# Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting

**held on the 22nd February 2024 at 14:00hrs in**

**the Council Chamber, County Hall, Carricklawn**

**Presiding:** Cllr Jim Moore– An Cathaoirleach

**Councillors:** Cllr Jim Codd

Cllr Ger Carthy

Cllr Frank Staples

**Officials:** Nóirín Cummins – District Manager

Lynda Lacey – District Director

Michael Brazzill – District Engineer (Roads)

Caroline Creane – Administrative Officer (Community)

Sharon Ryan – Senior Staff Officer (Housing)

Sonia Hunt – Executive Planner

Gerry Forde – Senior Engineer (Environment)

Ian Plunkett – Executive Technician

Sandra Martin – Staff Officer

Johanna Somers – Assistant Staff Officer

Deirdre Mullally - Wexford Coordinator (HAFH)

Dean Waters – Staff Officer

**Remote:** None

**Apologies:** Cllr Lisa McDonald - Leas Cathaoirleach

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, confirmed that the requisite quorum was in place, welcomed all those in attendance, including the teachers and students attending from Bridgetown college, before commencing the meeting.

Due to the attendance of Bridgetown College, and their particular interest in the Environment element of the meeting, an Cathaoirleach Cllr Jim Moore recommended the suspension of standing orders to facilitate a change in the order of business. This recommendation was proposed by Cllr Jim Codd, seconded by Cllr Frank Staples, and standing orders were duly suspended.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, requested the order of business to be reflected in the minutes.

1. **Confirmation of Minutes** 
   1. ***Monthly Meeting***

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of January 17th 2024, were proposed by Cllr Frank Staples and seconded by Cllr Jim Codd.

***1.2 Matters Arising***

The responses and information provided in relation to queries from the previous meeting were noted and it was agreed they would be revisited as necessary under the appropriate agenda items.

*Road Opening Licenses and Subsequent Re-Instatement Works*

Following comment from Cllr Ger Carthy, the District Engineer confirmed that the information previously requested was currently being collated and that he would be in a position to circulate this information in advance of the next meeting.

A discussion followed.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, requested the District Director ensure that this information was made available for the March meeting.

**2. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the**

**Municipal District Members**

None

**3. District Manager Report**

***3.1 District Managers Report***

The District Manager delivered her monthly report and highlighted the following information;

*RMD Strategic Plan.*

The RMD Strategic Plan has been updated with the CSO data for 2022 released since the publication of the Draft Plan in June 2023. The Plan has also been subject to public consultation and environmental assessment in the intervening period and the final plan now includes reference to both these processes.

Work has also been progressing on the first Action Plan based on the goals and objectives set out in the Strategic Plan and this Action Plan will cover the period 2024 and 2025. The contents of both the final Strategic Plan and the associated Action Plan are to be fully reviewed by the Sub Committee appointed to oversee the development and delivery of the Strategic Plan and this work is to be completed shortly.

Following finalisation of the work programme it is proposed to host a public event the RMD communities to formally launch the final Strategic Plan and outline the details contained in the Action Plan. The event will also involve some additional items of interest linked to the objectives in the Strategic/Action Plans.

A provisional date for this public event is proposed for Tuesday 12th March in Murrintown Community Centre. Full details of the schedule for the event will be notified to members and communities in the coming weeks.

*Éire 15 - Coastal Marker Sign*

Work continues on schedule for the community led heritage project in Kilmore Quay to uncover the Coastal Marker constructed in 1943.

The viewing area is now complete and signage is now being manufactured and will be installed in the coming days.

*Carrig-on-Bannow St. Patrick’s Weekend Festival*

The launch of the Carrig-on Bannow St. Patrick’s Weekend Festival took place on Friday 26th of January in The Red Door Café, the festival was launched by An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore.

The festival kicks off on Friday 15th March, with a very special concert in the church in Carrig on Bannow. Frankie Gavin and De Dannan will be supported by local group TULUA.

On Sunday 17th March, the annual parade takes part in the village. This is a great Family and Community Day to have in the locality that has been going strong for 14 years. We would like to encourage new float entries from local businesses and groups from across the District.

*Road Incident Map Viewer*

RMD staff are currently trialling a new Road Incident Map Viewer system for logging issues raised within the district. This system was designed by our ICT staff in conjunction with the district staff, district engineer and GSS’s in the area. When incidents are raised by call, email, webform or in person, the issue is logged directly onto a map giving accurate location. The incident is then emailed to the GSS (by their area) and DE depending on the priority chosen.

The system is currently in test phase with the aim to go live on Monday 26th February.

