

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 15th February 2023 at 10.30hrs in
the Council Chamber, County Hall, Carricklawn**

- Presiding:** Cllr Lisa McDonald – An Cathaoirleach
- Councillors:** Cllr Frank Staples - Leas Cathaoirleach
Cllr Ger Carthy
Cllr Jim Codd
Cllr Jim Moore (Remote Attendance)
- Officials:** Nóirín Cummins – District Manager
Annette O’Neill - District Director / Director of Services
Mark Collins – District Engineer (Roads)
Caroline Creane – Senior Staff Officer (Housing)
Sonia Hunt – District Planner
Gerry Forde – Senior Engineer (Environment)
Dymphna O’Connor – Senior Executive Officer (Community)
Dean Waters – Staff Officer
- Remote:** Ken Jones – District Engineer (Water)
- Apologies:** George Colfer – Executive Engineer (Environment)

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Monthly Meeting 18th January 2023

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of January 18th 2023, were proposed by Cllr Frank Staples and seconded by Cllr Ger Carthy.

1.2 Matters Arising

Bus Shelter Installation

Cllr Ger Carthy requested an update on the installation of the proposed Bus Shelters in Tagoat.

The Executive Engineer gave an update advising that stage1 of the audit had been completed, confirming that minor design adjustments were required and that a meeting with the consultants would take place shortly to finalise outstanding issues.

Cllr Frank Staples requested that Killinick be included in the proposed delivery / roll out of Bus Shelters.

The Executive Engineer agreed to complete a review of this location.

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 report and highlighted the following information;

Amenity & Arts Grant Scheme & Residents Association Grant Scheme 2023

The District Manager confirmed that closing date for applications is February 17th.

Bike Rack & Bike Repair Station – Forth Mountain

The RMD installation programme for Bike Racks and Bike Repair Stations continues, with installations at 2 RMD Forth Mountain sites, Pennylands Car Park & Skeaterpark Car Park, currently being completed.

Dog Signage – Fouling / Lead

A District specific public realm project for new dog signage has been commenced with the erection of appropriate signage in the 3 Community Green Flag areas of; Rosslare Harbour Memorial Park & Gardens, Our Lady’s Island Community Park, and Foulkmills Park, and at the 2 additional sites of Bridgetown Community Park and Deerpark, Murrintown.

She further advised that the signage has a positive theme, is deliberately coloured green, in line with a strategy based on the “*This is your Park, take care of it*” ethos and a “*Leave No Trace*” policy.

Shared Island Sports Club EV Charging Scheme

The District Manager confirmed the launch of the Shared Island Sports Club EV Charging Scheme, resourced through the Government’s Shared Island Fund, would support the roll-out of publicly accessible, fast-charging for sports clubs and communities across the island of Ireland, in line with the recently launched National EV Charging Infrastructure Strategy.

Also confirming that the scheme had been developed in partnership with Sports Ireland and Sports Governing Bodies across the island, and would be administered by Pobal, allowing sports clubs North and South, to apply to install a fast EV charge point at their grounds providing charging for club members as well as the local community.

Information Event – BIM Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Development Scheme

The District Manager confirmed that the Economic Development Section have arranged an information session with Brenda O’Riordan, Development Officer, to take place in the Stella Maris Centre in Kilmore on the 1st March at 18:30hrs.

Pride of Place 2020 & 2022

The Rosslare Harbour/Kilrane Environment Group were recently named as Runner-Up in the Creative Place Initiative category at the 2022 IPB Pride of Place Awards. The ceremony was held in the Clayton Hotel, Burlington Road, Dublin on January 21st, 2023.

The Members congratulated the Rosslare Harbour/Kilrane Environment Group on their recent success.

Dunkirk – Twinning

The first School exchange took place between **Bridgetown Community College** and **Lyceé Jean Bart** from the 29th January to the 5th February, with the return trip planned for the 13th March to the 18th March respectively.

She further confirmed that the trip was a great success and that excellent feedback had been received from all involved.

Cllr Jim Moore requested that correspondence be sent to the BOM and the College thanking them for participating in the exchange, and to DFDS for fully supporting the project.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lisa McDonald, suggested that the pupils from Bridgetown Community College who took part in the exchange could give a presentation to the Members regarding their shared experiences.

3.1.1 Draft Proposal – Rosslare MD Strategic Plan

The District Manager introduced the draft proposal for the development of a strategic plan for the district as presented in the report circulated for the consideration of the Members.

The Chair spoke on the draft proposal outlining the purpose of the Strategic Plan, restating her objective to deliver a Strategic Plan for the district as outlined when she was elected to the position of Chair of the District

A discussion followed and there was broad agreement with the proposal as presented.

