

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting  
held on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 at 10.30hrs in  
the Council Chamber, County Hall, Carricklawn**

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<b>Presiding:</b>	Cllr Lisa McDonald – An Cathaoirleach
<b>Councillors:</b>	Cllr Frank Staples - Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr Jim Moore Cllr Jim Codd Cllr Ger Carthy
<b>Officials:</b>	Nóirín Cummins – District Manager Annette O'Neill - District Director / Director of Services Enda Waters – District Engineer (Roads) Sonia Hunt – Executive Planner Tom Byrne – Executive Engineer (Active Travel) Vincent Gallagher – T/Senior Executive Technician (Active Travel) Caroline Creane – Senior Staff Officer (Housing) Gerry Forde – Senior Engineer (Environment) Dean Waters – Staff Officer
<b>Remote:</b>	Verona Murphy TD - Oireachtas Member Ken Jones – District Engineer (Water)
<b>Apologies:</b>	N/A

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

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

***1.1 Monthly Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023***

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of May 17<sup>th</sup> 2023, were proposed by Cllr Ger Carthy and seconded by Cllr Frank Staples.

***1.2 Matters Arising***

None

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

***2.1 Amenity & Art Grant Scheme 2023 – Final Allocations***

On the proposal of Cllr Ger Carthy, seconded by Cllr Frank Staples, the final Amenity & Art Grant Scheme 2023 allocations were approved as presented.

***2.2 Road Traffic Act 1994 Section 38 Report - Scoil Mhuire NS Rosslare, Safe Route to School and Traffic Calming Scheme***

On the proposal of Cllr Ger Carthy, seconded by Cllr Jim Moore, the Safe Route to School and Traffic Calming Scheme was approved as presented.

### **2.3 District Project Development (DPD) 2023/2024**

On the proposal of Cllr Ger Carthy, seconded by Cllr Jim Moore, the District Project Development (DPD) 2023/2024 was adopted as presented.

## **3. District Manager Report**

### **3.1 District Managers Report**

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

#### *Blue Flag's & Green Coast Awards 2023*

The District Manager congratulated the Environment Department on retaining the Blue Flag status of Rosslare Strand, Cairne, & Kilmore Quay Marina, and the Green Coast status of St Helen's Bay, Cullenstown Strand, and Ballyheally.

She further commended the Environment Team on securing a first ever Green Coast Award for Rosslare Harbour Beach.

#### *Green Coast Award, Rosslare Harbour*

The Environment Department of Wexford County Council and Cllr Lisa McDonald, of the Rosslare Municipal District would be hosting the official raising of the Green Coast Award Flag at Rosslare Harbour Beach on Friday 23rd June at 10:30am.

#### *RMD Strategic Plan*

The first phase of the development of a strategic plan for the district is nearing completion. Interview and consultations undertaken by Dr Yvonne Byrne (Rural Development Consultancy) with community representatives and other stakeholders have informed the development and direction of the plan.

As part of the consultation process Dr Byrne met with the RMD elected members on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June to provide an overview of findings to date and to seek the input and comments of the Members to be included in the final draft of the plan.

The public event to outline details of the plan will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June in the Johnstown Castle visitor centre and will also include a number of other speakers on topics of interest for the communities. The public consultation period will remain open until September and written submissions will be invited.

#### *Cullenstown Steps and Entrance*

Works have been completed on the new concrete steps at Cullenstown. Temporary wooded railings have been installed whilst awaiting delivery of the galvanised steel railings.

The other works that were carried out included:

- *Replacement of bike racks*
- *Installation of drainage system for shower*
- *Re-painting of toilet area.*
- *Entrance re-surfaced*
- *Signage reviewed & reduced.*

The District Manager thanked the Risk Remediation Team for their work on this project.

#### *Rosetown Development – Official Opening*

The official opening of Phase 1 of Rosetown (Baile an Róigh) Development in Rosslare Strand took place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The development consists of 23 social housing units.

The event was attended by Minister James Browne T.D, Cllr Lisa McDonald, Cathaoirleach of the Rosslare Municipal District, and Cllr George Lawlor, Cathaoirleach of Wexford County Council along with representatives of RMD and residents of the new housing estate.

The Cathaoirleach also performed a sod turning ceremony at the Rosetown Phase 2 site. Works on this site are due to commence shortly.

