

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 15th April 2026 at 10:30am in Council Chamber, County Hall**

Presiding: Cllr Ger Carthy

Councillors: Cllr Frank Staples (online)
Cllr Jim Codd
Cllr Aoife Rose O'Brien

Officials: Lynda Lacey – District Director
Edwina Colfer– A/District Manager
Michael Brazzill – District Engineer
Johanna Somers – A/District Staff Officer
Jodi Somers – A/District Assistant Staff Officer
Derek Cowman – District Technician
Sharon Ryan – Senior Staff Officer Housing
Sonia Hunt – Executive Planner
Philip Knight - Administrative Officer Community
Rory O' Mahoney -Senior Executive Engineer, Environment

Apologies: Cllr Lisa McDonald

An Cathaoirleach opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance including a delegation from the Kilrane Rosslare Harbour fuel protests. He informed the attendees that the meeting would be recorded for the purpose of the minutes.

An Cathaoirleach thanked the delegation from Rosslare Harbour Kilrane for attending and asked if a representative would like to address the meeting. Following on from which a Motion would be moved by the members present.

Pierce Cousins spoke on behalf of the delegation and raised various points about the effect of fuel crisis on farmers, fishermen, the agri-sector and the cost of living affecting the general public. He asked for clarity on the disparity in fuel price across the country. He spoke about the peaceful demonstration held in Kilrane Rosslare Harbour and the disappointment amongst the general public that the peaceful protest wasn't allowed to continue due to the public order unit's imminent arrival.

The elected members and An Cathaoirleach thanked Mr Cousins for his presentation and gave their support to the people of the district. An Cathaoirleach stated that the participants in the protest had conducted themselves in a peaceful manner and that it was a protest not a blockade and he commended the organisers.

An Cathaoirleach then put forward the emergency Motion which was supported by Cllr Jim Codd and Cllr Aoife Rose O'Brien.

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An Cathaoirleach then moved onto the agenda of the meeting.

Sympathies

Cllr O’ Brien expressed her sympathies to the family of Colm Connelly. She highlighted the lack of mental health facilities in County Wexford.

Cllr Carthy extended sympathies to the family of Amy Heffernan, I.T. Section, WCC

Cllr Codd wished to be associated with these sympathies and wanted to highlight the plight of Colm Connelly. He also expressed sympathy to the family of Mary Monaghan of Stevoy.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the March monthly meeting were proposed by Cllr Codd and seconded by Cllr O’Brien.

1.1 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

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

2.1 Section S183, transfer of freehold property at Caislean and Dinigh to Teach na nÓg CLG. Proposed by Cllr Codd, Seconded by Cllr O’ Brien

3. District Managers Report

An Cathaoirleach welcomed Edwina Colfer into the role of A/District Manager and wished her well in the role. The DM delivered the previously circulated District Managers Report, highlights included the following:

- CLAR Funding – closing date for expressions of interest – Friday 15th May
- Croí Cónaithe Roadshow, April 30th The Bank Rosslare Hbr
- 2027 Year of the Norman programme is progressing.
- Youth Add Value, Bridgetown Transition Year Project – 5th of May
- Reminder of the Civic Awards 16th April in Johnstown Castle

Cllr Codd complimented the DM on the out of hours work done in the district and on the productive meeting in the Stella Maris with Minister Timmy Dooley.

Cllr Staples queried if the community groups are aware of CLAR funding. Cllr Carthy queried the electoral boundaries associated with CLAR Funding. As a result of this a discussion was had re the boundaries in relation to the CLAR funding, stating parishes are disadvantaged by electoral areas. The AO of Community, Philip Knight stated the Department devises the boundaries and that no application outside of the electoral areas will be considered for funding. Cllr Carthy stated that this needs to be highlighted as CLAR and LEP funding is not going to all parishes and rural Ireland is being left out. Cllr O'Brien queried when the Oireachtas meeting is on in WCC, the DD stated the meeting happens once a year but will ask for the CLAR & LEP funding to be brought to the SPC.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

4.1. Engineers Report – Roads

The District Engineer delivered the previously circulated report and took the report as read. He highlighted works done in Scar, Coolataggart, Redshire and Pennylands Junction, with the next phase of work to commence the following week to include Cullenstown, Ballycronigan and Nortown.

Cllr Codd thanked the DE for the extensive work done in Bridgetown and looked for an update on funding for the flood defences and when roadworks will commence on Taghmon to Foulksmills road. The DE responded that works on the Taghmon to Foulksmills road should commence in 6-8 weeks. In response to Cllr Codd's query in relation to Bridgetown the DE stated that works in Bridgetown are on-going but require feedback from OPW on the report. He stated the OPW are supportive of the project and that the report could not be circulated until it has been finalised. Cllr Codd stated the funding for Bridgetown needs to be imminent. Cllr Carthy requested Hogans be asked to expediate the report.

