

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 20th September 2023 at 10:30hrs in
the Council Chamber, County Hall, Carricklawn**

- Presiding:** Cllr Jim Moore – An Cathaoirleach
- Councillors:** Cllr Lisa McDonald - Leas Cathaoirleach
Cllr Ger Carthy
Cllr Jim Codd
Cllr Frank Staples
- Officials:** Nóirín Cummins – District Manager
Michael Brazzill – District Engineer (Roads)
Enda Waters – Executive Engineer
Derek Cowman – District Technician
Shay Howell – County Architect (Housing Capital)
Caroline Creane – Senior Staff Officer (Housing)
Sonia Hunt – Executive Planner
Gerry Forde – Senior Engineer (Environment)
Claude Clancy – Administrative Officer (Community)
Liz Hore – Director of Services
Breege Cosgrave – Head of Enterprise and Economic Development
Angela Lawless – Administrative Officer (Economic Development)
Michael Drea – County Secretary
Dean Waters – Staff Officer
- Remote:** Sharon Pettit on behalf of Verona Murphy TD - Oireachtas Member
- Apologies:** Lynda Lacey – District Director

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, welcomed all those in attendance, noted the apologies from the District Director, and then commenced the meeting.

Sympathies

On behalf of the Members and Executive, an Cathaoirleach then extended sympathies to the District Director on her recent family bereavement,

Cllr Ger Carthy then extended sympathies to Cllr Jim Moore and the family & freinds of Paul & Mary O'Reilly of Ballask, Kilmore.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, also extended sympathies to the family of Aidan Kehoe, Carrigaline, Co Cork, former employee and first Harbour Master in Kilmore Quay.

Industrial Action - Fórsa

Following comment from Cllr Ger Carthy, regarding the escalation of the ongoing industrial action by Fórsa members, an Cathaoirleach Cllr Jim Moore suggested seeking clarity on the matter from the County Secretary prior to the end of the meeting.

In order to facilitate the Enterprise & Economic Department team presenting at the start of the meeting, Cathaoirleach Cllr Jim Moore, requested the suspension of standing orders. This was agreed by all present.

8. Special Business (*Internal / External Presentations etc*).

None

8.1 Breege Cosgrave, Head of Enterprise & Economic Development

(a) Kilmore Quay Enterprise Hub

(b) Enterprise and Economic Update

Director of Services Liz Hore gave an overview of District matters and the Kilmore Quay Enterprise Hub, along with Shay Howell, before Breege Cosgrave presented the Enterprise and Economic Update.

A discussion followed.

Director of Services, Liz Hore, agreed that the road infrastructure to Rosslare Europort was of critical importance to its continuing development and expansion and that she would continue to fully support the delivery of these capital projects.

She then thanked the Members and the District staff for their continued support before she and her team departed from the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Monthly Meeting 19th July 2023

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of July 19th 2023, were proposed by Cllr Ger Carthy and seconded by Cllr Frank Staples.

1.2 Matters Arising

The responses and information provided in relation to queries from the previous meeting were noted and it was agreed they would be revisited as necessary under the appropriate agenda item.

Planning Enforcement Case 023/2019 - Killuger Pig Farm

Following comment from Cllr Ger Carthy regarding the update that the Members received at the May Monthly Meeting, he requested a progress report on the matter.

The Executive Planner advised the meeting that she had no new information but that she would refer the matter to Tom Banville, Planning Enforcement.

A discussion followed.

In relation to the odours emanating from the Pig Farm, the S.E. Environment advised the meeting that his team had been responsible for a successful prosecution through the Courts.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, acknowledged that there were 2 distinctly separate actions outstanding and progressing to resolve the issues in the Pig Farm and requested that a report be made available from the Planning Enforcement and Environment Sections for the next meeting.

Planning Enforcement Case 047/2021 - Tamer Metal Recycling Limited, Kilrane Business Park

Cllr Ger Carthy stated that he believed the facility was acting in contravention of its planning permission.

The S.E. Environment advised the meeting that the facility has a licence and planning permission, also confirming that all mattresses collected during the WCC amnesty were now being transported and processed in Longford.

A discussion followed.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, requested that a report be made available from the Planning Enforcement and Environment Sections for the next meeting.

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

None

3. District Manager Report

3.1 District Managers Report

The District Manager delivered her monthly report and highlighted the following information;

Town & Village Renewal 2023

The 7 District *Expressions of Interest* which were received are currently undergoing an initial assessment by the Enterprise and Economic Section and the Rosslare Municipal District Management Team.

Community Monuments Fund 2023

Silvermine project in Barrystown €100,000 - The Contract has been awarded and work is about to commence.

