

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 18th of June 2025 at 10:30hrs in
Council Chamber, County Hall**

Presiding: Cllr. Jim Codd

Councillors: Cllr. Aoife Rose O'Brien
Cllr. Frank Staples
Cllr. Lisa McDonald (remotely)

Officials: Nóirín Cummins – District Manager
Derek Cowman – District Technician
Johanna Somers – District A/Staff Officer
Jodi Somers – A/Assistant Staff Officer
Sharon Ryan – Senior Staff Officer Housing
Rory O'Mahony – Senior Executive Engineer Environment
Sonia Hunt– Executive Planner
Caroline Creane – Administrative Officer Community
Kieron Tribhowan – T/Clerical Officer

Apologies:

Cllr. Ger Carthy
Lynda Lacey – District Director
Michael Brazzill – District Engineer
Angela Finn – Senior Staff Officer Housing Capital

An Cathaoirleach opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance including Kieron Tirbhowan T/C.O. in RMD.

Condolences

An Cathaoirleach extended sympathies to the family of Fr. Denis Doyle, p.p. in Kilmore and the family of June Ellard, Carne and to Cllr. Lisa McDonald on the passing of her uncle, Philip Molloy

Cllr. Staples extended his sympathies to the families.

Congratulations

An Cathaoirleach extended his congratulations to the Silvermines Vintage club on their vintage run in aid of MS Ireland. He also congratulated the Rosslare Harbour Committee for organising the festival. He congratulated Paddy Berry on his songs and poems at the launch of a 'Bit of diversion'. An Cathaoirleach thanked the Pepper family for travelling to St. Iberius church to play with Danescastle Music Group.

Cllr Staples congratulated the bargy vintage club on their memorial run for John Rowe. An Cathaoirleach concurred.

Cllr O' Brien congratulated the committee on the Rosslare Harbour festival and Bridgetown on their Meet your Neighbour day. She also congratulated Roger McGuire on his cycle for the Wexford Disabled club.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the May Monthly Meeting were proposed by Cllr. Staples and seconded by Cllr. O' Brien.

1.2 Matters Arising

Cllr. O' Brien raised a query about her roads discretionary funding.

Cllr Staples raised the issue of the speed limit in Killinick road, he is concerned for the safety of the people in Killinick and for the people in Assaly lane.

An Cathaoirleach agreed with Cllr. Staples and stated the issue of the lorries parking needs to be addressed.

Cllr. O' Brien concurred.

An Cathaoirleach requested an update on the issue of the overgrown kiosk beside Corach Avn, Wellingtonbridge, the DM responded to say a communication has been sent to Eir requesting the grass be cut at that kiosk and the Eir depot in Taghmon.

3. District Manager Report

The District Manager delivered the previously circulated monthly report. She highlighted the various grants received in the district and the upcoming Ministers visit to the Bank Community & Enterprise hub, Rosslare Harbour.

The DM congratulated the recipients of the Civic Awards in Johnstown Castle and highlighted the upcoming Fleadh Fringe Events. She also highlighted Mayor

Billy Shaws invitation to Fishguard & Goodwick Town Council for his inauguration.

An Cathaoirleach thanked the DM and acknowledged the work done in the district. He thanked Danescastle Music group for the service they give to RMD and highlighted the importance of the proposed Twinning between RMD & Fishguard to Goodwick Town Council.

Cllr. Staples thanked the DM for the work in the district.

Cllr. O' Brien congratulated the district on the funding received through the various funding streams. She requested a review of the District Policing committee due to the increased levels of Anti-Social behaviour. The DM stated she would request the Community Co-Ordinator contact her. Cllr. O' Brien stated she would be interested in the Community Text Alert scheme. Cllr Staples stated the community text alert scheme works very well.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

4.1 Roads Report

In the absence of the District Engineer the following items were raised for his review.

Cllr O' Brien raised the issue of the Grange rd., Rosslare Strand and a clean-up of John Paul Park in Murrintown, specifically the footpaths. She also raised the Gurteenminogue rd. in Murrintown.

Cllr. Codd raised the issue of hedge cutting across the districts and stated the current system does not work. He also raised the concern of the path outside John Sinnott's pub in Duncormick

Cllr. Staples supported Cllr. Codd on the issue with the ditches but felt the regulations are deterring farmers from cutting their hedges.

Cllr. O' Brien agreed with Cllr. Staples & Cllr. Codd re hedge cutting.

