

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 16th April 2025 at 10:30hrs in
Council Chamber, County Hall**

Presiding: Cllr. Jim Codd

Councillors: Cllr. Aoife Rose O'Brien
Cllr. Lisa McDonald
Cllr. Ger Carthy
Cllr. Frank Staples (Remotely)

Officials: Lynda Lacey – District Director
Michael Brazzill – District Engineer
Derek Cowman – District Technician
Sandra Martin – District Staff Officer
Johanna Sommers – District Assistant Staff Officer
Sharon Ryan – Senior Staff Officer Housing
Angela Finn – Senior Staff Officer Housing Capital
Rory O'Mahony – Senior Executive Engineer Environment
Sonia Hunt – Executive Planner
Tom Banville – Senior Executive Officer Planning
Liam O'Donovan - Community Safety Co-Ordinator
Caroline Creane – Administrative Officer Community
Liz Burns – Arts Officer

Apologies: Nóirín Cummins – District Manager

An Cathaoirleach opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance. The SEO in Planning gave a presentation on the 2025 Taking in Charge Programme and invited questions from the Elected Members. Cllr. Carthy requested a report be compiled for the May meeting outlining; the list of estates in charge, the estates proposed to be taken in charge, the costs involved, the bonds available and what has been completed in these estates to-date. Cllr. Carthy also queried Uisce Eireann's role in the process. Cllr. O'Brien requested regular updates be provided to the RMD members going forward. Cllr. McDonald stated that she would like to attend a meeting with the Planning Section and Uisce Eireann.

A presentation on Local Community Safety Partnership was given by the Community Safety Co-Ordinator and questions were invited from the Elected Members.

Congratulations

Cllr. McDonald congratulated Michael Kent of DMP Athletics Club on being awarded the Juvenile Male of the Year at the Athletics Wexford Awards Night and Hugh Barrett of Rathaspeck on receiving the Special Commendation Award in the 2025 RDS Teagasc Farm Forestry Category.

The Elected Members congratulated the District Staff Officer on her recent promotion to Community Climate Action Officer.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the March Monthly Meeting were proposed by Cllr. Carthy and seconded by Cllr. McDonald.

1.2 Matters Arising

Cllr. Carthy asked what the RMD will do to secure the €500,000 ORIS funding currently on hold due to the Kilmore Quay Trail's planning appeal to an ABP; while Cllr. McDonald expressed her concern at the potential loss of the funding to the area.

Cllr. McDonald requested Cllr. Codd to elaborate on what was said at a meeting with residents in the Kilmore Quay area regarding the proposed trail noting that, while mediation is necessary, as the chair of the RMD, it was not Cllr. Codd's role. Cllr. O'Brien concurred with Cllr. McDonald stating support and mediation from a neutral outside body, not an Elected Member, was needed. Cllr. Codd confirmed he had spoken with both sides of the dispute and there had been an expressed concern regarding the cost of mediation. Cllr. Carthy stated that the Elected Members cannot stand over the loss of such a level of funding and asked the DD if Wexford Co. Co. would explore the possibility of mediation. The DD stated she would take on board the EMs comments and look into mediation.

Cllr. Staples joined the meeting

3. District Manager Report

The District Staff Officer delivered the previously circulated monthly report.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

4.1 Roads Report

The District Engineer delivered the previously circulated report and took questions from the Elected Members.

Cllr. O'Brien proposed writing to local TDs to raise the issue of underfunding of Co. Wexford's roads in the Dáil, this was seconded by Cllr. Codd.

Cllr. Staples requested the District Engineer to support his request for the stretch of road from the Ashfield Roundabout through Killinick to remain at 60kmp after the road resurfacing works are complete. The DE committed to asking the RSO to ask TII.

4.2 Housing Report

Further to the monthly housing reports that had been previously distributed, the SSO advised that an expression of interest for turnkey affordable housing was open until 22nd May, Cllr. O'Brien requested an update email with the number of responses be circulated to the members.

Cllr. Staples left the meeting

4.3 Planning Report

The Executive Planner invited questions from the members on the previously circulated report. Cllr. Carthy noted that the figures contained in the monthly report were reported in arrears and requested that figures are provided in real time in the meetings.

A discussion surrounding exempted developments and the proposed IPAS centres in the Rosslare Municipal District ensued amongst the Elected Members.

Cllr. Carthy proposed the suspension of standing orders, seconded by Cllr. O'Brien.

4.4 Environment Report

The Senior Executive Engineer invited questions on the previously circulated report.

4.5 Community Report

The Administrative Officer advised that the Local Integration Unit and the Ukrainian Support Team are now a part of the Community Section reporting to the Community SEE; and invited questions on the previously circulated report.

4.7 Library Report

The Elected Members addressed the Arts Officer regarding their desire for funding to highlight the unique culture of the Rosslare MD.

6. AOB

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed on the 21st May 2025



Cllr. Jim Codd
An Cathaoirleach
Rosslare Municipal District

