

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting  
held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 10:30am in Council Chamber, County Hall**

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**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  
Derek Cowman – District Technician  
Seamus Fraser – Assistant Planner  
Sharon Ryan – Senior Staff Officer Housing  
Philip Knight - Administrative Officer Community

**Apologies:** Rory O' Mahoney -Senior Executive Engineer, Environment  
Sonia Hunt – Executive Planner

### **Sympathies**

Cllr Codd extended sympathies to the families of Jack Egan and Nathan Butler. Cllr Staples asked to be associated with these sympathies.

### **Congratulations**

Cllr Codd congratulated Carrig on Bannow on the hosting of the County Fleadh and on their many successes in the competitions. He also congratulated Bannow Rathangan show on their upcoming 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Cllr Staples congratulated St. Fintan's & OLI on winning the Rackard League. Cllr Carthy asked to be associated with this.

Cllr O' Brien congratulated all winners from the Garda Youth Awards specifically the 3 boys from Rosslare District on their award. She also congratulated all the ambulance crews on their efforts to date.

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the April monthly meeting were proposed by Cllr Staples and seconded by Cllr O'Brien.

## **1.1 Matters Arising**

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

2.1 Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 & Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) proposed Developments for Taking in Charge

- Fairway Drive, Rosslare, Co. Wexford
- Beechwood Avenue, Rosslare, Co. Wexford

Proposed by Cllr O' Brien, seconded by Cllr Staples

Cllr O Brien queried the length of time it takes for Taking in Charge. The DE confirmed it depends on both the condition of the estate and the works to be completed in the estate.

Cllr Staples requested an update on Links Close. The DE confirmed that there hasn't been formalisation of the works with ÚE.

2.2 Schedule of Municipal Districts Works 2026

The DD explained the Schedule of works is a document based on the budget allocation. Proposed by Cllr Staples, seconded by Cllr Carthy

### **3. District Managers Report**

The DM delivered the previously circulated report. She highlighted the funding announcement for flood protection works for Bridgetown and Seaview. She highlighted the on-going works at Ballymitty Community Centre following the first site visit and the launch of the Youth Add Value projects in Bridgetown.

She also highlighted the upcoming events in the district; Grant Information evening on 25<sup>th</sup> May in the Bank Ross Hbr, Make Way Day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of May in Rosslare Strand, Draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan Public consultation on the 4<sup>th</sup> June and the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the S.S. St. Patrick on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of June.

An Cathaoirleach thanked the staff of the district for their work at the Oireachtas members event in Our Ladys Island on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May.

The DM report delivery was followed by questions by the elected members in relation to the Flood relief, An Cathaoirleach suggested the questions be taken by the DE after the roads report.

## **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 noted that there are no works approved on Active travel to date.
- He clarified that interim works in Bridgetown have been approved and he is hoping to go to public meeting in June to discuss further works.
- ESB solar farm works have commenced which will include works on the Deerpark Rd.
- Ongoing works in Rosslare Strand & Tagoat villages.
- Safety improvements work at Barrystown
- Approvals for Bus shelters in Rosslare Strand and Village in Tagoat.

The DE then answered the following from the elected members:

Cllr Carthy complimented the works completed on the bridge in Rathaspeck stating it is a substantial structure 20m under the ground and an important part of history.

In response to Cllr O'Brien's query re the dates on the works on the Deer Park Rd the DE stated the works have commenced and notices have been circulated.

In response to Cllr O'Brien's request for an update on the parking of the school bus for Gurteenminogue the DE responded that Bus Eireann are reviewing the location of the current bus stop and the DE is looking at ways to improve the parking in Murrintown.

In response to Cllr O'Brien's query around the street lighting in John Paul Park and the lighting from Kilrane Manor to the crossroads the DE responded that he will pass on the query to the relevant engineer.

Cllr Codd thanked the DE for the work completed on Cullenstown and the new depot on the Newline. In response to Cllr Codd's query on whether an account has been kept on the history and drilling of the bridges for explosives in the war of independence, the DE confirmed he is mindful of the history of the bridges and plans on leaving as much historic evidence as possible whilst still improving the safety of the bridges.