*Meeting with Setu Representatives*

On the 1st of February, An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore and the District Manager met with Professor Veronica Campbell, designated as South East Technological University’s first President and Dr Frances Hardiman, Head of Faculty of Engineering, to discuss the Districts Plans for the new Enterprise Centre along with other current and future maritime activities in Kilmore Quay.

*Meeting with Minister of State, Patrick O’Donovan*

A delegation from the Rosslare Municipal District and the Environment Section, accompanied by An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, travelled to meet with Deputy Patrick O’ Donovan, Minister with responsibility for Office of Public Works and Flood Relief and senior officials from the OPW on Wednesday 21st February 2024.

The S.E. Environment will update the Members on the content of the meeting.

*Amenity & Arts Grant Scheme 2024 / Residents Association Grant Scheme 2024*

The District Manager confirmed the closing date was now COB on the 29th February.

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Cllr Ger Carthy stated that the St Patrick’s Day Festival radio advert was promoting ELS (Event Lighting Solutions), with no mention of Rosslare Municipal District.

The District Manager agreed to investigate and request changes as necessary.

In regard to the previous days meeting with Minister of State, Patrick O’ Donovan, an Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, confirmed that a briefing would be presented by the S.E. Environment to this meeting with a far more comprehensive and detailed report to follow next month.

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**8. Special Business *(Internal Presentation).***

*8.1 DWWTS New Grant Scheme – Presentation by Executive Technician, Ian Plunkett*

The Executive Technician delivered his presentation before responding to queries from the Members and clarifying certain matters.

Prior to his departure from the meeting, the Members thanked the Executive Technician for the detailed presentation.

**4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

***4.6 Environment Report***

The S.E. Environment delivered the previously circulated report before responding to the queries raised by the Members, whilst also confirming and/or giving updates on the following items:

*Meeting with Minister of State, Patrick O’Donovan*

The S.E. Environment confirmed that a delegation from Rosslare Municipal District had attended a very productive meeting with Minister of State for the Office of Public Works, Patrick O’Donovan, in his Dublin offices on Wednesday 21st.

The delegation from Rosslare Municipal District consisted of Cllr Jim Moore - Cathaoirleach, Gerry Forde - Senior Engineer Environment, George Colfer - Coastal Engineer, Michael Brazzill - District Roads Engineer for Rosslare, and Nóirin Cummins - District Manager Rosslare Municipal District.

The S.E. Environment advised that topics covered included the following;

* *General drainage districts in County Wexford including Rosslare Municipal District*
* *Rosslare Coastal Erosion and Flood Relief Scheme.*
* *Seaview Coastal Protection Scheme.*
* *The catchment area between Rosslare Harbour, Rosslare Strand and Wexford Estuary in relation to the recent flooding in Rosslare Strand and the possibility of future funding for flood mitigation measures for the area.*
* *Bridgetown Flood Relief feasibility study.*

Following comment from the Members, the S.E. Environment confirmed that he would bring a more detailed presentation to the next meeting.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, thanked all those that had accompanied him to the meeting and stated that special attention was needed going forward in the areas of Coastal Erosion and Arterial Drainage.

*Beach Guard Summer Job Applications*

The S.E. Environment confirmed that he would clarify the current criteria necessary for Beach Guards.

*Summer Ready – Programme of Works for Beaches*

The Executive Engineer re-confirmed that a Summer Ready works plan would be presented to the March monthly meeting.

***4.6.1 Seaview / Coastal Erosion - Update***

The Executive Engineer advised the meeting that as previously stated, a full report on the coastal erosion schemes would be presented to the next meeting.

***4.1 Roads Report***

The District Engineer delivered the report before responding to questions from the Members, agreeing to log the general maintenance issues raised, whilst also confirming or updating on the following items;

* *Kilmore Quay Reinstatement Works / WWTP*
* *Solar Farm Reinstatement Works*
* *Line Marking*
* *Safety Improvement Works*
* *Drainage Works & Hedgecutting*
* *Flood Mitigation Measures - Bridgetown*
* *Low Cost Safety Works*
* *Active Travel - Footpaths*
* *Bridge Rehabilitation Grants / Other Bridge Repairs*
* *Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works*
* *Bridgetown Flood Relief Scheme*

whilst also agreeing to investigate the following matter/s;

* *Trimmer Road, Killinick – Reviewing in terms of the 2024 Roads Programme*
* *Street Lighting Failure in Ballymitty & Bridgetown*

*Traffic Management Plans – Rosslare Strand / Kilmore Quay / Ballycogley*

The District Engineer confirmed the following;

* *Rosslare Strand*

*Urban Planner working on draft proposals.*

* *Kilmore Quay*

*Urban Planner working on draft proposals.*

* *Ballycogley*

*Topographical survey of the regional road passing through the village has been completed.*

*Roads Programme 2024*

The District Engineer confirmed that assessments were now complete and that he was hopeful of presenting the 2024 Roads Programme to the next meeting, however he was still awaiting clarification on funding allocations.

