

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 21st September 2022 at 10.30hrs in the Council Chamber,
Carricklawn, Wexford, and MS Teams (Remote).**

- Presiding:** Cllr Lisa McDonald – An Cathaoirleach
- Councillors:** Cllr Jim Moore
Cllr Jim Codd
Cllr Frank Staples – Leas Cathaoirleach (Remote Attendance)
Cllr Ger Carthy (Remote Attendance)
- Officials:** Nóirín Cummins – District Manager
Annette O'Neill - District Director / Director of Services
Ken Jones – District Engineer (Water)
Mark Collins – District Engineer (Roads)
Derek Cowman – District Technician
Gerry Forde – Senior Engineer (Environment)
George Colfer – Executive Engineer (Environment)
Niall McCabe – Administrative Officer (Finance)
Jill Kelleher – Staff Officer (Credit Control)
Tom Banville – Senior Executive Officer (Planning)
Caroline Creane – Senior Staff Officer (Housing)
Sharon Dobbs – T/Clerical Officer
Dean Waters – Staff Officer
- Apologies:** Dymphna O'Connor – Senior Executive Officer (Community)

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lisa McDonald, welcomed all those in attendance and commenced the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Monthly Meeting 20th July 2022

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of July 20th 2022, were proposed by Cllr Frank Staples and seconded by Cllr Jim Moore.

1.2 Matters Arising

1.2.1 Housing – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme

The responses and information provided in relation to queries from the previous meeting were noted.

Following a recommendation from the Chair it was agreed that the response would be revisited, as necessary, under the appropriate agenda item.

To accommodate requests from Ken Jones, District Engineer (Water) and Niall McCabe, Administrative Officer (Finance) and subsequent proposal by An

3. District Manager Report

3.1 District Managers Report

The District Manager welcomed the new District staff members, Sharon Dobbs and Derek Cowman, to the meeting before delivering her report.

The Members acknowledged the positive progress on projects and commended the District Staff for the continued delivery of high-quality projects and events within the District, giving special mention to the following positive news;

- *Green Flag Community Awards 2022*
- *Visiting Students from Dunkerque*
- *NTA – Bus Stop Enabling Works Grant 2022*
- *OPW Dredging Works in Bridgetown*
- *WCC/ORIS Bannow Blueway*
- *Culture Night 2022*
- *Local Live Performance Programming Scheme (Round 4)*
- *Wexford Walking Trails Walking Festival 2022*
- *Write by the Sea Festival*

Wexford County Council / ORIS - Bannow Blueway

The District Manager confirmed that during the completion of phase 1 all landowners had been consulted.

OPW Dredging Works / Bridgetown Memorial Garden

The Members welcomed the recent dredging works by the OPW and agreed that the disruption to the Memorial Garden was necessary to allow the works to be completed.

The District Manager confirmed that RMD were working closely with the community and consultations had begun regarding the possible re-alignment or relocation of the Memorial Garden to accommodate continued access to the river at this point for the facilitation of dredging works in line with previous years when dredging works had been completed.

Ministerial Visit – Heather Humphreys TD

The District Manager advised the Members that Minister Heather Humphreys would be making an official visit to County Wexford on the 6th October, to acknowledge the commencement or completion of some of the projects funded by her department. During the visit the minister would attend three Rosslare MD locations to perform official openings and sod turning as follows;

- *Our Lady's Island Community Centre (Official Opening)*
- *WCC/ORIS Bannow Blueway (Sod Turning)*
- *Clongeen Community Centre (Official Opening)*

confirming that the NTA would install the Bus Shelters once the enabling works were completed. Designs for these enabling works were underway and updates will be provided as this programme progressing.

The Executive Engineer further advised that there would be some flexibility with the order of completion, but that this would be dependent on number of contractors involved across the locations.

4.9 Environment Report

The S.E. Environment delivered the previously circulated report and dealt with the queries which were raised by the Members.

Environment Report Data - Illegal Dumping

Following comment from Cllr Jim Moore, regarding the high instances of illegal dumping in the District as contained in the Environment Report, the S.E. Environment agreed to assess the GPS data and report back to the October or November meeting with findings.

Beach Access Report – St Margaret's

The S.E. Environment advised the Members that contact had been made with the landowner with regard to the possibility of increased access at this location.

4.9.1 Seaview / Coastal Erosion - Update

The S.E. Environment updated members on the current status of the coastal erosion schemes and responded to the queries from the Members.

Cocklestrand Wall

Following comment from Cllr Jim Codd, the E.E Environment advised the Member that the reconstruction of the wall would be cost prohibitive, explaining that additional works would be required prior to the walls reinstatement to prevent a further collapse in the future.

Following further remarks from Cllr Jim Codd, the E.E. Environment agreed to request isolated costings for the reconstruction of the wall only.

The S.E. Environment advised the Member that the safe re-instatement of the wall would not be possible without the necessary additional works.

4.9.2 4.9.2 St Helen's Preliminary Erosion Assessment Report

The E.E. Environment introduced and delivered the report before responding to questions from the Members.

The E.E Environment gave details of the BCR (Benefit Cost Ratio) and advised that this was a requirement under the OPW's scheme. He further advised that a meeting with the OPW had been arranged for October 11th to discuss all the possible options available.

Ballyhealy Preliminary Erosion Study

The S.E. Environment confirmed that an update on *Ballyhealy Preliminary Erosion Study* would be presented at the October meeting.

following assessment. She also advised the Members that she would confirm if there were any current vacancies in our homeless service at Osman House or if it was at capacity as stated by Cllr Jim Codd.

Vacant Homes Officer

The Senior Staff Officer advised the members that the newly appointed Vacant Homes Officer is available to attend the October Monthly Meeting. The Members agreed that his attendance would be welcome and beneficial and requested that the Senior Staff Officer relay the invitation to attend.

Housing Capital Team

The District Manager advised the meeting that Brian Galvin, S.E. had agreed to attend the October meeting if required. The Members requested that the District Manager accept his offer of attendance.

Appropriate Land Acquisition / Turnkeys - Expressions of Interest

The Senior Staff Officer advised the meeting that there was no closing date as such, but that the call for *Expressions of Interest* would be readvertised in relation to appropriate land acquisition for the development of small clusters of 4-7 houses and similar Turnkey developments in the District.

4.7 Libraries Archives & Arts Report

The content of the previously circulated report was noted by the Members.

4.8 Community Development Report

The content of the previously circulated report was noted by the Members.

4.10 Fire Services Report

Noted.

4.11 Members New Support System

Noted.

5. Correspondence

6. Notice of Motion/s – None

7. Any Other Business

Bridgetown Dredging Works – Community Cooperation

The Members wished to thank the community in Bridgetown for facilitating the OPW's and WCC's dredging works which were completed on both sides of the Bridge.

Kilmannon – Derelict Wall

The District Manager confirmed that a meeting was being arranged between the owner of the adjacent property, the WCC Conservation Officer, the District Engineer, and herself, with further updates to be available shortly.