Cllr Codd also asked for details of how the money in Bridgetown will be spent and how we are going to keep back the tide? He asked if there's any update on the emergency funding for roads and he highlighted the road through the village of Bridgetown. In relation

to Flood Relief works in Bridgetown the DE stated that retaining walls are being put on both sides of the railway with embankments, a culvert and pipe upgrade. The DE is keen to complete works around the fish shop and is also hoping to purchase a portable pump. The plan is to try and take the water further west into flood plains instead of the village. The condition of the road in Bridgetown has been discussed with ÚE re reinstatement.

Cllr Staples asked about the recruitment process for the Tomhaggard area with the imminent retirement of 2 men from the crews., the DE said he aims to move this forward asap.

Cllr Staples also queried the cables going on Gardimus Rd, the DE said he is unsure of the status of these cables but if they are being installed, the road will go on next year's road works programme.

Cllr Carthy requested Planning be aware of the solar farms and contractors holding the district to ransom whilst the routes are decided. He stated the roads and pipework should be done first.

Cllr McDonald asked that the contractors go back and reinstate Hodges Mill Rd properly.

#### **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 a homeless man and how disconnected she feels the services are. Cllr McDonald supported Cllr O Brien on this issue and requested more discretion be used in cases like this.

Cllr O' Brien questioned the process for the allocation of houses in Carrig on Bannow. A discussion was had about the process of housing allocation and SR confirmed allocation procedure including the RAS system.

Cllr O' Brien also highlighted issues with the portal and SR informed her that there is a new works process being put in place for this system.

Cllr Codd thanked the Chief Executive for his work with the field in Taghmon and taking it back to WCC from AHB. He asked for a timeline for the commencement of the houses in Taghmon.

#### **4.3 Planning**

The Planning report was taken as read.

Cllr Staples requested an update on Coopers Inn.

An Cathaoirleach asked for Planning Enforcement to inspect the former Great Southern Hotel.

#### **4.4 Environment**

An Cathaoirleach queried why there was no investment under Marine infrastructure projects in the RMD.

#### **4.5 Community Development Report**

The Community report was taken as read. PK reminded members of the Community Safety Event in Rosslare on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May.

#### **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.

### **4. Correspondence**

### **5. Notice of Motions**

Cllr O' Brien's motion was taken as read.

*"That this Municipal District undertake a comprehensive review of all public lighting infrastructure across the Rosslare District to identify areas where lighting is inadequate, outdated, or in need of improvement, with particular attention to public safety, pedestrian access, residential areas, and key community routes, and that a report be brought back to members outlining priority locations and proposed upgrade works."*

She stated she wanted to identify the issues/areas with public lighting across the district.

The DE stated he will raise this with Mark Collins. Proposed By Cllr O' Brien Seconded by Cllr McDonald.

Cllr Codd raised a Motion

*"That the Council calls for the reform of the 2006 Maritime Jurisdiction Act. Fisheries offences should be removed from the Criminal Justice bill; we need a structural administrative system of penalty points for fishing offences."*

*Proposed by Cllr Codd, seconded by Cllr Staples.*

Cllr Codd also highlighted the pollock quota coming in June 2026 that will affect the fisherman in RMD

### **6. AOB**

Cllr McDonald highlighted safety concerns on the Drinagh road and requested applying for a scheme for the Department. The DE stated that he has a consultant employed to work on the Drinagh road at present.

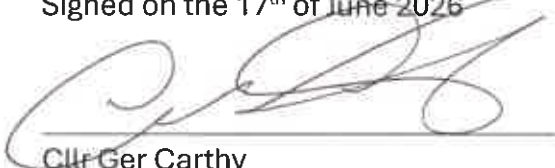
Cllr O' Brien requested a letter from the RMD to Local Link for free school transport within the area.

Cllr Codd wished Garda Sean Whelan the best of luck in his retirement.

An Cathaoirleach stated the Annual Meeting will be held at 10am on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Signed on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ger Carthy', written over a horizontal line.

Cllr Ger Carthy  
An Cathaoirleach  
Rosslare Municipal District