Rosslare MD Strategic Plan

The final preparation work continues on the Rosslare Municipal District Strategic Plan.

- *Following the launch of the Draft Strategic Plan at a public meeting on Tuesday 27th June 2023 at Johnstown Castle the draft plan entered a period of public consultation which is now closed. 15 submissions were received,*

and these are being reviewed by the Environmental Consultant contracted to carry out the required Appropriate Assessment Screening.

- *We are in the process of meeting with the final key stakeholders identified, the youth, the IFA, WWETB, Teagasc*
- *We are continuing to maintain our communication with the community groups and sharing grant information. We recently held a successful information webinar on the Sports Capital Grant scheme, and we are currently exploring more robust forms of communication to be used going forward*
- *We have commenced work on our objective to identify and assist in returning to use as many vacant/derelict properties in the district as possible, with particular focus on our villages initially. We are sending a communication to each of our community groups inviting them to share any information they may have in relation to such properties that might be useful to initiate a conversation with the property owner on possible solutions for the property that could bring the property into active use and how the RMD office might be of assistance in delivering a positive outcome for the property.*

B2K (Bridgetown to Kilmore) Walkway/Greenway

Work has been progressing on a proposal to develop a 10km walkway/greenway from Bridgetown to Kilmore Quay. A feasibility study has been completed and a route has now been identified. Engagement with landowners is ongoing.

Two tender responses in regard to the Single-party framework agreement for Design & Planning Related Consultancy Services for **Phase 2 - Stage (i) Preliminary Design and Planning** have been received and are currently being assessed by RMD Management and the Procurement Team.

The outcome of these works will determine the planning process required and if the outcome is that this is a Part XI process it is hoped that planning could be in place by the end of 2023 or early in 2024.

Kilmore Quay Wastewater Treatment Plant – Site Visit

The new date for the visit to Kilmore Quay Wastewater Treatment Plant has been finalised. The tour will take place at 11:00hrs on Tuesday 26th September.

SS St Patrick - Memorial Service

An invitation has been received from Cllr William Shaw, Deputy Mayor in Fishguard and Goodwick and also the Chairman of the local Branch of the Royal British Legion, inviting the Members to attend a memorial service both on the Ferry and in the port of Fishguard on Saturday 11th November for those who died aboard the SS St Patrick passenger ferry which was bombed by the Luftwaffe as it approached Wales on the 13th June 1941

3.1.1 Culture Night – RMD Events

The events were noted and welcomed by the Members.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, requested the reports as required with the order of business to be reflected in the minutes.

4.6 Environment Report

The S.E. Environment delivered the previously circulated report before responding to the queries raised by the Members, whilst also confirming or giving updates on the following items:

Rosslare Strand - Beach

Following observations at the previous meetings from Cllr Lisa McDonald regarding the increasing number of stones on the beach, the S.E. Environment confirmed that after the situation was monitored, a solution was actioned leading to positive results, and that the situation will continue to be monitored.

Rosslare Strand – Public Convenience

Following comment from the Members, the S.E. Environment advised that he would report to the next Meeting regarding possible upgrade works.

Ballygrangan's – Coastal Erosion

Following comment at the previous meetings regarding the ever-worsening coastal erosion situation and impending road collapse, the S.E. Environment confirmed that his department and the Roads department were working closely to secure the necessary funding for road protection works at the site.

Water Safety

The S.E. Environment confirmed to the Members that he would be completing a report on the matter for circulation at the next Meeting.

Works pending

The S.E. Environment confirmed that works would commence at the Cliff Road, Cullenstown, and Lane of Stones, Carne, within the next 2 months.

4.6.1 Seaview / Coastal Erosion - Update

The S.E. Environment updated the Members on the coastal erosion scheme and confirmed the following;

- *Consultations underway with relevant landowners.*
- *Part XI process would apply.*

4.2 Housing Report

The Senior Staff Officer introduced the previously circulated report.

4.2.1 Rosslare MD Specific

The Senior Staff Officer delivered the Rosslare MD specific housing report and responded to queries from the Members.

The County Architect gave updates on the following capital projects;

- *Rosetown Phase 2 – Handover of units June 2024*
- *Tagoat – Tender window closes 22nd Sept, on site before year end.*

- *Ballygillane – Part XI application ongoing*
- *Land for Housing Development – Assessing 5 Possible Sites*

Murrinctown & Grantstown AHB Housing Developments

Following observations from an Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, the status of both schemes was discussed, and the Members again requested that both substantial developments be included in the RMD Specific Housing Report.

The County Architect agreed that these figures should be included going forward.

One bedroom accommodation

Following discussion on the current problems and difficulties facing one person housing applicants, the Members agreed that a one-bedroom strategy needed to be designed and implemented.

