

Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 16th of July 2025 at 10:30hrs in
Council Chamber, County Hall

Presiding: Cllr. Ger Carthy

Councillors: Cllr. Jim Codd
Cllr. Frank Staples

Officials: Lynda Lacey – District Director
Michael Drea – County Secretary
Nóirín Cummins – District Manager
Michael Brazzill – District Engineer
Derek Cowman – District Technician
Johanna Somers – District A/Staff Officer
Jodi Somers – A/Assistant Staff Officer
Angela Finn – Senior Staff Officer Housing Construction
Sonia Hunt– Executive Planner
Caroline Creane – Administrative Officer Community
Kieron Tribhowan – T/Clerical Officer

Apologies Cllr Lisa McDonald
Cllr Aoife Rose O’ Brien
Sharon Ryan – S.S.O., Housing
Rory O’ Mahoney – S.S.E., Environment

An Cathaoirleach opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance

Congratulations

Cllr Codd congratulated the Bannow Rathangan show on a fantastic festival, he also congratulated the Kilmore Seafood Festival, One Last Show and Taghmon Pony racing & wished the Foulksmills Duck Race the best of luck.

Cllr Staples concurred and stated the Killag Show was one of the best and encouraged all to attend The Century of Harvest.

Cllr Staples congratulated Our Lady's Island Feile U-15 and the All-Blacks club who won 7 titles this season. An Cathaoirleach concurred.

Draft Polling Scheme

2.1 The Draft Polling Scheme was introduced by the County Secretary Michael Drea as per circulation on Decision time.

WCC are permitted to make the relevant changes to polling scheme where boundary changes are implemented, and this draft polling scheme considers the changes within the County from 4 local electoral areas to 6 and 1 Dail constituency to 2 since the last Polling Scheme in 2018. A public consultation is opening on 23rd of July for 5 weeks.

An Cathaoirleach questioned if the public can make submissions on the electoral divisions, the County Secretary responded by saying that the polling scheme dictates who votes where, as opposed to electoral divisions.

Cllr Codd thanked all the staff who man the elections in the County and sought information on the update of Register of Elections. He sought clarity on the border roads within the different Districts.

The County Secretary also informed the Members that there is a modernisation of the Register of Elections system on-going.

Cllr. Staples queried if there were enough staff to support this system and the County Secretary confirmed that the Department have funded more staff.

Cllr Codd asked if work could be done to promote registering for voting across the County. The County Secretary confirmed that WCC goes out to schools across the County and will also be running another campaign to register for voting cross the County.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

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

The minutes from the June Annual meeting were proposed by Cllr. Staples and seconded by Cllr. Codd

1.2 Matters Arising

3. District Manager Report

The District Manager delivered the previously circulated monthly report. She highlighted a request from Dunkirk City Council for a meeting after the summer to discuss the further development of the Youth Exchange initiative.

She highlighted the fantastic events in the RMD over the summer months and congratulated Mayor Billy Shaw on his re-election for a second term as Mayor of Fishguard and Goodwick TC and informed the members that the Twinning will possibly take place in September

She also congratulated Tomhaggard Clean Costs on their selection of Pride of Place Award with judging taking place in the Stella Maris on Monday 28th.

An Cathaoirleach thanked the DM for her work in the District.

Cllr. Codd thanked the DM and stated he is delighted to see Tomhaggard Clean cost getting Pride of Place. Cllr Codd asked for an update on the lights in Ard Munna. The DM gave an update from Roads central.

Cllr. Staples thanked the DM for her work and asked for an update on Grahormack graveyard, the DD recommended Cllr. Staples contact Community.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

4.1 Roads Report

The District Engineer delivered his previously circulated report. He highlighted the works complete on this year's road works programme including the Surface Dressing programme and most of the Bridge Rehabilitation works. He also commented on the works completed on the hedge cutting across the district.

An Cathaoirleach thanked the DE for the hard work across the district

Cllr. Staples asked about drainage in Kilmore beside the soccer club and Ballyhealy castle to the beach. He also asked about CIS roads in the district. He congratulated the DE on the amount of work done in the district.

An Cathaoirleach queried getting hedge cutters outside of normal days for beach access

Cllr Codd concurred with Cllr Staples on the amount of work done in the last month. He asked for comment on the maintenance of the Eir station in Wellingtonbridge. He also queried if we could new signs on the Newline towards Kilmore and speed controls in Clongeen.

The District Director requested that going forward all hedge cutting needs to be logged between the office and District Technician instead of the District Engineer. She highlighted section 70 which states that trees/hedges are the responsibility of the owner to cut hedges.

An Cathaoirleach asked for commitment from the office for Section 70 letters to be issued and requested proactive action on hedge cutting.

Cllr. Staples highlighted that landowners are allowed cut hedges/ditches once there is deemed to be a road safety concern.

Cllr. Codd queried how do landowners get clearance? The District Technician asked for a definitive location, and he meet with the landowners to confirm/agree.

4.4 Environment Report

Apologies from the S.S.E., Environment

In the absence of Environment, Cllr Codd queried waste companies not removing their bins from properties. The DD said she will raise the issue with Environment.

4.2 Housing Report

In the absence of the S.S.O. of housing the S.S.O. of Housing construction stated that she will take questions from the members.

Cllr. Codd requested more assistance for the homeless with the HAP forms

The S.S.O. of housing capital informed the members that construction will commence on Ballygillane in October

4.3 Planning Report

The planning report was circulated.

An Cathaoirleach queried the marked increase in the Environmental queries within F.I. requests on Planning applications. Cllr Codd queried the Eir kiosk under planning and the DM said she would follow up on the letter to Eir.

4.5 Community Report

The Administrative Officer advised that the Community Report has been circulated. She highlighted the need for more volunteers for the Fleadh. Cllr Codd thanked the A.O. for the work completed on the women's sheds.

4.7 Library Report

5. Correspondence

An update was provided on the Coastguard in Kilmore Quay and the DD spoke about correspondence from Dunkirk congratulating the district on the good news for Rosslare Europort.

6. AOB

An Cathaoirleach spoke about the issue with the removal of the signage on the roads across the District. He listed some of the community groups affected by this, including Bannow Rathangan show, Phil Murphy weekend and Leo Carthy weekend. He requested the policy on signage on the roads as some of the charity groups had requested permission previously and stated that an invitation had been sent to the S.E., Roads to attend the meeting to discuss but had not received a response. He extended an invitation to the S.E., Roads to attend any future RMD meeting to defend the decision. The DD then read the guidelines on signage given from the Director of roads. An Cathaoirleach stated that policy/guidelines are very different things. He requested a full list of signs be made and the signs be returned to the community groups. He stated that RMD support most of these groups financially and we need to work together. The DD stated she will discuss this with the Director of Roads and the S.E., and a commitment was made that if the signs erected are within the Council guidelines they will not be removed.

Cllr Codd concurred with Cllr. Carthy and stated that a serious discussion needs to happen with whoever directed the sign removal for the community groups.

Cllr Staples queried how the community groups are made aware of the guidelines.

The D.E., stated for clarity that none of the signs were removed by the staff of the RMD.

Cllr Codd stated the team in the RMD was very proactive in trying to locate the signs for the community groups.

An Cathaoirleach requested we get the signs out of the depot and get the signs put back up for the community groups for anything that hasn't expired to date and return the signs to the groups that events are over and a costing to be sent to roads central department.

The DD stated that she will discuss the guidelines with Director of roads and see what guidelines can be circulated.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed on the 16th July 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ger Carthy', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cllr. Ger Carthy

An Cathaoirleach

Rosslare Municipal District