

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 15th of October 2025 at 10:30hrs in
Council Chamber, County Hall**

Presiding: Cllr Ger Carthy

Councillors: Cllr Jim Codd
Cllr Lisa McDonald
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
Stephen O'Connor – Senior Executive Officer Housing
Rory O'Mahony – Senior Executive Engineer Environment
Philip Knight – Administrative Officer Community

Apologies Cllr Frank Staples
Sonia Hunt – Executive Planner

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

- Sympathies were expressed by An Cathaoirleach and Cllr McDonald on behalf of the RMD to the family of Pat Byrne Rosslare who was a prominent member of the Rosslare Memorial Committee.
- Cllr Codd and An Cathaoirleach extended sympathies to the family of Martha Thorpey Carrig on Bannow. Martha was the principal of Danescastle Primary School and the founder of the Danescastle Music Group.
- Cllr McDonald extended sympathies to the family of Mylie Cousins who tragically lost his life and also to the family of Mary O'Connor, St Martins.

Congratulations

- An Cathaoirleach welcomed the recent RRDF funding announcement of €1.4m for Rosslare Strand and Harbour. This would not have been possible without the work and commitment of the Rosslare District Team. An Cathaoirleach also expressed his appreciation to Minister James Browne and Minister Darragh Calleary. Cllr McDonald and Cllr Codd also commended the team on the work that was put into the funding application. The DD thanked the members for their appreciation and thanked Cllr Carthy for all of his work also.

- Cllr Codd congratulated the cast and crew of the short film “One Last Show in Taghmon” for the success of the film in 11 International Film Festivals, there are plans to make it into a full-length feature film. Cllr Codd also thanked the District for supporting this project.
- Cllr Codd congratulated the crew of the “Darcy May”, the Murphys of the Borrow, for their success in the Flat Bottom Cot Race from Rosslare to Wexford Harbour.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the July Monthly Meeting were proposed by Cllr O’Brien and seconded by Cllr McDonald.

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 Draft Budgetary Plan (GMA) 2026

The District Director delivered the previously circulated Draft Budgetary Plan (GMA) 2026.

Rosslare GMA Total allocation €280,000

Breakdown as follows:

Housing Estate Management	€12,000
Local Road General Improvement Works	€45,000
Community Involvement Scheme	€29,000
Tourist facilities operations	€6,000
Town Twinning	€5,000
Litter control initiatives	€7,000
Community grants – sports & recreational	€50,000
Festivals and concerts	€56,000
Local Representation/Civic Leadership	€10,000
General Municipal Allocations (GMA)	€60,000
District Project Development Programme	€75,000
District Additional Funding (€5,000 per member)	€25,000

The plan was proposed by Cllr McDonald and seconded by Cllr O’Brien.

An Cathaoirleach enquired whether the current LTP revaluation could result in an increase in the GMA for 2026. The DD informed the meeting that there WCC is

currently carrying a deficit but if there is any additional funding available in the future this could be considered.

2.2 Proposed Development for Taking in Charge – 1-3 The Willows, Grange, Rosslare, Co Wexford

Proposed by Cllr McDonald and seconded by Cllr O'Brien.

3. District Manager's Report

The District Manager delivered the previously circulated monthly report. She informed the meeting that the official opening of the Community Playground in Carrig is taking place on Sunday 19th October. The DM welcomed Edwina Colfer to the Rosslare Municipal District and thanked Johanna Somers for all her work.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

4.1 Engineers Report - Roads

The DE delivered the previously circulated Roads Report. He highlighted the following:

1. Roads Restoration Programme for 2025 will be completed by the end of the year.
2. Roads Restoration Maintenance Programme – complete
3. Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) & Roads Scheme – complete in the coming weeks
4. Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) Roads – ongoing
5. Bridge Rehabilitation Grant – ongoing
6. Specific Improvement Grants Scheme 2025 – ongoing
7. Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works – ongoing
8. Drainage Works & Hedge Cutting – ongoing
9. Hedge & Tree Cutting – ongoing
10. Bus Shelters – awaiting approval of the 2025 bus shelter programme funding
11. Line Marking – ongoing
12. Low-Cost Safety / Other Safety Improvements - ongoing
13. Active Travel Projects – complete in Taghmon and Murrintown
14. Bridgetown Flood Scheme Review – report being compiled
15. Rosslare to Wexford Estuary (South Slob) Drainage Improvements – majority of drainage improvements carried out
16. ESB Wexford Solar Farm Hub Project – works to commence in October 2025