Following comment from the Members, the District Engineer agreed to investigate the possibility of requesting and being allocated supplementary / additional funding.

***4.1.1 Bus Shelter Progress Report***

The District Engineer advised the Members that he would be attending a meeting the following day in Tramore House, before giving a progress report / update on the following outstanding works;

* *Progressing – Bridgetown (#2)*
* *Progressing - Killinick*
* *Active Travel - Wellingtonbridge x2*
* *Active Travel – Kilrane x2*
* *NTA Application – Tagoat x2 (North & South)*
* *NTA Application – Drinagh x2 (North & South)*

***4.2 Housing Report***

The Members noted the content of the report.

***4.2.1 Rosslare MD Specific***

The Senior Staff Officer presented the Rosslare MD specific report to the Members before responding to their queries.

*House Purchases*

Following comment from Cllr Jim Codd, the Senior Staff Officer confirmed that the information sought at the previous meeting had been circulated to the Members by e-mail on the 17th January.

*Ozman House Waiting List and availability of Cold Weather Beds*

Following comment from the Members, regarding the lack of Emergency Accommodation, the Senior Staff Officer agreed to discuss the matter with the Senior Executive Officer.

***4.2.2 Housing Capital Project Report***

The Members noted the Housing Capital Project Report.

The District Director advised that a commitment had been given to her that the report would only contain RMD specific data from March onwards.

The Members welcomed this commitment from the Director of Housing Capital.

**8. Special Business *(External Presentation).***

*8.2 Healthy Age Friendly Homes (HAFH) Programme  - Presentation by Local Coordinator,  Deirdre Mullally*

The Wexford Coordinator for HAFH gave her presentation to the Members before clarifying certain aspects of the programme.

Prior to her departure from the meeting, An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, thanked the local coordinator for the detailed presentation and information on the service.

***4.3 Planning Report***

The Executive Planner introduced the previously circulated report before clarifying some matters for the Members.

*Seaview Planning Application – Part XI*

The Executive Planner detailed the anticipated timeframes for this submitted application.

*Rosslare Strand – Planning Applications*

Following comment from Cllr Ger Carthy, regarding the commitment previously given in the Chamber that single houses could be considered if environmental issues were addressed, Cllr Ger Carthy stated that the Planning Department have reneged on this commitment.

A discussion followed.

The Executive Planner advised the meeting that she had been instructed to refuse all such planning applications by the Senior Executive Planner, James Lavin.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, agreed with Cllr Ger Carthy and his recollection of the matter, noted the frustration of his colleagues, and requested clarification as it appeared to be a change of policy.

The District Director agreed to seek a definitive inter-departmental response.

***4.3.1 Planning Decisions – Grants***

Noted.

***4.3.2 Planning Decisions – Refusals***

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Following acknowledgment from the Chair of the current time being 12:30, Cllr Frank Staples proposed the suspension of Standing Orders. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Jim Codd and the meeting continued.

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***4.4 Libraries Archives & Arts Report***

The content of the previously circulated report was noted.

***4.5 Community Development Report***

The Administrative Officer introduced the previously circulated report before

updating the Members on the following items;

* *Garda Youth Awards*
* *Local Enhancement Programme*

***4.7 Fire Services Report***

Noted.

***4.8 Special Projects – Greenway Update***

The District Manager advised the meeting that Seán Meyler, Senior Engineer Special Projects, had confirmed the previous commitment that prior to the commencement of the Public Consultation process, it is intended to make a presentation to the members of the Rosslare Municipal District outlining the proposed route options for the project.

She further confirmed that an update for the Members on the timeline and format of the above would be available very shortly.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, reconfirmed that the Members would be happy to facilitate a Special Meeting if required.

**5. Correspondence**

None

1. **Notice of Motion/s –**

None

1. **Any Other Business**

*RMD Civic Awards 2024*

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, advised the meeting that arrangements were progressing as planned and the event would be held in the Johnstown Castle Visitor Centre on Friday 8th March at 19:00hrs.

*RMD Monthly Meeting Deferment - March*

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jim Moore, recommended changing the March meeting date due to the multiple commitments of the elected representatives during that month.

Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the March Monthly Meeting would take place on Friday 22nd of March at 14:00hrs.

*Congratulations*

The Members congratulated Simon Bourke on his successful book launch, and commended the Tom Haggard Clean Coast Group on their great community work.

**THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

Signed on the 22nd March 2024

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**Cllr Jim Moore**

**An Cathaoirleach**

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