The DM read a statement from RSO & Roads general re hedge cutting outlining the landowner's responsibility for hedge cutting.

A discussion was had and Cllr McDonald highlighted the need for more staff in the district to deal with the growth season whilst respecting the natural biodiversity.

The DM agreed to bring this issue to the DD and Director of Roads.

4.4 Environment Report

The S.EE., welcomed any questions.

Cllr. McDonald requested the stones be moved to one side of the beach in Rosslare to make it easier for people to access the water.

The S.E.E., suggested a low impact improvement for access will be looked at.

Cllr O'Brien requested an update on the dog fouling bin at Bridgetown & the S.E.E. stated he will discuss with the district and revert to Cllr. O' Brien.

Cllr. Staples thanked the S.E.E for the comprehensive report on Coopers Inn.

Cllr. McDonald requested a bin collection for Murrintown and the S.E.E. said he will discuss this with the district.

Cllr. Codd congratulated and thanked Johnny Colfer on his retirement.

4.2 Housing Report

The housing section took questions from the Elected Members on the previously distributed report.

Cllr Staples requested an update on the house in St. Briocs and when the houses in Tagoat are going to CBL.

Cllr O' Brien queried an update on issues she raised in the previous Mays meeting; retrofitting figures, the site in Taghmon and the vacant creche buildings

Cllr O' Brien requested confirmation of the figures for the Tenant in Situ in the District.

Cllr O' Brien read the motion that was passed at the May meeting for confirmation

"We, The Rosslare Municipal District, call on Wexford County Council to provide a fair share of housing developments, committing to increase the supply allocated for the RMD; noting the shortfall received to date compared to other districts"

Cllr O' Brien requested an update on projects that are upcoming, social and affordable projects and Choice based letting.

The S.S.O., responded with retrofitting figures and said she would revert with a response re CBL. The S.S.O. said the issue of the creches are a planning issue.

The Executive Planner stated that under national policy, the regulations are if an estate has over 75 houses they are required to provide a creche building.

A heated discussion was had re the vacant creches, with Cllr. O' Brien and Cllr. McDonald requesting the Council take a proactive stance on this. Cllr. McDonald queried a previously granted change of use for Creche and stated that the system as it stands is not working, is over regulated and needs to change.

Cllr. Codd raised the issue of increasing rents and people in rents arrears. Cllr Codd brought forward a motion 'Calling on WCC to provide adequate resources by way of staff to deal with large numbers of people in arrears to make their way to RAS'. This was seconded by Cllr O' Brien.

The S.S.O. recommended tenants of HAP/RAS contact Threshold & Mabs for support with rent increases where rent is over 35% and contact housing section as soon as possible.

The Cathaoirleach queried what's happening at the Kilmore Enterprise Park?

4.3 Planning Report

Cllr. O' Brien queried what process is available to these Creche developments. Can WCC CPO them?

The EP said she will speak to the SP & Director. Cllr. McDonald removed herself from the conversation due to a conflict of interest.

4.5 Community Report

The Administrative Officer advised that the Community Report has been circulated. She highlighted Slainte Care Healthy Communities and how successful the Community Car scheme is and requested more volunteers for the car. She highlighted the need for more volunteers for the Fleadh and commented on the success of the meet your neighbours event.

Cllr. Staples congratulated community on the Meet your Neighbour event.

4.7 Library Report

5. Correspondence

An invitation was extended to RMD to Mr. Billy Shaws inauguration as mayor of Fishguard & Goodwick town Council.

The DM highlighted the proposed Twinning document between RMD & Fishguard and Goodwick TC and requested if there are any amendments to the proposed Twinning agreement being signed on the Stena. The Cllrs agreed to the Twinning agreement.

Section 183 re: Lease of BOI, Rosslare Hbr. Cllrs agreed.

6. AOB

Cllr Codd spoke about the lifeguard station in Kilmore. The DD expressed we have no role in the Lifeboat station but agreed to write to the OPW to expediate proceedings.

Cllr Codd acknowledged his last meeting in the Chair of RMD and thanked the staff of RMD in particular the District Manager. He thanked his fellow Cllrs and stated it is great honour and pleasure. Cllr. Staples thanked Cllr. Codd for his service. Cllr. O'Brien thanked Cllr. Codd and wished him well.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed on the 16th July 2025



Cllr. Ger Carthy

An Cathaoirleach

Rosslare Municipal District