

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 17th of December 2025 at 2:30pm in
Council Chamber, County Hall**

Presiding: Cllr Ger Carthy

Councillors: Cllr Jim Codd
Cllr Lisa McDonald (online)
Cllr Frank Staples

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
Sharon Ryan – Senior Staff Officer Housing
Caroline Creane – Senior Staff Officer Housing Capital
Sonia Hunt – Executive Planner
Philip Knight, Administrative Officer Community
David Codd, Road Safety Officer, Roads

Apologies Cllr Aoife Rose O'Brien

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

Cllr Codd and Cllr Staples extended sympathies to the families of Declan Bates – Kilmore Quay, Mary Cassidy - Bridgetown; Kathleen Bennett – Kilmore Quay, Sarah Jane Cheasty Dunne – Taghmon; Mary Cullen – Duncormick; Isla Furlong - Duncormick

Congratulations

- Cllr Codd expressed his thanks to all of the Community Groups in the District for all their hard work organising Christmas Light events over the last few weeks
- Cllr Codd also congratulated Rathangan Vintage Club for their successful Light Up Run in aid of Kilmore Quay RNLI held in memory of Michael Roche.
- Cllr Codd expressed his gratitude to Paul Delaney and all the staff in the Cornmarket Project for all the work they do for the homeless.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

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

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 Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit Bye Laws) Update

David Codd Road Safety officer gave a brief update to the meeting on the Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit Bye Laws) process. The Wexford Speed Limit Bye Law review has been on hold pending guidelines from the Department of Transport - updated guidelines RW21 were received on 16th October 2025 – a copy of this will be circulated to the members next week.

National Speed limits being processed consist of 4 phases:

- Phase 1 - Rural Speed Limits – 80kmh to 60kph on local county road network – completed in February 2025
- Phase 2 – Urban Speed Limits – introduction 30kph in built up urban areas
- Phase 3 - National Secondary Roads – 100kph to 80kph on all National Secondary Roads in Ireland (Scarawalsh to Bunclody N80)
- Phase 4 - Roads Adjacent to Schools –Department has indicated that a further circulate will be provided with details of when this review should be carried out but Wexford has decided to include schools in our Speed Limit Byelaws process

Next step is the preparation of a draft Speed Limit Byelaw Document which will be based on representations from Elected Members, An Garda Siochana, Adjoining Local Authorities, TII and members of public. All roads in Wexford will be open for review.

Statutory public consultation and communication

- Workshops for Councillors in early 2026
- All communication channels will be utilised to include
- Drop in events for the public to view draft document

Timeline

- Complete and return to the Department the required infrastructure no later than 25th February 2026
- Adoption of speed limit byelaws process 30th October 2026
- Install infrastructure before 31st March 2027

Comments and observations can be sent to speedlimits@wexfordcoco.ie

In response to Cllr Staples request that the speed limits be reviewed on the stretch of road on the N11 from the Rosslare Road Roundabout to Rosslare Harbour DC stated that a request will be submitted to TII to reduce speed limits on part of the National Road Network.

2.2 "Declaring a Public Road" (Taking in Charge) of 1-3 The Willows, Grange, Rosslare, Co. Wexford - amendment to wording from October meeting

Proposed: Cllr Staples

Seconded: Cllr Codd

3. District Managers Report

The DM delivered the previously circulated District Managers Report. Highlights included the visit of 3 Government Ministers to 9 projects in the district which included the turning of the sod at the Ballymitty Community Centre and the official opening of The Bank Community & Enterprise Hub.

The District Manager wished everyone a Happy Christmas and looked forward to working with the members again in 2026.

Cllr Carthy congratulated the DM and her staff for all of their work throughout 2025 and highlighted the number of successful funding applications that the District had carried out. Cllr Carthy thanked the Department for their continuous support and look forward to security further grant support in 2026 for the RRDF project in Rosslare Harbour and Strand.

Cllr Codd congratulated the DM on the Three Crosses project in Carrig on Bannow.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

4.1 Engineers Report - Roads

The Roads Report was taken as read.

Cllr Codd highlighted the state of the roads between Busherstown, Ballymitty, Ballyfrory across to Taghmon as an area in need of road improvement and requested that consideration be given to include these areas in the road improvement works for 2026.

Cllr Codd also highlighted erosion problems in 2 gardens in Kilmore – this needs to be looked at as a priority.

In response to Cllr Councillor Codd's query in relation to the OPW report for Bridgetown the DE stated that the draft report is currently being assessed, and it is hoped to have a final report by February 2026.

Cllr Staples thanked the DE and his team for all their work in 2025.

4.2 Housing Reports

The Housing report was taken as read.

Cllr Codd asked if alternative options could be looked at for homeless people that cannot access services in Ozanam House due to various behavioural reasons.

4.3 Planning Report

The Planning report was taken as read.

Sonia Hunt, Executive Planner informed the meeting that An Bord Pleanála's decision in relation to the Tamer Recycling Plant is due 31st March 2026.

Application has been submitted from Irish Rail for the Offshore Renewable Energy Hub - details are to be circulated to the members for information. Closing date for observations is the 24th February 2026.

Seamus Fraser, new assistant planner to cover New Ross and Rosslare to support Sonia Hunt.

4.4 Environment Report

The Environment report was taken as read.

Cllr Staples and Cllr Codd asked that a plan for the erosion at Ballyhealy be prioritised for 2026.

4.5 Community Development Report

The Community Development Report was taken as read.

Philip Knight informed the group that the priorities for the Community Enhancement Funding are currently being prepared for the LCDC and when adopted they will be brought to the elected members.

Cllr Carthy proposed that the National allocation be divided evenly between the 5 districts and that the applications be channelled and funding distributed through the District Offices. This was seconded by Cllr McDonald and Cllr Staples. The proposal is to be brought to the next meeting of the LCDC.

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

Correspondence was taken as read.

6. Notice of Motions

There were no Motions passed.

7. AOB

- Cllr Codd highlighted the plight of the Fishermen due to the recent announcement regarding the reduction in the quotas. Cllr McDonald supported the views of Cllr Codd in relation to this problem. Cllr Carthy proposed writing to the Minister Timmy Dooley and members of the European Parliament in Ireland South to highlight the concerns of the District in relation to this.
- Cllr Carthy expressed his thanks to the DD and DM and their staff for their work and commitment to the District in 2025. Cllr Carthy wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

- The DD thanked the members for all of their cooperation in 2025 and looked forward to working with them again in 2026 and also acknowledged the hard work and commitment of the staff of the RMD throughout 2025.
- Cllr Lisa McDonald wished everyone a Happy Christmas and acknowledged the hard work that the RMD team carried out in 2025.
- Cllr Staples congratulated everyone for the achievements during 2025 and thanked everyone.
- Cllr Codd thanked everyone for their work during 2025.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Signed on the 21st January 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ger Carthy', written over a horizontal line.

Cllr Ger Carthy
An Cathaoirleach
Rosslare Municipal District

