

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 17th June 2026 at 10:30am in Council Chamber, County Hall**

Presiding: Cllr Ger Carthy

Councillors: Cllr Frank Staples
Cllr Jim Codd
Cllr Aoife Rose O'Brien
Cllr Lisa McDonald

Officials: Lynda Lacey – District Director
Edwina Colfer– A/District Manager
Michael Brazzill – District Engineer
Johanna Somers – A/District Staff Officer
Sonia Hunt – Executive Planner
Caroline Creane – Senior Staff Officer
Sharon Ryan – Senior Staff Officer Housing
Philip Knight - Administrative Officer Community
Claude Clancy – Administrative Officer
Lisa McCauley – Assistant Staff Officer

An Cathaoirleach opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

Congratulations

Cllr Staples congratulated Roseland House of Flowers, Kilmore Athletics Club, and Kelly's of Cornmarket for their recent success in the at the Southeast Radio Customer Service Awards.

Cllr Codd asked to be associated with those and thanked Pat Colfer, former WCC employee for all his work at the grotto on the mountain. He congratulated the Silvermines Vintage Club on their recent road run for the RNLi and Billy Winters, Celtic Coast Taekwon-Do who welcomed students to its first grading. He also congratulated Kilmore Quay on the success of their monthly market.

Cllr O' Brien wished to be associated with these remarks and congratulated Wexford Rape Crisis Centre on their recent fundraising event.

Sympathies

Cllr Codd extended sympathies to the families of Gerry Connors, Taghmon and to the families of Tony Bates, Bridgetown.

Special Business (Internal / External Presentations, etc.)

Presentation by Claude Clancy A.O., Affordable Homes

An Cathaoirleach welcomed the affordable Housing staff to the district meeting. He welcomed the programme and pilot scheme in RMD and opened the floor to Claude Clancy for the presentation.

Claude Clancy delivered the Affordable Housing presentation explaining the move to Starter Homes scheme which retains the same terms and conditions as the Affordable Housing scheme. He explained the terms and conditions of the Affordable housing application process and highlighted the new pilot scheme in Taghmon, Cúl Caisleán. He informed the meeting that there will be an information meeting and expression of interest webinars available around the scheme in Taghmon in the coming weeks. He thanked the elected members for their time and asked them for their support with the pilot scheme in Taghmon. He then asked for any questions from the members.

An Cathaoirleach thanked CC and his team for the presentation and for the work in delivering this scheme. He stated that this is a positive move for WCC and he would like to see the delivery of this at pace.

Cllr Codd welcomed this project in Taghmon and highlighted the need to build in rural villages. He queried the 10% deposit and whether rent records are accepted as ability to pay.

Cllr McDonald congratulated CC and the team on this delivery. She requested that the new pilot scheme be serviced by footpaths linking Coolballow to Keerlogue to connect commuter towns and villages. She highlighted the information evenings as a great resource to inform buyers of what they need to do to be ready to apply for these schemes.

Cllr O'Brien thanked the Affordable Housing team for the delivery of this project to the RMD and highlighted that the people she represented feel very supported by this project.

Cllr Staples congratulated the team on the delivery of this project. He highlighted how some small rural villages have issues with serviced sites due to ÚE.

CC responded to the elected members saying the team appreciate the feedback from the members, its very encouraging and they will support everyone to the best of their ability, but he highlighted that WCC are subject to the financial rules of the Central bank. He stated they will continue to work with developers to deliver more schemes.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the May monthly meeting were proposed by Cllr McDonald and seconded by Cllr Staples.

2. Matters Arising

No matters arising

3. District Managers Report

The DM delivered the previously circulated report. She highlighted the grants information evening in the bank and the unveiling of the SS St Patrick plaque in Rosslare Harbour. She also highlighted Make Way Day and stated that the information collected from the walk on the 29th of May is being compiled to see if there are any improvements to be made to the area.

An Cathaoirleach thanked the staff of the RMD for their work at the recent events.

Cllr McDonald thanked the staff of RMD and requested that we move quickly on accessibility in the wake of Make Way Day.

Cllr Staples asked for an update on the Kilmore Quay Enterprise Park. The DM responded that signage had been erected on the sites and a brochure is being developed to promote the Enterprise Park.

An Cathaoirleach requested an update on the Kilmore Quay link road and also an update on the coastguard station.

Cllr Codd thanked the DM for her work and for her attendance at Kilmannon graveyard, in particular Seamus O' Keeffes sculpture, and requested the ground around the railway tracks in Bridgetown be cleared. The DD confirmed the land around the railway belongs to CIE and they are responsible for it.

Cllr Codd queried what the recent funding secured for Mayglass Graveyard was granted for, Cllr Staples confirmed works on Mayglass graveyard is for conservation management plans/reports.

