five units in Ballygillane for the next meeting.

Rosetown

Cllr Staples queried if the houses in the second phase of Rosetown development were available on the CBL system. Housing SSO confirmed she will raise the query and revert before the next meeting.

Carrig-on-Bannow

Cllr. O'Brien requested a breakdown of housing units in Carrig-on-Bannow. The Housing SSO confirmed she will revert with an answer before next meeting.

HAP

Cllr Codd requested an account is kept of people that are eligible for HAP but have yet to take it up.

The extending of Standing Orders was proposed by Cllr. Staples and seconded by Cllr. O'Brien.

4.4 Environment Report

Steps – Rosslare Harbour

Following Cllr. McDonald's request, the Senior Executive Engineer agreed to write to Iarnród Éireann to request they fix the steps.

4.3 Planning Report

The contents of the report were noted.

4.5 Community Report

The contents of the report were noted.

4.7 Library Report

The contents of the report were noted.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Remembrance Crossing S.S St. Patrick

It was agreed an Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd would attend this event.

6. Notice of Motion/s

6.1 Consider Motion Submitted by Cllr. Aoife Rose O'Brien

"I call on the RMD to further enhance our district through the installation of water fountains, to provide immediate and accessible drinking water, as is provided in most large towns and cities throughout Europe."

This motion was proposed by Cllr. O'Brien and seconded by Cllr. Carthy.

6.2 Consider Motion Submitted by an Cathaoirleach Cllr. Jim Codd

"To support the motion put forward at the May meeting of the Plenary Council for a special engineering team to deal with all coastal issues & erosion."

This motion was proposed by an Cathaoirleach Cllr. Codd and seconded by Cllr. Carthy.

AOB

None.

Resolutions

Cllr. Codd proposed continuing the meetings in various locations throughout the community. Cllr. O' Brien agreed but wished to highlight the issues with connectivity.

Cllr. Staples requested the discussion be held in committee, Cllr. McDonald concurred. Cllr. Carthy requested the discussion be held at the upcoming Special Meeting.

An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Codd proposed the next meeting be held in Clongeen. Cllr. O'Brien seconded the proposal.

The District Director advised it must be a majority vote and that online facilities cannot be provided in community centres.

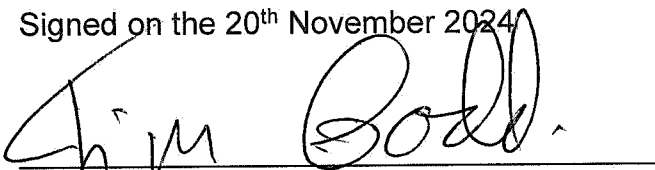
An Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. Carthy proposed a counter motion that the next meeting be held in the Council Chamber. Cllr. McDonald seconded, Cllr. Staples agreed.

8. Special Presentations

The following groups gave a short presentation to the members; Tomhaggard Clean Coasts, Kilmore Scope, Kilmore National School, The Kilmore Quay Seafood Festival, Representatives from the Kilmore Fishing Community, Write by the Sea, Kilmore Village Group and Kilmore United Football Club.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed on the 20th November 2024



Cllr. Jim Codd
An Cathaoirleach
Rosslare Municipal District