The Rosslare Municipal District Strategic Plan was then formally proposed by Cllr Jim Moore and seconded by Cllr Jim Codd.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

4.1 Roads Report

The Executive Engineer delivered his report and responded to questions from the Members, agreeing to log the general maintenance issues raised, whilst also confirming or updating on the following items;

- *Mayglass NS Pedestrian Crossing Lights, Signage, & Line Marking*
- *Ballymitty NS Pedestrian Crossing Signage*
- *Rosslare Strand Traffic Management*
- *Taghmon Pedestrian Crossings*
- *R733 New Line Road / Forth Mountain Signage*
- *Bridgetown / Mulrankin Derelict Site*
- *CIE Bridges Safety Measures*
- *Kilmore Quay Reinstatement Works*
- *North of Broadway Village Tarmac*
- *OLI & Kilrane Manhole Covers*

R733 New Line – Tree / Hedge Cutting

Following comment from the Members, the Executive Engineer advised of the complexities involved with both tree and hedge cutting in the Wellingtonbridge area, confirming that he was currently engaging with the landowners responsible for the works in an effort to assist.

Deerpark Road re-surfacing

Following observations from An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lisa McDonald, the Executive Engineer agreed to seek a commitment and timeframe for the completion of these works from the Solar Company concerned.

Active Travel 2023

Following comment from the Members regarding the reduction in funding available for the scheme and the alteration of criteria, the District Engineer confirmed that the District was unlikely to receive funding under the scheme going forward.

Roads Programme 2023

The Executive Engineer advised the Members that the 2023 Roads Programme was currently being drafted.

4.1.1 Bus Shelter Progress Report

The Executive Engineer delivered an update on the following programme of works before responding to questions from the Members;

- *Complete – Bridgetown (1)*
- *Complete – Kilmore Quay*
- *Complete – Rosslare Harbour*
- *Installed - Rosslare Strand*
- *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)*

The Executive Engineer confirmed the civil works and installation of the Bus Shelter in Rosslare was now complete, with line marking scheduled, also confirming that civil works in Wellingtonbridge had been scheduled by the appointed contractor and would commence shortly.

The Executive Engineer confirmed that following the request and guidance received from **Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)** for the completion of a **Risk Assessment** and **Road Safety Audit** at the N25 sites in Drinagh and Tagoat, consultants have been appointed and are completing the necessary review.

4.2 Water Services Report

The content of the previously circulated report was noted.

4.2.1 Kilmore Quay Sewerage Scheme Newsletter

Noted

4.3 Housing Report

The Senior Staff Officer delivered the previously circulated report.

4.3.1 Rosslare MD Specific

The Senior Staff Officer delivered the Rosslare MD specific housing report.

Opening & Sod Turning Ceremonies

On the proposal of Cllr Ger Carthy, seconded by Cllr Jim Codd, it was agreed that an invitation to attend ceremonies should always be extended to An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lisa McDonald.

The Senior Staff Officer agreed to relay the request to the Capital Housing team.

Rosetown, Rosslare Strand – Phase 1

The Senior Staff Officer confirmed that allocations for Rosetown phase 1 had commenced.

Taghmon - Respond Housing Scheme

Following a query by Cllr Jim Codd regarding a planning application on the Taghmon site, the Senior Staff Officer agreed to confirm and revert.

4.4 Planning Report

Following the response by the Senior Planner to his previous request, Cllr Ger Carthy clarified that the information he sought was confirmation of the number of previously granted planning applications for housing developments, single and cluster, which were still active but had not yet commenced to include all active grants of permission.

The Executive Planner agreed to request the information and provide an update at the next meeting.

The previously circulated report was noted by the Members and the Executive Planner responded to questions.

Pre-Planning Meetings

The Executive Planner confirmed that applications for pre-planning meetings were up to date and without backlog in the District.

4.4.1 Planning Decisions – Grants

The content of the previously circulated report was noted.

4.4.2 Planning Decisions – Refusals

The content of the previously circulated report was noted.

4.5 Libraries Archives & Arts Report

The content of the previously circulated report was noted.

4.6 Community Development Report

The content of the previously circulated report was noted.

The Senior Executive Officer gave an overview of the Communities Recognition Fund (CRF) before responding to questions from the Members.

4.7 Environment Report

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

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

CCTV

The S.E. Environment advised the Members that the Environment Section were awaiting a guidance document from the Department relating to the reintroduction of CCTV usage.

Illegal Dumping

The S.E. Environment confirmed that in general illegal dumping was on the decline, agreeing to map the district hot spots and report to the next meeting with exact locations.

OLI Foreshore Licence

Following comment from Cllr Ger Carthy, the S.E. Environment agreed to confirm the current status of the application prior to the next meeting.

4.7.1 Seaview / Coastal Erosion - Update

The S.E. Environment updated members on the status of the coastal erosion schemes in this location.

4.8 Fire Services Report

Noted.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Notice of Motion/s –

None

7. Any Other Business

Eamonn Ryan, TD Minister for Transport and Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications

Following the recent visit of the **Minister Eamonn Ryan, TD** to Wexford and his attendance in the Council Chamber on Friday 10th February, the Members expressed their collective disappointment at his views on the Rosslare to Waterford disused railway line, before reaffirming their commitment to the delivery of Greenways in the District.

An update was then requested on the Rosslare Strand to Wexford Town Greenway

Bridgetown to Ballytiegue Canal Trail

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lisa McDonald, requested an update on the construction of the Canal Trail connecting the two villages.

8. **Special Business (Internal / External Presentations etc).**
None

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed on the 15th March 2023



Cllr Frank Staples
Leas Cathaoirleach
Rosslare Municipal District