

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting  
held on the 21st May 2025 at 10:30hrs in  
Council Chamber, County Hall**

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**Presiding:** Cllr. Jim Codd

**Councillors:** Cllr. Aoife Rose O'Brien  
Cllr. Frank Staples

**Officials:** Lynda Lacey – District Director  
Michael Brazzill – District Engineer  
Derek Cowman – District Technician  
Sandra Martin – District Staff Officer  
Johanna Somers – District Assistant Staff Officer  
Sharon Ryan – Senior Staff Officer Housing  
Angela Finn – Senior Staff Officer Housing Capital  
Rory O'Mahony – Senior Executive Engineer Environment  
Eoghan Nolan – Executive Planner  
Caroline Creane – Administrative Officer Community

**Apologies:** Nóirín Cummins – District Manager  
Cllr. Ger Carthy  
Cllr. Lisa McDonald

An Cathaoirleach opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

The District Director highlighted the apologies from the District Manager and Cllrs. Lisa McDonald & Ger Carthy who are representing RMD at official ceremonies in Dunkirk at the invitation from Patrice Vergriete, Mayor of Dunkirk, and former Minister in charge of housing and transport in France

## **Condolences**

An Cathaoirleach requested a moments silence to mark the passing of Cllr. Joe Doyle, previously Cllr of the Wexford District, Bernadette Kehoe, mother of former T.D. Paul Kehoe and Laurence Shannon, brother of Cllr Raymond Shannon.

Cllr. Staples extended his sympathies.

## **Congratulations**

An Cathaoirleach extended his congratulations to Eugene Kehoe, Coxwain of The Kilmore Lifeboat on his recent retirement after 48years service to the RNLI. Cllr O' Brien & Cllr Staples also extended their congratulations on Mr. Kehoe's selfless career with the lifeboats.

An Cathaoirleach proposed RMD write to Mr. Kehoe to thank him for his service, this was agreed by all.

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

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

### **1.2 Matters Arising**

Cllr. O' Brien raised a query about water fountains being installed in the District and whether a letter that she had requested re funding in the district had been sent to the T.D.'s in the County.

The DD responded that a query was with the County Secretary regarding the letter as it is understood a full Council letter had gone to the T.D.'s in this regard.

The DE replied re the water fountains and explained with water being ÚE remit that it will be difficult to roll them out. Cllr. O' Brien requested we look at installing a couple by the year end and the DE said he would look at existing old structures and see can they be upgraded. The DD said she would discuss with the District Manager.

Cllr. Staples highlighted the Asally lane in Killinick, stated the dangers of it.

The DE said that TII had looked at the N25 in total last year and were not changing it however he would bring it back to Roads Central again.

### **3. District Manager Report**

The District Staff Officer delivered the previously circulated monthly report.

Cllr. O' Brien congratulated the TY students from Bridgetown College on their fantastic work on the Youth Add Value project. She also congratulated all involved in the Blue Flag, Green Coast awards. Cllr. Staples concurred. The DD explained that the TY project was a pilot project, and she was very proud of the effort and interest the students took in the project.

Cllr Codd commented on the amount of out of hours work in the district and thanked the officials. He commented on the success of the Bike Run in Rosslare Strand. He congratulated the TY students, Blue Flag and Green coast awards and

complimented Tomhaggard Clean coasts on the amount of work they have done. He commented on the Bridgetown Exchange Report use of the poppy image and stated he would prefer to see WW1 & WW2 commemorations without the use of the poppy.

#### **4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

##### **4.1 Roads Report**

The DE delivered the previously circulated report, he highlighted works in progress on the Roads Programme and took questions from the Elected Members.

He thanked Cllrs O' Brien, Codd & former Cllr. Jim Moore for their contributions towards Grange rd. to Kilmore Quay.

Cllr. O'Brien thanked the DE for all his work and highlighted the grange rd., Bridgetown Flood Relief flood gates and Hill rd. from Bridgetown to Kilmore.

Cllr. Staples asked about the drainage in Kilmore, Chevron signs in Ballycogley and the Gardimus rd.

Cllr Codd queried Taghmon Foulksmills and Clongeen rds., if more funding becomes available. He mentioned Barrystowns Cross & the Waddingtown school bus stop as being quite dangerous. He highlighted the Cullenstown rd., and the safety concerns regarding the cars stopping to view the rare stork at Sigginstown.

The DE responded to all queries and highlighted lack of low-cost safety funding for this year for Barrystowns cross. He also highlighted the hidden works behind the roads programme in he District.