#### *Live at Skeater Point*

Due to the inclement weather conditions and risk of thunderstorms, the Management Company *Event Lighting Solutions* made the decision to postpone the inaugural “*Live at Skeater Point*” event on Sunday, 18th June 2023 at Skeater Point, Forth Mountain, as this was an outdoor event.

Rosslare Municipal District and Event Lighting Solutions are currently working on a new date for the event.

#### *Official Opening of Rosslare Bowling Green Redevelopment*

The Environment Department of Wexford County Council and An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lisa McDonald, will be hosting the official opening of the Rosslare Bowling Green Redevelopment on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 12pm.

#### *1798 Kilmore Quay Summer School – 3 Landlords, 3 Castles, 3 Leaders*

As part of the 225th Anniversary of the Rebellion, Rosslare Municipal District is hosting an event in Kilmore Quay & Stella Maris Community Centre, on Saturday June 24th at 10am.

After lunch in the Stella Maris Community Centre, there will be a wreath laying ceremony at the grave of Bagenal Harvey in Mayglass Cemetery.

#### *Ashfield Roundabout*

The District Director advised the meeting that a report would be brought to the July meeting for the consideration of the Members.

#### **3.1.1 Project Update - June Newsletter BNM OW Celtic Horizon**

The contents of the Newsletter were Noted.

#### **4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lisa McDonald, revisited the previous Agenda item and invited the Active Travel Team to complete an introduction and overview of the Safe Route to School and Traffic Calming Scheme projects.

#### **2.2 Road Traffic Act 1994 Section 38 Report - Scoil Mhuire NS Rosslare, Safe Route to School and Traffic Calming Scheme**

The Active Travel Executive Engineer completed a presentation as requested before responding to the Members questions and departing from the meeting.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lisa McDonald, then requested the departmental reports to be presented as required.

#### **4.1 Roads Report**

The Executive Engineer delivered his 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;

- *Road Strengthening Works*
- *Big Barn road*
- *Hedgecutting at Junctions*
- *Rackardstown Bridge*
- *Line Marking*
- *Johnstown Road Subsidence*
- *Emptying of Bins at Beaches*
- *Fingerpost Signage*

#### *Roads Programme 2023*

The Executive Engineer gave an update on the delivery of the Roads Programme 2023.

#### *Traffic Counter*

Following a request from Cllr Ger Carthy, regarding details of traffic numbers on the Our Lady's Island to Carne road in the summer months, the Executive Engineer agreed to meet to discuss the best time and location to complete the vehicular traffic count.

#### *Accident Response Crews & Traffic Diversions*

Following comment from the Members it was agreed that a diversion plan be formulated to assist employees and efficient traffic management while dealing with matters related to Road Traffic Accidents/Incidents on main carriageways.

It was also acknowledged that employees can be on the frontline in very difficult situations and needed assistance from An Garda Síochána to ensure public compliance with diversions in place.

It was then agreed to raise the issue at the next Garda Síochána / District meeting between the Members and Garda Síochána representatives.

It was also agreed that the resources for Policing at Rosslare Europort would be a discussion item.

The District Manager agreed to contact the Chief Superintendent to arrange the next Garda Síochána / District meeting in connection with the Joint Policing Committee matters.



#### **4.1.1 Bus Shelter Progress Report**

The Executive Engineer gave an update on the following programme of works;

- *Complete – Bridgetown (#1)*
- *Complete – Kilmore Quay*
- *Complete – Rosslare Harbour*
- *Complete - 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 District Engineer agreed to seek further clarity from TII (Transport Infrastructure Ireland) on the suitability and status of the Tagoat and Drinagh locations.

Following observations from An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lisa McDonald, the Executive Engineer agreed to investigate the possibility of installing a bus shelter in Taghmon.

The S.E. (Environment) suggested that the District Engineer also liaise with the Climate Action Team regarding bus stop and bus shelter delivery.

#### **4.3 Housing Report**

The Senior Staff Officer delivered the previously circulated report.

##### **4.3.1 Rosslare MD Specific**

The Housing Senior Staff Officer delivered the Rosslare MD specific housing report and responded to queries from the Members.

##### *Rosetown (Baile an Róigh) - Allocations & Official Opening*

The Members commended the Housing Capital Team for the recent allocations and official opening of Rosetown phase #1 and the commencement of Rosetown phase #2, whilst also agreeing that much more needed to be done in the District, County, and Region to address the national housing crisis.