Cllr Staples thanked the DM for attending St Marys Daycare Centre in Tagoat for the recent visit of Minister of State Jerry Buttimer.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

4.1. Engineers Report – Roads

The DE delivered the previously circulated report highlighting the on-going and completed works in the district under the following schemes;

- Strengthening programme, Surface Dressing programme, CIS scheme, LIS Scheme and bridge rehabilitation works. These include works in Redshire Rd, Grange Rd, Kilcavan, Sallystown and Ballycronigan.

- He clarified that interim works in Bridgetown have been approved and a public consultation meeting will be held end July.
- Ongoing works in Rosslare Strand & Tagoat villages.
- Bridge rehabilitation works are on-going
- Approvals for Bus shelters in Rosslare Strand and Village in Tagoat.
- Climate change adaption works commencing with overflow pumps in Rosslare Strand
- Hedge cutting on-going at junctions only
- Line Marking on-going on R733
- Solar Farm works on-going.

The DE then answered questions from the elected members.

Cllr Carthy thanked the DE for all the work completed. He asked for a speed limit sign from the church to St. Brendan's Estate and asked for the bollards to be completed to the Harbour.

Cllr Codd queried the delay in the works at the Barrystown Junction, expressing his concerns over how dangerous the junction is. A discussion took place around this junction with the DE explaining that the long-term solution of a new road might be the safest and most cost-effective option.

In response to Cllr McDonalds request for the grass to be cut back at the Rathaspeck Roundabout the DE responded that this would be carried out over the next few weeks. Cllr McDonald also queried plans for the parking at the bus stop in Piercestown, the DE responded that he is currently reviewing problems with cars parking in bustops in the District.

Cllr McDonald stated that the ESB works are on-going but they need to be responsible for the road through Piercestown Village as the trucks are using this daily. She also asked the DE to take a look at Boggan's Rd on the far side of Murrintown.

Cllr O' Brien thanked the DE for the works in Rosslare Strand she asked for an update on the public lighting system in The Bay. The DE responded that The Bay public lighting is on the list for replacement. The RMD is looking after taking in charge of the estate, but civil works need to be completed.

In response to Cllr O'Briens query around the sight lines of a village sign the DE asked that Cllr O'Brien forward details of this to him for checking.

In response to Cllr Staples request for an update on the Gardimus road the DE stated that it is still uncertain but that he is pushing the ESB to complete the last 700m stretch. and asked about the junction at Ballymore. He also highlighted safety concerns with ash die back.

4.2 Housing Report

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

Cllr O' Brien highlighted the plight of middle-income earners and what can be done for them. She also asked about the forward planning process for adaptable homes. SR confirmed that WCC have to comply with National guidelines when it comes to middle income earners. She confirmed forward planning does look at houses and the needs or demand for special requirements.

Cllr Codd requested the Council look at accommodation options for homeless people being released from hospital.

An Cathaoirleach requested that a review be carried out on the adaptation grants and the replacement of boilers and upgrading of heating systems in homes.

4.3 Planning

The Planning report was taken as read. SH highlighted Variation No.2 to the County Development Plan will be on public display until the 15th of July.

Cllr Staples requested an update on Coopers Inn. SH is to follow up on this.

An Cathaoirleach requested a change in how the dereliction grant for renovation over shops is approved. The elected members agreed with this and requested more support on dereliction within the district.

4.4 Environment

The Environment report was taken as read.

Cllr O' Brien queried if a plan for coastal erosion for the full district could be put together instead of piece by piece. ROM responded that its generally done piece by piece due to funding and time constraints.

Cllr Staples highlighted access to the beach in Ballyhealy, ROM stated that Environment will review.

Cllr Codd queried the large gap at the Burrow in Kilmore, ROM responded saying he had been in touch with the NPWS who are of the opinion that the Burrow is replenishing itself naturally.

4.5 Community Development Report

The Community report was taken as read. PK highlighted Intercultural on the 27th of May.

PK informed the meeting that IPB have a fund of €50,000 to celebrate 100yrs in operation with matched funding from WCC. An Cathaoirleach queried the division of this fund, is it on Pobal guidelines, he raised a Motion requesting the fund be divided

into 100 €1,000.00 grants which are then divided equally amongst the five Districts, 20 per District.

This was proposed by Cllr Carthy and seconded by Cllr McDonald.

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

6. Notice of Motions

"The Rosslare Municipal District requests TFI Local Link to provide free school transport to any primary or post-primary school student who cannot avail of the school transportation scheme."

Proposed by Cllr O' Brien, seconded by Cllr Staples.

7. AOB

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Signed on the 15th of July 2026



Cllr Frank Staples
An Cathaoirleach
Rosslare Municipal District