Cllr O'Brien thanked the DE for the progress report and requested an update on Emergency roads funding.

In response to Cllr O'Brien's query in relation to the TII safety works in Tagoat and whether it can be extended to the second junction the DE stated that discussions had taken place with TII regarding this issue and will be highlighted again.

Cllr Staples thanked the DE and asked when the works in Ballyhealy will commence. The DE confirmed that works on the Ballyhealy road will be commencing in the early summer.

Cllr Carthy queried completion of the bollards in Rosslare Harbour.

Cllr O'Brien highlighted building works that are currently taking place near the Cliff Rd in Rosslare Harbour. The DE said he will investigate and discuss with Environment.

4.2 Housing Report

The Housing report was taken as read. Sharon Ryan answered any questions that arose.

Cllr O' Brien requested clarification on the timeline of availability for the houses in Carrig on Bannow. She also asked for clarification on RAS tenants' removal from social housing lists and highlighted that supports need to be quicker to deal with cases of Anti-Social behaviour SR confirmed the status of RAS tenancy and how the process works in regards the closure of their Housing application.

Cllr Carthy asked if WCC could support a tenant who house was recently damaged by a fire. He also requested a house suitable for emergency accommodation be located within the District and information brought to the next meeting. Cllr Codd also supported the query on the Emergency House in Rosslare Municipal District.

In response to Cllr Codd's query re the field in Taghmon SR responded that there was no update on this. The DD said she would raise this with the Director of Housing.

4.3 Planning

The Planning report was taken as read.

4.4 Environment

The Environment report was taken as read. Rory O' Mahoney highlighted the public consultation date on Rosslare coastal erosion to be held in this quarter. He highlighted the ongoing works in Seaview and the €600,000 secured for emergency works for rock armour for erosion on Rosslare strand. He stated consultants are looking at a previously completed report for Ballyhealy.

Cllr Carthy asked about a timeframe for the permanent flood defence works for Rosslare and also highlighted the current situation with Ballyhealy. Cllr Carthy requested to be kept in the loop of any communication from Minister Moran on a potential visit to Ballyhealy & Bridgetown.

Cllr Codd stated the District is very low lying and if water breeches on the Borough, then a lot of damage will be done. He also asked about the slip in Seaview and highlighted the erosion in the area.

Cllr O' Brien echoed the concerns about the slip in Seaview. She highlighted the dog bins in Rosslare Strand and requested they be emptied on a more regular basis. Cllr Carthy requested a log on the emptying and the DE said he will investigate.

Cllr Codd queried bins in Kilmore. Cllr Carthy stated WCC have a Leave No Trace Policy and the situation will remain as is.

4.5 Community Development Report

The Community Development Report was taken as read. Philip Knight was present to answer any questions.

Cllr O' Brien welcomed the Community Safety Partnership talk planned for the District

4.6 Fire Services Report

The Fire Services Report was taken as read. No representative was present.

4.7 Libraries, Arts & Archived Report

The Libraries, Arts & Archives Report was taken as read. No representative was present.

5. Correspondence

An invitation was received from Dunkirk inviting the Cathaoirleach to attend an event for the Cities of Remembrance Network to be held on 7th May 2026 at the Committee of the Regions in Brussels. Proposed by Cllr O' Brien seconded by Cllr Carthy.

6. Notice of Motions

"The Rosslare Municipal District Council calls on the Government of Ireland to engage in a meaningful way with lobby groups to address current crisis in rural Ireland pertaining to the cost of living increase for all its residents, including the price of diesel, petrol, home heating oil, and all those affected in the farming, fishing, agri-contracting and haulier sectors. We condemn the Governments threat to deploy the army to the protest lines in advance of any meaningful engagement."

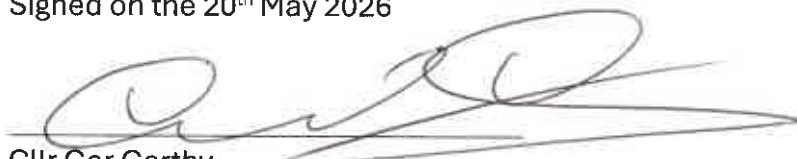
Proposed by Cllr Ger Carthy and Seconded by Cllr Jim Codd and Cllr Aoife Rose O'Brien

7. AOB

- An Cathaoirleach recognised the work done by RMD in securing €90,000 for the church in Rathangan
- Cllr Codd highlighted the issue of the criminalisation of fisherman under the 2006 maritime law. Cllr Carthy & Cllr O'Brien supported this but requested Cllr Codd agree wording on this. Cllr O'Brien stated a similar motion had previously gone to the plenary session, but no correspondence has been received to date.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Signed on the 20th May 2026


Cllr Ger Carthy
An Cathaoirleach
Rosslare Municipal District