

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 18th September 2024 at 10:30hrs in
Taghmon Action Group Centre, Taghmon**

Presiding: Cllr. Jim Codd

Councillors: Cllr. Aoife Rose O'Brien

Officials: Lynda Lacey – District Director
Nóirín Cummins – District Manager
Michael Brazzill – District Engineer
Sandra Martin – Staff Officer
Jodi Somers – Clerical Officer
Tom Banville - Senior Executive Officer - Planning
David Codd - Chief Technician - Roads
Helen Meehan – Senior Staff Officer - Housing

Remotely: Cllr. Lisa McDonald
Cllr. Ger Carthy
Sharon Pettitt – TD Verona Murphy's Office
Mick McCormack - Town Regeneration Officer
George Colfer - Executive Engineer Environment

Apologies: Cllr. Frank Staples
Sonia Hunt – Executive Planner – Planning
Caroline Creane - Administrative Officer – Community
Sharon Ryan – Senior Staff Officer - Housing
Angela Finn - Senior Staff Officer Housing Capital

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Codd, opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance to the village of Taghmon, including William Cleary Principal of Taghmon National School and the accompanying 6th class pupils, the Taghmon Historical Society, TAG Group, Active Retirement Group, Taghmon Handball Club, Family Resource Centre and the Taghmon Day Centre. Cllr. Codd welcomed Cllr. Lisa McDonald, the Town Regeneration Officer Mick McCormack, Sharon Pettitt from TD Verona Murphy's Office, and members of the Rosslare Harbour Action Group who were attending the meeting remotely through Teams.

An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Jim Codd invited those attending to address the meeting with some information about their group. Principal William Cleary requested the parking situation outside the school be put on record stating it is chaotic and dangerous between the times of 09:00-09:20 and 14:55-15:10. The Taghmon Action Group, Taghmon Historical Society and Family Resource Centre addressed the meeting.

The meeting was paused to allow for sound technical issues be resolved.

The meeting resumed and Tom Banville as Secretary of the local GAA Club addressed the meeting followed by the Active Retirement Group.

Cllr. McDonald lost connection with the meeting over Teams and the meeting was paused due to the lack of quorum until the connection was reestablished.

Sympathies

An. Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Jim Codd extended his sympathies to the family of Johnnie Doyle, particularly his wife Ann and son Aaron, on their recent bereavement. Johnnie was an employee of Wexford County Council for 48 years.

Cllr. Codd extended his sympathies to former Sinn Fein Councillor in New Ross Oisín O'Connell on the passing of his father, Emmet O'Connell.

Cllr. O'Brien also offered her sympathies.

Congratulations

Cllr. Codd offered his congratulations to Fiona Kehoe for winning the world master in the 1,500 metre in Gothenburg, Sweden in August.

Cllr. Codd congratulated Boo Murphy on winning the world doubles in handball as well as Áine Kennedy, Marie Torphy, The Murphy's and Cuckoo's Nest for their performances during The Fleadh.

Cllr. Codd made special mention to an Garda Síochána on the recent €7 million haul of cocaine in North Wexford.

An Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Carthy joined the meeting remotely through Teams, and apologised for being late.

Cllr. Carthy offered his congratulations to an Garda Síochána, and to Daniel Kerins for placing 4th and Jamie Connick for participating in the World's Skills Competition.

Cllr. Codd and Cllr. O'Brien wished to be associated with those comments.

Cllr. O'Brien congratulated the Wexford Fire Service on their successful Charity Cycle and to the Duncormick Action Group on their recent street festival, this was supported by an Cathaoirleach Cllr. Codd.

8 Special Business

8.1 Taking in Charge Policy TIC

Cllr. Lisa McDonald lost connection with the meeting over Teams and left the meeting.

The Senior Executive Officer of Planning delivered a presentation on the draft Taking in Charge Policy, he recommended the policy and sought the Elected Members' approval to bring it before the plenary council.

An Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Carthy welcomed the proposal and stated that stronger governance surrounding the bonds and the finishing of developments be incorporated into the planning process. He also requested it be noted in the minutes that *"the magic Apple money should be spent on wastewater infrastructure in the rural areas of Co. Wexford and across the country to try and sustain population, communities and GAA clubs going forward, there is €13 billion and Wexford County Council should be given the money to deliver wastewater, not Irish Water."*

Cllr. Carthy left the meeting.

In response to a request for an up-to-date list, the Senior Executive Officer referred Cllr O'Brien to the Wexford County Councils website for a current list of all housing estates taken in charge and agreed to send a list of pending applications to the Elected Members.

Cllr. Carthy rejoined the meeting.

An Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Carthy requested more time with the draft policy before its adoption.

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

The Roads Safety Officer provided an update on the progress on the upcoming national speed limit changes confirming that all 2,998km of local road network in the county will default to 60km/hour in November, that the speed limit review team are not recommending any of the roads be increased back up to 80km/hour therefore bye-laws were no longer required which is in line with Co. Wexford's neighbouring counties.

Cllr. McDonald rejoined the meeting.

An Leas Cathaoirleach requested the names of the review team and the rationale that supports the review team's decision in writing.

