

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 18th February 2026 at 10:30am in Council Chamber, County Hall**

Presiding: Cllr Ger Carthy

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

Officials: Lynda Lacey – District Director
Nóirín Cummins – District Manager
Michael Brazzill – District Engineer
Edwina Colfer – District Staff Officer
Johanna Somers – District Assistant Staff Officer
Derek Cowman – District Technician
Sharon Ryan – Senior Staff Officer Housing
Caroline Creane – Senior Staff Officer Housing Capital
Sonia Hunt – Executive Planner
Philip Knight, Administrative Officer Community

Apologies: Cllr Lisa McDonald
Rory O'Mahony – Senior Executive Engineer Environment

An Cathaoirleach opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance and informed the attendees that the meeting would be recorded for the purpose of the minutes.

Sympathies

Cllr Staples extended his sympathies to the family of Mick Berry, Tomhaggard and the family of Lal Pierce, Kilmore.

Cllr Codd extended his sympathies to the family of Matt Banville, Rathangan, Joe Bates, Kilmore and Fr Odhran Furlong, Adamstown.

Cllr Carthy asked to be associated with all of the above.

Congratulations

- Cllr Codd congratulated Matt Duro, Kilmore Athletic Club for his recent achievements and asked that he be considered in the future for a Civic Award
- Cllr Aoife Rose O'Brien congratulated Danescastle Music Group for their recent success
- Cllr Staples congratulated Eoin Staples on his achievements as a professional jockey
- On behalf of the members Cllr Carthy congratulated Cllr Aoife Rose O'Brien on her recent announcement

1. Confirmation of Minutes

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

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 Taking in Charge Programme 2026

Tom Banville gave a brief presentation to the group on the Taking in Charge Programme 2026 and answered any questions that arose.

There are 128 applications pending in the County with 17 of these in the Rosslare District. 7 of these estates are classed as Priority Legacy Estates as follows:

- Beechwood Avenue – Funding plan to be agreed
- Churchtown Court – Funding plan to be agreed
- Church View - Funding plan to be agreed
- Cluain Aoibhinn – Funding in place
- Fairway Drive – Funding in place
- Grange Cove – Funding plan to be agreed
- The Bay – Funding plan to be agreed

In response to Cllr O'Briens question around repercussions for developers who leave estates unfinished TB informed the members that there is a Section 35 within the Planning Act where you can refuse a developer who has a current enforcement notice in relation to a development.

In response to Cllr Carthys query around funding for the Programme TB informed the members that these are all legacy estates from 1998 to 2006 when very little regulations for developments were in place. Significant changes to building control regulations are now in place and significant monitoring of developments take place. Bonds are also on all developments.

In relation to Cllr Staples proposal for Links Close Phase 1 and 2 to be included on the priority list for 2026 TB responded that this estate has significant issues, and a site resolution plan will be required, the works will be funded by WCC and UE.

Cllr Carthy requested a real time figure on how much it will be to bring all 17 estates up to standard in the Rosslare District. TB to circulate.

Cllr Carthy also requested a list of the planning levies received for each of the 17 estates on the list. TB to circulate.

2.2 Derelict Sites Update

Tom Banville gave a brief presentation to the group on the Derelict Sites and answered any questions that arose.

Derelict Sites in RMD

- 29 open derelict site files
- 17 sites entered on derelict site register – public document on WCC website
- 2 files closed in 2025 – no longer considered derelict
- 13 Formal notices issued on properties in 2025

- 12 properties open not entered on register yet

Rosslare not applicable for URDF for dereliction as only available in Towns with population greater than 10,000. Looking at putting in place a scheme for rural towns and villages to address dereliction which would be funded locally.

Cllr O'Brien expressed her disappointment that RMD is not eligible for URDF funding for dereliction and would be concerned that we would have to tap into our own resources to fund a rural dereliction programme.

In response to Cllr O'Briens query around the number of sites on the register being very low TB stated that if anyone is aware of a derelict property it can be reported through the WCC website and investigated if required to be included on the register.

Cllr O'Brien raised her concerns in relation to the time frame for property owners to engage and respond to WCC, she is very conscious of homeowners that might not be in a position to carry out repairs to properties they may have inherited.

Cllr Codd raised his concerns around the closure of shops in both rural villages and urban towns in the District and County.

