

**Minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Monthly Meeting
held on the 25th March 2026 at 10:30am in Council Chamber, County Hall**

Presiding: Cllr Ger Carthy

Councillors: Cllr Lisa McDonald
Cllr Jim Codd
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
Sharon Ryan – Senior Staff Officer Housing
Caroline Creane – Senior Staff Officer Housing Capital
Sonia Hunt – Executive Planner
Philip Knight - Administrative Officer Community
Rory O' Mahoney -Senior Executive Engineer, Environment

Apologies: Cllr Frank Staples

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 extended his sympathies to the family of Sharon Slamon, Bridgetown College.

Cllr O' Brien asked to be associated with the comments of Cllr Codd and expressed sympathies to the family of the late John Earle, Bridgetown.

Cllr Carthy asked to be associated with the above.

Congratulations

Cllr Codd congratulated Carrig on Bannow on the fantastic St Patricks Day Parade.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the February monthly meeting were proposed by Cllr Codd and seconded by Cllr O'Brien.

The minutes of the special meeting of 4th of March were proposed by Cllr Codd and seconded by Cllr O'Brien.

1.1 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

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

N/A

3. District Managers Report

The DM delivered the previously circulated District Managers Report, highlights included the following:

- The announcement of CLAR funding programme stating that 6 of the electoral districts newly added are in the RMD, the closing date for applications is the 3rd of July.
- Congratulations to the Carrig St Patricks Day Parade Committee on a very success parade in Carrig on Bannow.
- Congratulations to the Green Flag recipients whose flags were presented at the February monthly meeting.

The District Manager then signed off her final report.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

4.1 Engineers Report - Roads

The DE delivered the previously circulated Roads Report and went through the works contained within the Road Works programme for 2026. He then answered any questions that arose. Road Works programme for 2026 include:

- Safety improvement works
- Restoration works
- Surface Dressing Programme
- Hedge cutting works
- Line marking works
- Strengthening works
- Climate Action works
- Bridge Improvements

An Cathaoirleach thanked the DE and congratulated him on a comprehensive programme of works for this year and thanked the DE and DT on their commitment to road works within the RMD.

Cllr O'Brien thanked the DE for the road works programme. In response to Cllr O'Brien's query in relation to the damage caused by the trucks parking in Rosslare Harbour the DE stated that an agreement had been made to install bollards as a temporary measure in Kilrane.

In response to Cllr O'Brien's query in relation to inadequate communication from ÚE in relation to water outages in the district, specifically in the Bridgetown area the DE responded that the RMD have no jurisdiction with ÚÉ, but when there is a burst pipe, they do have to close the roads to repair their infrastructure. The DD confirmed that the SLA between ÚÉ and WCC is coming to an end and ÚÉ has committed to attend one plenary session a year.

In response to Cllr O'Brien's query if there has been any response to the request for emergency roads funding for the District the DE informed the meeting that there was no update on this funding.

Cllr Codd thanked the DE for the extensive report and for the works already completed. In response to Cllr Codd's query as to why the Tullibards Road was not included on the programme the DE responded that this was due to funding constraints but may be looked at if extra funding became available.

In response to Cllr Codd's query around extending the 2 lanes as you enter the Duncannon Road Roundabout from the Newline Road the DE responded that there were not officially 2 lanes at this location, but this could be looked at to see if something could be done.

In response to Cllr Codd's query if the Bridgetown Flood Defences would be extended along the banks the DE responded that work on Bridgetown flood defences and flood banks on other side of river is funding dependent, but the plan is to extend up as far as possible

In response to Cllr Codd's request for an update on funding from the Minister the DD confirmed a submission has been made for funding but no correspondence back yet.

4.2 Housing Report

The Housing report was taken as read. Sharon Ryan and Caroline Creane answered any questions that arose.

In response to Cllr Codd's query around the field in Taghmon and the proposed housing plans in Kilmore SR confirmed that the field in Taghmon is with the AHB and CC confirmed that Kilmore Quay is scheduled for Q2 2026, with 4 sites for social housing. CC confirmed that the tech team would provide an outline of the plans before it goes for Part 8.

In response to Cllr Codd's objection to the cold weather beds not being opened on 24th March SR responded that the policy on the cold weather beds is connected to the issuing of a weather warning from Met Éireann.

4.3 Planning

The Planning report was taken as read. Sonia Hunt answered any queries that arose.

An Cathaoirleach thanked SH and congratulated her on the preplanning meetings being up to date in the district.

In response to Cllr O'Brien's query if Planning had any update on the proposed new planning regulations SH responded that no correspondence had been received to date but when it is issued a copy will be circulated to the Elected members.

4.4 Environment

The Environment report was taken as read. No representative was present at this time.

4.5 Community Development Report

The Community Development Report was taken as read. Philip Knight was present to answer any questions.

An Cathaoirleach requested that going forward any public consultations for RMD are to be held in venues within the District.

4.6 Fire Services Report

The Fire Services Report was taken as read. No representative was present.

4.7 Libraries, Arts & Archived Report

The Libraries, Arts & Archives Report was taken as read. No representative was present.

5. Correspondence

No correspondence

6. Notice of Motions

- Cllr. Codd raised the issue of the cost of fuel for fishing and farming sector across the District. A discussion was had around the price of fuel within the Country. A motion was put forward "Rosslare Municipal District calls for immediate reduction on carbon tax on Fuel and cost of home heating oil". This was proposed by Cllr Codd & seconded by Cllr O'Brien.
- Cllr McDonald raised the issue with funding for the erosion in Rosslare Strand. A motion was passed for emergency works in the area. This was supported by Cllr O' Brien.

7. AOB

- Cllr O' Brien questioned the lack of bins in Kilmore Quay and requested if we can install some. An Cathaoirleach responded by saying the Councils policy has been 'Leave no Trace'. Cllr Codd questioned if we could revisit this issue.
- RMD are to host Make Way Day in Rosslare Strand on the 29th of May. There will be a walk around Rosslare Strand ending with a workshop in community centre.
- Cllr McDonald attended the Launch of James Ryan book written by Michael Loughman. She queried if this most significant politician deserves a statue or plaque in his honour. Cllr Codd expressed his support for this commemoration.
- Amenity Grants were proposed by Cllr McDonald and seconded by Cllr O'Brien.

An Cathaoirleach acknowledged that this day is extremely significant within the District and gave the floor to the outgoing District Manager.

The DM spoke and thanked all the Councillors for their support and dedication to the RMD. She spoke about the various section she had worked in throughout her 47years and stated she has has enjoyed her time and memories within the Council and the RMD

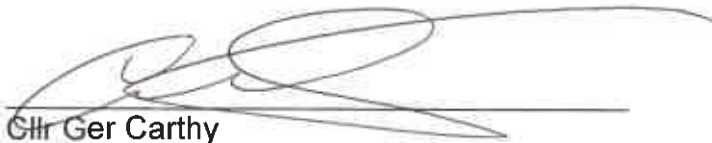
An Cathaoirleach then acknowledged that 47 years of a contribution to a local authority as unmatched. He thanked her for her dedication to the Council and to the RMD. He spoke of her dedication to the District and her commitment to the communities within the areas. He thanked the DM on behalf of Cllr Staples who sent his apologies and wished her the very best in her retirement.

Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Codd and Cllr McDonald also expressed their thanks to Nóirín and wished her well in her retirement.

The District Director and District Engineer also expressed their gratitude to Nóirín for her service to Wexford County Council and the RMD.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Signed on the 15th April 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ger Carthy', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Cllr Ger Carthy
An Cathaoirleach
Rosslare Municipal District