The Road Safety Officer responded to Cllr. O'Brien's query that submissions were received in relation to the speed limit changes and these submissions were considered by the speed limit review team.

In response to Cllr. O'Brien's comments regarding the required signage, the RSO confirmed this was signage that is in use throughout the continent, the Local Authority did not have any choice in signage used as they were recommended by the Dept. of Transport.

Cllr. O'Brien requested the RSO disclose how many submissions were received.

An Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Carthy requested a special meeting regarding the speed limit changes. This was seconded by Cllr. McDonald.

Further to the suggestion put forward by Cllr. McDonald, an Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd's put the question to the Elected Members if there was any particular road they wished to remain at 80km/hour after November.

Cllr. Carthy left the meeting.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd confirmed a special meeting would be convened at County Hall.

Cllr. O'Brien and Cllr. McDonald left the meeting, the meeting was paused due to lack of a quorum.

Cllr. O'Brien and Cllr. McDonald rejoined and the meeting was resumed.

8 Special Business

8.2 Presentation on the Town Centre First in Taghmon

The Town Regeneration Officer gave a presentation on the Town Centre First in Taghmon, confirming the team's first meeting is scheduled for Monday 30th September at the TAG Centre in Taghmon.

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 October meeting. The time was noted and Cllr. O'Brien proposed to suspend the Standing Orders, this was seconded by an Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd.

1.2 Matters Arising

Discussed under respective report section on agenda.

3. District Manager Report

3.1 District Managers Report

The District Manager delivered her previously circulated monthly report.

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.

Corach Avenue, Wellingtonbridge

In response to an Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd's query, the District Engineer committed to having an update on Corach Avenue in Wellingtonbridge for the next district meeting.

Speed Surveys

The District Engineer confirmed he would revert with an update on the speed surveys requested by Cllr. O'Brien.

Lightwater Cross

Cllr. McDonald requested funding be allocated by the Directive for works at Lightwater Cross, the District Engineer agreed to come back to Cllr. McDonald with an update after a meeting with the GSS.

Bus Stops at Kate's Cross

The District Engineer committed to speaking with the Roads Safety Officer regarding Cllr. McDonald's request to move the bus stop from Kate's Cross to Murrintown.

Roads Budget

Cllr. McDonald proposed a letter be sent to the Transport Spokesperson of each political party stating the position that the level of roads cannot be reached due to the lack of funding and the funding model currently used by the Department. This was seconded by an Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd, stating the condition of the road

network is not currently being taken into consideration when allocating budgets to Local Authorities.

4.2 Housing Report

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

Taghmon

The Senior Staff Officer advised an Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Codd, that the Director of Services for Housing committed to contacting the Approved Housing Body for an update and would revert with a response over the next two weeks.

Emergency Accommodation

The Senior Staff Officer advised she would request the homeless service unit correspond directly with Cllr. O'Brien regarding the number of expressions of interest received from potential emergency accommodation providers in the Rosslare District, their subsequent follow up and the spend on B&Bs.

Cllr. McDonald lost connection and the meeting was subsequently paused due to lack of a quorum.

4.3 Planning Report

The contents of the report were noted, the Senior Executive Officer of Planning drew attention to the response issued by the Planning Section under matters arising as previously circulated, a discussion ensued.

4.6 Environment Report

The Executive Engineer invited questions from the Elected Members on the previously circulated report. A discussion ensued regarding the wall at Barrystown, the erosion on the cliff road in Rosslare Strand and Seaview.

Cllr. McDonald proposed that an emergency motion be put forward based off of the letter in the Irish Times on the 18th September. Cllr. McDonald proposed to write to the Dept *"as the most vulnerable coastal county, we are calling on the Government to implement a Coastal Management Plan"*. This was seconded by an Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Jim Codd.

Marine Cables Community Fund

An Cathaoirleach requested The Executive Engineer provide answers to a number of questions relating to the cables being installed in Kilmore for the next meeting.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Twinning Proposal with Fishguard & Goodwick Town Council

The Twinning Proposal with Fishguard & Goodwick Town Council was accepted.

5.2 Invitation to London Wexford

It was agreed that an Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Carthy would attend the London Wexford Association Towns Reunion Buffet Dance on the 12th October.

5.3 Write by the Sea

The Elected Members were invited to the opening event of Write by the Sea on 27th September.

6. Notice of Motion/s

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

"To replace the steps in Rosslare Harbour, leading from the playground down to the beach for a safer and easier route to accommodate all residents and tourists."

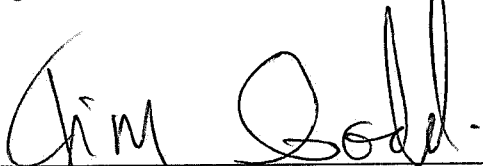
This motion was proposed by Cllr. O'Brien and seconded by Cllr. McDonald.

The Executive Engineer advised that the local community had applied for funding in 2019 which was unsuccessful. The Executive Engineer committed to looking at the possibility of improving signage and speaking with the Senior Executive Engineer with a view to reviewing the existing steps from a H&S perspective and provide an update to the Elected Members.

Cllr. McDonald left the meeting.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed on the 20th November 2024



Cllr. Jim Codd
An Cathaoirleach
Rosslare Municipal District