##### *RMD Specific Housing Officer*

Following a discussion, the Members agreed that a District Specific Housing Officer was required, and that the role needed to be re-filled as soon as possible.

#### **4.7 Environment Report**

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

##### *St Margaret's – Additional Parking Spaces*

The S.E. Environment advised that discussions with the landowner were ongoing and that valuations for the lands were being organised.

#### *Carne Pier*

The S.E. Environment advised the meeting that works would be commencing next week.

#### *Water Estuary / Great Island Licensed Facility*

The S.E. Environment confirmed that the use of a chemical wash issue had been forwarded to the EPA for their consideration and a response was awaited.

#### *Rosslare Strand*

Following observations from An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lisa McDonald, the S.E. Environment agreed to monitor the increasing number of stones on the beach, whilst acknowledging the difficulties of the situation,

He further undertook to ensure that the beach wheelchair matt area was fully operational and accessible as requested.

#### *Ballygrangan's*

Following comment from Cllr Jim Moore, regarding the ever-worsening coastal erosion situation and impending road collapse, the S.E. Environment confirmed that he would present a preliminary proposal to the Members at the next meeting.

#### *Duncormick Waste Bins*

Following a request from Cllr Jim Codd, the S.E Environment agreed to remove the waste bin/s located on the estate.

#### **4.7.1 Seaview / Coastal Erosion - Update**

The S.E. Environment updated Members on the coastal erosion scheme and confirmed that the coastal protection works and beach access works would be applied for using the Part XI process (formerly Part VIII process).

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An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Lisa McDonald, requested that the Leas-Cathaoirleach, Cllr Frank Staples take the Chair, before making her apologies and departing from the meeting due to an urgent matter.

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#### **4.2 Water Services Report**

The content of the previously circulated report was noted.

#### *Taylorstown / Fardystown Water Consumption Rates*

Following comment from Cllr Jim Moore, regarding rising water consumption rates in South Wexford and the need to future proof the supply of fresh water, the Executive Engineer agreed to request the relevant report from Uisce Éireann.

#### *Rosslare Strand Wastewater Capacity*

Following a request from Cllr Ger Carthy, the Executive Engineer advised that although he had no further update, he would submit a request for a current status report to Uisce Éireann.

#### **4.4 Planning Report**

The previously circulated report was noted by the Members.

#### *Wastewater Capacity*

Following on from the proceeding Waters Services Report discussion, the Members reminded the Executive Planner that wastewater capacity remained a problem for the District.

#### **4.4.1 Planning Decisions – Grants**

Noted.

#### **4.4.2 Planning Decisions – Refusals**

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 Members welcomed the recent Community Support Fund (CSF) announcements regarding funding allocations.

#### **4.8 Fire Services Report**

Noted.

#### **4.9 Special Projects – Greenway Update**

The District Manager advised the meeting that she had received an update on the Greenway that morning from Sean Meyler, A/Senior Engineer, before reading the content to the Members and agreeing to circulate following the conclusion of the meeting.

### **5. Correspondence**

None.

### **6. Notice of Motion/s –**

None

### **7. Any Other Business**

#### *Kilmannon Graveyard*

The Members expressed concern at the deterioration of the wall and the developing situation in Kilmannon Graveyard.

The District Director advised that the Heritage and Planning officials were dealing with the matter, and that the District staff felt their collective frustration and were very sympathetic to the situation.

#### *Invitation/s to Attend Events*

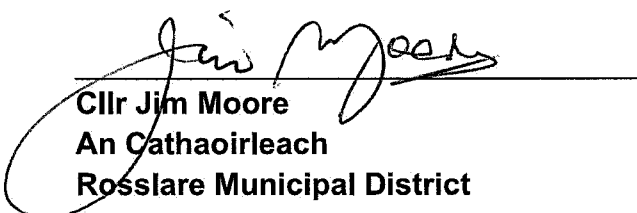
Following comment from Cllr Ger Carthy, regarding the lead up to sending the invitation to attend the billboard unveiling/promotional ceremony at Rosslare

Europort, for clarification the District Manager agreed to request more detail on the timeframes surrounding invitations to the Members.

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

**THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

Signed on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023



**Cllr Jim Moore**  
**An Cathaoirleach**  
**Rosslare Municipal District**