2.3 Signed Section 183s to District

2.3.1 Cathy Ennis Commodore Barry Park

2.3.2 Uisce Eireann Commodore Barry Park

Proposed: Cllr Frank Staples Seconded: Cllr Jim Codd

3 District Managers Report

The DM delivered the previously circulated District Managers Report. Highlights included the following:

- An Tánaiste, Simon Harris - visit to Bridgetown 13th February
- Amenity & Residents Grants applications closed (70 Amenity & 20 Residents) – details to be circulated to members by end of February
- St Fintan's NS Mayglass visit to Council Building 5th February
- Warrior Yoga – 2nd February
- Small Arts Festival and Fáilte Ireland Festival Funding recipients – 7 in total in RMD
- Launch of St Patricks Day Parade 27th February in Red Door

Cllr Staples thanked the staff of RMD for facilitating the visit of St Fintan's NS Mayglass on 5th February.

4 Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

4.1 Engineers Report - Roads

The DE delivered the previously circulated Roads Report and answered any questions that arose.

- Bridgetown mitigation works being carried out to include flood walls surrounding memorial garden

- OPW looking at hydrology part of the report and review meeting to take place in the next week or so.

The members thanked the DE and his team for all of their work during the recent severe weather events.

Cllr Carthy thanked Cllr Staples and Senator Cathal Byrne for facilitating the visit of An Tánaiste, Simon Harris, to the District. He highlighted the importance of these visits as it makes them aware of what is going on in the District.

A discussion took place round the lack of funding and manpower to carry out the required road maintenance works in the District. A draft list of road reinstatement requirements due to severe weather is to be submitted to the department for consideration for additional funding. LL informed the meeting that a claim for the initial impact of the flooding will be submitted later this month.

Cllr Carthy proposed that the District Chairs seek a deputation to the Minister Darragh O'Brien in relation to the ongoing roads issues pertaining to Wexford.

4.2 Housing Reports

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

Cllr O'Brien queried why there is a delay in getting responses through the members portal. LL informed the meeting that the members portal is currently being reviewed. Cllr Carthy proposed putting a motion to the plenary in relation to issues with the Members Portal

Cllr O'Brien highlighted that the 2026 figures for houses in the district is incorrect in the monthly report – the figure should be 33.

Cllr Codd asked if the Cold Weather Bed Policy be reviewed as they were closed on Saturday 14th when there was heavy rain. SR is to circulate the policy to the members for information. The meeting was informed that 90% of the costs to open the beds can be claimed from Dept and WCC pay the balance of 10%. Cllr Carthy proposed writing to the Minister asking that the full cost should be available to claim so that the beds could be available all through the winter.

Cllr Codd requested that emergency accommodation be available for people in their own districts.

4.3 Planning Report

The Planning report was taken as read. Sonia Hunt answered any queries that arose.

Cllr Staples raised a query in relation to unauthorised developments at Coopers Inn in Killinick. TB responded that there are 2 enforcement cases at this property:

1. Regularisation of septic tank and shed – retention application to be submitted
2. Article 10.6 – conversion of commercial premises to residential to be submitted

SH informed the meeting that work on the variation to the Rosslare Harbour Kilrane Plan has started. Deirdre Kirwan Senior Planner will be in contact in next few weeks to discuss.

4.4 Environment Report

The Environment report was taken as read. No representative was present.

4.5 Community Development Report

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

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

Correspondence was taken as read.

Special Projects

'Rosslare Strand to Rosslare Harbour Greenway – Project Update

The Options Selection Phase (Phase 2) of the Rosslare Strand to Rosslare Harbour Greenway is in its final stages. The Options Selection Report has been submitted by the projects Consultants – Fehily Timoney & Co. – and a TII Peer Review of the Options Selection Report is almost complete. It is intended that, the Peer Review Report will be signed by all relevant parties in early February 2026, thus closing the Peer Review process. To complete the requirements for Phase 2, a Public Display of the Preferred Route Corridor, will take place in Rosslare Strand Community on the 4th March 2026. A presentation to RMD members will be given in advance of Public Display. Upon completion of the Public Display, the Project Team will seek approval from TII to progress to Phase 3 (Design & Environmental Evaluation). Assuming approval to proceed to Phase 3 is received, it will then be required to procure the services of a Project Consultant to proceed through Phases 3 (Design & Environmental Evaluation) & 4 (Planning Consent). The indicative programme for delivery of Phases 3 & 4 will be developed upon completion of Phase 2 and receipt of TII approval to proceed to Phase 3.'

6 Notice of Motions

7 AOB

Cllr Codd requested that the Library be asked to look at some way of commemorating Jacob Poole who is buried in the Quakers Graveyard in Taghmon be commemorated. Mr Poole wrote the Glossary of Terms for Yola.

Cllr Carthy congratulated Cllr Billy Shaw on his recent election as County Councillor for Fishguard Northeast as a Plaid Cymru party member.

Cllr Carthy proposed changing the date of the March meeting to 10:30am on Wednesday 25th March due to St Patricks Day. This was seconded by Cllr Jim Codd

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Signed on the 25th March 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