

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 31st March 2025 at 10:30hrs in
Council Chamber, County Hall**

Presiding: Cllr. Jim Codd

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

Officials: Lynda Lacey – District Director
Nóirín Cummins – District Manager
Michael Brazzill – District Engineer
Derek Cowman – District Technician
Sandra Martin – District Staff Officer
Sharon Ryan – Senior Staff Officer Housing
Angela Finn – Senior Staff Officer Housing Capital
Rory O'Mahony – Senior Executive Engineer Environment

Apologies: Caroline Creane – Administrative Officer Community
Sonia Hunt – Executive Planner

An Cathaoirleach opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

Sympathies

Sympathies were extended by an Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Staples, Cllr. Carthy & Cllr. O'Brien to the family of the late Nicky Cullen of Kilmore Quay.

Sympathies were extended by an Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Staples and Cllr. O'Brien to the family of Micheal John Roche of Duncormick.

An Cathaoirleach suggested a Civic Award be awarded to Nicky Cullen for his contribution to Tourism in the area.

Congratulations

An Cathaoirleach congratulated the Carrig on Bannow Parade Committee on the success of the St. Parick's Day parade, and to the Kilmore Athletic Club and all athletes that had taken part in the Nationals recently paying special mention to Ava Barry on jumping 4.33 metres in the long jump and Aaron Hancock for taking bronze in the U16s 1,500 metres. A special word of congratulations was given to Matt Duro, for taking a double in the U15s 60 metre sprint and winning the U15s long jump event.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the February Monthly Meeting were proposed by Cllr. Staples and seconded by Cllr. Carthy.

Cllr. Carthy stated he wished to bring context to his absence from the adjourned meeting held 24th March and continued by explaining the protocol surrounding same.

A discussion ensued between Cllr. Carthy and Cllr. O'Brien regarding a recent post on Cllr. O'Brien's social media account relating to the adjourned meeting on 24th March.

Cllr. McDonald joined the meeting

Cllr. Carthy stated he was unhappy that the meetings were being recorded for the purpose of the minutes, referring to his previous request to hire a stenographer for the monthly meetings and questioned the legislation behind it asking if it was common practice across the chambers. An Cathaoirleach suggested the matter be referred to the County Secretary.

The minutes of the adjourned March Monthly Meeting were proposed by Cllr. Staples and seconded by Cllr. Codd.

1.2 Matters Arising

3. District Manager Report

The District Manager delivered her previously circulated monthly report.

Cllr. Carthy expressed his disappointment that the ORIS funding for the Kilmore Quay Recreational Trail will be returned to the Department. Cllr. Staples and Cllr. McDonald wished to be associated with those comments. The District Director advised she had requested an additional deadline and would contact the Department regarding the feasibility of reallocating the funding within the RMD.

Cllr. Staples raised the proposal of two IPAS centres in the district stating the Danby Lodge was not a suitable location. Cllr. Carthy lent his support to Cllr. Staples suggesting they write to the Department. Cllr. Staples confirmed letters have been sent to the Department and Minister Foley. Cllr. McDonald agreed with both councillors commenting that a root & branch review was required. Cllr. O'Brien lent her support to her colleagues.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

4.1 Roads Report

The District Engineer delivered the previously circulated report outlining the roads programme for 2025.

Cllr. Carthy proposed a supplementary budget was required to do the necessary works in the RMD to be distributed equally across the district. This was seconded by Cllr. McDonald.

4.2 Housing Report

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

Cllr. Carthy requested the housing section contact the Department of Housing on behalf of the people in the TIS scheme when it was paused. Cllr. Codd supported Cllr. Carthy.

Cllr. O'Brien queried the way VAT charged on works undertaken under the Housing Adaptation grants is treated, the DD agreed to seek clarity.

Housing Capital invited queries from the Elected Members on the previously distributed report.

4.3 Planning Report

Cllr. Carthy requested confirmation going forward from officials if they will attend the monthly meeting stating that representation from the sections was required.

Cllr. Staples supported Cllr. Carthy's comments.

Cllr. McDonald requested a report on the environmental load relating to the proposed IPAS centres, Cllr. Carthy agreed stating that no decision should be made by planning until the report is complete, he also requested a roads engineer report.

4.4 Environment Report

The Senior Executive Engineer gave an update on the works in Seaview.

4.5 Community Report

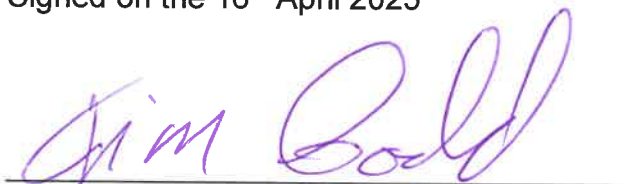
4.7 Library Report

6. AOB

The allocation under the Amenity and Arts Grants for 2025 was proposed by Cllr. McDonald and seconded by Cllr. Staples.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed on the 16th April 2025



Cllr. Jim Codd

An Cathaoirleach

Rosslare Municipal District