The DE informed the meeting that a substantial number of letters have been issued to landowners requesting that they cut the hedgerows. It has been agreed that WCC will cut hedgerows on Regional Roads and junctions for H&S reasons. Landowners will be responsible for Local Roads. An Cathaoirleach requested that a database be compiled of all the landowners that have hedgerows on local roads so that letters can be issued to them in 2026. The DM confirmed that this will be looked into.

Cllr Codd thanked the DE for the work carried out in Taghmon over the last few weeks. He raised the issue of 3 broken telegraph poles in Scar, Slevoy and Clover Valley which need to be addressed.

Cllr Codd raised the issue of the maintenance on the Gurtins Lane and queried why it has not been taken in charge by WCC. He also highlighted a broken sign in Bridgetown which needs repairing and queried if Barrystown Cross could be looked at from a H&S perspective. He also raised the issue of the water pipe leaks in Bridgetown – this is an Uisce Éireann issue.

Cllr O'Brien requested an updated on the extension of the port in Rosslare and the parking for the lorries & HGVs etc. She also asked if we should write to the Minister in relation to extra funding for roads.

Cllr O'Brien also queried when a AHB housing estate located in Murrintown will be taken in charge as the residents are requesting speed ramps to be installed. Cllr O'Brien also queried if the rubble had been removed from Pugin Park.

Cllr O'Brien proposed responding directly to correspondence received from the Minister ?? re - as this correspondence was sent to the plenary meeting it was felt that the response should be sent from there also. **Check with Zoe re correspondence**

Cllr McDonald thanked the DE for the installation of the speed ramp on the Redshire Road. She also requested that a proposal be drafted for the Drinagh Road/Bus Stop area.

An Cathaoirleach queried why Wexford Town gets a block grant on top of their Roads Allocation.

On the request of Cllr Codd and Cllr McDonald a motion is to be sent to the plenary meeting requesting that a letter be sent to the Minister for Roads on behalf of Wexford County Council asking that the Roads budget be allocated per KM of road and the condition of the road and not per head of capita as it currently is.

An Cathaoirleach left the meeting at this point and An Leas Cathaoirleach took charge of the meeting.

4.2 Housing Reports

Stephen O'Connor, Senior Executive Officer Housing delivered the Housing Report that was previously circulated.

The SEO provided the following information:

- 61 currently on Homeless list for the County – these people are not all rough sleepers and includes people in Ozanam House, temporary council accommodation, B&Bs etc.
- 5 vacant houses in the district with 3 of these requiring extensive works. Average turnaround time is 26 days
- 244 number on transfer list with 94 of these in RMD

- 2025/26/27 – estimated 117 units will be delivered over the next 3 years in RMD
- 150 currently on the housing list and 94 on transfer list in RMD

Cllr Codd informed the meeting that there is a fear among young people that they will never have their own home and wondered what we can do to address this. Cllr Codd also queried the number currently on the Homeless list for the County.

Cllr O'Brien requested that a breakdown for the RMD be provided of the Tenant in Situ properties purchased. Cllr O'Brien also requested getting a breakdown per district for derelict sites and vacant properties – this is not in the Housing remit. Cllr O'Brien also queried if the receipts system for Housing Applications will be available in all of the Districts and also queried how the transfer system works for someone with medical needs.

Cllr McDonald thanked the SEO for attending the meeting. Cllr McDonald queried when the properties in Tobar Cormac will be officially opened and allocated and queried if the properties in Carrig and Ballygillane were on target to be delivered by the end of the year. Cllr McDonald also requested if more housing schemes could be made available in the RMD.

Cllr Codd requested that the west of the district be considered for new housing schemes and that Uisce Eireann be asked to look at capacity in these areas.

Cllr Codd requested that numbers presenting as Homeless be included in the Housing report in the future.