The County Architect agreed that the situation needed to be addressed otherwise the current system would continue to prove problematic for certain categories of applicant.

Homeless / Emergency Accommodation

Following comment from the Members, the Senior Staff Officer reaffirmed that the Social Care Worker assists all those presenting as homeless.

The Senior Staff Officer confirmed that the homeless statistics were included in the report every second month.

The Senior Staff Officer again confirmed that there had been no uptake with the emergency accommodation EOI after the ongoing advertisement campaign.

Housing Adaptation Grants (People with Disability – Housing Adaptation Grant / Housing Aid for Older People Grant / Mobility Aids Housing Grant).

Following a request from Cllr Ger Carthy, the Senior Staff Officer agreed to provide information on the annual spend of grants versus the total grant amount received from central government and staffing levels in the section.

Following acknowledgment from the Chair of the current time being 12:30, Cllr Frank Staples proposed the suspension of Standing Orders. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Ger Carthy and the meeting continued.

4.1 Roads Report

The Executive Engineer delivered the report before responding to questions from the Members, agreeing to log the general maintenance issues raised, whilst also confirming or updating on the following items;

- *Road Strengthening Works*
- *Kilmore Quay Reinstatement Works / WWTP*
- *Big Barn road*
- *Killinick Community Bus Shelter*
- *Line Marking*

- *ESB Pole in Mayglass*

whilst also agreeing to investigate the following matters;

- *Solar Farm Reinstatement Works*
- *Growtown, Taghmon – Dam*
- *Taghmon – Bus Stop Markings*

Roads Programme 2023

The Executive Engineer gave an update on the delivery of the Roads Programme 2023.

Solar Farm Road Reinstatement Works

Following an observation from an Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, that the formal decision was to be made next week, the Members requested that this be an agenda item until the matter is resolved.

4.1.1 Bus Shelter Progress Report

Following a request at the last meeting for a full review and report starting from the first time that Bus Shelters in Tagoat were raised, including all timelines and **Wexford County Council** correspondence with **Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) / National Transport Authority (NTA)**, the District Engineer circulated same.

He then gave a progress report / update on the following outstanding works;

- *Progressing – Bridgetown (#2)*
- *Progressing - Killinick*
- *Active Travel - Wellingtonbridge x2*
- *Active Travel – Kilrane x2*
- *NTA Application – Tagoat x2 (North & South)*
- *NTA Application – Drinagh x2 (North & South)*

Following a request from the Members to progress the Tagoat Bus Shelter independently from the overall traffic management scheme for proposed for Tagoat, the Executive Engineer agreed on the proviso that it was possible to do so without negatively impacting the overall scheme, and that full approval was received from **Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) / National Transport Authority (NTA)**.

4.3 Planning Report

The Executive Planner introduced the previously circulated report before clarifying some matters for the Members

Planning Enforcement

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, requested that the Executive Planner ensures that both items raised under matters arising be relayed to the Planning Enforcement Section for them to provide an update on both for the next meeting.

4.3.1 Planning Decisions – Grants

Noted.

4.3.2 Planning Decisions – Refusals

Noted.

4.4 Libraries Archives & Arts Report

The content of the previously circulated report was noted.

4.5 Community Development Report

The content of the previously circulated report was noted.

4.7 Fire Services Report

Noted.

4.8 Special Projects – Greenway Update

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, advised the Members that no further update was available at present, other than that the Ecological Report was progressing on track.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Foulksmills Tidy Towns – Thank you.

Noted.

6. Notice of Motion/s –

None

7. Any Other Business

Congratulations

Congratulation were afforded to Nick Cullen, Duncormick, who won a silver medal in the recent European Vintage Ploughing Championship in the Netherlands.

Industrial Action - Fórsa

The County Secretary attended the meeting, as requested earlier by the Members, and explained the current level of industrial action currently being taken by Fórsa trade union to the Members. He also outlined details of the intended escalation in the industrial action.

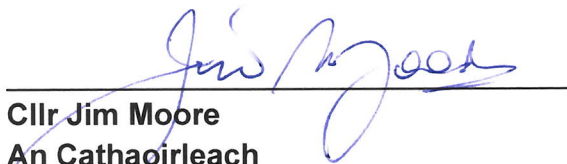
Following questions from the Members, the County Secretary reassured the Members that non-Fórsa employees would continue to work as normal and that a derogation would be applied for where necessary, ensuring that critical services would remain unaffected.

Meeting – Seating Arrangements

Cllr Frank Staples proposed that Officials sit to the fore of the Council Chamber during the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Lisa McDonald and agreed by all.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed on the 25th October 2023



Cllr Jim Moore
An Cathaoirleach
Rosslare Municipal District