##### **4.4 Environment Report**

The Senior Executive Engineer highlighted works being done on the Rosslare Coastal Erosion project and highlighted there will be a public participation day during the summer. He invited questions from the members.

Cllr. Staples requested an update his previous query re: capacity at Coopers Inn.

Cllr. O' Brien supported Cllr. Staples query about Coopers Inn. Cllr O' Brien congratulated the Dog warden on his upcoming retirement and requested an update on a replacement and queried the dog fouling units and bags across the district. Cllr O' Brien specifically requested a dog fouling box beside the playground in Bridgetown.

Cllr. Codd enquired about the unkempt appearance of P&T exchange, Corach Avn., Wellingtonbridge.

Cllr Codd queried the potential to secure OPW lands behind Kirwans Garden in Rosslare Harbour and the piece of ground at the end of the park to facilitate one access. He congratulated them on the work they have done with the new composting facility.

Cllr. Codd also enquired about the Borough sand dunes in Kilmore and the gap that has occurred.

The SEE clarified that the locals had meet with NPW about restoring the sandbanks, a discussion was had about the plan going forward for the sand dunes and the SEE suggested the community groups put a proposal in place for natural rehabilitation of the sand dunes to bring back to the NPW.

The DD agreed to enquire about the land at Kirwans Garden.

## **4.2 Housing Report**

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

Cllr. O' Brien queried vacant buildings, houses and empty childcare facilities in the district and what can be done to address these empty buildings?

How is RMD exceeding our targets for housing? Cllr. O' Brien also commented on the high cost of rent in the district.

How many properties in the district are due for energy retrofitting and proposed a motion for Fair share of housing deliveries across the County.

Cllr. Staples queried the houses on CBL in Tagoat and a turnaround/procedure for a boarded-up house in St. Briocs, Rosslare Strand.

Cllr Staples supported the motion from Cllr O' Brien for fair share of development.

The SSO responded to the queries from the Councillors and agreed to take them back to the SEO of Housing. The SSO highlighted the Expressions of Interest advertised.

She also highlighted the report from the Ombudsman to the LGMA which she hopes will give more lee way to the LA's.

The SSO of Capital Housing responded to query from Cllr Staples re CBL in Tagoat and responded to Cllr O' Brien stating the Housing Delivery is a 5-year plan and the numbers in the plan will be exceeded across the RMD within the 5 years.

Cllr. Staples queried the Expression of Interest and the UE connections. The SSO Capital housing stated the building will depend on Planning. The DD said that the CE is keen to get building across the county.

Cllr Codd stated if the district hasn't got the UE facilities, like the urban towns the district will struggle to develop and sustain rural dwellers.

Cllr Codd queried how many tenants have been evicted for Anti-Social behaviour. He commented on the level of resources used to tackle anti-social behaviour within our housing system.

The SSO said every Anti-Social Behaviour complaint is investigated, and the legal process is followed.

The DD commented on the high demand for the National Croi Conaithe scheme and the turnaround in the derelict houses. The RRDF's for the main towns is also very successful and a lot of work is happening in the area of derelict houses.

### **4.3 Planning Report**

The Executive Planner invited questions from the members on the previously circulated report.

Cllr. Staples congratulated the planning section on the turnaround time for pre-planning meetings.

Cllr O' Brien queried if St. Davids well, Bridgetown is on the TIC list and requested an updated TIC list.

The Executive Planner responded that he will pass the queries onto the relevant Executive Planner for response.

### **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, the initiative has been extended for another year. She also highlighted the Taghmons women's shed starting up and Taghmon mens shed have located a premises and they are currently working on it.

She informed the meeting that the LCDC mental health services sub-committee will hold its first meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> of May.

Cllr. Staples & Cllr O' Brien congratulated Community Section on all their work/ Cllr Codd highlighted the importance of the men sheds in the rural communities. Cllr. O' Brien queried funding for these projects and the AO responded that funding is looked out on a case by case basis and community recommend grants available to them.

### **4.7 Library Report**

Cllr. Codd highlighted the importance of culture in our District

## **6. AOB**

The DD highlighted the Civic Award Protocols & Civic Protocols under AOB.

These were proposed by Cllr Staples & seconded by Cllr. O' Brien.

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 informed the meeting of Sandra Martin, Staff Officers' departure to Climate Action as Community Climate Action Officer. The Executive and the Cllrs congratulated her on her new role and thanked her for her commitment and hard work to the District.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jim Codd', is written over a horizontal line.

Cllr Jim Codd

An Cathaoirleach

Rosslare Municipal District