Cllr McDonald queried at what stage the houses in Grantstown were.

The SEO Housing responded to all the queries raised.

Cllr McDonald thanked the SEO for attending and requested that he would attend further meetings in the future.

The meeting adjourned for 5 minutes.

4.3 Planning Report

The Planning Report was circulated for review. No representative was present.

4.4 Environment Report

Rory O'Mahoney delivered the Environment report which was previously circulated.

He highlighted the following:

- Rosslare Coastal Erosion & Flood Relief Scheme – team are meeting NPWS shortly about the project
- Seaview Coastal Protection & Beach Access – Currently working on placing the beach ramp, works expected to be complete this year
- Lady's Island Water Level Management System – enforcement of farm and septic tank inspections ongoing, UE to provide discharge results for the WWTP, Regular stakeholder meetings are continuing, Atkins Consultants have been appointed to prepare an Action Plan to include long and short-term

measures, A business case is being prepared for DHLGH for resource funding.

- Permits & Enforcement: Kilrane Facility – no change
- Rural Water is now part of the Environment Section

Cllr O'Brien asked if WCC could meet the Our Ladys Island Lake Action group to hear their concerns and provide them with up-to-date information. Cllr O'Brien also asked if the Dail sub committee report on the lake could be circulated to all RMD members.

Cllr Codd asked if we could invite a representative from the National Parks and Wildlife Service to the next RMD meeting to give a presentation on the decline of wildlife & biodiversity in the District.

Cllr McDonald expressed sympathies to Rory O'Mahoney on the recent passing of his mother.

4.5 Community Development Report

Philip Knight delivered the Community Development report which was previously circulated. He highlighted the following:

- Teenage Girls Programme with Traveller Girls Group in Taghmon,
- Period Dignity Programme – pilot being run in New Ross with outreach in Cois Barry Community House Rosslare,
- Community Recognition Fund - Kilrane Rosslare Harbour Community Centre Roof Repairs
- Food Bank in association Food Cloud with now operating in Taghmon
- Wexford Festival Opera outreach concert and workshop in Taghmon

Cllr O'Brien requested more information on the Food Bank be circulated to the members of the District.

4.6 Fire Services Report

The Fire Services Report was circulated for review. No representative was present.

4.7 Libraries, Arts & Archived Report

The Libraries, Arts & Archived Report was circulated for review. No representative was present.

5. Correspondence

No correspondence to report.

6. Notice of Motions

Cllr O'Brien - "We, The Rosslare Municipal District, call on Wexford County Council to provide a fair share of housing developments, committing to increase the supply allocated for the RMD; noting the shortfall received to date compared to other districts"

Seconded by Cllr Codd

Members of Rosslare Municipal District – "We the Rosslare Municipal District call on Wexford County Council to write to the Department of Transport and the Minister to

provide annual roads funding allocated to the condition of road rather than the km of road rejecting that the Minister has recently stated "basing allocations on road condition could therefore disincentivise Local Authorities from allocating own resource funding to roads maintenance recognising that some local authorities are allocating significant resources into roads maintenance where the department have failed

Seconded by Cllr Codd

7. AOB

Following on from query raised at the last meeting an update on 3D Printing House Construction it has been confirmed that Housing Construction are currently in a procurement process for a pilot scheme for Volumetric 3D in New Ross which will inform how we and other Las proceed in the future. Housing Construction to be asked to consider including Duncormick in the pilot scheme as a smaller 3 house scheme.

Cllr Codd proposed sending a letter to the Minister of Agriculture highlighting the plight of the Tillage Farmers in the County. This was seconded by Cllr O'Brien.

Cllr O'Brien asked that instead of a Members Christmas Dinner that the funding be donated to a local charity. It was felt that having the Annual Members Christmas Dinner is of benefit to local businesses in the District. It was suggested donating some of the members discretionary funding to a local charity would be a better option. This is to be discussed further at the next meeting.

Special Projects are to be requested to attend the next meeting of the RMD to give updates on the projects in the RMD.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Signed on the 19th November 2025



Cllr Ger Carthy
An Cathaoirleach
Rosslare Municipal District

